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## Legal review cited in delay on group home P&Z hearing in Hermann

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HERMANN — A measure related to a group home for recovering alcohol and drug addicts located in a single-family residential Hermann neighborhood has been set aside for the time being to allow attorneys for the city and residents opposing the home to discuss the issue.

The Hermann Planning & Zoning Commission on Oct. 5 tabled the measure that would bring the city's definition of a family more in line with the definition of state government for a group of people living in one unit. The group home on Stone Hill Highway, which is being operated by Learn to Live Recovery, would have as many as eight people staying there while they recover from their addictions.

Residents of the neighborhood have asked the Board of Aldermen to not allow the group home, arguing that it is out of character with the single-family neighborhood and that there are other parts of the city which, such as in multi-family residential districts, would be a better location.

At an earlier aldermanic session, City Attorney David Politte explained that based on state and federal fair housing regulations, there is little the city can do regarding the group home. As Politte explained, about the only authority the city has over the home would be to ensure that the residence does not take on the appearance of a business. Residents of the neighborhood have vowed to fight the group home.

"I will recommend that we table this issue until the next meeting," said P&Z Chairman Delores Grannemann, adding that the attorney "need to talk a little more."

In other matters before the planning board, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Sitton is suggesting the aldermen be recommended to do away with the "suite" designation for guest houses because of parking regulations that call for suites to have one parking space. He noted that some guesthouses are operating as suites, which means they don't have to provide more off-street parking for the guests.

"I think the suites need to disappear altogether," Sitton told the P&Z Commission, in effect making all the multi-guest units guesthouses. Grannemann said the matter would be referred to the BOA to consider changing the code book regarding the rental dwellings.

The work on drafting an updated Comprehensive Plan for Hermann continues. A letter asking for qualifications of potential long-range planning organizations was reviewed and fine tuned and will be issued with responses due back in City Hall sometime in November.

"We'll send this out and see what happens," the chairman said.

It has been two or three decades since the city's initial Comprehensive Plan was adopted. The plan, also known as a Master Plan, serves as a blueprint for a city's growth and development, covering such things as identifying possible future zoning districts, locations for businesses, transportation needs and other items. A consultant would provide the city with a framework for guiding consideration planning and zoning action for several years.

Meanwhile, the city attorney will have ready for the next P&Z Commission session a draft ordinance covering the sale of marijuana within the city. Because of the newness of legalized sale of marijuana, the city's code book does not contain a section on the sale of the product.

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## Friday Morning Jam

The idea for live music jams came last school year, according to OHS teacher Tyler Ahring. "One morning last year the high school band left a keyboard and speaker on a cart plugged up in the cafeteria," Ahring said. "Ashden Murphy came in that morning and randomly just started playing it. He sounded fantastic and everyone seemed to really enjoy listening. Fast forward to the beginning of this school year and I asked (OHS Principal Kris Altemeyer) if it would be okay if we had some live music on Friday mornings in the cafeteria." See page 6 for a look at their Oct. 6 Friday Morning Jam.

## R-2 tech report reveals security upgrades

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Technology Director Nicole Grannemann on Sept. 18 updated the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education on the district's technology, including a "fake" phishing email to help educate staff on what to do if one comes through.

"We are partnered with Infosec (Morenet) to launch a phishing scheme education program for district staff last school year," Grannemann began. "Staff will continue to periodically receive 'fake' phishing emails to see how they handle them."

Grannemann said they will also periodically receive training to help educate everyone on the dangers of phishing and how to handle those emails when they are received.

"We are currently at a 2.9 percent phishing rate," she said. "I

will be rolling out a new campaign soon."

To help combat malware and phishing schemes, the district is implementing a two-factor authentication system for all staff.

"If it is not set up, we are restricting access until the setup process is complete," Grannemann said. "This created an additional layer of security for all staff accounts."

The district also uses enforced Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) on their elevated accounts and servers that work with sensitive personal information.

"This will block malicious and questionable computer activity until we can complete our approval process."

The district recently made a change from Tyler SIS to Infinite Campus for its student track software.

"There have been several issues to work through and with

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## Fidelity official: Efforts made to resolve damage concerns raised by Danz Road property owners

BY BUCK COLLIER  
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A Fidelity officials last week told the Gasconade County Commission that the communications company has tried to resolve the concerns of several property owners along Danz Road regarding property damage associated with the installation of fiber-optic cable.

Sam McGill, Fidelity's director of field operations, Thursday morning told the Commission said the issues raised in recent weeks by the residents to county administrators "started as a misunderstanding. We failed, or were unsuccessful, in getting a written easement" from the property owners.

The Commission has heard twice from residents who claim their property was damaged by the contractors installing the cable. One property owner said workers damaged a fence and three cows slipped out of the pasture and, at last report to the Commission, had not been recovered, nor had the owner received a response from Fidelity about the damage.

Commissioners went to the location to view the damage and try to resolve the residents' concerns. They noted at a later session they thought those concerns had been resolved. The issue, as Southern District Associate Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, R-Owensville, noted at a previous meeting, was between the residents and Fidelity and not with county government.

"I think everything on the county's part has been taken care of," Lairmore said at the Commission's Oct. 5 session held Owensville.

McGill added that workers have "made extraordinary effort" to repair any damage to the residents' proper-

ties. He said the company has tried to ease residents' concerns but acknowledges that some issues remain.

"We've been unsuccessful with that, but contend that we have been (working) in the right-of-way," he said.

Fidelity was supported by Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte, R-Hermann.

"I think you guys did your due diligence," Schulte said. But, he added, perhaps Fidelity should speak with its contractors to about not damaging private property.

McGill said Fidelity in the next three to four years will be installing 1,400 miles of fiber-optic cable to improve the quality of internet service. The company still has about 1,200 miles of cable to install in rural Franklin and Gasconade counties.

### Courthouse security measures appreciated

In other matters, the presiding commissioner acknowledged efforts at the courthouse Oct. 3 that resulted in a smoothly run hearing in the capital murder case of Kenneth Lee Simpson. There was tight security at the courthouse from the start of the business day through the afternoon.

Tuesday's hearing, which involved motions for a change of judge and a change of venue for the upcoming capital murder trial.

This hearing marked the first personal appearance for Simpson in a courtroom associated with the March 12 shooting of two Hermann policemen.

"Thanks to everybody at the courthouse," Schulte said. "It was very efficient and a little nerve wracking."

Shannon Howe of Howe Engineering of Macon, who met with the Commission in recent weeks, returned Thursday to bring new documents regarding the county's Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from civil

engineering firms regarding a bridge replacement project on Rohlfling Road. Howe introduced two members of his company who would be involved in the project if Howe Engineering is chosen.

Several other engineering firms have met in recent weeks with the Commission, which is in the process of selecting a new consulting engineering firm. RFQ responses are due in the County Clerk's Office by Thursday, Oct. 19.

The Rohlfling Road bridge replacement will be a BRO (Bridge Replacement-Offsystem) project, paid for in large part with state money. Howe told the Commission his company is familiar with BRO projects and working with the state on behalf of counties.

"It's all process driven," he said Thursday morning. "And we know how to make that work."

Lairmore said he thinks there will be work to be done on securing easements.

"I think there will be some easement changes on this one because we're relocating the bridge," he said.

Northern District Associate Commissioner Jim Holland, R-Hermann, noted that the county is looking to keep the existing bridge open during construction of the new span. Lairmore added that when this bridge is replaced, Gasconade County will be left with only one span considered to be in "critical" condition.

On another front, County Treasurer Mike Feagan said the county's 3-percent sales tax on marijuana became effective Oct. 1. County officials don't know what to expect in terms of revenue, with marijuana sales legal only since voter approval last November. The first batch of revenue from the 3-percent county sales tax might be available in November with more available in December.

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## Local Mule Days never disappoints

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## OHS spoils UHS' HC 38-35

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## A NEW ADVENTURE

# Columbus Day, still a federal holiday

Even though Missouri is landlocked with no access to the ocean, I was fascinated with sailing ships as a young boy. My favorite models were not of cars, but of clippers (a fast sailing ship).

Displayed on a shelf in my bedroom were tiny replicas of the three ships — the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria — that Columbus sailed on his journey in 1492 when he discovered America.

Monday was the national holiday for Christopher Columbus. If woke progressives have their way, this holiday will be stricken from the calendar, like many of his statues that have been torn down — 33 in 2020 alone.

As usual, the woke mob is wrong about placing Columbus on the scrap heap of history.

The angry mobs who vandalize and tear down statues have no idea why we recognize and honor the Italian who discovered — for Europe — the new world on his journey to find a new trade route to India.

For that, we have to delve into the history books. Columbus Day was born from violence, not against indigenous Americans but against Italian immigrants, which resulted in a diplomatic crisis with Italy.

The first national Columbus Day was proclaimed

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in July 1892 by Republican President Benjamin Harrison for the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery.

Beginning in the 1880s, there was a mass migration to America from southern Italy. Anti-immigrant sentiment toward Italians was high. This was demonstrated in May 1891 with one of the worst episodes of racial violence in American history, the mass murder of 11 Italians in New Orleans.

The immigrants had recently been acquitted of the murder of a local police chief.

The following day, a mob descended on the prison where the defendants were being held. "Bring 'em out, we'll kill 'em," came the cry from a thousand throats," the *New Orleans Times-Democrat* reported.

Vigilantes broke into the prison, where they shot and lynched the innocent immigrants. One victim's body was riddled with 42 bullets, the paper reported. The murderers were never brought to justice.

The next day, a headline in the *New York Times* read, "Chief Hennessy avenged, eleven of his Italian assassins lynched by a mob." The story included this line: "These... descendants of bandits and assassins... are to us a pest without mitigations."

After the news, Italy broke diplomatic relations with the U.S. and recalled its ambassador to Washington D.C.

America was on the brink of war with Italy. In April 1892, at Harrison's instruction, the U.S. government was to pay an indemnity of \$25,000 (over \$843,000 today) to survivors of the three victims who were citizens of Italy.

Harrison made the Columbus Day proclamation to help raise the reputation of Italian immigrants and mend diplomatic relations with Italy.

The biggest celebration that year was in New York City, where on Oct. 12, a parade of 40,000 marching men in military uniform was observed by over a million spectators. Bringing up the rear of the celebration was an army of 1,000 Native Americans, read the *New York Times*.

On Oct. 13, the city unveiled a 14-foot statue of Columbus sitting on a 27.5-foot granite column. It's still there at Columbus Circle in the Big Apple.

A New York minister, Francis Bellamy, wrote something to coincide with the 400th Anniversary of Columbus' voyage, "The Pledge of Allegiance."

In 1934, after lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress authorized President Franklin D. Roosevelt to declare Oct. 12 a permanent national holiday. In 1971, the second Monday in October was set aside as a federal holiday.

Am I glad that Columbus brought western civilization to America? Yes. Do I think he was a saint? No. He sold some Bahamian natives — where he landed — into slavery. Slavery was not new; it was accepted at that time in many parts of the world.

"It's unfair to judge someone who lived 500 years ago by today's standards. It's this simple fact when we celebrate Columbus, we celebrate the arrival of western civilization to the western hemisphere," says Michale Knowels in a PragerU video. "And if you can't celebrate that, it says much more about your moral compass than about history's greatest explorer."

The three replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria? They are on display in my home office.

## EDUCATION FUNDING UPDATE

# Stagnant per student funding sees big bump

FROM ALIGNED

The State Board of Education approved a budget request for the PK-12 foundation formula totaling \$120,599,628, which will appear as a new decision item in the governor's FY25 budget.

Upon approval of the Missouri General Assembly, public schools can expect an increase in the state adequacy target from \$6,375 to \$6,760 for FY25 and \$7,145 for FY26. The \$4 billion formula payment represents the single biggest line item in the state budget.

Why the bump?

When the state implemented the latest iteration of the school improvement program (MSIP 6), it changed the composition of the "high-performance districts" that DESE uses to set per-student funding targets.

"With MSIP 6, we've got a more selective pool of districts and charter schools in that grouping," explains Dr. Kari Monsees, deputy commissioner of Financial and Administrative Services for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "In the past, there were many districts above 90%. With MSIP 6, it's a much smaller list meeting that high standard and impacting the overall SAT (state adequacy target)."

Dr. Monsees added that the FY26 increase in SAT will cost \$300 million.

**"You can't go to work if your kids have nowhere to go. Due to knuckleheads doing filibusters — Bill Eigel — it didn't come up for a vote."**

—Missouri Chamber of Commerce President Dan Mehan speaking to members of the University of Missouri's Center for Family Policy and Research.

**State business chamber sounds alarm on child care crisis**

The *Missouri Independent* reported on the end of federal pandemic relief that has buoyed child care operations for the past couple of years.

"Now some of that money is going away. American Rescue Plan Act stabilization funds — \$24 billion distributed by states that allowed child care to continue for 9.6 million children — will run out Sept. 30," writes Casey Quinlan.

At the Missouri Chamber's annual workforce conference later this month, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe will address the child care crisis during his keynote address.

The *Missouri Independent* also reports that Missouri Chamber President Dan

Mehan shook his finger at a state senator for not allowing a tax credit package for child care centers to come up for a vote.

"You can't go to work if your kids have nowhere to go," Mehan told the crowd of about 100 gathered at the University of Missouri's Center for Family Policy and Research. "Due to knuckleheads doing filibusters — Bill Eigel — it didn't come up for a vote."

Meanwhile, the Bluegrass state found an innovative way to address the child care supply shortage, and it's working.

**DESE awards first round of new Pre-K grants**

Last session, the Missouri General Assembly appropriated funding for two new grant programs to serve preschoolers from families with low-incomes. Good news — DESE has announced the first round of Missouri Quality Pre-K (MOQPK) grantees which include more than 3,000 seats for 4-year-old in public schools and funding for 4-year-olds in private provider settings.

*(Aligned is the only state-wide non-profit, nonpartisan business group working in Kansas and Missouri on educational issues. The mission is full development of children through support of high-quality early learning to solid secondary programs that provide rigorous academic programs and real-world learning opportunities.)*

## THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BEAT

# Ameren Missouri plans new natural gas plants along with clean energy additions

## St. Louis-based electric utility still pledges to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2045

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Ameren Missouri announced plans Sept. 26 to burn more natural gas in the coming years, though it claims the decision doesn't undermine pledges to reduce its carbon emissions.

The St. Louis-based utility, which serves more than 1.2 million Missouri customers, says it is still planning to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.

Ameren announced its plans to add another natural gas plant to its fleet of power generators at the same time that it laid out new investments in clean energy and vowed a quicker timeline for adding utility-scale battery storage.

Ajay Arora, chief renewable development officer for Ameren Missouri, said in an interview Tuesday that the company was adding natural gas primarily to burn intermittently to help meet periods of peak demand.

"Since our customers are electrifying more in order to meet their decarbonization goals, while we accelerate the deployment of renewables, we also want to ensure that we are meeting reliability under all conditions, in all hours — even under extreme weather conditions," Arora said.

Ameren disclosed its upcoming investments in its "integrated

resource plan," which it files with Missouri regulators.

The Missouri chapter of the Sierra Club panned the announcement in a press release, saying the company is "not serious about acting on climate change or being a good community partner."

"Ameren's announcement reeks of greenwashing because its energy plan is to burn a lot of potent greenhouse gasses," said Jenn DeRose, a Missouri representative for the group's Beyond Coal Campaign.

Ameren announced plans last year to construct a natural gas plant by 2031 capable of producing 1,200 megawatts.

Now, according to its filing, it expects to build a smaller 800 megawatt plant by 2027 and a combined-cycle plant in 2033 that could later be converted to run off on hydrogen rather than methane or "natural gas."

The plan also moves up investments in battery storage, a developing technology that could boost grid reliability.

Adding batteries to the grid would allow renewable energy to be banked at times when generators are producing plenty and spent when demand is high, making clean energy more flexible. Without storage, solar and wind power are available as the weather permits.

Ameren's filing says the company will add 2,800 megawatts of solar and wind power by 2030 along with the 800 megawatt natural gas plant. In the 2030s, it plans to add another combined 1,900 megawatts of wind and solar power while retiring coal plant units.

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

# 2023 Goal: reducing kitchen fires

## Most common site for home fires

JEFFERSON CITY — Across the U.S., interest in cooking and testing out new recipes in the kitchen have risen dramatically in recent years.

The fire service says it's time to see a similar increase in interest in preventing kitchen fires, and that's why the theme for Fire Prevention Week this year is "Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention."

National Fire Prevention Week is from Oct. 8-14, 2023.

"Cooking fires account for about one-half of all home fires across the nation," said State Fire Marshal Tim Bean. "Most of these fires could be eliminated by making a few simple things standard operating procedure in the kitchen. Let's start with remaining in the kitchen when cooking, protecting against fires that start with grease, and having an easily accessible fire extinguisher in the kitchen."

**Fire Marshal Bean shared these tips:**

- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Keep your cooking area clean. Do not let grease build up on the range top, toaster oven or in the oven.
- Keep anything that can catch fire

away from the stovetop.

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. This helps prevent spills that can start fires.

- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.

According to U.S. Fire Administration estimates, in 2021 in the U.S. there were 353,500 residential fires, 2,840 death and 11,400 injuries in residential fires. Losses were estimated at almost \$8.6 billion.

