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Chamois man indicted on federal child porn charges

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CHAMOIS — Dylan J. Minor, 26, of Chamois, was indicted on Jan. 17, on federal charges — production, receipt, and possession of child pornography — and arrested without incident on Monday, Jan. 23, by Osage County deputies, who worked in conjunction with the Franklin County Cyber Crimes Unit.

Sheriff Mike Bonham noted that Minor has been under investigation for some time.

"Dylan Minor was downloading child sexual images," Bonham said. "Agents seized his computer and hard drive on the initial search warrant."

Magistrate Judge Willie J. Epps, Jr. issued the warrant for Minor's arrest.

Minor was booked into the Osage County Jail and later transferred to Cole County, which is the holding location for federal suspects.

Ice storm wreaks havoc in the area

Thirty-five cars stuck on Hwy. 63; just the tip of the iceberg

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OSAGE COUNTY — At 4:38 p.m. on Sunday, Osage County 911 became very busy as calls began pouring into the agency about slide-offs and accidents, the biggest of which occurred on Hwy. 63 between Rt. E and Freeburg.

911 Director Ron Hoffman reported that 35 cars were stuck — some on the road, others having slid off into ditches — but no injuries were reported.

Maries County Chief Deputy Scott John and another deputy passed the scene at about 5:15.

They went up the hill and activated their emergency lights to warn oncoming traffic. It took about an hour for the Highway Patrol to respond to the scene.

Trooper Dustin Crafton worked the scene and said two tractor-trailers were unable to move due to the ice, and that one jackknifed, further blocking the road. "There were no crashes, per se," he said. "What surprised me the most was seeing cars driving the speed limit or more in these conditions. You can't expect to get anywhere safely driving that fast with ice on the road."

Hoffman said the first call to 911 regarding the traffic jam came from an Argyle firefighter. Argyle Fire was then dispatched to the north.

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WHILE EMERGENCY crews worked the traffic jam on Hwy. 63, Osage Ambulance District was having difficulties in Belle. Medic 632 was responding to a reported motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of S. Bland Ave. and E. Fifth Street in Belle when the ambulance slide on the ice and turned over.

Linn aldermen authorize park improvements

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LINN — Linn aldermen authorized a list of park improvement projects presented by Parks Committee Chairman Neil Loethen.

Improvements include replacing the wood on picnic tables and adding mulch at Maguire Park playground. At the City Park, projects include repainting trash can lids and picnic tables, adding a border to the nature playground, installing new doors at the city park bathroom, repainting the walls in the bathrooms, removing the concrete on the basketball court closest to the pool, adding new basketball goals, painting the basketball and pickle ball courts, and adding a chain-link fence. The cost of all these projects totaled \$13,400.

Aldermen rejected putting

epoxy floors in the bathrooms at the City Park since the restrooms will eventually be replaced by handicap-accessible bathrooms to go along with the All-Inclusive Playground.

"I'm okay with everything except the epoxy floors," Mayor Dwight Massey said. "A little paint, lights, doors, I don't have any problem with that, but I hate to spend \$1,500 on epoxy floors that will only be there 12 to 15 months."

Aldermen suggested Loethen reach out to different organizations that may be interested in doing a service project to help with improvements.

Loethen plans to get some quotes for making repairs to the existing asphalt walking trail at Maguire Park and expanding the trail's paved areas, noting the projects totaled \$13,400.

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PHOTO BY NEAL JOHNSON

AMONG THE park improvements approved by Linn aldermen at their January meeting include removing the concrete on the basketball court closest to the pool, adding new basketball goals, painting the basketball and pickle ball courts, and adding a chain-link fence.

Fatima considers bond-levy project budget

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WESTPHALIA — Fatima R-3 board members, at their last meeting, considered a proposal to remodel classrooms and the gym as part of a bond-levy project but ultimately, decided it was a little too steep.

"Should the levy pass, we want

to remodel everything, but we can't promise that," said Superintendent Chuck Woody. "The main part would be the classrooms and the gym, and other improvements will have to be considered if funding allows."

With a levy of 65 cents, Fatima would generate about \$11 million, and the project, as presented, would cost approximately \$1.5 million more. Woody noted the board could decide to

build up the capital projects fund and pay the difference in cash. "It's too early to tell," he added.

Architects will redesign the project to reduce costs, and the board will revisit the issue in February.

In other business, administrators conducted a modified version of a "Back-to-School Bootcamp" used at the elementary level for students in grades 7-12 on the first day after

Christmas break.

"We focused on respect and our expectations of students," said Woody of the handbook changes approved in November. "I had a nice talk with the seniors, and we're reminding all junior and high school students that what they are learning here at Fatima will be important as they go on to college or

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Linn R-2 faced with food-service issue

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LINN — Linn R-2 board members learned at their January meeting that Fresh Ideas wants an increase of \$7,187 to cover its interest in the food-service contract for the second semester. The school is in its second year of a five-year contract.

Superintendent Bob James explained that the cost of goods and services has increased significantly.

A discussion of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was held before the renewal of the contract, but James said no adjustments were made.

"This is a fairly common conversation happening right now across the state," James added. "We have a couple of options."

He told board members the contract includes a 60-day termination clause, which means if the matter is not resolved, Fresh Ideas could cancel the agreement for cause.

"While it's not ideal to renegotiate the contract in the middle of the term, we have a lot going

on, and I can't imagine trying to figure out how to feed our kids from March until the end of June," said James.

In response to a question from board VP Hannah Swann, James noted the increase would apply only to the second semester.

"So that means next year would be double that," Swann surmised.

Shannon Fife of Fresh Ideas noted the initial five-year contract included yearly increases of 3%.

Board President Dr. Shawn Strong noted he had not been on the board long when the contract was signed.

"I was opposed to it because it was presented to us as a cost reduction," he said. "If you look at the math, comparing a four-day week to a five-day week, it was actually an increase. I said the only reason I was voting for it was because the CPI was going to be much higher than three percent."

He added that it cost about 15% to go from preparing meals in-house to using Fresh Ideas. "It cost us real money," said Dr. Strong. "If the CPI had been one percent, (Fresh Ideas) would not

be giving us money back."

Fife told the board the company wants to partner with the school, adding that it may be possible to speak with the corporate team and negotiate a lower cost increase.

"I think, given the discussion we had then, we knew the CPI would be much higher," said Dr. Strong. "Either somebody in your corporation said, 'we're going to ignore all the data out there,' or they said, 'screw it, we're going to do what we have to do to get this to work and renegotiate it later.' I have to believe they said that they would negotiate it later. Given that, I definitely think we shouldn't be increasing it by the whole CPI."

Dr. Strong added that a 3% increase annually was okay with him. "I knew we would come out ahead in the end," he said.

Fife told the board that Fresh Ideas has never gone into a fixed-rate contract and asked for an increase. "It's not common practice for us," she added.

As James noted, this is happening more often now, which Dr. Strong said was the risk of doing business.

"With a three percent increase, you're going to lose some years and win some years, but almost all of us knew we shouldn't be doing this type of thing," he added.

"The tough part is, we're not asking for an increase, so we have a profitability line," Fife said. "We're asking for an increase, so we don't have a negative on the bottom line."

"Like I said, that's a risk you take when you enter these types of contracts," Dr. Strong replied. "If we take a vote, I'm a no. If you want to go back to corporate and tell them (the board) knew they were going to come out ahead on this and we should meet them halfway on this. That's where I'm at."

Dr. Strong, who serves as president of State Tech, noted he would not increase tuition midway through the year because costs went up.

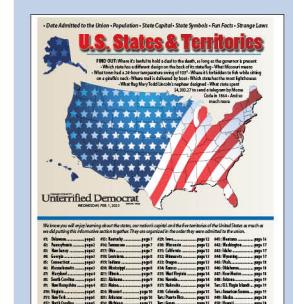
James indicated the school would not pass any increase ultimately approved by the board along to families that pay for meals. Instead, he said a surplus

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UD Around the World



SFC KENDRA Cox, Senior AGR Branch Manager, took the UD along with her last week when she was in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Kendra was at an AGR Branch Manager Conference for the Missouri National Guard.



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OBITUARIES

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Elmo Hamburg

1955-2023



Elmo Hamburg, 67, Linn, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, at Boone Hospital in Columbia after a very courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and colon cancer. He was born June 2, 1955, to the late Theodore and Alma (Franken) Hamburg in Jefferson City. He was a graduate of St. George Elementary School, a 1973 graduate of Linn High School and received an associate's degree in electrical engineering from Linn State Technical College.

Elmo was employed with Fasco in Eldon, then Cal-Type IT Solutions and then Boone County Assessor's Office as a Senior IT Programmer where he retired in 2017. He was of the Catholic faith.

Elmo thoroughly enjoyed tearing objects down to the bare bones, repairing the item and then meticulously and successfully putting them together again. He loved going on an annual trip to Mexico with his special lifelong friends. Elmo enjoyed fishing, turkey and deer hunting with his friend, John Schaefer, gardening and canning.

He was preceded in death by parents, Theodore and Alma; brother, Elston Hamburg; and brothers-in-law, David Kliethermes and Robert Niekamp.

Elmo is survived by sons, Lukas Hamburg of Ashland and Jonah Hamburg of Cuba, N.Y.; brother, Eugene Hamburg of Linn; sisters, Evelyn Niekamp and Edna Kliethermes, both of Linn; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and beloved friends.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, Jan. 30, at St. George Catholic Church in Linn with Rev. Daniel J. Merz officiating.

Memorial contributions suggested to Parkinson Foundation or to Masses.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

Emma Rustemeyer

1987-2023



Emma "Katie" Rustemeyer, 35, Linn, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 17, 1987, to the late Howard Kent Chilcoat and Sharon K. Kesel in Jefferson City.

She was a 2005 graduate of Jefferson City High School and attended Columbia College.

Emma was united in marriage to Adam Rustemeyer Oct. 12, 2018, in Columbia.

She was employed at Woodhaven Special Learning Center in Columbia as an administrative assistant.

Emma was preceded in death by father, Howard; brother, Billy "Bubba" Brown; and maternal grandparents, Phil and Nora Kesel.

She is survived by spouse, Adam; mother, Sharon; stepson, Carson Rustemeyer of Wardsville; brother, Lucas Chilcoat and wife Britney of Columbia; sister, Sara Shuck of the state of Virginia; and half-sister, Crystal Prince Nelson of the state of Oklahoma.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at St. George Catholic Church in Linn with Fr. Anthony "Tony" Rinaldo officiating.

Memorial contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

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County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Monday, Jan. 23, 2023** and **Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023**:

Sharonda Michelle Adams, 44, Kansas City, was arrested Monday, Jan. 23, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of multiple counts of forgery; in custody.

Dylan Joseph Miner, 26, Chamois, was arrested Monday, Jan. 23, by Osage County Sheriff on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

William Smith, 36, Centralia, was arrested Monday, Jan. 23, by Linn Police Department on allegations of domestic assault; released same day.

Michael James Keller, 58, Columbia, was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 24, by Osage County Sheriff on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

Melissa Marilyn Crede, 43, Jefferson City, was taken into custody, Tuesday, Jan. 24, to serve court ordered shock time; released Jan. 26.

Scott James Cardwell, 51, Rosebud, was taken into custody Tuesday, Jan. 24, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; in custody.

Leslie Adam Wieberg, 50, Argyle, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 26, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations

of driving while revoked/suspended and possession of controlled substance; in custody.

Jacob Kyle Hollandsworth, 32, Owensville, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 26, by another county on multiple warrants issued by another agency; in custody.

Justin Waymon Maxwell, 29, Linn, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 26, by another county on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

Leslie Ann Forester, 58, Rolla, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 26, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of speeding in excess of 11-15 mph; released same day.

Jordon Frankenberg, 18, Rosebud, was taken into custody Friday, Jan. 27, by another county for 12-hour PC hold; released next day.

Nicholas Jansen, 30, Kansas City, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 29, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while intoxicated; released same day.

Michael Simpson, 43, Hermann, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 29, by another county on allegations of domestic assault; in custody.

Mary P. Becker, 67, Vienna, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 29, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while intoxicated; in custody.

to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50.

Hannah R. Hyde, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over) fined \$70.50.

Piper R. Kaiser, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to failure to properly affix/fasten or maintain motor vehicle/trailer plates; fined \$50.50.

Michael J. Keller, Rosebud, pleaded guilty to failure to driving while revoked/suspended; fined \$250.

Jacob D. Kerr, Columbia, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.

Charles A. Mullen, Columbia, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Ariel J. Owens, Chamois, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Zachariah T. Rowe, Rolla, pleaded guilty to driving while revoked/suspended; fined \$75.

Debra C. Sell, Catawissa, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined 70.50.

Kandice D. St. Dennis, Mexico, pleaded guilty

to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

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

Amy L. Wilder, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Demarcus J. Williams, Bonnots Mill, pleaded guilty to driving while revoked or suspended; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation.

Demarcus J. Williams, Bonnots Mill, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50 and court approves Driver Improvement Program.

James P. Wollaeger, Kirkwood, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner involving an accident; suspended imposition of sentence with one year unsupervised probation and completion of community service (15 hours).

CIVIL CASES

MFA Exchange Meta v. Rick Swett, Meta, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Scott D. McKiddie, Independence, pleaded guilty to taking, attempting to take or possess over a limit of deer; fined \$410.50 and court costs.

JUDGE ADA BREHE-KRUEGER V. ANN TILLMAN ET AL V. JOSEPH TILLMAN ET AL

Ann Tillman et al v. Joseph Tillman et al, suit on file; judgment for unlawful detainer entered for plaintiffs for restitution and possession of premises.

JUDGE RYAN J. HELFRICH

Marcus D. Benfore, Malden, pleaded guilty to two counts of stealing (\$750 or more) and two counts of forgery; sentenced to seven years in the Department of Corrections on each count to run concurrent with each other and current Department of Corrections sentence.

CITY OF OWENSVILLE V. DARRYL E. MUSCHANY

Darryl E. Muschany, Owensville, pleaded guilty to three counts of defective equipment; fined \$150 on each count.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

BY HB DODDS
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BONHAM ADVOCATES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL RATHER THAN STATUTORY

OSAGE COUNTY — Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham is part of a growing group of county sheriffs in Missouri seeking change and defining the office. At present, the county sheriff is considered a statutory position. This is an anomaly because most elected officials hold constitutional positions. There is a significant difference in other states, some with one status and some with the other. "Sheriffs in the state of Missouri are not constitutional," said Bonham. "They are statutory."

As statutory officials, sheriffs can be governed as elected officers should not be, which has happened in Illinois and Connecticut. If the office were constitutional, it would be accountable more directly to voters.

Occupants must stand for election to gain or retain the position. "As a citizen myself, I'm in favor of it," said Bonham. "If you're not doing your job, the citizens can vote you out. It should be the will of the people, not the will of the government."

A flashpoint illustrating the difference is the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Bonham is a fierce defender of the "right of the people to bear arms." He supports the spirit of Missouri's Second Amendment Protection Act (SAPA).

"If you're a law-abiding gun owner, we should not be punishing our people," Bonham insisted.

As a constitutional officer, speaking of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, he could defend actions he might take to defend law-abiding Missouri gun owners. He might effectively resist federal officials who attempt to confiscate legally-owned firearms. As a statutory officer, he might find himself in violation of an unconstitutional law. Such laws could be passed and enforced by a rogue state or federal government.

A movement to amend the Constitution of the state of Missouri is afoot in Jefferson City. According to Bonham, Rep. Bruce Sassemann and Sen. Ben Brown have indicated support.

"I would be supportive of that," Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin said.

"I would too," added Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes.

"I'm definitely in support of it," concluded Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw, making the sentiment unanimous in the Osage County Commission chambers.

This movement is not confined to Missouri. There's national sentiment building on both sides of the argument.

Opponents of the idea include the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) of Montgomery, Ala., a staunch ally of Black Lives Matter. SPLC says local governments should govern local sheriffs. "Counties experiencing rampant disinformation, including conspiracy theories that villainize the government, may be supportive of sheriffs who proclaim that they will not enforce laws they personally interpret as the product of a tyrannical government," says the SPLC website.

Founded in 1971, SPLC wasn't around between 1957 and 1963 when Bull Connor, the elected Public Safety Commissioner of Birmingham, Ala., was doing what they now advocate: enforcing laws that most now agree were never constitutional.

So was Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark. Between 1955-1966, he famously served that county's "Jim Crow" government in Selma, Ala. Clark and Connor were elected. Both were faithful to local and state governments and their discriminatory laws. The problem was exposed brightly by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s now-famous "Letter from the Birmingham Jail," now frequently cited in the same breath as the United States Constitution. Bull Connor and Sheriff Clark are, on balance, infamous.

