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Freeburg trustees table Lead Service Line Survey bids

BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER

FREEBURG — Freeburg trustees opened sealed bids at their March 4 meeting for the Lead Service Line Survey required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, trustees tabled the issue after reviewing the following bids: Corbett Construction (\$31,338.95), All Clear Plumbing and Sewer (\$64,970), Reuben Wieberg and Todd Feeler (\$71,500), Better by Design, LLC (\$76,125), HBK Engineering (\$99,440), and Bartlett & West Engineering (\$99,964).

“How can there be a \$60,000 difference in the bids?” Mayor Scott Knoll asked.

Trustee Shane Zimmer expressed concern that since Freeburg is required to take the lowest bid, the contractor may have missed something.

“It’s kind of sketchy,” Bartlett & West Engineer Kyle Landwehr said. “Since we didn’t win, I’ll take (the bids) back with me to the office and look at it and see if there are any errors.”

“Can we invalidate the bid?” Zimmer asked.

“Let’s let the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) make that decision, and you can award the bid at next month’s meeting,” Landwehr said.

In related business, Landwehr updated trustees on the wastewater project.

“We’ve started on design, and we’ve done as much as we can without the survey,” Landwehr said.

Landwehr said the Bartlett & West survey team is scheduled to survey the lagoon site in April. He also noted that Freeburg is missing some paperwork that may require the village to get a sludge survey.

“We did one about 10 years ago,” Trustee Darryl Haller said. “It may need to be done again.”

Landwehr explained that they had to get bids on a similar sludge survey, and the cost was \$3,500.

“What we need for our design is to know exactly how deep those lagoons are and how much volume we have to work with,” Landwehr explained.

If possible, Landwehr will coordinate with Utilities Supervisor Doug Hamacher to get the sludge survey done in April.

After the surveys were complete, Landwehr explained that the design portion of the project could be done. He added that he has been working closely with DNR and D.A. Davidson on a financial analysis to determine the project’s impact on sewer rates and whether any parts of the project need to be scaled back to keep sewer rates as low as possible.

In other business, trustees approved raises for almost all employees, effective April 1. Hamacher went

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OCHS presents “Infamous Women of Osage County” at the Osage County Library

BY ELISE BROCHU
UD STAFF

OSAGE COUNTY — Nearly 50 people attended last week’s Infamous Women of Osage County presentation by the Osage County Historical Society at the Osage County Library to celebrate Women’s History Month.

Mary Zeilman and Julie Allen took turns describing these women to the assembly.

“It’s a time when we pause to remember and honor the contributions women have made to the world we live in today,” said Zeilman. “Osage (County) women are not any different than other woman in America. Most of them were average, ordinary, but their heroism is defined by their quiet, persistent faith and fortitude, which helped them face different life’s challenges.”

After a lengthy dissertation on voting and the importance of citizens exercising their right to vote, Allen spoke of the first women known to vote in Osage County — Belle Gundelfinger and her daughter, as listed in a surviving poll book from August 1921. Belle was a milliner (hat maker) in Linn who also gave piano lessons.

Anne Hilkemeyer Steele was then invited to speak about her mother, Pat Hilkemeyer, the first female mayor of Westphalia and Osage County. When asked to run, Pat purportedly asked if they could find a man to run instead because she wasn’t sure the community would accept a female mayor. She was elected mayor in 1985, though, and went on to serve 12 years. Anne also described her work with elections.

Zeilman talked about Alma Muenks of Loose Creek, who, with the help of her brother and nephews, ran her husband’s turkey business and feed mill for 40 years after his death. At 90 years old, Alma could be seen sweeping the sidewalk in front of the feed mill. “So I guess we can



OSAGE COUNTY Historical Society Mary Zeilman, above, and Julie Allen, below speak to about 50 people at last week’s Infamous Women of Osage County presentation at the Osage County Library.

PHOTOS BY ELISE BROCHU

say for sure that she really did know the meaning of hard work,” she added.

Zeilman also told of Sister Irene Schmitz, born Dorothy Schmitz, who taught for 67 years, 34 of which were in Loose Creek. Sister Irene touched many lives during her time as a teacher.

Zeilman then spoke of Edie Martin of Frankenstein, who served four years in prison in Jefferson City for attempting to poison three members of her extended family. Edie also served six years in Canada for murdering her husband before being deported. Edie returned to Osage County and was jailed the same day on outstanding charges, for which she served an additional five years. Edie was killed at age 67, in self-defense, by her 38-year-old husband.

Allen regained the podium to tell the story of Ollie Berry, a black woman who, with her husband, opened the first laundry cleaning business in Chamois between the 1920s and 1940s. She was also instrumental in getting her father, Jerry Berry, recognized as a Civil War veteran and getting the government to pro-



vide him with a tombstone. Both Ollie Berry and her father are said to be buried in the Chamois Cemetery.

Zeilman then spoke of Grace Bacon Ferrier, who taught for 43 years before returning to her family farm. She then wrote two books, “Teacher, Teacher, I Done It, I Done It, I Done Done It,” in 1986 and “Post

Oak Sprouts Along Belly Ache Creek,” in 2001. The earlier book was awarded first place for best non-fiction by the Society of Midland authors in 1987. Both books are for sale at the Osage County Historical Society.

The final lady recognized was
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Chamois aldermen adopt two new ordinances, including traffic code

BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER

CHAMOIS — At their March 12 meeting, Chamois aldermen adopted two new ordinances outlining a traffic code and regulations for all vehicles, including All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Utility Vehicles (UTVs), and golf carts in the city limits. The board abandoned the initial traffic code, a 77-page document written by City Attorney David Bandre presented at the last meeting in favor of a more streamlined code that City Marshal Riley Lewis had provided that is partially copied from the traffic code for the city of Gasconade.

“This ordinance basically mimics the traffic code in Gasconade,” Mayor Marie Slusser said.

Alderman Cole Schaben attended the meeting by phone but did not have access to a copy of the traffic code or ordinances. Slusser agreed to get him copies of all the ordinances and traffic codes later. Schaben did participate in the vote to pass the ordinances.

Slusser seemed surprised by some of the things listed in the traffic code.

“It says it’s illegal to drive on the wrong side of the road; do we have to have that in there?” Slusser asked as she continued reading.

UD Reporter Theresa Brandt questioned why the codes started with Sections 23-29 and was told they took the copies directly from what Lewis had handed them and would be renumbered.

Brandt also questioned why the penalty was \$2 for a regular parking violation and \$5 for parking in front of a fire hydrant.

“That’s not a very big fine,” Brandt said. “That’s also the only thing in the whole code that has any type of fine listed.”

City Clerk Megan Birmingham explained that Lewis directed aldermen to let the court set fines and not list an amount in the traffic code or ordinance.

Aldermen agreed to remove the entire section that listed parking penalties.

The new traffic code outlines regulations for bicycles, including that they must obey the same traffic rules as vehicles, that a bike is only allowed to carry one person at a time, that bikes operated on city streets yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, that bikes should be operated at a reasonable speed, that bicycles must yield the right-of-way when they emerge from an alley or driveway, and that individuals riding bikes are prohibited from carrying any items that prevent them from keeping at least one hand on

the handlebars. Bikes are also not allowed to park in such a way as to impede pedestrian traffic.

Riding bikes on the sidewalk is prohibited for anyone over 15. Bikes must have a headlight if used at night, equipped with a “device capable of giving an audible signal or sound for a distance of 100 feet,” and brakes.

The code also established similar rules to be applied to motorcycles.

The new traffic code states, “the driver of a vehicle shall not back up unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.”

Drive signals are required, and if not available, hand signals can be substituted. Vehicles must stop before leaving a driveway or alley. Drivers should drive on the right side of the street unless the right side of the street is closed. Drivers may not operate a vehicle on a sidewalk. Drivers are not allowed to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drivers must also stop for school buses. The traffic code outlines the proper way to make turns.

The new traffic code lists places where parking is not legal, including in front of private driveways,

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State Tech Regents award cart-path construction contract, board considers development of shooting range

BY ELISE BROCHU
UD STAFF

LINN — At a special meeting on Monday, State Tech Regents voted unanimously to award a contract to Howrey Construction of Rockwell City, Iowa, to construct golf cart paths at Osage View for the sum of \$577,000, with the total cost not to exceed \$600,000. The college solicited pricing for asphalt and concrete. Although the lowest bid was from Higgins Asphalt Paving Co. of Tipton for \$530,000, Regents felt that concrete would last longer and require less maintenance than asphalt and believed the additional \$40,000 expense was worth it. Howrey was the low bidder for concrete and also agreed to have the work completed by June 1.

Construction of the cart paths will be funded using the remaining bond proceeds from the Commercial Turf & Grounds Building, which were unused for that project due to the driving range.

State Tech anticipates the cart paths are the last major expenditure, other than a storage shed near the CT&G building, to be used for equipment storage.

State Tech President Dr. Shawn Strong noted that golf course usage has increased to the point where tee times must be scheduled in advance.

“This is what’s keeping us from having

what will probably be the best nine-hole course in Missouri when it’s all said and done, which is really our goal, and we can’t accomplish that without cart paths,” said Dr. Strong.

The new green is expected to be playable in June.

In his presidential report, Dr. Strong said the open house went well, with approximately 550 attendees and more than 100 new applications.

Dr. Strong also provided updated information on the potential addition of shooting sports. A survey questionnaire sent to students resulted in 195 favorable responses. Several potential students attending the open house also seemed excited and asked questions about what might be offered.

Although lead contamination is a concern, Regents were concerned that gun owners might not want to shoot expensive guns on a steel-shot range. Hence, the board decided to explore options for managing lead before voting on that issue.

Dr. Strong seemed confident that State Tech could pay for the range with grant money and/or business contributions.

Enrollment is up slightly, and the college anticipates a busy summer.

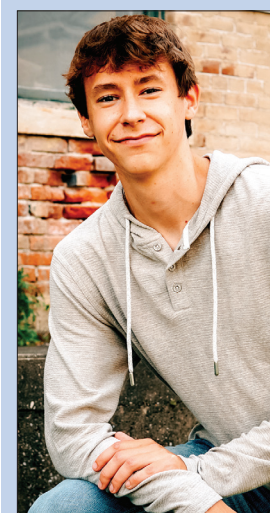
Construction projects are proceeding, and changes should be visible over the next two months.

Graduation will be on May 11, and the next Regents meeting will be on June 25.



Bacon medals at state chess tourney

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Kampeter Earns “Honorable Mention”

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Photo Exhibit winners to be announced

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Linn opens baseball 1-2

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Fatima baseball knocks Helias

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“Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.” — GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER



OBITUARIES

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DEATH NOTICE

Bernard Falter

1944-2024

Bernard Falter, 79, Argyle, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Capital Region in Jefferson City. A Rosary will be held from 4 until 4:30 p.m., followed by visitation from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., (today) Wednesday, March 20, in the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Chapel in Vienna. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 21, in the St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Argyle. Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Vienna. A full obituary to follow next week.

DEATH NOTICE

Kenny Steinbeck

1951-2024

Kenny Steinbeck, 72, Mt. Sterling, passed away Monday, March 18, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn are pending at this time.

Leon Epps, Jr.

1957-2024

Leon Cecil Epps, Jr., 67, Linn, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 17, 2024, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia surrounded by his family. He was born Feb. 25, 1957, a son to the late Leon Epps, Sr., and Margaret (Otto) Epps in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a 1976 graduate of Carlisle High School in Carlisle, Iowa. Leon was united in marriage to

Darla Wolfe June 28, 1980, at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Judge.

He was employed at a sawmill, the Haviland Corporation in Linn making squeegees, T.K.'s Service Station in Loose Creek as a mechanic and later went to work for the Department of Public Safety at the Missouri National Guard in Jefferson City doing building maintenance for 20 years before retiring in 2013 due to his declining health.

Leon attended Solid Rock Baptist Church in Judge. He was a former member of the Osage Trail Riders. Leon volunteered his time helping the Stream Team for the Department of Conservation, the Linn Lions Club with the annual county fair, as well as playing Santa for the Osage County Caring Projects and the Linn Christmas Parade.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to auctions and antique shops. Leon loved to visit with people, making numerous friends along the way and would always help anyone he could. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and his best friend, Charlie Frank.

Leon was preceded in death by father, Leon Sr.; and father-in-law, Jerry Wolfe.

He is survived by spouse of 43 years, Darla; mother, Margaret; sons, Jeremy Epps and Jarad Epps and his fiancée Kaitlynn, all of Linn; grandchildren, Landon, Alison and Hadley Epps, Lauren Hawkins, Laney and Logan Leibrecht, Gabriel Estes, Gavin and Lane Cloud and Nora Branstetter; brother, Terry Epps and wife Jean of Birchwood, Tenn.; sisters, Linda Evans, Tracy McKenney and Trudy O'Dell and husband Scott, all of Lebanon and Lori Hebron of Des Moines, Iowa; mother-in-law, Cartelia Wolfe of Linn; brothers-in-law, Dwayne Wolfe of California, Darrell Wolfe and friend Tammy and Dustin Wolfe and wife Rachel, all of St. Louis; sister-in-law, Debra McKinney and husband Tom of Booneville; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held from 4 until 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at Morton Chapel in Linn followed by the funeral service with Pastor Troy Sousa and Rev. Pery Wolfe officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Solid Rock Cemetery in Judge.

Memorial contributions suggested to Solid Rock Baptist Church or Solid Rock Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

BLOOD DRIVES

Fatima High School Blood Drive

Fatima High School is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, March 26, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the gym lobby at 143 E. Main, Westphalia.

Donors please enter through the main entrance at the front of school.

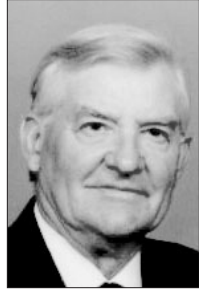
Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FatimaHS to schedule an appointment.

Loose Creek Community Center

4-3-24: 2 - 6 p.m., 173 County Road 403, Loose Creek.

Floyd Frank, Jr.

1930-2024



Floyd G. Frank, Jr., 93, Linn, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024, at SSM Health St. Mary's in Jefferson City, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 8, 1930, to the late Floyd G. Frank, Sr. and Mary E. (Schaefer) Frank in Kansas City.

He attended grade school in Rich Hill and later earned his GED.

Floyd served his country in the U.S. Marines. He was united in marriage to Anna Marie Jaegers Oct. 2, 1954, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Loose Creek.

Floyd was a lifelong farmer who also worked for Locks Mill Feed store, Kliethermes Construction Company, and later retired from Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City after 32 years of working in the maintenance department.

He was a member of St. George Catholic Church and of Linn Knights of Columbus Council #4838.

Floyd enjoyed collecting coins and stamps, woodworking, barbecuing, making homemade wine and playing cards. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Floyd was preceded in death by spouse of 59 years, Ann; parents, Floyd and Mary; son, Richard Frank; brothers, Francis "Buck" Frank and wife Agnes and Ferdinand "Fick" Frank and wife Connie; and brothers-in-law, Ben Haslag and Al Hentges.

He is survived by sons, Floyd George Frank, III and wife Wanda and Jeffrey Frank and wife Tammy, all of Linn; daughters, Carolyn Thies and husband Laverne of Kewanee, Ill., Marilyn Benton and husband Steve and Evelyn Frank, all of Linn and GERALYN BURKE of Hannibal; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Frank of Lebanon; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; brothers, Frederick "Joe" Frank and wife Betty, Felix "Butch" Frank and wife Doris, Forrest "Bill" Frank and wife Sylvia and Fredolin "Henry" Frank and wife Carol, all of Rich Fountain; sisters, Connie Haslag and Marieta Hentges, both of Loose Creek; special dog, Willow; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 19, at St. George Catholic Church in Linn with Fr. Colin Franklin officiating. Interment with Full Military Honors was in the St. George Parish Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to Tunnel to Tower Foundation, (www.t2t.org).

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

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County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Monday, March 11, and Sunday, March 17, 2024:**

Tracy Lynn Jennings, 56, Sullivan, was taken into custody Monday, March 11, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released March 13.

Mason Krull, 30, Owensville, was taken into custody Monday, March 11, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released March 13.

Jeffery Alan Benney, 52, Bland, was arrested Monday, March 11, by another county on a warrant issued by another agency; released March 14.

Hannah Paige Cannell, 27, Jefferson City, was arrested Tuesday, March 12, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of possession of controlled substance; released next day.

Lindsay Jennifer McKague, 40, Chamois,

was arrested Wednesday, March 13, by another county on allegations of failure to appear; released same day.

Cassandra Leigh Ryan, 39, Owensville, was arrested Thursday, March 14, by another county on a warrant issued by another agency; in custody.

Tousha Vannatter, 44, Bland, was arrested Thursday, March 14, by another county on allegations of possession of controlled substance; in custody.

William Burke, 41, Hermann, was taken into custody Friday, March 15, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released March 17.

Bryan Landwehr, 32, Owensville, was taken into custody Friday, March 15, by Osage County Sheriff to serve court ordered shock time; released March 17.

Ryan L. Jennings, 47, Fenton, was taken into custody Friday, March 15, by Missouri

WEATHER SLOWS PROGRESS ON BAILEY'S CREEK CROSSING

OSAGE COUNTY — Acting Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Mike Gorrell watched as a recent rain storm washed away good luck. The downpour caused Bailey's Creek to rise high and hard, causing a setback at the CR 271 crossing, now under reconstruction. A lot of the rock hauled in to support the work was washed away and needed to be replaced. "Everything was going good until then," he complained. Once it's been replaced, "hopefully we can continue with that."

Nearby residents reported as much as three inches in their rain gauges.

To further complicate matters, the department is laboring without two crew members, whose enduring extended medical absence only exacerbates problems. The crew is already three full-time employees short of full staffing.

Grader #01 is experiencing steering issues. Recently, its computer began to register codes, so Caterpillar technicians have come to diagnose and repair it. "It's had an issue since it was about new," he commented. "Now that it's throwing codes and alarms, maybe we can get it fixed for good."

Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenchaw asked Gorrell to examine a muddy spot on CR 606. "It's kind of sloppy yet," said Trenchaw, acknowledging that it's received some recent treatment.

It is, though, not completely suitable. Gorrell promised to look it over.

Department employees hauled rock on CRs 261, 303, and 317; crew members repaired a culvert on CR 634; mowers worked on CRs 631, 634, 635, 726, and 736; employees performed service on Truck #29; and graders worked on CRs 203, 204, 205, 231, 274B, 302, 303, 305, 319, 403, 508, 509, 541, 602, 612, 631, 632, 633, 713, 714, 727, 731, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 740, 741, 742, 801, 802, 803, 806, and 808.

OCHD

Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin showed a new childcare tool

purchased with Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funds. It's a wall-mounted, magnetically-operated children's game with a colorful board that teaches children about nutrition. She asked the commissioners' permission to mount it on a wall in the WIC room at OCHD.

"I think it's a great idea," said Trenchaw, voicing the commission's approval.

It should keep children constructively occupied while WIC nurses work with their mothers.

"It's quiet," said Sallin, "and it's fun for the kids to play with."

OCHD recently participated in seatbelt checks at State Tech and other schools. Sallin reported that 179 drivers were found to be in compliance with the seatbelt law.

Sallin presented her February activity report. Staff performed services as follows: 20 birth certificates, 49 death certificates, 34 Vaccines (2 flu, 6 COVID, 26 general), three animal bite investigations, two medication injections, 12 blood draws, eight blood pressure checks, two tuberculin tests, 16 essential public health inspections, 106 WIC participants, 45 WIC appointments, one prenatal class, one lead test, 24 foot and nail visits, five daycare providers clock hours, three daycare inspections, 41 drive-through customers, 30 diapers/wipes provided, and five water test kits.

OC-ADCAT

Commissioners approved reimbursement of \$7,000 to the Osage County Anti-Drug Action Team (OC-ADCAT) in support of the Strengthening Families program. "I think it works," said Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin in support of the legislation.

He's visited the program, viewing participants both early and late in the course. Noticing the change in their attitudes, he said, "It's like night and day. It's a good program, and I wish them the best."

Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes has also observed the classes in session.

He's anxious to see the graduates a couple

of years from now to evaluate the durability of results. "I thought it was pretty good," he said, also supporting the funding.

The funds come from the ongoing class action opioid lawsuit settlement, which is being paid by various pharmaceutical manufacturers and retailers.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK IDEAS

Several Osage County department heads gathered on Tuesday, March 12, to brainstorm improving the county's employee manual. The current edition was adopted in 2015 and last revised in 2020. Several ideas were floated, and based on the sentiment in the room, many are likely to be adopted. However, there are many steps yet to take, and all will have to pass legal muster before being legislated.

Griffin championed the idea to combine vacation, sick, bereavement, and even elements of maternity leave. They would all be consolidated into a simple "paid time off (PTO)" benefit. The concept is well received by all, at this time. "I think it's a wonderful idea," said Sallin.

She has observed problems with the bereavement leave policy in recent times. Like the other leave categories, it has its own set of requirements. One of them has put a strain on some of her staff members. Called "funeral leave," it's limited to the death of "immediate family members." No change is contemplated to that condition.

However, it's also relegated to four consecutive days. In recent years, it's become more common for funeral and other memorial services to be delayed. Families are more spread apart from each other, often by several states, if not countries. Being there in the immediate emergency of death and attending a service are two events. They're often separated by more than four consecutive days. Having PTO available to use as needed would address this concern.