**Change batteries on smoke detectors, CO alarms**

As a reminder, the end of Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, when clocks are adjusted to "fall back" an hour, can serve as an easy reminder to change smoke and CO alarm batteries once a year. Remember, when you change the time, change the batteries. Always have properly installed and maintained smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

*(More tips on a variety of fire safety topics are available on the Division of Fire Safety website at: <https://dfs.dps.mo.gov/safetytips/>.)*

## American Red Cross urges cautionary tips to help prevent kitchen disasters

ST. LOUIS — During Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14, the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis reminds everyone that cooking is the leading cause of home fires and issues safety steps to follow to help avoid one of these blazes.

"The top reason for cooking fires is someone leaving the stove unattended while cooking," said Beth Elders, executive director, Red Cross of Greater St. Louis. "Cooking brings family and friends together, but this normal, everyday activity can also lead to disaster. In fact, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. To help keep your loved ones safe, it's important to stay in the kitchen while you're cooking."

Follow these 10 steps to help stay safe while cooking:

- If you are frying, grilling, or broiling food, never leave it unattended — stay in the kitchen. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Don't wear loose clothing or sleeves that dangle while cooking.
- If you're simmering, baking, roasting, or broiling food, check it regularly.

- Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.

- Keep kids and pets away from the cooking area. Make them stay at least three feet away from the stove.

- Keep anything that can catch fire — potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains — away from your stove, oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

- Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.

- Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department to take training on the proper use of extinguishers.

- Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens and small appliances are turned off.

- Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year if your smoke alarm requires it.

## CAPITOL PERSPECTIVES

### The legacy of Missouri's 2023 legislative session

BY PHILL BROOKS

As Missouri legislators prepare for the 2024 legislative session, they should consider how many of their major 2023 accomplishments received limited public attention.

The 2023 legislative session focused on divisive issues like restricting transgender medical procedures for minors and restricting students from participating on school sports teams designated for a sex different than the student's birth certificate.

Another major issue was a failed GOP effort to make statewide ballot issue initiatives more difficult. The measure was filed in response to the abortion-rights constitutional amendment.

Yet, reviewing the legislature's full record, there were many significant issues passed into law that directly impact Missourians beyond the ideological and partisan issues that often dominated the attention of legislators, the public and reporters.

One major exception that did get public attention is the multi-billion dollar project to expand Interstate 70 to three lanes between Kansas City and St. Louis. It will take years to complete, but could have a huge impact on interstate transportation.

Other successful proposals that got less attention involved tax breaks.

Counties or county voters would be empowered to award tax credits for property assessment increases on the homes owned by the elderly. The bill also expands income tax exemptions for pension benefits and Social Security. Legislative staff estimated the state tax cuts would reduce state tax collections by about \$300 million per year when fully implemented.

Lawmakers also passed a measure that provides tax credits for businesses that hire student interns. That new law also establishes rights for college athletes to receive private compensation for use of the student's name or image.

Tax credits would be provided for child adoption costs under another bill signed by the governor which also adds additional provisions for advanced health care directives.

Non-tax laws include giving physical therapists the power to provide treatment without a doctor's prescription.

An education bill would expand the right of public schools to teach children religious topics including the Bible and Hebrew Scriptures.

Equal-parenting time would be defined as in a child's best interest in child-custody cases. Beyond that, the new law provides that parents who fail to meet their child support obligations will be given additional rights to seek keeping various licenses including driving and professional licenses.

Medicaid coverage for mothers of newborns will be extended from 60 days to one year after birth. That new law includes a number of other significant health issues.

One unrelated provision restricts examination of the pelvic regions by a health care providers of an

### Change in Commercial Driver License (CDL) testing procedure takes effect Dec. 1 in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Department of Revenue is adopting changes for Commercial Driver License (CDL) applicants which take effect Dec. 4.

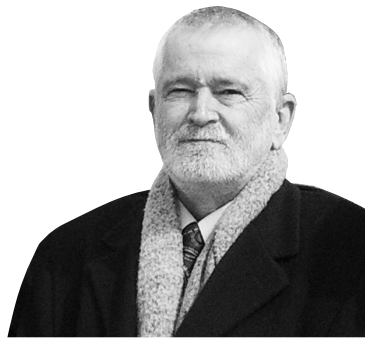
The new modernized testing standard being adopted by Missouri will begin to be utilized by all CDL examiners in the state, including at all Patrol examination sites and all third-party examination sites. The changes in testing procedure include a more streamlined pre-trip examination and more efficient basic skills course.

Those wishing to train for taking their CDL skills tests on Dec. 4 or later should utilize the following CDL manual for applicable procedures at [dor.mo.gov/forms/CDL%20Manual%20\(NEW\).pdf](https://dor.mo.gov/forms/CDL%20Manual%20(NEW).pdf).

Current testing procedures will remain in effect statewide until Dec. 1. The current CDL manual can be found at <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/CDL%20Manual.pdf>

It is important to note, per federal guidelines, applicants must pass the pre-trip and basic skills using the same testing model, meaning if an applicant passes the old model pre-trip, they must pass the old model basic skills test to be eligible for the road test.

The agencies encourage training schools and applicants to consider this when making plans for testing.



by PHILL BROOKS

anesthetized patients without prior approval or a court order under another new law. Another provision expands coverage of do-not-resuscitate orders for minors.

There's a new law to expand to adults the restriction on texting while driving a motor vehicle. The bill also contains provisions to toughen the requirement for a driver to have auto insurance.

Another new law provides consumer protections in civil lawsuit awards on how much the lawyer contracted by a party in the case can get from a court award. Another bill signed into law by the governor expands to the relatives who can delegate control of the final disposition of a deceased person

There's a new law that creates a crime for tampering with an automated teller machine (ATM) and also allows school safety officers to carry fire arms in public schools.

While reporters covered many of those issues, I sense our coverage was obscured by the intense ideological and political battles on the major controversies in the General Assembly. Maybe we need to adjust our coverage efforts. However, statewide public officials also share some of the blame for distracted public attention.

In my earlier years as a statehouse reporter, Gov. Kit Bond, Gov. Mel Carnahan and Attorney General John Danforth were laser focused in public presentations on consumer and education issues that directly impacted a majority of Missourians.

Their support of these issues helped the public, lawmakers and reporters focus on the major issues before the legislature. On the other side, the legislature itself has obscured attention to the major issues before the General Assembly.

The legislature's growing practice to throw completely unrelated amendments onto bills in the hectic closing days of the legislative session made many of the enacted bills confusing legislative smorgasboards.

Public confusion and reporting difficulties are inevitable if lawmakers themselves cannot limit focus on the key issue of a bill in the closing days of the session.

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### With Port Authority District on horizon, Chamber exec pushes for strategic plan

BY BUCK COLLIER  
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HERMANN — As the creation of the Greater Montgomery County Port Authority appears more likely, the executive director of the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce says it's imperative that the organization develop a long-range strategic plan to better position the local business community to benefit from being part of the district.

Chamber Executive Director Melissa Lensing last week told the board of the Hermann Regional Economic Development (HRED) Corporation that a proposal to have an outside firm help craft a strategic plan could be approved at this month's session of the Chamber Board of Directors. She presented the proposal at last month's meeting, but the board tabled it while it dealt with more pressing matters.

"What is it that we want and need for the future?" Lensing asked in explaining why a long-

range plan is important. "We've got to have plans in place" to take advantage of Hermann being a part of the Port Authority District, and for other reasons, as well. For instance, she said if the Chamber pursues grant funding from the state and federal governments, a long-range development plan will be beneficial to present as part of the grant application.

The application for the approval of the Greater Montgomery County Port Authority — co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Commission and the city of Hermann — is expected to be taken up by the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission when it meets tomorrow (Thursday) in Warrenton. The board that governs the Missouri Department of Transportation holds some of its monthly sessions at locations throughout the state.

Lensing is proposing the Chamber contract with a company that specializes in strategic planning. That company would craft a blue-

print for the Chamber to use in coming years as it promotes economic development in the area.

If approved as proposed, the Port Authority District would be governed by an eight-member board with the city of Hermann having one member on the panel. The district is being proposed as a way to bolster efforts to develop an industrial "megaproject" within the Interstate 70 Corridor similar to large industrial sites located in Southern states. The Port Authority is envisioned as playing a major role in assembling the land needed as a site for a major industrial employer — an area projected as being 3,000 to 5,000 acres in size.

HRED, which works to promote development in the Hermann area, has endorsed the effort to form the Port Authority District.

In other matters at the monthly session of the HRED board, Gasconade County R-1 Superintendent Geoff Neill reported that school district officials remain in talks with

several agencies and higher education institutions about the establishment of a Career Center possibly on the R-1 campus focusing on the hospitality, culinary and viticulture industries. The notion is to have a local Career Center prepare high school students to work with and eventually become employed by local companies in the hospitality, culinary and viticulture industries.

But HRED Secretary Brian Jett offered some disconcerting news regarding his research into possibly obtaining grant money to fund a feasibility study of the proposed Career Center. He said a discussion with a Meramec Regional Planning Commission staff member left HRED with a big challenge: As much as \$50,000 in local money would be needed to attract a matching grant to finance the study.

"We'd have to come up with \$50,000 to put with (a government agency's) \$50,000 grant," Jett said. "There's no way around it."

### Prosecutor wants to use settlement funds to bolster community efforts in fight against opioid addiction

BY BUCK COLLIER  
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HERMANN — With more than \$50,000 in hand — and more to come over the next 17 years — Gasconade County Prosecuting Attorney Mary E. Weston wants to augment local efforts to battle opioid addiction.

To do that, she is asking for help from a number of organizations — emergency response agencies, law enforcement agencies, educators and social service personnel. Representatives of those groups and others gathered last week for the initial meeting of the Opioid Settlement Team, a collaboration of groups that will offer guidance on how Gasconade County's share of the settlement funds from the class-action lawsuit against Big Pharma should be used.

The county thus far has received about \$52,000 with another \$13,000 scheduled to be received by year's end, according to County Treasurer Mike Feagan. Settlement money is scheduled to come in during the next 17 years from the manufacturers and distributors of opioid drugs.

"This is a long-term project," Weston told those gathered Oct. 3 in the main courtroom of the Gasconade County courthouse. "I'd like to be able to look and see what we're doing as a community and then augment it."

The issue of opioid addiction both locally and nationally was pushed to the background with the

**"I'm asking for your help. I've got to come up with a long-term plan so we can fix this."** — Prosecuting Attorney Mary Weston

onset of the coronavirus pandemic; however, the legal action against Big Pharma continued with settlements reached and initial funds coming in at the first of this year.

The Gasconade County Commission early this year decided to direct the settlement payments to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Weston said at the time that she would work with several agencies to craft a plan for using the money, primarily for education and awareness programs aimed at curbing the problem in this county.

At last week's meeting it was noted that Gasconade County is among the top 10 counties in the state in terms of the number of cases of opioid overdoses.

Weston said she has used the Child Death Review Committee as a model for the structure of the Opioid Settlement Team. The Child Death Review Committee — there is one in each county — is comprised of several agencies that convenes to consider the factors involved in the deaths of those younger than 18 years.

As far as the education component, Gasconade County R-1 and R-2 school districts could play a key role. Representatives of both districts attended the meeting. Weston said not enough is being done in the

classrooms to alert students to the dangers of opioid addiction.

"We talk about alcohol; we talk about cigarettes; we talk about THC (the key chemical contained in marijuana)," she said. But, she added, the dangers of opioids is not discussed in the schools.

And it's not just the students who must be educated, the prosecuting attorney said. "We've got to teach the parents," she said.

The problem is, much of the addiction issue begins in the family's medicine cabinet, where the parents' pill bottles are located, she said. Hydrocodone is the big culprit, she noted, referring to the powerful pain killer that has become popular as a feel-good pill with a street cost that's much less than illegal narcotics. Physicians were quick to prescribe hydrocodone for pain relief.

"These doctors starting pushing these pills like candy," she said. "My doc gave it to me, so it ought to be OK, right?"

But soon, she said, it became clear that the drug was being overprescribed for old people, young people, just about everybody.

"We started having problems," Weston said. "You could sell these pills for \$40 a pill. That's an addiction, right?"

The addiction problem grew, she explained. After hydrocodone, those taking the legal medication felt the need to move to something stronger.

"We started seeing people mi-

grating to heroin," the prosecutor said. And in recent years, she said, those addicted are moving to something even stronger — and much more dangerous: Fentanyl. A very small amount of this synthetic drug can prove fatal, she said.

"I'm asking for your help," Weston told those attending the meeting. "I've got to come up with a long-term plan so we can fix this," she added.

And, Weston, said, it's not just the drug addiction itself that's a concern.

"There are other problems that come from opioid abuse," she said, pointing specifically to the phenomenon of sex-for-pills, which is no longer an urban-area concern. "That's a big issue we have in this county," she told the crowd.

The prosecuting attorney said she would like to see a wider use of Narcan, the chemical used to bring a person out of an overdose. Narcan needs to be readily available to all first responders, she said.

"First responders need to have Narcan and they need to know how to use it," she said.

Awareness of the opioid addiction means going so far as putting signs in restaurants and elsewhere. "We've got to get in peoples' faces. We really do," Weston said.

She closed the meeting by asking the team members to pass along their suggestions and thoughts on how to use the funds to an email set up just for this program: [OpioidSettlementTeam1@gmail.com](mailto:OpioidSettlementTeam1@gmail.com).

### Ballistic shields donated to Hermann police, fund-raiser planned Nov. 4 for officers

BY DAVE MARNER  
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No Access Armor in Sullivan this month donated ballistic shields it manufactures to the Hermann Police Department.

Tim Hays and Nick Watts presented the shields to Hermann Police Chief Marlon Walker. Watts, involved with development, sales and marketing for No Access Armor, had run a Go-Fund Me campaign for the donation to Hermann police.

Hays, of Beaufort, said the thought process behind the donations was "two-pronged" in an effort to protect first responders

following the March shooting death of a Hermann police officer and wounding of another in an armed confrontation with a wanted felon.

"Every first responder returns home from their shift," said Hays. And, he added, "we want to help prevent" what happened in March in Hermann to any more first responders or police.

Hays said those wishing to donate to the page Watts started can designate donations toward specific police departments.

Supporting the families of first responders injured or killed in the line of duty is their other goal.

Hays is inviting area resident to a fund-raiser breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at

Miller's Grill along Route A south of Highway 100 in Washington. Funds raised from the breakfast will go to the family of the late Det. Sgt. Mason Griffith and wounded patrolman Adam Sullentrup.

And on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, Hays and a network of volunteers will host a free dinner for veterans and a guest at the Franklin County Baptist Association's activity center at 785 Butterfield Drive in Union (south of U.S. 50 off of Highway 47). The 6 p.m. event will include some guest speakers and door prizes including a donated pistol and \$800 toward eye glasses from Washington Eye Care and the company's Hermann site.

Call and leave a voice message



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM HAYS  
HERMANN POLICE patrolman Russell Tietsort (left) and Chief Marlon Walker accepted transparent ballistic shields from the Sullivan firm No Access Armor.

or text Hays at 314-974-3220 if you plan to attend so he can plan for the number of meals.

### Hermann P&Z • From page 1

Hermann has only one marijuana retailer — apparently the only outlet in Gasconade County. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance during a public hearing set for Monday, Nov. 6.

That night the Commission also will hold public hearings on the

measure regarding the definition of family and the matter of scrapping the designation of "suites" in favor of an overall "guesthouse" designation. The hearings will begin at 7.

Rachel and Eric Penton appeared before the Commission to ask about possible regulations regarding a proposed drive-through pizza parlor

in the neighborhood behind the former Casey's General Store on East 8th Street. They are concerned about the traffic that would be generated by the business, especially if the site is to be further developed to include bocce courts.

"Our concern is parking," Rachel Penton said. Eric Penton is a doc-

tor who recently joined the staff of Hermann Area District Hospital.

P&Z members said they were unaware of any plans to develop a business in that area. The Pentons were advised to speak to City Administrator Patricia Heaney about their concerns.



## Owensville High School Class of 1961

The OHS graduating class of 1961 held their 62 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23, at Snowensville Diner. In attendance were: front row, from left, Harlan Idel, John Baxter, James Bill Haase, Larry Biles, Ken Crowder, Larry Berger, Gene Ridder, Tom Sneed and Carl Souders. Back row, from left, Rosalie Price Winkelman, Gloria Schmidt Ridder, Marsha Mauer, Ruth Depperman Biles, B.J. AufderHeide Kaul, Mary Ann Kormeier Barbarick, Barbara Farris Hoemeyer and Sue Suttner Sassmann.

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## PAGES FROM OUR PAST

# Owensville's first postman walks 80,000 miles ~ 1963

70 years ago - September 24, 1953

Ray Gawer, Chairman of the Park Board, informs us that part of the gold course at Memorial Park will be completed by this weekend and will be open to members of the local County Club for practice session. The sand greens for four of the nine holes will be completed this week.

60 years ago - October 10, 1963  
Construction in progress

Construction is progressing on a \$178,000 dual-wing addition to the District R-2 high school in Owensville. The north wing, which will house a library, study hall and office space is beginning to take shape. The south wing, containing classrooms and laboratories, is nearing completion.