According to legiscan.com, no Missouri state bill has yet been filed.

Bonham told commissioners that another drain was recently clogged in the Osage County Jail. Months ago, a similar clog turned out to have been caused by inmate vandalism. As Bonham processed this last blockage, the previous one was on his mind, and he struck upon a plan to deal with it. However, the last one was not vandalism but routine.

Nevertheless, he announced, "all towels and clothing [issued to inmates] will now be numbered."

He insists inmates will be held accountable. "If it ends up in the sewer, we can assign [blame]," he explained.

This year's new patrol vehicles — all three Dodge

Durangos — are built and should be delivered within two or three weeks. When ready, the sheriff's office will take delivery of them in Kansas City. One will be half paid for by a grant and appeared that way in Bonham's 2023 budget.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker was delighted that the snow forecast for Wednesday, Jan. 25, was lighter than it could have been. "We got around that snowfall again," said Kempker.

What accumulation occurred was heavier in the southern portions of the county. Even there, workers were not overburdened.

Kempker saw a cold-snap forecast in the coming week. He reminded commissioners he won't have graders trying to scrape the frozen ground.

According to Kempker's agreement with Boone Quarries in Columbia, the key to the closed facility near Westphalia should be in his hands by early February. With that in mind, a strategy for dealing with CR 521 has emerged. One of Kliethermes' constituents wanted some more material there, but Kliethermes insists it's not an emergency. "I didn't think it was too bad," he reported after inspecting it.

"It needs some rock," admitted Kempker, also having inspected it. However, he's delaying installation until his trucks can access the closed quarry. "It's right around the corner there," he explained. All agree that saving fuel is a good cause as long as urgency doesn't overrule it.

One of Trenshaw's constituents has called attention to CR 424. "They say it needs attention," said Trenshaw.

Kempker took note.

Kliethermes called attention to potholes on CR 501, which need prompt attention. Kempker was once again aware of the problem and agreed. Weather, though, governs the repair of potholes even more than it does standard grading. "We're waiting for the weather to warm a little," he said.

Missouri Department of Revenue distributed \$67,783.17 of transportation taxes and fees to Osage County in January. The Motor Fuel Tax yielded \$49,240.82, and the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax amounted to \$11,572.84, while Motor Vehicle licensing fees totaled \$6,969.51.

Department employees hauled rock on CRs 301, 303, 309A, 502, 506, 508, 522, 634, and 807; crew members replaced a weight limit sign on CR 806; workers repaired a culvert on CR 502 and cleaned one in Bonnots Mill; mowers worked on CRs 301, 525, 531, and 542; and graders worked on CRs 201, 202, 205, 211, 212, 261, 301, 302, 303, 306, 309, 310, 312, 313, 314, 423, 424, 425, 426, 431, 436, 502, 508, 521, 522, 524, 637, and 638. OCHD

Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin expressed dissatisfaction with the

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progress of obtaining an emergency generator for the new OCHD building. The Missouri Immunization Coalition (MIC) provides grant funding for such purchases. However, they require the presentation of two or three proposals before committing funds.

The general contractor on the building, Curtis-Manes-Schulte of Eldon, has presented a quote. Assuming its selection, they have already ordered the equipment. They've made plans to install it upon arrival. However, the second proposal, presented by Clifford Power Systems, Inc. of Kansas City, carries a much lower price tag. It is also much more highly detailed, line by line, at least for hardware. It carried no estimate for labor. The Curtis-Manes-Schulte bid includes labor. Should a similar amount be added to the Clifford bid, it would still be much lower. If the MIC selects the Clifford Proposal, the county may get a bill from Curtis-Manes-Schulte that may not be reimbursed.

Sallin desperately wants assistance from Porter, Berendzen & Associates, P.C. of Ashland, the architectural firm managing the project. So far, none has been forthcoming. "I'm really, really frustrated about it, and there's nothing I can do about it," she lamented.

Griffin promised to intervene by calling Jay Berendzen. "I'll call him and ask why we can't get any more information," he said.

Sallin is in the preliminary stages of planning the move from the Osage County Administration Building (Annex) to the new building. There are still a few construction details yet to confirm, but the best estimates indicate a time in March. She now contemplates closing the department from March 23-27 with a Grand Opening on March 28. However, problems like uncertain delivery of interior doors keep her from finalizing anything.

"The supply chains are so messed up," observed Trenshaw.

Sallin reported six more flu cases near the end of the season. No one else is requesting immunizations at this point. The county had 188 total cases diagnosed and many more unreported.

Sympathetic with all she has going on, Griffin offered a word of encouragement. "You're doing a good job, and we appreciate it," he said.

EOC

Osage County 911/EMA Director Ron Hoffman presented a purchase contract for \$42,000 to SOMA Global, Inc. of Tampa, Fla., for a new, more versatile Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It will interface with the sheriff's office and other emergency agencies like the Osage Ambulance District (OAD). Hoffman, Bonham, and OAD Administrator Josh Krull studied it before seeking commission approval and budgeting for the purchase.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commission approved paying bills from Jan. 9 through Jan. 23 totaling \$442,138.13 as follows by department: 911/EMA (\$4,324.05), ARPA (\$195,240.96), Assessor (\$6,043.62), Building & Grounds (\$564), Circuit Clerk (\$415.48), Collector (\$3,669), County Clerk (\$141.76), OCHD (\$2,006.27), Miscellaneous (\$15,743.83), MOPERM (\$163,909), Other (\$9,019.90), Prosecuting Attorney (\$318.20), Road & Bridge (\$27,389.80), Pentecostal Bridge (\$1,901.52), Treatment Court (\$500), and Sheriff-Jail (\$10,950.73).

Commissioners signed outgoing checks.

Commissioners accepted the negotiated settlement of a class action lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and marketers. Official approval was required to participate in the settlement. No dollar amount to the county has yet been announced.

The Osage County 911 Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Osage County Emergency Operations Center.

All county offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents Day, respectively.

There will be no County Commission meeting Thursday, March 2, as commissioners will be attending a conference of the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM).



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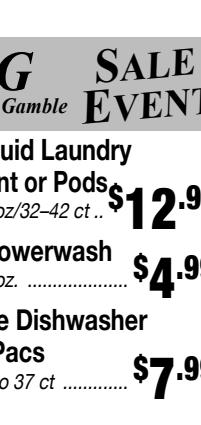
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DAIRY

BEST CHOICE Shredded Cheese 32-oz.	\$6.99
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Stouffer's Entrees Select 57-oz.	\$11.99
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Marie Callender's Bowls Select 12 to 12.4-oz.	2/\$6
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• The Lions Club Soccer program will have practices starting in March and games in April.

Alderman Bill Turner hoped to have turnaround areas on each side of the gate completed in time to be utilized for the soccer games. Utilities Superintendent Larry Fredrich noted he did not think he would have the time to devote to the project since he is working alone. Turner will work with Fredrich and Massey to mark out the area and put out a bid to have the work done. Aldermen will discuss the project in the upcoming planning meeting.

• Aldermen passed Ordinance #2023-001 to place a measure on the April 4 ballot, which will ask city residents whether to allow the city to charge a 3% tax on any marijuana sold within the city limits.

Grellner noted that currently, there are no sales selling marijuana in Linn.

"I'd rather have it in place before there is one," Alderman Steve Boeckmann said.

• In Ward 2, Turner has filed for re-election for a two-year term, and Chad Gray and Christopher Jaegers have filed for the one-year term seat recently vacated by Mike Montgomery. Dustin Flamm has filed for a two-year seat in Ward 1.

• Aldermen agreed at their December meeting to change the employee retirement fund to increase the city's contribution and require employee contributions. The Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (Mo LAGERS) estimated the change to the plan would cost the city an estimated \$45,000 annually, based on historical data the city provided employees. Treasurer Janelle Jaegers ran her own calculations, and assuming the city is fully staffed, the cost to the city would be \$54,000, \$17,000 more than what is currently being paid for employee retirement funds.

The information must be available to the public for the next 45 days, after which aldermen can approve it to go into effect for the new fiscal year.

As Jaegers had noted at the December meeting, no budget changes were needed to increase retirement contributions.

• As previously reported by the Unterrified Democrat, Chief Mike Bickell has resigned, and Jacob Cottingham has been appointed as acting police chief.

Mayor Massey said that the city is in the process of interviewing for a new police chief.

• Grellner presented aldermen with a quote from CentralSquare, a software program that would allow e-billing and permit customers to pay and check on their accounts online. Grellner hoped to change to an online billing software before the regular software comes up for renewal in March.

The cost of the software would include an initial fee of \$1,283.50, with a recurring yearly payment of \$503.50.

"That seems a little high, but it would save money," Jaegers said.

"It would save a lot of time, too," Grellner said.

Grellner and Jaegers said that earlier in the fiscal year, they had estimated that e-billing would save the city somewhere between \$400 and \$500 per year, but Jaegers was not sure that included all billing costs.

Grellner will confirm the annual cost with CentralSquare, and she and Jaegers will work up a more accurate estimate of how much the city would save annually by billing electronically and report back at the February meeting.

• Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin attended the Board of Aldermen meeting and asked what he and the other commissioners could do to help the city.

"Do you ever come through Linn at 7:45 to 8 a.m.?" Boeckmann asked.

"We've talked to MoDOT about that," Griffin said of the Missouri Department of Transportation. "The good thing is in 2024, they said they'll put a light out there at Highway 50 and Route C and put in a turning lane."

"I don't know if that light is going to solve the problem," Massey said.

"I think MoDOT needs to look at a round-about out there, a big roundabout a semi-truck can fit through," said Boeckmann.

"What they really need is a bypass around Linn," Griffin replied. "We've also asked the MoDOT engineer in our area to do a study on the speed limit. It doesn't need to be 50 miles per hour through there. It's too dangerous."

"We've talked about lowering it all the way to (State) Tech," Massey agreed.

"I'm on board with getting that speed lowered," Griffin said. "It only takes a few more seconds, and it might save someone's life or prevent an injury."

"We'd like to move things along a lot faster, but there is only so much we can do with the bureaucrats," Griffin added.

• City resident Robert Jaegers requested a reduction in his utility bill. He had a malfunctioning water softener, and he used 38,100 gallons of water in a month when he typically uses 3,900 gallons in the same amount of time. The adjustment for his sewer bill would be \$188.10.

"Did that water go through the sewer?" Boeckmann asked.

"I asked that," Grellner said. "I was told, not necessarily."

Aldermen discussed that the water softener could be draining into the backyard and wouldn't necessarily be going down the drain.

Turner will check with the resident, investigate whether the extra water went into the sewer, and report back to Grellner.

Aldermen approved the reduction if the water did not go through the sewer and will rely on Turner's investigation.

• Fredrich said he appreciated Mayor Massey's help plowing snow in the recent storm.

"It was a tough snow," Fredrich said. "It came down really heavy, really thick, and really quick, especially since we were only expecting a dusting. I called Dwight when I realized I wasn't gaining any ground."

Fredrich noted that several people com-

plained the city wasn't working fast enough.

"I don't think they understood what we were up against," Fredrich said. "We had tractor-trailers hung up and cars and trucks on Thriftway's hill."

Fredrich noted that he's called on Massey a lot in the 17 years he's been mayor.

"He is my go-to guy," Fredrich said. "Dwight knows just about everything in this town, and we get it done."

Fredrich added that he has the trucks loaded up with cinders in case there is another snow.

He has made a list of things he would like the aldermen to consider working into the budget for next year.

• Grellner reported that Beverly Coleman has recently resigned, leaving the License Fee Office with three employees, one of whom is ready to go on maternity leave. Grellner noted that the office submitted two individuals to be hired, who are currently being screened by the Department of Revenue.

• Turner is researching adding speed limit signs on Benton Street.

• Aldermen approved outstanding bills for the month totaling \$364,923.84.

• Linn had the following account balances in their government fund accounts: general (\$338,460.09), pool (-\$17,032.04), park (\$94,844.84), police training (\$3,566.18), general fund-improvement and equipment (\$8,646.09), park-improvement and equipment (\$15,792.30), and pool-improvement and equipment (\$13,985.14).

• The city had the following account balances in their business-type accounts: water (\$408,540.66), water replacement (\$150,077.17), water improvement-equipment (\$399,027.91), sewer-replacement equipment (\$105,485.30), and grants (-\$49,264.86).

• Linn has nine certificates of deposit totaling \$1,091,356.15.

• Aldermen will have a budget and planning meeting on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m., and the next regular meeting will be on Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.

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in the food-service budget, pointed out by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) auditors, would be used.

"I'm troubled by this," said board member Mark Baker. "I would think the time to increase this would have been last summer. It bothers me we have to discuss this in the middle of the school year and after the second semester started."

James said that if the

CPI had swung the other way and the school wanted to renegotiate, that process would have taken place in the summer, not during the school year.

Each year, the contract renews until the end of the five-year term, after which, James said, the board will have to solicit bids.

As noted previously, a 60-day termination clause is open to both parties, which means Linn is not

locked in for the full five years.

Dr. Strong noted that what separates Linn R-2 from other districts is that the school board knew going into the contract that the CPI would be significantly higher than 3%.

"We build CPI increase into our contracts," said Fife. "This is unprecedented."

"You got caught in a bad situation," said Dr. Strong. "I would say, again, we need to negotiate instead of eating \$14,000 a year."

James said the question

is whether to wait until summer or renegotiate with Fresh Ideas.

"If we're going to negotiate something, let's do it now," said Dr. Strong. "If we're not going to negotiate, let's wait until summer to do it because then we're going to take it in the pants anyway. We're going to be stuck with CPI."

Fife reminded board members they have options, from agreeing to pay the increase to canceling or renegotiating the contract. Dr. Strong said he highly doubts Fresh Ideas would

walk away from a school in March, halfway through the semester, because of the negative impact it would have on the company.

"I'm confident you'll get us through the end of the semester," said Dr. Strong.

Board member Brett Phillips said he believes the district should negotiate with the food-service company now.

Board members took no action but agreed to take up the matter again at the next meeting.

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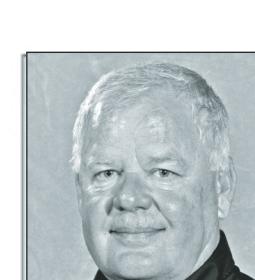
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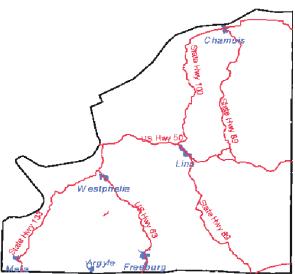
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Dudenhoeffer earns 2022 Distinguished Graduate Award

LINN — As part of Catholic Schools Week, St. George School presented Jason Dudenhoeffer with this year's National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award.

Dudenhoeffer, a 1993 graduate of St. George, was nominated for this award due to his service and dedication to St. George School and Parish.

"Jason's dedication to St. George reflects how he lives out the stewardship model of time, talent, and treasure," said Principal Lisa Grellner. "Jason has always been one of the first to volunteer at major events at the school and parish level."

He has coached various teams and served on the athletic committee for over 10 years. "During COVID, Jason worked hard to ensure our student-athletes were able to play, have fun, and continue to develop their skills," said Grellner. "Jason has instilled this level of stewardship in his children as they have always been the first to volunteer and step up as student leaders."

Jason and his wife, Stacey, have two children, Austin and Elli, who have attended St. George. Austin graduated in 2021, and Elli is currently an eighth-grader.

"Attending a Catholic school has been the foundation of Jason's life," said Grellner. "It has given him a structured, high-quality education while building his faith. Catholic values became part of his everyday actions to help him be physically, mentally, and spiritually nourished. Athletics and other extracurricular activities have especially played a role in his life. With the experiences of playing sports in grade school, he has donated much time and effort into becoming a coach and helping students develop their many talents and build their character."

While at St. George, Dudenhoeffer participated in sports and other school-sponsored activities.

"He is passionate about athletics and the positive role they can have in a young person's life," said Grellner. "Jason is well-deserving of this award because of his willingness to give back to St. George School and Parish."

Upon graduating from Linn High School, Dudenhoeffer attended Lincoln University and earned a degree from State Tech. He is the owner of Dudenhoeffer Lawn Care.

Linn patrol car damaged in accident

LINN — A Linn patrol car was damaged in an accident on Sunday evening.

Officer AJ Probst was on patrol and turned north onto Ninth Street from Main. He couldn't stop due to icy conditions and slid across Benton Street. A tree prevented him from going all the way into a ravine.

The front end was damaged and the car was leaking transmission fluid, but the air bags did not deploy.