Other times, requirements for sick

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leave and vacation leave can come into conflict. Some employees' families face different kinds of problems. An employee with a serious illness or injury may run out of sick leave while recovering. Then, returning to work, they find it impossible to utilize "use it or lose it" vacation time. Others who enjoy good health simply refuse to miss work. Then, they retire with hundreds of hours of "use it or lose it" sick leave on the books. For that, they receive no compensation. A simple PTO policy would eliminate both of these contradictions.

New employees are often placed in a jam, trying to put in the first year of work before using vacation time. Having PTO available to use as it's earned is gaining popularity. "I don't think you ought to have to wait six months or a year," said Griffin. "I say as soon as you earn it, it's yours."

Maternity leave can also overlap with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Paid maternity leave, though, can diverge from FMLA because the program only guarantees a job is held for employees who adopt or bear children. They may need time away from work to get through the process in the best interest of their new children. PTO would make more compensated time available.

Griffin has worked for a large company that made the transition. It combined several types of leave with confusing regulations to create a simple PTO. He enjoyed the added simplicity himself, and he observed a large workforce largely appreciative of the change. He thinks it makes sense for employees to enjoy more paid time off for whatever reason. They get more of it the longer they work, and their attendance improves.

All agree, though, that earned leave now accrued by veteran employees should be grandfathered. No changes made should be allowed to set back any employee with good attendance for a long time.

Dress code arises every time the employee manual is discussed. "I think we definitely need to revisit that policy in the book," said Osage County Recorder Cindy Hoffman, "because it's getting worse." She's particularly concerned about what she calls "holey jeans" worn to work.

Griffin, though, wonders if the policy's wording is the problem. He thinks it's worded fine, but he opined, "I think it's not being enforced."

Agreeing, Hoffman added, "It's definitely not being enforced."

She went on to wonder about printed material on tee shirts. She'd like a clear policy stating what's acceptable and what's not.

"It's got to be all or none," Trenshaw replied. "Everybody gets triggered by different things."

The issue will, in and of itself, trigger more discussion. There will be more of that before official adjustments are published in the policy.

Osage County Assessor Tina Kammerich wondered about stronger wording in the policy to enforce tax compliance among non-elected employees. Elected officials have encouragement to keep their taxes paid on time. "I agree 100 percent," said Griffin.

"It looks silly for our employees to be paying late fees," Kammerich concluded.

Meal allowances when traveling on business have come under scrutiny, as the recent uptick in inflation has caught the attention of several officials. Those who travel observe them when it's time to eat, and there's broad consensus that per diem pay needs to be raised.

Another issue that needs clarification is the "work from home" policy. COVID-19 exposed what kind of tasks can be performed remotely.

Since the end of the emergency, the general policy is that "work from home" should not be done. Some employees in some departments, though, could do some constructive things. The focus is on days, for instance, when their office is closed because of inclement weather. Department heads in those units are hoping to get some policy allowance. They feel it's appropriate in some circumstances.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Osage County Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Grellner visited commissioners on Thursday, March 14. She advised them on the language for the proposed road maintenance sales tax. Commissioners are considering putting a proposition in front of voters later this year. She intends to do more work on it but is generally satisfied with the rough draft submitted to her. "I think it would be wise to specify roads that are 'county-maintained,'" she said.

Other than that, she agreed with the commissioners' basic ideas. The wording should be as flexible as possible and cover a broad range of road and bridge problems the county may face in coming years.

She also took notes on their report from the employee manual brainstorming session. She was tied up in court on Tuesday, March 12. Often, the final drafts of those policy changes come from her word processor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Osage County 911/EMA Administrator Ron Hoffman, with commission approval, has changed a position in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) from part-time to full-time. His "resource support person" now carries a full-time job description. Hoffman wrote his 2024 budget proposal, which is now approved, with this conversion in mind.

A February income report from the county clerk showed a total of \$410, including notary service (\$45), plat book sales (\$355), and miscellaneous (\$10).

Griffin asked commissioners to look over the Sales Tax income from February. Deposited on Wednesday, March 6, General Revenue sales tax yielded \$58,758.37, \$2,325.52 less than in 2023 but \$12,149.66 more than in 2022. The 911 sales tax brought in \$71,974.16, \$4,070.20 higher than 2023, and \$7,046.18 higher than 2022. The Courthouse Renovation tax pulled in \$71,974.28, better by \$4,070.28 than 2023 and \$7,046.09 than 2022. The Capital Improvement tax paid \$35,955.14, \$2,043.93 higher than in 2023, and \$3,483.51 higher than in 2022. The Use Tax netted \$54,907.91, up \$10,915.36 from 2023, but down \$7,802.27 from 2022. Law Enforcement Tax brought in \$71,909.97, higher by \$4,169.79 over 2023 and \$8,794.70 than 2022. Combined sales tax revenue in February was \$365,479.83, down from January's \$447,294.18.

Commissioners approved employee time sheets. No commission meeting will be held on Election Day, Tuesday, April 2.

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Traffic code • from page 1

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Drivers may not park in an alley that does not leave at least 10 feet of clearance on one side so that other vehicles can move around the parked vehicle in the alleyway. All-night truck parking is also prohibited. No one is allowed to park a car along the street to offer it for sale, wash, or do repairs.

Drivers are to obey posted speed limits and stop at stop signs. Aldermen are given authority by the traffic code to erect stop signs and to make alleys and streets one way if deemed applicable. Drivers are prohibited from driving through railroad crossings when an approaching train is visible, and the barriers are down. Drivers must have headlights on 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise, and at any other time visibility may be difficult without lights. Vehicles are required to have two working headlights. All vehicles operating within city limits should have a working horn for warnings.

The traffic code states that "muffler cutouts shall not be used, and no vehicles shall be driven in a manner or condition that excessive and unnecessary noise is made." All motor vehicles should have working brakes and mirrors. The traffic code stipulates specific rules for transporting objects that may project from their cars and how tow lines can be used.

Ordinance #661, which adopts the new traffic code, will be in effect immediately.

Aldermen also adopted Ordinance #662, which regulates ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts in the city limits. The

ordinance is based on Gasconade's traffic code and ordinance, as Lewis suggested.

City Treasurer Theresa Walter did not like the section of the ordinance that stipulated the size and weight of ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts.

"Most UTVs are larger than 50," Walter said. "If you look at the ones with two rows of seats, they are big."

Aldermen agreed and eliminated the line stipulating that ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts must weigh under 1,400 pounds and be 50 inches long.

The board also eliminated the clause that required ATVs and UTVs to operate only during daylight hours, with Slusser noting that several area charity runs went well into the evening. Since ATVs and UTVs are required to have headlights and taillights, aldermen did not see any reason they couldn't operate in the evening.

All ATVs and UTVs operating in the city limits are required to have safety equipment, including head lights, taillights, brake lights, and blinkers, if they were originally equipped with blinkers. They are also required to display a bicycle safety flag that extends no less than seven feet above the ground and is attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle flag must be triangular and day-glow in color.

Vehicles are not allowed to carry more riders than what the ATV or UTV is equipped for, and everyone must wear seatbelts if equipped. ATV and UTV drivers are restricted from driving recklessly, causing a nuisance, or disturbing the peace.

Aldermen plan to set up a Saturday with Lewis in the upcoming month so residents can apply for a city license for their ATV, UTV, or golf cart. Lewis will issue the \$15 permits and receipts.

UTV and ATV drivers must have a valid license and insurance.

Ordinance #662 will go into effect on May 1, 2024.

Slusser next presented Ordinance #2015-2 which affects utility bills and wanted to revise the ordinance along with the agreement for payment plans.

Walter noted that the due dates and shutoff dates on the payment plan form do not match those in Ordinance #2015-2.

"We either need to revise this ordinance or change the dates we send out bills," Walter said.

"I would say we revise the ordinance," Slusser said.

Walter reiterated that the dates on Ordinance #2015-2 were different from the dates listed in the utility payment plan.

"I think that an ordinance has been passed since this one," Brandt said.

At the same time, Schaben noted he would need to leave the meeting, which left the board without a quorum.

Slusser said the issue would have to be tabled until the regular monthly meeting, but discussion continued.

"I'm positive that this was changed," Brandt said.

Birmingham explained that Ordinance #2015-2 had been referenced in other ordinances, leading her to believe that it was current.

Brandt insisted that a new water ordinance had been passed that changed Ordinance #2015-2.

Birmingham said she was not aware of any newer ordinances.

"I have no idea," Slusser said.

Birmingham looked through the ordinance book and quickly found Ordinance #2020-02, which had the correct dates aligned with the payment plan document. The newer ordinance also listed a \$1,000 fine if the water

was turned on by someone other than a city employee.

Brandt cautioned aldermen to do their due diligence in researching ordinances and ensuring they were amending the latest ones.

Walter noted that after a meeting she and Birmingham had with the Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA), it was recommended that the city change its approach to payment plans by ensuring that the past-due amount was divided over 12 months and that the current charges were paid in full every month instead of being added to the past-due amount.

The current payment plan allows customers to pay a minimum amount until the total amount is paid.

"Whoever did this before, they were allowing people to pay what they could afford, which isn't covering the current bills," Walter said.

"It is just setting people up for failure," Slusser said.

Currently, the city has 240 customers, and about 75% of the 17 payment plans are current.

Walter would also like to change who is allowed to authorize a payment plan by making anyone who can't pay their bills come before aldermen instead of making arrangements with the city clerk.

"The more we can do to make the board responsible, the more the board is responsible, the better," Walter said. "The more the board is involved and aware of things, the less opportunity we have for things to fall through the cracks."

Birmingham also favored having aldermen decide who was eligible for payment plans.

The issue will be on the agenda at the next meeting on March 20 at 7 p.m.

Infamous women • from page 1

Hallie Mantle of Linn. "She's unofficially known as the Osage County Historian," Zeilman said, noting that Mantle was also a teacher for 47 years in Jefferson City and Osage County. "As a teenager, she became interested in family history and genealogy."

Mantle continued to pursue her interest in Osage County history, even while teaching school, which led her to research and begin writing a newspaper column in the **Unterrified Democrat**. The "History of Osage County" was published from 1965 to 1971.

"Her dedication during her teaching career and then in compiling all of the history of our county will live on and endure forever," said Zeilman.

She reminded those in attendance that history is made every minute.

"As I was working on this project, I was thinking of the women I know in the communities here in Osage County that have made history and continue to make it every day," said Zeilman. "We have teachers among us like Christy Brandt, Sue Galvin, and Arlene Broeker, who have formed minds for 30 and 40 years. I think of business owners like Jan Havilland of Haviland Corporation, of women who work with their husbands to run a business, like Jerry Voss (and) Connie Warden. I think of women who are working for the justice of all, like (Prosecuting Attorney) Amanda Grellner and Judge Sonya Brandt. I think of all the women who work at the polls, (such as) Linda Roberts, Sarah Koenigsfeld, and Merilee Thoenen, to name just a few. I saw the hands go up earlier. You help secure our freedom to vote. I think of women like Doris Frank and Verda Rogers, who work hard to preserve our history so that future generations can do research and learn about their ancestry. But remember, it's the ordinary and the day-to-day that we women do the best. Women must remember to be kind, mostly to each other. Grow where you're planted; be a good neighbor to all."



ANNE HILKEMEYER Steele spoke about her mother, Pat Hilkemeyer, the first female mayor of Westphalia and Osage County.

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Freeburg • from page 1

from \$22.50 to \$23.25 per hour. Part-time utilities employee Tommy Weed will receive a \$1 per hour raise, from \$15 to \$16 per hour. The wages for other part-time help that may be hired as needed will remain at \$15 per hour.

City Clerk Nicki Bax will receive an additional \$25 per month, from \$850 to \$875. Water Clerk Cindy Struempf will also receive a \$25 increase per month from \$625 to \$650. The mayor's monthly salary will remain at \$300 per month and all trustees will receive a pay increase of \$20 per month, from \$100 to \$120.

• Trustees approved spending up to \$500 on temporary speed bumps to slow traffic in residential areas.

Last month, Zimmer, a big proponent of speed bumps, asked Hamacher to research what options the village had and, at the March gathering, requested a recommendation.

"I don't recommend any because I don't like speed bumps," Hamacher said.

"I recommend them because I don't want to see a kid get hit, and too many times, we see too many people speeding through the streets," Zimmer replied.

The village will need to put up signs to warn drivers of the upcoming speed bumps, which will exceed the \$500 limit.

Trustees will decide where to place the speed bumps when they are delivered.

• Freeburg will issue a one-day \$5 business license to Missouri Artisan Foods, Fifth Element Tattoo, Bus Stop Coffee and Catered Goods, and Bless Your Heart Reiki Candles Company so they can participate in "Bash the Grass" on April 27 at the Freeburg Lions Club.

Mayor Knoll, one of the event organizers, said several additional vendors would also participate, but they do not have established businesses. They are home crafters who do not operate established businesses. Trustees did not require them to have a one-day business license.

• Knoll asked Hamacher to put up a new sign at West Harrison Street and Hwy. 63.

"I guess we don't have one there and somebody called an ambulance, and the ambulance couldn't find the street," Knoll said.

• Fire Chief Brady Iven asked trustees if any progress was being made on developing a schedule for flushing and inspecting fire hydrants in Freeburg.

"The guys from the Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) are supposed to be getting back to me," Hamacher said. "I contacted them last fall, and we were set up to do it, and then it got too cold. Hopefully, this spring, they'll come down, and we'll get started on it."

Hamacher said he had never done the process himself, so he had to wait for help from the MRWA.

Iven asked Hamacher if he was able to track the hydrant maintenance with the new Diamond Maps program.

"I have 15 to 20 of them marked already," Hamacher replied. "It's not exact, but I can get it within 12 feet. I've been marking them as I have time and making comments for each one as I work on them. I can document everything."

Iven noted that he would need paper copies of the maintenance; Hamacher said he was sure that Diamond Maps had reports he could print or put into a spreadsheet.

Zimmer suggested that Iven and the fire depart-

ment could have a log-in so they could access the maps. Hamacher thought this was a great idea and could be set up so firefighters could access and read the data and maps but not change anything.

"(Diamond Maps) is a pretty slick tool," Hamacher said. "It's going to make someone's life a lot easier someday. Haller asked Hamacher to call the MRWA to begin the hydrant-maintenance process."

"We want to show sooner rather than later that we are working on it," Haller said. "Let's get this thing moving."

• Deeken Wood Products, Sam Welschmeyer Boat Repair, Sam's Custom Cabinets, R & K Roofing, and Wieberg Roofing have not paid their business licenses.

Bax will send out another notice.

• Trustees approved a request from resident James Williams and his family to set up a "give-a-book, take-a-book" free library at the park near the seesaw. Williams explained that he and his family were willing to put out and take care of the free library but wanted permission to put it on village property so everyone would have access to it.

"If you don't have any books, you can still take a book and read it," Williams said, noting Vienna has the closest library.

Williams showed a drawing of what the small library would look like.

All trustees were enthusiastic about the endeavor.

• Zimmer plans to invite resident Rick Hilkemeyer to a board meeting to discuss how he can get access to the back side of his property. The issue was brought up at the February meeting.

"He wants an access road to his property," Zimmer said.

"The road would have to go a pretty good way," Haller said.

Zimmer estimated that it would be about 275 yards of additional street to cut in.

"It's a village street that's never been developed," Haller said. "If we want to open the street up, we'd have to doze it out. I don't know how much that would cost — \$20,000 to \$30,000, I'm guessing."

Trustees asked why Hilkemeyer wanted access to his property.

"I don't know," Zimmer answered. "He just asked me and said that's what he needed."

"As much as I want to help people out and appreciate what he does with his business, it has to be feasible for the city," Haller said. "There's no income from this. It's a lot of money we're going to spend that's not going to benefit the village."

• Village Attorney Nathan Nickolaus was not at the meeting but requested that trustees consider changing the date so that he could attend more frequently.

"The only reason or time we really need him is when we're passing ordinances," Zimmer said. "That's why we've needed him here the past two meetings."

Haller noted that the village could move the meeting date in a particular month to accommodate Nickolaus but did not want to permanently change the date of the meeting.

• Trustees approved the following outstanding bills: general (\$8,054.82), sewer (\$634.57), lead service line project (\$334.28), wastewater project (\$8,900), and water (\$746.22).

• Freeburg had the following ending account balances: purchasing (\$134.33), sewer checking (\$12,967.72), general revenue checking (\$19,880.50), sewer money market (\$317,599), general revenue money market (\$458,726.16), lead service (\$300,053.42), water (\$5,171.63), water-replacement (\$224.02), and

water money market account (\$840,919.40).

• Struempf presented an amended January financial statement of accounts after noting an error. The amended water department account balances are as follows: water revenue (\$8,441.11), water replacement (\$170.), and waterworks money market (\$837,399.80).

• January's water loss was only 3%. The village pumped 1,723,036 gallons and billed 1,449,600 gallons of water.

• The next meeting will be held on April 8 at 6:30 p.m.



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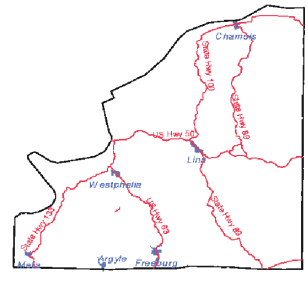
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Bacon medals at state chess tournament

COLUMBIA — Linn senior Ben Bacon marked his return to the Linn R-2 Community Chess Club with an eighth-place finish at Saturday's Missouri State Scholastic Championships at Battle High School in Columbia, sponsored by the Missouri Chess Association (MCA). About 500 players participated.

"I'm very proud to see Ben succeed among high-caliber players from across the state," said Sponsor/Coach Neal A. Johnson, who founded the club in 2013 and has taken players to the state tournament four of the last five years. "He'd been away from state-level chess for a while but was eager to rejoin us during his senior year, and I'm glad he did."

Bacon — the first medalist since Justin Brown earned eighth in 2019 as a freshman — entered the day unrated and promptly won his opening match. He won the next round but lost the third before rebounding to claim his third win in the final contest.

He played on Board 4, which is the MCA's designation for pairing players. In other words, based on ratings (or lack thereof), players are matched against others in a similar setting. Games were 55 minutes with a five-second delay on each turn.

With a 3-1 record, Bacon's rating jumped to 911.

"Ben has been a solid player with great analytical skills," said Johnson. "He routinely helps younger, less experienced players in our club when we meet on Thursdays. Ben also enjoys challenging his peers and strategizing



MEMBERS OF the Linn R-2 Community Chess Club competing at the state tournament on Saturday are, from left to right, front row, Logan Huckabee and Kenni Kramer; second row, Ben Bacon, Carson Kliethermes, Arlyn Martin, Elijah Kliethermes, Travis Martin, Stuart Massman, and Tommy Scheulen; and in the back row, Logan Martin, Dylan Wibberg, and Sponsor/Coach Neal A. Johnson. Bacon, above right, is shown with his eighth-place medal.



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to find ways to improve."

Typically, high school players need to win three of four games to enter medal contention. Johnson noted that even then, it's not a guarantee because of tie-breaks.

"We knew he would be close, so several teammates and I stayed for the awards ceremony and cheered his accomplishment as one of the best in the state," said Johnson.

Based on ratings after last year's state tournament, freshman Tommy Scheulen (995) was placed on team one's Board 1, and after a win and a draw (1.5 points) in four games, he ended the day

with a drop to 937. "That's not surprising," said Johnson. "We hadn't planned for him to play on Board 1, but his rating was the highest on the team, and the MCA paired based on ratings. He was essentially pitted against the best players from around the state. Despite his challenges, Tommy had a solid day."

After easily winning his first match, Scheulen found the road a bit more difficult and finished 34th among 45 players.

Senior Arlyn Martin entered the tournament with a rating of 745, and after going 2-2 on the day, earned 21st among 34 play-

ers, ending the tourney with a rating of 753.

"Arlyn has been with the club since he was in the third grade, and I've always relied on his steady, thoughtful presence," said Johnson. "He's always ready to play, but more importantly, he's ready to learn."

Sophomore Carson Kliethermes began with a 660 and finished at 658 after going 2-2 in four games on Saturday. "He had opportunities to win his other games," said Johnson. "I love his tenacity and approach to learning not only new openings but also how to capitalize on others'

mistakes. Unfortunately, he had a couple of missteps that cost him. I have no doubt that Carson will analyze these games and find the best way to avoid similar situations in the future."

Because Linn R-2 had seven high schoolers, a second team was scored with the three remaining players on Board 4 as an extension of the original group.

Senior Dylan Wibberg (611) won a game and claimed a draw to earn 1.5 points and a 35th-place finish among 55 players. "Dylan carries a book of chess problems

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Osage County Democratic Party announces 2024 Democratic Presidential candidates to appear on March Primary ballot

OSAGE COUNTY — The Osage County Democratic Party is excited to announce the following candidates — Joseph R. Biden Jr., Dean Phillips, Stephen P. Lyons, Armando Perez-Serrato, Marianne Williamson, Jason Michael Palmer, and Uncommitted — will appear on the ballot for the Missouri Democratic presidential preference primary election, scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024.

The Democratic presidential primary will be a hybrid election, offering Missouri Democrats an opportunity to cast their vote by mail or in person from 8 a.m. until noon at the Osage County Courthouse.

Voters registered with the Missouri Secretary of State will be eligible to vote in the Missouri Democratic presidential primary election as long as the voter is not registered as a Republican.

Mail-in ballots must be returned to the MDP by 10 a.m. on March 23, 2024. Votes will be counted on March 25 in St. Louis, and the results will be released on March 28.

For more information, call Larry Hunt at 573-680-6096.



