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County sales taxes post big numbers

Use Tax revenue second-highest since collection began in 2021

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HERMANN — Gasconade County's various sales taxes posted big numbers for this month. The primary tax could position the county for a fifth consecutive record-setting year of revenue.

"The sales tax looks good," said County Treasurer Mike Feagan during Thursday morning's County Commission session. He was referring to the county's General Fund Sales Tax, which netted a reimbursement check from state for \$111,666 — one of the larger monthly amounts received in the past several years.

The General Fund tax has produced \$612,116 through the first six months, pushing the amount \$13,275 ahead of the total received by this time last year. The total for 2023 was \$1,228,290. Last year, the county received \$100,000 or more in five of the last six months.

Feagan's comment to the Commission applies to two other county-wide sales taxes, as well. The June reimbursement check for the Use Tax from the Missouri Department of Revenue was for \$64,966 — the second-largest amount received since it's first payout in October of 2021. The largest monthly amount was \$93,742 — received in August of last year.

The Use Tax, which provides .325 cents per dollar collected to Gasconade County Communications (911), is a sales tax applied to purchases made online from vendors outside Missouri. While county government administrators had estimated as much as \$300,000 being generated by the tax, last year's amount totaled a staggering \$535,723. This month's Use Tax check puts the six-month total at \$306,797 — well more than the amount generated last year.

Likewise, the half-cent Law Enforcement Sales Tax (LEST) produced \$79,428 for county law enforcement — the largest monthly amount received since it was first collected in October of 2022. For the first six months, the LEST has produced \$422,482 for the Gasconade County Sheriff's Department.

The revenue from the LEST is shared with five of the six municipalities in the county on a 75-25 percent basis. For the first half of this year, the five cities have received a total of \$140,827.

Last year, the LEST produced a total (county and city) amount of \$1,128,604. Thus far this year, the tax has produced a total of \$563,310 in revenue.

Here's what that means for the five cities taking part in the revenue-sharing program for this month and for the first six months: Owensville's net is \$12,179 for the month, \$64,780 for the year; Hermann's net is \$9,531 for the month, \$50,697 year-to-date; Bland's net is \$2,118 for the month, \$11,266 year-to-date; Rosebud's net is \$1,853 for the month, \$9,857 year-to-date; Gasconade's net is \$794 for the month, \$4,224 year-to-date.

In other matters during the Commission session, Southern District Associate Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, R-Owensville, noted that a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper conducted a stop on a young driver and discovered a coun-

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Pickleball comes home

Brad Baker, above left, has been traveling to Union, Washington, Hermann and St. James for the last four years to play America's latest sports craze, pickleball. With two new courts at Winter Park, pickleball fans can now spend less time driving and more time indulging their sport. On the court with Baker are his partner Connor Lang (center), Lynn Thompson of Washington and Pam Junk (not in the photo). The new courts replace the racquetball courts at Winter Park, located at 409 Red Oak Road, Owensville. The park was dedicated in the mid-1980's after the late Milford and Velma (Gottenstroeter) Winter. Baker's father, Dr. Paul Baker, was one of the individuals instrumental in the parks development. A pickleball court is the same size as a doubles badminton court and measures 20x44 feet. In pickleball, the same court is used for both singles and doubles play. The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle. The courts are open from dawn to 10 p.m. daily. The Owensville Park Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new courts on Monday after their monthly meeting, see page 7.

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Commission prepared to adopt uniform speed limit county-wide

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HERMANN — Frustrated with a lack of response from two state agencies, the Gasconade County Commission is poised to act tomorrow on a resolution setting a uniform speed limit county-wide.

Administrators ordered a resolution setting a 35-mile-per-hour limit be drafted for consideration at tomorrow's session. The move would follow the lead set about a year ago by the Phelps and Osage county commissions, which

adopted a similar resolution.

Thus far, reduced speed limits on county roads have been sought in a piecemeal fashion — residents request a lower limit and county administrators pass that request along to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Missouri Department of Transportation, which have the say on setting speed limits. But the Gasconade County Commission has grown frustrated with a lack of response from the agencies on the most recent batch of requests submitted in the past few months.

