



4th-6th grade basketball tournament photos on pages 8 and 16.

County joins rush to tax retail marijuana sales

BY BUCK COLLIER
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HERMANN—Gasconade County government Thursday officially gave notice that, too, would be seeking a sales tax on marijuana, joining many other counties and cities throughout the state looking to cash in on the legalization of pot.

Because it is a new item to be taxed, county government officials have no idea what to expect in terms of revenue. “Let’s just collect it this year” and see what kind of revenue will be produced, suggested County Clerk Lesa Lietzow, the county’s chief elections official.

The passage in November of Amendment 3, which legalized the recreational use of marijuana, contained a provision that allows counties and cities to seek voter approval of a 3-percent sales tax. Amendment 3 automatically approved a whopping 6-percent state sales tax on the product.

The city of Owensville reportedly was set last week to put on the April 4 ballot a 3-percent sales tax issue. It was unclear whether Hermann would be asking voters to approve a sales tax. Earlier this month a city official told the Gasconade County Republican the city’s aldermen were going to take a “wait-and-see” approach before seeking a vote.

While Gasconade County voters in November overwhelmingly rejected the legalization of marijuana, county administrators are hoping they are willing to approve the proposed tax. Northern District Associate Commissioner Jim Holland, R-Hermann, noted the irony of government’s position regarding cannabis. “Who would have thought 10 years ago with the war on drugs (that) we’d be here” looking to tax the legal sales of marijuana, he said at Thursday’s County Commission session. “But it’s all about the money,” he said.

If marijuana becomes subject to the new state, county and municipal sales taxes, and if sales is subject to the various existing state, county and municipal sales taxes, the product likely would become one of the highest-taxed products sold at retail — considering that some cities, including Hermann and Owensville, already have sales tax rates approaching 10 cents per dollar.

Meanwhile, Holland Thursday morning mentioned the recent death of former Hermann Mayor Tom Shabel. The Marine who served in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart recipient, died early Friday, Jan. 13, from complications following surgery.

The Commission noted that retired insurance agent Duane Kraettli has been named a for-profit representative of Gasconade County on the Meramec Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, replacing his brother, Ron Kraettli.

County administrators are scheduled to meet in special session Tuesday, Jan. 31, to sign off on this year’s operating budget. Third-Class counties have until the end of January to adopt an operating budget, which will allow county government to begin paying its bills again in February. No checks are written in January while administrators craft an operating budget.

A big part of the new budget will be the portion of General Fund revenue going to the Gasconade County Sheriff’s Department. Lietzow said much time was devoted to carving out the department’s share of \$769,000 in General Fund money, which will be supplemented by most of

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PHOTO BY ROXIE MURPHY

OWENSVILLE MIDDLE School (OMS) Robotics Team, Cyber Clan, presented on Jan. 17 their robot Steve to the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education. The group shared aspect of the competition where they won first place in design.

Middle school robotics team shares project with board

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The Owensville Middle School (OMS) Robotics Team followed up a first-place win in a competitive design category with a Jan. 17 presentation on their projects to the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education.

Co-sponsor Donna Monier explained the team’s goals.

“Beginning in October, the team worked collaboratively on all parts of the projects,” said Monier, a third-year coach. “The three parts of the competition included the robot game, robot design and core values. Students worked with coding the robot to follow commands on the competition field in order to complete missions and earn points.”

Students were asked what a typical competition day is like. They said it starts early. The one and only student competition OMS attends was the Dec. 10 Qualifier at the Lutheran High School in St. Charles, an event that lasts all day against 24 different schools.

“We had gotten there, set up our stuff and gone to a practice round,” one student explained. “Then sat and practiced some more.”

Coaches are Monier, Heather Wehmeyer — a third-year coach, and mentors Janson Hinson, a third-year coach, and Adam Lewis, a second-year coach.

While Lewis was not present at the board meeting, the other three interjected information as needed.

“They had to go through a 30-minute interview explaining their robot design — which Kaylie (Hinson) has made her project from the very beginning of the year,” Monier said. “The robot’s name is lovingly called Steve.”

They also talked about core values, innovation and project design, which were the three categories in which the group competed.

“Innovation was a project to build

off of something that they already had,” Monier continued.

The 2022 theme was Super Powered — a focus on green energy.

“This year’s project was energy so they had to figure out what kind of green energy was available through our communities and our state,” Monier said. “The team decided to explore the concept of covered parking at our schools with solar panels on the top of the structure. The team researched ways

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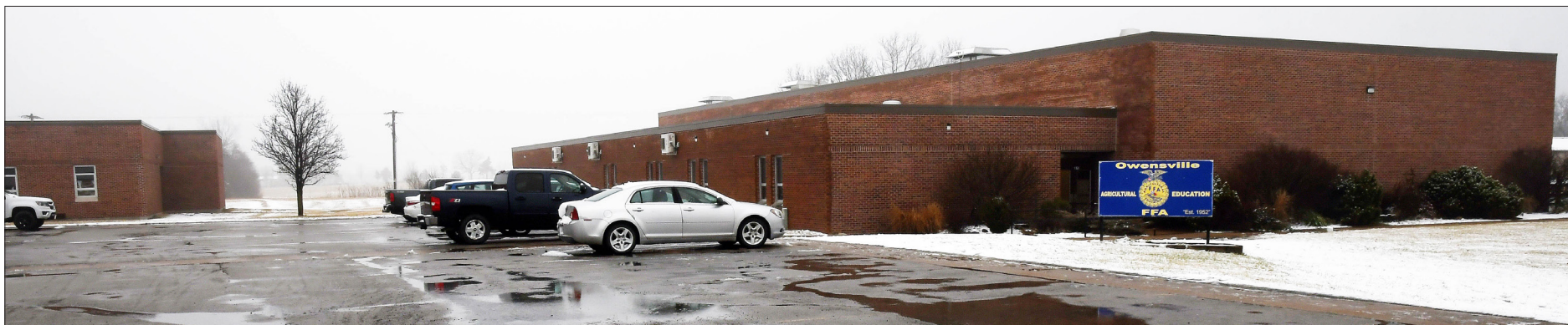


PHOTO BY DAVE MARNER

THE GASCONADE County R-2 Board of Education on Jan. 17 selected a contract manager and architect to assist them with designs for a performing arts center that will connect the main Owensville High School Building with the Agriculture Building and extend back into the empty field north of the teacher’s parking lot.

Gasconade County R-2 approves no tax bond project construction manager, architect firm

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The Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education on Jan. 17 voted 6-0 to enter into negotiations with Porter, Berendzen & Associates for architect services and Nabholz for construction manager at risk (CMAR). Approval will allow the district to begin preliminary work on building designs for a performing arts center if the public passes a no-tax-increase bond issue in April.

Board of Education President Glenn Ely began the Jan. 17 conversation.

“For those unable to attend (the Jan. 11 meeting) we took really good notes,” he began. “All of (the businesses)

were really informed and diligent and had done numerous projects in our state. There were no bad choices. They were identified as highly qualified architects and construction managers.”

The board interviewed three of the five companies on Jan. 11 that responded to a request for qualifications (RFQ) the district is required to complete in order to hire a company and begin creating potential project designs.

Director Jean Baker said all three companies seemed eager to do the job.

“Some came with ideas already, which shows a visual. I think any of them would do the job well,” Baker said.

Ely said both he and Superintendent Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy like the first and third interviews. Hardy told board members that she felt any of the three would do a great

job, but one scored just a little higher than the others on her opinion. Porter, Berendzen & Associates scored 109 on her score sheet and Paragon came in second at 93 of 110 points.

“(Porter, Berendzen & Associates) could bring more folks on board with additional expertise,” Ely said. “That definitely rounded them out and they specialize in everything.”

Director Jason Crowe said their booklet with completed projects matched the district.

“They have more stuff that looks like us,” he said. “Paragon had some really cool stuff, but doesn’t look like us.”

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Brown takes oath of office

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GERALD

GRFPD units now carry Narcan

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SPORTS

Dutchgirls get two victories

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Stealing a child's innocence

As Connie and I raised our three children almost 30 years ago, we brought them up the best way we knew how. Part of that job is protecting their innocence.

Like most parents, we wanted them to remain innocent as long as possible. A significant aspect of innocence is sexual innocence.

Today it's becoming more complicated.

When our children were growing up, we did not have to worry about influences from the Internet, sex and violence on TV or cell phones.

First, there was no such thing as the Internet when my children were born. As you may remember from previous columns, we never forked out the money for cable TV while raising our three children.

I will admit we have a rather large collection of Disney movies on VHS.

Finally, we didn't purchase a cell phone for our children until their 16th birthday. I'm sure that wouldn't fly today.

According to a 2022 study by Common Sense Media, 53 percent of kids in the United States have their smartphones by age 11.

In today's society, our children are in danger of losing their sexual innocence from another source — public institutions like schools, libraries and zoos.

by DENNIS WARDEN



Earlier this month, the Los Angeles Zoo held a "family-friendly" Drag Queen Show. The zoo marketed this event to children and infants under the age of two.

Understand that a drag queen is a man who dresses up in scantily clad women's clothing, gaudy makeup, and often wears female prosthetics to mimic women. During the show at the L.A. Zoo the adult male performers stripped in front of the children as they fondled themselves, grabbed their genitalia and cursed. Who thinks this is appropriate for children?

Drag queen story hours for children are now a growing trend in schools and libraries around the country. Society deems things like alcohol, porn and R-rated movies inappropriate for children. This is

done because children do not have the maturity or mental capacity for these behaviors. In my opinion Drag Queen shows and story hours should be added to the list.

Anyone who has been paying attention to the national news is aware of how the far left has been working to sexualize young children.

In Virginia's Loudon County Public Schools, children were required to read a book containing sexually explicit material. Their school libraries included a book with graphic pictures of sexual acts between a boy and an adult male — considered rape.

In an Illinois public school, preschoolers received lessons on transgender ideology.

In 2021 Stacy Langton's microphone was shut off as she read from a book she found in her son's Fairfax County, Virginia, school library. The book described, in obscene detail, "pedophilia... fellatio, sex toys, masturbation and violent nudity."

Also, in 2021, a mother in Texas found a book in her child's middle school library depicting anal sex.

We send our children to school to learn reading, writing, math, science and history, not how to masturbate and use sex toys.

Thankfully — as far as I'm aware — this has not crept into our local school and libraries. But we

must remain diligent. After all, it's our job as adults to protect children and their innocence.

When Children Lose Their Innocence

By Frances Duggan

The innocence of childhood is a marvelous thing. And all children are untainted in their life's early Spring.

But by the time they've reached their teens their innocence they've lost.

And the experience that we gain from age always comes at a cost.

When children lose their innocence they lose their gift of joy.

The joy that comes from innocence in every young girl and boy.

Compared to us young children see life quite differently.

Of the guilt of corruption they are completely free.

I have such happy memories of when I was a boy. My childhood years were happy years but time just seemed to fly.

And the experience that I've gained from life it came at a great cost.

For I lost something beautiful when innocence I lost.

MAIL BAG

A nation in turmoil — but we ain't seen nothin' yet

To the Editor:

From my perspective our nations growing list of woes can best be attributed to an absence of leadership. For example:

As a candidate, Joe Biden forever touted that transparency would be the guiding principle in his administration. Now, as the White House back peddles on their error in judgment and tries desperately to put a positive spin on a runaway scandal, President Biden is six or seven days into his refusal to answer any question on the matter. It's tough to be transparent when you're mute. Confidential files being stored in non-secured locations became known on Nov. 2nd (before the mid-term election), but that fact wasn't even acknowledged by the White House until CBS News reported the problem and forced their hand. So much for transparency. Hell, I doubt if the shuffling and feeble Joe Biden has the cognizance to spell transparency, let alone practice it.

And the George Santos story gets more

bizarre with each passing day. To say the man is a pathological liar is a gross understatement. Even Donald Trump, who never let the facts dictate his narrative, takes a back seat to this New York nut case. Santos' penchant for lying would see him booted from any job I can think of. Except, of course, U.S. Representative. How can that be? New Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy, has yet to join his Republican brethren calling for Santos to resign. In fact, McCarthy says Santos is on track for committee assignments. You call that leadership? I call it frightening, especially since McCarthy is second in line to succeed the President.

President Biden and Speaker McCarthy fail miserably when it comes to leadership. And the scariest part? It's only going to get worse. If you have children and grandchildren you best sit them down and forewarn them that for at least the next two or three decades we all will be facing never before seen hard-

ships. Hardships brought about by a bunch of self-serving do-nothings calling the shots that affect our daily lives. Since no one in the nation's capital is willing to take on the role of the adult in the room, we'll continue to have the find of partisan gridlock that results in slanted decisions that are strong on principle but myopic on common sense and reality.