CODY KAMPETER

Kampeter Earns "Honorable Mention" in the 2024 Missouri Scholars 100 Program

COLUMBIA — Fatima senior Cody Kampeter earned "Honorable Mention" in the prestigious 2024 Missouri Scholars 100 program, a statewide initiative honoring Missouri's top 100 graduating students for outstanding academic achievement.

Fatima High School Principal Matt Versluis made the announcement recognizing Kampeter's exceptional commitment to academic excellence. "Cody makes a positive impact on everything he is involved in at Fatima," he added. "He is a great example for students around him and we can

rely on him to do his best. It is good to see Cody get recognition that he deserves for being such an outstanding student."

Sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, the Missouri Scholars 100 Program invites nominations from schools statewide. Selection is determined using a comprehensive formula incorporating the student's grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, and participation in an "Academic Decathlon" encompassing 10 events that assess the

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Photo Exhibit winners to be announced on Saturday at the Osage County Library

LINN — Voting ended on Saturday for an amateur photography contest co-sponsored by the Osage County Historical Society (OCHS) and Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC). Winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday during an artist's reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Osage County Library's Woodland Gallery.

Original photos taken during the calendar year 2023 in Osage County resulted in 49 contest entries in five categories — Osage County Roots (churches, cemeteries, historic buildings), Natural Beauty of Osage County, Osage Counties, Osage County on the Job, and Growing Osage County (agriculture focus).

A \$100 cash first-place award will be

presented in each category to a youth (5-17) and adult (18+). The ages ranged from 10 to 86.

Unterrified Democrat Editor Neal A. Johnson, Mary Ann Gelven of OCHS, and Jeff Kormann representing OCAC judged the photo contest. Additionally, a "Peoples' Choice" award determined by community members will earn a \$100 award.

All photos will remain at the library until May 31, after which the 11 winning images will become the property of the Osage County Historical Society and will be moved to the OCHS for permanent display.

Non-winning photos can be picked up at the Linn Library at the end of the display period.



UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT Editor Neal A. Johnson, Mary Ann Gelven of OCHS, and Jeff Kormann representing OCAC judged the amateur photography contest.

PHOTO BY SARAH FALTER

Bonham tells Chamois aldermen he wants the city to succeed

BY THERESA BRANDT
UD STAFF WRITER

CHAMOIS — Sheriff Michael Bonham spoke with the Chamois aldermen at their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20, during his annual visit to the county's cities and villages.

"I think it's important for the county to make sure that you are successful," Bonham said. "If you are successful, the county is successful."

Bonham noted he was glad to see that the city of Chamois hired Marshal Riley Lewis to help with law enforcement issues. Bonham explained that he has tried to help Lewis get set up, but he will be functioning more independently by March 31.

Bonham explained that Lewis is currently able to arrest people for committing crimes under the authority of the Osage County Sheriff's Office but cannot enforce ordinances until the city

completes the required paperwork. Bonham set a March 31 deadline for completing the paperwork, after which Lewis will no longer be able to use the sheriff's radio channel.

"Currently, Lewis is using our channel to help get started," Bonham explained. "We're going to have to pull that back at the end of March as well. We did help get Lewis on the same radio frequency that the Linn Police Department uses."

Bonham explained that Lewis would just have to get the correct key into his radio. He added that there should only be a nominal charge for the services.

Bonham asked where the city was at on getting the rest of the paperwork completed.

"We're already working with Amanda Grellner, and we have one or two more steps we need to make and then we should be ready to go," Mayor Marie Slusser said.

Bonham asked if the city was going to use a municipal court.

Slusser said Chamois would not create its own court, but instead, it would utilize Osage County's judicial circuit.

"We'll always be here to help," Bonham said. "We will continue to work on drug cases. We are not going to be getting rid of the drug problem until the citizens get tired of it. I don't see that happening, so we will continue to hammer the drugs."

Bonham also announced that Lewis would be covered by SafetyNet, which financially assists the families of first responders killed in the line of duty.

"This is important because we as a county or a city wouldn't be able to do this," Bonham said.

He explained the organization was funded through donations, and there was no cost to the city or county.

Bonham said that his department will continue to support

Chamois.

"We're down here quite a bit, and most of that is prevention," Bonham said. "Please don't stop talking to us. We can't do it on our own. We want to continue to foster a relationship with all of you because we can't do it ourselves."

Later in the meeting, aldermen approved Ordinance #660, which made "all municipal ordinance violations of the City of Chamois be heard and determined by an Associate Circuit Court Judge of the Osage County Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit."

This was one of the items that needed approval before the March 31 deadline to ensure that Lewis could enforce city ordinance violations. The ordinance is effective immediately.

Aldermen approved Decker and DeGood Certified Public Accountants to audit the city's financial statements for 2022. The city will be forced to pay for

three audits in the 2023-24 fiscal year because the audits had not been completed on an annual basis. The cost of each is over \$6,000. Treasurer Theresa Walter was specifically hired to get the financial statements ready for the three fiscal years so that the city would not lose the grant money for the water project.

Presiding Osage County Commissioner Darryl Griffin also encouraged aldermen to attend a meeting with the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC).

"I know it is a long way to travel; I realize that, but you can participate through Zoom meetings, and I encourage you to do that," Griffin said.

Griffin encouraged the Board of Aldermen to consider grant opportunities that may meet the city's needs. The applications for

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Women being erased in sports, in society

March is Women's History Month. According to History.com, "Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987."

A public holiday in many countries, March 8 is International Women's Day. First held on Feb. 28, 1909, it was organized by the Socialist Party of America.

There are over 180 days set aside on the calendar to recognize and support women, including:

- Women Rock Day - Jan. 3
- National Girls and Women in Sports Day - Feb. 5
- Grandmother Achievement Day - Feb. 11
- International Every Girl Wins Day - March 13
- National Girl Me Too Day - April 7
- Mother's Day - May 12
- Women's Golf Month - June
- Single Working Women's Day - Aug. 4

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



- National Little Black Dress Day - Sept. 1
 - International Day of Rural Women - Oct. 15
 - International Girls Day - Nov. 14
 - National Women Support Women Day - Dec. 1
- Feminist Gloria Steinem famously said, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle." That was the 1960s.
- 1972 President Richard Nixon signed the Education Amendments Act of 1972, including Title IX. One of its promises was to open doors for girls in academia

and ensure equal access once they got in. One of its most significant impacts was expanding girls' opportunities in sports.

In 1972, just over 300,000 women and girls competed in high school and college sports in the U.S. By 2012, that number had risen to over 3 million.

Ironically, today women are being set aside and ignored. They are increasingly being replaced by transgender women (a biological male who identifies as a woman).

These "men" are taking away opportunities and financial rewards from women.

Riley Gaines is leading the fight against this onslaught. Her goal was to win a national title in women's swimming in college. As a senior in college Gaines was ranked 3rd in the nation. She famously lost to Lia Thomas — formerly known as Will Thomas. As a man Will was ranked 462nd in the nation.

Only a woman athlete can understand this injustice. Grains says that when women clap for a transgender woman taking

the trophy, they are applauding "our own erasure, our own demolition" from sports.

Another female athlete you may not be aware of is Taylor Silverman. Her sport of choice is skateboarding. After losing competitions with cash prizes to biological men, she began to speak out.

All these women want is fairness.

There is more at stake than just honor and money. In February, three girls at the Lowell Collegiate Charter School were allegedly injured by a trans-identified male basketball player from Kipp Academy. The trans person had facial hair.

The coach from Lowell forfeited the game after one of his players sustained a back injury from an altercation with the male player.

This is not an isolated incident.

In 2022, Payton McNabb, playing volleyball for North Carolina, was knocked unconscious when a trans-identified player spiked a ball that hit her in the head.

Last year, another female athlete was injured playing field hockey in Massachu-

setts when a trans-identified male knocked her teeth out with the ball.

Transgender women are also taking jobs and opportunities away from women outside of sports.

In May 2023, Adidas ran a swimsuit ad for women that used a biological male as the model.

Last March, Hershey Chocolate ran an advertisement to celebrate International Women's Day. They featured a trans woman.

Rikkie Valerie Kolle — a trans woman — was crowned Miss Netherlands.

In April of last year, Maybelline paid trans woman Dylan Mulvaney to model its makeup.

Speaking of Mulvaney, he was awarded "Woman of the Year" by Virgin Atlantic, a British LGBTQ magazine.

Today, a male can dominate in any women's sport and take their place in any job.

It appears Steinem was wrong. It's not men who are obsolete, it's women.

MAIL BAG

An insult to honest, Osage County Republicans

Dear Editor:

Last month at the Osage County Republican Central Committee Lincoln Day Celebration a presentation was given, and evidently endorsed by the committee, on how to run an election. The presenters informed us that #1 They were from the west coast, new to Missouri, #2 their way was the only way to run an honest election, #3 that only one county clerk, from one of Missouri's smallest county, agreed with them, but that person would be persecuted if their name was made public, and last #4 our own Osage County Clerk was not cooperating with them, thus somehow corrupted and heaven forbid a "RINO" (Republican in Name Only).

I have been following Missouri elections closely for well over 60 years, 20 of those years as an elected Republican, served several terms on the Missouri House Committee on elections, after my elected terms I served as an election worker in my precinct. I have known and worked closely with dozens of Missouri's election officials and there are currently over 100 who are Republican and who are running honest, fair and efficient elections, and will allow their names to be used. We need to listen to those who have been in the arena, like former Senator Roy Blunt who ran elections in Greene County and our own Nicci Kammerich and over 100 Republican election officials who live and work in the real world.

What we heard at Westphalia from the Osage Republican Committee was a massive insult to honest, hard working elected Republicans, and even greater insult to the voters of Osage County who elected them. Maybe that was why hardly any Republican elected officials attended that evening.

Gene Lang
Linn

The importance, appreciation of local journalism

Dear Editor:

A recent article on missouriindependent.com discusses the plight of the print media. This article states that *The collapse of news outlets, especially local papers, is robbing our communities of indispensable watch dogs.*

Reading this, I feel called upon to express my appreciation for the excellent local news coverage provided by your papers.

The Unterrified Democrat, Gasconade County Republican and the Maries County Advocate all provide coverage important to we who live here, but not found anywhere else. Long may they live!

Roberta Schwinke

Ref. <https://missouriindependent.com/2024/03/18/local-news-is-too-important>

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BLAINE'S BULLETIN

The dangers of TikTok



by **Blaine Luetkemeyer**
3rd District Congressman

On February 18, 2022 Chase Nasca was a 16-year-old high school student. That morning his parents Dean and Michelle saw their child off to school expecting, like all parents do, to see their son later that afternoon. On his way home from school Chase stopped next to a train track, texted a friend "I can't do it anymore", then stepped in front of a train taking his own life.

I have hesitated to share this story in our weekly column. As a parent and grandparent, just typing this gives me a sick feeling in my stomach. I also hate the politicization of tragedies, especially when they involve kids. However, this is not about politics; this is about the safety of our children and the security of our nation. It is important that we truly understand the threat.

In the days and weeks following Chase's death, his parents searched for answers. As we all would, they blamed themselves for not noticing the profound pain their son was living with. When they opened his TikTok account, they discovered that their son had received more than 1,000 unsolicited videos promoting violence and suicide. According to his parents, Chase was flooded with videos promoting suicide for hours every day. Needless to say, his family is devastated and will live the rest of their lives with the inconsolable pain of losing the one thing in the world a parent cannot live without.

Fast forward a year and a half, TikTok's disgusting grip on America's youth was again publicly on display.

When Hamas terrorists massacred over 1,200 people at an Israeli music festival and kidnapped hundreds more, TikTok immediately began promoting videos idolizing Osama bin Laden and justifying the attacks on 9/11 and his promotion of violence against Israel. Millions of pro-Hamas messages have been spread across the app which promote lies about the countless atrocities Hamas and its supporters, Iran and China, carry out on a daily basis.

After immense backlash, TikTok eventually stopped promoting Osama bin Laden. However, the Hamas sympathizing remains prominent on the app.

On top of poisoning the minds of American children and impressionable

adults, TikTok collects and stores massive amounts of data on its users. That data is shared with its parent company, ByteDance, which is owned and controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

And therein lies the problem.

The CCP has a publicly stated goal of overtaking the U.S. as the preeminent economic and military power in the world. Creating chaos among the American people is a powerful tool to distract the country from its other aggressions around the world, and TikTok has been a powerful tool to do that. It is important that we understand that creating sympathy for one of the worst people to walk the earth and actively encouraging American teens to take their own lives is not a mistake. It is not an error of the algorithm. It is a goal of the CCP. Just as the CCP shipping the ingredients of fentanyl to Mexican drug cartels to then poison the American people isn't a mistake. It is part of a plan to disenfranchise, corrupt, and quite literally kill the next generation of Americans — particularly those of fighting age.

This week, the House passed a bill, H.R. 7521 the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, to force TikTok to break away from its parent company, the CCP-controlled ByteDance. By breaking the ties to the CCP, the app can continue to operate in the U.S. without serving as a strategic weapon to undermine the stability of the U.S.

Current law already gives the Administration the authority to force the sale of TikTok if it wants to continue operating in the United States. In fact, under President Trump, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) ordered ByteDance to divest its interest in TikTok in order for TikTok to remain in the U.S. Unfortunately, while that order remains in place the Biden Administration has allowed TikTok to utilize legal loopholes to continue its reprehensible behavior.

H.R. 7521 won't fix all of our problems when it comes to China. They are still stealing our IP, committing fraud in our financial markets, shipping drugs across our southern border, and infecting our universities with dangerous ideology on a daily basis. But it will take away their greatest spying tool and loudest megaphone used to corrupt our youth. It could even stop hundreds of families from the unthinkable tragedy the Nasca family suffered with their son, Chase.

I am cautiously optimistic that the Senate and President will understand the gravity of this situation and make this bill a law as soon as possible.

CONTACT US: I encourage you to visit my official website or call my offices in Jefferson City (573-635-7232) or Cottleville (636-327-7055) with your questions and concerns. If you want even greater access to what I am working on, please visit my YouTube site, Facebook page, and keep up-to-date with Twitter and Instagram.

REPORT FROM THE 61ST DISTRICT

House budget allocations being considered

BY STATE REP. BRUCE SASSMANN

Missouri's 61st District

The big news this week is our first glimpse of the budget. It was a teaser or official trailer for the next entertainment program.

Thursday morning House Budget Chairman Cody Smith released the House Budget substitutes for Fiscal Year 2025. The FY 2025 Budget, which carries a price tag of roughly \$49.9 billion, reflects a comprehensive understanding of the state's financial landscape, coupled with a vision for sustainable growth and development. These bills aim to allocate the state's resources efficiently and prioritize investments in several key sectors, such as education, infrastructure, health, public safety, and transportation.

Some of the key highlights of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget are as follows:

- \$727.5 million investment for rebuilding I-44 (including six lanes at Springfield, Joplin,

and Rolla);

- \$100 million for rural and low volume roads;
- \$120.6 million increase to fully fund the K-12 education foundation formula;
- \$14 million increase to fully fund school transportation;
- \$4 million to increase the minimum teacher pay to \$40,000 per year;
- \$1.5 billion toward broadband access;
- \$8 million for the National Guard and Operation Lone Star to defend the southern border; and,
- \$2 million for grants to pregnancy resource centers

"I'm proud to report that our House budget focuses on fiscally conservative policies that highlight the importance of spending within our means," Smith, R-Carthage, said. "By sharpening our pencils and delving into the details of each department's budget, we are ensuring that our budget provides the critical services Missourians need while eliminating unnecessary spend-

ing. Through collaborative efforts and thorough analysis, we are addressing Missouri's pressing needs while ensuring accountability and transparency in our budgetary decisions."

The House Budget substitute bills introduced by Chairman Smith signal a renewed commitment to fiscal stewardship and economic growth, underscoring the legislature's dedication to serving the best interests of the people of Missouri.

The budget process is not over. Debate begins on the House floor on March 25th. The House will send the debated budget to the Senate where anything can happen. The House will debate the Senate version of the budget during the last days of session in May. I cannot begin to guess the outcome. The weekly progress, or lack of progress, will be better entertainment than your favorite TV program. Stay tuned.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please email me with any questions or concerns @ bruce.sassmann@house.mo.gov or call Jill in the office @ 573-751-6668.

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Republican senators debate caucus versus primary

BY QUINN S COFFMAN
MISSOURI NEWS NETWORK

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jill Carter, R-Granby, spoke in favor of her bill Monday that would return Missouri Republican voters to a system of presidential primaries rather than the caucuses hosted earlier this March.

The bill is simple, reinstating the presidential preference primary election to take place on the first Tuesday of March.

Speaking to her Senate colleagues, Carter told the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee she'd been motivated by complaints from her constituents to introduce the bill.

"I don't know about you, but I have received a lot of frustrated phone calls from citizens who are trying to figure out why we would have eliminated presidential preference primary," Carter said.

The state's presidential primaries,

where voters choose a candidate for president on a private ballot, were replaced by a Missouri election reform law signed by Gov. Mike Parson in 2022.

Caucuses took their place, which means voters come together in a communal setting to advocate for a presidential candidate before voting publicly on one.

Missouri's 2024 presidential caucuses, held on March 2, were the first hosted since the change.

In Boone county, 263 residents arrived for the caucus, compared to 8,188 Republican ballots that were cast during the 2020 presidential preference primary.

Like Carter, many of those who testified in favor of the bill spoke about negative experiences that many caucusgoers had.

Denise Lieberman, director of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, highlighted how caucuses can limit voter turnout.

"When we lost our presidential preference primaries several years ago, we really constricted opportunities for Missourians to be able to make their voices heard," Lieberman said.

Lieberman said caucuses limit turnout due to their time-consuming nature, which keeps parents and working people from easily participating. She said caucusgoers tend to be "party-stalwarts" who can make the time necessary to participate.

Jeff Smith, representing the ACLU of Missouri, advocated for primaries as the most accessible way for residents to vote. He said that since caucuses require in-person availability, they are likely to discourage elderly and disabled voters from participating.

Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffero, was the only voice of dissent within the committee. Crawford was concerned with the taxpayer costs associated with hosting primaries — costs she said are wasteful when

the primary doesn't actually decide the presidential nominee.

Crawford's comments are based on the ideas that the primary is only showing the voters' preference and that the delegates sent to Republican state convention aren't bound by law to follow the will of the voters.

"Why do you think we need to spend \$6 or \$7 million for something that means nothing," Crawford asked Carter during questioning.

While going back and forth, neither senator seemed certain if delegates truly were bound to choose the same candidate their primary's voters instructed them to. It was also unclear if Republican party rules bound these delegates and how easily those rules could be altered.

Trish Vincent, the deputy secretary from the secretary of state's office, confirmed that Missouri would have paid \$8 million to reimburse municipalities for

the costs of hosting primaries in 2024.

The system of presidential preference primaries was instituted in 1998, with the first one being held for the 2000 general election.

Scott Clark, deputy chief of staff at the secretary of state's office, said while Republican party rules make convention delegates bound to the will of their voters, these rules can be amended by the party — even after votes for a candidate have been cast.

"So even though the rules may say they are binding, rules can change," Clark said. An uncontroversial change made to Carter's bill from a version from last session was to add more time between the presidential primary and annual April elections.

She said this change had been requested by county clerks, who can be overworked when two elections fall too close to each other.

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student's academic prowess.

To qualify, students must meet stringent criteria, including a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 (or a minimum SAT score of 1,280), ranking in the upper 10% of their class, and enrollment in high-level courses in mathematics, science, English, and a foreign language. Exemplary attendance, outstanding citizenship, and active participation in school activities are also essential.

"The Missouri Scholars 100 Program stands as one of the premier academic recognition

programs in the country, celebrating the dedication and success of students who have upheld the highest academic standards," said Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals Executive Director Clark Mershon. "It is a true celebration of learning."

This year marks the 30th Annual Missouri Scholars 100 recognition program, a testament to three decades of honoring academic excellence.

For more information, please get in touch with MoASSP at 573-445-5071.

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those grant opportunities open on March 1.

He recommended that aldermen reach out to MRPC for help with applying for available grants and also to contact him if there was anything he could do to help the city.

The well project is scheduled to be completed by March 31.

"That's the new deadline," Slusser said. "They still have to put the roof on and paint it, and then we will need another well. With that being said, we don't have any property to put a new well on."

Slusser has requested a second opinion from the engineering firm to determine whether the current well can be repaired and serve as the second well, as required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"If we can get this fixed, it would save the city a lot of money," Slusser said. "I'm waiting on a second opinion and hope that it works out."

Aldermen Jim Wright has continuously voiced his opinion that the second well could be repaired since the leak is only 20 feet below ground.

Slusser will report her findings at the next meeting.

Aldermen approved the fourth request for funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). MRPC requested \$3,000 for administration of the grant and Chamois would be reimbursed \$390.62 for water storage. Chamois has \$735,359.38 in

remaining CDBG funds available for the water project.

The board approved a recommendation by the Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) that would credit customers' water deposits to their account after three years if they have not been delinquent on their water bills during that time.

"We were told this is the best practice and helps the city and customers," City Clerk Megan Birmingham explained.

Chamois only has digital records going back to 2018. Anyone who paid a deposit before then would need proof to have it credited to their accounts. Renters typically get their deposits back when they move unless the landlords pay the deposit.

Chamois residents will see a \$1 increase in the trash rate from \$14 to \$15. The cost for a double trash can is currently \$20.75, and it will increase to \$22 per month.

Spring Clean up will be on March 25 for residential customers only. All items must be on the curb by 5 a.m., and residents should ensure the items can be handled by one person. Hazardous waste, liquid waste, yard waste, car parts (including tires), appliances, and concrete items will not be picked up by Republic Services, which reserves the right to leave any items that do not fall within its guidelines. Questions can be directed to Republic Services at 573-635-8805.