50 years ago - October 10, 1973  
Postman walks 80,000 miles

Virgil Holzschuh is shown sorting some of the estimated millions of pieces of mail handled during his 23 years as an Owensville postman. Holzschuh was the city's first mail carrier in 1950. Between then and his retirement in June, he walked more than 80,000 miles, or the equivalent of nearly four times around the world.



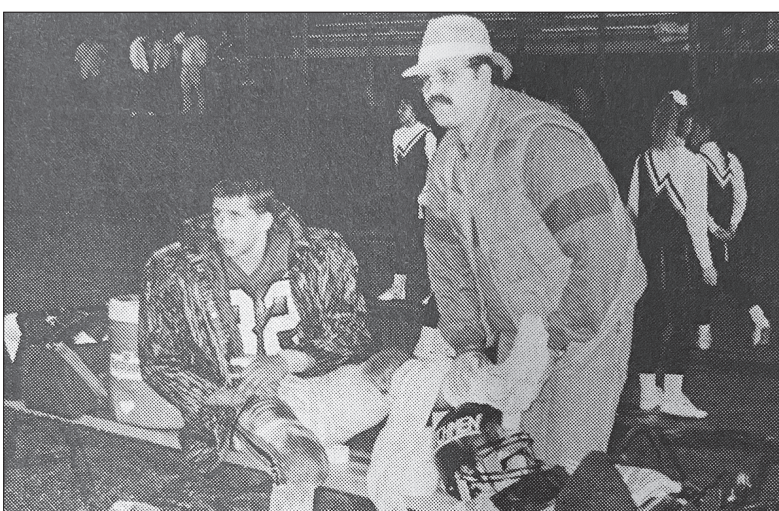
10 years ago - October 9, 2013  
Queen cuts ribbon at new Dutchmen Field

Owensville High School Athletic Director Steve Tappmeyer and 2013 OHS Fall Homecoming Queen Jessica Saunsaucie (from left) cut the ribbon officially dedicating the new Dutchmen Field at halftime of the homecoming football game Friday night between the Dutchmen and Pacific. The project was officially completed when the track surface was lined into eight lanes to host the Four River Conference Track Meet the spring.



40 years ago - October 12, 1983  
Homecoming queen candidates

Three Owensville High School senior and three juniors are competing for the title of 1983 Football Homecoming Queen at Friday night's game against St. Clair. The seniors, seated, left to right, are Lori Adams, Leslie Griffith and Linda Jost. Junior candidates are Jill Adkison, Trisha Johnson and Mista Martin.



30 years ago - October 13, 1993  
Sprained ankle sidelines Schmanke

Paul Schmanke keeps his eyes on the action on the field after being forced from the game with a sprained ankle. Looking on is Dr. Todd McCluskey. Schmanke is expected to play Friday when OHS hosts Union.

## Kane assigned to Catholic churches in Owensville, Belle

A priest with years of experience serving in communities large and small is now ministering primarily to the people of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Owensville and St. Alexander Catholic Church in Belle.

Father Philip Kane is the associate pastor of the Owensville and Belle parishes as well as of St. George Parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland, in collaboration with Father Philip Niekamp, the pastor.

Originally from Ravenna, Ohio, Kane studied philosophy and theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Cincinnati. He was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City on April 9, 1988.

He has served as a deacon at St. Pius X Parish in Moberly, as associate pastor of Cathedral of St.

Joseph Parish, and as chaplain of Helias Catholic High School, both in Jefferson City. He was sacrament minister for St. Michael Parish in Russellville, and served as associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, as pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Brunswick, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Glasgow and St. Joseph Parish in Slater, and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk. He's been a pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove, the Mission of St. John the Baptist in Clear Creek and St. Joseph Chapel in Clifton City, and parochial administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg, Sacred Heart Parish in Vandalia, and the Mission of St. John in Laddonia.

He began his current assignment on July 1.



FATHER PHILIP KANE

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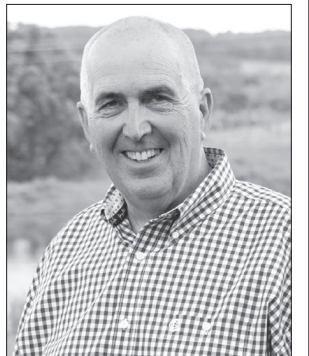
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Wednesday, Oct. 11	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime
Wednesday, Oct. 11	4 p.m.	Teen Club: Hogwarts Themed Baking
Thursday, Oct. 12	4:30 p.m.	Read, Build, & Play: Nutrition and Making Fruit Leathers
Thursday, Oct. 12	5 p.m.	Dehydrating Fruit Leathers
Monday, Oct. 16	11 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime
Tuesday, Oct. 17	6 p.m.	Book Look Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 18	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime

Lil' Owl's Storytime: Every Monday at 11 a.m. and every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Ages 0-5. Teen Club: Young adult ages 12-18. Read, Build, & Play: Come hear a story, create, make, and problem solve. Ages 5-11. Dehydrating Fruit Leathers: Join us in learning about the necessary equipment, fruit purees, and techniques needed to make tasty fruit leather. In this program we will learn how to mix a fruit puree, dehydrate, condition, and store. A demonstration and fruit leather sampling will be offered. All Ages. Book Look Book Club: "In the Lake of the Woods" by Tim O'Brien. Seeds of the Month Club for October: Kale, variety. Supplies for events (make-and-take kits) are available at the library. Library patrons are asked to practice frequent washing of their hands and social distancing. Reach the Owensville library at 437-2188.

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**Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC**, Flagstar Bank, parcel in Section: 15, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SE-SW; to Janice Riley.

**Edith S. Nicholas**, parcels in Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 4, Block: 13; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 5, Block: 13; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 6, Block: 13; to Emily S.R. Nichols.

**Edith S. Nichols**, parcels in Section: 36, Township: 42N, Range: 6.00W-SE-NE; Section: 36, Township: 42N, Range: 6.00W-SW-NE; Patricia K. Woemmel (Undivided 1/2 Interest), Emily S.R. Nicholas (Undivided 1/2 Interest).

**Donald E.S. Merritt**, Karen Banks Merritt, parcels in Section: 12, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SE-NE; Section: 12, Township: 44N, Range: 5.00W-SW-NE; to Donald E.S. Merritt, Karen Banks Merritt, Linda Merritt.

**Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Inc.**, Julia Baker (President), Gary Hacker (Treasurer), parcels in Subdivision: 00202, Lot: 722; Subdivision: 00206, Lot: 863; Subdivision: 00208, Lot: 114; Subdivision: 00202, Lot: 722; Subdivision: 00204, Lot: 616; Subdivision: 00077, Lot: 9A; Subdivision: 00205, Lot: 854; Subdivision: 00208, Lot: 145; Subdivision: 00207, Lot: 37; Subdivision: 00201, Lot: 3; Subdivision: 00076, Lot: 52; Subdivision: 00076, Lot: 55; Subdivision: 00263, Lot:

515; Subdivision: 00263, Lot: 525; to Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Inc.

**Mark Eberlin**, Pauline Eberline, parcels in Section: 25, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W-NW-NW-NE; Section: 25, Township: 45N, Range: 6.00W-SW-NW-NE; to William R Witthaus (Trustee), Witthaus Family Trust.

**Janet R. Poertner**, Orval E. Poertner, parcel in Section: 30, Township: 41, Range: 5.00-SW; to The Poertner Family Trust, Orval E. Poertner (Trustee), Janet R. Poertner (Trustee), Poertner Family Trust The.

**Bobby W. Alexander**, parcel in Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 5; to Steven James, Danna R. Walters, Chad A. Blankenship, Kristin N. Blankenship.

**Valetta A. Sellars**, Valetta A. Sellars (AKA), parcels in Subdivision: 00188, Lot: 33; Subdivision: 00188, Lot: 35; Subdivision: 00188, Lot: 36; Subdivision: 00188, Lot: 37; to Kerry Wagoner, Mary Wagoner.

**Waneta O. Tometie**, Charles E. Tometie (Deceased), parcels in Section: 23, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-NE-NE; Section: 23, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-SE-NE; Section: 23, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-SW-NE; Section: 23, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-NW-SE; to Larry E. Robertson, Teresa L. Robertson.

**Maples Brothers Land Company LLC**, Andrew Maples (Member), parcels in Section: 32, Township: 41N, Range: 4.00W-NW-SW; Section: 32, Township: 41N, Range: 4.00W-NE-SW; Section: 32, Township: 41N, Range: 4.00W-NW-SE; to Michael Wacker, Amber M. Wacher.

**Roger Nicks, Roger A. Nicks (AKA)**, Carol Nicks, Carol J. Nicks (AKA), parcels in Subdivision: 00235, Lot: 9, Block: 75; Subdivision: 00235, Lot: 2, Block: 74; Subdivision: 00235, Lot: 3, Block: 74; Subdivision: 00235, Lot: 16, Block: 2; Section: 16, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-SW; Section: 6, Township: 41N, Range: 5.00W-NW; Section: 21, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W-SE-SE; to Roger A. Nicks, Carol J. Nicks.

**Mary E. Landwehr**, parcel in Section: 28, Township: 43, Range: 4.00-SE-SW; to Andrew D. Melby, Patricia L. Melby.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 17**  
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**Wednesday, Oct. 11**  
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**Thursday, Oct. 12**  
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**Friday, Oct. 13**  
Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Peaches, Graham Cracker

**Monday, Oct. 16**  
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Roll, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, Oct. 17**  
OES: Turkey and Cheese Lunchable, Baby Carrots/Ranch, Fruit Cup  
OMS/OHS: Walking Taco and Cheese, Taco Fixings, Spicy Beans, Baby Carrots, Pineapple

**Wednesday, Oct. 18**  
Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches

**Thursday, Oct. 19**  
Cheeseburger on Bun, Fries, Peas, Applesauce

**Friday, Oct. 20**  
Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Peas, Cookie

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### When should you sell investments?

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If you're a long-term investor, your portfolio may stay fairly stable over time. However, that doesn't mean you will never sell any investments. But when should you sell — and why?

Here are some scenarios to consider:

- If an investment has consistently underperformed — For one reason or another, some investments may not live up to your expectations. Rather than holding these investments in the hope that they will eventually show consistently positive returns, you might be better off selling them and using the proceeds to buy other investments that could help you make progress toward your goals. Keep in mind, though, that short-term price swings are inevitable for virtually all investments, so you may not want to sell an investment after just a few price drops, as it may still have strong fundamentals and good prospects.
- If the investment itself has changed — The nature of some investments, such as stocks, can change over time. Stocks represent companies, and companies can evolve and adapt — or not. So, you may own shares in a company whose management has changed or whose products are less competitive than they once were. If this company no longer seems like a sound investment, you may consider selling your shares and moving on.
- If an investment is “redundant” — Over time, you may have added investments that are similar to others you already own. If you do have too many investments that are alike, you risk not having a fully diversified portfolio, and while diversification can't always protect against all losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. Consequently, you might want to sell an investment that may now be “redundant” to

your portfolio and replace it with another one that could boost your diversification efforts.

- If an investment takes up too much space in your portfolio — If you bought an investment years ago, and it's grown substantially in value, it could eventually take up more space in your portfolio than you had intended, which could expose you to more risk than you'd like — because too much of any single investment may leave you more vulnerable to market downturns. Of course, if the investment is still appropriate for your needs, and still has a good outlook, you may not want to totally liquidate it, but you could consider scaling back on the shares you own.
- If your own needs have changed — You originally created your investment mix to help you reach certain goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And during much of your working life, you could possibly afford to invest primarily for growth, accepting the risk that comes along with that approach, as you knew you'd have time to potentially overcome the short-term volatility that's part of investing. But as you near retirement, you may want to lower your risk level. Consequently, you could decide to sell some of your growth-oriented investments and move the money into income-producing ones. However, even during retirement, you'll still need your portfolio to provide some growth opportunities to help you ahead of inflation.

Generally speaking, you may not want to do a lot of selling (or buying) of investments once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But if you are going to sell investments, make sure you do so for the right reasons.

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## Simpson murder case will be heard next on Nov. 7 in Franklin County

BY BUCK COLLIER  
REPUBLICAN STAFF WRITER

HERMANN — It took 20th Circuit Presiding Judge Craig Hellmann little time to decide where to move the capital murder trial of Kenneth Lee Simpson.

One day after hearing requests to move the trial to either a distant county or an adjoining county, Hellmann opted to keep the proceedings close to home. The trial will be held in Franklin County, keeping it in the 20th Circuit, which also includes Gasconade and Osage counties.

Defense attorney Stephen Reynolds on Oct. 3 cited extensive media coverage of the case in Eastern Missouri and asked that the case be moved to Clay County in Metro Kansas City, or, to Jasper County in Western Missouri. Reynolds and Patricia Poe, both of the Missouri Public Defender's Offices' Capital Defense Team, are representing Simpson.

Assistant Attorney General Greg Goodwin, joined by Assistant Attorney General Kelly Snyder, countered that any pre-trial publicity can be alleviated through the jury-selection process and suggested the trial be moved to Franklin County, or, as an alternative, to Warren County or Montgomery County.

At the conclusion of the Oct. 3 hearing, the first time Simpson made a personal appearance in a courtroom since the March 12 shooting that killed Hermann Det. Sgt. Mason Griffith and seriously wounded Hermann patrolman Adam Sullentrup, Hellmann said he would issue a ruling on a trial site within 10 days. As it turned out, he filed an order the next day setting the trial in Union.

The next action in the case is set for Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m. at the Franklin County Justice Center for a status hearing.

Last week's hearing in the Gasconade County courthouse only took about 20 minutes for Hellmann to hear the defense team's motions for a change of judge and a change of venue. The judge quickly denied the motion to recuse himself and then agreed to consider the request for a venue change.

Simpson was escorted under heavy guard into and out of the courthouse. He was wearing handcuffs and leg irons and was wearing the standard orange jumpsuit issued by the Crawford County Jail. Members of the victims' families were moved away from the entrance to the second-floor courtroom as Simpson was brought out after the hearing.

Tight security was evident from the outset of the business day at the courthouse. Everyone entering the courthouse — including county government employees who work in the building — were required to pass through the metal detector at the main entrance. Police vehicles blocked off the parking area behind the courthouse during the proceeding.

The construction company employees doing maintenance work to the exterior of the courthouse were given the day off to prevent noise that might disrupt the hearing.

## Commission faces busy agenda as it takes up transportation list, courthouse elevator plans

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HERMANN — The Gasconade County Commission faces a full morning of work tomorrow (Thursday) as it takes up issues ranging from selecting priority transportation projects to hearing final plans for an elevator in the courthouse to hearing from the county's emergency management director and a federal government representative.

In addition to routine county government business, the administrative panel will be meeting with Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) personnel and Missouri Department of

Transportation (MoDOT) Regional Engineer Preston Kramer to select the county's priority transportation projects as part of the ongoing 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Gasconade County TIP will be considered along with the other seven Meramec Region counties' lists by the MRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC, which is comprised of representatives from each of the eight counties, will recommend the regioto MoDOT for consideration of including the region's projects in the statewide TIP.

That meeting is set for 10. An hour earlier, Gasconade County Emergency Management

Agency Director Clyde Zelch and a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are scheduled to meet with the Commission.

At 11 a.m., staffers of Archer-Elgin Engineering are scheduled to talk with the Commission about the final plans for the elevator proposed for installation in the courthouse. If the project receives the final OK from county administrators, the project would be sent out for bids.

The County Commission meets each Thursday morning at 8:30 in the courthouse, except for the first Thursday of each month when it meets in Owensville City Hall. Commission meetings are open to the public.



PHOTOS BY ROXIE MURPHY

## OHS students showcase musical talents during Friday Morning Jam



Owensville High School (OHS) teacher Tyler Ahring's Friday morning live music session featured five musically talented students on guitars and vocals (top, from left) Emily Hilburn, Abigail Lange, Ashden Murphy, and Jadan Zelch. Murphy (above, far left) sang and played "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire" by The Inks and "Love Me" by Elvis Presley. Kaitlin Lange on vocals (above) and Abigail Lange on guitar performed "Hotel California" by the Eagles. Hilburn (left) sang "Fight of Flight" by Conan Gray and "Riptide" by Vance Joy. Zelch (below) sang "Fast Car" by Tracy Chapman and "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac while students visited and enjoyed the show. Ahring said he got the idea for the Friday morning live music sessions last year when the band left a keyboard and speaker on in the cafeteria and Murphy played live music. This year, he asked Principal Kris Altemeyer if it would be ok if to offer students the opportunity to play on Fridays. "There's a lot of people in our community, including students, that have incredible talent and just need places to showcase them," Ahring said. "Ashden Murphy played our first-ever Friday Morning Jam on September 1st this year and we have been doing them ever since. Music is good for the soul and it's a great way to start a Friday morning at OHS."



## Partial eclipse visible Saturday

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People throughout North America, Central America and South America will have a chance to view a partial solar eclipse on Saturday.

According to an eclipse tracker published by NASA, the visibility of the eclipse will begin in mid-Missouri around 10:29 a.m.

By 11:10, the obscuration of the sun will be at about 25 percent before peaking at about 50 percent around 11:55. By 12:41 p.m., the obscuration will be down to about 25 percent before completing by 1:26 that afternoon.

The eclipse will follow a southeastern path through the United States. Major cities along the eclipse's main path (90 percent obscuration) include Eugene, Oregon; Albuquerque, New Mexico and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Saturday's eclipse is an annular eclipse.