Get ready for world-wide economic upheaval. Couple that with a cornered and desperate Vladimir Putin willing to do anything other than admit defeat and you've got problems the likes of which the world has never seen. At my age I can accept these consequences, but I seriously doubt those born after 1970 can. Get ready folks, because things are about to get ugly. They say forewarned is forearmed, but is that enough? I doubt it.

Sincerely,
Patrick J. Leslie
Owensville

GUEST COMMENTARY

MOFB looks forward to 2023 State Legislative Session

BY GARRETT HAWKINS

President of Missouri Farm Bureau

The 2023 Missouri Legislative Session is underway and legislators have been back in Jefferson City since Jan. 4. Every year brings a new opportunity to address items that matter to our members and hardworking Missourians, and we look forward to developing solutions in the coming months.

At the top of our minds is the rising cost of health insurance and its toll on families. I know first-hand how the lack of affordable health insurance options can dictate family and farm decisions. It is common for family members to seek employment "in town" solely for access to benefits. Health coverage is often the only factor keeping beginning farmers or entrepreneurs from taking the plunge and investing full-time in their farm or business. Even worse, some families are uninsured because they have no affordable options.

At MOFB, we are ready to offer affordable, quality health coverage options to our members, and we are seeking legislative approval to do so. This approach has already been proven in six other states where state Farm Bureaus received approval to offer health benefit plans to their members. These plans have given farm families and self-employed individuals more options for health coverage, and we look forward to working with the General Assembly on this initiative. Helping more Missourians access quality health coverage is good policy for everyone, especially for our farm families who produce food for our communities.

MOFB is also poised to continue bolstering the private property rights of Missourians. While legislation passed in 2022 initiated significant eminent domain reforms relating to high-voltage transmission line projects, there is more work to be done. MOFB will continue to support legislation that requires utility companies to restore land to pre-construction capabilities and gives landowners more influence to address concerns before the Public Service Commission.

For years, MOFB members have stood up and voiced their concerns about the existing initiative petition process to amend the Missouri Constitution. Initiative Petition Reform is once again slated to be a priority for leadership in both the House and Senate. MOFB will continue to call for signatures to be gathered from all across Missouri, rather than the current process which allows signature gatherers to focus on metropolitan areas and leaves the common-sense values of rural Missourians behind.

We would also like to see the legislature raise the threshold for amending the Constitution. The Constitution should not serve as a collection of special-interest programs.

Another debate in the Capitol will focus on how to best allocate surplus state and federal dollars. MOFB members know these resources are taxpayer dollars. We would like to see these funds spent on hard infrastructure like rural roads and bridges and expanding I-70. Broadband expansion is another generational investment we must make to remain competitive.

Our MOFB team works hard every day to promote the interests of our members in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. However, our grassroots members are their own best advocates. MOFB looks forward to connecting members with legislators throughout the session, bringing the voice of rural Missouri to our state's Capitol. The opportunities to improve the quality of life for farmers and rural Missourians are abundant, and we look forward to working with the General Assembly this session.

Garrett Hawkins is a farmer from Appleton City and serves as the President of Missouri Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization with a presence in every county throughout the state. Learn more on our website or follow @MissouriFarmBureau on Facebook, @MOFarmBureau on Twitter or @MOFBureau on Instagram.

REPORT FROM THE 61ST DISTRICT

Republican leaders voice support for priorities in Governor's address

BY STATE REP. BRUCE SASSMANN

Missouri's 61st District

I've been looking forward to the Governor's State of the State address. After listening to his priorities for the 2023 legislative session, I'm concerned the spending the Governor requested is not sustainable. I was disappointed there were some budget items absent in the Governor's address. But, I'm learning to trust the system. We will work it out.

Parson used his annual State of the State Address to convey a theme of "We are not done yet" as he called on legislators to make key investments in infrastructure improvements, public safety, workforce development and education, and health and mental health care.

Parson began the speech by thanking the legislature for the work they've done together to enact the state's largest income tax cut and provide support for agriculture. His speech also focused on the progress state government has made in infrastructure, workforce and education, mental health and health, government reform, and public safety.

"Together, we've moved billions of dollars in investments across this state. Whether you live in Kansas City or St. Louis, call Kennett or Rockport home, grow corn or cotton, vote left, right, or center, we've left no community behind," said Parson. "Missouri is stronger today, and we're going to continue what we've started because this Governor isn't done yet. WE ARE NOT DONE YET."

The governor's speech in its entirety is available online at: <https://governor.mo.gov/>

Republican leaders in the House voiced their support for many of the top legislative priorities outlined by Gov. Mike Parson

during his annual State of the State Address.

House Speaker Dean Plocher, Majority Floor Leader Jon Patterson, and Speaker Pro Tem Mike Henderson said the House stands ready to work with the governor to advance policy measures and support funding to improve public safety and support law enforcement, invest in the state's infrastructure, train the state's workforce, increase educational opportunities for young people, and expand child care opportunities.

In a joint statement, Plocher, Henderson, and Patterson said, "Governor Parson provided a clear vision for the areas we need to address and invest in to ensure a bright, prosperous future for our state. We are committed to working with the governor to find commonsense, fiscally responsible solutions that create safer communities, give our children the educational opportunities they need to become successful, productive adults, and invest in critical infrastructure improvements that will position our state for sustained growth."

As the governor said, "we are not done yet." Over the next several months we will work closely together to fully vet these proposals with the goal of creating good public policy that will benefit Missourians from all walks of life and all parts of the state."

There are plenty of ways to follow those issues important to you. Please reach out to us and we'll try to help you connect to the pathway to follow important legislation. Our email is a better way to communicate information. Bruce.Sassmann@house.mo.gov

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email the office.

Our new District number is 61 and our new phone number is 573-751-6668.

PUBLISHER'S RESPONSE

You missed the point

To my friends in the Gasconade Democrat Committee:

Each time I write about climate change in my column, I can count on you — like clockwork — to attack me personally with another attempt to intimidate and bully me into silence.

First, let's get one thing straight. Your ignorance concerning my stance on climate change has blinded you — I have never denied the existence of Global Warming in my column. I simply don't drink the cool-aid that says the world will end unless we ruin our economy and eliminate fossil fuels. I also like to point out fallacies presented by climate alarmists.

I am sorry you missed the point of my January 4 column which was to shed light on the hypocrisy of world leaders and ultra-rich like Al Gore and John Kerry, who try to scare us with talk of the end times while they fly around the world in private jets.

Last week those attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland to speak about the dangers of climate change proved my point. Many flew there by private jet.

Greenpeace estimated that 500 private jets flew to Davos during the 2022 conference. They emitted a whopping 7,400 metric tons of carbon dioxide. The average person worldwide has an estimated annual carbon footprint of four tons.

Last April, according to Fox News, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg — another climate alarmist — took a government-managed jet to New York City for a radio interview and two brief meetings before flying back a few hours later.

Environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio loves his private yacht, which emits as much carbon dioxide sailing seven miles as the average car does in a year.

I will take their warning seriously after they ban private jets and luxury yachts. We know that won't happen.

Sincerely, Dennis Warden

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Governor Parson delivers State of the State address

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JEFFERSON CITY — In his fourth State of the State address Wednesday, Jan. 18, Gov. Mike Parson emphasized the importance of planning for the future as he unveiled a \$51.6 billion budget plan.

His proposed budget would provide increases in infrastructure spending and investments in education and workforce development built around a theme of “Not done yet.”

Parson called on Democrats as well as his own party to make his goals happen. Democrats applauded his main priorities and voiced a willingness to work with him on key proposals.

A major highlight of the budget recommendations included expanding the capacity of Interstate 70. The proposed budget allocates \$859 million for lane expansion in high traffic areas in Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia.

Chief of Staff Aaron Willard said investments in I-70 will help not only Missouri but the nation due to the state’s location.

“If you look at the map, Missouri is at the nexus of the U.S. supply chain ... this is a chance for us to lead nationally,” Willard said.

In his speech Parson said the proposed expansion is a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the time is now.”

The proposed funding would bring targeted areas on the highway from two lanes to three lanes, and aims to tackle congestion, traffic accidents and delays for commuters. Director of Transportation Patrick McKenna said projects such as the climbing lane in Ridgeport will all help make I-70 more dependable.

“All of these are going to come together to make a much more reliable I-70,” McKenna said.

Other proposed infrastructure investments include railroad crossing safety improvements and broadband expansion. The budget proposal looks to invest almost \$250 million into broadband development.

Parson recommended large investments into Elementary and Secondary Education, such as child care subsidies and Career Ladder program funding. The proposed Career Ladder money would aid in the continuation of the Teacher Baseline Salary Grant Program that the legislature passed last year.

Parson noted in his speech that almost 356 school districts participated in the program. The proposed \$32 million will continue that program.

During the speech, Parson directed his attention toward Emily Fluckey, a second-year teacher who received a nearly \$7,000 pay increase because of the program. He said the program enabled her to live independently, get married and begin pursuing her master’s degree.

The administration has already invested nearly \$1 million to improve Missouri’s child care network. During the upcoming legislative session, they will propose three child care tax credit programs to improve facilities, support educators and allow child care workers to earn pay increases, he said.

“Together, these actions will help more child care providers to start their businesses, stay in business and expand their businesses,” Parson said.

Continuing efforts to support youth, Parson proposed \$3.5 billion to increase the number of

youth behavioral health liaisons across the state. He said doing so was imperative to keeping kids “in school and out of the system.”

Parson also said the government could do more for the Children’s Division, which he said is critical to the mental health and safety of Missouri’s most vulnerable children.

Parson announced the request of \$3.5 million to support the expansion of the state’s youth behavioral health liaison program, which would add 27 additional liaisons across the state. The request is a part of the state’s initiative to prioritize the mental health of students by supporting the liaison program.

Special guest and Missouri Youth Behavioral Liaison Phyllis Thornton said the support will not only allow for expansion but also expand the amount of resources available for children and families.

The liaison program helps bridge the gap between law enforcement, juvenile offices, the Children’s Division and schools to behavioral health services to help identify children, youth and families who are needing support.

“We are so grateful for Parson recognizing the need for support for our state’s children and youth. We need so many more liaisons so for him to recognize that is absolutely phenomenal,” Thornton said.

While noting that significant strides have been made toward retention of state employees, Parson pushed for more, requesting they be granted an immediate 8.7% cost of living increase.

“Supporting our state workers means supporting the people in Missouri, and we are not done yet,” he said.

The administration is also pushing to invest \$275 million in capital improvement on college campuses. Parson noted he is seeking a 7% increase in funding to community college and four-year institutions that if approved will be the largest increase in more than 25 years.

House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, said her caucus agreed with many of Parson’s priorities and hopes to work with him and House Republicans to capitalize on the state’s budget surplus.

She said she was thrilled to hear Parson discuss issues such as improving infrastructure, increasing funding for child care and combating maternal mortality, issues that Democrats have been championing for decades. She added that she was glad the governor agrees that increasing pay for state workers is a good starting point but not a complete solution for recruiting and retaining employees.

Quade said she hoped her Republican colleagues would align with Parson’s priorities instead of pursuing culture war talking points.

“I’m hopeful that the governor is ready to focus on the things that unify rather than divide: a long overdue investment in our state’s workforce, infrastructure and people,” Quade said. “On those things, Democrats are ready to get to work.”

All four members of Boone County’s Democratic House delegation agreed with Quade that Parson’s address signaled his intention to invest in Missourians and matched many Democratic priorities.

“These investments are going to help our constituents quite a bit, and I think even though we don’t agree with the governor on a lot of policy, this was a pretty good deal,” Rep. Adrian Plank, D-Columbia, said. “It’s rare for me to show so much support for a Republican, but at this point, I think it’s warranted.”

Parents’ Bill of Rights debated at Senate hearing

BY MELISSA JACQUES MISSOURI NEWS NETWORK

JEFFERSON CITY — Arguments over prohibiting Critical Race Theory and increasing parental rights in schools were heard by the Education and Workforce Development committee at the Capitol on Wednesday.

The committee considered two bills, SB 4 and SB 89, and took public testimony for most of the two-hour meeting. Not everyone who attended was able to testify because of time restraints and instead were allowed to submit their written testimony at the end of the meeting.

Sen. Justin Brown, R-Rolla, presented SB 89 and Sen. Andrew Koenig, R-Manchester, the chair of the committee, presented SB 4. His role leading hearings in the committee was filled by Sen. Rick Brattin,

R-Harrisonville, the vice chair.