After being checked out by EMS, Probst returned to duty and completed his overnight shift.

Acting Chief Jacob Cottingham said there is no estimate on damages at this time. However, he noted the car is non-operational and will probably end up totaled. This will not impact the department in terms of coverage.

"We do have enough cars, and it's my hope that we get another vehicle before the end of the year — at least two now," he said.

State Tech approves strategic plan, 2021-22 audit

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LINN — State Tech Regents, at their January meeting, approved revised strategic plan, which President Dr. Shawn Strong said is designed to accomplish four goals.

— Meeting State Tech's statewide mission by growing the workforce and preparing students for profitable employment and a life of learning. To do this, Dr. Strong said the college will provide a transformative educational experience, continue to grow enrollment, and maintain a three-year average graduation rate of 73%, a retention rate of 83%, and a placement rate of 98%.

Enrollment this year grew from 2,041 to 2,174 students.

Preliminary figures show that retention went up by 5%, the graduation rate was 74%, and the placement rate increased to 99.4%.

"We transform students," said Dr. Strong. "We bring a kid in here, and two years later, they're ready to go to work. Our strategy is to do what we do well."

— Empowering excellence inside and outside the classroom is key to growing reputation, enrollment, and employee support and development.

Dr. Strong noted the plan will align compensation to market salaries, develop individual annual Personal Development Plan (PDP) priorities, and engage all employees in goal-setting through a strategic planning framework.

The strategy for these goals is to increase faculty and staff compensation and decrease equity gaps, establish comprehensive professional development opportunities for all employees, and engage employees in a shared sense of purpose and community.

Dr. Strong told the board that \$200,000 plus benefits of about \$100,000 had been invested in equity among employees. "We could put a million into equity and still not be where we want to be, but we are making progress on the folks that are farthest away," he added.

— Maintaining outcomes during growth while minimizing additional costs through improved efficiency and other revenues.

Objectives in this category include decreasing reliance on state appropriation for ongoing expenses, growing gifts to \$1 million annually, and maintaining cost center accountability for 100% financial performance.

— Deliver a positive student experience that fosters personal and professional growth.

Dr. Strong said the plan is to deliver a residential college experience on a two-year campus, prepare students for a lifetime of meaningful societal contribution, and create a culture that values professionalism.

"If a student is engaged on campus, we feel they will be engaged when they get out into the workforce," he said, adding State Tech wants to double down on the tools used to create professionalism. "Employers right now are just looking for a warm body, but we can do better than that. We want to make sure employers understand what kind of student they're getting from State Tech and that they're willing to pay a premium for that. It's all about a value proposition."

In other business, Sikich LLP, an accounting firm in St. Louis, presented a clean audit to the board.

During FY 2022, total assets increased by \$8.3 million. Current assets, primarily cash, and accounts receivable, increased by \$2.4 million due to actual enrollment growth and tuition revenue exceeding budgeted expectations. Restricted cash and restricted investment decreased by \$1.2 million due to utilizing the 2021 series bond proceeds to pay for construction projects in progress or completed. Non-current assets, capital assets net of depreciation increased by \$7.1 million due to significant assets placed in service in the current year offset by depreciation expense, and \$6 million in construction and projects in progress capitalized, offset by depreciation expense.

In 2022, total liabilities decreased by \$3 million, current liabilities increased by \$1.6 million, and non-current liabilities decreased by \$1.9 million. Current liabilities—accounts payable increased by \$1.5 million due to campus construction projects. Other payables decreased by \$.2 million due to the impact of the implementation of pay period and pay-date changes on year-end accruals. Non-current liabilities

related to the college's proportionate share of net pension liability — recorded based on information provided by Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS) due to the implementation of GASB 68, accounting and financial reporting for pensions — decreased by \$1.5 million. Non-current liabilities—revenue bonds decreased by \$0.4 million due to the first principal payment for the 2021 bond series.

For the year ending June 30, 2022, the college's net position, including all assets (at cost or depreciated cost), less liabilities, increased by \$5.2 million.

• Regents appointed board secretary Katy Minnick to serve as the official custodian of the college.

• Student Government Association (SGA) President Mason Zollman told Regents the group approved Project Speed, which allows students to choose projects each year that will enhance campus and provide spaces that students can utilize in years to come.

This year, SGA members voted to spend \$50,000 to help provide a beach for Lake State Tech on the northeast side of campus. "Our contribution will hopefully lead to faster development of this project," said Zollman, a Kansas City native studying for a digital marketing degree.

The SGA will also contribute to improve equipment at the Activity Center. "We're excited to see these projects completed and provide an improved space for students to spend time in the year," said Zollman.

Other activities include the campus barbecue, which had a large turnout, a paintball event, and a hypnotist mentalist comedian.

"Throughout the semester, we are happy to collaborate with our campus clubs and organizations to host different events," said Zollman.

The State Tech Computer Club hosted a Mario Kart tournament, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship held a slip-and-slide kickball event, the Machine Tool Club had a bingo night, and the PTK Club provided the school with a haunted ghost tour at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

"I'm beyond grateful for the opportunity to serve as the SGA president of State

Tech," said Zollman. "It has provided me with an opportunity to work with the campus administration and to provide more opportunities for current and future students."

RECOGNITIONS

Courtney Brandt, Cory White, Simone Perrigo, and the State Tech Nursing programs were recognized for excellent results. The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) licensure exam pass rate for 2022 was 100%, and the Practical Nursing Technology (PNT) licensure exam pass rate was 90.9%.

• Physical Therapist Assistant Instructor Kathy Vitela was selected to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2021. Official recognition from the Governor was delayed until the fall of 2022 due to COVID.

• Electric Power Generation Technology Lead Instructor Tom Bruckerhoff was selected to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2022.

• Ryan Klatt and the Commercial Turf and Grounds Management program and Travis Koenigsfeld and the Agribusiness program were recognized for their students' participation and success at the 2022 State Professional Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) competition. State Tech students achieved state rankings in the categories of Ag Business Management & Marketing Systems, Horticulture, Environmental & Natural Resource Systems, Ruminant Animal Systems, Non-Ruminant Animal Systems, Ag Business Administration, Forestry & Natural Resources, Landscaping & Nursery, Floriculture, Crops, Equine, Landscape Nursery, Turfgrass Management, and Soils, with two ranking students also serving as state officers.

• Cole Schaefer and the Utility Systems Technician program were granted full approval by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE).

• Surveying Program Coordinator/Instructor Mike Oetterer became enrolled by the State of Missouri as a Land Surveyor-in-Training on Aug. 10, 2022.

Additional business will be presented next week.

Argyle to set up nuisance ordinances

BY THERESA BRANDT
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ARGYLE — Argyle plans to set up several ordinances to help clean up neglected and abandoned properties and buildings. Mayor Ryan Davis suggested to trustees that the first step to cleaning up the village was to hire a new lawyer since the village's long-time lawyer Albert Crump had retired.

"I've just been dealing with Linn's attorney, Kent Brown, and I helped him out with some sewer stuff, and I think he might be comparable to our old lawyer's price," Davis explained. "He's an older gentleman, but he seems eager enough to take on someone else. I think he would be pretty good."

Brown charges \$150 per hour compared to Crump's \$100 per hour.

Trustee Todd Wildhaber had contacted the city of Meta about what ordinances they had in place to condemn several neglected properties that had become a hazard to the town. He and Davis have been reviewing those ordinances and Meta's process.

"We need to get somebody because we can't proceed with condemning the buildings or properties without ordinances set in place, and we need a lawyer to get all of that done," Ryan explained. "Once we get (Brown) secured, we need to start getting together some of the ordinances like Meta has in place."

Davis plans to email copies of the ordinances and notices Meta uses to all the trustees for review.

"We need a lawyer to do all of this legal stuff, so we can make sure we are doing it right," Davis said.

Davis received approval to hire Brown if he is available and to get started on the new ordinances right away. Trustees hope to begin reviewing new ordinances at the February meeting.

In other business, trustees plan to send a reminder to residents regarding the village's dog ordinance and leash laws. A dog has been running loose in the village and occasionally nips at people.

"It's hard to control, but when we send out a reminder, it seems to get better for a while," Davis noted.

Trustee Felicia Wieberg noted that the dog in question was good, but there have been several complaints.

"It just doesn't need to be happening," Mayor Davis said.

Davis met with Linda Olsen with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) regarding a review of the floodplain in the village of Argyle.

"What it boils down to is managing new development in the floodplain," Davis explained. "The only part of town that is in the floodplain is along Loose Creek, and there hasn't been any new development along that creek for a long time. I don't see that changing any time soon."

I don't think it is really an issue."

Davis is Argyle's floodplain manager. Meetings between the floodplain manager and SEMA are routine every so many years. Davis noted that the last such meeting was in 2005.

• Village treasurer Kym Brunnert said she questioned paying dues to the Argyle Fire Department this year since the Village Office is in the same building as the Maries County Bank. The fire department took up the issue with its board and agreed that the village did not owe dues for the office but would need to pay \$50 in dues for the metal building that they own.

"Either way, we are going to have to pay \$50," Brunnert said.

Davis noted that he felt that paying the dues supported the community.

• Over the years, the village of Argyle has lost several keys to the sewer plant. Davis had new keys made, and the village plans to keep track of anyone who has them.

• Merchant licenses were sent out, and two have been returned and paid.

• Presiding Osage County Commissioner Darryl Griffin attended the Argyle meeting and thanked trustees for their service.

"You are a part of our county, and we appreciate you being willing to serve as elected officials," Griffin said. "Sometimes you may wonder why you do it, but we appreciate your service."

Griffin also announced that the Osage County Health Department (OCHD) would have a grand opening this spring, but there is no exact date yet. The new building at the Hwy. 89/50 junction will move the Osage County Health Department out of the Annex Building.

"It's going to offer a lot more services, and it won't cost the taxpayers anything," Griffin said, noting that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds paid for the building. Griffin encouraged everyone to take advantage of their services.

Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham also attended the meeting and encouraged trustees to communicate any problems that the village is having to him directly.

"We are trying to make sure there is communication between all of us," Bonham said. "We've got a really good county."

Bonham noted that when he first took office, Osage county was the 22nd-safest county in the state, and they have since risen to the sixth-safest.

"We've implemented a lot of new techniques and a lot of modernization to track down thefts, including catalytic converters," Bonham said. "We are always striving to do better."

Bonham asked for continued communication between the village and his office.

"We need your input because we're all in this together," Bonham said. "If we can be a part of the solution,

we'd love to help. This is my county too, and we want to work together."

Bonham and Griffin would like to find out what is happening to a large number of county signs that seem to go missing.

Griffin noted that two years ago, the county spent over \$12,000 to replace county signs and that as costs rise, that gets more and more expensive.

"We could buy a lot of gravel and do a lot of things with that much money," Griffin said.

"If we could find out who is stealing those things, we'd sure like to use that money somewhere else," Bonham agreed.

The only concern trustees brought up was to find a way to slow down speeding vehicles in the village. Bonham and Griffin offered resources to get the town a portable speed-limit tracker sign. Griffin noted that the village could get one from the Meramec Regional Planning Committee (MRPC) at no charge, and Sheriff Bonham offered the one his department has.

• The village had the following receipts for the month: general (\$3,851.11) and sewer (\$2,146.33), and the following expenses: general (\$1,496.59) and sewer (\$305.89).

• Argyle has the following account balances: general (\$26,019.30), ARPA (\$32,596.80), general money market account (\$63,946.37), sewer (\$2,959.87), sewer payment account (\$30,035.42), and sewer debt service account (\$27,641.82).

• The next regular meeting will be on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

One-car accident injures Bonnots Mill man

BONNOTS MILL — Clark Porting, 56, of Bonnots Mill, sustained serious injuries in a crash on Saturday.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, the accident happened on Rt. A, just north of Starlite Lane around 9:20 p.m.

Porting traveled off the left side of the road and struck two Chevron signs, crossed the roadway, struck a ditch and finally came to rest.

Porting was taken by the Osage Ambulance District to University Hospital in Columbia.

A NEW ADVENTURE

Education, the cultivation of wisdom and virtue

In 1770, six years before the Declaration of Independence, the population of the 13 colonies in America was just over 2.148 million. For comparison, the metropolitan area population of St. Louis is 2.221 million.

In that population of a little over 2 million people, the 13 colonies produced some of the most outstanding leaders our country — and perhaps the world — has ever known. They are called our Founding Fathers.

"Historians are in general agreement," according to Wikipedia, "that six of the most prominent leaders of the Revolutionary Era of 1765–1791 are Founding Fathers: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton."

Our Founding Fathers came from different backgrounds. Some were born into wealth, others like Hamilton — an orphan — were not. They were not always in agreement. Jefferson and Adams were political rivals who fought bitterly. They eventually reconciled and became close friends before their deaths on July 4, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

What set these men apart was their wisdom and virtue.

by DENNIS WARDEN



mons, instruction in wisdom and virtue came principally from two places: "the pulpit and the schoolroom."

They received what we call a classical education. This began around 8-years old — not four or five.

According to Martin Cothran, in an article posted on MemoriaPress.com, "Students who went to school (as our nation was formed) were required to learn Latin and Greek grammar and to read the Roman historians Tacitus and Livy, the Greek historians Herodotus and Thucydides, and to translate the Latin poetry of Vergil and Horace. A formal education also stressed the seven liberal arts: grammar, logic, and rhetoric (the trivium), as well as arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music

(the quadrivium)."

Of course, not everyone could afford an education at that time. That's what makes it so unique that education at that time produced so many great leaders.

In Cothran's article, he sites these three examples: Thomas Jefferson received early training in Latin, Greek, and French and then continued his formal education at a classical academy in preparation for attending the College of William and Mary, where his classical education continued, along with his study of law.

When James Madison applied at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), he had already read Vergil, Horace, Justinian, Caesar, Tacitus, Lucretius, Phaedrus, Herodotus, Thucydides, and Plato.

When Alexander Hamilton entered King's College (now Columbia University) in 1773, he was expected to have a mastery of Greek and Latin grammar, be able to read three orations from Cicero and Vergil's *Aeneid* in the original Latin, and be able to translate the first ten chapters of the Gospel of John from Greek into Latin.

At that time, colleges did not ask for your ACT or SAT score. Who of us could pass the test to be admitted into a college in the 1700s?

Other key figures during America's founding received

similar educations.

This classical education gave students respect for the lessons of history. "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided," said Patrick Henry, "and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past."

Much was expected of our Founding Fathers during their education — the bar was very high. Today the bar gets lower and lower every year.

One group of students is excelling today — Asian students. Asian Americans make up only 4 percent of the U.S. population, but their children make up 24 percent at Stanford and 18 percent at Harvard, and 25 percent at both Columbia and Cornell.

I submit that our education system will excel once again when parents expect more from their children and when our schools focus on wisdom and virtue as opposed to Climate Change, Social Justice, Critical Race Theory and Woke Ideology.

You can find Cothran's complete article at: www.MemoriaPress.com/Articles/Classical-Education-Founding-Fathers/

MAIL BAG

Truth and nothing but the truth

Our corrupt government that planned Governor Whitmer's kidnapping, also planned the January 6, 2021 chaos at the Capitol as Epoch Insight's 78-page detailed, investigative report reveals. Democrats denied the GOP from investigating the 1000+ sworn affidavits of voter fraud, mid-night stuffing of drop boxes, non-purging of voter rolls, massive mail out balloting, overlooking matching signature requirements, ballot harvesting & counting votes after the election!

Pelosi, who hated Trump with a vengeance, appears to have worked with the FBI, DOJ and the Capitol Police to stage the event, just like the producer hired for the TV production. Otherwise, why were there 80 "unindicted suspicious actors" caught on videos breaking windows, enticing people to enter, that were "never" on the FBI wanted photo display or arrested? Why did Pelosi deny the 20,000 National Guard troops that Trump offered to protect the Capitol? Why were the 20,000 lb., 17 ft.-high bronze doors, that can only be opened from the "inside", with the security code controlled by the Capitol police, opened? Why did a former FBI agent witness current FBI agents dressed in Trump regalia? They didn't want Trump to ever hold office again, but people got killed.

Stan Kephart, Bernard Kerik and Ray Kelly, all experts on policing issues, stated Lt. Michael Byrd murdered Ashli Babbitt. A female Capitol police officer beat Rosanne Boyland on the head with a wooden stick and she died and Mark Griffin suffered a broken leg from being shot and spent \$250,000 for surgeries. The FBI blamed the Oath Keepers for the chaos, but Oath Keepers rescued 16 Capitol Police Officers

and escorted them out of the Capitol to safety. Those arrested did no harm and many were career military and law enforcement officers. They were put in solitary confinement, beaten, denied their medicines, visits/phone calls from family and given rotten food to eat. Most have lost their homes and savings to pay for their defense. Judges/prosecutors don't want to see exonerating videos and threatened captees with long prison sentences, so Matthew Perna committed suicide.