The Moon will pass between the Sun and Earth, but it will be near its farthest point from Earth. The distance will make the Moon appear smaller than the Sun, which will result in only partial obscuration throughout the eclipse's entire path. The Moon will appear as a dark disk against the brightness of the Sun. The Sun will appear to create a ring around some parts of the Moon.

A total eclipse, like the one in August 2017, occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth while being close enough to Earth to completely block the Sun. The next total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous U.S. will be on April 8, 2024. According to current NASA maps of the eclipse, mid-Missouri will experience a partial eclipse, but Gasconade County residents will need to go to the southeastern part of the state to be in the path of totality. Next April's eclipse will be the last total solar eclipse visible in the U.S. for 20 years.

NASA publishes guides on how to safely view eclipses. The only safe way to look at the unclipped, partially eclipsed or annularly eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters. The filters are often available to the general public as eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers. Ordinary sunglasses will not provide the necessary safety for eclipse viewing.

People who want to view the eclipse but do not have solar filters can indirectly view the eclipse through pinhole projection. According to the guide, people can create pinhole projections by crossing their outstretched, slightly open fingers on one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other. Then, they should turn away from the Sun and look at their hands' shadows on the ground. The spaces between fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground that show the Sun as a crescent during the phases of the eclipse or as a ring during the annular phase of the eclipse. Looking at the shadow of a leafy tree during the eclipse will show crescent or ring-shaped Suns projected by the spaces between the leaves.

The American Astronomical Society has more eclipse safety tips available on its website at [eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety](http://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety).

## Police Christmas shopping spree campaign at revised half-way mark

Owensville Police Department's Shop With A Cop campaign for Christmas 2023 has raised around \$4,000 of the \$10,000 they had hoped to generate to expand services across the county.

"At this time, we still have approximately 300 tickets available for the gun raffle," according to Scott Griffith, interim chief. The drawing is November 1 so we are getting close on ending the sales."

Owensville Police will be selling tickets on the pistol raffle at the station on Highway 28 West. The Gasconade County Sheriff's Office in Hermann and Curtman Insurance on First Street in Owensville will also have tickets for raffle sale.

Those interested in purchasing tickets may also call the police office number at 573-437-2195, dispatch at 573-437-7770, or Griffith's office at 573-437-8477. People can also stop by the Police Department to purchase tickets. Police will accept

cash or a check made payable to the City of Owensville. Tickets are one for \$20 and six for \$100.

"We also are accepting donations even if someone does not want to purchase a gun raffle ticket," said Griffith.

City police along with county deputies and other surrounding law enforcement agencies are hosting their Walmart shopping event for area children at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. "We are going to have Santa and snacks," added Griffith.

"We have currently raised around \$4,000 in donations after all expenses are paid," said Griffith. "Our original goal was \$10,000, but with the total we are at now, \$6,000 to \$8,000 would hopefully be an obtainable goal. We are planning to give each kid between \$150-\$200 dollars so we will determine how many kids and the exact money per kid when we finalize donations."

## News Briefs

**HELPING HANDS** Outreach Center of Gasconade County will be collecting canned goods or \$1 donations for food pantry operations during the Owensville High School homecoming festivities Friday, Oct. 13, when the Dutchmen (4-3) host Sullivan (5-2) in Four Rivers Conference football. Look for the HHOC display outside of the main Dutchmen Field entrance.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS 2023** opens the application process for food and gifts to be distributed Dec. 15-16 on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Operation Christmas planner continue their preparation for the 2023 Christmas project of the Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County when they meet at the Kosark Road facility at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23. Letters were being sent out this week to area businesses seeking financial support for the annual project. Family adoptions open Tuesday, Oct. 31, for those wishing to help support children's gifts for area families in need. The application process for services and adoptions both close Thursday, Nov. 30.

**GASCONADE COUNTY R-2 Schools** are not in session Wednesday, Oct. 25, as teachers hold conferences with parents. Schools are not in session Thursday, Oct. 26, for professional development meetings for staff. Classes are out on Friday, Oct. 27, for "flex day."

**OWENSVILLE PARKS and Recreation Department** hosts the final Fidelity Flick of the season on Friday, Oct. 13, at Buschmann Park, 402 South Fourth Street, with a showing of "Cars" starting at approximately 6:45 p.m. This free community movie is made possible because of generous sponsors including Fidelity Communications and Jost Tire Co., Inc. Families are encouraged to pack snacks, bring lawn chairs/blankets and join the fun. In the event of bad weather, the rain date is set for the next evening (Saturday), same time and location.

**OWENSVILLE PARKS and Recreation Department** is searching for sellers for the upcoming Market in the Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in Memorial Park. For more information or to register, visit [www.cityofowensville.com/events](http://www.cityofowensville.com/events), call 573-437-8231 or email [parkrec@cityofowensville.com](mailto:parkrec@cityofowensville.com).

**NEALA. JOHNSON**, editor of Warden Publishing Company's Osage County Unterrified Democrat, has an exhibit of photographs on display now through Nov. 30 in the Osage County Library's Woodland Art Gallery, 22 Library Lane, Linn. A reception in Johnson's honor is scheduled there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will include images from his award-winning career as a newspaper photojournalist at the UD and his Johnson Productions, LLC, commercial work.

**BJC HEALTHCARE'S** Missouri Baptist Sullivan Hospital has been recognized by Vizient, ranking 33 out of over 1,000 critical access hospitals nationwide. Vizient, a national health care quality organization, bases their annual rankings on a series of metrics, including mortality, safety, patient experience, re-admissions, efficiency and health equity. This year's rankings used data from July 2022 through June 2023.



## OHS to host #Protect the Mill homecoming

Owensville High School fall homecoming attendants, queen and king candidates gathering Friday morning for a group photo include (from left) Blake Elliot, Bryce Kramme, Hannah Stoker, Carly Copeland, Tanner Meyer, Zach Barch, McKenzie Echols, Lily Barker, Andrew Blankenship, Jaden Gerlemann, Anya Binkhoelter and Liz Adams. Crowning of the 2023 OHS Fall Homecoming Fall Queen and King will take place at 6:30 p.m., prior to kickoff of Four Rivers Conference (FRC) football action between the host Dutchmen and visiting Sullivan Eagles. The annual homecoming parade will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m., while the dance will take place following the football game. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

## Gasconade volunteer inducted into Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is proud to announce the induction of Bob "Chuck" Idel of Gasconade County into the prestigious 2023 Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame held on Saturday, Aug. 12, at State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

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

"Each year, the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame induction serves as a poignant reminder of the lasting impact that volunteers can have on the lives of young people, families, and communities," she added. "It is a celebration of passion, selflessness, and a relentless drive to empower the next generation of leaders."

Inductees representing 33 coun-

ties and one inductee representing the state established a legacy totaling 1,061 years of service to 4-H. 4-H friends and family members attended the 17th annual event sponsored by FCS Financial and the Missouri State Fair in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Idel has devoted more than 20 years of volunteer service to supporting young people across the state, according to a release from the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame. Idel's passion and unwavering commitment to 4-H includes more than 16 years of service on the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, serving as a member of the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Committee, and as a member of the Gasconade County Fair Foundation and board, among several other volunteer roles.

Throughout his career with FCS Financial, Idel was instrumental in

fostering a partnership between FCS Financial and the Missouri 4-H Foundation, securing thousands of dollars to support 4-H members and volunteers across the state. Under Idel's leadership as chair, the Missouri 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament has raised more than \$600,000 since its inception, including a record-breaking \$91,000 in 2023.

For his commitment of time, talent, and treasure, the 4-H program is "forever grateful to Bob," according to the release.

"We are eternally grateful to these volunteers with an incredible legacy of service and honor these exceptional individuals, we not only celebrate their individual accomplishments but also the ripple effect of their influence that extends far beyond their time of service," said Dr. Lupita Fabregas, director of the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth



PHOTO BY AMANDA STAPP

**MISSOURI 4-H** Hall of Fame inductee Bob "Chuck" Idel (second from left) is pictured with 4-H Foundation trustees (from left) Earl Niemeyer, Clark Fobian, and Marla Tobin.

Development.

"From the heart of Missouri's vibrant cities to the quiet corners of its rural landscape, the 2023 inductees have woven together a tapestry of experiences, knowledge, and wisdom that have enriched the lives

of countless 4-H members. Their stories inspire us to reach greater heights, to embrace challenges with resilience, and to pass on the torch of leadership to the generations that follow," added Fabregas.

## Double S 4-H hosts 2023-24 first aid, safety seminar for county youth

JoAnne Bradford works with the Double S 4-H Club serving the Swiss and Stony Hill communities and is leading a Gasconade county-wide First Aid/CPR/ Safety project for 2023-24.

The program will be open to Clover Kids (ages 5-7) and regular 4-H membership (ages 8-18) and non-members from the same age groups.

"My goals for this project are I want the members to learn basic First Aid and CPR skills for emergencies and teach them safety skills as a prevention to injury or illness," said Bradford. "I also want our youth to be inspired to pursue these valued professions that are so greatly needed to keep our communities safe."

The project will include visiting multiple first responder agencies in

the county and giving participants the chance to see what they do on their jobs. The first session was held Oct. 8 at Hermann Area Ambulance District with Mike Mueller, administrator, addressing the participants.

Businesses donating items for individual first aid kits being created during the project include Owensville Cash Saver, Hermann Dollar General, Gasconade County Health Department, Healthmart Pharmacy, Berliner's, Hermann Area Ambulance District, Hermann Area District Hospital, Hermann Family Drugstore, Hermann Veterinary Clinic, Loutré Market, Medley Pharmacy, MFA Rhineland and Hermann, Osage Ambulance District, Owensville Area Ambulance District, and Owensville Walmart.

Thanks to community donations, each member will help assemble

one large "Family First Aid Kit" as well as their very own "individual First Aid Kit" to take home. If the member attends at least six of the eight meetings, their name will be entered in the drawing for a chance to win the family kit.

Future Gasconade County 4-H First Aid/Safety Project sessions scheduled include:

- Sunday, Nov 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., planning meeting for Gasconade County First Responder Thanksgiving meals, Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church, 2082 Swiss Church Road in Swiss. Discuss donations, volunteers and meal deliveries needed for the meal at Hermann United Methodist Church. Create thank you cards to be delivered with meals.
- Sunday, Jan 14, 2024, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. handwashing, germs and

importance of immunizations with Gasconade County Health Department Administrator Kenna Fricke, RN, Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church.

• Sunday, Feb 11, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Firearm Safety Class with Jason Eikermann, Gasconade County Missouri Conservation agent, Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church

• Thursday, March 28, 3 to 4 p.m., Hermann Area District Hospital tour with Sue Daller, director of nursing, 509 West 18th Street, Hermann. R-1 and R-2 schools are not in session this day for spring break.

• Sunday April 14, 4 to 5 p.m., Gasconade County E-911 Telecommunications with supervisors Don Rendon and Dawn Humphrey, Gasconade County E-911, 216 W Rosebud Avenue. Participants should bring their cell phones for

practice calling 911.

• Thursday, May 23, 3 to 4 p.m., Law Enforcement Safety meeting with Gasconade County Sheriff Scott Eiler and Hermann Police Chief Marlon Walker. Participants will be fingerprinted to create child ID kits, tour Hermann Police Department holding cells and Hermann dispatch, 1902 Jefferson Street. Hermann. R-1 and R-2 schools are out of school.

• Sunday, June 9, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Gasconade County Health Department, Owensville Fire Department, Owensville Area Ambulance District, and Owensville Police Department present Fire and Bicycle Safety, Owensville Memorial Park pavilion next to 4-H building. All participants will be fitted for a free bicycle helmet.

## Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen VFW contest entries due Oct. 31

Middle and high school students wanting to be part of VFW's national scholarship contests need to finish their essays and apply for the Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen by midnight Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The Voice of Democracy competition is open to students in grades 9-12. It was established in 1947, and an average of 25,000 high school student participate in the audio essay each year. The national winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship, which is paid to the winner's college or technical school.

Voice of Democracy is an audio essay. Participants are asked to submit a typed essay and recording and tell their thoughts in the democratic and patriot-themed essay. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is: "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"

The national winner of the Pa-

triot's Pen contest receives \$5,000.

Patriot's Pen is an essay competition open to students in grades 6-8, that encourages young minds to examine America's history and modern society. Patriot's Pen requires students to draft a 300 to 400 word essay. This year's Patriot's Pen theme is: "How are you inspired by America?"

Students planning to participate in the Voice of Democracy competitions need to contact science teacher Karen Weber at Owensville High School for an entry form. High school students may also contact Robert Depperman with VFW Post No. 6133 at 573-437-2226.

Patriot's Pen contestants should contact Owensville Middle School Principal Teresa Schulte. Home schooled-students should call Tina Medlock with the VFW Auxiliary at 636-667-2167.

## County 911 to begin dispatching overnight for Hermann agencies

Gasconade County E-911 is scheduled to begin providing dispatching services for the overnight 12-hour shift for the city of Hermann on Nov. 1.

County dispatchers will cover

the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. hours handling fire, ambulance and police calls. The county agency will also dispatch city utility workers in case of an emergency.

A six-month contract was expected to be approved Friday, Oct. 13, when the E-911 Board of Directors meet at 9 a.m. at the central dispatch center in Rosebud.

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**CODY PERKINS** (above, far left) and Hayden Shoemaker (above, far right) provide blocking for Dutchmen senior quarterback Blake Elliott during Owensville's 38-35 victory Friday night spoiling Union's 'Barbie' dream homecoming. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

## Gridiron Dutchmen spoil Union's dream homecoming

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UNION — An instant classic. That is how one could describe Friday night's Four Rivers Conference (FRC) football game between the Owensville Dutchmen and Union Wildcats played at Union High School's E.A. Stierberger Stadium. Trailing 14-0 after one quarter, Owensville rattled off 21 unanswered points to go into halftime with a 21-14 lead. Tied at 28-28 after three quarters, OHS kicked a field goal with 6:15 remaining before both teams traded touchdowns. The final score of the game came on a

Blake Elliott 3-yard touchdown run with :26 left in Owensville's 38-35 homecoming-spoiling victory. "Our guys just kept working hard and playing and it paid off," Dutchmen head football coach Dustin Howard said. "We gave up some big plays but we were able to answer them." Union's Hayden Parmenter scored a pair of rushing touchdowns from 12 and 48 yards away helping the host Wildcats lead the Dutchmen 14-0 after 12 minutes. Ending the first quarter with the football, it did not take long for the Dutchmen to get on the board in the second quarter. Capping a nine-play, 80-yard drive, Elliott found Chase Crosby in the corner of the end zone on a 17-yard TD strike at

the 10:48 mark of the half. Elliott threw for 305 yards on 18-31 passing to go with three touchdowns. Johannes Berg's kicked extra point cut the Dutchmen deficit in half to 14-7. On the ensuing kickoff, Union fumbled the ball only to have Owensville freshman Liam Rasmussen recover it to bring the Dutchmen offense back on to the field at the Wildcat 29-yard line. Taking advantage of the short field, Elliott capped a five-play, 29-yard drive with a 1-yard TD run. Berg's kick tied it at 14-14 with 7:34 until halftime. Later in the quarter, Logan Bailey recovered another Union fumble setting the Dutchmen up with a first down at the Wild-

cat 12-yard line with 1:21 until halftime. Faced with third-and-22 after penalties for delay of game and a block in the back, Elliott found Zaiden Gates on a 24-yard

See **Gridiron Dutchmen** on Page 10



## Softball Dutchgirls walk off Wright City in regular-season finale

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Feeling blue last week after losses to South Callaway (5-3) and Montgomery County (11-1), Hannah Koppelman's Owensville Dutchgirl softball team hosted Wright City's Lady Wildcats Monday night at OHS Field looking to end their regular season on a winning note. Trailing 4-0 entering the bottom of the second inning, Owensville cut the lead in half to 4-2 before exploding for five runs in the bottom of the third and two more in the bottom of the fourth for a 9-4 lead after four innings. Plating seven runs in the bottom of the fifth, three of them came off the bat of Bailee Dare on a walk-off three-run home run helping the Dutchgirls score a 16-6 mercy-rule victory in five innings over the

visiting Lady Wildcats. After allowing back-to-back solo home runs in the top of the second, Dutchgirl freshman starting pitcher Hannah Keeney limited the Lady Wildcats to just two runs on one hit and an error. For the game, Keeney allowed six runs (two earned) on six hits and a walk to go with five strikeouts. Dare inflicted the most damage at the plate for the Dutchgirls with a pair of doubles to go with her aforementioned home run. Lainey Moss also led off Owensville's seven-run bottom of the fifth inning with a solo home run for one of her two hits on the night. Clara Julius, Danika Hinson, Moss and Keeney each added two hits for the Dutchgirls against Wright City. Emma Daniels, Kate Blankenship and Cailin Floyd also added a hit apiece.