Brown argued that there has been a breakdown in the trust between teachers and parents that can be fixed by greater transparency and greater control over what their children are being taught.

He mentioned an event from 2020, where a Rockwood employee sent an email urging teachers to hide race-based teaching. He also believes that the federal government is exacerbating the issue. Brown said the Biden administration had tried to label concerned parents attending school board meetings as “domestic terrorists.”

The bill presented by Koenig has similar aims. The parents’ bill of rights proposed in SB 4 include a right to school transparency, a right to know who is teaching and what the curricula is and a ban on teaching of so-called CRT, which is

not fully defined in the bill. The bill also includes a plan to create a state online portal for parents to access all the information they are entitled to as stated in the bill.

“Instead of defining CRT, I’ve defined the activity that we want to prohibit,” said Koenig when asked about the lack of a definition by Sen. Doug Beck, D-Afton.

The activity that SB 4 prohibits, includes but is not limited to, forcing or teaching the beliefs “that individuals of any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior or inferior and that individuals, by virtue of their race, ethnicity, color, or national origin, bear collective guilt and are inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by others.”

Six individuals, including Secretary of State John Ashcroft, testified in support of the bills. Fourteen

individuals testified in opposition.

Ashcroft spoke in support of both SB 89 and SB 4, saying he wants schools to focus on better academic outcomes and transparency.

“If schools are doing what we all hope they are doing, then they should appreciate the transparency,” Ashcroft said.

Other supporters of the bills emphasized their support of transparency and easier access to the information through an online portal.

Heather Fleming, founder of Missouri Equity Education Partnership, spoke in opposition. She says while equality is the goal, schools should be focusing on equity. Focusing on equity would require them to critically consider the ways minorities have been held back in this country, she said. Brattin, who chaired the meeting, asked Fleming to define equity.

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Ely said he felt Porter, Berendzen & Associates came in with serious knowledge and did their diligence before the meeting. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Staci Johnson said she would hesitate to go with Porter, Berendzen & Associates if it weren’t for that company’s pairing with the architect’s alliance.

“But I think enough people are there to get the project that we want,” she finished.

The decision made to go with Porter, Berendzen & Associates made, Ely moved on to construction managers. Hardy said she felt the board was leaning more toward a CMAR.

“They didn’t get too far into cost,” Hardy said. “They carry all of the risks for a project of this size.”

The board had two CMARs in the final round of interviews.

“Nabholz has strong community involvement, they will take the extra step,” Hardy said Ely agreed, adding that they brought items to the Jan. 11 meeting, such as treats for the board.

“The other company talked about it,” Ely said. “They are from St. Louis. They didn’t bring anything.”

Hardy added that looking at the company owner during the interviews she noticed his boots were polished but well-worn.

“Did anyone notice his boots?” Hardy asked. “He said he is there in person and on-site and his boots show it. They are big on showing that. His boots were worn though he was dressed nice.”

Nabholz associates also showed how they work with architects to get to know the district’s goals.

Hardy said she liked both contractor options but scored Nabholz two points higher — a total of 102 points on her scorecard.

“Nabholz does a lot of projects as far as where our community is based,” she said.

The board consensus was to hire Nabholz as a CMAR, as they submitted bids as both a CMA and CMAR.

“All presenters were qualified and not just at the core, but committed to providing learning interactions for students,” Ely said. “A lot of focus and commitment in every element of what success would look like.”

Ely added that the proximity of the construction manager would provide for “top-shelf

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interaction.”

“He communicates very effectively on site,” Ely said. “We will see quality if we approve that one. There were a lot of good things happening. Once you have, a plan that guy is going to be very present.”

The board interviewed Paragon Architecture; incite (SIC) Design Studio; Porter, Berendzen & Associates’ SM Wilson; Navigate; and Nabholz.

The board approved Porter, Berendzen & Associates and Nabholz with a 6-0 vote.

Hardy later commented on the approved choices.

“We’ve worked with and are very familiar with Porter, Berendzen, & Associates,” Hardy began. “They have helped with the bus barn expansion, some of the classroom expansions and other buildings we have. They are based out of Ashland, which is pretty close, and are teaming with Architect’s Alliance to bring a lot of experience.”

Hardy explained that larger firms will typically pair with architect firms to get the best experience.

“Architect’s Alliance, the partner company, has built several performing arts centers including Missouri Theatre Renovation in Columbia, Capital City Christian Church in Jefferson City, Miller Performing Arts Center in Jefferson City, Blair Oaks High School auditorium, Capital City High School theatre, and Eldon High School’s Fine Arts Center,” Hardy listed. “Their booklets are really good. They have done several performing arts centers and work with some great companies on acoustics and sound.”

Hardy said the board’s decision to go with a CMAR instead of a CMA was easy considering the size of the project, but she thought both entities would do a good job.

“I don’t think we could have went wrong with any company,” Hardy said. “We had one CMA that was in the final three.”

Hardy said there are many benefits to a CMAR, which is the type of contractor the district approved.

“What that does is ensure that our cost will not go over a certain dollar amount and if it does the construction manager assumes all of the cost,” she said. “With a project as large as a performing arts center it makes sense to go with a CMAR.”

When asked about the cost difference between the two options, Hardy explained the RFQs are not based on cost but on qualifications.

“Because you don’t want people cutting corners on safety,” she explained. “So negotiations are on qualifications at that point.”

However, CMARs do typically cost more.

“It ensures they don’t go over the amount,” Hardy said. “There are some fees, they are a little higher, but you also only have to hire one person because a CMAR comes with both a project manager and an architect. It makes more sense to go with a construction manager at risk.”

Hardy added that a CMAR also includes the possibility of coming out under the budgeted project amount.

“If they come out under the projected cost, the entire (difference) will be returned to the district,” she said. “People don’t build schools every day. This is an added layer of security for the schools to make sure they are not overspending taxpayer money with unforeseen costs. That is why they go with a CMAR.”

Now that a construction manager and architect group have been selected, the board of education may begin prioritizing projects identified by the Long-Range Facility Committee.

“Once the board reviews their priority list then the architects and CMAR will sit down with us to carve out what the cost of things are, what could happen with the bond issue, and what we can afford,” Hardy said. “Then they can sit down with the architect and CMAR to determine the cost versus building analysis.”

Hardy reminded the board that all of the construction managers and architects met ICCS500 qualifications — meaning they are all certified to be designing and building the storm-safe area as part of the performing arts center — which is a big part of the design and the district’s goal to improve safety.

Marijuana tax • From page 1

the estimated \$1 million generated by the half-cent sales tax for law enforcement. That tax is split 75-25 between the county and five of the six municipalities in the county.

“We spent all afternoon on that yesterday,” Lietzow told the Commission, referring to the effort by

her office and Sheriff Scott Eiler to iron out the details of his agency’s spending plan.

County officials will be able to do better toward county employees than first thought. It appears this year’s budget will contain a pay raise of 5 percent for county gov-

ernment employees. Administrators began the budget process with a 3-percent figure in mind. It has been a policy of the Commission to allow individual officeholders to divide the office’s share of the pay raise among its employees.

Regarding the Sheriff’s Depart-

ment, the Commission is holding firm on its call for a deputy sheriff being stationed at the courthouse’s main entrance every day, not just on the days courts are in session. That deputy will be assigned to the courthouse Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Chamber welcomes Wildflower Cafe Emporium

Hailey Overton (center) cuts the ribbon for Owensville's newest eatery, The Wildflower Cafe Emporium. Her and Lynn Roe-Buckman (second from left) recently opened the cafe at 207 North 1st in Owensville. Welcoming them are Owensville Chamber of Commerce members (from left) Jenny Abney, Sherry Durbin, Jerry Lairmore and Bob Niebrugge. The cafe is open 7 days a week, Saturday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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PAGES FROM OUR PAST

Local catalog store victim of cutback ~ 1993

70 years ago - Jan. 15, 1953
Call for duty

Carl Michel, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Michel of Owensville enlisted in the Nave in July, 1952. After boot training at San Diego, Calif., he was sent to the Aviation School at Norman, Okla. where he is now stationed. Marine Pfc. Roger M. Collier, who is stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego Calif., is attending Signal School. He was drafted into the Marines on May 1, 1952.

To organize golf club here

Owensville is to have a golf course laid out in Memorial Park. At a recent meeting of the Park Board, Charles Ruskaup, Homer Hensley and Milford Winter, golf enthusiasts, were selected as a committee to work out the details of the club and course. The course will occupy approximately 35 acres of Memorial Park.

60 years ago - Jan. 24, 1963
Locals in the news

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Uffmann of Potosi on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the St. Francis Hospital in Washington. He joins two sisters and a brother in the family.

Miss Shelba Knight, who attends Southwest Baptist College at Colivar, spent from last Thursday until Tuesday afternoon here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knight.

50 years ago - Jan. 24, 1973
Four Cub Scouts promoted

A ceremony promoting four Bear Cub Scouts into the Webelos was held for Cub Scout Pack 22 on January 15. Advancing were Scouts Jeff Green, Jackie Jackson, William Laubert and Charles Levigne.

Rosebud soldier serving in Korea

Army Private Richard W. Wood, son of Mrs. Sophia J. Wood, Rosebud, is serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. A gun crewman with battery C, 1st Battalion of the Division's 38th Artillery, he entered the Army in June. His wife, Pamela, lives on Route 1, Rosebud.



40 years ago - Jan. 19, 1983
Speech team brings home trophies

Owensville High School's speech team brought home several trophies from a tournament Thursday in Washington. Winners (not all shown in above photo) included Kris Niewald, second in oratory; Leslie Griffith, second in prose; David Ferkol and Debbie Bilbrey, third in dramatic duet; Steve Martin, third in extemporaneous speaking; Paul Brandt, third in poetry; Tom Evans, third in group discussion; Carol McClendon; second in humorous interpretation; Rachel Bartel, first in storytelling and first along with Matt Hoehne in humorous duet; and Sam Zelch, second in dramatic interpretation.

30 years ago - Jan. 27, 1993
Local catalog store victim of Sears cutback

Peggy Aytes stands at the door of her Sears Catalog Store after learning Monday that the parent company is shutting down its catalog operations. Her plans to move into a new building March 1 and to celebrate her 25th year in business March 23 have been dashed by the announcement. "I'm just kind of numb," she said Tuesday.



Basketball Homecoming Queen candidates

One of these nine OHS students will be named Homecoming Queen Feb. 5. In front, from left, are senior Becky Gross, Jody Miller and Tesa Wenkel. In back are juniors Amber Sassmann and Jennifer Adkison, sophomores Hillary Wnuk and Amanda Nowack, and freshmen Nancy Adkison and Sarah White.

Receives Eagle Award

Matt Niewald, son of Richard and Chrysa Niewald, Owensville, recently received Boy Scout's highest award, the Eagle Badge, from his grandfather, Dr. Chad McCoy, a noted scout leader from Chillicothe.

20 years ago - Jan. 22, 2003
Marsh marks 15th year here

March Shipping Supply co. marks its 15th year in Owensville this month. Two employees, Mary Lou Thomas and Joyce Ridenhour have been with the company since it began operations here.



10 years ago - Jan. 23, 2013

Paneitz graduates from Lackland Air Force Base

Air Force Airman 1st Class Tyler B. Paneitz graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Paneitz is the son of Bruce and Michelle Paneitz of Hillcrest Drive, Owensville. He is a 2007 graduate of Owensville High School.

NOTE: The above photos originally ran in black and white. They have been colorized in Photoshop.

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 25	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime
Thursday, Jan. 26	6-7:30 p.m.	Trivia Night
Wednesday, Feb. 1	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime

Lil' Owl's Storytime: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Trivia Night: Come and join us for a fun night of general trivia questions. Seeds of the Month Club for January: Winter Sowing for a Head Start on Spring Gardening (information only). 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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Happy 75th Birthday, Janet!

Friends & family gathered together on Saturday, January 7th at Snowensville's banquet hall to surprise Janet McMinn with a party to celebrate her 75th birthday.