Aldermen approved placing ads in the paper for the Lead Line Survey as required by the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The city has received a grant of up to \$118,000 to cover the survey. The city has until March 28 to accept a bid for the project affecting 275 service lines.

Aldermen approved Resolution #2024-1, which removed former Mayor Michael Edwards' name from the DNR Financial Assistance Center State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Program and gave Mayor Slusser the official ability to sign any grant-related paperwork.

The board approved outstanding bills totaling \$15,130.19.

Chamois had the following ending balances in their accounts: cemetery fund (\$10,437.77), general fund (\$198,344.46), water fund (\$203,739.04), sewer fund (\$89,899.16), city Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) in and out (\$1,250), city park (\$4,680.59), American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$77,213.68), sewer bond reserve (\$26,767.34), meter deposits (\$24,277.70), water repair (\$29,050.99), and online bill pay (\$269.50).

The city holds five certificates of deposit totaling \$12,200.10.

Chamois reported a water loss of 25%. The city pumped 1,208,985 gallons and billed for 915,500 gallons, with a water loss of 293,485 gallons. Of 240 water connections, 223 are active customers, and 17 are on vacant properties.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 7 p.m.

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in his bag," said Johnson. "During our practices, he would consult that book between games or to work on things with a teammate.

Junior Logan Martin (494) went 2-2 on team two's Board 4 and finished the day with an increase to 513. "Like his brother, Arlyn, Logan is a great strategist and enjoys exploring all the options in a given position," said Johnson. "I've enjoyed watching him grow since he joined the club in the second grade. I expect him to return to help lead the team next year."

Rounding out the high school team was senior Stuart Massman, who entered the tournament unrated. Though this was his first state tournament, Massman has been part of the Linn R-2 Community Chess Club for several years. "He decided to give it a try and knew it would be difficult, but Stuart didn't shy away from the challenge," said Johnson. "He played as well as he could against players with much more experience and came away with a win and a draw. I'm proud of that effort."

With 1.5 points, Massman placed 39th out of 55 players and ended the day with a rating of 377.

Three of four Linn middle school/elementary players returned for the second year at state. In this section, players were allowed 25 minutes with a five-second delay on each turn.

Seventh-grader Elijah Kliethermes started the day with a rating of 530 in the 8th-and-Under Division. After winning three games in six, he jumped to 652. "Elijah is a technician on the board," said Johnson. "He is constantly looking for angles, attack opportunities, and he defends very well. Elijah faced incredibly tough competition but came very close to winning at least one other game and maybe a fifth."

In one round, Kliethermes ran into a player with a 2100 rating who won the event a couple of years ago. "That was frustrating, but it's part of the pairing process," said Johnson. "I reminded him and all my players that life is going to slap them in the face at some point. What matters is how they respond. Elijah went back out ready to fight, and that's the important thing."

Fourth-grader Kenni Kramer, in her second state tournament appearance, began with a 354 rating. She went 3-3 on the day to improve her rating to 360 with a 43rd-place ranking among 80 players.

"Kenni raised a lot of eyebrows last year as a third-grader," said Johnson. "She has the benefit of playing against her father, a skilled player who helps her work through problems and chess positions. Kenni's also one of the most aggressive young players I've worked with over the years. Though she didn't win as many games as she wanted, she matched last year's 3-3 record and will only get better. I look forward to seeing her challenge for higher rankings."

Sixth-grader Logan Huckabee was unrated at the beginning of the day but, after winning two games, finished with a 279. "I'm so proud of Logan, who was motivated to play at state despite his discomfort with certain elements of the tournament," Johnson explained. "He was nervous about managing his clock and writing down the moves, but for the most part, he didn't have as much of a challenge as he expected. In his quiet, reserved way, Logan forces his opponents to think, and I believe he will continue to improve if he sticks with it."

Huckabee finished 56th in a field of 70 players. Eighth-grader Travis Martin scored 1.5 points with a win and a draw in six games. He finished last year with a rating of



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327 and dipped to 299 at the end of Saturday's competition. "Travis continues to work on fundamentals and has come a long way in the last few years," said Johnson. "If he continues to work hard and study, I think he has the potential to break through."

Martin earned 75th among 83 players. Johnson thanked Michael and Holly Kliethermes, Bryce and Megan Kramer, Melissa Massman, and the Huckabee family (Mike, Debbie, Melissa, and Libby) for their support at the state meet. "I have incredible parents dedicated to their children's success in chess," he added. "They offer help all the time, and being there with us at the state tournament was great."

Johnson also expressed gratitude to Sheriff Mike Bonham for arranging an escort through town by Deputy Dennis Sutton.

State players have met on Sundays to work on various openings, defenses, and traps. "What I love about chess is the fact that it doesn't matter if you're big and strong, male or female, older or younger — this game tests your mental abilities, memory, pattern recognition, and a host of other things," said Johnson, adding players need to balance strategy and tactics, planning and execution, and maintain control. "I also make sure my players understand the importance of sportsmanship. Win or lose, you have to handle it gracefully, and they did."

Linn R-2 Community Chess Club members in the Wildcat group meet after school on Thursdays most of the year. The season will end in mid-April.

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Linn opens baseball 1-2

Linn opened the baseball season with a 5-3 win over Eugene on Saturday after losing earlier in the day and on Friday.

“Beating a very good Eugene team was a highlight for us on Saturday,” said Coach Dan Campbell. “It was a quality win against a district opponent. I am very proud of our team for bouncing back after two tough losses. Getting that win Saturday afternoon showed a lot of character and fortitude.”

In a bonus-game setting at Eldon, Linn and Eugene each scored a run in the first, but Linn created separation with four runs in the second.

Tryten Reynolds (2-4, 2 RBI) drove in Linn’s first run after Bobby Winkelman (1-3) and Austin Dudenhoeffer (3-3, RBI) singled.

In the second, Seth Wolfe (1-3) doubled to open the

frame. Winkelman reached on a one-out error and moved to second base on an error that allowed Gus Peters to reach base. Wolfe scored on the play.

From there, Dudenhoeffer smashed a line-drive single down the right-field line to plate Winkelman and moved to second on defensive interference. Peters scored on the error to give Linn a 5-1 lead.

With Dudenhoeffer at second, Reynolds delivered his second hit of the game to drive in the fifth run.

Eugene plated a run in the fourth and another in the sixth.

Peters went the distance, allowing one earned run on six hits with three strikeouts and a walk. “Gus had a tremendous performance,” said Campbell. “He was a force on the mound, and we made several nice defensive plays



behind him as well.”

In the early game on Saturday, Linn fell to Eldon, 3-1. Things looked good in the first after Winkelman (1-3) reached on an error and

moved to second on a sacrifice by Peters. Winkelman advanced to third and later scored, both on passed balls, See **LINN BASEBALL** on Page 9



LINN CENTERFIELDER Seth Wolfe makes a sliding catch near the infield dirt in action Saturday. Above right Curtis Deeken makes a tag on a close play at home.

PHOTOS BY STACEY DUDENHOEFFER



Fatima knocks off Helias 4-3 in 8 innings

Fatima needed eight innings in Monday’s game at Helias, but the Comets pulled out a 4-3 win behind a strong performance on the mound.

“Our pitchers did a good job keeping the games close to allow us to fight back,” said Coach Tyler VanGerpen. “I was proud of our team for competing and never giving in. Our defense needs to get a little better, but it’s early, and we have kids that need more reps.”

Tied at 3-3 in the top of the eighth, with one out, Cody Schwartz (1-2) singled up the middle. He moved to second on an Easton Stuckenschneider (1-2, double, RBI) base-hit, with Tyler Bexten entering as a courtesy runner. Bexten and Schwartz advanced on a passed ball.

Colton Scheulen (1-4, RBI) delivered a single to right field to drive in Schwartz for the go-ahead run.

Fatima tied the game in the top of the fourth at 1-1 after a sac fly from Stuckenschneider that plated Schwartz, who had drawn a walk.

Helias regained the lead after scoring two runs in the fifth, but Fatima quickly answered. With two outs in the top of the sixth, Schwartz and Stuckenschneider were hit by pitches. Matthew Robertson (1-3, 2 RBI) cleared the bases with a double to

center field to knot the game and lead to extra innings.

In the second of two games on Saturday at Capital City, the Comets outlasted Boonville 14-10, thanks to a huge sixth inning.

Fatima led 3-0 through three innings before each team scored four in the fourth to make it 7-4. The Pirates added two runs in each of the following three innings, but Fatima’s seven-run sixth proved to be the difference.

In that frame, Max Stuecken drew a lead-off walk, but the next two batters went down in order. Having stolen second, Stuecken scored when Robertson (3-4, 2 doubles) doubled to left field. Robertson stole third, and scored on a hard grounder Glenn Berhorst (1-4, RBI) hit to center. That gave the Comets a 9-8 lead, but the boys kept going.

Logan Kliethermes (2-4) singled to push Berhorst to third, and a Trevor Schulte walk loaded the bases for Blake Kliethermes, whose base-on-balls drove in the 10th run. Graham Boeckmann (1-3, RBI) also walked and scored L. Kliethermes while keeping the bases loaded. Stuecken reached on an error that cleared the

See **FATIMA BASEBALL** on Page 10

Lady Comets Win!

Maya Libbert, above left, prepares to send the ball up the field at Owensville as the Lady Comets won 3-0 on Saturday. Above, Adalyn Berhorst (13) heads the ball as Hannah Heisler looks on. Below, Alex Berhorst challenges a Dutchgirl for possession. At left, Coach Dustin Cox smiles during a pre-game pep talk.

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Regular archery season comes to close

BY ELISE BROCHU
UD STAFF WRITER

Here are archery results from last weekend.

FATIMA

At the Blair Oaks Spring Invitational, high school level, Cory Bertels (academic archer) shot 283 with 10 tens, ranking third of 11 tenth-grade boys, followed by Ean Smith (279, 14 tens, academic archer), Ashton Kremer (278, 14 tens, academic archer), Madison Wankum (274, 10 tens, academic archer), Kila Kremer (272, 8 tens, academic archer), and Peighton Kremer (264, 8 tens, academic archer).

LINN R-2

At the Blair Oaks Spring Invitational, high school level, John Stephens shot 278 with 10 tens, followed by Preston Jaegers (269, 9 tens), Mia Jaegers (264, 10 tens, academic archer), second of five twelfth-grade girls), Peyton Stockman (229, 5 tens), and Jacob Weidler (226, 3 tens).

At the middle school level, Madison Wood (academic archer) shot 269 with 10 tens, followed by Peyton Lynch (267, 10 tens, academic archer), Alex Morfield (263, 9 tens, academic archer), Faith Haley (256, 6 tens, academic archer), Mason Wolfe (231, 4 tens), and Emma Jaegers (103, 1 ten, academic archer).

Elementary: Cali Stake (254, 8 tens, first of two fourth-grade girls and sec-

ond of four elementary girls), Grayson Gabelsberger (237, 5 tens, first of three fourth-grade boys), Hunter Mueller (236, 2 tens), and Sterling Jaegers (226, 2 tens).

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At the Blair Oaks Spring Invitational, Lilly Foster (academic archer) shot 270 with 9 tens, ranking first among two fifth-grade girls and four elementary girls.

STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

State-qualifying archers will compete this weekend at the Branson Convention Center.

- St. Mary's will have three archers competing in the bullseye tournament and four in the 3D tournament.

- Fatima is taking 30 archers to the bullseye tournament and 21 archers to the 3D tournament.

- Holy Family is sending four archers to compete in the bullseye tourney.

- Chamois is taking 24 archers to the state tournament.

- Linn R-2 is taking 10 to compete in bullseye and one in 3D.

- St. George has 21 shooting in bullseye and eight shooting 3D.

- St. Joseph Westphalia is taking two to the bullseye competition.

Visit <https://nasptournaments.org> for more information. Follow-up details on the state tournament will be presented in an upcoming issue.



CHAMOIS JH volleyball players battled to the third-place match at the Bland tourney and finished fourth after a tough loss to Eugene.

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Chamois JH volleyball fourth at Bland tourney

Chamois JH volleyball players earned fourth at Saturday's Bland tourney.

"We had a full day of volleyball, with pool play against Bland, Eugene, and Hermann," said Coach Erin Gerloff. "The girls worked hard and we got close against Eugene, losing one set by three and another by five. We played Eugene in the third-place match and got close again, but weren't able to pull off a win. The tournament was a good experience for the girls and I saw improvement during the day. Our hitters are getting more aggressive and our defense has been quicker. Our servers have been more and more consistent and we're seeing more pass-set-hit plays. We have a couple more games left in the season and we're hoping to keep looking better every day."

Aces: Erica Bledsoe (6), Raigen Cramer (4), Nora Wideman (3), Jaelyn Thoenen (3), Carly Schollmeyer (1)
Kills: Cramer (5), Wideman (3), Bledsoe (2)
Assists: Schollmeyer (4)
Digs: Schollmeyer (9), Cra-

mer (5), Bledsoe (5), Wideman (3), Thoenen (3)

The Lady Pirates fell to Bland earlier this month in straight sets, 2-0.

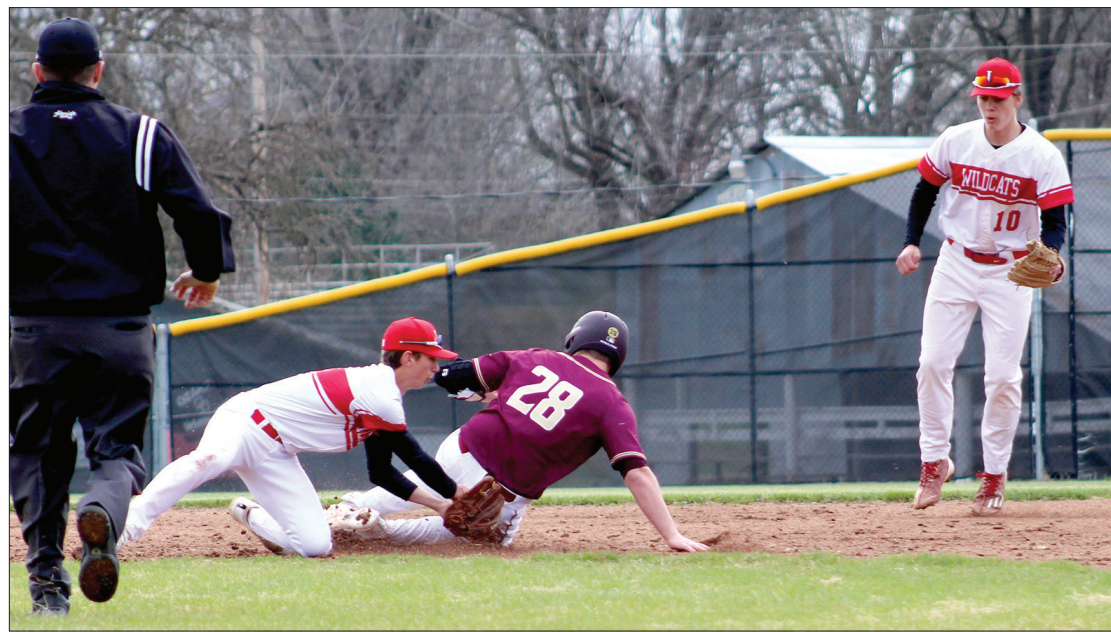
"We found a much faster-paced, higher level match in Bland," said Gerloff. "We struggled with the basics on our side initially, but saw great improvement by the end of the night. We just weren't able to keep up with the offense and the tough serving from Bland."

Cramer finished with an ace and a dig; Kiera Powers posted three digs and a kill; and Bledsoe had three digs.

Chamois lost 2-1 to Eugene in three sets in the first regular-season match.

"We didn't know what to expect out of Eugene this year and were very pleased with our night," said Gerloff. "Overall, the girls served and hit well and worked as a team."

Schollmeyer posted a team-high six aces and five assists. Cramer added five aces (25-26 or 96% on the night) with five kills and two digs. Bledsoe counted four aces and two digs, and Powers had an ace and an assist.



GUS PETERS applies a tag at second during Saturday's game against Eldon. Below, Austin Dudenhoeffer goes to his knees to corral the ball for an out. At right, Bobby Winkelman prepares a throw to second base. Above right, Arlyn Martin fires a pitch.

PHOTOS BY STACEY DUDENHOEFFER

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for Linn's only run of the game. Craig Laughlin also had a hit.

Eldon tied the game in the second and took the lead with a pair of runs in the third.

"Austin and Bobby pitched well," said Campbell. "We just couldn't solve Eldon's pitcher, Hunter Hess, who is an excellent thrower."

Dudenhoeffer started on the mound and pitched three innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits with two strikeouts and two walks. Winkelman closed the game, giving up a hit and a walk while striking out two.

On Friday night, Linn lost to Harrisburg, 4-3.

"This was a very hard-fought game that just didn't go our way late," said Campbell. "I was proud of the boys for fighting back from

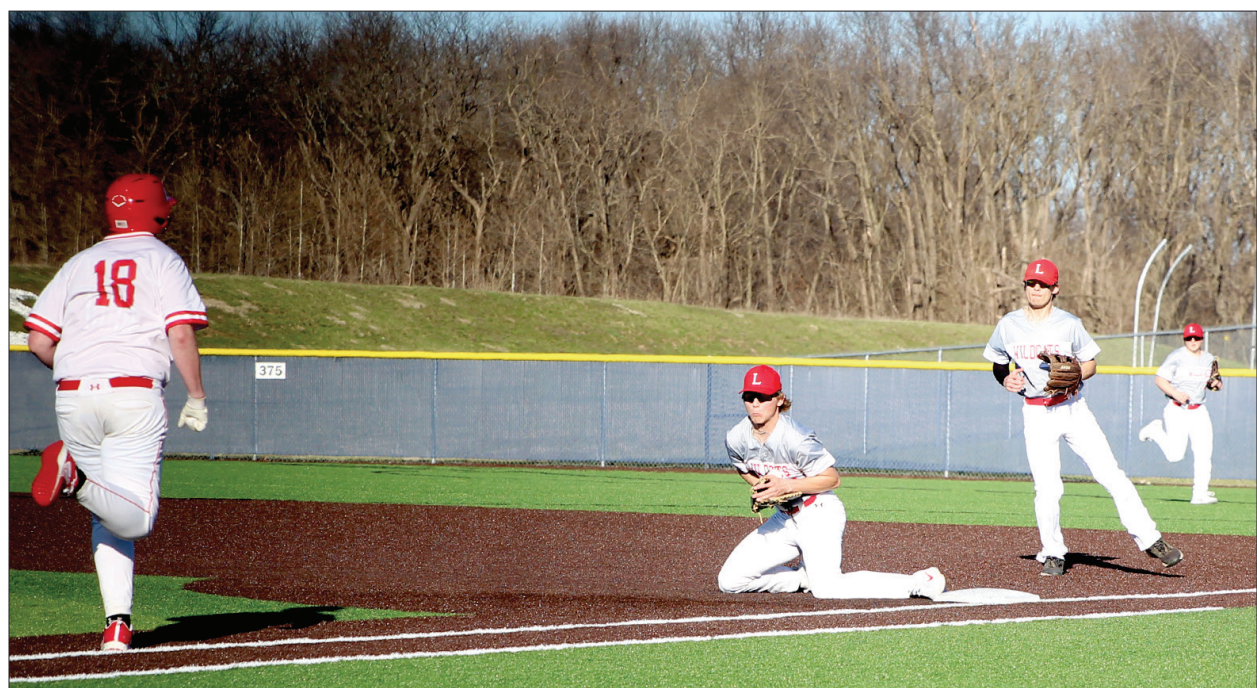
a 3-1 deficit to tie the game in the seventh inning."

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third after Peters (1-3) hit a two-out single and scored on a Dudenhoeffer (1-3) double.

Harrisburg surged in the fourth to take a 3-1 lead, which remained the score until the top of the seventh when Linn tied it up.

Curtis Deeken (2-3, double) and Laughlin (1-3) connected on consecutive singles to set the stage for Trevor Brandt, who reached on an error that allowed courtesy runner Lane McKim and Laughlin to score.

On the rubber, Arlyn Martin struck out five while allowing three earned runs on nine hits with a walk in 6.1 innings. "Arlyn pitched a great game to give us a chance to win," said Campbell.



High School & Junior High SPORTS

This week... Mar. 20 to 28, 2024

TRACK AND FIELD

3/21 Fatima @ Blair Oaks - VG/B TBA
3/21 Linn vs 2024 Linn HS Open @ home - VG/B 3:00 p.m.
3/22 Chamois @ New Bloomfield Relays - VG/B TBA
3/28 Chamois @ 2024 Linn HS Invitational - VG/B 1:00 p.m.
3/28 Fatima @ 2024 Linn HS Invitational - VG/B 1:00 p.m.
3/28 Linn vs 2024 Linn HS Invitational - VG/B 1:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD

3/22 Fatima @ Blair Oaks - JHG/B TBA
3/22 Linn @ Blair Oaks - JHG/B TBA
3/23 Chamois @ Fatima Meet - JHG/B TBA
3/23 Fatima vs Fatima Jr High Meet @ home - JHG/B 10:30 a.m.
3/23 Linn @ Fatima Jr High Meet - JHG/B 10:30 a.m.
3/26 Chamois @ Eugene JH Track Meet - JHG/B TBA
3/26 Fatima @ Hermann Open - JHG/B TBA

BASEBALL

3/21 Fatima vs Fulton @ home - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/21 Linn @ Montgomery County - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/22 Fatima @ Fulton - FR 5:00 p.m.
3/23 Fatima @ Stockton - V TBA
3/23 Fatima @ Nixa - V 1:30 p.m.
3/23 Fatima @ Capital City - FR 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
3/25 Linn @ New Haven - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/26 Fatima vs New Bloomfield @ home - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/26 Linn @ South Callaway - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/27 Fatima vs Mexico @ home - FR 5:00 p.m.