**ELI WAX** (above) pulls his way down the track before winning a national championship in the 10-year-old boys division of the National Pedal (Tractor) Pull held Saturday, Sept. 23 at The Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. Wax was among nine area national qualifiers that competed in South Dakota. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

## Eli Wax leads nine area pullers at National Pedal Pull

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Winning a national championship is a huge accomplishment no matter what the event or where it was. Owensville's Eli Wax found this out back on Saturday, Sept. 23 during the National Pedal (Tractor) Pull at The Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. As the lone competitor to record a full pull in the 10-year-old boys division, Wax topped 28 other boys to claim the national championship trophy. Other area boys competing in Wax's

division included Hermann's Korbyn Kottwitz (12th, 13.8 feet) and Owensville's Jase Gruenke (17th, 13.1 feet). Gerald's Bryli Blauie also left South Dakota with hardware claiming third place in the 9-year-old girls division winning a pull off for third place with a mark of 28.09. Brooklyn Blauie also placed 14th among 8-year-old girls pulling 17.9 feet. Eben Kottwitz took 14th in the 7-year-old boys division with a pull of 23.5 feet. Brayden Blauie also placed 16th among six-year-old boys pulling 13.8 feet. River Evans (15.5) and Nathaniel Foster (14.8) also competed in the 5-year-old girls and 9-year-old boys divisions respectively.



**CAMERON RYERSON** (above) takes a swing at a pitch during home softball at OHS Field last Thursday for the Dutchgirls against South Callaway's Lady Bulldogs. Owensville will open MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Tournament action tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8 p.m., against third-seeded Blair Oaks. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**



**'WILL'FUL THINKING**  
by **WILL JOHNSON**

## District softball road trips

Starting tomorrow (Thursday), yours truly will be planning road trips to cover Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) District Softball Tournaments at Richland High School, South Callaway High School in Mokane and Southern Boone County High School in Ashland. A Warden Publishing district softball tripleheader will begin tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m., in the MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Tournament in Ashland with the top-seeded Fatima Lady Comets taking on the eighth-seeded Eldon Lady Mustangs. Later on in the day, a short 35-minute drive to Mokane will be followed by first-round action of the MSHSAA Class 2, District 3 Tournament and a 7 p.m., contest between the sixth-seeded Belle Lady Tigers and third-seeded North Callaway Lady Thunderbirds. It will be back to Ashland for the nightcap of the tripleheader at 8 p.m., between the sixth-seeded Owensville Dutchgirls and third-seeded Blair Oaks Lady Falcons.

## OHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

- Varsity Dutchmen Football**  
10/13 OHS vs. Sullivan 7 p.m. (2023 Fall Homecoming)
- 9/JV Dutchmen Football**  
10/16 OHS at Sullivan 5:30 p.m.
- Dutchgirl Volleyball**  
10/12 OHS vs. St. James 4:30 p.m. (2023 Senior Night)  
10/17-24 MSHSAA Class 3 District 9 Volleyball Tournament at Owensville High School TBD (See bracket on page 9)
- Dutchgirl Softball**  
10/12-17 MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Softball Tournament at Southern Boone County High School in Ashland TBD (See bracket on page 9)
- OHS/OMS Cross Country**  
10/17 Four Rivers Conference Cross Country Meet at Owensville High School 2:30 p.m.
- OMS Dutchgirl Basketball**  
10/11-12 OMS 7th at St. James Grade Girls Basketball Tourn. TBD  
10/11-12 OMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament TBD  
10/16 OMS at Union 5:30 p.m.  
10/17 OMS at Steelville 5 p.m.

**OYFA Football Playoffs**  
10/14 5th at Union 11:30 a.m.  
10/14 6th - IDLE  
10/14 7th at Helias 1 11 a.m.  
10/14 8th at Sullivan 2 p.m.

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

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

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

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**JAMIE RIDENHOUR'S** Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball team will recognize seniors Ayla Schmanke, McKenzy Echols, Ally Gooch, Makensy Pigg and McKenna Edwards in between the junior varsity and varsity matches on Thursday, Oct. 12 against St. James at Owensville High School.

**OHS DUTCHGIRL** softball wrapped up their regular season Monday night with a 16-6 win over Wright City. They will open MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Softball Tournament action tomorrow (Thursday) at Southern Boone High School in Ashland at 8 p.m., against Blair Oaks.

**TINYA MCCLURE'S** OMS seventh-grade Dutchgirl basketball opened the St. James 7th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament Monday night falling 59-4 to Hermann. They faced St. Clair last night (Tuesday) in the consolation semifinals.

**OMS8THGRADE** Dutchgirl basketball coached by Breanna Diestelkamp opened play in their home tournament last night (Tuesday) against Pacific's Lady Indians. Win or lose, they will play again tonight at either 5 p.m., on the consolation side of the bracket or at 7:30 p.m., on the championship side of the bracket.

**OHS JV** Dutchmen football fell 30-14 Monday night at home against Union's JV Wildcats in their final game of the season at Dutchmen Field. OHS will close their JV football season with road games at Sullivan and St. Clair over the next two Mondays.

### Four Rivers Conference Football Standings

	W	L
Hermann	6	1
St. Clair	5	2
Owensville	4	3
Sullivan	5	2
St. James	3	4
Pacific	2	5
Union	1	6

**Results Fri. Oct. 6**  
 \*Owensville 38, Union 35  
 \*Hermann 22, St. Clair 21  
 \*Sullivan 25, St. James 15  
 Platte County 42, Belton 7  
 South Callaway 41, Cuba 0  
 Francis Howell 42, Timberland 14  
 Festus 49, Pacific 13  
 Kickapoo 45, Rolla 6  
 St. Francis Borgia 44, Lutheran St. Charles 13  
 Fort Zumwalt South 42, Washington 32

**Games Fri. Oct. 13 (7 p.m.)**  
 \*Sullivan at Owensville  
 \*Hermann at Pacific  
 \*Union at St. James  
 Raytown at Belton  
 Cuba at Winfield  
 Francis Howell at Francis Howell Central  
 Waynesville at Rolla  
 Windsor (Imperial) at St. Clair  
 St. Francis Borgia at Fredericktown  
 Washington at North Point

\*Denotes Four Rivers Conference games



**ELIWAX** (above, far left) holds his first-place trophy after winning a national championship in the 10-year-old boys division during the National Pedal Pull held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. **BRYLI BLAUE** (top, center) placed third in the nine-year-old girls division up in South Dakota. **SUBMITTED PHOTOS**

### MSHSAA Class 3, District 2 Football Standings

	W	L
St. Francis Borgia (46.79)	5	2
St. Clair (45.05)	5	2
Owensville (33.43)	4	3
Bishop DuBourg (29.33)	2	5
Lutheran South (21.9)	1	6
Bayless (13.94)	0	6
Cuba (12.36)	0	7

**Results Fri. Oct. 6**  
 Owensville 38, Union 35  
 Herculaneum 40, Bayless 0  
 South Callaway 41, Cuba 0  
 MICDS 48, Lutheran South 7  
 Hermann 22, St. Clair 21  
 St. Francis Borgia 44, Lutheran St. Charles 13

**Results Sat. Oct. 7**  
 Bishop DuBourg 43, Christian (O'Fallon) 6

**Games Fri. Oct. 13 (7 p.m.)**  
 Sullivan at Owensville  
 Bayless at St. Pius X (Festus)  
 Lutheran South at Bishop DuBourg  
 Cuba at Winfield  
 Windsor (Imperial) at St. Clair  
 St. Francis Borgia at Fredericktown

## MSHSAA Class 3 District 5 Softball Tournament

October 12-17, 2023  
Southern Boone High School

(1) Fatima Thurs., Oct. 12 2:00 p.m. (8) Eldon	Monday, Oct. 16 5:30 p.m.	<b>Championship</b>  Tuesday, Oct. 17 7:00 p.m.
(4) California Thurs., Oct. 12 4:00 p.m. (5) Knob Noster		
(2) Southern Boone Thurs., Oct. 12 6:00 p.m. (7) Osage	Monday, Oct. 16 7:30 p.m.	
(3) Blair Oaks Thurs., Oct. 12 8:00 p.m. (6) Owensville		
Hosted by Sullivan High School		

## MSHSAA Class 3 District 9 Volleyball Tournament

October 17-24, 2023  
Owensville High School

(1) St. Clair	St. Clair	<b>Championship</b>  Tues., Oct. 24 5:00 p.m.
(8) Bye	Thurs., Oct. 19 5:00 p.m.	
(4) Cuba Tues., Oct. 17 5:00 p.m. (5) Salem	Sullivan	
(2) Sullivan		
(7) Bye	Thurs., Oct. 19 6:30 p.m.	
(3) Owensville Tues., Oct. 17 6:30 p.m. (6) St. James		

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**TANNER MEYER** (above, center) looks for room to run with help from a Chase Crosby block during Owensville's 38-35 Four Rivers Conference (FRC) football victory on the road at Union. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

**Gridiron Dutchmen • from page 8**

touchdown pass with :25 for the half.  
Berg's kick gave the Dutchmen their first lead of the game at 21-14 going into halftime.  
Turning the ball over on downs to open the second half, Owensville saw Union's offense go right back

to their rushing attack.  
Parmenter scored his third rushing touchdown of the game from 42-yards away at the 7:44 mark of the quarter.  
Ardell Young's third extra-point kick of the night knotted the game at 21-21.

Parmenter finished with 227 yards rushing on 19 carries.  
Two plays later, Elliott found Tanner Meyer on a 54-yard TD pass giving OHS a 28-21 lead on Berg's fourth extra point of the night with 7:27 for the quarter.  
Meyer finished with 189 yards receiving on 11 catches and a score.  
Parmenter answered again from 33 yards away tying the game at 28-28 with 3:41 for the third on Young's latest extra point.  
Tied at 28-28 after three quarters, Owensville struck first in the fourth quarter on a 28-yard field goal from Berg for a 31-28 Dutchmen lead with 6:15 remaining.  
Staying with the ground attack, Wyatt Birke scored from 21 yards

away from Union giving them a 35-31 lead with 4:06 left in the game.  
Starting from their 20, the Dutchmen had 4:06 to go 80 yards for the lead.  
Faced with fourth-and-8 at the Union 14, Elliott found Landon Ely on an 11-yard completion for a first down three plays after Ely dropped a similar pass.  
On the very next play, Elliott scored his second rushing touchdown from 3 yards away with :36 left.  
Berg's fifth extra point gave the Dutchmen their final margin of victory.  
Bailey led the Dutchmen defense with 13 total tackles followed by 12 from Adam Wilson.



**CAMRYN CALDWELL** (above) keeps a ball alive during junior varsity Four Rivers Conference (FRC) home volleyball action against Union's Lady Wildcats. Owensville closes their regular season tomorrow (Thursday) night hosting St. James' Lady Tigers for senior night beginning with JV volleyball action at 4:30 p.m. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

**Volleyball Dutchgirls drop two FRC matches**

**BY WILL JOHNSON  
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kills followed by 29 digs from McKenna Edwards and nine assists from Camryn Caldwell.  
Owensville also lost the junior varsity (JV) and freshman matches.  
At St. Clair last Wednesday, Owensville also fell in four sets to the Lady Bulldogs 25-12, 14-25, 25-18 and 25-23.  
Ayla Schmanke led the Dutchgirls with 10 kills followed by 15 assists from Ally Gooch.

Last week was tough sledding for Jaime Ridenhour's Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball team.  
Against Union last Tuesday at home, the varsity Dutchgirl fell in four sets 25-15, 25-13, 24-26 and 25-18.  
Madi Lewis led OHS with nine

**Missourian Area Week Seven Football Rankings**

No.	School	Record	Points
1.	Hermann (11)	6-1	163
2.	Borgia (6)	5-2	154
3.	St. Clair	5-2	140
4.	Sullivan	5-2	121
5.	Washington	3-4	98
6.	Owensville	4-3	83
7.	Pacific	2-5	65
8.	St. James	3-4	57
9.	Union	1-6	37
10.	Cuba	0-7	17



First-place votes in parentheses.

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**OWENSVILLE JV** Dutchmen cross country team members (above) gather for a team photo celebrating their team championship last Tuesday during the Hermann Invitational Cross Country meet held at Loutre Shore Country Club after winning the junior varsity boys division with 19 points. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

## JV Dutchmen lead OHS harriers at Loutre Shore Country Club

**BY WILL JOHNSON**  
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Area cross country runners looking to complete the Gasconade County Cross Country hat trick started their quest last Tuesday during the Hermann Cross Country Invitational at Loutre Shore Country Club north of Hermann.

Starting with the middle school boys race, St. James' Ashton Moreland topped the field with a first-place time of 12:20.81.

Hermann's duo of Lance Uthlaut (15th, 13:27.01) and CJ Mires (17th, 13:41.21) were the lone county harriers to secure medals in the middle school boys race.

Robbie Rodriguez led Owensville's Dutchmen with a 28th-place time of 14:30.88. He was followed by fellow Owensville Middle School (OMS) sixth grader Max Altemeyer in a 32nd-place time of 14:48.50.

Finishing right between them was Hermann's Liam Brown in a 30th-place time of 14:36.26.

Also helping Hermann place seventh as a team were Eli Kohlbusch (42nd, 15:33.08), Andrew Calvert (44th, 15:47.94) and Benjamin Morris (45th, 15:51.80).

Hunter Anderson was the third OMS Dutchmen across the finish line with a 49th-place time of 16:43.35.

Other OMS Dutchmen helping them place eighth as a team were Dylan Dietrich (62nd, 18:18.27), Ricky Ringeisen (63rd, 18:24.38) and Merlin Ramirez (64th, 18:47.64).

Washington's Blue Jays topped the middle school boys team standings with 45 points.

Next in the middle school girls race, fans saw a lot of blue with eight Hermann Lady Bearcats in the top 27.

They were led by Lorena Uthlaut's eighth-place time of 15:31.47.

Norah Eggen was Hermann's second medalist placing 12th in 16:07.95.

Tenley McFadden made it three Lady Bearcats with medals taking 14th in 16:22.81.

Brylie Haver made it a quartet of Lady Bearcat medalists placing

17th in 16:40.99.

Owensville's Madalyn Pigg grabbed one of the final 20 medals with a 19th-place time of 16:58.93.

Also helping Hermann place second in the middle school girls team standings behind Pacific were Emma Manning (22nd, 17:21.79), Katie Boedges (23rd, 17:34.31) and Reagan Kahler (24th, 17:41.82).

Annalise Dryer was the next Dutchgirl to cross the finish line in a 28th-place time of 18:19.78.

Fellow Dutchgirls helping OMS place seventh as a team were Haley Boland (37th, 19:44.88), Tristyn Weirich (43rd, 22:17.92), Ella Barker (47th, 23:02.68) and Addison Sieckmann (48th, 23:02.72).

Taking up nearly half of the top 15, Owensville's junior varsity Dutchmen took home top honors in the team standings with 19 points.

Freshman Ty Price won the race in a time of 20:11.08 followed by Westin Kramme's second-place time of 20:20.91.

Also earning medals for the JV Dutchmen at Hermann were Braden Perkins (4th, 20:27.05), Drake Dietrich (5th, 20:31.47), Tristan Strothkamp (7th, 20:51.29), Kyle Menz (12th, 21:14.39) and Bryce Kramme (13th, 21:34.16).

Hermann's Chase Branson (6th, 20:45.45) and Isaiah Brown (14th,

21:34.72) also medaled for the JV Bearcats.

Five county varsity boys earned medals led by Owensville freshman Zach Holtmeyer's second-place time of 17:46.34.

Felix Guerrero was right behind Holtmeyer taking third place in 17:51.68.

Hermann's trio of Nolan Kopp (7th, 18:23.42), John Hiatt (11th, 18:39.98) and Conner Manning (13th, 18:52.27) also medaled.

Hermann (68) and Owensville (75) placed third and fourth respectively in the varsity boys team standings.

Capping the afternoon of racing from Hermann was the varsity girls.

Owensville's Ilene Limberg led county runners with a third-place time of 20:29.95.

Hermann's Amelia Uthlaut led the Lady Bearcats with a fifth-place time of 20:55.26.

Also earning medals were Owensville's Hannah Gehlert (10th, 22:11.43) and Abbie Gibson (11th, 22:34.65).

Other Lady Bearcat medalists included Alaina Heaney (12th, 22:40.36) and Cecilia Shepard (19th, 23:44.91).

Results from last night's (Tuesday) OHS Invitational will be in next week's *Republican*.

### Hermann Cross Country Invitational at Loutre Shore Country Club Oct., 3, 2023

#### Middle School Girls

1. Pacific 48
2. Hermann 68
3. Washington 71
4. Union 78
5. Troy 124
6. North Point 139
7. Owensville 158

#### Middle School Boys

1. Washington 45
2. St. James 52
3. Pacific 70
4. Union 128
5. North Point 133
6. Hermann 138
7. Troy 146
8. Owensville 196

#### Junior Varsity Boys

1. Owensville 19
2. North Point 50
3. Hermann 63

#### Varsity Boys

1. Elsberry 42
2. Pacific 65
3. Hermann 68
4. Owensville 75
5. Union 94

#### Varsity Girls

1. Hermann 62
2. Union 68
3. Owensville 71
4. Pacific 78
5. Sullivan 86
6. North Point 114

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This event is come-and-go and will last from 1:00-2:00 pm.

### ENGAGE



#### District Update

Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy and the Board of Education will provide a brief update on the community engagement plan and welcome stakeholders to be involved in the district mission.

The program will start at 2:00 p.m.

#### Finances and the Future

Brent Blevins, former superintendent and financial advisor (Stifel), will provide an overview of public school finance in the state of Missouri and review current district financial data and future projections.