In attendance were: The guest of honor Janet McMinn, Katrina McMinn & Randy Lightbody, Donovan Bingaman & Kelly Groff, Bella Bingaman, Zaylie Gromer, Karson Bingaman, Presley Neal, Shannon Bingaman & Missa Hollandsworth, William Lightbody & Kaylie Hevia, Mason Campbell, Jake Massey & Alexis Fisher, Chris Gibson, Anthony Wehmeyer, Hunter Gibson, Marina McMinn, Rachel Smith & Elizabeth Harper, Cara Smith, Ryan & Brooke Smith, Reese Smith, Josh McMinn, Autumn Jackson & James Champion, Lexi Marshall, Lennox Champion, Summer McMinn, Rich & Shirley Lansford, Amy Lansford & Kyle Schraier, Shawna Kidd, Peyton Lansford, Diego Lansford, Domanic Lansford & Amber Peters, Bob & Mae Lansford, Destiny Lansford, Moriah Lansford, Bella Lansford & friend Zoey, Freya Thompson, Kat Thompson, Mike & Bobbie Tripoli, Kenny & PeeWee Howard, Brandon Howard, Chandler Howard, Meleah Howard, Mavery Howard, Michelle Howard, Hayden Howard, Braxton Howard, Ab and Bonnie Mahaney, Barb Granneman, Jane Vandegriffe, Betty McGowan, Linda Crump, and Penny King.

What a surprise it turned out to be! A great time was had by all! Snowensville catered the event and photos were done by Caitlin Brooke Jones Photography. Thank you to everyone who came and helped make this event extra special, as well as for all of the cards, gifts and well wishes! Memories were made that will last a lifetime.

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Four from Gerald injured in highway accident

U.S. Highway 50 was shut down Saturday, Jan. 21, due to an accident at Jeffriesburg Road. Six people, including four from Gerald suffered moderate injuries in the crash.

Matthew R. Young, 36, of Gerald was traveling west in a 2001 Ford Econoline when he swerved to avoid a stopped vehicle in his lane.

John C. Coons, 47, from Davenport, Iowa was traveling east when the Econoline entered his lane and struck the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado he was driving. Both vehicles traveled off the roadway.

Occupants in the vehicle driven by Young were Owen J. Rae, 21; a male juvenile, 11; and a female juvenile age 13. Only Young and Rae were using seat belts.

Coons was not injured, but occupants of his vehicle, Robert P. King, 55, and Richard B. McCoy, age unknown, both of Davenport, Iowa were. Coons and King were using seat belts, McCoy was not.

All injured were transported to Mercy Washington by Union and Gerald ambulances.

A report filed by Tpr. B. Dorff with Troop C of the Missouri State Highway Patrol provided details of the accident.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

FIREFIGHTERS WITH the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District were recently trained on Naloxone administration. The training was provided through The DOTS Project administered through the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

Fire units now equipped with Narcan

BY LINDA TREST
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In an effort to combat fentanyl overdose deaths, firefighters with the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District (GRFPD) received free Naloxone (a generic name for a product commonly known as Narcan) to be carried in each of their units.

The firefighters were also trained in the proper use of Naloxone. This is all part of a three-prong program administered through the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

Their Drug Overdose Trust and Safety (DOTS) Project aims to help first responders to handle overdoses in a more effective way. Nine urban counties have been identified for this training over a three year period.

In addition to receiving and learning to use the Naloxone, training on occupational safety is also given. This addresses needle-stick injuries, exposure to fentanyl and vicarious trauma.

Nine high need counties were identified for in-person training.

In the first year of the program, in-person training was provided for St. Louis city and Jackson and

Greene counties. The second year, the program was taken to Clay, St. Louis and Jefferson counties. Year three brings the in-person training to Boone, Franklin and St. Charles counties.

The remainder of departments throughout Missouri will receive online trainings. After the distribution of the Naloxone and the occupational training, a third point is taught, post overdose treatment and recovery service referrals by Peer Support Specialists.

The training explains how crucial it is that overdose survivors be connected with services after the overdose.

The DOTS Project does this by facilitating collaboration between first responders and public health entities in high need communities.

While the training was free, the firefighters in attendance volunteered their time to attend the class.

The district says it is working with The DOTS Project, Missouri Department of Mental Health and Encouraging Patients in Care Coordination to create a better, safer and more well-equipped community.

Firefighters almost always respond to calls for medical emergencies, in order to assist EMS personnel when needed. This additional training will be invaluable as they perform those duties.

News Briefs

THE GERALD CHAMBER of Commerce will meet today, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the depot in Legion Park.

SCREENINGS for preschool and kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year at Gerald Elementary School will be held Feb. 9, 10 and 13. Parents should call the school at 573-646-4041 to schedule a screening.

A BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Knights of Columbus #9465 hall, from 1 to 6 p.m. Call 11-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.

GCR-2 School District has new phone numbers for all offices

The Gasconade County R-2 School District has changed phone numbers for all district buildings and offices. The change went into effect last week. The new numbers are as follows:

GES	573-646-4041
OMS	573-646-4038
OHS	573-646-4005
OES	573-646-4039
Administration	573-646-1015
Bus Barn	573-646-4043
GES fax	573-646-4863
OMS fax	573-646-4861
OHS fax	fax 573-646-4860
OES fax	fax 573-646-4862

Gerald Area Library to reopen Feb. 9

The board of directors for the Gerald Area Library have decided to reopen the library Thursday, Feb. 9. The library has been closed since Christmas weekend due to broken water pipes after days of freezing weather over the holiday.

A lack of volunteers has plagued the library for the last several years. This, on top of the plumbing emergency, sent the board into a discussion on the feasibility of reopening the library.

Since the crisis, a group of people have come forward willing to volunteer at the library to keep it open. Before closing, the library was only open Tuesday

through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library will now be open fewer days, but longer hours to better serve the community.

New hours will be Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The board of directors have also decided to implement new programs when the library reopens. Details will be published as plans get finalized.

The building has been professionally dried out, plumbing repairs have been made, the carpet has been cleaned and items damaged by water have been removed.

LOOKING BACK IN GERALD

From the *The Gerald Journal*

Jan. 26, 1923

Arthur Bartel broke the bone in his right arm Friday while cranking his Ford that he had driven to town. The accident happened while he was starting the car to go home. He is getting along as well as can be expected and it will be several months before he will again have use of his arm.

Percy Wilson of near Leslie sprained his wrist in his right arm Thursday while cranking his Ford. The sprain is causing him much pain, in fact more pain than a broken bone.

Jan. 27, 1933

Donaldo Service Station is making preparations to install another pump at their place of business, making it a three pump station.

The Pleasant View Poultry Farm with J. F. Landwehr, proprietor, is announcing the opening of the chicken hatching season this

week. Mr. Landwehr's hatchery is equipped with the necessary machinery to do hatching on a large scale and will appreciate orders for chicks.

Jan. 29, 1943

Gilmore Tappmeyer, who is in military training in Camp Gordon, Ala., came home Thursday evening for a seven-day furlough. Gilmore is looking fine and has put on several additional pounds of weight since he has been in army training.

Miss Ruth Tappmeyer of St. Louis came home Friday to spend the weekend at home while her brother, Gilmore, was home on a furlough.

Applications are still being accepted at the University of Missouri for the under engineer trainee program for women in aircraft radio, and in other courses in the Engineering, Science, and Management War Training program.

In the aircraft radio courses, students will be paid \$120 a month while in the University. After finishing their training, they will be employed by the Aircraft Radio Laboratories at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, at entering salaries of \$1620 a year.

Jan. 30, 1953

Gerald's Gorgeous Gal is the prize winning name of the all-purpose comedy cow owned by the Gerald 4-H Beef Project boys,

it was announced this week by Mrs. Harold Middleton, local 4-H leader and sponsor of the contest.

Gerald's Gorgeous Gal is an all-purpose cow that can give milk in quart bottles, butter in pound packages, in fact any food item that she is asked to produce.

A large crowd of square dancers packed the Fire Hall Saturday night for the second dance session of the Circle-8 Club. Enthusiasm continues to run high following the excellent instruction from a professional caller from St. Louis and the help offered by a group of experienced dancers from Union.

Gerald R-9 School officials were advised last week that the school now has a AA rating from the State Board of Education. The school was rated A last year.

Principal Artie Weeks explains that public schools are rated as "Unclassified, A, AA or AAA depending on the school's facilities and teacher qualifications. Last year, only one elementary school in the county, Washington, received a AAA rating, so high are the standards.

The annual Franklin County Agricultural Extension Report for 1952 discloses Bill Raaf's dairy herd led all herds in the county which are tested by the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Bill's herd averaged 289 pounds of butterfat per cow in 1952.

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Wednesday, Jan. 25
Turkey and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, WG Roll, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, Jan. 26
BBQ Burger on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches

Friday, Jan. 27
Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Graham Cracker

Monday, Jan. 30
Chili and Grilled Cheese, Baby Carrots with Ranch, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Walking Taco, Meat/Cheese/Lettuce/Tomato/Salsa/Sour Cream, Spicy Beans (EOS), Refried Beans (OMS), Pineapple

*Menu subject to change without notice due to availability. Milk served everyday.

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Thursday, Jan. 26
Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Tanga Mexican Slaw, Mexican Corn, Sweet Corn Cake

Friday, Jan. 27
Baked Fish, Fried Potatoes and

Friday, Jan. 27
Build your own Wrap, Red Fat Chips, Raw Carrots, Applesauce Cup

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AREA OBITUARIES

Nadine Diestelkamp 1931-2023



Nadine Nina Diestelkamp, 91, of Owensville, passed away Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Gasconade Manor in Owensville.

She was born March 5, 1931, to Edward C. and Dellia (Brooks) Medley in Salem.

She was united in marriage July 29, 1950, to William N. Diestelkamp in Harrison, Ark.

Nadine was preceded in death by parents, Edward and Dellia; husband, William; son, Ricky Diestelkamp; and siblings, Cubert, Orbra, Eugene and Grafer Medley, Dessie Freundlich, Versa Hollandsworth, Velma Haddox, Fay House and Iline Garver.

She is survived by son, Larry Diestelkamp and wife Debbie of Hermann; brother, Harold Medley and wife Mary of Auburn, Calif.; sister, Ruth Spurgeon of Owensville; and seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. at Countryside Memorial Gardens in Owensville, with Pastor Shane Jarvis officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home in Owensville.

Antonina Dwyer 1930-2023



Antonina Dwyer (nee Genovese), 92, baptized into the hope of Christ's resurrection, Jan. 10, 2023.

Beloved, loving wife of the late Alexander L. Dwyer; dear daughter of both the late Matteo and Maria (nee DiMaggio) Genovese; dear loving mother of Alexander J. (Christine) Dwyer, and Mary Louise Dwyer; dear grandmother of Alexander (MyLe) Dwyer, Jared Dwyer, Maria (Alex) Moraes; dear great-grandmother of Sophia B., Alexander T., and Alexander M.; dear sister of Louise (Gerald) Mann;

dear sister of all late: Concetta Nolte, Angelo, George, baby Domenica, Peter, Frank, Andrew, Michael Genovese, Domenica "Mamie" Joyce; dear daughter-in-law; dear sister-in-law; dear aunt, great-aunt, great-great-aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Mrs. Dwyer had dedicated her life to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a secretary at Central Missouri Septic Service and resided in rural Gerald. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church (Port Hudson) in New Haven.

Funeral mass was held Monday, Jan. 23, at Holy Family Catholic Church (Port Hudson), with Rev. James Foster officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Holy Family Catholic Church.

The Dwyer family is served by Oltmann Funeral Home in Union.

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A Roth IRA is attractive because its earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you've had the account at least five years and you don't start taking money out until you're 59½. Furthermore, when you own a Roth IRA, you're not required to take withdrawals from it when you turn 72, as you would with a traditional IRA, so you'll have more flexibility in your retirement income planning and your money will have the chance to potentially keep growing. But given your income, how can you contribute to a Roth?

You may want to consider what's known as a "backdoor Roth" strategy. Essentially, this involves contributing money to a new traditional IRA, or taking money from an existing one, and then converting the funds to a Roth IRA. But while this backdoor strategy sounds simple, it involves some serious considerations.

Specifically, you need to evaluate how much of your traditional IRA is in pretax or after-tax dollars. When you contribute pretax

dollars to a traditional IRA, your contributions lower your annual taxable income. However, if your income is high enough to disqualify you from contributing directly to a Roth IRA, you may also earn too much to make deductible (pretax) contributions to a traditional IRA. Consequently, you might have contributed after-tax dollars to your traditional IRA, on top of the pretax ones you may have put in when your income was lower. (Earnings on after-tax contributions will be treated as pretax amounts.)

In any case, if you convert pretax assets from your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, the amount converted will be fully taxable in the year of the conversion. So, if you were to convert a large amount of these assets, you could face a hefty tax bill. And since you probably don't want to take funds from the converted IRA itself to pay for the taxes, you'd need another source of funding, possibly from your savings and other investments.