SOCCER

3/22 Fatima @ Crocker - V 5:00 p.m.
3/26 Fatima vs Osage @ home - V/JV 5:00 p.m.
3/28 Fatima @ Smithton - V/JV 5:00 p.m.

GOLF

3/21 Fatima @ 2024 Linn Tri - V 4:00 p.m.
3/21 Linn vs 2024 Linn Tri (State Tech Golf Center) @ home - V 4:00 p.m.
3/25 Fatima @ Montgomery County Open - V TBA
3/27 Fatima @ Russellville Tournament - V TBA
3/27 Linn @ Russellville Tournament - TBA

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3/21 Chamois vs Eugene @ home - JHG 5:00 p.m.



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bases and gave Fatima a 14-8 lead.

Also collecting hits were Schwartz (3-3) and Stuckenschneider (2-4, triple, 3 RBI).

B. Kliethermes got the start and allowed no runs on five hits over four innings with two strikeouts and a walk. Hank Stuckenschneider pitched two innings, giving up two earned runs on two hits with two strikeouts and a walk. Dylan Schwartz went an inning with three earned on five hits and a walk.

Saturday's early game ended with a nine-inning 6-5 loss to Capital City, which scored four in the first and one in the second.

Fatima fought back in the fourth with two runs.

Stuecken (1-3) walked to lead off the inning and moved up on a Stuckenschneider (2-4, RBI) single to left field. After stealing third, Stuecken scored on a Berhorst (1-4, RBI) single. Bexten, who entered as a CR for Stuckenschneider, came home on a balk to make it 5-2.

Fatima added a run in the fifth and tied the game in the seventh.

Brody Kleffner also had a hit.

Kleffner started on the mound and allowed four earned on three hits with seven strikeouts and a walk over four innings. Sam Struempf completed the game, giving up an earned run on two hits with three strikeouts and three walks in 4.2 innings.

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Companion planting: Positive partnerships that produce more

CARROLLTON – Some things just go together like biscuits and gravy or peanut butter and jelly.

Likewise, plants have companions that produce best when planted side by side, says Kathi Mecham, a University of Missouri Extension horticulture specialist in Carroll County.

With gardening season ahead, Mecham suggests considering how plants can benefit each other. Plan so that “function and beauty” go hand in hand, she says.

“It’s important to think of your garden as a whole, rather than as separate parts,” Mecham says.

In addition to enhancing growth and production, companion planting also helps support natural pest control. Pests typically prefer monocultures – plants of a single variety. But you might have able to deter pests by adding plants that have a texture, smell or taste that is unappealing to insects and other pests.

“There are benefits to aromas,” Mecham says. “Consider planting between rows so that you disrupt and trick the pests.”

Pairings work well for several reasons: Pest deterrent. Strong scents and annoying textures can keep some pests out of the garden.

Planting marigolds around the perimeter of a garden may deter some pests, although there is limited science behind this. No matter what, the marigolds are aesthetically pleasing, says Mecham. Likewise, basil has been found to mask tomato plants from thrips.

Attract beneficial insects and pollinators. Some plants can provide biological control by attracting insects seeking pollen and nectar.

Beauty. Choose plants that complement each other in color, balance, scale and design. Also consider functionality of your plants – do they serve to feed wildlife or encourage pollinators?

Improved soil fertility and structure. Some legumes add nitrogen to the soil while other deep-rooted plants can move water and nutrients higher up in the soil bed.

Crop rotation. Rotate crops annually to reduce the risk of disease and insects. Crops that need high nitrogen such as leafy greens and broccoli benefit from planting where nitrogen-producing legumes grew the previous year.

The pairing of plants has long been part of folklore, but recent scientific evidence indicates there’s more to it, says Mecham. Research shows that plants communicate with one another and share messaging and resources to influence surrounding plants.

University of West Virginia Extension touts the “Three Sisters Garden.” This includes corn, which provides a natural trellis for climbing crops such as beans and peas. The legumes return nitrogen to the soil. Squash and pumpkin leaves provide weed protection.

Learn more about gardening and companion planting in articles featured on the MU Integrated Pest Management website at <https://ipm.missouri.edu/search>.

Trap cropping. Another companion planting practice involves planting one crop to save another crop, says Mecham.

Plant a crop that attracts insects at the end of a row or around the perimeter of the garden. Insects are drawn to these plants and leave the desired crop alone.

This is also a natural way to limit use of pesticides, says Mecham, and it is commonly used to control squash vine borer and squash bugs in squash crops.

Plant trap crops three weeks ahead of planting the desired crop.

Learn more at https://ipm.missouri.edu/MEG/2017/3/Trap_cropping.

Plant native this spring with MDC and Grow Native!

BY: MADDIE EST
MEDIA SPECIALIST
Maddie.Est@mdc.mo.gov

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Runge Conservation Nature Center invite the public to the Grow Native! Plant Sale March 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Using native plants in landscaping is a simple way to beautify your property while benefiting pollinators, songbirds, and other wildlife. Native plants are easy to care for, and there is a native tree, shrub, vine, or other plant for nearly every situation.

Shoppers will be able to purchase native plants from each vendor, and volunteers will be available to help load plants into vehicles for any buyers that may need assistance. Some vendors will accept cash, check, or credit card while others will only accept cash or check. Free native literature will be available along with garden signs and books for sale.

Learn about preordering from select vendors at <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4X7>. Registration for this event is not required. Questions about this event can be sent to Austin Lambert at austin.lambert@mdc.mo.gov.

MDC and MPFC ask those doing prescribed burns to “Log your Burn

BY: JOE JEREK
STATEWIDE NEWS SERVICES
Joe.Jerek@mdc.mo.gov

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council (MPFC) encourage landowners, land managers, and others who conduct prescribed burns on private land to “Log Your Burn” through the MPFC website at moprescribedfire.org.

Prescribed fire, or controlled burning, is an affordable and effective management tool to accomplish land management goals including: reducing fuel loads to reduce the chance and intensity of wildfire; restoring native plant communities; enhancing wildlife habitat for wild turkeys, deer, and other game species; improving

livestock forage production; regenerating trees; and controlling invasive species such as bush honeysuckle.

“Prescribed burning can be effective in meeting various land management goals in the summer, fall, and winter, but early spring is that time of year when we tend to see the greatest number of smoke columns rising into the air from prescribed burns on private land,” said Wes Buchheit, Missouri Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist with Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever.

“After the prescribed burn is complete, there is one more quick step that can support the continued and expanded use of prescribed fire – Log Your Burn,” Buchheit added.

Visit the MPFC website at moprescribedfire.org to Log Your Burn. This is a voluntary and anon-

ymous entry for prescribed burns completed on private land in Missouri.

The “Log your Burn” questions ask the date, county, acres, and habitat type burned, along with identifying if a prescribed burn association or landowner cooperative was used to provide assistance. The last questions ask if any fire occurred outside the burn unit, and if so, to what extent. Each completed burn should be its own entry, not a sum of all the burns that day on the property. To avoid multiple submissions for one burn unit, the landowner or the contractor leading the burn should be the one completing the entry.

“This information is useful in charting the use of prescribed fire across the state and is key in demonstrating the safe use of this critical land management tool with

insurance providers, legislators, and Missourians,” explained Buchheit.

MPFC and other conservation partners such as MDC are seeking opportunities for insurance providers to offer affordable insurance policies for prescribed burning, especially for contractors who have identified this as a major hurdle.

“Please add this step to your prescribed burning process,” he added. “Submissions can be made at any time but doing it soon after the burn is best, so you don’t forget. It only takes a few minutes, and with your help, we can collectively add supporting information to those smoke columns.”

Learn more about using prescribed fire from MPFC at moprescribedfire.org/ and MDC at mdc.mo.gov/your-property/fire-management/prescribed-fire.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OSAGE COUNTY, MISSOURI

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: THAT THE APRIL GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN OSAGE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI ON THE 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON CANDIDATES AND BALLOT MEASURES (SECTION 115.125, RSMO). THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION SHALL BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORMS FOR EACH ISSUE AND CANDIDATE SELECTION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this . Use the marking device provided. **CANDIDATES:** Complete the oval next to the Candidate for whom you wish to vote. **PROPOSITIONS/QUESTIONS:** If you are in FAVOR of the Proposition or Question, complete the oval next to the word YES. If you are OPPOSED to the Proposition or Question, complete the oval next to the word NO. **WRITE-IN:** To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for such purposes and complete the oval next to the space provided.

MARIES COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2) directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each.

(VOTE FOR 2)

KENDA SANDERS

(WRITE IN)

(WRITE IN)

CITY OF BELLE FOR MAYOR 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 1)

TRACEY A. CRESWELL

JAMES (PUDD) MITCHELL

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF BELLE FOR ALDERMAN WARD 1 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 1)

EMILY WILLIAMS

JEANETTE STRUEMPH

(WRITE-IN)

OSAGE COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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(VOTE FOR 2)

NICK SCHOLLMAYER

KRIS WUELLING

SABRA PAULSMAYER

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

OSAGE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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(VOTE FOR 2)

HANNAH SWANN

MARK J. BAKER

BRAD PETERSON

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

OSAGE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION W

Shall Osage County R-II School District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school facilities and sites, in order of priority:

- Safety and security improvements at the Elementary School
- Construction of a building that allows for the removal of Middle School students from Field-house basement
- Installation of a cooling system at the Field-house
- Site improvements of District driveways and parking lots
- Upgrades to playground equipment at the Upper Elementary School
- Improvements to athletic facilities
- Acquisition of property currently leased by the District?

If this question is approved, the District's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at \$1.05 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

YES

NO

CITY OF CHAMOIS FOR MAYOR 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 1)

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF CHAMOIS FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 2)

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF CHAMOIS FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE 1 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 2)

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

MARIES-OSAGE AMBULANCE DISTRICT QUESTION 1

Shall the portion of Osage County not presently included in the Maries Osage Ambulance District be annexed to the Maries Osage Ambulance District?

The area is described as:

Everything in Osage County, Missouri, beginning in Township 42 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M. that lies within the following described boundary: Beginning in Section 19, Township 42 North, Range 11 West of 5th P.M., and following the County line between Osage and Cole Counties from the West line of Osage County, East, and North, following the County Line to the point where the County Line meets the Western boundary of Section 15, Township 42 North, Range 11 West. Thence following said Western boundary of Section 15 South to the Southwest corner of said Section 15. Thence East along the North line of Section 22 to its Northeast corner. Thence South along the East lines of Section 22, 27, and 34 to the Southeast corner of said Section 34. Thence West along the township line to the West boundary of Osage County, Missouri. Thence North along the West boundary of Osage County to the point of beginning. ALSO: All that part in Osage County, Missouri, being in Township 41 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M.

YES

NO

GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposition 1. To choose by ballot two (2) directors who shall serve as members of the Board of Education of said school district for a term of three (3) years each.

KARI NOLTING

KEITH GLASER

JAMES HACKSTEDT

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

GASCONADE COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION GCR2

Shall Gasconade County R-II School District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$16,500,000, estimated to result in no increase to the District's debt service property tax levy, for the purpose of constructing, improving, renovating, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including but not limited to safety and security upgrades across all District facilities, facility upgrades at Dutchmen Field, OHS and OMS gymnasiums, construction of an annex at the high school to provide additional classrooms for expansion of education in vocational and technical skills and expansion of fine arts programs, and to provide a multi-purpose space to serve as an auditorium and a storm shelter?

If this question is approved, the District's debt service property tax levy is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.67 per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

YES

NO

CITY OF LINN FOR ALDERMAN WARD 1 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 1)

STEVEN BOECKMANN

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF LINN FOR ALDERMAN WARD 2 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 1)

CHRISTOPHER JAEGRS

(WRITE-IN)

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OSAGE COUNTY QUESTION

Shall Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Osage County, Missouri issue its waterworks revenue bonds in the amount \$1,361,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the District's waterworks system, including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operation and maintenance of said waterworks and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the District from the operation of its waterworks, including all future improvements and extensions thereto?

YES

NO

CITY OF META FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 2)

OTTO WANKUM

STEVEN SHERRELL

LANCE JUERGENSEMEYER

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF WESTPHALIA FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE 2 YEAR TERM

(VOTE FOR 2)

STANLEY HECKMANN

LORI ASEL

CAITLIN BERHORST

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

CITY OF WESTPHALIA - SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT INCREASE TAX LEVY

Shall the Westphalia Special Road District tax levy be renewed and increased to \$0.1800 per 100 assessed valuation for a four-year period for years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027?

YES

NO

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Belle, Missouri 65013

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Chamois Lions Club
422 North City Park Road
Chamois, Missouri 65024

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Loose Creek, Missouri
Loose Creek Community Club
173 County Road 403
Loose Creek, Missouri 65054

Meta, Missouri
Meta Citizens Civic Center
203 North Olive Street
Meta, Missouri 65058

Rich Fountain, Missouri
Sacred Heart School Cafeteria
(Lower Level)
4309 Highway U
Rich Fountain, Missouri
(Freeburg, 65035)

Westphalia, Missouri
Westphalia Lion's Den
2073 Highway 63
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OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

-Last day to register to vote for the General Municipal Election was 03/06/2024
-Last day to request a ballot by mail for Absentees: 03/20/2024
-Last day for write-in candidates to file: 03/22/2024
-Last day for Military or Overseas to request absentee ballot: 03/29/2024
- Public Testing: 03/22/24 @ 10AM

ABSENTEE VOTING

The Osage County Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, until Monday, April 1st, 2024 to cast a ballot for absentee voting in person. We will also be open on Saturday, March 30th, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for absentee voting in person. The office is located at 205 East Main Street, Linn, MO on the second floor of the Administration Building. Please update your information prior to election day to ensure you can vote at your correct polling place. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the County Clerk's office at 573-897-2139.

1 Administrator's Notices

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 24OS-PR00007
In the Estate of DEBRA ANN HANLON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DEBRA ANN HANLON, Decedent:

On February 29, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of DEBRA ANN HANLON, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

MARK JOHN HANLON,
401 E. 8TH STREET,
SUITE 214-438,
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57103
Designated Registered Agent JAMES PATRICK BUCKLEY, PO BOX 348,
121 E 4TH STREET,
SEDALIA, MO
65302-0348,
660-826-7373.

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

JAMES PATRICK BUCKLEY,
PO BOX 348,
121 E 4TH STREET,
SEDALIA, MO 65302-0348,
660-826-7373.

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 litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 11-SEP-2023.
Date of first publication: 06-MAR-2024

Beth Billington, Clerk
Published in the Unterrified Democrat on: March 6, March 13, March 20, and March 27, 2024.

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1 Administrator's Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OSAGE, STATE OF MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION
Estate No: 23OS-PR00038
In the Estate of CARL MALAN, Deceased,

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in the Estate of: **CARL MALAN,** Deceased.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri, on April 3, 2024, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

WARREN RUSSELL,
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I, Nicci Kammerich, County Clerk/ Election Authority within and for the County of Osage do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list as certified to me by the political subdivisions of the offices for which candidates are entitled to be voted for at the General Municipal Election to be held April 2nd, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal. Done at my office this 7th day of March, 2024.

/S/ NICCI KAMMERICH
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF KNOX COUNTY

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Case No: 206313-2

Notice of Entry Requested.
RUBIN LUBLIN TN, PLLC, PETITIONER,

vs. CAROLINE CLEVENGER, CATHY G. STEVENS, RANDY MESSER, MARIASANTOS, EDWARD EICKHOFF JR., ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE RIGGS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA EICKHOFF, AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF RONNIE RIGGS, RESPONDENTS.

AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came before the Court on the Motion of Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC ("Rubin Lublin" or "Petitioner"), Petitioner in the above-styled civil action, for entry of an order pursuant to Tenn. R. Civ. P. 4.08 and T.C.A. § 21-1-204, that service upon Respondents All Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Clarence Riggs (the "Clarence Unknown Heirs"), All Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Juanita Eickhoff (the "Juanita Unknown Heirs"), and All Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Ronnie Riggs (the "Ronnie Unknown Heirs") be made by publication of summons as provided in said statute.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-204, appearing from allegations of the Petition for Interpleader in this cause, being duly sworn to, and from affidavit, that the Clarence Unknown Heirs, the Juanita Unknown Heirs, and the Ronnie Unknown Heirs cannot be served with the ordinary process of law for the following reason:

After diligent inquiry, the whereabouts of the Clarence Unknown Heirs, Juanita Unknown Heirs, and Ronnie Unknown Heirs cannot be ascertained.

It is therefore ordered, that the Clarence Unknown Heirs, the Juanita Unknown Heirs, and the Ronnie Unknown Heirs enter an appearance thirty (30) days after the last publication and file an answer to the Petition, or judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of this Order is to be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Unterrified Democrat of Linn, Missouri, the McKenzie County Farmer of Watford City, North Dakota, the Idaho Press of Nampa, Idaho, and the Nevada Legal News of Fernley, Nevada.

So ORDERED, this 28th day of February 2024.

Richard B. Armstrong Jr.
Chancellor
Order prepared and presented by:

/s/ Patty Whitehead
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Attorneys for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, on this 28th day of February 2024 served the below parties in this matter with the foregoing ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION by placing a true and correct copy of same in the United States Mail, with first-class prepaid postage affixed thereto properly addressed as follows:

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Scott E. Otto; Brittany R. Gaines, dated January 29, 2018, and recorded on January 29, 2018, Document No. 20180179, in Book No. 522, at Page 100 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Osage County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on

April 2, 2024,
at 2:00 PM, at the Front Door of the Osage County Courthouse, Linn, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

STARTING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S 84 13' W, 121.6' ALONG THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE TO A PIPE SET ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 136 AT PAGE 78, THENCE ALONG SAID WEST SIDE OF SAID ROAD N 0 22' E, 66.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE S 84 13' W, 4.0', THENCE N 0 22' E, 66.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE N 84 13' E, 20.0' TO A PIPE SET ON THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE, THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE N 0 22' E, 62.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE LEAVING SAID PROPERTY LINE N 84 13' E, 194.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE S 0 22' W, 194.0' TO A PIPE SET ON THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE, THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE S 84 13' W, 88.4' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER AND IN THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE S 84 DEGREES 13' W, 121.6' ALONG THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE TO A PIPE SET ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 136 AT PAGE 78, THENCE ALONG SAID WEST SIDE OF SAID ROAD N 0 DEGREES 22' E, 66.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE S 84 DEGREES 13' W, 4.0', THENCE N 0 DEGREES 22' E, 66.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE N 84 DEGREES 13' E, 20.0' TO A PIPE SET ON THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE, THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE N 0 22' E, 62.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE LEAVING SAID PROPERTY LINE N 84 DEGREES 13' E, 194.0' TO A PIPE, THENCE S 0 DEGREES 22' W, 194.0' TO A PIPE SET ON THE EXISTING PROPERTY LINE, THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE S 84 DEGREES 13' W, 88.4' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER AND IN THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., AND CONTAINS 0.9 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 168 MARIASANTOS RIVER ROAD, ARGYLE, MO, 65001

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

SOUTHLAW, P.C.
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
NOTICE:
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 239521-1002255).

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1 Administrator's Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: MADALYN CHRISTINE LENSING, A SINGLE WOMAN

For default in the payment of debt secured by a Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") executed by Madalyn Christine Lensing, a single woman, as grantor, in which Amerisave Mortgage Corporation is named lender ("Original Lender") and Osage County Abstract Co. ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, dated September 15, 2021, and filed for record with the Recorder of Deeds for Osage County, Missouri (the "Records") on

September 15, 2021,

as Instrument No. 20212243 in Book 570 on Page 142, which Deed of Trust was assigned by "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Amerisave Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust and Security Agreement recorded in the Records on recorded October 24, 2023 as Instrument No. 20231644 in Book 594 on Page 89, the below Successor Trustee will on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the North Door of the Osage County Courthouse located at 106 E. Main St., Linn, MO 65051, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash-for which the entire purchase price must be paid at the courthouse steps-the real property situated in the County of Osage, State of Missouri, described as follows:

STARTING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., (AN IRON PIPE IN A ROCK PILE) AND GOING EAST ALONG THE QUARTER QUARTER SECTION LINE S 88° 39' E, 599.4' TO AN IRON ROD - THE POINT OF BEGINNING FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING LEAVING SAID QUARTER QUARTER LINE AND GOING N 0° 43' E, 433.35' TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF OSAGE COUNTY ROAD NO. 206, (FROM THIS POINT AN IRON ROD BEARS S 0° 43' W, 20.0'); THENCE FOLLOWING THE CENTERLINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD S 65° 12' E, 33.2' TO A POINT; THENCE S 65° 26' E, 202.1' TO A POINT; THENCE S 43° 11' E, 104.35' TO A POINT; THENCE S 32° 40' E, 218.95' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28 (FROM THIS POINT AN IRON ROD BEARS N 88° 39' W, 30.0'); THENCE LEAVING SAID COUNTY ROAD AND GOING WEST ALONG THE QUARTER QUARTER SECTION LINE N 88° 39' W, 553.65' BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. AND CONTAINS 3.44 ACRES. PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 08-80-28-00-000-0014.00 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 135 COUNTY ROAD 206, CHAMOI, MO 65024 to satisfy said debts and costs.