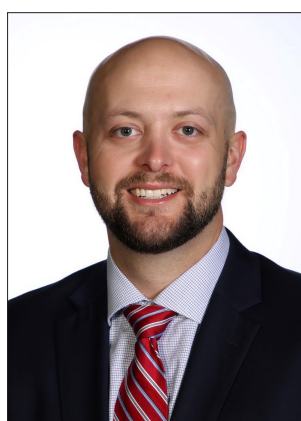
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Case Number: 23GA-DR00040

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**RESPONDENT: AMANDA SUE REA**  
**NATURE OF SUIT: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

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You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and which affects the following described property: NA

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Carlie L. Isaak, Deputy Clerk  
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#### 1 Administrator's Notices

##### NOTICE

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To all persons interested in the estate of Jerald Hansen, decedent, whose last known address was 2336 Lakeview Drive, Owensville, MO 65066. The undersigned, Cory J. Hansen, is acting as Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 186 Chesterfield Avenue, Birmingham, MI 48009. All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

**CORY J. HANSEN, TRUSTEE.**  
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#### 1 Administrator's Notices

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE  
Case Number: 23GA-PR00070  
In the Estate of MARY LILLIAN VANHORN GUMERMAN, Deceased.

##### NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY LILLIAN VANHORN GUMERMAN, Decedent:

On September 13, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY LILLIAN VANHORN GUMERMAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. The personal representative's address is:

CHRISTINE SMITH, 547 Gateford Dr., Ballwin, MO 63021.

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

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

KAYLA SUE NULL, 120 S. Central Ave., Suite 1800, St. Louis, MO 63105, 314-854-8600.

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

Date of the decedent's death: April 12, 2023.

Date of first publication: September 20, 2023.

/s/ Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk

Misty Oetterer, Deputy Clerk

For publication in the Gasconade County Republican on: September 20, September 27, October 4, and October 11, 2023.

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#### 1 Administrator's Notices

##### IN THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE  
Case Number: 23GA-PR00063  
In the Estate of BARRY CALEB SPARKS, Deceased.

##### Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BARRY CALEB SPARKS, Decedent:

On September 11, 2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of BARRY CALEB SPARKS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of GASCONADE COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name and address of the personal representative is:

LYNN RENEE REUTHER, 290 NORTH OLD HIGHWAY 67, EOLIA, MO 63344

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

JUSTIN D BUTLER, 191 N LINCOLN DRIVE, TROY, MO 63379, (636) 462-1373.

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

Date of the decedent's death: June 14, 2023.

Date of first publication: September 20, 2023.

/s/ Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk

Misty Oetterer, Deputy Clerk

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#### 1 Administrator's Notices

##### CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE, STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Interest of:  
M.M.  
Female, DOB 10.04.2022  
Case No.: 23GA-JU00029  
Juvenile Division

##### ORDER OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Civil Rule 54.17 Rev. 1973)

##### THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO Defendants: Brianna Mueller and John Doe

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the court named in the above caption, the object and general nature of which is: Termination of your parental rights in and to your child, M.M. (DOB: 10.04.2022) and that: This matter should be made public by publishing in a local newspaper notice that the child has been relinquished, including the sex of the child, and the date and location of such relinquishment, along with an explanation that within thirty days of such public notice, a parent wishing to establish parental rights shall identify him/herself to the court and state his/her intentions regarding the child. You are further notified of your right to have counsel and if you request counsel and are financially unable to employ counsel, counsel shall be appointed to you by the Court.

The name of the court in which this action is pending and the names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address and telephone number of the Juvenile Office of GASCONADE County, Missouri is:

NIKKI HOLDMEIER, 120 S. Church Street, Union, Missouri 63084, 636.583.7333

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading and serve the same on the plaintiff or her or her attorney or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five days after the 27th day of September 2023 (date of the first publication of this notice) judgment by default will be rendered against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law and provision of Rule 54.12 in the GASCONADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Gasconade, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record by Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk. Published in the Gasconade County Republican on: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, and Oct. 18, 2023.

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#### 1 Administrator's Notices

##### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE  
Case No: 23GA-PR00074  
In the Estate of ROGER D PRICE, Deceased.

##### NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROGER D PRICE, Decedent: On October 4, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ROGER D PRICE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri.

The personal representative's address is: CASSANDRA J. PRICE, 1992 LITTLE BAY ROAD, HERMANN, MO 65041.

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

MICHAEL RAY MUNDWILLER, 526 E WASHINGTON, OWENSVILLE, MO 65066, 573-437-2828.

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

Date of the decedent's death: FEBRUARY 11, 2023  
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Lesa Lietzow, County Clerk



## NOTICE: Request For Proposals

City of Owensville is seeking RFPs for demolition services from qualified contractors for racquetball courts & playground at Winter Park, located at 409 Red Oak Road. Sealed proposals accepted until 1:00pm on Thursday, October 26, 2023. EOE. For RFP packet or more information, call (573) 437-8231 or email parkrec@cityofowensville.com.



## THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustments Commission of the City of Owensville, Missouri, on November 1, 2023, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 107 W Sears Avenue, Owensville, MO. The variance request is for the following:

**Former Railroad Property Along N. Second St. Between Marvin Ave. and McFadden Ave., Owensville, Mo. 65066**

The variance request is to install three railcar cabooses and convert them to short-term rentals along the Rock Island Trail. The property is currently un-zoned as it was part of the former railroad.

~ City of Owensville

## THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI

### REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The City of Owensville is requesting sealed bids for a Tract in a minor subdivision - Tract B .09 acre off Cuba Street.

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Fractional part of lots 1 & 2 of JF Landwehr Addition Owensville, Mo.

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals and for more information and/or to schedule an inspection of the property contact the City Administrator, Randy Blaske 573-437-2812.

All sealed bids must include the price for said lot and the intended use. For more information pick up a packet at Owensville City Hall.

Mail or deliver the sealed bid to City Hall at 107 W Sears Ave, Owensville, MO 65066, no later than 2pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Mark the envelope "Light & Power Lot".

The City of Owensville reserves the right to refuse or reject any or all bids.

Randy Blaske, City Administrator

## THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, Mo.

### REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The City of Owensville is currently accepting sealed bids for a tract on Plum Street.

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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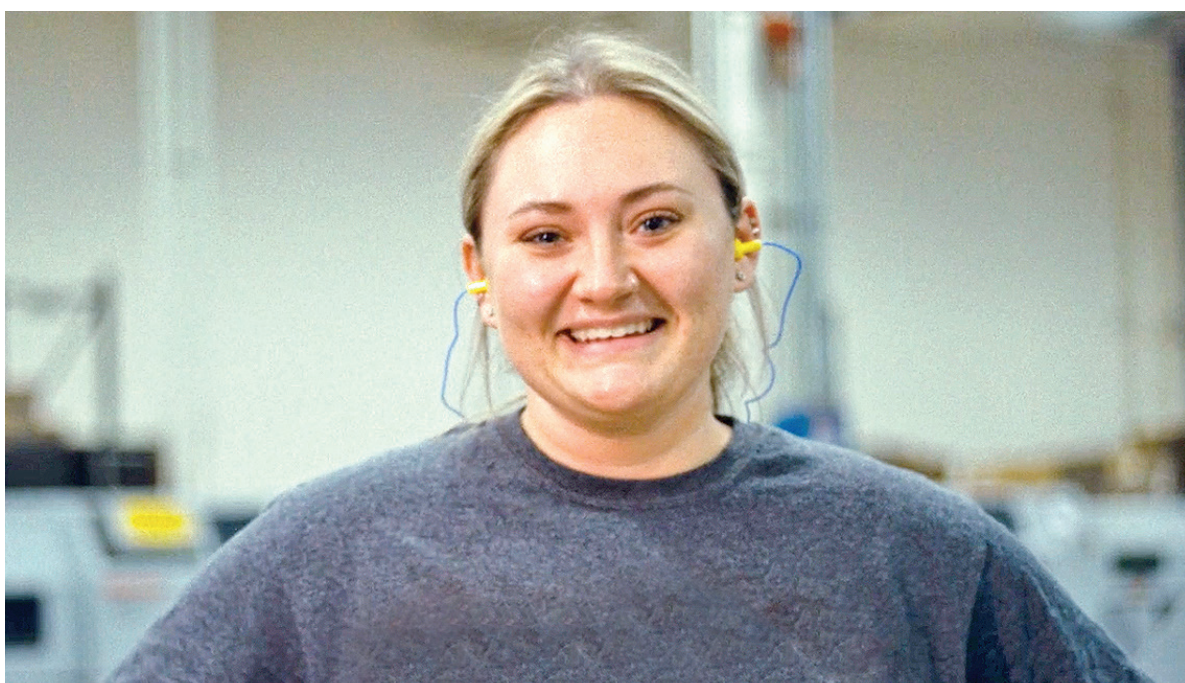
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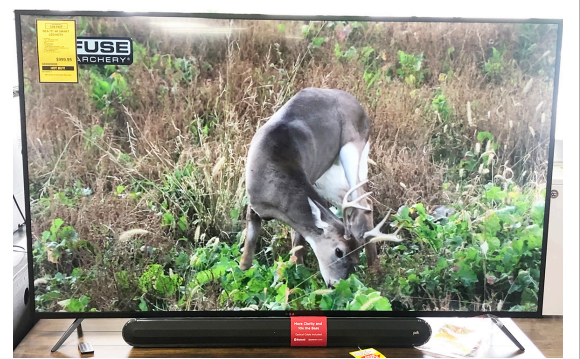
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## Motorcycle crash on Shotwell Road

Ronald D. Smith, 34, of Gerald suffered moderate injuries in a motorcycle accident Thursday, Oct. 5.

The accident occurred on Shotwell Road west of Moore Road at 6:14 p.m.

Tpr. D. Dorff with Troop C of the Missouri State Highway Patrol reports that Smith was traveling east when an animal entered the roadway. Smith swerved to the right in an attempt to prevent a crash. The 2013 Honda he was driving traveled off the right side of the roadway and struck a guardrail.

Smith was not wearing a helmet and was transported to Mercy Washington by private conveyance. The Harley had moderate damage and was secured on the scene.

## Bulk trash pickup

A bulk trash pickup will be held for Gerald residents next week during normal pickup days. Two bulk items and a maximum of six bags can be set out per household.

Televisions, wooden pallets, toilets, sinks, mattresses and box springs can all be set out. So can carpet, padding and linoleum if bundled and tied in four foot lengths. Each bundle equals one bulk item.

Construction or remodeling materials, brush, tires, concrete, stones, glass, roofing material and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Metal to be picked up by the city.



PHOTOS BY LINDA TREST

## Mule Days never disappoints

The 26th annual Mid-Missouri Horse, Mule and Ox Farming and Historical Crafts Days was held last weekend just north of Gerald. Once again the clearing in the woods was packed with folks demonstrating pioneer and homesteading skills.

By visiting Mule Days, as it is called around here, you could watch spinning, soap making, blacksmithing, sorghum pressing, weaving, asket and rug making, and mini straw bales being made. A dry stone mason added to a wall that has been being built for several years. Kids even tried their hands at placing the stones.

Speaking of kids, there were also children's primitive games, toys to purchase from the woodcarver and so many other activities for them to enjoy.

As the beautiful fall weather whetted the ap-

petite, there was plenty of food available ranging from chuckwagon dutch oven cooking to heritage foods. Or their were pies, jams, jellies and bread to purchase to take home.

Watching Michaela Redeker perform standing on her daredevil draft horses or seeing the draft animals powering antique equipment was just icing on the cake.

To gauge the true impact of the event, one had only to watch the families as they headed for home. Small kids hoisting a mini-bale on their back, grandpas carefully carrying a homemade pie, mom holding a handmade basket, grandma cradling a quilt to take home and cherish. The look of tired delight on their faces told the story of a day well-spent. The repeated promises that would be back next year, told how much it meant to the children.



**AS YOU** cross the creek (top), the woods suddenly open up revealing the vendors and demonstrators who make Mule Days an enchanting trip down memory lane. While it is highly educational, it is also thoroughly enjoyable for all ages. A large tipi is a favorite playing spot for the kids. Three boys and their brave mom got a tour of the grounds in a goat-drawn cart (photo inset). Michaela Redeker (above) stands atop her daredevil drafts after giving a performance for the crowd Saturday afternoon. Redeker always draws a throng of fans who have many questions about how she trains. She's always willing to pose for photos.

## Halloween costume exchange Friday

A Halloween costume exchange will be held this Friday, Oct. 13, at the Gerald Library from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lindsey Ring, organizer of the event, says there will be tons of costume available—many of them brand new.

In addition to the costumes, there will also be make-up, accessories and trick or treat pails.

This is the second year Ring has provided this service to the community.

There is no charge for the exchange, Ring just asks that costumes be returned after Halloween. There will be several return barrels in area businesses.

Ring did a similar event in Owensville on Tuesday night. Costumes will be displayed both on the sidewalk in front of the library and inside the library itself.

Stop in and grab a free costume to borrow for Halloween. The library is located at 357 S. Main St., Gerald.



## October winner

The home of Burke and Crystal McCorkendale, in the 600 block of West Springfield Road, was chosen as the Yard of the Month for October. The Gerald Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the contest. This will be the last award given this season. The Yard of the Month program will begin again next spring.

PHOTO BY LINDA TREST

## News Briefs

**THE GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN** meet next Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**THE GERALD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at The Bistro at the Mill. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**A BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 1 - 6 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus hall, 3698 Old Highway 50. Recent donation shortfalls have resulted in a drawdown of the blood supply and the American Red Cross is now facing a blood shortage. Donors will receive a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Consider it a small token of the deep appreciation that patients have for donors like you.

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## Fall Treasure Days in Rosebud

Mother nature intervened on Saturday and brought cool fall temperatures to Mid-Missouri for Rosebud's 14th annual Fall Treasure Days. Shoppers (above) found food and crafts in front of Red Brick Antiques. Rusty Gate Antiques (right) held their flea market during the event. Their last flea market of the year is scheduled for Nov. 4.

PHOTOS BY DENNIS WARDEN



## A horse just his size

This young boy (above) spent quite a bit of time practicing his mounting and dismounting skills at Mule Days held last weekend. This stone horse is just one example of the small, simple things scattered throughout the event that captivate the children who visit.

PHOTO BY LINDA TREST

## R-2 tech • From page 1

being very different from Tyler SIS we have had some setbacks. We are overcoming the challenges we have faced and believe that as we use IC more frequently, we will be happy with our switch."

Security upgrades have been added to the sixth grade hallway outer entrance near the middle school ALC class. It now includes a separate answering system and a FOB reader at the special education door at the high school.

"Students are taking home their Chromebooks every day at both Owensville Middle School (OMS) and Owensville High School (OHS)," Grannemann said. "We are still promoting and accepting the Protection Plan. This is a great investment for parents as the fee is less than any repair cost would be."

Grannemann said there have already been five Chromebooks sent for repair since the beginning of the school year, including four broken screens and a charge cord chewed up by a dog.

"Two of the five students had the protection plan. The cost to repair a screen varies but averages \$50."

All first, fifth, and ninth-graders received new Chromebooks this year.

"We are now using HP Chromebooks," Grannemann said.

She also shared a few technology concerns.

"We are still having issues with Lenovo 100 Second Generation Chromebooks," she began.

"They have issues where the motherboard short circuits and causes various keys not to function. It can also cause power issues that make the device unusable or cause the WiFi to not work."

## Moritz rezoning • From page 1

school being converted into apartments and a duplex across the street and west on Monroe. Moritz plans off-street parking including five along West Monroe and three off of West Franklin.

Hernandez also told commission members the city's sanitary sewer and water supply in the area is more than adequate to handle services for up to 50 new residents between the eight units. Each unit is proposed to measure 70-by-40 feet for a square footage of 3,150.

Emergency access to the three interior units along West Monroe will come from West Monroe side. Steve Hobein's motion to forward the request for Board of Aldermen approval received a second from Calvin Ruth and a unanimous vote.

### Variance sought

East Washington resident Ed Leach is scheduled to appear at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) before the city's appointed board of adjustment, seeking a variance

to build a garage closer to an alley than city setbacks currently allow through ordinance. A public notice about the hearing appeared in *The Republican*.

A record of the proceedings will be kept by a court reporter. If Leach is unable to obtain the variance through the adjustment's board, his only recourse would be the circuit court.

A Board of Adjustments Commission public hearing will also be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, as announced in a public hearing appearing inside this issue.

John Paul Quick is asking for a variance to allow for the installation of three railcar cabooses which will be converted into short-term rental facilities. The ground is currently un-zoned and was part of the former Rock Island railroad property, now part of the Rock Island State Park. The property is along North Second Street between West McFadden and Marvin Avenue.

These issues were not known when the district purchased the product. There are currently 250 of the devices remaining in rotation.

"We have been able to keep devices in students' hands with a surplus of devices we had on hand," Grannemann said. "If the devices continue to drop at this rate, we may be forced to purchase additional devices. All other Lenovo models have been rock solid, but we have moved to HP-branded Chromebooks based on reviews and research."

Grannemann's final concern was the district's firewall continuing to fail.

"The Sonicwall (Firewall) continues to drop connection," she began. "We continuously have to monitor and restart the piece of equipment for the internet to return."

The firewall, along with the district's imaging/inventory software of desktops/laptops will need to be upgraded soon.

"With moving to our computers, Zenworks is not keeping up with new technologies."