Judge Donald Middlebrooks, appointed by Bill Clinton, handled both of Trump's lawsuits and the "salacious dossier", Russia collusion lies, Comey lying to the FISA courts to obtain surveillance on Trump, Mueller's two-year charge-less investigation, the two failed impeachments and the total corrupt election wasn't enough for this judge!

Due to inflation, 61% of businesses plan a 30% layoff of workers, 70% a hiring freeze, reduced salaries, fearing a recession. Just announced the Biden administration plans to steal your 401K's and IRA's (retirement accounts) to implement their environmental, social and governance hiring plans on businesses. This is based on sex and gender, not on qualifications! More later on the Bidens' ties to pharmaceuticals!

Submitted by
Charlotte Schnieders
Jefferson City



by Blaine Luetkemeyer
3rd District Congressman

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CAPITAL PERSPECTIVES

Improving Missouri's Sunshine Law

The 50-year golden anniversary of Missouri's Sunshine Law has led me to reflect on what could be done to restore the vision of Missouri's original Sunshine Law sponsors.

Recent news stories and editorials of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *Kansas City Star* concluded the Sunshine Law needs an "overhaul."

I could not agree more strongly.

Various actions by public officials have undermined the vision of the leaders of the 1973 legislative measure to make government records and meetings available to the public. *The Star's* editorial cited the "exorbitant fees for copies of documents that are reviewed for months-before release."

The Post-Dispatch cited examples of digital technology used by state officials to block public access to the public's business.

Digital methods that did not exist in 1973 now provide easy methods for evasion of the Sunshine Law as some state officials have used transmitting emails through a private mobile phone that leaves no government public record for disclosure.

There's even an app used to delete the message when read by the recipient.

I have several ideas to reinforce the vision of the original Sunshine Law sponsors.



by PHILL BROOKS

My first suggestion would be to put the Sunshine Law into the state Constitution. That would protect it from legislative tampering without voter approval. In addition, a constitutional amendment would cover the legislature itself.

That would address a recent state appeals court decision which effectively held that the Sunshine Law can not restrict the General Assembly's constitutional power to govern its own proceedings.

Another significant change I suggest would be to remove enforcement of Sunshine Law violations from the state attorney general.

That would address an obvious

conflict of interest cited by various news accounts about allegations that former Attorney General Josh Hawley and his governmental staff used private mobile phones for sending messages that left no public record subject to disclosure.

A *Kansas City Star* editorial proposed Sunshine Law enforcement be placed in the hands of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

MEC has extensive experience enforcing campaign finance and lobbyist reporting requirements and putting that information online for anyone to see. Having MEC review Sunshine Law complaints

would avoid the expensive and time-consuming legal process now required to get a judicial ruling on the public's right to government information.

That would not be too different from an unsuccessful 2003 bill sponsored by Sen. Mary Bland, D-Kansas City, to create a bipartisan board with subpoena powers to monitor Sunshine Law compliance.

Another component could be to require public records regularly be submitted to MEC for preservation.

That might address a problem the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* Tony Messenger reported about St. Louis jail records. In his column, Tony wrote he was informed that "the city doesn't have any of the monthly use-of-force reports from 2022, and regularly destroys videos of use-of-force incidents."

His column demonstrates that any constitutional amendment needs to have explicit requirements for preservation, along with access to both government text and digital records. Given today's technology to preserve and store digital records, it would be far easier than in the era of the original Sunshine Law advocates.

Maybe every state and local government agency should be required to have an independent staffer responsible for turning over records to MEC along with possible civil or criminal penalties for failure to comply.

There are legitimate privacy, law enforcement and public safety concerns about unrestricted public access to some government records. But Missouri's Sunshine Law already provides for several exemptions for areas such as health and

student records.

The recent effort by legislators to include an exemption for constituent communication to legislators raises a fascinating question. I understand the desire to avoid public disclosure of personal details that a constituent might include in an email to a legislator.

On the other side, a statehouse reporting colleague once told me that access to those emails gave him information to contact the authors for information to make a news story more powerful. Compounding the question are emails to legislators from businesses, advocacy groups and lobbyists.

Should those emails be confidential?

This is just one of the issues that need to be explored for a Sunshine Law constitutional amendment submitted to the voters. Maybe a bipartisan government board similar to Bland's bill could be a vehicle to achieving a compromise proposal.

Ultimately, letting Missouri voters decide upon a constitutional amendment establishing the public's right to public documents, meetings and digital records seems to me to reflect the original vision of the Sunshine Law sponsors I covered so many decades ago.

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end while Freeburg Fire covered the south.

"We also dispatched Westphalia Fire to block the road at Westphalia," said Hoffman. "They told people to wait, turn around, or go home because it wasn't safe to proceed."

Another call came in to 911 regarding five cars on and off Hwy. 63 near Rt. JJ, just north of Freeburg.

Maries Osage Ambulance responded to a call there for a report of a pediatric patient with difficulty breathing.

Crafton said he advised the ambulance crew to transport the patient to a hospital in Rolla because the highway was blocked. MOAD Administrator Carla Butler confirmed on Tuesday morning that the ambulance took the patient to Phelps Health in Rolla.

Osage County deputies responded to numerous locations to assist motorists in need during inclement weather.

Capt. Travis Shaffer noted the department was responsible for traffic control at Hwy. 63 and Rt. E.

Deputies arrested one person on Hwy. 63 near CR 632 for driving while intoxicated. The individual was processed and released, pending criminal charges.

Yet another accident on Hwy. 89 South involved six cars, which deputies assisted, along with a slide-off on Hwy. 100 and another on Hwy. 50.

Hoffman reported 20 slide-offs around the county and 23 other calls with various reports and requesting service.

During a 6.5-hour period, 911 received 142 phone calls through emergency and non-emergency lines.

"We received calls from citizens asking why the roads were blocked and when they would become open again," said Hoffman. "Talking with fire, EMS, and law enforcement on Monday during a debrief, they also were getting calls at their offices, on their personal cell phones, and through social media."

Hoffman added that he is implementing additional measures to help reduce the overwhelming number of phone calls in the future. "It can be a hindrance to answer informational questions that are not calling to make reports," he said. "In some cases, those additional calls or traffic can make cleaning and clearing a call more difficult."

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) crews were trying to manage a road but were called to a scene to provide extra service.

"We were making requests of MoDOT on behalf of law enforcement to re-

salt the road, and this left other roads untreated," said Hoffman. "We had three wrecker services trying to relieve the congestion of vehicles on the road. We had to call for help from Holts Summit because Linn, Belle, and Vienna tow services were busy."

Trooper Crafton noted that it was difficult for MoDOT to work on the road because of the number of vehicles involved.

"It took time to get the roads salted," he said. "It was a predicament to reroute traffic because the county roads hadn't been treated. That was dangerous."

While three Osage County dispatchers handled the call volume, the Highway Patrol was joined by the Osage County Sheriff's Office in protecting the scene and preventing additional slide-offs.

"The deputies were a big help," said Crafton.

One tractor-trailer was cleared Sunday night, but the other remained in place, along with several cars, until road conditions improved.

"That's better than having tow trucks come in," said Crafton. "It makes a hazardous situation even worse."

Hoffman agrees. "During slide-offs, the roadway can become too dangerous to manage," he said.

Hoffman approached the sheriff, EMS, and wrecker services several years ago.

He developed a multi-vehicle accident plan outlining that during slide-offs, when no one is hurt, and there is no vehicle or property damage, emergency crews mark each vehicle with yellow caution tape to notify other drivers not to call 911 again.

Emergency crews document the owner's name and phone number and give them a ride home. When the weather is better, and responders can get there safely, the cars can be taken care of. "No one gets hurt," said Hoffman.

Osage County deputies worked with the Highway Patrol to clear the remaining vehicles from the road on Monday.

Hoffman's plan has spread all across the region and works well. "From an Emergency Management standpoint, citizens should watch for weather forecasts, stay home or have a late departure when the roads

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first start to get bad," he said.

Hoffman plans to post as much information as possible on the Osage County Emergency Management website in the future about these types of incidents, when a road is closed and when it reopens to keep drivers apprised. "Information is the most important, but also, citizens can help by reducing the number of non-emergency phone calls to the 911 center and other agencies," Hoffman added.

"Calls for service may get triaged, and in some cases, calls will get prioritized, and others may have a delayed response for several hours."

Osage Ambulance was unable to respond to the Hwy. 63 traffic jam to assist due to road conditions and closures.

"Emergency services were stretched thin, but thankfully, no fatalities or serious injuries were reported in the county," said OAD Administrator Josh Krull.

Chief Deputy John traveled back through the Hwy. 63 scene at 10:45 p.m. and sat stationary for 10 minutes before the road was reopened.

It took about five hours to clear Hwy. 63 from the time emergency personnel arrived.

While emergency crews worked the traffic jam on Hwy. 63, Osage Ambulance District was having difficulties in Belle.

Krull noted that Medic 632 was responding to a reported motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of S. Bland Ave. and E. Fifth Street in Belle.

While responding, the ambulance turned onto Hwy. 28, just past Rt. EE, when the two EMTs experienced extremely icy road conditions causing the ambulance to travel off the south side of the highway at a slow speed.

Sgt. Mark Morgan with the Belle Police Department responded to the scene.

"The ambulance was responding to a single-vehicle accident on Fifth Street with injuries," he said. "While responding, the ambulance hit a patch of black ice, slid off the roadway, and overturned."

The ambulance rolled onto the passenger side after traveling down a small embankment. Both EMTs inside the ambulance were properly restrained and

called dispatch for assistance. Bystanders came to their aid quickly, and responders from Belle Fire and the Belle Police Department quickly responded, along with another Osage EMS crew. Owensville EMS was requested to respond to the original accident scene for mutual assistance.

Both EMTs were able to get out of the ambulance on their own and were transported by an EMS supervisor to Phelps Health in Rolla for evaluation. As of 1 a.m. on Monday, they had been discharged from the hospital and are expected to return to full duty later this week.

Owen's Towing removed the ambulance from the roadway.

Another Osage EMS crew was transporting a patient to University Hospital in Columbia and experienced icy road conditions on Ridenhour Hill in Belle, causing them to slide partially off the roadway. Owens Towing, Belle Fire, and Osage County deputies responded to that location and provided assistance to get the crew and patient safely up the hill so they could continue transport. MoDOT also responded to the area with a salt truck.

In Gasconade County, Sheriff Scott Eiler said deputies were requested to close Hwy. 50 at the county line with Franklin due to several vehicle slide-offs on the Franklin County side.

Road conditions from the county line east to Gerald had deteriorated and state highway workers responded to treat the roadway.

"Locally, I think we did alright," said Eiler. "Everyone did a good job and stayed home."

He estimated the highway was closed for about 30 minutes while the road was treated and cleared.

He said his deputies responded to a slide-off on Hwy. 19 at Tappmeyer Road. No injuries were reported. And one of his deputies escaped injuries in his personal vehicle when it overturned on 50 near Rt. K. Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District personnel responded to a slide-off on Blue House Road on Monday afternoon.



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enter the workforce. We want to reinforce that respect is important in life, and it's important that we maintain our values at school."

Woody added that teachers support the handbook changes, which combined disrespecting staff with other disruptive language and laid out harsher consequences.

• High School Principal Sharyl Kelsch and Cook

Peg Brune announced their retirement at the end of the school year.

- Board members hired Cassidy Schenewerk (fifth grade), Ryann Muenks (Special Education Aide), Robin Schulte (counselor), Carol Flemming (English), and Tara Vignola (FACS).

- Resignations were accepted from Amber Dudenhoefner (Special Education Aide), and Melanie Snodgrass (teacher).

- Bills were approved totaling \$498,547.14.

- Students of the Quarter were Ben Struemph, nominated by Amanda Rademann, and Kaisen Farnsworth nominated by Sheri Struemph (elementary), Garrett Royston nominated by Sharryn Hawkes (junior high), and Natalie Boessen nominated by Sonya Walker (high school).

- The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 15 with a meal provided by the FFA, a budget work session will be held in March, and the board will meet a week early in April (12) to certify election results.

FATIMA STUDENTS of the Quarter, starting at the far left, were, Natalie Boessen, nominated by Sonya Walker (high school), and presented by Asst. Principal Matt Verlues, Ben Struemph, nominated by Amanda Rademann (elementary), Garrett Royston nominated by Sharryn Hawkes (junior high), and Kaisen Farnsworth nominated by Sheri Struemph (elementary).

DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show as strong as ever

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is the trade organization for the firearm industry. Each year, NSSF hosts the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT). The event takes place annually at the Venetian Expo and Caesars in Las Vegas. This year, it occurred Jan. 17–20. Reports indicate strong attendance, with enthusiastic buyers and sellers.

The SHOT Show is huge. More than 52,000 industry professionals packed into 13.9 miles of aisles. Moving from

Traci Lewellen, owner of Gun City shared, "SHOT University adds an amazing value for us. I can come in here, I have our managers out still looking at booths, and I can learn some of the educational processes to take back to our stores and try to implement them over the next year."

SHOT is also a gathering of outdoor media. The press room is generally buzzing with writers, television show hosts, radio and podcast personalities all discussing what they've seen at the show, plans for the year and past activities.



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The financial impact of SHOT is huge. The show generates enormous revenue for hotels, casinos, restaurants, shows and more. Few cities in the country, among those willing to have a firearms industry event, can host such a large crowd. Las Vegas appreciates the business.

"On behalf of everyone in the state of Nevada and Las Vegas, we're just very happy to welcome the SHOT Show and the 52,000 attendees that come here and support our Second Amendment," said Nevada Lt. Gov. Stavros Anthony. "This is great, people are energized, they're excited, they want to come in and see the latest technology, the latest equipment when it comes to firearms. I'm here to welcome them with open arms and make sure SHOT Show knows that we support them, and we want them back every single year for a long time."

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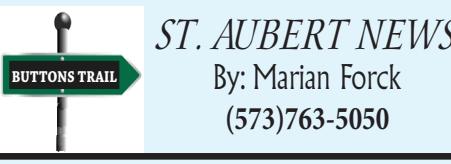
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Community News

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It was brought to our attention that the St. Aubert News in last week's issue was a repeat from the week before. Therefore, both last week's and this week's news are included.

1-25-23

Monday I was off because of the holiday for Martin Luther King day, which I was thankful because Bernie had an appointment with the Cancer doctor. Some of his labs were stable and some were not very good. But, with all his health issues we sometimes take day by day. His blood pressure has been running very high, which causes problems and I did call his primary doctor and talked with her about my concerns. She changed his medicine and we will give it a couple weeks to see if it strengthens out. If, not he will need to have some tests. Please pray that things will go back to normal.

I ran some errands and we ate lunch at Culvers. We stopped by Sarah's house to visit with the granddaughters Lorelei Angeline and Caroline Devera. I had Aaron adjust my new wipers on the car. We had a quiet evening.

Tuesday I took Bernie to dialysis and then I went to work. I only worked while he was at the clinic and then went back to pick him up. We came home and he took a long nap. I worked on booth and auction items. We had a quiet evening.

Wednesday I went to work and Bernie stayed home. My neighbors came over to check on him and he was okay. I came home after lunch and we had dentist appointments in Westphalia. We came home and rested a little before supper. We watched a little television. It was a quiet evening.

Thursday I took him to dialysis and one of my sisters and her husband picked him up and took him out for lunch. I went to work and was happy that I got to work all day. They took him back to their house and I picked him up after work. We took my items to J Street Vintage and picked up the items that did not sell. We went by Sarah's house and stayed there until Lorelei and Caroline got off the bus. We picked up some empty boxes from Sarah and dropped them off at the Old School Antique Mall in Linn. We came home and I did some cooking in the Instapot. We were having some problems with the outside wood furnace and Dwight came over and fixed it today. It was a very cold and windy day.

Friday Bernie stayed home and I went to work. A couple friends came over through out the day. I came home after going to the bank. I went and got my hair fixed later. We had a quick supper and settle down to watch a movie "Gallipoli". It was a WWI movie. It was okay, but ended we thought different. We thought it would have been better since Mel Gibson was in it. Bernie went to bed early and I stayed up to read.