The sale of the foregoing property shall be "AS IS, WHERE IS" and shall be subject to all conditions of title, of records and in fact; and neither the Successor Trustee nor any other party makes any representation or warranty of any kind or nature regarding the condition, the description of, or title to the property. HBM Trustee Corporation Successor Trustee 9326 Olive Blvd, Suite 101 Olivette, MO 63132 Telephone: (314) 551-2122 NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4810477

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

PROBATE
Case No: 230S-PR00056
In the Estate of **KAREN M. CARNES,**

Deceased,
NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED

(Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested In The Estate of **KAREN M. CARNES, Decedent:**

On March 5, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of **KAREN CARNES,** decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of OSAGE COUNTY, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

DANIEL DAVIS,
434 WATERS LANE,
CHAMOI, MO 65024
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are:
CHARLOTTE ROSE BURGESS,
526 E WASHINGTON AVENUE,
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 litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Beth A. Billington, Clerk
Date of Decedent's death: Oct. 18, 2023.

Dates of publication: Mar. 13, Mar. 20, Mar. 27, and Apr. 3, 2024.

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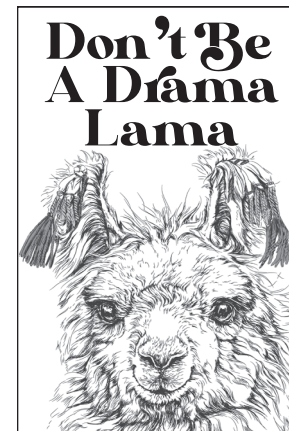
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St. Joseph School in Westphalia, MO seeks a faith-filled, organized person to join our team as Principal.

Candidates should be practicing Catholics, have at least 3 years teaching experience, a degree in education, and principal's certificate, or be willing to pursue such credentials.

For information and to apply, see: www.stjoseph-westphalia.org/principal-position-opening.html

Employment Opportunity MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

The City of Belle is accepting applications for a part-time position as Municipal Court Clerk.

Applicants should be able to plan, organize, and complete all work requirements relating to the docketing of city ordinance violations and maintenance of these records.

Knowledge of standard office equipment, personal computer, Excel software, and general accounting practices is required. Interested persons may pick up an application at the City of Belle Administration Building, 200 E. Third St., Mon.-Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

REQUESTING PROPOSALS

The City of Chamois, Missouri is requesting proposals for services to complete a lead service line inventory. The completed lead service line inventory spreadsheet should adhere to 40 CFR 141.84. The City has an estimated 275 service lines.

The City is requesting pricing for several services as part of this project: records review services, administrative services, and in-field verification services. The contractor must provide a price on the proposal f01Tn for each service requested. Proposals that fail to provide a price for all services will not be considered.

The contractor should be aware that they will be expected to complete forms required by the state funding agency. Additionally, there will be language requirements and forms from the state funding agency that will need to be incorporated into the final contract that is signed by the City and Contractor

SALES

Garage Sale
Thur., Mar. 21, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 22, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Household items, furniture, old cabinet TV, kitchen chairs, chairs with rollers, glass ware, cookware, candles, vases, baskets, much more. Horse tack items: 2 saddles, several bridles, numerous high quality bits, saddle pads, FARM items include International B4-14TRACTOR with new motor, saw horses, weed eater, three mount blade, tools, etc. Large variety, low prices.

County Road 512
1 mile from Hwy. 63
Westphalia 39-1tp

Schaefer Girls' Rummage Sale

Fri., Mar. 22, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Designer handbags & totes, Women's name brand jeans and clothing; Trendy home decor, Vintage & antique items, Luxury beauty products, Baby girl clothes-newborn to 18 months, Women's shoes-size 10, Tons of misc. and great finds.

Eichholz Building
Hwy 63
Westphalia 39-1tp

Multi-Family Garage Sale

Moving Sale - Priced to sell
Fri., Mar. 22, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 23, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All baby/kid clothes \$25, selected few marked higher, Girls'-Newborn-4T, Boys'-Newborn-6 mth., Shoes, High chair, Play mats (4), Swing, Crib mattress, Bath tub, Bumbos, Jumparoo, Breast pumps, Toys, Ride-On toys, Princess Castles, Halloween costumes, Men's/women's clothing and shoes, Twin box springs (2); Queen headboard w/frames, Home decor, Kitchen items, Swim floaties, Lots of dog toys, Dog beds, Cricut and craft supplies, Blue Mason jars and much more!

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St. Joseph School in Westphalia Seeks Teachers

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For all job listings, see: www.stjosephwestphalia.org/teacher-job-openings.html

NOW HIRING

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WANTED: Part-Time Police Officer

The City of Belle is seeking qualified candidates to work part-time as a Police Officer. The qualified candidate should be able to maintain law and order by performing duties, including but not limited to processing citizen complaints, various patrol, and investigative duties, documenting, and writing reports on law violations and all other duties that may be associated with law enforcement.

APPLICANTS MUST:
• Have flexible schedule
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• Be a U.S. Citizen and be at least 21 years of age
• Possess a valid Missouri driver's license
• Must be eligible to pass a background check and drug test

Interested parties can apply at the Belle City Hall, 200 E, Third St, Belle, MO 65013, office hours are Monday-Friday 7:00AM - 3:00PM.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Help Catholic Church
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(North on Hwy. 100 5 miles - 3 miles on C)
Father Colin Franklin - 897-2293
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Fairview Church of Christ
Fairview Rd., Linn
Co. Rd. 303 & 306 Junction
Eric Braman, Minister - 897-3530
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Rich Fountain
Rev. William Debo - 744-5987
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7:45 a.m.
Tues & Thur. Masses 7:45 a.m.

College Hill Baptist
897-4438
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
125 East Main St., Westphalia
Father Dylan Schrader - 455-2320
Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
12 noon Sung Traditional Latin Mass
Daily Tues.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's U.C.C.
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Van Lahmeyer, Pastor
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

Salem Hope Presbyterian Church
Hope
Pastor Jason Hilkerbaumer - 573-301-0650
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

St. Cecilia Church
Fr. Leonard Mukibi - Meta
573-477-3315
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 5-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays
Sunday School 7-7:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday Mass 8 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Loose Creek
Fr. Anthony Rinaldo - 897-2922
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass 7 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Daily Mass
Tues. 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 7:45 a.m.

St. Louis of France Catholic Church
Church Hill - Bonnots Mill
Fr. Anthony Rinaldo - 897-2922
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Church of Christ
Pastor Gary Ruff
752 County Road 205
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Belle United Methodist Church
208 Hwy 28, Belle
Kevin Runge, Pastor
Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Chamois United Methodist Church
103 West Third St., Chamois
Rev. Sabra Paulsmeyer
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Pin Oak Baptist Church
Hwy. 50, Mt. Sterling
Greg Kontz, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Babbtown
Rev. Gerald Scheperle, Pastor
395-4591 or 229-4686
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:10 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Schubert
Rev. Gerald Scheperle, Pastor
395-4591 or 229-4686
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

St. John's United Methodist
920 Hwy. 50, Linn
Rev. Bill Barkman - 897-3100
Sunday Service 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

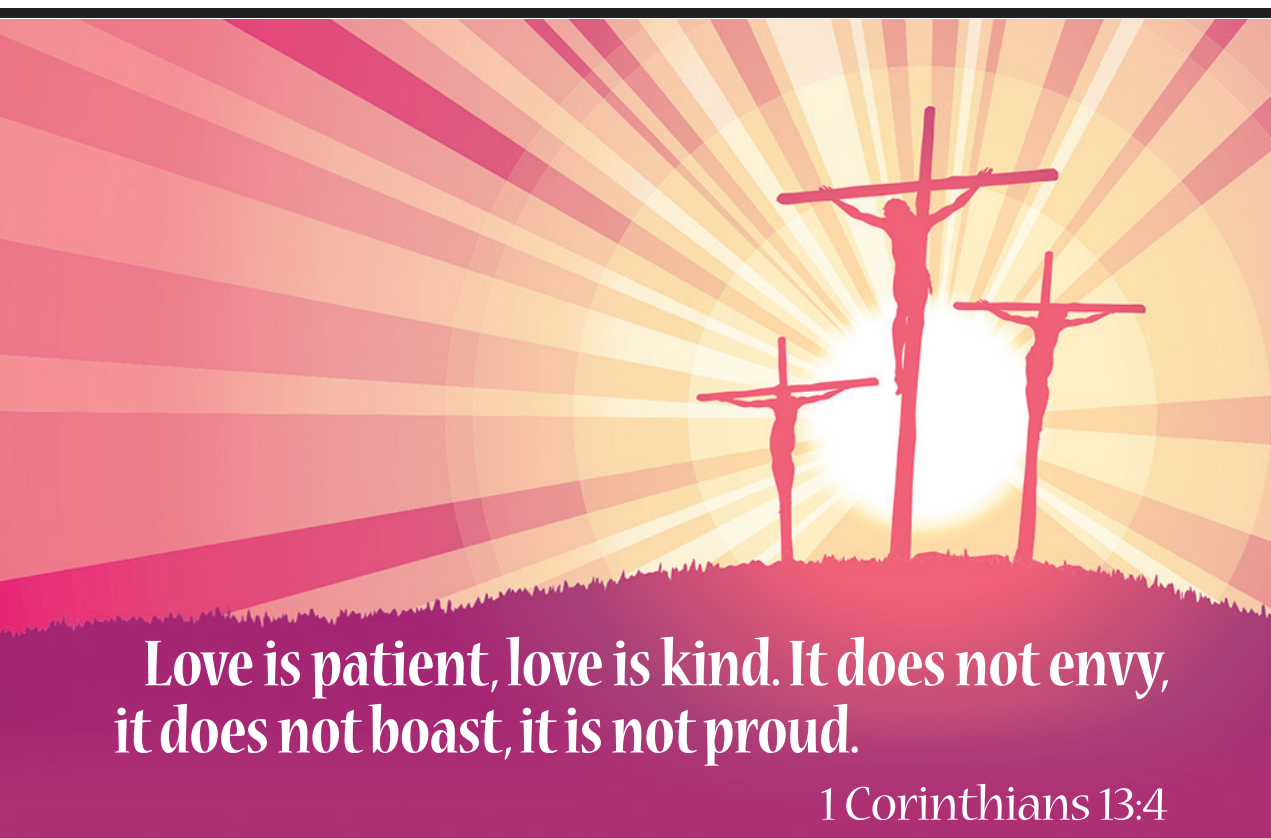
Zion - St. Peter U.C.C.
1192 Pershing Road, Pershing
Rev. Dean Klossner - Rev. Beth Duckworth
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

St. George Catholic Church
Hwy 50, Linn
Father Colin Franklin - 897-2293
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

St. James U.C.C.
690 Hwy 100, Morrison
Rev. Dean Klossner - Rev. Beth Duckworth
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church
2166 HWY CC - Linn, MO
Pastor Troy Sousa
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Nights 6:30 p.m.
and Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Crossroads Christian Church
101 Linn St. • Westphalia, MO
Richard Loaiza - 573-418-9924
Sunday Bible Study 8 a.m.
Sunday Church Service 9 a.m.



First Baptist Church
Hwy. 50 W., Linn 897-3862
Sunday School - all ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Bible Study and Youth 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Chamois, Mo.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Evening 6:30 p.m.

Community of Christ
Hwy 50 E., Linn
Renold Mantle, Sandra Mantle, 573-644-3118
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Service (Every Wed.) 6:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church
Hwy. 63 & Oliver St., Freeburg
Rev. William Debo - 744-5254
Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Masses 7:45 a.m.
Thursday Masses NO MASS
Friday Mass 7:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m.
Confessions: Sat. 5:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Argyle
Monday (Prayer Service) 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday (Mass) 8:00 a.m.
Saturday (Mass) 4:30 p.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Koeltztown
Tuesday (Mass) 6:00 p.m.
Sunday (Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Meta Christian Church
Hwy 133, Meta
Bro. Dale Beasterfeld - 229-4594
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Community Christian
Hwy. 50 E., Linn - 897-3011
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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St. Anthony of Padua
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Weds., evening 5:00 p.m.
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Koenig United Methodist
Take Co. Rd. 706 off Hwy 89 South
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (Every Sunday)
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. (Every Wednesday)

Maranatha Baptist Church
5533 Hwy 89N Chamois
Leo Roberson, Pastor - 573-612-4616
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

Abundant Faith Tabernacle
Corner of Hwy 50 and 100
Rev. G. Frank Vandevender - 897-4881
Asst. Pastor Joshua Vandevender
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Chamois Church of Christ
412 N. Main Street
Kids Bible Time 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Ryors Ebenezer U.C.C.
Pastor Barbara Zastrow
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Freedom - 943-2261
Rev. Paul Landgraf, Pastor - 314-791-6401
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Main St., Chamois
Rev. David Means - 763-5345
OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mass 8:00 a.m.
Friday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Assumption Catholic Church
Morrison
Rev. David Means
OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
Saturday Mass 6:00 p.m.
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses are subject to change. Check church bulletin. Reconciliation will be heard before Masses or by app.

St. John's U. C. C.
407 S. Vine, Chamois
Pastor Jason Hilkerbaumer - 573-301-0650
Sunday Service 9 a.m.

Pilot Knob Baptist Church
491 County Road 716, Belle
Russel Walje
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The fifth grade students (above) who competed in the Knowledge Bowl Tournament at Lincoln University were left to right: Eugene Otten, Landon Engelhardt, Nick Swann, Jayden Schaffer and Opal Voss.



Knowledge Bowl participants (left and above) from the sixth grade were left right, back row: Molly Bohon, Sophia Monroe and Lily Baker; middle row: Morgan Sutton and Aubrey Rainwater and in the front: Sydney Bowne.



Comets with Character for third quarter

These students were chosen by their peers and teachers for showing exemplary character during the third quarter. These students displayed many positive traits during the quarter, but most importantly they displayed the traits of being respectful, responsible, and safe throughout the whole school building. Pictured left to right, front row: Adleigh Jansen, Harper Kemna, Blakelyn Wingrath, Lillie Tune, Arabell Schaben, Leo Rehagen and Brayden Falter; back row: Cosmo the Comet, Crystal Bannan, Kenzee Parker, Conrad Schulte, Norbert Bannan, Kinlee Perkins, Ty Berhorst and Dakota Boldwin. (Not pictured: Bryleigh Wulff and TJ Benson)

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Wildcats place third in Conference Knowledge Bowl

Wednesday, March 13, the Linn Elementary Wildcats competed in their annual Conference Knowledge Bowl Tournament at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. The Wildcats showed their Linn pride as the fourth through sixth grade teams competed in seven rounds of academic competition. Topics ranged from math computations to current events and sports.

"We are so proud of all the work our team members have put into the season this year," said coaches Cindy Sieg and Christiana Mustion. Linn faced off against other conference knowledge bowl teams including Russell-

ville, Eugene, Fatima, South Callaway, St. Elizabeth, New Bloomfield and Chamois. All grade levels made strong showings against their competition.

At the end of the day, the sixth grade Wildcats placed third overall for their age level. Sixth grade team members Sydney Bowne, Sophia Monroe, Aubrey Rainwater, Lily Baker, and Molly Bohon and manager Morgan Sutton were all smiles when they received their third place medals. "We will dearly miss our sixth grade ladies next year, but we are looking forward to more great seasons in the years to come," said Sieg and Mustion.



The UD's very own Connie Warden and Rob Eisterhold took a few minutes away from their desks to prove that yes, you can stand an egg on end on the first day of spring.

PHOTO BY KIM VERSLUES

Is it just an Urban Legend?

Rumor has it that on the first day of spring, also known as the vernal equinox, it is possible to get an egg to stand on its end. This is believed to be true due to the fact that the sun appears directly overhead at the equator resulting in the length of night and day being nearly equal worldwide and therefore the gravitational pull of the sun on this day can help keep an egg standing on its end.

Although it is possible to stand an egg on its end, it has nothing to do with it being the first day of spring. In fact it can be performed any day of the year.

This trick most likely has to do with the texture of the egg shell for example a smoother shell probably won't grip to the surface as well, and the skill of the egg handler.

Urban Legend or not, it is still fun to test!

Source: Google

Three local students chosen for 2024 Missouri Agribusiness Academy

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Department of Agriculture has selected 30 high school sophomores to participate in the 2024 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. Local students: Hallie Rider, Belle and Karley Frank and Reid Baker, both of Linn were among the 30 chosen. They will spend a week in June in Springfield exploring careers in agriculture, building leadership skills and learning more about farming, ranching and food production.

"Our team loves hosting the Missouri Agribusiness Academy each summer," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "Providing opportunities to youth is an important part of what we do at the Department. MABA allows students to grow in their agriculture knowledge while making connections with like-minded students and industry leaders."

Since 1988, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has awarded more than 1,000 academy opportunities through a competitive application and interview process for high school sophomores interested in pursuing agriculture-related college degrees and careers.

Beyond the summer agribusiness tour, MABA members will have the opportunity to participate in Missouri State Fair activities, a winter Legislative Day and the MABA graduation ceremony at the 2025 Missouri FFA Convention.



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Linn Scouts BSA participated in "Scouting for Food" drive

Linn Scouts BSA Troops 17 and 3017 along with Cub Scout Pack 17 collected food and cash donations during the Scouting for Food drive held in Linn Saturday, March 16, 2024. They collected 792 pounds of food along with \$349 in cash donations that were given to the Good Shepherd Center in Linn to help families in need in Osage County. Scouts collecting food at Thriftway (top) were left to right, front row: Arthur Massman, Eugene Otten, Frances Otten and Serena McCoy; back row: Emily Greer, Landon Epps, Colton Rachatellelle, Brandon Youtzy and Hayden Jaegers; and back row: Leo Masman and Brayden Backes. Ryleigh and Izabella Backes, (right) are pictured with a trunk full of food that they collected door to door during the Scouting for Food drive Saturday. Scouts pictured (below) delivering food to the Good Shepherd Center were front row: Serena McCoy, Tucker Massman, Ryleigh Backes and Arthur Massman; middle row: Emily Greer, Brayden Backes, Brandon Youtzy and Izabella Backes; and in the back row: Landon Epps, Colton Rachatellelle and Leo Masman.



Immaculate Conception School News

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THIRD QUARTER

A HONOR ROLL

- 6th Grade**
Gracie Atkins
Lyla Riegel
Bralynn Troesser
Claire Troesser
Emma Troesser
Chloe Voss
Zoey Wilbers
- 7th Grade**
Kaylee Muenks
- 8th Grade**
Dylan Crowe

B HONOR ROLL

- 6th Grade**
Colton Brandt
Kamryn Haslag
Brooks Robertson
Alex Warren
- 7th Grade**
Bo Brandt
Joe Carwile
Carson Fick
Luke Jaegers
Cecilia Kleffner
Case Kliethermes
Tristan Peters
Henry Robertson
Elizabeth Voss
Noah Wilbers

- 8th Grade**
Hayden Backes
Nadalyn Bailey
Olivia Bonnot
Jackson Crede
Trevor Crowe
Hunter Hoelscher
Lanie Jansen
Ben Muenks
Peyton Roark
Mason Smith
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- Frances Mayes

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DOROTHY MORRIS

11-8-27 / 3-24-21

Donna, Sheila, Kim & families

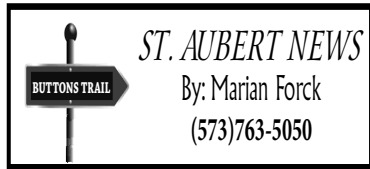
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UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT



Monday I went to Jefferson City because I had a lot of errands to run. I came home and had a late lunch, too busy to stop in town. I watched a little tv and then picked up my neighbor to head to the Chamois Lions hall to help the Ladies of Mary cook the meal for the Lions. We got finished early and I dropped her off and headed for home. I stayed up late.

Tuesday my brothers came down and did some work for me. The furnace guy came over and checked on it for me. I thought it was making some weird noises. I worked in the flower bed and had my brother put some concrete pins in it so I could display some vintage insulators. I watched a good movie "Freedom's Path". My friend Kay called to see how I was doing and we had a long talk. She said she enjoys reading the St. Aubert news and to keep writing it. That made me feel good.

Wednesday I met my friend Patsy at Legends bank in Westphalia and went to St. Elizabeth Appliance.

I was interested in purchasing a new washer and dryer. I picked out a recliner too. We ate lunch at the bar there and then went to Shell Trading. I purchased some items. We stopped at the Rock Island Antique shop in Meta. Patsy found some good buys. We got in some delays on Highway 133 and it took a little longer getting back to drop her off at her car. I headed to Linn and took some items to the Old School. I got gas and went home. I watched tv and got my flashlights out just in case the electricity went off. It was a very stormy night.

Thursday I decided since it was stormy and hailing that I would wait the weather out before I headed to Jefferson City. I was not going to go rummaging in this kind of weather. I headed out around 10 a.m., and had a couple errands to do before going to my friend Sue's house. We had a bite to eat and headed to the Elston area for rummage sales. I found some really good buys. At one of the sales, Carol told me that she loves reading the St. Aubert news and that her husband buys her a paper every Wednesday and brings it home for her. Another faithful reader. We went to Aldi's and Schultes before heading back to Sue's for lunch. We ate a salad and I wanted to get home before it stormed. I did not want to drive in bad weather and couldn't wait to get home and put the car away. I wanted to get in the house before it started raining. I watched tv and had the flashlights ready but I was thankful that I did not need to use them.