Lastly, the district's aging security system, an item listed as top priority in the April 2023 no-tax-increase bond issue request to voters, needs to be replaced.

"Security cameras and keyfob entry doors are beginning to lose functionality and are in need of repairs and/or replacements," Grannemann noted. "I have recently replaced five cameras that have died. They are averaging around \$200 to replace."

Additional equipment evaluations will continue throughout the school year.

## Hermann aldermen approve adding another guesthouse to short-term rental list

BY BUCK COLLIER  
REPUBLICAN STAFF WRITER

HERMANN—Yet another guesthouse has been added to Hermann's long list of short-term rental properties available to tourists.

The Hermann Board of Aldermen (BOA) Monday night approved a Conditional Use Permit sought by Sam and Hestlie Barnhart of Westphalia, operating as Huntline Properties LLC, to operate a guesthouse in the 300 block of West 6th Street in a district zoned for multi-family residential units.

Sam Barnhart told the aldermen the couple recently has been busy cleaning up the property.

"We're hoping to have it open sometime next year," he said.

The city's Planning & Zoning Commission earlier recommended approval of the permit. In other matters, the aldermen gave first-round approval to legislation that would increase camping fees by \$5 for each category of camping. The Parks & Recreation Board's recommendation for the increase was presented to the aldermen at its previous meeting. The

increase keeps Hermann's fees in line with those charged by other area municipalities and campgrounds.

The BOA also gave first- and second-round approval to a bill allowing a contract with Vaughn Pools & Spas for moving the pump and filter for the city's swimming pool. "We've been trying to get this done for years," said Mayor Bruce Cox.

Meanwhile, the mayor in his report to the board noted that the railings on the Christopher Bond Bridge over the Missouri River will be painted by the Missouri Department of Transportation next year. The mayor also announced that the movie shot in Hermann last year, "A Christmas Vintage," has been sold by its producers and will be shown Wednesday, Nov. 1, on several subscription outlets and streaming services.

City Administrator Patricia Heaney in her report said the monthly sales tax reimbursement amount is up 8 percent from the amount received in October of last year. However, the city's year-over-year amount to this point is down 7 percent.

Heaney announced that the city's annual

leaf pick-up program will be conducted every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of October.

The BOA also approved the appointment of Michael Morgan to the city's Landmarks Commission. That board reviews proposed changes to buildings located in the city's Historic District to ensure the upgrades are consistent with the characteristics of the district. For instance, the improvements to the exterior of the Gasconade County courthouse had to pass muster with the Landmarks Commission before work could begin.

The board approved a Caterer's Permit for El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant for the Oct. 19 Witches & Wine event at 4th and Schiller streets.

Also approved were three festival event applications for activities during Oktoberfest: Hermann Christian Fellowship to provide free water and welcome cards at 100 E. 1st St. on Oct. 14, 21 and 28; Whitney Schutt for an estate sale in the 500 block of West 6th Street on Oct. 20 and 21; and Larry Hagedorn for a yard sale in the 100 block of West 6th Street on Oct. 14 and 15.

## Walmart Heart convoy brings joy to 4-year-old battling Cerebral Palsy

BY ROXIE MURPHY  
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER  
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A convoy of trucks from Walmart Heart left Belle around 10 a.m. on Saturday morning with a special passenger in the lead.

Kyra Woemmel, a 4-year-old girl from Belle, diagnosed with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy (CP), was adopted into the Walmart Heart Family and gifted with items to help her fight the disease.

Darren Evans, a co-planner of the event, said Walmart Heart's original founder Ken Nelson met Kyra and her family at Walmart months ago.

"Ken got their contact information, but we were in the middle of planning an event for another little girl from Belle," Evans said.

After the previous event, Nelson reached out to Kyra's parents, Brit-

tany Aemisegger and Seth Woemmel of Belle, and asked if they were ready to have the event.

Kyra was in need of several large items to assist with her disability.

CP is a permanent neuromuscular disorder causing limitation on all four limbs following a lesion on the developing brain. Kyra was born with the disease, but it took the family several years to figure out what was wrong.

"Ken found Kyra and her family two or three months ago. It took us five weeks to get everything together," Evans said. "Stores No. 86, No. 444, and No. 138 in Springfield donated items like a bed, mattress, bed frame, wheel chair ramp, toys, cars, a DVD player and several movies and books."

Another co-organizer Johnnie Tillman said the portable DVD player was to help with long car rides to St. Louis where Kyra receives treatment.

"The long drive is painful," Tillman said. "Hopefully the DVD player and movies will help take her mind off the trip."

ment personnel during Oktoberfest activities.

The hiring of the 15 law enforcement officers was approved at a recent session of the Board of Aldermen. Those brought on to work during Oktoberfest include Roger Armstrong, Benjamin Hellebusch, Paul Lambert, Tommie Lowe, Joseph Lynch, Lynde Mantels II, John Paul, Daniel Phillips, Thomas Pracht, Donald Reed, Nathan

Kyra loves Paw Patrol and Peppa Pig. Her Walmart Heart Family gifted her with toys from each show, a blanket to keep her warm during treatments, a wheelchair, and even reached out to pro fisherman Charlie Evans who travels the country in a truck with a wrap of Paw Patrol.

"Charlie couldn't make it," Evans said. "But he sent her his own professional fisherman jersey because Kyra loves to fish."

After presenting Kyra with her very own Walmart driver shirt, she was loaded into Evan's truck and escorted to Owensville Walmart Store 0354 by Osage County Sheriff's Department, Maries County Sheriff's Department, EMS from Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties, and Gasconade County Sheriff's deputies met the convoy at the county line.

At Walmart, Kyra and her family were met with a party of well-wishers. Owensville Mayor John Kamler and the city's administrator Randy Blaske presented the little girl with a declaration to make Oct. 7 Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral

Palsy in Owensville in her honor.

"The family has reached out a couple of times and are very thankful," Evans said. "She loved her bed."

Tillman added, "We got a mattress low to the floor so she could pull herself up."

The family still needs a few items.

"They need a standing activity chair, a medical bed, and an adaptive car seat," Evans said. "If anyone wanted to donate something like that to the family, they can call me at 417-209-7480."

Kyra had plenty of friends at the Owensville Walmart party. Her Belle Elementary School preschool teacher came, as well as former Walmart Heart recipient Freya.

The seven drivers who met at the Belle Commuter lot included five from St. James Distribution Center, one from Bentonville, Ark., and another from Searcy, Ark. "We had a good showing and good support," Evans said.

Drivers aren't paid for this event, they donate their own time.

Rhoads, Andrew Rosenkoetter, Todd Schlitt, Melindaa Schmelz and Christina Snodgrass.

The alderman also made a seasonal decision recently: approving a contract for ice melt material. Three companies submitted bids for de-icing salt for city streets for the upcoming winter season.

The successful bidder this year, as in the past several years, is Bruce Oakley of St. Louis, who will pro-

vide 150 to 200 tons of the material at a price of \$12,375 to \$16,500. The material will be hauled by Tri-County Trucking & Excavation.

The other companies offering de-icing material were Gunther Salt at a total cost of \$118 per ton and Compass Minerals at a total cost of \$93 a ton.

Both of those companies are located in St. Louis.

## GASCONADE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET

**DIVISION IV**

HON. JUDGE ADA BREHE-KRUEGER, PRESIDING

**AUGUST 2023**

**CRIMINAL**

**Joseph Z. Stark**, Charge 1: Driving while revoked/suspended, 2nd or 3rd offense. Count 1: Defendant sentenced to 2 days jail. Charge 2: Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 26 mph or more). Count 2: Defendant sentenced to 2 days jail, concurrent with Count 1.

**Jonathan M. Towery**, Charge 1: Domestic assault, 4th degree, 1st or 2nd offense (1), (5). Count 1: Defendant sentenced to 1 day jail, credit for time served and court cost.

**Jonathan M. Towery**, Paraphernalia, prior drug offense. Fine of \$200.50.

**Todd E. Troyer**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Austin E. Uhter**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$75.50.

**Randy L. Unger**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Gary E. Wenneker**, Displayed/possessed motor vehicle/trailer plates of another person. Fine of \$50.50.

**Jesse W. Wiegel**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 1-5 mph). Fine of \$250.50.

**Jesse W. Wiegel**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$75.50.

**Jesse W. Wiegel**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$75.50.

**Fredderick I.W. Wixom**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of \$50.50.

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**CRIMINAL**

**Lawrence M. Anthonies**, Charge 1: Property damage, 1st degree, L/E or relative. Charge 2: Misusing "911." Count 1: Bound over for further proceeding in Division I. Count 2: Certified to Division I for disposition with pending felony offense.

**Nathan N. Arcelona**, Charge 1: Stealing, \$750 or more. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I.

**Nathan N. Arcelona**, Charge 1: Possession of controlled substance. Charge 2: Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I. Count 2: Certified

to Division I with pending felony offense.

**Hovhannes Avagyan**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 1-5 mph). Fine of \$190.50.

**Richard J. Bomback**, Charge 1: Fail to register as a sex offender pursuant to Secs 589.400-425, 3rd offense. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I.

**Brooke D. Boone**, Operate motor vehicle with visual reducing material applied to windshield/excess vision reducing material applied to side window. Fine of \$50.50.

**Brooke D. Boone**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Mary J. Boyden**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$25.50.

**Michael P. Branson**, Operate motorcycle when driver's license not validated for such operation, 1st offense. Fine of \$125.50.

**Shelley A. Clark**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Robert J. Coello III**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Lesley A. Cox**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of \$50.50.

**Tiffany L. Curtis**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Rebekah A. Davis**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 11-15 mph). Fine of \$70.50.

**Gabriel B. Deppe**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of \$50.50.

**Madison C. Douthit**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 11-15 mph). Fine of \$70.50.

**Dayton T. Goodin**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Dale P. Gruenloh**, Failed to equip motor carrier vehicle with devices to assure load would not shift/fall. Fine of \$130.50.

**Courtney D. Henderson**, Operate vehicle on highway without a valid license, 1st offense. Fine of \$150.50.

**Brandon R. Horrocks**, Charge 1: Possession of controlled substance. Charge 2: Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I. Count 2: Certified to Division I for disposition with pending felony offense.

**Gwen M. Johnson**, Charge 1:

Possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid. Charge 2: Stealing. Charge 3: Trespass, 1st degree. Charge 4: Sell/purchase motor vehicle or trailer registered in this state without transferring certificate of ownership. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I. Count 2, 3, 4: Certified to Division I for disposition with pending felony offense.

**Melissa S. Johnson**, Fail to display plates on motor vehicle/trailer. Fine of \$50.50.

**Ashley D. Jones**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Desiree C. Lee**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$50.50.

**Mary E. Limberg**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Ellen R. Litton**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Logan W. Loughridge**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Foerix R. Masters**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 11-15 mph). Fine of \$70.50.

**Joshua C. Mattingley**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of \$50.50.

**Jessica M. Medlock**, Fail to yield after stopping to vehicle that entered intersection/so close to cause hazard. Fine of \$60.50.

**Jessica M. Medlock**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Mercedes E. Morris**, Fail to drive on right half of roadway when roadway was of sufficient width. Fine of \$60.50.

**Cody A. Null**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$50.50.

**Jason D. Pape**, Charge 1: Deliver controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid. Charge 2: Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I. Count 2: Certified to Division II with pending felony offense.

**Alyssa L. Pelc**, Operate vehicle on highway without a valid license, 1st offense. Fine of \$150.50.

**Colton L. Rademacher**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of

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\$50.50.

**Hope M. Russell**, Failure to register motor vehicle. Fine of \$50.50.

**Gary M. Steiner**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 1-5 mph). Fine of \$200.50.

**Kelly M. Thurman**, Fail to properly affix/fasten to or maintain motor vehicle/trailer plates. Fine of \$20.50.

**Anna N. Torosyan**, Failed to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler. Fine of \$75.50.

**Chad M. Vanderhoff**, Exceeded posted speed limit (Exceeded by 1-5 mph). Fine of \$170.50.

**Nicole A. Vette**, Driver/front seat passenger fail to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. Fine of \$10.00.

**Nathon A. Wheeler, Sr.**, Charge 1: Driving while revoked/suspended. Charge 2: Owner operated motor vehicle without financial responsibility. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division II. Count 2: Certified to Division II for disposition with pending felony offense.

**Michael J. White**, Charge 1: Possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid. Charge 2: Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Count 1: Bound over for further proceeding in Division II. Count 2: Certified to Division II for disposition with pending felony offense.

**Nathan B. Wilson**, Charge 1: Resisting/interfering with arrest for a felony. Charge 2: Failure to register motor vehicle. Charge 3: Operate motorcycle with driver's license not validated for such operation, 1st offense. Count 1: Bound over for further proceedings in Division I. Count 2 & 3: Certified to Division II with pending felony offense.

## AREA OBITUARIES

### Ruth Lloyd-Hulsey 1945-2023



Ruth Katherine Sabina Lloyd-Hulsey was born Jan. 10, 1945, in St. Louis, to Henry B. and Lydia (nee Rohlfing) Hoerstkamp. Death came after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer on Oct. 2.

She graduated from Hermann High School in 1963 and from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis in 1966.

She was married to Gary Lloyd in 1976. They had one son Benjamin. She married Ray Hulsey in 2003.

Ruth practiced her beloved profession for 56 years until July of 2022. Her experience during those years was diverse — hospital floor nursing at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis, Eureka and Hermann; industrial nursing at the St. Louis Chevrolet Shell plant; medical research nursing at Barnes Hospital; geriatric nursing at Frene Valley Nursing Home, Geriatric Center and Health Center in Hermann; and home health nursing through Hermann Area District Hospital, her last and favored nursing experience. Ruth also obtained a license for nursing home administration in which capacity she served with the Frene Valley Corporation. If a return to health would have permitted and an appropriate opportunity had presented itself, Ruth would have returned to nursing.

Ruth's second love was music and it had become an avocation for her for more than the last decade of her life. She picked up her clarinet and then bass clarinet after not having played it for 40 years. At the keyboard became a favorite place for her to be. She had piano lessons as a youngster. She was the Saturday evening pianist at St. George Church for more than a decade and a regular at the keyboard at St. Paul UCC and the Church of the Risen Savior.

She channeled her love for music and her drive always to learn something new when she got involved with the handbell choir at St. Paul UCC. She became the director of the choir, rewriting music as needed and always challenging her ringers to greater heights.

She is preceded in death by parents, Henry and Lydia; and husbands, Gary and Ray.

Ruth is survived by loyal, very special friend, Darrel Decker; son, Benjamin; brother, James Hoerstkamp and wife Sharon; sister, Lois Kruse and husband Don; and nieces, Dawn (Dale) Maune and Rebekah (Shawn) Mayberry; and a myriad of other family, friends and co-workers.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 6, at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Hermann. Burial was at Hermann Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Hermann Area Crusade Against Cancer or St. Paul UCC.

Arrangements entrusted to Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home, Hermann.

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There is a special place I visit to bow-hunt and get away from people and this awful world. It is on a lake and I get there by boat. I know that bass fishing is often very good on the nearby lake while I sit in a tree-stand watching squirrels. Or I might be reeling in

mile away.

And that is the problem for me. I have mastered everything that has to do with the outdoors except the art of using scent. I know almost everything... but there's that one problem I have worked on for years and I still can't figure it out. I'm afraid everything in the woods can smell me and they act accordingly. I do my best to counteract the problem of smelling bad. I have put my hunting clothes in a bag of dirt and moss and leaves like some of my bow-hunting friends do and I soak a pair of rubber boots with deer scent before I go into the woods.

This scent thing befuddles me, I think, because I can't smell a thing myself. I've got eyes like a hawk, and I can hear great. I can hear people talking about how bad I smell during the deer season from 15 or 20 feet away. Years ago I had a friend who invented and marketed a scent which was carried by bubbles on air currents. When I first heard of him sitting in

a tree-stand blowing bubbles from a bottle and a bubble wand, I near about rolled on the floor I laughed so hard. And then he killed a buck a week or so into the bow season that had antlers like the handlebars on a Harley-Davidson.

I've got to do something, but I don't know what. I don't have any friends that will let me come to their house for the next two months because the scent of a 'doe-in-heat' stays with you even better than Dial soap. I have one hunting shirt still buried out there in the leaves at the edge of woods because I was trying to give it an earthy smell and now I can't find it.

One veteran old bow hunter says I should switch to a more natural scent, like corn. He says that he puts several piles of corn around his tree stand and the scent of the corn draws deer like nothing else. You have to keep replenishing it because the deer keep eating it, but it works better than anything else. Of course the local game warden might consider that baiting but it wouldn't be if you were just depending on the 'SCENT' of the corn to draw the deer. And besides that, if putting out something good to eat is tak-

ing an unfair advantage of a deer, what the heck do you call putting out the scent of a doe? How many men do you know who would rather smell a steak dinner than "Evening in Paris."

I'll let you know next week if I see any deer. Actually I might rather get a picture of a big buck rather than killing one. I hate gutting a dead deer because of the smell, and the photos of big buck deer have made me some big bucks with outdoor magazines who buy them. Until Christmas, when I start smelling like a cedar tree or whatever new shaving lotion I get for Christmas, you might ought to avoid me if you see me in town. I often smell like a red fox scent post!