Ultimately, then, a backdoor Roth IRA strategy may make the most sense if you have few or no pretax assets in any traditional IRA, including a SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. If you do have a sizable amount of pretax dollars in your IRA, and you'd still like to convert it to a Roth IRA, you could consider spreading the conversion over a period of years, potentially diluting your tax burden.

Consult with your tax advisor when considering a backdoor Roth strategy. But if it's appropriate for your situation, it could play a role in your financial strategy, so give it some thought.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Canopy goes up at new Casey's General Store

Workers took advantage of good weather on Sunday to put some finishing touches on the canopy at the Casey's General Store under construction at the old Administration Field site.

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GASCONADE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

12/15/2022 to 12/30/2022

John C. Heimburger (Trustee), Betty L. Heimburger (Trustee), Heimburger John C. & Betty L. Joint Revocable Living Trust, Heimburger Betty L. & John C. Joint Revocable Living Trust, parcels in Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-NW-NE-SE; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SW-NE-SE; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-NE-SE; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SE-SE; to Schroeder R. Seaton Revocable Living Trust.

Kenneth J. Heimburg (Trustee), Ellen J. Heimburger (Trustee), Heimburger Ellen J. & Kenneth J. Revocable Trust, Heimburger Kenneth J. & Ellen J. Revocable Trust, parcels in Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-NW-NE-SW; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SW-NE-SW; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-NE-SE; Section: 19, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SE-SE; to Schroeder R. Seaton Revocable Living Trust.

Robin G. Schaefferkoetter, parcels in Subdivision: 00251, Lot: 1, Block: 4; Subdivision: 00251, Lot: 2, Block: 4; to Iris M. Luebbert.

Tanner Schroeder, Martil McCracken, parcels in Section: 7, Township: 41, Range: 5.00-NW-SE; Section: 7, Township: 41, Range: 5.00-SW; Section: 7, Township: 41, Range: 5.00-NW-SE; Section: 7, Township: 41, Range: 5.00-SW; to Trent Starr, Ina L. Johnson.

Kevin R. Meyer (Trustee), Meyer Kevin R. Revocable Living Trust, parcels in Subdivision: 00325, Lot: 77; Subdivision: 00325, Lot: 79; to Kevin R. Meyer, Kathy L. Meyer.

Kevin R. Meyer, Kathy L. Meyer, parcels in Subdivision: 00325, Lot: 77; Subdivision: 00325, Lot: 79; to Meyer Kevin R. & Kathy L. Revocable Qualified Spousal Trust, Meyer Kathy L. & Kevin R. Revocable Qualified Spousal Trust, Kevin R. Meyer (Trustee), Kathy L. Meyer (Trustee).

Kevin R. Meyer (Trustee),

Meyer Kevin R. Revocable Living Trust, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-NE-SE; Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-SE-SE; to Kevin R. Meyer, Kathy L. Meyer.

Kathy L. Meyer (Trustee), Meyer Kathy L. Revocable Living Trust, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-NE-SE; Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-SE-SE; to Kevin R. Meyer, Kathy L. Meyer.

Kevin R. Meyer, Kathy L. Meyer, parcels in Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-NE-SE; Section: 32, Township: 46N, Range: 4.00W-SE-SE; to Kevin R. Meyer (Trustee), Kathy L. Meyer (Trustee), Meyer Kevin R. & Kathy L. Revocable Qualified Spousal Trust, Meyer Kathy L. & Kevin R. Revocable Qualified Spousal Trust.

Anthony M. Obenhaus, Alice M. Obenhaus, parcel in Subdivision: 00176; to Anthony M. Obenhaus (Trustee), Alice M. Obenhaus (Trustee), Obenhaus Trust Agreement.

Carol Brautigam, Dale Brau-

tigam, parcels in Section: 22, Township: 44, Range: 6.00; Section: 22, Township: 44, Range: 6.00-NW-SE; Section: 22, Township: 44, Range: 6.00-NE-SE; to Michael A. Flake.

Linda Landolt, Timothy S. Landolt, Karen E. Werner, Janice G. Sperry, David L. Sperry, David Lee Sperry, Jennifer M. Sperry, parcels in Section: 9, Township: 45, Range: 4.00-NE-NE; Section: 9, Township: 45, Range: 4.00-SE-NE; to Elsaco LLC.

Julia K. Kenney, Larry S. Kenney, Gayla Kenney, parcels in Section: 17, Township: 41, Range: 6.00-NE-SE; Section: 17, Township: 41, Range: 6.00; Section: 17, Township: 41, Range: 6.00-SE-NE; Section: 16, Township: 41N, Range: 6.00W-SW-NW; to Julia K. Kenney.

Donnell E. Loughridge, Sally M. Loughridge, Don Loughridge (AKA), Sally Loughridge (AKA), parcels in Section: 6, Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W; Section: 8, Township: 40, Range: 6.00-NW-NW; Section: 8, Township: 40, Range: 6.00-NE-NW; Section: 5,

Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W-SE-SW; Section: 5, Township: 40N, Range: 6.00W-SW-SW; to Donnell E. Loughridge (Trustee), Sally M. Loughridge (Trustee), The Loughridge Family Revocable Trust, Loughridge Family Revocable Trust The.

Shirley J. Viola, Paul P. Viola, parcel Section: 1, Township: 45N, Range: 5.00W-NW; to William L. Burch Jr.

Dale Hampton, Elizabeth A. Hampton, parcel in Subdivision: 00320, Lot: 67; to Joseph Theissen (Trustee), Theissen Family Trust, Joann Theissen (Trustee).

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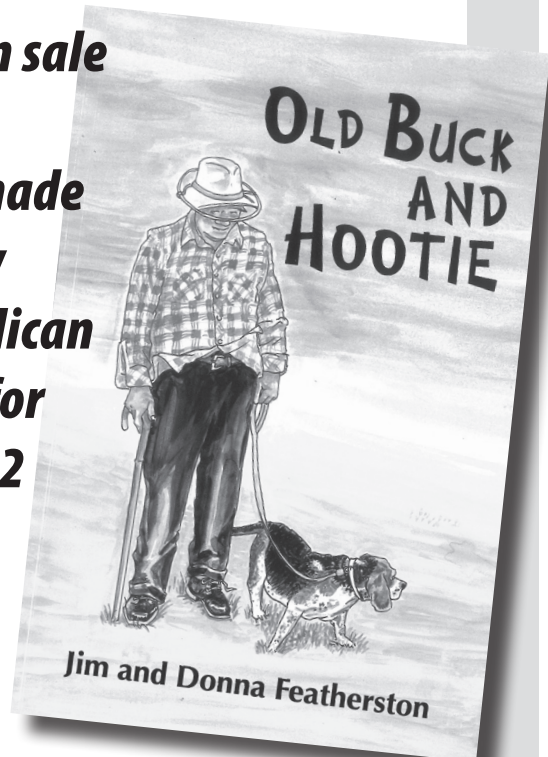
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Robotics • From page 1

in which this project could not only reduce energy costs within the district but also help our school community to leave a smaller energy footprint on the world. The final part of the project was where students work on practicing Core Values as taught by the First Lego League curriculum.”

Students explained their reasons for choosing to investigate solar panel energy.

“We went with an idea of solar panels over parking lots because it could partly shield cars from weather, wouldn’t take up much space because it is over something we already had,” one student explained.

“We calculated the numbers based off of what Nancy gave us and based off of 104-kilowatt solar panels, which could reduce electricity by over \$500,000 to the

district and there are grants available for the program,” Wehmeyer said.

Monier said the students thought they could print the numbers and present the idea to the board for consideration.

“This might be something we could incorporate into our school district and save the district a lot of money,” Monier said. “Also, just kind of build up the idea of what robotics is all about. It is not just about building a robot and having fun. It is about creating innovation for the next generation.”

Wehmeyer explained that the three stages of the competition included:

- Core values, which include discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork, fun, cooperation, and

gracious professionalism,

- Innovation project, which includes researching the theme of clean energy.

- Robot Design includes running the team bot through 15 previously stated challenges. Each mission is worth so many points to win within two minutes.

“Cyber Clan (OMS Robotics) has taken first place for Robot Design for the second year in a row,” Wehmeyer said. “Most teams in the competition used the newest bot kits and software. Cyber Clan used what they had from last year and years prior, making their own gearing modifications and adjusting to software issues on the fly. This may have been what put them over the top with the judges’ scoring. They saw that the team recognized the problems, planned and adapted

regardless of not having the best equipment.”

Wehmeyer said they hope to gain grants soon to help cover costs.

“We also hope to help create more interest in our district’s robotics programs to grow sponsorships, team members and coaches.”

Team members on the 2022 OMS Cyber Clan Robotics team are Team members: eighth grader Kai Kenney; seventh graders Bradley Lewis (third year), Cullen Green (second year), Hayden Holland (second year), Kaylie Hinson (third year), Ryder Wehmeyer (third year), Wesley Slawinski (first year), and sixth grader Rylee Schuchardt (first year). Not present at the meeting were seventh graders Weston Baumli (second year) and Coltan Butler (third year).



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THE OWENSVILLE Middle School Robotics Team, Cyber Clan (above), were present at the board of Education meeting on Jan. 17 to share their project with school board members. Students described what a typical day of competition looks like. Sponsors Heather Wehmeyer and Donna Monier shared that despite the groups lack of advanced technology, they put their minds together to make the weaknesses into strengths. The group attended the First Lego League competition (left) on Dec. 10 in St. Charles.



Basketballaction

Will Brune (above), fifth-grade, shoots for two points during the annual fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys basketball tournament on Saturday. Fifth grader Braydon Oldfather (top center) goes around a Pacific defender. Tanner Mogensen (far right) makes a shot during the sixth grade’s win over Union. Owensville’s fourth graders (right) collide while going after a rebound in their first game of the tournament. More photos can be found on page 16 and at wardenpublishing.pixieset.com



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COVID-19 • From page 1

Rothermich also reported that statewide hospitalizations and ICU stays related to COVID-19 also remained low.

“Basically there’s no news,” he said. “I would say there is nothing of interest going on the COVID front right now. In the state of Missouri, COVID is as low as it’s been essentially since the beginning of the pandemic. We’re in what I would call the monitoring stage. Every Monday, I look and see if there’s anything I need to warn people about. Not much is newsworthy (this week).”

Rothermich also said that major spikes in COVID-19 cases in Gasconade County often coincided with spikes at both the state and national levels. He said spikes were often linked to new variants, such as the Delta variant in September 2021 and the Omicron variant in January 2022, and state and national data reflected those spikes.

The CDC’s recommendations for low-level counties include mask-wearing for people with symptoms, a positive test or exposure to an infected person; testing if individuals have symptoms and staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.

News Briefs

HELPING HANDS Outreach Center of Gasconade County holds a mobile food market with foodstocks delivered by the St. Louis Area Food Bank on Friday, Nov. 27. Volunteers willing to help with the off-loading, sorting, and distribution of food stocks are asked to report to the food pantry on Kosark Road around 10 a.m. while distribution is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; vouchers are required in advance to receive services.

MSHP CRASH REPORTS: An Owensville man received minor injuries in a three-car accident on Jan. 23 while traveling eastbound at 7:30 a.m. on Interstate 44, west of Antire Road.

Keith W. Compton, 56, of Edwardsville, Ill., operating a 2014 Chevrolet 3500 Express, traveling westbound on I-44 in the neighboring lane of a 2002 Toyota Tundra operated by Steven R. Moskop, 35, of Marion, Ill., when Moskop crossed the yellow line, traveling into Compton's lane.

The front of Moskop's vehicle struck the rear of the Chevrolet, causing it to skid and travel off the left side of the road, struck a concrete traffic barrier, overturned, and struck the barrier a second time before returning to the roadway.

Debris from Compton's vehicle crossed the traffic barrier where Phillip M. Thacker, 40, of Owensville was traveling in the eastbound lane. Thacker, driving a Kia Optima, struck debris.

Compton sustained minor injuries in the crash. Eureka Fire Department transported Compton to SSM Health St. Clare Hospital in Fenton. His vehicle was a complete loss and towed from the scene by Big Boys Towing.

All three drivers were wearing seat belts.

Cpl. J. D. Procknow of MSHP reported the crash and with assistance from Msgr. E. R. Kessler of the St. Louis County Police Department.

On Jan. 20, a Bland man was uninjured in a one-vehicle accident in Osage County but was transported to the hospital after he became unconscious due to alleged drug intoxication, according to the MSHP report from Troop F.