Today I received a nice card and a book "experiencing Grief" from a reader of the St. Aubert News. He used to live in the area and now lives in St. Joseph. He receives the UD and is a weekly reader of my column. I thought

it was very nice of him to send me the book and card. He was sorry for the loss of Bernie. He hoped that the book would help me with the conflicting emotions, thoughts and questions of losing a spouse. He said he would pray for me. I was so touched that someone would reach out to me. I am thankful for the friends I have found on my journey of writing the St. Aubert news. Thanks Ken for your friendship and compassion. God bless you.

Friday I got up early and headed to Jefferson City because I had a doctor's appointment. I will have to have surgery in April. I stopped by Lewis and Clark School and picked up some boxes. I chatted a little with my old work friends.

I took the boxes to the Old School and put some new items in my booth. I came home for lunch. I watched a little tv and got things ready to head to Chamois. I went to the bank and the church office. I went to the church hall to get things ready for the raffle. I am in charge of the raffle and wanted to make sure everything was ready before the customers start coming. One guy Marvin W. Brandt came and bought more raffle tickets. He told me that he really enjoys reading the St. Aubert News and that is the first thing he reads each week. Thanks for your kind words.

A person that must read and follow the St. Aubert News and she lives in Loose Creek and her daughter Julie lives in Bonnots Mill and was coming to the Seafood Buffet. Her mother wanted her to give me a special Holy card for Prayer of Widows and Widowers. I was so overwhelmed by her kind gesture that it brought tears to my eyes. I was a little shook up that someone I don't know thought enough of me to give me the card. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer and I will say this prayer every night before I go to bed. Thanks Jeanie for thinking of me. It is just another way of saying that the Lord works in mysterious ways. He knew that I would be deeply touched and sent this friend to me because he knew that it would mean a lot to me.

The Seafood Buffet was really good and the raffle did really good. I will look forward to hearing the results of the event.

I am happy to say it wasn't really late when I got home. I was tired and too wired up to go to sleep when I went to bed.

A BIG thanks goes out to everyone that supported the buffet and raffle. Ty. Saturday I slept in a little. I got up early to check the wood stove and changed my bed. I started the laundry and got it finished. I don't seem to do laundry like I used to do. I went to get my hair colored, eye brows done and headed to Jefferson City. I had to meet someone that was buying some jars from me. I met her at Schultes and then went in to purchase some ham for Sunday. I headed to Sam's to pick up some fruit and groceries. I ended up going to Gerbes to get some donuts. I came home and grabbed some items and took the meat down to the church

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hall. I meet my friend there. I stopped at Jerry's to get gas and the place smelled so good. I didn't know that they make pizza in there. I had to have a hunk and came home to eat a late lunch. My friend Patsy came over and helped me cut up fresh fruit, chicken ranch rollups and chicken salad. She helped me cut up veggies for me. We took the food to the church hall and came back and had supper. I gave her some leftovers from the Seafood Buffet and I told her don't worry about helping me clean up. I will do that after you leave. I really appreciate my good friend. She is always so willing to help me. I love her as if she was my sister.

Sunday got up early and wanted to get things going for the memorial funeral Mass for Bernie held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Chamois. Father Means and Deacon Bob Schowengerdt had an inspiring tribute to my husband. My good friends Kim and Jake were the servers, Lucille lead the rosary and Wayne and Ev did the readings. The singers for the Mass were Jackie and Kevin Kampeter from Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City. The granddaughters Lorelei Angeline and Caroline Devera helped grandma Marian take up the offertory gifts. Everything went perfect. I tried not to sing because I didn't want to start to cry, but the last song was "How Great Thou Art" and Bernie and I both love this song. I sang straight from my heart and he heard me all the way to Heaven. The granddaughters always tell me I sing too loud, but when it is coming from the heart, there is no stopping me. The social concerns parishioners had a nice array of food when we got to the church hall. I provided ham, donuts, fruit salad, chicken salad and crackers, chicken roll-ups, pistachio salad and bottled water. My friends and family brought a lot of different casseroles and food. If anyone went away hungry it was their own damn fault. Bernie was smiling down and told me that everything was so nice. I am hoping after having the funeral Mass that I can start to feel at peace with his passing. When you been married for 45 plus years and then being his caregiver for eight years, you just can't let go of your feelings.

I still feel like he is on a trip and hasn't come home yet. I truly miss him and I hope I can quit crying for him. Sarah, Aaron, Lorelei, Caroline, Tess, Bruce, my sister was there, my nephew Joe and his boys, my niece Rita and her husband Steve, my brother and his wife, Bernie's sister Ruth Ann, his brothers Toad and Steve, our good friends Patsy and Richard, Bob and Bonnie, Jerry and Shirley and friends from Assumption Church and Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. I picked St. Patrick's Day for his funeral Mass because Bernie loved green and his Confirmation name is Patrick. The hall was decorated in green and everything was so festive.

I came home and got some items ready to go to the Old School and straighten my booth. I collected some bud vases that I had in my booth be-

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cause the church is asking for some. If you have any vases that you would like to donate, please contact me. Thanks

I came home and finally went out to check on the wood stove. I didn't think it was still lite but I poked around and added some kindling and got it going. I added wood and then I added one piece that I couldn't quite get in in there all the way. I pushed with my poker and it just didn't want to budge. I keep working with it and I thought will I be able to get the door shut. I got it shut and thought next time, leave that last piece of wood out. Of course, the wood stove is not my favorite thing to do, but I give it my best shot.

I spent a quiet evening, reading and watching tv. It sure has been a windy day.

Schollmeyer news

From Fred

Monday Fred's friend Bruce Murrell and his friend Bob Linder of Springfield came to visit. They spent the majority of the day in Dave's salvage yard taking photos of the old cars. Both Bruce and Bob are professional photographers. They enjoyed a late lunch at Osage View Restuarant in Linn with Diane joining them.

Tuesday evening Fred and Diane were in Bland to watch their granddaughter Carly play volleyball for the Chamois Pirates.

Thursday evening, they were in Chamois to again watch their granddaughter Carly play volleyball.

Friday evening Fred and Diane worked at the Seafood Buffet sponsored by Most Pure Heart of Mary parish in Chamois.

Saturday they were in Belle to watch their granddaughter Carly play volleyball in a tournament.

Sunday morning Fred and Diane attended the memorial Mass for Bernie Forck at Chamois. Diane helped with the brunch that followed in the church hall. Sunday evening Fred and Diane hosted a birthday dinner for their son Jon and his family at Arris' Pizza in Columbia. Jon is celebrating his 36th birthday.

From Crystal

Monday, March 4, Nick headed to Phoenix, Ariz. for work. Kids got much needed haircuts. After getting the kids off to school Tuesday, I headed to St. Charles for an overnight conference. Nick and I both returned home Wednesday. Friday Carly had her first volleyball game of the season against Eugene. They played the A team first 24-26 (L), won, 13-17 (L) and lost one set to the B team. Hank spent the evening at his friend's birthday party at Osage View. The week was also filled with chauffeuring kids to volleyball, track, archery and baseball practice. Sunday, March 10, we met with family to celebrate Fred Schollmeyer's 70th birthday with dinner at Prison Brews in Jefferson City. Monday started with baseball practice for Hank, track practice for Carly and archery for Jack and Carly. Tuesday Jack attended a FFA competition at Lincoln University. That evening, I went to watch Carly's volleyball game in Bland (L) and Nick took the boys to JOAD practice. Thursday Carly had a home volleyball game against Hermann (L). Friday we worked at the Most Pure Heart of Mary seafood buffet. Saturday Carly had a volleyball tournament at Belle High School and that evening we all attended the Quail and Upland Wildlife benefit. Sunday we went to Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary and attended a brunch following celebrating the life of Bernie Forck

From Dave

Saturday Jim, Dave and Glenda went to Steve's in Taos for Dave's birthday. Happy Birthday to my friend. They picked up a birthday cake and ice cream and shared it with their Mother, Irene. I told him he should have invited me over.

Sunday Jim, Dave and Glenda attended the Mass and brunch in Bernie's honor. Dave commented on the beautiful music. He asked me who were the people singing at church.

Words of wisdom

Force yourself, if necessary, always to forgive those who offend you, from the very first moment. For the greatest injury or offense you can suffer from

them is nothing compared to what God has forgiven you.

I have sure been seeing lots of deer and turkeys this week. I guess they like the weather too.

Recipe of the week Mississippi Mud Cake

1 cup butter, softened
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/3 cup baking soda
1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1 t. vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans
7 oz. jar marshmallow creme

Cream butter, sugar and eggs together, add cocoa, flour and vanilla. Fold in pecans; pour into a greased 13x9 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes; immediately spread marshmallow creme on hot cake. Set aside 30 minutes; pour frosting on top. Cool until set. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Frosting
1/3 cup butter
1/2 cup baking soda
2 1/2 c. powdered sugar
1/3 cup milk
1/2 t. vanilla

Melt butter with cocoa in a medium saucepan for one minute; remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients, whisk until smooth.

This is a good cake but it is sweet and very fattening.

Please pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces. Pray for all those on prayer lines and the ones that we hold in the silence of our hearts. Please continue to pray for Claire, she has been sick for a long time. She has had so many challenges for being a little girl.

Do a good deed, be kind, be safe, be happy!

Take time for yourself. Reach out to a neighbor or someone that may need your help.

Be the answer to someone's prayer. The reward is great.

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Let GO Let GOD

Court Records

JUDGE SONYA BRANDT

Logan C. Arnold, La Monte, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Cameron J. Bailey, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$275.

Jeremy L. Bartlett, Linn, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50. Court approves Driver Improvement program.

Madelyn C. Boillot, Columbia, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

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

Kirstin N. Cotten, Eldon, pleaded guilty to speeding (6-10 over); fined \$60.50.

Cherilyn J. Dahlsten, Hesston, Kan., pleaded guilty to speeding (16-19 over); fined \$100.50.

Brian D. Debo, Freeburg, pleaded guilty to failure to transfer plates of vehicle within 30 days; fined \$50.50.

Brian D. Debo, Freeburg, pleaded guilty to cut in on overtaken vehicle; fined \$80.50.

Brian D. Debo, Freeburg, pleaded guilty to passing vehicle and interfering with approaching traffic; fined \$130.50.

Christopher D. Dimov, Columbia, pleaded guilty to failure to properly affix/fasten to or maintain motor vehicle/trailer plates; fined \$50.50.

Christopher D. Dimov, Columbia, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Ryan A. Evarts II, Nian-gua, pleaded guilty to speeding (20-25 over); fined \$155.50. Court approves Driver Improvement program.

Ryan A. Evarts II, Nian-gua, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Quentin J. Goldman, Holts Summit, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$100.50.

Dale R. Ingram, Belle, pleaded guilty to speeding (1-5 over); fined \$250.

Nolan W. Inman, Troy, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$300.

Gabrielle L. Kerns, Loose Creek, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Eduardo A. Paz, Belle, pleaded guilty to speeding (11-15 over); fined \$70.50.

Jeremy A. Sharp, Dixon, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$350.

Gerald A. Simpson, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to speeding (26 or more over); suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation and completion of ThinkFirst program and present in court what was learned.

Maurice P. Tollette, Denver, Colo., pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached

muffler; fined \$175.

JUDGE CRAIG E. HELLMANN

Keith E. Hicks, Linn, pleaded guilty to manufacture of a controlled substance; and possession of controlled substance; suspended imposition of sentence with five years supervised probation.

Misty D. Loney, Chamois, pleaded guilty to assault; suspended imposition of sentence with two years unsupervised probation.

Colin R. Maxey, Belle, probation revoked; sentenced to four years in the Department of Corrections (SES) with five years unsupervised probation and child support in the amount of \$400 per month.

Richard M. Schuler, Linn, pleaded guilty to possession of controlled substance; sentenced to seven years in the Department of Corrections (SES) with five years supervised probation.

Tyler J. Smith, Belle, pleaded guilty to assault and domestic assault; suspended imposition of sentence with five years supervised probation.

Missouri Department of Agriculture celebrates National Agriculture Week

JEFFERSON CITY — This week, the Missouri Department of Agriculture celebrates the state's position nationally in agriculture production. Missouri is home to 87,887 farms, employs nearly 460,000 people in agriculture, forestry and related industries, and has an estimated economic impact of \$93.7 billion. Agriculture remains the state's number one economic driver, supporting both rural and urban communities from farm to fork.

"Agriculture is a passion that many of us have had since we were young, and a legacy we want to pass on to the next generation," Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said. "We want Missourians to connect personally with our industry, because it impacts our lives, in big and small ways, every day. We hope this statewide recognition is one that encourages interest, growth and trust in agriculture."

Missouri agriculture continues to advance through the agriculture

technology industry in our state. St. Louis is home to the world's largest concentration of plant scientists and the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor represents more than half of total worldwide animal health, diagnostics and pet food sales. Missouri also houses the two largest river systems in the United States, which allow Missouri commodities to be distributed domestically and internationally.

Missouri agriculture ranks in the top 10 nation-

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MDC and NDA invite landowners to March 26 Webinar on CWD

JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the National Deer Association (NDA) invite landowners and others interested in managing deer on their properties to join their free 2024 Missouri Deer Management Webinar Series via Zoom.

Join MDC and NDA staff online on March 26 at 6 p.m. for the first Zoom webinar on Deer Management in the Presence of CWD. Staff will discuss the current status of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Missouri white-tailed deer, what steps are being taken to manage the disease, and how hunters and landowners can help limit its impacts on local deer herds. This live Zoom webinar will begin with a presentation from an MDC deer biologist, followed by questions and answers with MDC and NDA staff.

Save this link and click on it March 26 at

6 p.m. to join the free, live Zoom webinar on Deer Management in the Presence of CWD: short.mdc.mo.gov/4XU.

For those who have not previously used Zoom on their selected device, click the link ahead of time and follow the prompts to install the free Zoom software.

MDC and NDA will also offer additional free, live Zoom webinars as part of their Missouri Deer Management Webinar Series. All are welcome to participate. Save these links and click on them at the scheduled time to join:

May 28 at 6 p.m. -- Reducing Deer Damage to Crops at mdc.mo.gov/4Xl.

July 30 at 6 p.m. -- Invasive Plant Control for Deer Management at mdc.mo.gov/4XS.

Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. -- Hemorrhagic Disease in Deer at short.mdc.mo.gov/4Xq.

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The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, March 11, at the Chamois Community Center. Nine Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Robin Lieneke led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Steve Duncan offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of hot dogs, chili, corn chips, salsa, cheese, and cake for dessert.

Lion President Lieneke presided at the business meeting.

Lion President Lieneke requested that the meeting agenda be approved and the Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the Feb. 12, meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. With no objection voiced, Lion President Lieneke declared the minutes approved. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented a detailed written financial report and Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen reported that there has been little financial activity for the Community Center. Both financial reports were approved.

Lion President Lieneke called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Melissa Strope, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, and Lion Scott Mertz, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, were absent so there were no reports for those organizations. At present, there is no Lion who is a member of the Chamois city government so there is no liaison to the City of Chamois. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is on the board of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), reported that the CIDC has nothing new to report. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is also a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC will meet March 21 and that the group is applying for an A. J. Schwartz Foundation grant to help with repairs to the Townley House. The CHPC is getting a bid from local contractor Dennis Babor as to the cost of the needed repairs. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agri-tourism Council (OCAC), reported that the OCAC had met Feb. 13. A photography contest in cooperation with the Osage County Historical Society is underway with

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the winners to be announced at a reception in the Woodland Art Gallery in the Missouri River Regional Library in Linn, Saturday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In addition, the OCAC is beginning to plan tours of Osage County farms and attractions in 2024. The first tour, planned by Mary Ann and Ken Gelven, is tentatively scheduled for June 25, and will include Sassafras Valley Ranch near Belle, Oak Creek Whitetail Ranch with lunch, Gamers Ranch and Lavendar Rhapsody Farm.

Eight items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were addressed.

Two of the projects pertain to work at the Chamois City Park. Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen reported that he plans to schedule a Spring workday to install a new door on the Chamois City Park ballpark storage shed and to address some needed ballpark fence repairs.

The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a very high priority. Lion Randy Thoenen reported that he has a potential contractor who would undertake the construction project and has a second contractor who could fabricate a metal staircase to access the second story. This work is tentatively scheduled for later in 2024.

At an earlier Chamois Lions Club meeting, the Chamois Lions voted to install wifi at the Community Center. Wifi capability would enhance the camera security system already in place. Lion President Lieneke has left calls for RadioWire in an effort to schedule installation and to then meet RadioWire technicians at the Community Center to grant entrance into the building in order to complete the installation.

In response to questions, Lion Steve Duncan provided an update on the project to install a flagpole at the Chamois City Park. American Legion Post 506, Chamois Masonic Lodge #185, and the Chamois Lions Club have undertaken a cooperative project to install a 40-foot flagpole somewhere on City property at the City Park so that the flagpole is visible both from inside the park and from the Missouri River. The flagpole has been purchased and received. Volunteer assistance to pour concrete for the base of the flagpole, to set the flagpole, and to eventually light the flagpole has been arranged for. The City of Chamois has approved the project and efforts are still underway to

determine the exact location to place the flagpole.

Lion Steve Duncan also reported on conversations with Jenn Millard, who is the Central Missouri Community Action Community Organizer for Moniteau and Osage Counties. Central Missouri Community Action has proposed a mobile food pantry for Chamois. This program, under the direction of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, is a program whereby the cooperative purchases meat and produce such as sweet potatoes, corn, tomatoes, apples, watermelons, or other in-season food items from local farmers and then distributes the meat and produce in counties that do not have the best access to food. Lion Duncan is scheduled to meet with Ms. Millard on Tuesday, March 12, and will report the results of that meeting via e-mail to members of the Chamois Lions Club.

Lion Steve Duncan reported that he and Lions Dale and Lana Hackmann had removed the decorations on the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square. These decorations are stored in the firehouse on Main Street.

Discussion focused on the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the Chamois City Park Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. This event is open to all children up to age 10. Lion Connie Smith has purchased the eggs and candy and Lions were encouraged to volunteer for this event. Lions Beth and Nelson Sieg, Steve Duncan, and Michael Edwards agreed to assist with the event and other volunteers are still needed.

Four items of new business were introduced and addressed.

Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg reported on the Lions District 26-M7 Convention that was held March 8-9, at the Wardsville Lions Building. Convention topics included reports on KidSight and the Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Program, a team building exercise, and an address by Past Council Chairperson Lion Jeff Hilke on the need for new leaders in Lions District 26-M7. Past District Governor Lion Debbie Cantrell has been nominated to run for International Director and she was introduced and shared her story as why she became a Lion. The keynote speaker for the convention was International Director Lion Maria T. Cuning from Phoenix, Ariz. Lion Cun-

ning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service to include going on mission trips. To conclude the convention, Lion Todd Miller of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club was elected as the District Governor for Lions District 26-M7 for the 2024-2025 Lions year.

The Missouri Lions State Convention will be held April 18-21, at Old Kinderhook at the Lake of the Ozarks. Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg and Steve Duncan will represent the Chamois Lions Club at this convention.

Lion Steve Duncan reported on the recent sale of Lions Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle tickets. Proceeds from the raffle support Lions Club hearing projects such as hearing tests and the provision of hearing aids for individuals who need assistance in purchasing hearing aids. The Chamois Lions Club sold \$60 of raffle tickets.

Even though being absent, Lion Lana Hackmann sent a report on possible new Christmas decorations for the City of Chamois along with pictures of the decorations. These decorations are available for purchase from the City of Boonville. The Chamois Lions Club voted to enter into negotiations with the City of Boonville for the purchase of ten ten decorations.

There were no items of correspondence received and one announcement. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Community Betterment Association (MCBA), announced that the Annual Fall Conference of MCBA will be held at Farm Bureau in Jefferson City Oct. 21. The Chamois/Morrison Area is a member of the MCBA and the Chamois Lions Club is the sponsor for that membership.

There were no March birthdays. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lion Mark Lieneke. Lion Lieneke was present at the meeting.

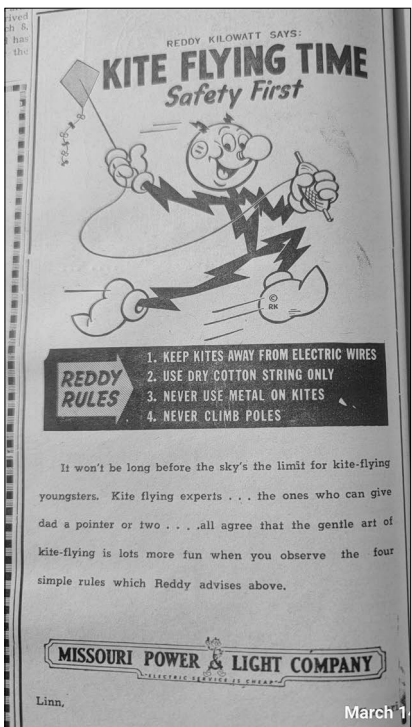
Lion President Lieneke called on Lion Steve Duncan to share a joke. Lion Duncan shared a series of short jokes entitled "Pondering..." Examples of such ponderings include "I am neither for nor against apathy", "They told me I was gullible and I believed them" and "One nice thing about egotists—they don't talk about other people".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center.

100 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT MARCH 13, 1924

Sunday, March 2, was a pleasant day for all the members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boehm who met at the home of Circuit Clerk Jos. F. Suellentrop and wife to celebrate the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Boehm. A fine dinner was spread and hugely enjoyed and while it was impossible for all of Mr. and Mrs. Boehm's children to be present yet those who were there pronounced the day a perfect one. Those in attendance in addition to the honorees and the host and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson and Jos. Boehm of Jefferson City, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stiefemann Teddy, Miss Chrissie Sylvester and Miss Generose Boehm.