Saturday I took Bernie to dialysis and went to McDonald's to hang out in there and work on the internet, but it wasn't open for customers. The drive-thru was only open. I sat in the parking lot and did my work. I headed to Walmart to pick up a few items. Sarah called and said I could come over they were up. I went over there for awhile, went to J Street Vintage to pick up some political buttons I had bought on the auction. I went to the bank and went to pick up Bernie. I didn't have to wait very long. We ate lunch at McDonalds because Sarah showed me how to do the app. Lunch was very reasonable. We stopped at Taos to get gas and came on home. Bernie took a nap. We were supposed to go to the granddaughter's archery at Helias today, but with dialysis we didn't make it. Caroline did really well with a score of 171, her best score so far and Lorelei got a 244.

which is almost her best. We enjoy going but it just didn't work out today.

We traveled to Taos on Saturday late afternoon to go to mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. On the way there on Highway 100, we saw a hawk with a squirrel in his mouth flying in front of us with his supper for the day. I have never seen a bird with a catch like that. After church we headed to the Knights of Columbus hall for the Winterfest. We sat with our good friends Jerry and Shirley Toebben. The meal was Prime Rib, Grilled Chicken breasts, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, hot rolls, and ice cream. We didn't win anything but we did enjoy an evening out. You can always have fun with the Toebbens. We visited with several people that we haven't seen for awhile. We came home after 10 pm. I received a compliment on the St. Aubert News, JoAnn told me that she really enjoys the recipes each week and not to stop. She can't wait to get the paper and see what I have submitted. Thanks!

I want to take this time to recognize some friends that have helped me out this week. My Sister and brother-in-law, Richard, Bob, Bonnie, some neighbors that do not want to be named, Larry D., and Dwight. Thanks so much for your friendship and compassion. Gob bless each of you. Thanks to the readers of the St. Aubert news that have been praying for us. I am a firm believer in the Power of Prayer.

Sunday I got up early to feed the dog and cat and went back to bed. We slept in for a change. After we got up, I fixed omelets and toast and enjoyed the breakfast. We took some items to the Old School Antique Mall in Linn and took all my Christmas items out until next November.

We took our Silver Christmas tree to the basement. I am happy to say that all the Christmas decorations are put away except the decorations outside the front door.

Bernie took a nap and I did some paperwork. He slept a long time and I had to wake him up to take his medicine, which he can not eat for two hours. We had a late supper and a quiet evening watching the GSN. We love to watch games and guess at the questions.

Schollmeyer news

Friday evening Fred and Diane travelled to Westphalia to watch their grandchildren Carly and Jack compete in an archery tournament at Fatima.

On Saturday they went to Jefferson City and again watched their grandchildren compete in an archery tournament at Helias.

Dave reports that him and Jim worked all week.

Quote of the day

"Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve."

—St. Agnes

Today's meditation

"Jesus himself came to live at the heart of the tragic reality of human sinfulness. It is enough to read his genealogy cited in the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke to be convinced of this, since we can see it in the names of persons whose lives involve problematic and immoral situations. Christ thus comes to take humanity in the midst of its sin for the salvation of all. This is what is at stake in the Divine Mercy that must pour out on our families, in which jealousy, discord, and profound rifts sometimes prevail."

I have been asked to put the following in the St. Aubert News by my neighbor Jane Augustine.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church would like to thank the local churches for their donations to our December coat drive. We also want to thank all the individuals who also donated. It was a wonderful response.

After our distribution period came to a close, the remaining coats were donated to The Good Shepherd Center in Linn. They were in need of coats. If anyone is in need of a coat, please go there and be warm.

If you are like me, when I donate it warms my heart that I have helped some-

one in need. Good deeds are never forgotten by the Lord.

Household hints

***Serve up lots of crispy bacon with none of the mess. Arrange bacon slices on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, until it's as crisp as you like. Drain well on paper towels.

***Try using applesauce instead of oil when you bake. It's a healthy replacement and makes baked goods super moist.

***Bake a favorite omelet or quiche in well-greased muffin cups for individual servings in a jiffy. When making minis, reduce the baking time by about 15 minutes, and test for doneness with a toothpick.

Jokes of the week

Every time I take my dog to the park, the ducks try to bite him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

My boss asked me why I only get sick on work days. I said it must be my weekend immune system.

Every night, I have hard time remembering something, but then it dawns on me.

Recipe of the week

Bacon Cheese Squares
1 egg
2 T. milk
16.3 oz. tube refrigerated flaky layered biscuits, quartered
2 oz. pkg. real bacon pieces
3/4 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 c. green onions, finely chopped

In a large bowl, beat egg and milk. Gently stir biscuit pieces into egg mixture to coat evenly. Fold in bacon, cheese and onions. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 2 quart glass casserole dish; arrange into a single layer. Bake at 350 degrees for 23 to 28 minutes, until golden. Cut into squares; serve warm. Serves 8

This is a good brunch food or an appetizer, any time of the day. Very easy and yummy.

I am asking if anyone has any wood for the furnace and you don't need it, I would like to have it. Keep me in mind. Thanks!

Please continue to pray for our country and the leaders of the world. Pray for the men and women in the armed forces. Pray that we will always have our freedom. Pray for all those suffering from viruses, ailments and other illnesses. Pray for all those suffering from cancer and kidney diseases. Let's all remember to pray for each other. Pray for all those on prayer lines and the ones that we hold in the silence of our heart. Please continue to pray for Bernie's niece.

Have a beautiful week. Do a good deed for someone. Thanks for the good deeds for my family this week.

Take time for yourself.

Let GO Let GOD

2-1-23

Monday our son-in-law Aaron came down and did some work around the house. He split some wood our good friend Bob had brought over earlier. After work, I ran to Menards and had to pick up some salt for the water softener. I went to a church meeting at Most Pure Heart of Mary hall to discuss the upcoming Seafood Buffet that our church will be hosting March 10 and March 24. I am in charge of the raffle, be aware I maybe asking for a donation.

Tuesday I took Bernie to dialysis before going to work. His brother Larry picked him up and took him to my sister's house. I picked him up after work and we visited a little before heading home.

It was our daughter Sarah Weeks' 41st birthday. We both called her and wished her a happy birthday. She was working at Lewis and Clark School and came to see me. She took our picture together. Happy birthday Sarah and may you have many more wonderful birthdays.

Wednesday I did not go to work because Bernie had a bad headache. I had one as well. We went to Jefferson City and went to the chiropractor. Bernie said that the treatment sure did help his headache. I know it sure did help mine. We went by Sarah's for a little while because she was not working due to the weather and had to

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of principal and interest now due as provided by the note secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Dutchmen Properties LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, dated October 14, 2020, recorded in Book 561 at Page 62 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Osage County, Missouri, at Linn, Missouri, conveying to Duane Schreimann, Trustee, the following described property situated in the County of Osage, State of Missouri, to wit:

TRACT 1: STARTING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M.; OSAGE COUNTY, MISSOURI;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02' W, 210 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

At the request of the legal holder of said note, I, Duane Schreimann, Trustee, will sell the above-described property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Osage County Courthouse in the City of Linn, Missouri, on Friday, February 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., to satisfy said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

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LEVI ROBINSON sends up a shot against Versailles in Saturday's championship game at the Eldon tournament. He finished with 18 points.

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Comets second at Eldon tournament

Fatima ran into a tough Versailles team on Saturday in the championship game of the Eldon tournament and lost 80-73 to finish second.

"This was a great tournament for us from a learning standpoint," said Coach Ryan Robertson. "This game was a combination of running into a team that played and shot the ball extremely well and us not being as mentally prepared as we should've been. They jumped on us early and had more energy and enthusiasm than we did. We pride ourselves in playing harder and having more energy than other teams, and it was not the case tonight."

Fatima pulled to within five at 78-73 with 7.2 seconds to play in the game, but the Tigers hit a pair of free throws to pull out the win.

Despite early difficulties, the Comets closed the quarter on a 10-3 run and trailed by just one point at the half, 33-32.

Fatima countered a seven-point Versailles edge in the third with a strong

fourth quarter in which the Comets nearly caught up.

Nate Brandt drained five three-pointers and posted a game-high 33 points, while Levi Robinson went 6-6 at the line and finished with 18. Both were named to the All-Tournament team.

Matthew Robertson (trey) added seven points to the tally, and Jack Robertson hit a pair of three-pointers for his six, as Cooper Kleffner (trey) and Max Stuecken (trey) posted three apiece. M. Robertson's six assists paced the Comets as Kleffner dished it four times, and Robinson, J. Robertson, and Brandt posted three apiece.

Kleffner had a good night on the boards with 13 rebounds, and Brandt grabbed seven, followed by Robinson (4), M. Robertson and J. Robertson (3 each), and Stuecken and Easton Haslag (2 apiece).

Brandt collected a team-high four steals, while Kleffner, Robinson, and the Robertson brothers added one each.

"This was a wake-up call for us," said Coach Robertson. "We have to continue

getting better. We can take no one for granted. We definitely need to get back in the gym and get some practices under our belt. We will use this to improve."

Going into Tuesday's semifinal against host Eldon, Fatima was playing its fourth game in five days.

"Our guys showed excellent energy in this one," said Robertson as the Comets won 72-46. "We jumped on them early and then held them at bay. The energy was great, we shot the ball extremely well, and it was a true team effort. We had to rely on the bench because of the number of games we played lately."

Fatima wasted little time creating separation with a 24-8 first quarter that steadied the rest of the way. At the half, the Comets held a 42-21 lead.

Overall, Fatima covered 11-35 from three-point range, led by Brandt (5-11), who led all scorers with 21 points to go with 15 rebounds for a double-double. Kleffner added three from long range en route to 12 points, J. Robertson counted

three for his nine points, and Stuecken added the final trey as part of his five points.

Robinson also scored nine, Haslag added eight, and M. Robertson and Kayden Struemph finished with four apiece.

M. Robertson directed traffic well with eight assists to his credit as Brandt posted three, Stuecken had two, and Robinson, Haslag, J. Robertson, and Kleffner finished with one apiece.

Robinson added seven rebounds to the mix, followed by Kleffner (6), Stuecken (5), M. Robertson (4), J. Robertson (3), Haslag (2), and Blake Kliethermes, Sam Struemph and K. Struemph (1 apiece).

Brandt and Kleffner posted a steal and a block each, Robinson added a block, and M. Robertson had two steals.

Fatima started with Osage on Monday, winning 77-47.

"They are a very well-coached team,

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Lady Cats claim Harrisburg consolation trophy



LINN PLAYED very well to earn consolation at the Harrisburg tournament with a convincing win over Mexico on Saturday. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Autumn Baker, Marly Houston, and Aushara Hostetler; second row, Elizabeth Sprenger (manager), Vivien Baker, Emma Monnette, Kiana Hostetler, Natasha Jewell, Hannah Hackmann, and Ava Warren; and in the back row, Asst. Coach Steve Sampson and Head Coach Ryan Rost. At right, A. Hostetler lines up one of seven three-pointers. She scored 35 points.

"This whole season has been a learning process," said Rost. "I'm transitioning from boys to girls basketball, and they're transitioning from their previous coach to me. At times, we look really good, and then we have times you can tell that we're still learning and growing. On Monday, we didn't play our best game, and that's gonna happen from time to time in the season, but we're getting better week to week, which is exciting. Any time we dig in and focus on what we're doing, we're a tough team."

In the consolation semis, Linn handled Fulton 48-23.

"We have a level of expectation, and we hold ourselves to that every game," said Rost on how the Lady Cats remained focused after a first-round loss. "We always have the motivation to play the basketball we know we can no matter what side of the bracket or what competition

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Lady Comets knock off Boonville, St. Elizabeth

In a pair of games last week, the Fatima Lady Comets defeated Boonville and St. Elizabeth.

On Thursday, Fatima used a 19-10 first quarter as a springboard to a 72-35 win, outscoring the Lady Pirates 20-4 in the second to lead 39-14 at the break.

"We shot really well against Boonville," said Coach Matt Baker. "Ellie (Brune) had a great game for us off the bench and gave us a huge spark."

Brune went 4-5 from long range on her way to a game-high 21, and Alli Robertson added 10, followed by Alex Berhorst (9), Kristen Robertson, Kaitlyn Plassmeyer, Lucy Crede (2 three-pointers), and Lydia Brunnert, each with six, Vivian Bax (trey) and Claire Bexten (trey), each with three, and Payton Wieberg (2).

The Lady Comets covered 12-33 (36.4%) from three-point range and shot 45.3% overall from the floor.

Aplethora of players posted assists: K. Robertson (5), KP (4), Bexten, Emma Bower, Berhorst, A. Robertson, and Bax (2 each), and Brune, Crede, and Brunnert (1 apiece).

A. Robertson led the rebounding effort with nine, and Brunnert and Brune collected seven apiece, followed by Berhorst (4), Bower and KP (3 each), Bax and Crede (2 apiece), and Bexten and K. Robertson (1 apiece).

On the defensive side, Brune posted a team-high four steals, as Crede, KP, and Berhorst added two apiece, and Bexten, K. Robertson, A. Robertson, and Bax finished with one each.

In the JV game, the Lady Comets won 33-14.

"The girls have been playing great basketball over

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Fatima wrestling drops two duals

Fatima's wrestling team had a fairly light week, only competing in a tri against Fulton and Moberly. The Comets dropped both duals, losing to Fulton 57-18 and Moberly 66-11.

"These were very tough duals," said Coach Kurt Strope. "We had a few guys out in these duals but the ones that did compete, wrestled tough trying to get wins. I think the duals showed us a lot of what we need to work on heading into districts. Hopefully, we can respond and get better and peak going into the postseason!"

Fatima freshmen win OHS tourney

Fatima's freshman squad on Saturday defeated Salem 55-26 to claim first place at the Owensesville tournament.

Blake Kliethermes led with 19, followed by Colton Scheulen (13), Cole Jaegers (6), and Xavier Stuecken (5).

In the second round, the Comets ran away from St. James, 57-33, as Kliethermes put in 26, followed by Stuecken and Jaegers, each with eight, Scheulen (6), Jace Eisterhold (5), and Toren Orscheln (4).

Fatima opened with a 58-17 win over Belle.

Stuecken led the Comets with 17 as Scheulen added 11, followed by Kliethermes (10), Eisterhold (8), Jaegers (7), Nate Jaegers (3), and Orscheln (2).

Coach Tim Brunnert is pleased with the performance. "It was fun this past week to watch these boys compete,"

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FATIMA'S FRESHMAN squad won the Owensesville tournament. Team members are, from left to right, front row, Colton Scheulen, Nate Jaegers, and Cole Jaegers; and in the back row, Coach Tim Brunnert, Xavier Stuecken, Toren Orscheln, Jace Eisterhold, and Blake Kliethermes.

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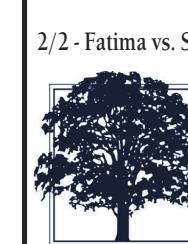
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Linn places 8th at Harrisburg tournament

Linn faced a lot of stiff competition at last week's Harrisburg tournament and finished in eighth place after falling 47-44 to Fayette in a game that went down to the wire.

"In the last couple of games, the ball has not bounced our way for various reasons, but the sky is not falling," said Coach Braden Ham. "It may seem like that, but we're gonna come to work Monday morning, and we're going to keep working because we're growing."

Linn played without Zach Dodson, who turned his ankle in the late going of Thursday's game against Marshall. "We started four juniors and one sophomore and had a freshman and a sophomore come off the bench," said Ham. We're learning a lot, and the pain we're going through is a bit tough right now. When we get through this, when we're on the sunny side of this, we're going to look back and say, 'you know, we wouldn't be here if we hadn't gone through that.' So, it's just doing everything we can to get them to realize, put a full game together, and just do the little stuff. I'm still proud of them. I can't fault how hard they work and their effort. It's just little things here and there and a little bit of execution we need to improve."

Late in the contest against Fayette, Noah Hall left with cramps, and Zach Hatfield sat for a possession after a hard fall, but both were back in the game relatively quickly for the final push.

Linn took its final timeout with 22 seconds to go, playing for a last shot. Forced to foul for possession with 13.1 on the clock, Fayette hit two free throws and led 47-44.

A final effort by the Wildcats did not pan out, and while they came close, Linn fell by three.

Early in the game, Linn was dialed in. Ashton Keilholz, who earned All-Tournament honors, hit one of his game-high four three-pointers as the first quarter closed to give the Wildcats

a 13-8 lead. He finished with 14, tied with Hall (trey) for the lead.

After a 14-12 advantage in the second, Linn held a 27-20 lead at the break, but the Falcons surged in the third.

With 2:17 to go in the third, Linn took a timeout with a 32-29 lead to talk things over, but by the start of the fourth, Fayette had cut the lead to two at 35-33.