If you smell someone in the sporting goods department and see someone who has leaves hanging from his faded old hunting shirt, that's probably me. Please read some material I put on my website this past week. Just find it on the computer under larrydablemon-outdoors. And there, you can read some things I can't include in this column, that every hunter needs to know.



by LARRY DABLEMONT

crappie close by, if I got down out of the tree.

The thing that makes fishing so much easier than deer hunting is scent. A bass doesn't care how a spinner-bait smells but if the wind is right, a deer can tell you what kind of cheese you have on your sandwich from a quarter

## DRIFTWOOD OUTDOORS

### October crappie fishing is too good to miss

As hunting seasons open in October, a lot of crappie fishermen celebrate. Not because they can pick up a bow or shotgun. They're happy the competition diminishes on the reservoirs for the best brush piles as the crappie action heats up. It really isn't fair that October only

lasts one month a year, because 31 days just aren't enough to enjoy all the outdoor pursuits available. Regardless, you need to make sometime for crappie fishing.

Weather in October can impact fishing drastically. Understanding how weather patterns affect crappie is a skill that takes a lot of time on the water to develop. Travis Bunting spends countless hours crappie fishing each year, so he's bound to face just about every set of conditions an angler can imagine.

"A lot of the time when a fall rain comes so does the wind. The rain will normally drop surface temperatures, but the wind will heat the water up faster and add oxygen to the water surface. The wind will also blow plankton into shallow water and the baitfish will follow. By moving

there, it won't take long. They're on the feed right now.

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"One typical weather change in the fall that will affect crappie is a cold front, Travis said. "During a cold front, our technique is to slow down."

Knowing where to fish during each weather pattern is key, but just as important is understanding how to fish when you find to the right the right spot.

"We typically fish a 1/16 ounce jig. Color is important, but I believe profile matters as much as color. For instance, to change from a black and chartreuse 2-inch tube to a blue and white Southern Pro

Hot Grub not only changes the color you're presenting but also changes the presentation, profile, and the amount of vibration the bait is putting out, Travis said. "By tipping a jig you can add scent and vibration which is more important in stained water. A Berkley Crappie Nibble will add scent and color where a shiner or minnow will add scent and vibration."

Crappie filets from cold water just taste better to me. I know a lot of folks agree. When it comes time to fill my freezer, I like to do so in the fall. Here in the Midwest, crappie are a go to resource for bags of filets. Spending pays off when you're frying fish in the summer.

See you down the trail...  
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by BRANDON BUTLER

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Kris Nelson with Tandem Fly Outfitters agrees. An avid hunter, Nelson must balance his passion for hunting with his client list of anglers wanting to experience excellent fall crappie fishing. When in the boat with Nelson, you can look up at the changing leaves on the shoreline and wonder why you're fishing when you could be in the timber waiting on a buck or a fall gobbler, but then you feel the thump of another slab and you're reminded why you're doing what you're doing. Then when you haul your 15 fish limit out of the livewell, you're thankful you reserved an October day for crappie fishing.

Temperatures outside are cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon. It can be chilly early if you're not dressed for a cold boat ride, you'll regret not bringing a jacket. Thankfully, this time of year crappie are pretty easy to find so a long boat ride wasn't necessary. When we fished recently, we didn't motor more than a few hundred yards from the boat ramp before Nelson put the trolling motor down and began checking brush for fish. Almost immediately, he found them hanging in 15 feet of water surrounding a giant brush pile.

The tactics we employed to fill his boat with big, fall crappies could be used on any lake or reservoir with adequate brush. We were using basic medium-light spinning rods with 6-lb test line, and a 1/16th ounce jig head with a blue and gray plastic body. Drop it down to the brush or cast it. Either way, if the crappie are

## Hunters take 16,575 deer during new MDC firearms early antlerless portion

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that hunters harvested 16,575 deer during the state's new firearms early antlerless portion of deer season, Oct. 6-8. The top-three harvest counties were Franklin with 489 deer harvested, Howell with 454, and Ripley with 437.

"With deer numbers being at desired levels in most counties but continuing to increase, additional antlerless harvest is needed to stabilize the deer population," said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. "The goal of the new firearms early antlerless portion is to help increase antlerless deer harvest prior to the November portion of firearms season when many hunters focus on harvesting bucks."

Isabelle added that the timing of the early antlerless portion was chosen to provide hunting opportunity when weather conditions are usually favorable and to minimize conflicts with archery hunters, who hunt most in late October and early November.

"Hunters couldn't have asked for much better weather," said Isabelle. "After a warm start

to October, the cooler weather during this year's early antlerless portion helped to increase daytime deer movement and made for comfortable conditions for hunters."

Get more information on harvest summaries by county at [extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest\\_table/](http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/).

Deer hunting in Missouri continues with archery hunting through Nov. 10 and again Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2024. Upcoming firearms portions are:

Firearms Early Youth Portion: Oct. 28-29  
Firearms November Portion: Nov. 11-21

New! Firearms CWD Portion: Nov. 22-26 (in open counties)

Firearms Late Youth Portion: Nov. 24-26

Firearms Late Antlerless Portion: Dec. 2-10 (in open counties)

Firearms Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, 2024

Get more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at [mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer](http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer).

## A little history lesson in the decline of this once great nation

It really started about 60 years ago with the assassination of President John Kennedy that put Lyndon Johnson in the White House. While he made several serious mistakes in Vietnam that got many of our people killed his greatest long term damage to the entire country was the Great Society Program. This was the beginning of welfare that paid females to have babies, without husbands or active fathers, that led to a steady decline in morals; respect for self, the community and the country; which is still evident today in the trash thrown along the roads.

The Richard Nixon, a rather strange person, who may have meant well by opening up China but it has been costing us ever since. His Vice-President Agnew was crooked and quit, that brought in Jerry Ford, a rather decent man who the news constantly made fun of. He lost to Jimmy Carter, a nice enough person but a terrible president under who were gas shortages, high inflation, 55 MPH limits, and loss of our embassy in Iran. He then lost to Ronald Reagan, who gave us eight years of reasonable stability, and a first step toward the fall of the Berlin Wall; the USSR; and the first trillion dollars of debt. Reagan was shot but survived.

All along the way our public schools drew back from teaching FACTS on history, geography, civics, constitutional law, and hands on useful subjects and trades to more sound good, feel good, imaginary classes with very limited marketability or real life use. Several states stopped using the death penalty and our collection of human trash keeps growing. President H.W. Bush did okay but he did raise taxes and the lost to Bill Clinton, a man of limited moral character but not all bad as President. He's credited with a balanced budget but New Gingrich should have really had the credit for that. Clinton's greatest mistake was not taking out Bin Laden when he had the chance.

Clinton was followed by young George Bush, who was soon attacked by the news, and by Islamic Terrorists killing some 3,000 people on 9/11/2001. Many who died in that terrorist attack did nothing but wake up, go to work as usual, and perish. Aside from the many deaths there was billions of dollars lost in buildings and equipment. This country has never fully recovered and should never forget what happened. In the last two years of Bush the Democrat party took control and inflation went up and house values went down. Bush should have absolutely closed the border after 9-11 but he did not.

Next came Barack Obama who was in many ways raised by Muslims and sympathetic to them, allowing about a million of them into this country; and even if only a small percentage are radical it's still a large number. Bin Laden was killed during his term and has caused no trouble since but his kind have not gone away. Eight years of super liberal ideas; overboard government controls and ever increasing debt; an unending supply of lies, corruption and bowing to enemies and questionable friends; led to President Donald Trump.

Trump immediately came under attack by super liberal Democrats, the news media, and even some of the Republicans. His expressed plan to drain the swamp and reduce regulations SCARED many on both sides nearly to death. Should he be successful a large number, particularly those who had been there a long time would be exposed, not just as worthless but as the detrimental lying thieves they really are and it is obvious now, as of 10/2023, that parts of the CIA; FBI; EPA; IRS; and many prosecuting attorneys; several judges; along with many other government employees are bought and paid for by the likes of George Soros and others like him. Trump scared them so bad they would do anything to beat him, and in some ways, he did not help himself.

With a little voting corruption we got Joe Biden, the most senile, addled, incapable, ignorant, and corrupt person to EVER hold the office of President; a person who is really just an Obama third term. He said 15 years ago he would "Transform America." Just in case you have not noticed, in not quite three years we have been invaded by nearly 7.5 million illegals, mostly across the southern border; we are again short on fuel; inflation is up; and crime is up. Great parts of the world are falling apart because others can easily see that WE are falling apart.

About 250 years ago King George mistreated 15 Colonies by too much tax, regulation, and lack of protection. What did he do then that is not being done NOW by our own federal government? It took 200 years and two World Wars to be one trillion dollars in debt; in the next 40 years we are now 33.5 trillion dollars in debt. If you really think this can continue then look in the mirror at the biggest fool in the house. **Self-protection comes first. Thank you Second Amendment. Vote Freedom First.**

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<b>Dutchmen vs. Sullivan Eagles</b>	<b>Dutchgirls vs. Blair Oaks Falcons</b>	<b>Dutchgirls vs. St. James Tigers</b>	<b>Dutchmen FRC Meet</b>
FRI., OCT. 13 7:00 p.m.	THURS., OCT. 12 @ Southern Boon 8 p.m.	THURS., OCT. 12 4:30 p.m.	TUES., OCT. 17 2:30 p.m.

## ATHLETE spotlight



**BAILEE DARE** helped Owensville Dutchgirl softball end their regular season Monday night with a walk-off 3-run home run during OHS' 16-6 victory over Wright City in five innings.

# DUTCHMEN FOOTBALL

August 25 ..... Cuba	★ October 13 (homecoming)..... Sullivan
September 1 ..... Eldon	★ October 20 (senior night) ..... St. Clair
★ September 8 ..... Warrenton	October 27 ..... Districts
September 15 ..... St. James	
September 22 ..... Hermann	
★ September 29 (2003 recognition) ...Pacific	
October 6 ..... Union	

★ Home Games  
All games start at 7:00 p.m.



# DUTCHGIRL SOFTBALL



DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 18	Varsity	St. James Preseason Jamboree	4:00 PM
Aug. 26	Varsity	Sullivan Tournament	TBA
Aug. 29	Var./J.V.	St. Francis Borgia	4:15 PM
Aug. 31	Var./J.V.	Linn	5:00 PM
★ Sept. 5	Var./J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
Sept. 7	Var./J.V.	Union	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 9	Varsity	Lutheran South	10:00 AM
★ Sept. 11	Varsity	Belle	5:00 PM
★ Sept. 12	Var./J.V.	Sullivan	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 16	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	TBA
Sept. 19	Var./J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 21	Var./J.V.	St. Clair (Senior Night)	4:30 PM
Sept. 23	Varsity	AA Tournament at Russellville	TBA
Sept. 26	Var./J.V.	Pacific	4:30 PM
Sept. 28	Var./J.V.	Jefferson City	5:00 PM
★ Oct. 2	Var./J.V.	Cuba (Purple Out)	4:30 PM
★ Oct. 3	Var./J.V.	South Callaway	4:30 PM
★ Oct. 5	Var./J.V.	Montgomery County	5:00 PM
★ Oct. 9	Var./J.V.	Wright City	4:30 PM

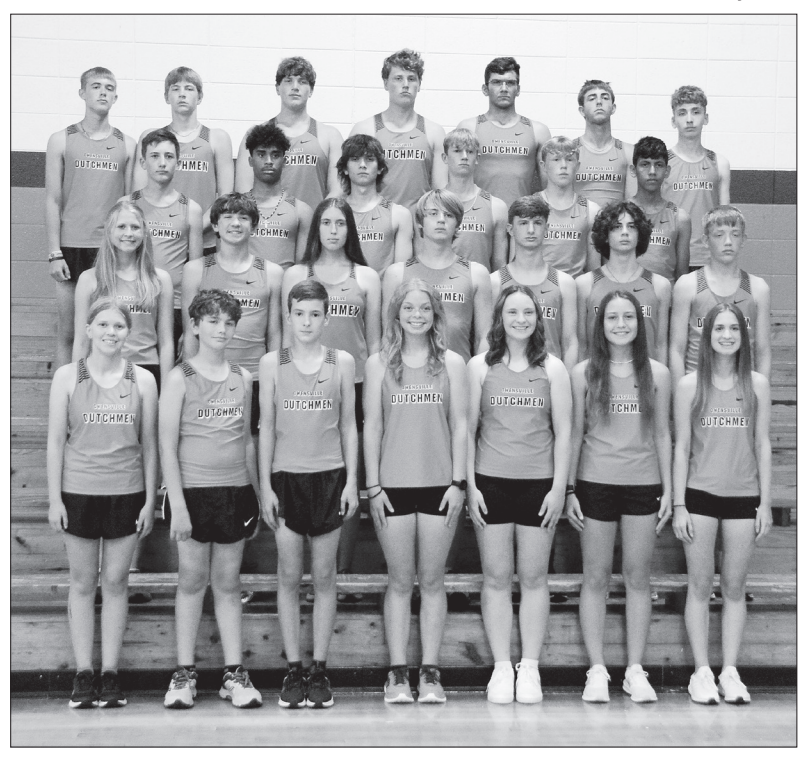
★ Home Games

# Dutchgirl Volleyball



DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 22	Varsity	Sullivan Preseason Jamboree	5:00 PM
Aug. 29	Var./J.V.	Wright City	5:00 PM
Aug. 30	Var./J.V./9	Washington	5:00 PM
Aug. 31	Var./J.V./9	Linn	5:00 PM
Sept. 5	Var./J.V.	Belle	5:00 PM
Sept. 7	Var./J.V./9	Salem	4:45 PM
Sept. 9	Varsity	Fulton Tournament	TBA
★ Sept. 12	Var./J.V./9	Capital City	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 14	Var./J.V./9	Fatima	4:30 PM
Sept. 16	9th Grade	Pacific Tournament	TBA
Sept. 16	Jr. Varsity	Washington Tournament	TBA
★ Sept. 18	Var./J.V./9	Rolla	4:30 PM
★ Sept. 19	Var./J.V./9	Pacific	4:30 PM
Sept. 21	Var./J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
Sept. 22	Var./J.V./9	North County	4:30 PM
Sept. 23	9/J.V.	Union Tournament	TBA
Sept. 26-29	Varsity	Hermann Tournament	TBA
★ Sept. 28	9th grade	Round Robin vs. Pacific and Cuba	5:00 PM
Oct. 1	Varsity	Rolla Tournament	TBA
★ Oct. 3	Var./J.V./9	Union	4:30 PM
Oct. 4	Var./J.V./9	St. Clair	5:00 PM
Oct. 5	Var./J.V./9	Sullivan 4:30 PM	
★ Oct. 9	Var./J.V./9	Blair Oaks	4:30 PM
Oct. 10	Var./J.V./9	New Haven	4:30 PM
★ Oct. 12	Var./J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM

# OHS Cross Country



DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 29	Var./J.V.	Fleet Feet Classic in Arnold	4:00 PM
Sept. 2	Var./J.V./MS	New Haven	8:30 AM
Sept. 9	Var./J.V./MS	Linn	TBA
Sept. 16	Var./J.V.	MSSU Festival	TBA
Sept. 21	MS	Belle	4:00 PM
Sept. 23	Var./J.V.	Gans Creek Classic	8:00 AM
Sept. 27	MS/Var./J.V.	St. James Invitational	4:00 PM
Oct. 3	Var./J.V./MS	Hermann Invitational	4:00 PM
★ Oct. 10	Var./J.V./MS	Owensville Invitational	3:30 PM
★ Oct. 17	Var./J.V./MS	Conference @ Owensville	2:30 PM
Oct. 28	Varsity	Districts @TBD	TBA
Nov. 4	Varsity	State at Gans Creek	TBA

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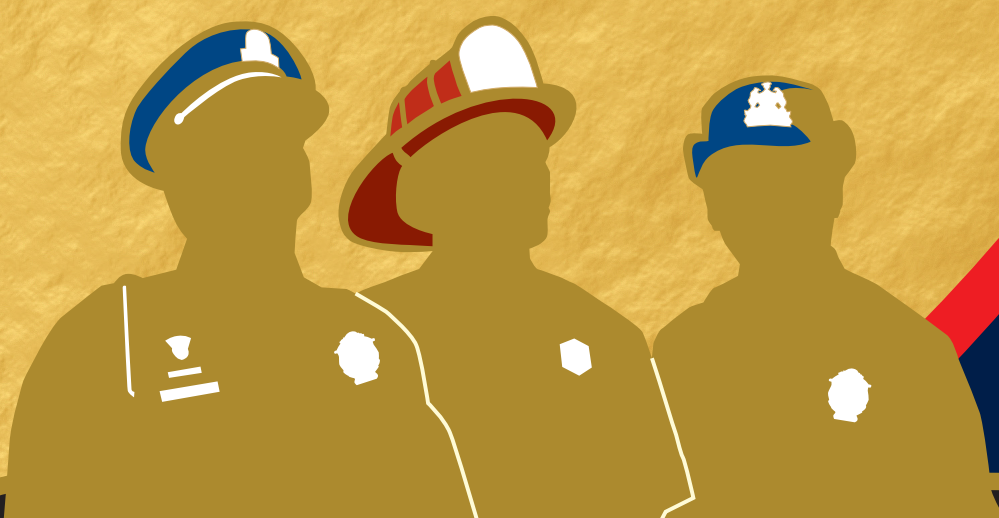
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