A 1986 Chevrolet Camino operated by Shannon D. Andrews, 30, of Bland, was traveling in the northbound lane at 7:17 p.m. near Osage County Road 723 and Rural Route Y when the vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and struck a sign. The vehicle returned to the roadway before it came to rest and Anders was located unconscious.

Anders, who was not wearing a seat belt, was transported to Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City by Osage County Ambulance.

The vehicle sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene.

On Jan. 18 at 11:05 a.m., three teens sustained minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident on Rural Route EE, a half-mile south of Jett Road.

The driver of the 2008 Kia Sedona, a 17-year-old female from Owensville, was traveling northbound on Rural Route EE with two occupants, a 16-year-old male from Owensville and 18-year-old Jordan R. Frankenberg, 18, of Rosebud.

The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve and traveled off the right side of the roadway. The driver over corrected, causing the vehicle to travel off the left side of the roadway and overturn. All three occupants, who were not wearing safety belts, were transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital Washington.



PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

Truck overturns in Osage County

Owensville firemen responded to a single-vehicle crash on Route N just north of Highway 50 in Osage County on Jan. 23 which injured two men. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol report, the crash occurred when a northbound 2006 International truck driven by Jeffrey W. Peters, 45, of Linn, traveled off the right side of the roadway, overturned and struck a utility pole. An ambulance transported Peters and occupant Randall E. Adams, 45, of Morrison, to University Hospital in Columbia. Peters sustained moderate injuries. Adams sustained minor injuries. The vehicle received extensive damage.

Senator Brown takes the oath of office to serve Missouri's 26th Senatorial District

BY STATE SEN. BEN BROWN
Missouri's 26th District

On Jan. 4, I experienced one of the most honorable, humbling moments of my life when I raised my right hand and took the oath of office to serve as your state senator. I'm looking forward to familiarizing myself with the rules and procedures of the Senate and hopefully, start presenting my bills to committees during hearings in the coming weeks.



I'm excited to share I have been appointed vice chair of the Senate Government Accountability Committee. I will also serve on the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment; Gubernatorial Appointments; and the Insurance and Banking committees.

As we gear up for the 2023 legislative session, I want to bring a few items to your attention. Last year, new legislative maps were drawn to reflect population shifts from the 2020 census, so there are a few substantial changes to the 26th Senatorial District to note. Beginning this year, the district encompasses Franklin, Gasconade, Osage and Warren counties, plus the city of Eureka in west St. Louis County. Although I will be kept busy at the State Capitol through May, I hope to travel around the district in my off time and learn more about your concerns and ideas. The better I

understand your needs, the better I can represent you.

While I enjoyed speaking with many of you on my journey to the Missouri Senate, please allow me to introduce myself to those I've not met. I am a husband, dad to three children, owner of Satchmo's Bar and Grill, former mixed martial artist and resident of Washington. One of the top reasons I ran for office was to ensure small businesses have the freedom and resources they need to succeed, without governmental interference.

So far, I have filed 10 bills and a Senate Joint Resolution. Among these bills, my top priorities include protecting women's sports for female athletes, banning critical race theory in our schools and shielding small businesses from government overreach.

I'll close by saying "thank you" to the gracious residents of the 26th Senatorial District for entrusting me to be your voice in Jefferson City. You have my word that I will do everything in my power to protect your Second Amendment rights, support law enforcement and first responders and defend the rights of small businesses and families.

It is an honor serving those who call the 26th Senatorial District home. If you need assistance with navigating state government or the legislative process, please reach out by calling 573-751-3678 or emailing Ben.Brown@senate.mo.gov.



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SENATOR BEN BROWN (left) and his family attend the 2023 legislative ball at the State Capitol. They are pictured with Governor Mike Parson (third from right) and his wife Teresa (seated).

Change to Ameren Missouri electric fuel adjustment charge approved

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a filing made by Union Electric Company — Ameren Missouri — to increase the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on customers' electric bills.

Ameren Missouri made two filings with the Commission. In its first filing (Case No. ER-2023-0181), 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 June through September 2022. The second filing was Ameren Missouri's FAC true-up (Case No. EO-2023-0182).

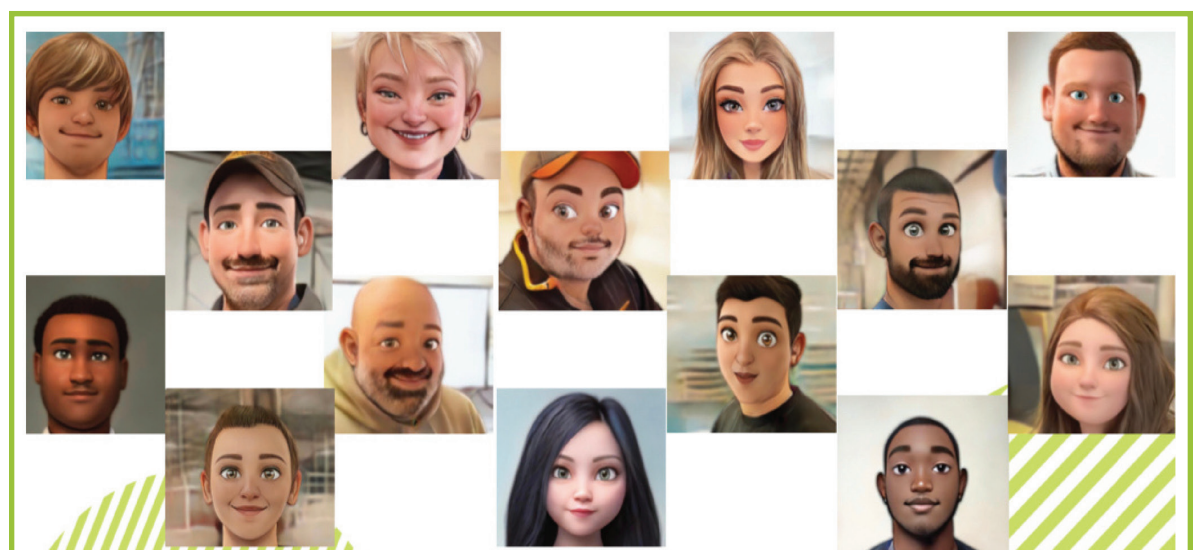
For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month, the FAC will increase from a current FAC of approximately \$2.70 a month to an FAC of approximately \$6.27 a month. The change will take effect Feb. 1.

The FAC tariff allows the company to pass increases or decreases in its net fuel and purchase 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 use by the company. Any charges resulting from the fuel adjustment clause must appear in a separate category on customers' bills.

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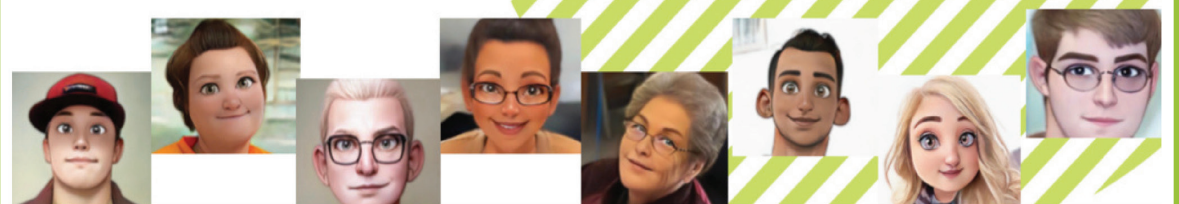
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Tuesday, February 21, 2023,

at 12:00 PM at the South Front Door of the Gasconade County Courthouse, 119 East First Street, in Hermann, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Anthony J Lansford, dated January 11, 2019, and recorded on January 18, 2019, Document No. 2019-0166 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Gasconade County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on

Friday, February 17, 2023,

at 2:00 PM, at the Front Door of the Gasconade County Courthouse, Hermann, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 15 LYING EAST OF MO. RTE "19" IN TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. IN GASCONADE CO. MO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NE CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, THENCE WITH THE 1/4 SECTION LINE S 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 400 FEET, THENCE LEAVING THE 1/4 SECTION LINE N 88 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 387.84 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MO. RTE "19", THENCE WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY N 07 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 402.0 FEET TO THE 1/4 1/4 LINE, THENCE LEAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WITH THE 1/4 1/4 LINE S 88 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 344.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SEE SURVEYOR'S RECORD BOOK 19 PAGE 130., COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1900 KATTELMANN Rd, Hermann, MO, 65041

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SOUTHLAW, P.C.

Successor Trustee
First Publication: January 25, 2023.
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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 238035-994590).

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1 Administrator's Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Eddie G Porter and Melinda Porter, dated March 23, 2001, and recorded on April 11, 2001, Document No. 2001 011256, in Book No. 0001, at Page 0016 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Gasconade County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on

Wednesday, February 22, 2023,

at 10:00 AM, at the Front Door of the Gasconade County Courthouse, Hermann, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE, STATE OF MISSOURI, TO WIT: LOT 60 IN THE TOWN OF MORRISON, MISSOURI, AS PER PLAT THEREOF.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the Estate of: **BERYL PAYNE**

The undersigned is the attorney for Richard A. Owsley and Fay B. Owsley, who are acting as Trustees under The Beryl Payne Revocable Living Trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee(s) upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The names and addresses of the Trustees are:

RICHARD A. OWSLEY
111 East 2nd Street
Hermann, MO 65041

and **FAY B. OWSLEY**
111 East 2nd Street
Hermann, MO 65041

All creditors of the Decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Attorney for Estate:

MICHAEL R. MUNDWILLER
526 E. Washington Avenue
Owensville, MO 65066
(573) 437-2828

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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Probate Division
Case No.: 22GA-PR00007

In the Estate of: **MARY ANN CUNNINGHAM, Deceased.**

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in said Estate:

Andrew Cunningham, the Personal Representative, will file on the 23rd day of February, 2023, the final settlement and petition for distribution in this estate. Objections to said settlement and petition shall be in writing and filed within 20 days of February 23, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

JAIRE D. B. HALL
1205 Hauck Drive, Suite A
Rolla, MO 65401
573.466.4167

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE STATE OF MISSOURI

Division IV
Case No.: 22GA-DR00034

In re: **ERIK LEE SHELL, by his Next Friends RONALD RAY LOTTMANN and PHYLLIS ESTHER LOTTMANN, Petitioners.**

AMENDED JUDGMENT UPON PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

On this 22nd day of November, 2022, Petitioner Erik Lee Shell, by his Next Friends, Ronald Ray Lottmann and Phyllis Esther Lottmann, request his Petition for Change of Name to be heard, and after fully examining said Petition, as to the reason for said desired name change, it is found that said name change is proper and that it will not be detrimental to the interest of any persons. It is further ordered that the Division of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Missouri alter the birth certificate of Petitioner to reflect this Judgment. This Judgment shall be mailed by the Petitioners to the Division of Health and Senior Services. Notice of the change of name shall be published at least once each week for the three consecutive weeks in the following newspaper of general circulation: Gasconade County Republican.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the name of Erik Lee Shell, born May 27, 2004, be changed to that of Erik Lee Lottmann.

ERIK LEE SHELL, changed to: ERIK LEE LOTTMANN,

Ada Brehe-Krueger, Judge
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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 22GA-PR00083
In the Estate of **EDWARD DOUGLAS ARNOLD, Deceased.**

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **EDWARD DOUGLAS ARNOLD, Decedent:**

On January 6, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of EDWARD DOUGLAS ARNOLD, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. The personal representative's address is:

JOSH ARNOLD,
4285 Santa Anna Dr.,
Columbia, MO 65201.

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

CHARLOTTE ROSE BURGESS,
526 E Washington Ave.,
Owensville, MO 65066,
573-437-2828.

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

Date of the decedent's death: May 15, 2022

Date of first publication: January 11, 2023

Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk
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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 22GA-PR00075
In the Estate of **JAMES ALFONS VERHULST, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **JAMES ALFONS VERHULST, Decedent.**

On November 14, 2022 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on August 17, 2022, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri.

Date of first publication is January 25, 2023.

/s/ Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk
Misty Oetterer, Deputy Clerk

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0450 Miscellaneous

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IN DEFAULT: Tim Biles, Kathy Cox, Shane Jarvis, Allen & Marlo McClain, Harold Nichols, and John Stockton.

Renters have until the above date and time to redeem their contents by paying in full all back rents and fees.

THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment of the City of Owensville, Missouri, on **Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30PM** at City Hall, 107 W. Sears Avenue, Owensville, Missouri. These variance requests are for the following:

- 311 W Franklin; Garage
- 501 W Hwy 28; Apartment
- 208 N Cuba; Shop extension

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Peggy Farrell, City Clerk

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

INVITATION FOR BID: PARKING LOT SEAL & STRIPE DATE ISSUED: January 12, 2023

Scenic Regional Library District is accepting Bids ("Bid" or "Bids") pursuant to this Invitation for Bid from qualified businesses for the Service of Sealing & Striping Parking Lots at the following seven locations: New Haven, Owensville, Pacific, St. Clair, Sullivan, Warrenton, & Wright City.

Please visit each Library District Location to take measurements and examine field conditions. Bidders are responsible for examination of all drawings, specifications, schedules and instructions for the Project. Addresses and operating hours of the various branches may be found on the Library's website at: <https://scenicregional.org/about-us/locations-and-hours/>.

All Bids are due no later than 2:00PM C.T., on February 2, 2023.

Please deliver the completed Bid in accordance with this Invitation for Bid to the Library District Administration Office at 251 Union Plaza Dr., Union Missouri, 63084, Attention: Mr. Steve Campbell. Bidders must bid on all Library District Locations for the Project.

To protect the integrity of the Bid selection process, any questions concerning this Invitation for Bid, the Bid process or Bid specifications shall be e-mailed only to swcampbell@scenicregional.org in accordance with this Invitation for Bid. Requests made over the phone will not be answered.

It is anticipated that the Bids will be considered by the Library District's Board at their regular February meeting after deliberation by the Selection Committee and recommendation to the Director.

The Library District reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive formalities in the best interest of the Library District.

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THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Owensville Public Works Department is currently accepting sealed bids for the following project:

Owensville 2023 Street Project

Sealed bids shall be received by Jeff Farenholtz, Public Works Director, at 107 W. Sears Ave., Owensville, MO 65066 until **10:30AM on Wednesday, February 18, 2023,** at which time they will be opened and read. Please note "2023 Street Project Bid" on the envelope. Electronic bids will not be accepted. Bids shall not be withdrawn, modified, or altered after bid opening.

A detailed specification packet may be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours, or by contacting Jeff Farenholtz, Public Works Director at, 573-690-9325 or by email at publicworks@cityofowensville.com

All submitted bids must include a Bid Submittal Sheet which can be found in the bid specification packet.

The City of Owensville reserves the right to reject any/all proposals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Planning and Zoning

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Gerald will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:15 pm,** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be properly heard, at 106 E. Fitzgerald Ave., Gerald, Missouri 63037. The Board of Aldermen will hear public comment and consider recommendation on amending Chapter 405 relating to:

1. Home-Based occupations and Home-Based work.
2. Regulations for medical and recreational marijuana land uses in compliance with Amendment 3 to the Missouri Constitution.

Anyone interested in addressing the Board of Aldermen regarding this Zoning change is invited to attend the hearing. If you have questions about the above, please contact City Clerk: Shelley Smythe at: (573)-764-3340.
Shelley Smythe, Gerald City Clerk

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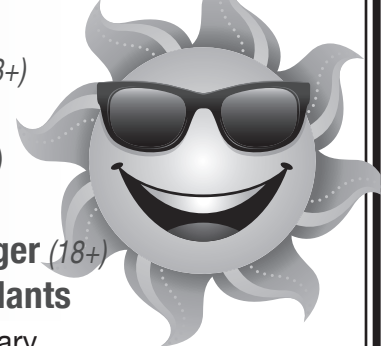
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Dutchgirls score back-to-back wins

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Get back on the winning track. That was the goal last week for Ryan Flanagan's Owensville Dutchgirls going into a road test last Tuesday in Westphalia against Fatima's Lady Comets and a home showdown with Salem's Lady Tigers.

Not only were the Dutchgirls looking to snap a two-game losing streak last Tuesday in Osage County, they were also going for a leg up in the seeding discussion of the upcoming Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 4, District 10 Girls Basketball Tournament hosted by Blair Oaks in late February.

Trailing 8-6 after one quarter against the Lady Comets, Owensville outscored Fatima 31-14 over the next two quarters before going on to a 51-34 victory in Westphalia.

Ali Daniels led the Dutchgirls with 13 points, six assists and three steals.

Camryn Caldwell also reached double figures finishing with 11 points, five rebounds and two steals.

Emma Daniels made it a trio of Dutchgirls in double digits with 11 points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Cameron Nowack chipped in seven points while Ella Gehlert flirted with a double double finishing with six points and eight rebounds. Audrey Quilacio rounded out the Dutchgirl scoring in Westphalia with three points.

Two nights later on their home court against Salem's Lady Tigers, Owensville trailed their Dent County opponents at

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AUDREY QUILACIO (above, right) looks for someone to pass the ball to for Owensville's Dutchgirls during a road contest earlier this month in Phelps County against Rolla's Lady Bulldogs. Ryan Flanagan's orange and black squad will spend this week at the Hermann Tournament before returning home on Monday, Jan. 30 to host Blair Oaks' Lady Falcons on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m., with Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 4, District 10 seeding implications at stake.

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Dare, Shoemaker win weekend wrestling tournament titles

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ST. CLAIR — Another chance on the same mats as the upcoming Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 1, District 1 Wrestling Tournament.

That was the case Friday afternoon for Zach Bollman's Owensville Dutchgirl wrestlers during the St. Clair Girls Wrestling Tournament held Friday at St. Clair High School.

Dutchgirl sophomore Bailee Dare continued her winning way with three victories

by fall giving her first place at 170 pounds in St. Clair.

Needing just over six minutes of wrestling to win another tournament title, Dare pinned Fort Zumwalt East's Addyson Shepard (1:06), Sullivan's Ruby Daily (3:45) and St. Clair's Kaitlynn Van De Wile (2:19) to add another gold medal to her letter jacket.

Elizabeth Adams pinned her way to the championship match at 120 pounds in St. Clair before losing an 11-2 major decision to Wright City's Elizabeth Riggs.

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BAILEE DARE (above, black singlet) turns Fort Zumwalt East's Addyson Shepard on her back during their match at 170 pounds at the St. Clair Classic Girls Wrestling Tournament.

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OMS Dutchmen split regular-season finale at St. James

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Seeing their seventh-grade counterparts fall 44-6 last Thursday at St. James, Shane Hunt's Owensville eighth-grade Dutchmen looked to split the twin bill against the host Tigers in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Jumping out to a 21-8 halftime lead, 8th grade Dutchmen basketball coach Shane Hunt was able to empty bench in the fourth quarter of Owensville's 40-25 victory over St. James moving their record to 13-0 entering play in this week's St. Clair 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament.

Brady Watson led the Dutchmen scoring nine of his game-high 11 points in the first half.

Chase Crosby just missed making it a duo of double-digit Dutchmen scorers finishing with nine points.

Keigan Glaser added four points followed by the quartet of Wyatt Lewis, Kylen Menz, Brody Slinkard and Bryce Kramme with three points each.

Rounding out the Dutchmen scoring against St. James with two points apiece were Colton Echols and Koen Brooks.

Semifinal action at both Sullivan and St. Clair were played last night (Tuesday) in order to give both tournaments a better chance to be competed later this week in spite of forecasted inclement weather.



BROGAN CLANCY (above, far right) splits a double team against St. James' Tigers during the annual daytime doubleheader between the Owensville Dutchmen and visiting Tigers. Both OMS Dutchmen basketball teams are wrapping up their respective seasons this week in tournament action with the seventh grade in Sullivan and the eighth grade in St. Clair.

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'WILL'FUL THINKING



by WILL JOHNSON

Future ballers

Over the weekend and coming up this weekend, future Owensville Dutchmen and Dutchgirl basketball players have or will hit the hardwood for the annual Owensville fourth, fifth and sixth-grade basketball tournaments.

This past weekend, the fourth-grade Dutchmen made it to the consolation championship game before falling to Belle while their fifth-grade counterparts turned back St. Clair to keep the third-place medals in town.

Owensville's sixth-grade Dutchmen won their first-round contest before settling for fourth place after a loss to St. James in the third-place game.

Players on the fourth-grade Dutchmen basketball team coached by Matt Kramme include Liam Kramme, Colt Southerland, Cooper Southerland, Logan Meyer, Brock Schneider, Atticus Budnik, Grayson Kelley, Nathan Dobbs, Mason Steinbeck, Bentley Crews, Archer Medlock and Barrett Knight.

Coached by Lucas Gehlert and Jason Crowe, members of the fifth-grade Dutchmen basketball team include Will Brune, Roman Crowe, Josiah Gehlert, Ryder Hane, Trace Lange, Lane Meyer, Brayden Oldfather, Ivan Phillips, Ricky Ringeisen and Cord Tucker.

Also coached by Adam Grayson, members of the sixth-grade Dutchmen basketball team include Jonah Grayson, Carson Fisher, Noah Jost, Finn Clancy, Tucker Crosby, Lucas Staton, Cohen Dare, Tanner Mogensen, Elliot Hesemann and Hunter Downey.

With one weekend of home fourth, fifth and sixth-grade boys basketball in the history books, this Saturday will see fourth, fifth and sixth-grade girls basketball teams

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OHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

V/JV Dutchmen Basketball
1/26 OHS at Capital City 5:30 p.m.
1/31 OHS vs. Festus 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Dutchgirl Basketball
1/25-28 OHS at Hermann Tourn.
1/30 OHS vs. Blair Oaks 6 p.m.

OHS Dutchmen Basketball
1/25-26 OMS 7th at Sullivan Tourn.
1/25-26 OMS 8th at St. Clair Tourn.

OHS Dutchgirl Wrestling
1/26 OHS at Osage 5 p.m.
1/28 OHS at Seckman Women's Tournament TBD

OHS Dutchmen Wrestling
1/26 OHS at Osage 5 p.m.

Dutchmen Freshman Basketball
1/25-26 OHS 9th Boys Tournament at OES TBD

Unless noted otherwise, all Dutchmen and Dutchgirl basketball games will be V/JV. Wrestling meets will also be JV and Varsity and all OMS and OHS Freshman basketball home games will be at OES.

St. Clair Classic Girls Wrestling Tournament at St. Clair HS Jan. 20, 2023

- Team Scores**
1. St. Clair 258
2. Wright City 140
3. West Plains 130
4. Ft. Zumwalt East 100
5. Sullivan 99
6. Owensville 98
7. Parkway West 83
8. St. Charles 78
9. Eldon 72
10. De Soto 34
11. Fatima 32
12. Herculaneum 30
13. Lift for Life 22
14. Union 20.5
15. Kirkwood 20
16. St. Francis Borgia 10

- Dutchgirl results**
100 - OPEN
105 - OPEN
110 - OPEN
115 - OPEN
120 - Elizabeth Adams (4-1, 2nd)
125 - Carly Brown (0-5, 8th)
130 - OPEN
135 - OPEN
140 - McKenzie Echols (2-3, 4th)
145 - OPEN
155 - Josie Gerlemann (3-1, 5th)
170 - Bailee Dare (3-0, 1st)
190 - Kelby Schoenfeld (2-1, 2nd)
235 - OPEN

Fort Zumwalt South Tournament at Fort Zumwalt South HS Jan. 21, 2023

- Team Scores**
1. Ft. Zumwalt South 267
2. Oakville 140.5
3. Eureka 129.5
4. Warrenton 126
5. Collinsville 124
6. Troy Buchanan 109
7. FZS JV 85
8. Owensville 40
9. Ft. Zumwalt East 36
10. Hazelwood East 32
11. Pattonville 31
12. Ft. Zumwalt West 30.5
13. Eureka JV 24
14. Troy JV 4

- Dutchmen results**
106 - OPEN
113 - OPEN
120 - Dalton Nochta (0-5, 6th)
126 - OPEN
132 - OPEN
138 - OPEN
144 - OPEN
150 - Gabe Soest (0-5, 8th)
157 - Kyle Blair (0-4, 8th)
165 - Garrett Hunter (0-5, 8th)
175 - OPEN
190 - Landon Brown (0-4, 7th)
215 - Logan Bailey (0-2, 9th)
285 - Hayden Shoemaker (5-0, 1st)



DALTON NOCHTA (above) works to escape the grasp of St. James' Luke Marlatt during the Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Wrestling Tournament held earlier this month at St. Clair High School.

PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON

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Kelby Schoenfeld also pinned her way to the championship match in St. Clair at 190 pounds with wins by fall over West Plains' Kayci Allcorn (:36) and Parkway West's Alyssa Morelli (:29) before losing by fall in 1:23 to St. Clair's Liberty McKenzie settling for second place. McKenzie Echols bounced back from two early losses to place fourth at 140 pounds after a win by fall over Wright City's Sara Sehnert (2:46) and a win by medical forfeit over Kirkwood's Josie Hosea. Josie Gerlemann claimed fifth

place at 155 pounds after a win by fall in 2:27 over Sullivan's Hannah Sumner. Carly Brown placed eighth at 125 pounds after having to withdraw from the tournament with an injury after her first-round match. Saturday at Fort Zumwalt South (FZS) High School, Dustin Howard's Owensville Dutchmen looked to add more wins to their respective totals. Hayden Shoemaker showed the way for the orange and black pinning his way to the championship

match at 285 pounds. Winning his first four matches by fall, Shoemaker won a 5-1 decision over FZS' Jayden Moffett adding to his Four Rivers Conference title earlier this month. Dalton Nochta took sixth place at 120 in spite of going winless in Bulldog country. Landon Brown placed seventh at 190 pounds drawing a bye. Gabe Soest (150), Kyle Blair (157) and Garrett Hunter (165) all placed eighth while Logan Bailey (215) placed ninth.

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halftime by a score of 28-24. Whatever was said by Coach Flanagan must have worked because OHS outscored Salem 28-11 in the third quarter before going on to a 66-56 victory in their first game at home in a month. Emma Daniels showed the way scoring 15 of her game-high 29 points in the second half. She also added six steals and four assists to her impressive point total.

Ali Daniels also reached double figures while nearly recording a triple double with 12 points, seven rebounds, six assists, four steals and a blocked shot. Doing most of her damage in the second half, Ali scored seven of her 12 points in the third quarter. Gehlert made it a trio of double-digit Dutchgirls finishing with 10 points and five rebounds. Nowack and Caldwell each

added six points while Quilacio duplicated her scoring total at Rolla by hitting a first-quarter 3-pointer for three points against Salem. Caldwell also dished out six assists sharing the team lead for Owensville against Salem with fellow sophomore Ali Daniels. Now with a 4-1 record at home this season, OHS will try to make it 5-1 on their home court Monday night against Blair Oaks.

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Fifth-grade Dutchmen claim third-place medals from home tourney

Playing in front of their home fans throughout the day Saturday, Owensville's fifth-grade Dutchmen basketball team stayed on the winner's side of the bracket with a first-round victory over Pacific. Falling to eventual tournament champion St. Clair in the semifinals, the orange and black were matched up with St. James' Tigers in the third-place game. Keeping their tournament medal streak alive, Owensville came out on top against St. James to claim third place from their home tournament. Team members (above, in front, from left) with their medals include Brayden Oldfather, Ivan Phillips, Will Brune, Trace Lange and Josiah Gehlert; and in back, Jason Crowe (coach), Roman Crowe, Ryder Hane, Lane Meyer, Cord Tucker, Ricky Ringeisen and Lucas Gehlert (coach). **SUBMITTED PHOTO**



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Lyda D. Newman, Inventor

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"Are you going to the meeting tonight?" Lyda asked her client, Pearl.

"Why, I'm not so sure," Pearl answered hesitantly. "Might be hard, with the kids and all."

Lyda nodded, gathering Pearl's kinky coils of hair into her practiced hands.

"Well, I've got good news for you then," she answered. "They're shutting the street next door down from 3-9. The kids can play in the street, and all of the mothers are planning to watch through the windows. I'll see you there."

"Well then, I'll see you there, too" Pearl smiled.

Pearl knew that Lyda made things happen. Lyda was an important organizer for the African American branch of the Women's Suffrage Party. She'd been working for years to organize their community into a force for women's voting rights. As both Pearl and Lyda knew well, there's no better seat to organize a movement from than the swirling chair in the beauty parlor.

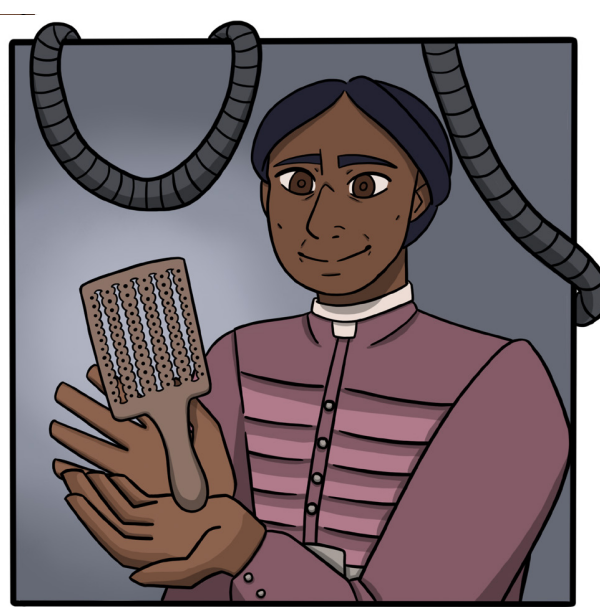
Pearl was visiting Lyda for a haircut. And Lyda knew hair.

The salon was crowded on an early fall day in the San Juan Hill neighborhood of New York City. The two women talked, surrounded by bubbling conversation from all sides. Lyda picked up a hairbrush and ran it through Pearl's hair. It moved smoothly through Pearl's curls without catching them or causing any to frizz.

"That hairbrush sure is a miracle, Lyda," Pearl told her friend. "Tell me again how it works magic on my hair."

Lyda smiled. The brush she used on Pearl's hair was not just any ordinary hairbrush – it was her very own invention.

"Well, to start with, the bristles are made of synthetic fibers instead of animal hair," Lyda told her. "This makes it move more easily through



Black hair. "Then," Lyda paused for effect, "all you have to do is push this button here," Lyda demonstrated. "And the top part pops off so that you can clean underneath. Now I can rotate the bristles, so I don't have to clean the brush completely or use a brand-new brush between clients."

"Lyda, you sure are a genius," Pearl told her.

Lyda smiled because she knew it was true. Born around 1885 in Ohio, she had always believed in herself. She never married, which was unusual for that time. She focused on her passions in life, the suffragette movement and working on hair. Lyda had designed her innovative hairbrush and then applied for a U.S. patent. She received patent #614,335 in 1898, only the third Black woman to do so. Her hairbrush design revolutionized the hair care industry. Modern hairbrushes use Lyda's design to this day.

Lyda saw what many at the time did not, that each woman mattered. From her hair to her vote and voice in government, Lyda felt that every woman was unique. And each one could make a difference.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

RYAN FLANAGAN'S Owensville Dutchgirl basketball team opened the Hermann Tournament Monday night with an 89-22 victory over the Liberty Christian Lady Eagles. OHS took on California's Lady Pintos last night (Tuesday) in the championship semifinals in an effort to be able to finish the tournament later this week in spite of forecasted inclement weather.

SHANE HUNT'S eighth-grade Owensville Dutchmen moved to 14-0 on the season with a 47-20 win over New Haven's Shamrocks in the first round of the St. Clair 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament. Last night (Tuesday) Owensville took on Union in the championship semifinals.

CULLEN VANLEERS'S Owensville varsity Dutchmen basketball team suffered three losses last week during the Four-State Classic in Frontenac, Kansas by scores of 69-56 against Frontenac, 68-47 against Life Prep (Kansas) and 57-40 to Nevada. No further information from the tournament was available at press time.

JOHN VANLEER'S Dutchmen freshmen basketball team fell to Salem 56-36 during first-round action Monday night in the Owensville Freshman Boys Basketball Tournament. OHS will face the Pacific/Dixon loser in the consolation semifinals.

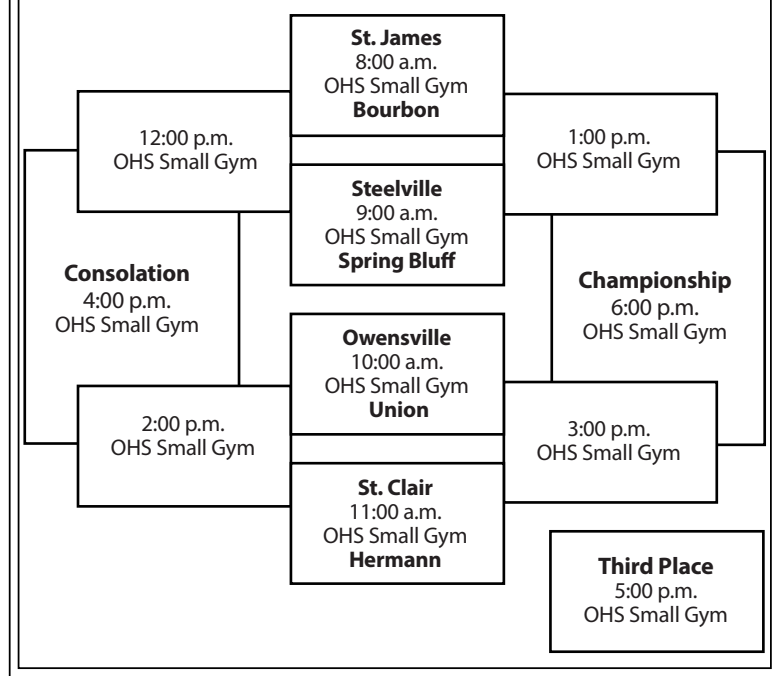


Fourth-grade Dutchgirl place second at Union

Looking to improve on their consolation championship last weekend at Spring Bluff, Owensville's fourth-grade Dutchgirls competed Saturday during tournament action in Union. Winning their first two games of the day, the orange and black advanced to the championship game before settling for second place in the tournament. Team members (above, in front, from left) pictured with their second-place medals include Simone Rademacher, Braylee Maupin, Ragen Tucker, Abby Corbitt and Jolie Vandegriffe; and in back, Addi Ryerson, Laina Rasmussen, Ella Niederer, Kennedy Reams, Vivian Butler and Anthony Reams (coach). Not pictured were Kara Meyer (coach) and Addi Meyer. Owensville High School (OHS) will play host to the annual fourth, fifth and sixth-grade girls basketball tournaments on Saturday with games beginning at 8 a.m.

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Owensville 4th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament
January 28, 2023 at Owensville High School



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occupy both gyms at Owensville High School (OHS) with games beginning at 8 a.m., and all three championship games starting at around 6 p.m.

Coached by Kara Meyer and Anthony Reams, members of the fourth-grade Dutchgirl basketball team include Kennedy Reams, Vivian Butler, Jolie Vandegriffe, Abigail Corbitt, Braylee Maupin, Addi Ryerson, Simone Rademacher, Laina Rasmussen, Addi Meyer, Ragen Tucker and Ella Niederer.

Playing in their final season as elementary-school students,

fifth-grade Dutchgirls under the guidance of coaches Jason Weirich and Coty Thomas include Zaylie Gromer, Jordyn Crosby, Aubrey Mogensen, Kiera Hamm, Trinity Thomas, Paislee Basham, Zoie Barnes, Madysyn Skornia, Jayde Weirich and Allison Evans.

Rounding out the contingency of Dutchgirl basketball teams is the sixth-grade squad of Meredith Reed, Brailie Crosby, Addi Strangoener, Kinley Troncin, Kylie Barnes, Bria Schreiber and Leighton Chambers coached by Kris Chambers and Greg Kohrman.

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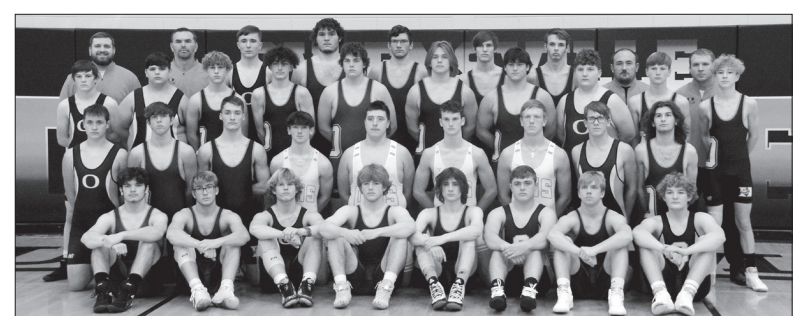


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Future Dutchmen ballers hit the Owensville High School hardwood

Watching the ball on defense Saturday morning for Owensville's fourth-grade Dutchmen (top, from left) include Logan Meyer, Atticus Budnik, Grayson Kelley and Archer Medlock. Hunter Downey (above) reaches up for a rebound during sixth-grade Dutchmen basketball action inside the Owensville High School (OHS) main gym. Trace Lange (right, far right) drives towards the basket for Owensville's fifth-grade Dutchmen.

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