Linn regained the lead 41-40 with 3:40 to play, and a back-and-forth battle ensued.

The teams were tied at 43-43 with 2:20 to go.

Also scoring were Austin Dudenhoeffer with six, Zach Hatfield (5), Seth Wolfe (3), and Gus Peters (2).

Linn finished with a 37.8% mark from the field and covered 4-6 from the stripe.

Hatfield counted seven assists, and Hall added three, as Peters, Keilholz, Wolfe, and Dudenhoeffer posted one apiece.

Keilholz recorded a team-high seven rebounds, followed by Hatfield and Dudenhoeffer (4 each), Wolfe and Hall (3 apiece), and Peters (2).

Defensively, Wolfe had two blocks and two steals. Dudenhoeffer posted two steals, followed by Keilholz, Hatfield, and Hall, each with one.

In the consolation semifinals, the Wildcats lost a heartbreaker to Marshall, 48-47.

Trailing 31-21 at the break, Linn won the third 13-10 and were on the way to a victory with a 13-7 edge in the final quarter, despite hitting 35.8% from the floor.

In this game, Hall led the offense with 16 points, including a pair of three-pointers and a 4-5 mark at the line. Before he left with an injury, Dodson scored 10 points and had nine rebounds, while Wolfe scored nine, followed by Hatfield with seven, Dudenhoeffer with three on a trey, and Keilholz with two.

Wolfe's four assists were tops, with three more from Dodson, as Dudenhoeffer dished it twice, and Hall and Keilholz each had one.

Also with rebounds were Wolfe (6), Hall (5), Dudenhoeffer and Keilholz (3 each), and Peters and Hatfield (1 apiece).

Wolfe had the team's lone block. Hatfield claimed two steals, and Keilholz, Dodson, and Hall added one apiece.

Linn opened the tournament with an 81-45 loss to Hallsville.

After a competitive first quarter ended with Hallsville leading 17-16, the Wildcats stalled.

Hall hit a trio of treys and posted a team-high 15 points as Dodson added 13, Wolfe (3-5 FT) scored seven, Keilholz (2 treys) finished with six, Hatfield hit a trey for his three points, and Peters finished with one.

On the boards, Dodson's six rebounds paced the squad as Dudenhoeffer collected four, Keilholz added three, and Hall, Wolfe, Bobby Winkelman, and Peters each had one.

Hall counted one block, Keilholz had two steals, and Dodson provided another.

Overall, Ham said the team is going through a growth spurt.

"I wish I had a degree in psychology, like a doctorate in psychology, or had taken more psychology classes in college, because when you're young, and you go through a big growth spurt, it hurts," he said. "Once you're out of it, you feel better. That's where we're at. We are growing, and physically and mentally, we're getting a little tougher. We try to preach work daily. We're not result-based. The important thing is to pick each other up. We may not like each other sometimes, but I love all these kids, and I want them to succeed."



ZACH HATFIELD gets some air as he prepares to launch a short-range jumper in Linn's seventh-place game against Fayette at the Harrisburg tournament. Below left is Ashton Keilholz, who earned All-Tournament honors. Below middle, Seth Wolfe scores on the play and converted and and-one. Noah Hall, lower right, is mauled as he drives the lane.

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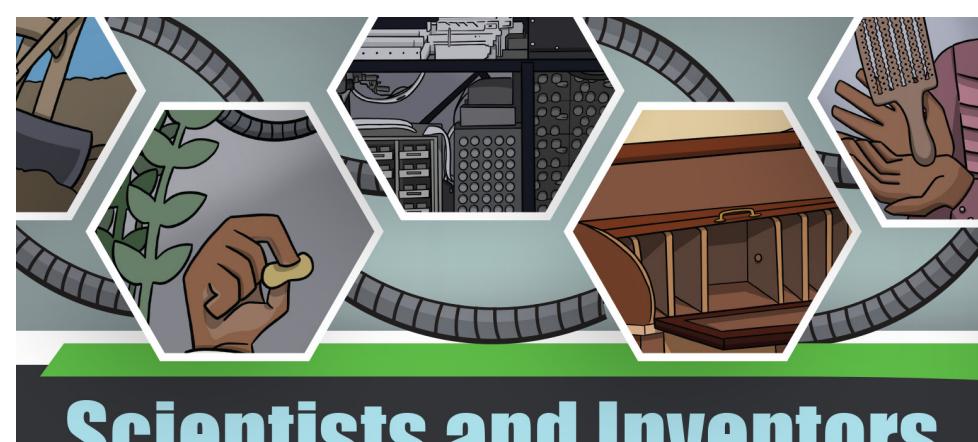
he said. "Although we didn't shoot the best, the boys were never short on effort. That's what won us each game. I am lucky as a Fatima coach to have players with a great work ethic and basketball experience before they play at the high school level. Last week, it really showed. I'm thankful for the parents and past coaches who have taught these kids how to work hard and play the game."



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NATE JAEVERS, top photo, dives for a loose ball in Saturday's championship game of the Owensville freshman tournament. Above, Colton Scheulen defends on the play. Below left, Blake Kliethermes has a clear path to the basket. Xavier Stuecken, below right, goes up for two points.



Scientists and Inventors

Edwin Hubble, Astronomer

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The night sky through the telescope appeared inky, with a blurry smear of stars. Edwin Hubble expertly adjusted the instruments, bringing the view into perfect clarity. The Hooker Telescope let Edwin see galaxies where the naked eye just saw stars. It was the world's largest telescope, housed at the Mount Wilson Observatory in California, where Edwin worked. He'd been with the observatory since 1919. It felt like home to him and became the birthplace of his greatest work and discoveries.

California was a long way from Edwin's hometown. He'd been born in Marshfield, Missouri in 1889, but grew up in Wheaton, Illinois. In boyhood, he was known as a great athlete and student. Edwin studied at the University of Chicago, where his curiosity about the makings of the world turned into a Bachelor of Science degree.

His studies took him to the University of Oxford in England, where he studied law. Edwin had promised his sick father that he would become a lawyer, but it didn't interest him. How could he spend his days writing legal briefs when there were mysteries of the universe to explore? Edwin fizzled out of the legal profession, then taught high school science for a year before pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory in 1917.

The world in 1917 was at war. Edwin finished his Ph.D. just before joining the U.S. Army. He eventually became a Major in the 86th Division but never saw combat. After World War I ended, he soon found himself at Mount Wilson, alongside the Hooker Telescope. It became his favorite refuge on a clear night.

The hours and hours he'd spent in his lifetime with his face bent toward the telescope's eyepiece were worth it. In the 1920s, Edwin viewed faint,

fuzzy, cloud-like patches of light called nebulae. One nebula, known as Andromeda, particularly interested him. Through careful study, Edwin discovered that the Andromeda Nebula was its own galaxy. He found out that there are millions of galaxies in the universe besides our own Milky Way.

By 1929, Edwin redefined where humanity saw itself within the universe. He classified galaxies in an organized scheme and wrote about how the universe was constantly expanding, a revolutionary concept at the time.

Over thirty years later, Edwin was still using the Hooker Telescope to try to peel back the layers of the universe. He stepped back from the scope and readjusted its aim before stepping forward and studying the new view. Where some saw filmy clouds, Edwin saw whole galaxies.

He'd lived a long life, worked hard, and contributed significantly to his field. But he never wanted to stop exploring.

The Hubble Telescope, named in his honor, was launched in 1990, carrying on his legacy of exploration.

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we're playing. I expect the girls, and I think they expect themselves, to come out ready to play and do the things that we're supposed to do."

Linn doubled up the Lady Hornets 12-6 through the first quarter and led 29-11 at intermission. After tacking on a 19-4 advantage in the third, the Lady Cats cruised to victory.

A. Hostetler hit four treys and went 2-2 at the line to score 20 points as Hackmann (3 treys) added 13, followed by K. Hostetler (6), A. Baker (4), Houston (3), and V. Baker

(2). K. Hostetler's three assists led the way as A. Baker added two, and V. Baker, A. Hostetler, and Emma Monnette chipped in one apiece.

Rebounding was spread between almost every player as A. Hostetler grabbed a team-high eight, followed by V. Baker and A. Baker (6 each), K. Hostetler (5), Warren and Houston (2 apiece), and Monnette (1).

In this game, V. Baker and A. Hostetler each posted a block, with the latter adding three steals, followed by A. Baker (2) and K. Hostetler, Hackmann, and Monnette

(1 each). Linn opened with a 43-28 loss to Blair Oaks, hitting 25.7% from the field.

"That's usually not going to win many games," said Rost. "Defensively, we played well and held them to fewer points than the first time we played them. They were very physical with us, pushed us around, and we didn't respond well. It was just one of those nights when the ball didn't go in. There wasn't a whole lot we could do except move on. It was a rough game for us all around. They played well and deserved

to win that day."

A. Baker (5-6 FT) scored 11 to lead the team, and K. Hostetler added seven, followed by V. Baker (trey) with five, A. Hostetler (4), and Hackmann (1).

K. Hostetler snagged a team-high eight rebounds, followed by V. Baker and A. Baker, each with six, A. Hostetler (3), and Hackmann (1).

A. Hostetler counted a block and a steal, and V. Baker, Hackmann, and A. Baker added a steal apiece.

Chamois falls to MMA

Chamois had a rough go of it on Friday at Missouri Military Academy (MMA) in Mexico, losing 54-26.

"We struggled the entire night to compete on both ends of the floor," said Coach Robbie Bates. "We struggled to guard the ball in our zones and keep it out of the paint. As a group, we struggled to score against their defense."

After a three-point first quarter, the Pirates trailed by 11, but Chamois battled back with 15 in the second to face a 29-18 halftime deficit. The second half was not kind, as the Pirates put up eight points the rest of the way.

Chamois hit 19% from the field but went 6-26 from three-point range and 4-4 at the line.

Kaden Wuelling hit two treys and was 2-2 at the stripe as he scored 10 points, followed by Caleb Keilholz, who hit a trey and was also 2-2 at the line for his seven points. Max McKague counted two three-pointers for his six points, and Bill Kirsch hit a trey to finish with three.

Keilholz posted four assists, and K. Wuelling and McKague each added one.

Keilholz and McKague shared the rebounding lead with five apiece, K. Wuelling added three, and Kirsch and Evert Mehrt posted one each.

Defensively, McKague and K. Wuelling counted two steals each, and Kirsch had another.

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as we watch the increasing speed of the country falling apart. I have for years said and written about the public school systems teaching socialism and dependency, and now many of those brain-washed, limited information students go to the polls and vote against this country. Look at Pennsylvania and Georgia! Were Dr. Oz and Herschel Walker ideal senate candidates? No, but they are both accomplished, educated, employers whose pay checks do not bounce. Their opponents; Lurch Frankenstein Fetterman, who has NEVER accomplished anything in his life; and a smart but crooked, lying preacher who is really only good at talking poor people out of their money. Yet Walker and Oz lost and the country is stuck with the other two for six years, if they or we live that long. The tunnel just got longer and the light dimmed. Do black lives matter? Not to some others blacks. If you doubt that, pay more attention to the news. The greatest threat to blacks are other blacks.

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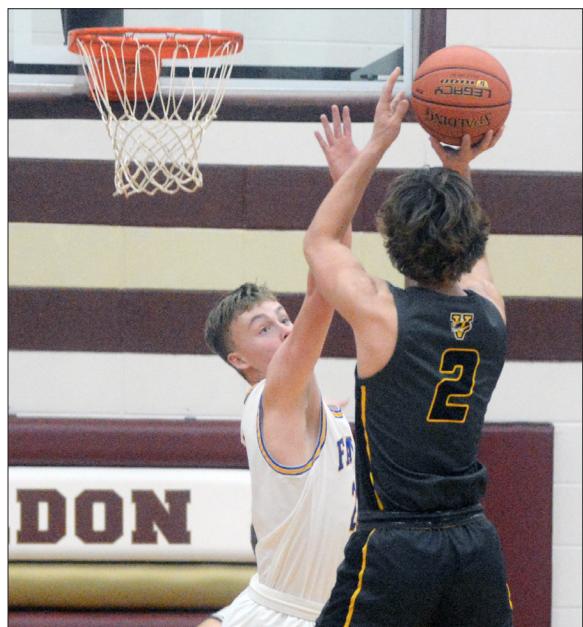
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JACK ROBERTSON, above left, launches himself in an attempt to block a shot. At right, Nate Brandt chases a loose ball against a Versailles player in Saturday's Eldon tournament championship game.

PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON

Fatima boys • from page 11

and they play extremely hard," said Robertson of the Indians. "This was not our best performance of the year, but our guys showed grit coming out of there with a win. This has been a grind

over the last three weeks." Nate Brandt led with 31 points, scoring the first 10 points of the game for Fatima. After a 36-28 half-time lead, the Comets pulled away with a 15-5 run in the second

half of the third quarter, going into the break with a 57-40 edge. Kleffner added 13, Haslag put in 12, Robinson scored eight, S. Stremph put in five, M. Robertson and J. Robertson each posted

three, and Logan Kliethermes finished with two.

Brandt grabbed a team-high seven rebounds as Kleffner, M. Robertson, and Robinson added five apiece.

Lady Comets • from page 11

the past month," said Coach John Fick, his team improving to 9-2. "They've transitioned from what we have been working on in practice to the game. As the season has progressed, I've been more impressed with our post players, especially freshman Adalyn Berhorst. She plays hard on the defensive end, communicates well, and makes it hard on other girls to get open looks, and her footwork around the rim has helped create shots for herself."

Madelyn Backes led with

seven points, followed by Elise Dickneite and Payton Wieberg, each with six, Adalyn Berhorst (5), Alex Berhorst, Natalie Wilbers, and Carly MacLellan (3 apiece).

On Tuesday, the Lady Comets defeated St. E61-42 in what Baker called a story of two halves.

"We didn't shoot well in the first half but played well enough defensively to stay in the game," said Baker, his team erasing a one-point lead to take a 20-18 advantage into the locker

room. From there, the Lady Comets won the third 19-13 and the fourth 22-11, hitting 38.3% from the field. "We opened the second half on a big run and knocked some shots down and got away."

A. Robertson (2 three-pointers) scored 17 and Bax (trey) put in 14. Bower hit two treys, and Berhorst hit three from short range as each scored six on the night, followed by K. Robertson (trey), KP and Brune (trey), with five apiece, and Crede (trey for her 3 points). KP led with

four assists, Bax added three, A. Robertson counted two, and K. Robertson, Brune, Crede, and Brunnert posted one apiece.

On the glass, A. Robertson led with seven rebounds, and Brune and K. Robertson each collected five, followed by Bax and Crede (4 each), Bexten, KP, and Brunnert (2 apiece), and Berhorst (1).

In the steals department, KP pilfered five, Berhorst and Crede added four apiece, Bax and A. Robertson each had two, and K. Robertson and Brunnert finished with

one each.

Fatima's JV team won 43-10.

Wieberg led with 11 points, followed by Wilbers and Adalyn Berhorst (8 each),

Alex Berhorst and Backes (7 apiece), and Dickneite (2).



Linn Homecoming court

Linn homecoming coronation will be held between the varsity girls' and varsity boys' games against South Callaway on Friday. Shown are, from left to right, front row, freshman candidates Sophie Voss and Tristan Deeken; second row, sophomore princess candidate Vivien Baker, senior queen candidates Aushara Hostetler, Annaliese Bowser, and Bella Russell, and junior princess candidate Katrina Mueller; and in the back row, sophomore prince candidate Clayton Jurd, senior king candidates Elijah Baker, Cody Leivian, and Peter Brandt, and junior prince candidate Hunter Haslag.

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News From Linn R-2 School

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The first grade team loves to talk about other cultures. During the first semester, the first graders learned about El Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Christmas in Mexico, and they even got to take a virtual field trip to Mexico. El Día de Los Muertos is a day that is very cherished in Mexico. Everyone in Mexico makes altars for their loved ones that have passed away. They put things that they loved such as their favorite food, drink, or favorite thing to do. It is their tradition and culture to believe that their loved ones get to come back and "visit" on El Día de Los Muertos. The students loved getting to learn about this. They got to make their own altars for someone who they loved that has passed away and tell what they would leave for them. The students really enjoyed learning that this is a happy holiday and a celebration of life.