75 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT MARCH 17, 1949



Missouri Power & Light Company ad

Re-building Shell station on square

Work was started on re-modeling the Shell Oil station on the public square in Linn last week.

Edgar Lock of Bonnots Mill owner of the property plans an extensive re-modeling job. New pumps have been installed. Next comes re-building of the station proper. The new walls are to be of plate glass with wood framework. New shelving and new decorations will be put inside the station, making it one of the most completely modern such places in Osage County.

Farmers are "Shoppers Again"

Picture shows buyer must be courted

Once again, the small town business men in the river counties of central Missouri are "courting" the farmers who constitute about 90% of their market.

Store owners have shifted back to selling, and some of them have taken the road to find the customers, who two or three years ago were more plentiful than new merchandise.

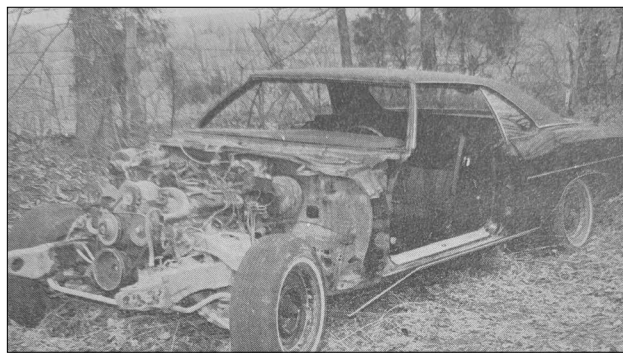
Business in central Missouri still is good. Volume of sales in 1949 may surpass the 1948 volume, but margins of profit may be smaller. More money is going into advertising and promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are not hunting bargains yet. Any advertiser will tell you that price, except in the grocery line, seems to find little appeal on the farms of this country. After nine of the best years this country ever saw, farmers still have money, but not just anything the merchant shows now days appeals. They want quality and service, and they can pay for it. If they can't find that in their home community, they can jump in the new car and go to another town where they can look over the goods before they put down the cash. Town merchants, more today than ever before must be on their toes to hold the business of the farmers in their community

Remember When... from the pages of our past

or they will lose it to another town - in the case of the towns in Osage County - to Jefferson City.

50 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT MARCH 13, 1974



Stolen car found

A car reportedly stolen in Crestwood was found parked in condition pictured on Shawnee Creek road near Chamois. The '72 Pontiac with doors, windshield, bumper, hood cover, trunk lid and other parts removed belonged to Evelyn Bagby of Crestwood. It was reported missing Tuesday of last week, two days before discovered on the gravel road about one mile off highway 89.

Belle area breaks keep officers busy

The Osage County sheriff's office and State Highway Patrol are investigating a breakin that occurred in the Belle area Monday of this week. Robbery occurred at the Leon Biehl home at Belle.

Mr. and Mrs. Biehl left their home at 8:15 a.m. and when Mr. Biehl returned 35 minutes later he discovered the breakin. Missing are six weapons, portable TV and some cash.

This is the latest of a rash of breakins and thefts reported in the Belle-Bland area in recent months. Sheriff Marvin Owens said the burglaries have been keeping his office very busy.

Three men from the Belle-Bland area are being held in the Osage County jail charged with burglary that occurred Feb. 25 at the Tony Remshardt home at Belle. They were apprehended a week later and are being held on \$3,000 bond. The three will appear before Magistrate Judge Clem C. Gove Friday, March 15.

Merchandise taken from the farm house was valued at over \$4,000. It included three chain saws, coin sets, woolrug and numerous other items. Some of the stolen articles have been recovered.

Spud Chambers new Ford representative

M. R. "Spud" Chambers has been appointed as representative for Schanzmeyer Ford in the Osage County area.

Spud is well known as a salesman in the area, having been in the new and used car business for a number of years at Spud's Auto Sales. He and son Phil will work together and will have access to the entire inventory of Schanzmeyer's new cars and trucks in Jefferson City.

They invite everyone to call on them at their Linn location on Highway 50 at Spud's Auto Sales, adjacent to Phil's Sporting Goods.

Meta Uniform Corp. is sold

The Board of Directors announce the sale of Meta Uniform Corporation to Ottenheimer and Company, Inc., 899 Skokie Boulevard, Northbrook, Ill., manufacturers of Imperial uniforms.

The factory will continue to manufacture womens' and men's washable coats as in the past. There is not expected to be any significant change in personnel. Mr. Nat Singer, President of the Meta Uniform Corporation, who resides in St. Louis will serve in a consulting capacity for the new owners. The factory has been in operation since 1964, under

supervision of Mr. Ray Bozath who continues in that position with the new owners.

25 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT MARCH 17, 1999

Linn Tech board OKs cottage-style housing

Linn State Technical College plans to provide student housing in cottage-style building surrounding a commons area, rather than the traditional dormitories.

The college's Board of Regents, meeting last Wednesday at the Advanced Technology Center in Mexico, approved a \$1.5 million plan to house 96 students in 48 rooms scattered in a cluster of six residential buildings, with a central commons containing the housing director's office and apartment, a kitchenette, laundry and recreation room. A total of 19,800 square feet will be under roof.

The housing cluster will be located at the southeast corner of the campus and might be expanded with similar clusters, depending on the demand for housing. One residential assistant will be located in each building, leaving 90 beds for students, each of whom will pay \$225 a month.

With five of the seven board members present, the college was authorized to solicit requests for proposals from lending institutions to finance the project over 20 years with either a conventional loan, revenue bonds or a tax-exempt loan.

Board members, at the suggestion of president Thomas A. Dinkins, III, asked Cary J. Gampher of The Architects Alliance to enlarge the 217-square foot sleeping rooms by two feet on one side and to enlarge the commons building by developing the basement, which also could serve as a shelter during severe weather.

Total cost of the project was estimated at \$1,567,400, including furnishings and fixtures, John W. Nilges, chief of business affairs, said each building would be similar to ranch-style house, with construction cost projected at \$68

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Market in the PARK

SELLERS WANTED!

Saturday, April 20
8AM-2PM

Memorial Park
along Hippy Holler
(796 Parker Drive, Owensville)

Have a lot of unwanted items around the house?
Handmade crafts? Gather everything for this huge outdoor sale!
Spaces are \$20; example: truck & trailer is two spaces.
For more info or to learn how to register, call 573-437-8231
or visit <https://www.cityofowensville.com/events>.

per square foot. With a year allowed for construction, the houses should be ready for occupancy in August of next year.

Linn coach rehired

By a vote of 6-1, the Linn R-2 Board of Education Monday night rehired controversial high-school boys' basketball coach Brian Lee for the next school year.

Bernell H. Keilholz was the only board member to vote against rehiring Lee, who is in his second year as a coach and social-studies teacher at Linn High School, following 50 minutes of public statements by 17 people arguing for or against Lee's rehiring.

More than 50 people, including 30 parents as well as eight present and former students attended the meeting, which was moved to the school cafeteria to accommodate the crowd.

After an outpouring of criticism of Lee's coaching methods and his treatment of players, countered by supporters who either praised Lee or felt he deserved another chance, the school board met with Lee in closed session before issuing the following statement:

"The board has carefully considered and discussed the many different points of view regarding Coach Lee. In addition, the board met with Coach Lee to discuss concerns related to his performance.

"Following thorough consideration, the board voted to re-employ Coach Lee for 1999-2000. The board is aware of the many concerns and asks for the community's full support for all athletic programs."

Dr. Brian L. Kirk, superintendent of schools, said that he recommended the board rehire Lee "based on the standpoint he has improved."

"He has done most of what we've asked him to do this year" to meet concerns raised last year, Kirk said, adding that Lee had a written improvement plan which "he's basically fulfilled."

ST. GEORGE CEMETERY (LINN) SPRING GRAVESITE CLEANUP

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

Friends and loved ones are asked to remove flowers and grave decorations they wish kept as keepsakes or for reuse not physically placed on headstones by March 25th.

Between March 1st and October 31st flowers and decorations placed on gravesites and areas around the base of monuments, including shepherd hooks and solar lights, are to be removed to enable lawn maintenance. An exception is permitted during the period one week prior to and after Memorial Day. Items placed in vases or affixed on the headstone or its base are permitted.

Thank you,
St. George Cemetery Assn Board

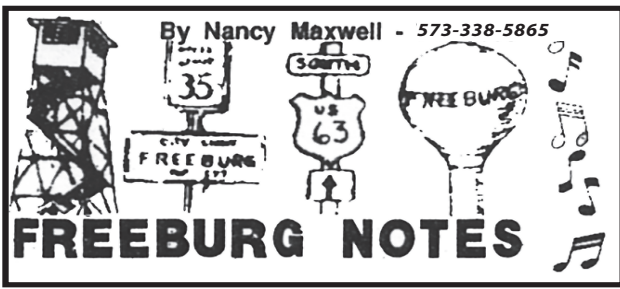
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FISH FRY

Friday, Mar. 22
St. George Church
LINN, MO
4:30-7 p.m. \$12 per plate

Drive thru Only
Fried Fish, Chips, Hush Puppies,
Baked Beans, and
Cole Slaw



Good morning. Did you remember to wear your green Sunday? St. Patrick's Day originally started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish! There are many legends about St. Patrick that mix with the truth – did he really drive all the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland to begin with! Did you know that blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but of course green is now the favorite color? The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City March 17, 1762.

I was happy to see that all four of my amaryllis plants that I've stored over the winter in my basement are sprouting green leaves and one of them even has a flower which looks like it will open and bloom sometime this week. So excited to see that they made it through the winter – they are such a beautiful flower.

Lucas and Erin Lee hosted a party last Sunday in honor of Rayna's first Communion. Enjoying the day with Rayna were Ralph and Anna Berhorst, Cody Mosley and friend, Avery Perrey, Kamryn Lucas, Stephanie and Scott Bax and children, Lilly, Daisy and Paisley; James and Katrina Wieberg and children, Grace, Noah and Emma and friend, Trent; Daniel and Abby Berhorst and children, Hailey, Bentley and Ellie; Jim and Angie Lee, Emma Lee and friend, Jeremy and Ethan Lee.

Mrs. Gayla Bauer is recuperating at home this week following hip surgery. Our prayers are with her for a full, speedy recovery. The kids at school miss you!

Family and friends helped Linda Hoffman celebrate her 70th birthday last Saturday with a party at the Lion's field.

Happy birthday to Meah

Knoll who celebrated her 19th March 14; Greg Struempf who celebrated his 51st birthday March 14; to Ava Stuecken who celebrated her 19th birthday March 14; to Dennis Fick who celebrated his 74th birthday March 14; to Allison Wieberg who celebrated her 24th birthday March 14; to Alicia Naab who celebrated her 22nd birthday March 14; to Stacy Eisterhold who celebrated her 52nd birthday March 14; to Will Mebruer who celebrated his fourth birthday March 15; to Erin Berhorst who celebrated her 43rd birthday March 15; to Jimi Phillips who celebrated his birthday March 16; to Mary Plassmeyer who celebrated her birthday March 16; to Glenn Holterman who celebrated his 44th birthday March 16; to Lillian Stuecken who celebrated her second birthday March 16; to Mike Wilde who celebrated his 64th birthday March 18; to Kevin Wieberg who celebrated his 59th birthday March 17; to Debbie Crider who celebrated her birthday March 17th; to Lucas Bax who celebrated his 40th birthday March 17; to Maria Reinkemeyer who celebrated her 20th birthday March 17; to Ian Stuecken who celebrated his fourth birthday March 17; to Andrew Luebbert who celebrated his birthday March 18; to Pat Haller who celebrated his 86th birthday March 18; to Christopher "East" Stueckenschneider who celebrated his 18th birthday March 18; to Billie Sue Stueber who celebrated her 87th birthday March 20; to Londyn Stueckenschneider who celebrated her 21st birthday March 20; and to Alex Weider who celebrated his 20th birthday March 20.

Mrs. Angie Welschmeyer is currently a resident at StoneBridge Nursing Home in Westphalia. If you would like to donate an Easter flower to be used in Holy Family Church during the Easter season you can put your

money (\$15) and the name of the person(s) it is in memory of in an envelope marked "Easter flower" and put it in the collection basket at church by Sunday, March 24.

Our sincere sympathy to Roger and Lorraine Stuecken and Ryan and Lisa Stuecken and family on the death of his nephew and cousin, Bryce Hickman, age 40 of Taos who died March 12th at the University Hospital in Columbia after a courageous battle with kidney cancer.

Bryce is the son of Paul and Cheryl (Stuecken) Hickman.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 22 in the Freeman Chapel in Jefferson City. Graveside services and interment will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Taos.

The Holy Family fifth through eighth grade students will have the Living Stations of the Cross Monday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m.

The Students at Sacred Heart School will have the Living Stations of the Cross March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend these moving performances.

Happy anniversary to Dennis and Virginia Fick who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary March 14; to Joe and Kaitlin Plassmeyer who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary March 14; to Joe and Debbie Crider who celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary in March 16; and to Jamie and Sarah Falter who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary March 18.

The Fatima Lady Comets soccer team will play at Crocker High School Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m.; Tuesday, March 26 they will host Osage at 5 p.m. Good luck, ladies.

The Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., followed by supper. All members are encouraged to attend.

Hallie and Carter Bowen of Hannibal enjoyed the weekend with their grandmother, Brenda Dudenhoeffer.

The Holy Family Students will lead the Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 21 at 7:45 a.m. and

the Freeburg Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Julie Wilson and daughters, Auburn and Collins, of Centertown visited over the weekend with her parents, Sara and Wayne Henderson.

The Fatima Comets golf team will play at Linn Thursday, March 21; Monday, March 25 they will play in the Montgomery County Open; Wednesday, March 27 they will play in the Russellville tournament. Good luck.

Fatima High School will host its annual "Senior Citizens' Day" Thursday, March 21. There will be a musical program at 11:30 a.m. in the gym followed by lunch at 12:40 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be a bus available to take seniors to the school – it will leave Holy Family Church parking lot at 10:35 a.m. and at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 10:50 a.m.

Donna Delaney and Kevin Hite both of Jefferson City enjoyed lunch Sunday with Betty Kating.

Congratulations to Maci Kloepfel who ran a half marathon Sunday in St. Joseph with her mother, Ruth McCurdy Kloepfel and Joann Palmer of Jefferson City. Maci set a new personal best as she finished the race in one hour, 59 minutes and 17 seconds! Way to go!

The Fatima Comets baseball team will play at Fulton High School Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 23 they will play at Nixa against Nixa and Stockton High Schools; Tuesday, March 26 they will play at New Bloomfield High School at 5 p.m. Good luck.

Doug and Bev Struempf enjoyed the weekend camping with friends at Judy's Big Red Barn Campground in Carthage. The gang enjoyed visiting the Carthage and Joplin area, especially liked the Joplin Falls and dinner at Lucky J's Steakhouse and Arena.

Holy Family Home and School will have a meeting Tuesday, April 9. At least one parent from each family is encouraged to attend.

Visiting over the weekend with Wilma James were Janet Pointer, Joy James and Mike Wiles, Tim James, Jeri Ragan, Todd and

slanted – so every time we stood up I felt like I might fall over!

The highlight of the trip for Steven was Wednesday afternoon we got on the elevator to go to supper and there was Willie McGee – Steven's favorite Cardinal of all time – Steven shook his hand and I managed to get a picture before he had to leave! Seems several of the Cardinal coaches were staying at the same Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens as we were. The weather was nice – it did rain most of Wednesday when we first arrived but then the storms moved out and we had sunshine and clear skies.

I read the other day that you should hang your hummingbird feeders out April 1 – guess I'd better get mine cleaned up and ready to go.

Have a good week and remember "The best preparation you can make for tomorrow is to do your best today."

Georgia James, Ashleigh Simmons and children, Cooper, Mason and Sophie, Terry and Lori James, Carly James, Connie James and Paige and Andy Welschmeyer and children, Zoey and Everett

Fatima High School will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym. The American Red Cross is in dire need of blood donations – please help them reach their goal.

The Easter Bunny will be coming to town Saturday, March 30 for an Easter Egg hunt at 11 a.m. on the Holy Family Church grounds. If anyone would like to donate some small pieces of candy or cash donation to purchase candy can drop off the money or candy at school by Monday, March 18.

The students at Holy Family and Sacred Heart Schools will enjoy an Easter break from Wednesday, March 27 to Monday, April 1. Fatima High School will dismiss early at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 to begin their Easter break.

Steven and I returned home really, really late Tuesday evening from a fun one-week vacation in sunny Florida where we attended five Cardinal baseball spring training games – sorry to say they lost three out of the five games. We also took a little side trip to Riviera Beach (the ocean was beautiful) and spent an afternoon at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. We attended Mass Sunday morning at the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola – what a beautiful church – only strange thing was that as you walked down the aisle to your pew the floor was



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Let's celebrate National Pet Day!

LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR BEST FRIEND BY PUTTING THEM IN OUR LOVE YOUR PET SECTION!

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, your pet's photo will appear in the Unterrified Democrat, on a special page with other photos exactly like the photo shown above (actual size). Along side the photo will be the pet's name, age, their favorite toy/activity. Cost is only \$19.00 for a single photo or \$26.00 for two photos. (Paid in advance)

HURRY—DEADLINE IS 5 P.M., FRIDAY, APR. 4, 2024

CHAMOIS - MORRISON NEWS
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On the hunt for Hunt Brothers
So the biggest news last week in town was the opening of the Hunt Brothers pizza at Jerry's Stop 'n Go. Rumor is that Jerry's made in sales in just a couple days what they were projected to do in one month. Way to support our local business, everyone!

Jerry's dropped some samples off for teachers to try at lunch Wednesday, and I'm giving it two thumbs up. I'm a thin crust lover, and I thought the thin crust veggie was excellent. That night I stopped by Jerry's and placed an order for a "loaded," which comes with pretty much every topping, plus wings combo. For \$17.59, I got the 12-inch pizza plus 12 wings, half buffalo and half regular. That's a good price and way cheaper than another good pizza place we frequently patronize. It only took about 10 minutes, and you can call ahead, too.

What I also like is that Jerry's has hired a couple local students to help make the pizzas. They're providing good food and also good jobs for our young people. Thank you, Mike Nolting, for bringing Hunt Brothers to Jerry's.

If you haven't already tried the pizza, I encourage you to check it out. Those buffalo wings are a little spicy though, so be careful!

Get your hot breakfast in Pershing
Saturday morning, head on over to the Pershing Community Center. Zion-St. Peter is hosting a Lenten prayer breakfast at 8 a.m., serving plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Lori Bockting will also present a program on her family's trip to Guatemala last year. Everyone is welcome!

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Next pork burger sale is April 23
I reported last week that seniors would be having a pork burger sale this Saturday, but that has been canceled. The next opportunity to get these delicious patties will be Tuesday, April 23, at the school cafeteria. The juniors, class of 2025, will be selling pork burgers before and after the school's athletic awards at 6:30 p.m.

Pork burger sales will start at 5 p.m. (or maybe 4:30 p.m. if the fire is hot enough!) so pick some up for supper that night. Pork burgers are \$4 each or two for \$7. We might even offer drive-up service, so come by and save your stove.

Relive your memories at "Senior Prom"
The Chamois High School (CHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter will be hosting a "Senior Prom" from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at Chamois Lions Hall. This is a service project to help our community members who are 55+ stay connected.

The CHS Prom is being held Saturday, April 27, at the Lions Hall. The "Senior Prom" will happen the next afternoon using the same location and decorations. Community members are invited to come have a fun afternoon of reminiscing and dancing to the top hits of the '60s, '70s and '80s, with the FBLA students as DJs and dance partners, if needed. Light refreshments will be served.

The cost is \$10 per couple or \$5 per person, payable at the door; however, advance reservations are required so we can make sure we have enough snacks. You can email me at school at clarkc@osager1.com if you would like to attend. Just let me know the names of who will be attending so we can add you to the list. You can also call the high-school office at 573-763-5666 to make a reservation. We hope you'll join us for this fun event. I can hear Kool & the Gang's "Celebration" and the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive" playing already!

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fashionista, but I have recently spotted a trend-design-your-own trucker hats. There are two area clothing stores that are now jumping on this convo (see what I did there?)

This Saturday, Osage Chic Boutique in Linn is hosting its two-year store anniversary and launching their "trucker hat bar." "What is a "trucker hat bar?" you ask. First off, trucker hats originated during the 1970s as free promotional giveaways from U.S. feed or farming supply companies to farmers, truck drivers, and other rural workers. The trucker hat is basically a cap that has a sturdy front that is taller than most regular baseball caps. This style of hat has been hot for the past several years, and now it's going upscale.

At the trucker hat bars, you buy a plain-front trucker hat, and then you decorate it with different patches, beads and bling, so you can show your personalized style.

If you haven't been to Osage Chic before, I encourage you to check it out. It's located at 1214 Lee St. in Linn, behind the Old School Flea Market and across from the ballfields. They have cute women's clothing in all sizes and fun shoes and boots with good prices. And now you can deck out your trucker hat there!

There's another cute store called Glamour and Grace in Rosebud, which is a bit further afield. They launched their trucker hat bar last weekend, also offering various patches and bling. Rosebud is a fun place to spend an afternoon antiquing, but it also has three different women's clothing stores that have upscale clothing at reasonable prices.

I, personally, don't like wearing baseball or trucker hats, but I could see my daughters getting into this trend. You will find me in my garden wearing my big ol' floppy straw hat. Maybe I should put some bling on that for this summer? Hey, that could be next year's trend!

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