Knowledge Bowl kicks off at Linn Elementary School

Thursday, Jan. 19, the Linn Elementary School Knowledge Bowl held their first practice of the season. Students were selected for grade level teams for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade after completing a rigorous academic screener and obtaining their teachers' seal of approval for excellent work, responsibility, behavior, and the ability to represent Linn elementary and the Linn community well. There were ultimately five team members selected and given parent approval to compete on this year's team. The teams are as follows:

Third Grade

Wyatt Flatt
Noelle Mustion
Harlow Nilges
Ruby Petry
Rainah Wilson

Fourth Grade

Landon Englehardt
Eugene Otten
Avrey Thompson
Jayden Schaffer
Opal Voss
Avery Blauvelt

Fifth Grade

Lily Baker

Molly Bohon
Sydney Bowne
Sophia Monroe
Morgan Sutton

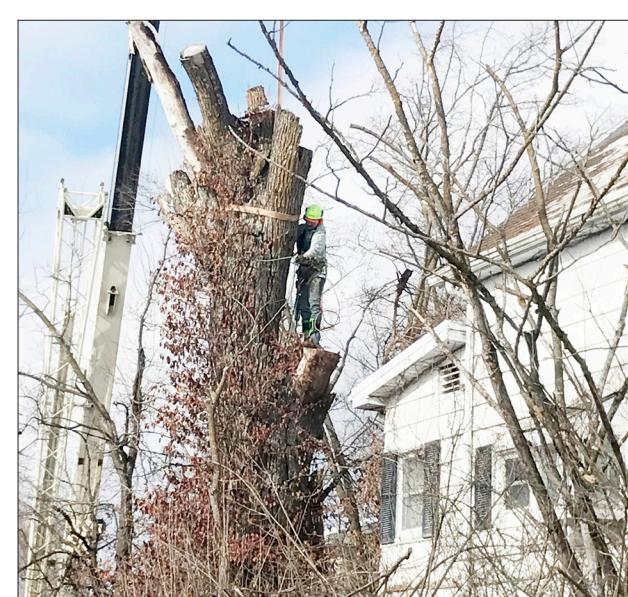
Sixth Grade

Emma Jaegers
Sophia Lopez
Nevaeh Miller
Connor Stephens

Not Listed

In addition to undergoing the difficult selection process, Knowledge Bowl team members will complete weekly assignments, lessons, quizzes, and intrasquad matches to expand their knowledge base and to help them prepare for the conference tournament. "We want to push our team members to know more than just general trivia," shared head coach Cindy Sieg. "We want them to be able to practically apply those tools to everyday problems too." Sieg and her assistant coach, Christiana Mustion, have both taken on new leadership roles with knowledge bowl this year. "It is going to be a fun, new experience to come in and work with the Knowledge Bowl students this year! I know things will be dif-

ferent than they were previously, but I feel like that's a good thing because how were Mrs. Sieg and I supposed to live up to the expectations set by the previous head coach [Joyce Everett]?" said Mustion. This year's Knowledge Bowl theme is "Brilliant as Einstein. Fierce as a Wildcat". The coaches both agreed that this is not only the theme but the attitude and confidence they want their team members to aspire to this year. Sieg and Mustion are both optimistic for the teams' potential to do well at the conference tournament and hope that the school and community will come together behind the players to offer their encouragement and support (Be on the lookout for team shirts you can wear too!). The Mid-Missouri Elementary Knowledge Bowl Conference Tournament will take place March 15, 2023, at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. All four of the Linn elementary school teams will be traveling to the tournament on that day to represent both their school and their community.



Bringing down the big one

A large, dead tree was cut down and removed from Daine Secret's property Friday, Jan. 13. The tree was brought down in pieces by Steven Edgar's company out of Versailles. The tree was causing major safety issues and property damage. It took over four hours to bring the tree down.



HEARD ON A MORNING RADIO SHOW...

To find out if a man was an optimist or a pessimist, his friends placed a glass of beer in front of him and asked him if the glass was half full or half empty. The man picked up the glass, drank it all and replied, "Neither, I'm a problem solver."

A look back at last week's weather in Osage County

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

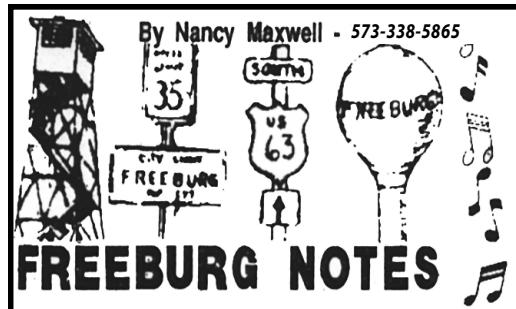
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Jan 24	45	26	
Jan 25	43	32	0.32 1-in. snow
Jan 26	33	33	0.01
Jan 27	52	34	
Jan 28	58	24	0.01
Jan 29	24	14	0.03

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday Night-Mostly cloudy, low around 23. Light and variable wind becoming south around 6 mph in the evening.
Thursday-Mostly sunny, high near 46. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night-Mostly clear, low around 17.
Friday-Sunny, high near 36.
Friday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 23.
Saturday-Partly sunny, high near 48.
Saturday Night-Mostly cloudy, low around 31.
Sunday-Mostly sunny, high near 50.
Sunday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 30.

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By Nancy Maxwell - 573-338-5865

FREEBURG NOTES

Good morning. Hopefully by the time you all read this all the rain and ice will be out of here. As I sit here Sunday evening there are warnings all over Facebook for folks to stay off the roads because Highway 63 is ice covered and several cars and trucks are involved in accidents. Prayers for all the emergency personal who have to work out in the weather!

Congratulations to Curt and Holly Krieg on the birth of their ninth grandchild. A son was born Tuesday, Jan. 17 to Clayton and Lauren Krieg of Linn. The little lad tipped the scales at 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He received the name, Ace Clayton. Ace is welcomed home by three older brothers, Ben, Hudson and Colt and one sister, Cami. Maternal grandmother is Mary Jane Ordway.

The Holy Family Knights sixth grade boys basketball team lost 45-30 to St. Peter (Jefferson City) Thursday evening. Toby Libbert scored 17 points, Charlie Berhorst scored nine points, Bradyn Stegeman scored two points and Roland Nivens scored two points.

Their next game is Thursday, Feb. 2 at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City against Our Lady of Snows Cougars at 7 p.m. Good luck, guys.

Rick and Cindy Hilkemeyer returned home Wednesday following a fun, relaxing four-day vacation at the National Elk Refuge in Jackson, Wyo.

Winners Friday evening in the Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus pitch tournament are 1) Paul Krieg and Alex Krieg; 2) Lindsey Boehm and Zach Boehm.

They will play again Friday, Feb. 3 at the Sacred Heart School gym. Sign up at 6:30 p.m. and play will begin at 7 p.m.

The Holy Family Lady Knights eighth grade team were off this week. Their next game is Thursday, Feb. 2 at St. Joseph School gym in Westphalia at 8 p.m. against the Trinity Lutheran Lady Tigers. Good luck.

Happy birthday to Fletcher Frank who celebrated his 24th birthday Jan. 26; to Chris Nilges who celebrated his 47th birthday Jan. 26; to Blake Brune who celebrated his 16th birthday Jan. 27; to Jonathan and Benjamin Stephens who celebrated their 14th birthdays Jan. 27; to Carol Rudroff who celebrated her birthday Jan. 27; to Annette Poettgen who celebrated her 74th birthday Jan. 28; to Karen Beck who celebrated her 69th birthday Jan. 28; to Aubrey Wieberg who celebrated her 15th birthday Jan. 28; to Rilyn Schottke who celebrated her eighth birthday Jan. 28; to Vincent Troesser who celebrated his 11th birthday Jan. 29; to Holly Krieg who celebrated her 58th birthday Jan. 29; to Travis Herzing who celebrated his 49th Jan. 29; to Rayna Lee who celebrated her seventh birthday Jan. 29; to Donnie Schmitz who celebrated his birthday Jan. 30; to Taylor Fick who celebrated her 30th birthday Jan. 31; Austin Schubert who celebrated his 26th birthday Jan. 31; to George Mebruer who celebrated his 83rd birthday Jan. 31; to Jordyn Hebisen who celebrated her 24th birthday Feb. 1; to Virginia Bax who celebrated her 74th birthday Feb. 1; and to Craig Berhorst who celebrated his birthday Feb. 1.

Paralee Kloepel and Betty Bailey of Loose Creek accompanied Sheila Bailey of Jefferson City to Warrensburg Saturday to watch their grandson, Trevor Bailey run in the track meet for the Columbia College Cougars at Central Missouri University. Trevor competed in several al

events and did very well!

If you have a child that will be five before August 1 please contact Holly at Fatima Elementary to schedule a time for kindergarten screening!

The screening dates this year will be March 1 and 2. 573-455-2375 Ex. 2001

Congratulations to Jordan Pope, Hailey Dickneite, Sierra Sankey, Saige Verslues, Londyn Stuckenschneider and Lucy Williams who made the Dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Missouri State University in Springfield.

Greg Struemph of Nashville, Tenn. enjoyed Thursday to Monday in town visiting with his brother, Dale and Kaitlin Struemph and family and his parents, Vic and Berniece Struemph.

The Fatima Lady Comets basketball team will host Eugene High School Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 9 they will host South Callaway at 6 p.m. Good luck, ladies.

Paisley, Brayden and Riley Lafferty, children of Nick and Paige Lafferty, are collecting old/broken crayons that can be recycled into new crayons and given to a Children's Hospital for pediatric patients. You can drop off your old crayons in the container in the back of church or bring them to the school.

Making the "A" honor roll for the first semester at Fatima Elementary School are Josie Schulte, Ben Struemph, Kinley Perkins. Making the "B" honor roll were Brie Wildhaber, Bree Voss, Aliza Stratman, Allis Oliver and Hudson Voss.

The Freeburg Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual country ham breakfast Sunday, Feb. 19 in the Holy Family School cafeteria from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

Congratulations to little Cal Conrad Allen, infant son of Taylor and Tori Allen, who received the Sacrament of Baptism Saturday evening at Holy Family Church. Cal's godparents are Logan and Mallory Siegler.

The Holy Family Lady Knights sixth grade girls basketball team defeated the Trinity Lutheran Lady Tigers by the score of 13-10.

Their next game is Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. against the St. Peter Lady Saints (Jefferson City) at Immaculate Conception School gym in Jefferson City. Good luck.

Congratulations to George and Dorothy Robertson who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Jan. 29.

Friday evening the Elementary Holy Family Knights and Lady Knights archery teams scored 2466 and the Middle team scored 3105 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Tournament.

Toby Libbert scored 277 to finish second in the seventh grade boys ranking; Grace Veasman scored 267 to finish second in the sixth grade girls ranking; Alexis Curtis scored 262 to finish third in the sixth grade girls ranking; Connor Knoll scored 262 to finish sixth in the eighth grade boys ranking; Alexis Rudroff scored 261 to finish fourth in the sixth grade girls ranking; Tyler Reichel scored 261 to finish third in the seventh grade boys ranking; Gage Curtis scored 258 to finish eighth in the eighth grade boys ranking; Holly Bliss scored 256 to finish fourth in the eighth grade girls ranking; Katie Kloepel scored 253 to finish first in the fifth grade girls ranking; Gavin Kempker scored 251 to finish sixth in the sixth grade boys ranking; Eli Woodruff scored 251 to finish sixth in the seventh grade boys ranking; Jake Rowden scored 250 to finish seventh in the sixth grade boys ranking; Xavier Knoll scored 249 to finish ninth in the eighth grade boys ranking; Ethan Kloepel scored 247 to finish seventh in the seventh grade boys ranking; Addie Rudroff scored 239 to finish first in the girls fourth grade ranking; Evan Simmons scored 235 to finish 11th in the eighth grade boys ranking; Raleigh Burkhardt scored 221 to finish eighth in the fourth grade boys ranking; Tyler Rowden scored 217 to finish seventh in the seventh grade boys ranking; Riley Stiefermann scored 217; Oliver Fick scored 216; Kara Murphy scored 207; Lily Falter scored 206; Walker Jeremy scored 205; Silas Nevens scored 201; Kendal Perrey scored 200; Abe Woodruff scored 186; Owen Libbert scored 183; Hailey Berhorst scored 174; Gavin Schlotte scored 150; Claire Neier scored 124 and Kamryn Lee scored 70.

Their next meet will be Saturday, Feb. 4 at St. Joseph School gym in Westphalia at 2 p.m. Good luck.

Sunday morning approximately 20 family and friends gathered at the American Legion Hall to honor Lexi Humphrey with a baby shower hosted by her family. Lexi received many lovely gifts and is welcoming her bundle of joy in March.

The Fatima Comets basketball team will host St. Elizabeth High School Friday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 7 they will play at Eugene High School at 5 p.m. Good luck.

Catholic Schools Week began this weekend. Congratulations to Janie Wallace, who received the Distinguished Graduate Award Saturday at Sacred Heart during the evening Mass. Activities at Sacred Heart School Thursday, Feb. 2, students will attend the Diocesan Vocation's Director pray with Fr. Paul Clark and pray the rosary with the superintendent of the diocese, Fr. Erin Vader. Students will have the chance to participate in activities with students from other schools. Friday, Feb. 3, students will share their time and talent with each other by participating in an escape room – students will try to succeed by solving riddles to open a locked door to get out of the room. Students may dress alike as set of twins or triplets! They will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

The students at Holy Family School began their Catholic Schools Week Sunday with a special Mass followed by games at the school. Congratulations to Gary Welschmeyer, who received the Distinguished Graduate Award presented by Debbie Reinkemeyer, Principal at Holy Family School during the Sunday morning Mass. The students did a great job with all of the Liturgical rolls during Mass and Mrs. Annette Poettgen did a great job leading the student choir in song.

Thursday, Feb. 2, they will travel to St. George School in Linn to the Diocesan Vocations' Director, Fr. Paul Clark and pray the rosary with the superintendent of the diocese, Dr. Erin Vader. Students will have the chance to participate in activities with other students.

Friday, Feb. 3, will be stewardship day and the students will listen to Ericka Wieberg, Sarah Reinkemeyer, Sam Rothove, Paige Lafferty, Rosalyn Welschmeyer, Kristen Struemph, Jay Locker, Nyla Bassett, Ryan Davis and Jeremy Knoll, on how they use their talents to serve others. Students may come in dressed in their prayer family colors. They will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

The Holy Family Student Council raffle winners are: 1) Religious Basket, donated by the Maries County Bank, won by Ida Dickneite;



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Representing Holy Family School at the January Speech Meet are left to right, front row: Avery Perrey (blue ribbon – Serious); Kinzie Haller and Lilly Falter (red ribbon – duet); Holly Bliss (red ribbon – Humorous). Back row: Kacie Haller and Lexey Bassett (blue ribbon – Duet); Anna Struemph and Carmen Falter (red ribbon – Duet).

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"A" Honor Roll

Grade 4:

Ashton Berhorst

Chase Berhorst

Cora Berhorst

Brynn DuValeus

Natalie Dyball

Heidi Heimericks

Carter Oorscheln

Mara Plassmeyer

Finley Schwartze

Matthew Schulte

Skylar Stephan

Beckham

Stuckenschneider

Grade 5:

Hudson Barnhart

Cora Heckman

Alayna Royston

Grade 6:

Avery Berhorst

Emery Berhorst

Camryn Muenks

Emma Schwartze

Grade 7:

Kaylee Berhorst

Ty Brandt

Ava Heckemeyer

Jack Wieberg

Rylie Wieberg

Adrian Winkelmann

Grade 7:

Gracie Dickneite

Clara Heimericks

Josie Hemmel

Casey Kleffner

Norah Berhorst

Cash Mengwasser

Aspyn Price

Macie Rademan

Karley Schaben

Trent

Grade 8:

Wyatt Dake

Tony Heckman

Trenton Kampeter

Maggie Kloepel

Brie Massman

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Chamois The Home of Good Neighbors

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Chamois hosts archery meet

On a perfectly beautiful winter day, Sat. Jan. 28, Chamois hosted an archery meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fourth through Sixth graders from Chamois were slated for 9 a.m. and Jr. High and High Schoolers were slated for 10 a.m. and noon. Hope you got to attend this quiet, calm event where individuals concentrate to improve their numbers at each meet. I heard in church that there were some really good scores. Congratulations, Pirates!

Class of 1998

Were you able to identify any of the members of the Class of 1998? Here they are. From row: Yvonne Jo Starke, Erin Paulsmeier, Jamie Kopmann, Michelle Kelly, Leisha Lamb, Kerry Lepeshko, Sarah Knoop. Middle Row: Robbie Moore, Jason Slusser, Chuck Gilbert, Dawn Hill, Christine Rost, Amy Thuli, D. J. Keilholz, and B. J. Kempker. Back row: Matt Hegefeld, Kelley Busch, Michael Sokolowski, Aaron Hackmann, and Nathan Iven. I fondly remember this class when I subbed in their classroom for several weeks when they were in Fourth Grade.

Teachers are learners too

Monday, Jan. 30 found CHS students with a day off. Not so the teachers who gathered at school for their own day of learning. Staff development was provided by the Heart of Missouri Regional Professional Development Center. Many thanks to our great teachers improving their skills through experience and constant learning—producing great citizens one student at a time. We can't thank you enough.

Our own sixth grade teacher Lawrence Hord was recently featured in a YouTube short on the Heart of Missouri web site explaining why he loves teaching. In addition to the classroom teaching, Mr. Hord also does theatre with his students and is the coach for the Academic Bowl Teams of Chamois Schools. After 30 years, teaching is still his passion. We are lucky to have such experienced teachers who teach from the heart.

Learning by doing

One of the many successful techniques of teaching is to have students learn by doing. High school English literature has been doing just that during the study of Roman Myths. Students created skits set in a time of their choice. See the picture of students playing Edward and Bella of Twilight fame meeting each other for the first time demonstrating the myth of Psyche and Cupid. Looks like a fun and successful method of learning. Viola!

All conference band

Do you remember All Conference Band? They still do it! This year, Chamois high school band members traveled to Westphalia on Friday, Jan. 6, where they met with other Show-Me Conference bands, Russellville, St. Elizabeth, Linn, Fatima, South Callaway, and Eugene. Being the host school, Fatima invited clinician Aaron Bounds formerly the band director at St. Louis University and currently the director at East Central College in Union. After practicing the chosen pieces with Mr. Bounds, the All Conference Band held an All Conference Band Concert which parents were invited to attend. Chamois grandparent Duane Paulsmeier gave me a very favorable report of the concert that included "King of the Road," "Tantrum," "Simple Dreams," "Hillside March," and "Canto." Kudos to the band students and our band director Mrs. Beth Sieg.

Middle school district band

Seventh Graders Grayson Gerloff and Victor Slack and Eighth Grader Oliver Carter were selected to attend Middle School District Band which was held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at Jefferson City High School. Attending the event were 28 different schools.

The all-day event began at 8 a.m. and concluded with watching the Honor Jazz Band perform and then performing their own concert at 6 p.m. Who knew hard work could be so much fun.

Unlock the memories

The title of the 2022-2023 CHS yearbook is "Unlocking the Memories". Order your copy today at \$45. The price goes up to \$48 on Friday, Feb. 3. You don't want to miss the pictures and stories of the year as it was. Currently being produced. Don't get left out!

Retired teachers meet

The Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association (CMRTSPA) met Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Missouri Retired Teachers facility in Jefferson City at 5 p.m., with a meal catered by Lee's Chicken and desserts brought by member hostesses. President Joan Bish called the meeting to order. Special guest speaker was Maria Walden, Director of Missouri Retired Teachers Association for almost a full year. Maria announced the Legislative Day is set for Feb. 14—Valentine's Day—and invited all of us to spend time at the Capitol hearing speakers and visiting with our representatives. The ABCs of MRTA include Advocacy, Benefits, and Community. Advocating for public education and public teachers who contribute and eventually become retired teachers (We hope that is their goal!), MRTA also offers additional benefits for retired teachers and finds retired teachers a benefit to the community through their economic power and their volunteering of time, money, and food to local communities. The Legislative Session began on Jan. 4. MRTA watches for attacks on public education. Maria noted that the narrative on public education is taking a beating. We need to respond to the negative with our own small voices. Teachers care. Support those going into education. Be a voice for public education. Teaching is a profession, but even more, it is a calling. Teaching is heart work.

In her retirement committee report, Arlene Broeker stated that retired teachers contribute \$3 billion to the state economy.

Kathy Muenks noted that two Cash for Classrooms Grants had been awarded to Linn and Fatima teachers. Hopefully this year CMRTSPA will be able to award the grants to all three public schools in Osage County. To win, you must apply.

Applications for another grant, MRTF Classroom Grants, can be found

at the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation web site. These are for \$500 and can be given to teachers and other school personnel. A nurse received one this year to purchase books to keep where students who are ill would have access to them while they waited to be picked up. These grants have an application deadline of June 30.

Larry Hunt gave a Legislative Report. Our legislators are Representative Bruce Sassman and Senator Ken Brown.

Ronda Thompson's Membership Report reminded us to invited all new retirees to join Missouri Retired Teachers on the state level and to invited them to join our local chapter CMRTSPA.

Marilyn Starr, reporting for the Community Committee, noted that she was still accepting Community Service Reporting Forms until the end of January. So far her numbers read thusly: 3,893 volunteer hours, 124 food items donated, and \$7,214 cash for food just from the responding members in the CMRTSPA. Retired teachers volunteer a lot to their local communities.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Legislative Day – Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. at the Capitol Rotunda
Unit President Summit – Mar. 14-15 in Columbia
Region 7 Annual Meeting – Apr. 28, Dent County
Teacher Appreciation Week – May 8-12
The next meeting of the CMRTSPA is Feb. 23, 1 p.m. at 4Cs/Edge Restaurant at Freeburg.

Delta Kappa Gamma

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Presbyterian Church in Union. The beautiful winter day proved to be a bonus for the Union hostesses who were wondering if there would be enough attendance for a quorum. They were pleasantly surprised to have one of the largest meetings in quite some time.

President Jeanine Oberg called the meeting to order and began with a Welcome and The Blessing Basket. A smorgasbord of delightful breakfast treats was served by the Union hostesses who charged only \$5 for the fulfilling meal. The Library Book Drawing found Gerald Elementary as this month's recipient.

The program was Celebrating Literature. Members brought in gently used books and a Book Auction was held. Also, members were asked to share works of writing that they had done. The highlight was guest speaker Sunshine Shanks of Belle who is a Reading Interventionist at Owensville and the author of two children's books, *The Perfect Barn* and *One Thousand Black Walnuts*. Sunshine melded her two favorite passions—teaching and agriculture—into literature that teaches children about farm life and life in the country. Lesson plans are available to go along with the books. Sunshine can be reached at sunshineshanks@yahoo.com. Her books are available on Amazon. Obviously spreading sunshine where ever she goes, Sunshine happily autographed books and visited with each and every person who made herself available.

Christy Brandt presented Past President Connie Warden with a beautiful scrapbook of her presidency (her own Presidential Library!) which Merilee Thoenen and Christy had compiled.

Upcoming dates to remember are the next meeting to be held Mar. 2 in Hermann and the Missouri State Convention to be held April. 28-29 in Columbia. Planners of the meeting are asking to display art from members of each chapter at the convention.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song with Dorothy Clarkson at the keyboard.

Lectionary for Feb. 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading and Psalm: Isaiah 58: 1-9a and Psalm 112: 1-9 (10); Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16); Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20

Blessing for those who Labour and are Heavy-Laden

Come to JESUS. HE will give you rest. Learn of JESUS. Ye shall find rest unto your souls, for His yoke is easy and HIS Burden in light.

From Matthew 11: 28-30

Notes to self – Withersoever thou goest?

Be strong and of good courage. Be not afraid, nor dismayed, for the LORD thy GOD is with thee withersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1: 9

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold." – Aristotle

Crap eats up as much of your life as you let it.

To be a Christian you must believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Trust in HIM. To Excel at Christianity you must love and exhibit justice and kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord.

Jason Hilkerbaumer – sermon Jan. 29.

Thought

As we pray for Ukraine, let us remember "Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them and don't be frightened because the LORD your GOD will go with you. HE will not leave you or forget you. Amen."

Deuteronomy 31: 6

A prayer

Heavenly Father,

As you receive more of your precious children into your heavenly realm, be with their families and friends, their entire school and community, our nation and the world. Help us to end this senseless slaughter. Show us not my will, but Thy Will. In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Upcoming events

Feb. 1 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ Educational Building, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Feb. 12 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for junior high and High school students at St. John's United Church of Christ Educational Building, 5 – 7 p.m.

Feb. 13 – Chamois Lions Club at Riverside Park – 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 – Missouri Retired Teachers Association Legislative Day at the Capitol, Rotunda, 10:30 a.m.; Osage County Agritourism Council, 5 p.m.; Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ Educational Building, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday; Ash Wednesday Service at Chamois United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 – Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association Meeting at 4Cs/Edge Restaurant in Freeburg, 1 p.m.

Feb. 24 – Fish Dinner at Assumption Catholic Church, Morrison, 4:30 – 7:30

p.m.

Mar. 2 – Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Hermann, 4:30 p.m.
School events

Good, Better, Best.
Never Let it Rest,
Until My Good is Better,
And My Better's Best

Feb. 2 – High school boys basketball at home with Richland, 6 p.m.

Feb. 7 – High school boys basketball at home with Jamestown, 6 p.m.

Feb. 8 – School board meeting, 7 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Homecoming and dance, 8 – 11 p.m.; High school boys basketball at home with Linn, 6 p.m.

Feb. 11 – 12 – Student Council Lock In, 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Feb. 12 – Chamois High School archery tournament

Feb. 13 – High school boys basketball at home with MMA, 6 p.m.

Feb. 14 – Russellville College Fair, 1 p.m.

Feb. 16 – High school boys basketball at home with Russellville, 6 p.m.; FBLA District 2 Conference at State Tech

Feb. 18 – 25 – High school boys basketball districts

Feb. 20 – No school, Presidents' Day

Feb. 28 – MAEA Youth Art Month Capitol Exhibit Ceremony

Follow school activities on social media

Facebook: Osage County R-1 Schools and Chamois Pirates Activities

Twitter: @Osage_1

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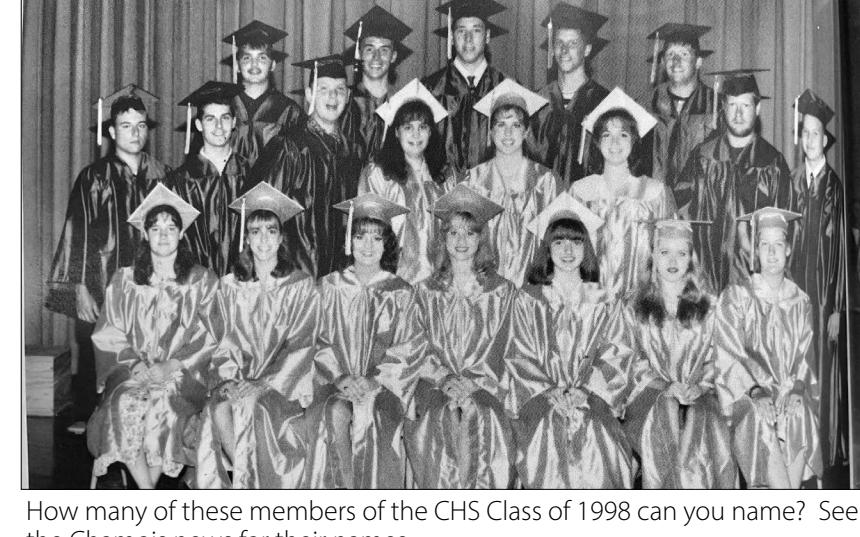
"And in the end..."

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

Until next time,

Susan Sundermeyer

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



How many of these members of the CHS Class of 1998 can you name? See the Chamois news for their names.



Sixth grade teacher Lawrence Hord was recently featured in a YouTube short on the University of Missouri's Heart of Missouri web site. Mr. Hord who also coaches the school Academic Bowl teams and has his students do plays, explains why teaching is a work of the heart.



CHS students in English are studying Roman myths by presenting myth skits set in other times. Here you see Bella and Edward from Twilight meeting for the first time.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SUSAN SUNDERMEYER

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"This business has made me deal with the fear of rejection. That's been a growth for me."

In 1991, Haviland and her husband Mark were considering a business opportunity, mainly for Mark. The Havilands got a tip from their financial planner concerning a St. Louis businessman.

"He had another client that was doing this," Haviland said of remanufacturing cartridges for computer printers. "This fellow was looking to bring somebody into his business and share the concept. That's how it all got started."

"He knew we were looking at creating a business. He came to us with that idea."

The idea led to the establishment of Cartridge Re-Manufacturing Corp., in Linn, now owned and operated solely by Chris Haviland. The business is remanufacturing ribbon cartridges and providing remanufactured toner and ink cartridges for computer printers.

The Havilands got in on the ground floor of the industry, when recycling and environmental awareness were growing in importance.

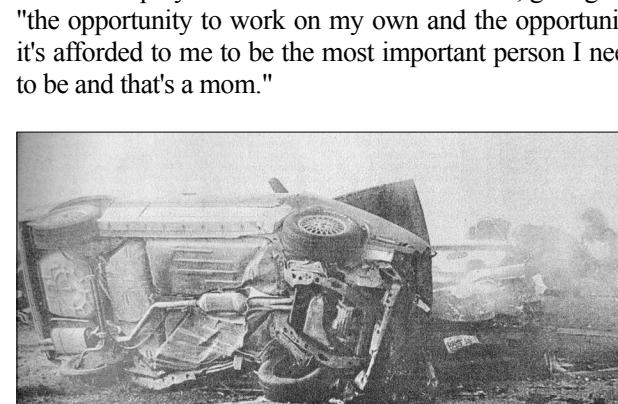
Printer cartridges in the new computer age were expensive and discarded after usage. Environmentally-conscious businessmen didn't want the cartridges filling up landfills and especially didn't want to pay the increasing costs of new ones.

Haviland said with the high cost of a cartridge and some

ribbons, environmental concern turned to monetary issues.

"People just want to save money," she said.

Self-employment has worked for Haviland, giving her "the opportunity to work on my own and the opportunity it's afforded to me to be the most important person I need to be and that's a mom."



The carnage continues

A fog-shrouded U.S. Highway 50 west of Linn was the scene of a three-vehicle accident Friday morning that injured two women, one of them serious. The Missouri State Highway Patrol said that Kathy J. Meyer, 37, of Tipton was taken to a Columbia hospital with serious injuries, while 18-year-old Dwayna E. Vestal of Linn was treated at a Jefferson City hospital for minor injuries. The

patrol said that a westbound 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Dustin L. Hash, 20, of Linn, in which Vestal was a passenger, went out of control, crossed the center line and struck an eastbound 1992 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Meyer. The accident occurred at 8:35 a.m., two miles west of the Highway W intersection.

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Fatima R-3 School News from Westphalia

The second quarter Comets with Character Students in grades Kindergarten through second grade pictured (right) are: left to right, front row: Jackson Stegeman, Ennette Redel-Sharisin and Kevin Peters; back row: Cosmo the Comet, Henry Oliver, Kach Boehm, Kayla Slusser and Crystal Bannan. Students in grades third through sixth (below) are left to right, front row: Kevin Mackley, Wyatt Kolb, Lydia Troesser and Phoebe Dawson; back row: Cosmo the Comet, Layla Wingrath, Jack Wingrath, Blake Steen and Chloe Schaben. These students were chosen by their teachers because they practiced the three rules of Comets with Character- "Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe." The students are wearing their PBIS shirts sponsored by Legends Bank



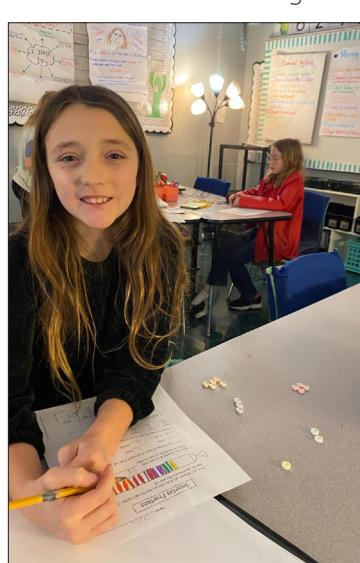
Please submit your school news and photos to the U.D.



The fourth grade Book Club

Melanie Brandt is shown here along with her students (above) and Kathy Muenks (MRTA committee member). Mrs. Brandt received various school supplies to use with her students. MRTA committee members, Kathy Muenks and Ronda Thompson stand next to Mrs. Amy Kemna (right) and three of her students. Mrs. Kemna received an activity table for her students.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KATHY MUENKS



The fourth grade reviewed fraction parts with Smarties. They grouped by color and colored what the Smarties packet had in it. Then they wrote them as fractions.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEPHANIE LAUX

MRTA Cash for Classrooms Donors Choose Program

The Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association held a contest through the MRTA Cash for Classrooms Donors Choose Program. The two teachers chosen were Mrs. Melanie Brandt (Linn R-2) and Mrs. Amy Kemna (Fatima R-3). Each teacher had \$100 donated to their project with Amy Kemna receiving a matching grant from MRTA in Jefferson City for an additional \$100. Pictured are the winners. Not pictured are committee members Arlene Broeker and Lorraine Masso.

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