"We can't get an answer from the state," said Southern

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R-2 staff shortage results in further incentive

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OWENSVILLE — The Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education on Monday night approved further measures to encourage staff retention, and new staff applications.

The board approved newly hired teachers to bring their years of experience with them to the negotiations table.

According to Gasconade County R-2 Superintendent Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy, the move would be a good one, encouraging experienced staff to apply in the district without creating a terrible financial burden.

"It's about .3 percent of our budget," Hardy said about the cost difference it would be to implement the new measure.

The board approved the following measure with a 7-0 vote, "Allowing newly hired certified staff to bring in all their years of teaching experience on the salary schedule and allowing certified staff to verify their previous years of teaching to move with them to the step that reflects their years of experience."

School districts across the state have struggled to attract new teachers and each year more positions are declared "critical shortage" to allow individuals not certified in the subjects to fill the space. Many boards are becoming more creative in the incentives to attract and retain help.

The board approved a declaration of critical shortage employment for a 2024-25 director of business operations with a 7-0 vote.

Hardy also noted no one has applied for the Parents As Teachers position.

"One thing in changing time — this position has to go into homes in the evenings," Hardy said. "There are not many willing to take on that roll as a parent

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Fire and ice: Hilke's Ice down but not out

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FREEBURG — Fire destroyed the Hilke's Ice plant and warehouse in Freeburg last Wednesday morning, June 19. No one was injured in the fire, but the facility is a total loss. The company, however, continues to provide ice to its customers without interruption while making plans to rebuild.

"We're doing pretty good," said owner Laron Hilke. "My employees are outstanding, and everybody's been so supportive."

Hilke said his employees know the company is coming back, and they will keep their jobs through this difficult time. Ice deliveries will continue. "Thank God we have the warehouses in Eldon and Cuba," he added. "We can store a lot of ice there. The night of the 19th, I ordered three ice-makers and the storage bin, and we're going to rebuild."

He hopes for a mild winter so they can complete construction in time to start making ice at the new Freeburg plant around the first of March 2025.

According to a Missouri Division of Fire Safety news release, the fire was accidental. "I called them at about 6



AN EARLY morning fire destroyed the Hilke's Ice plant on Wednesday morning. Firefighters from area fire departments were on scene for 15 plus hours.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

a.m. and asked them to come down," said Freeburg Fire Chief Brady Iven. "They quickly determined it was an accident."

Video footage from inside the structure showed the fire originated at one of the machines. Employees discovered the fire while loading pallets of ice into trucks and called 911.

Freeburg Community Fire Association crews were

dispatched to the scene at approximately 12:37 a.m. on Wednesday and arrived within minutes. Flames and black smoke were coming through the roof along the structure's south side.

Iven noted that about 90% of his 27 firefighters responded to the call. "That's actually a very good response," he

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OHS alumni win AMC titles

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Single issue voters

Some voters carry the label “single issue voter” with pride. They base their votes on any candidate according to their stance on a single public policy question while ignoring anything else.

This one issue trumps anything else. The most common areas single issue voters focus on are abortion, gun control, and climate change.

Interestingly, political parties have been organized around a single issue. These parties work better in parliamentary systems based on proportional representation than in the two-party system in the United States.

In the U.S., we have had at least three such parties: The Anti-Masonic Party, active from the late 1820s that opposed Freemasonry, The Rent is Too Damn High party which nominated candidates for mayor of New York City in 2005 and 2010; and The Free-Soil Party which opposed the expansion of slavery into western territories of the U.S. from 1848 to 1854. It eventually merged with the Republican Party.

One of the biggest groups of single-issue voters is those concerned with climate change. After all, believing the human race will become extinct unless we stop using fossil fuels is a pretty good reason to focus on only one issue. Let’s face it: Fear sells.

The problem with climate extremists — or any other single-issue voter — is their focus can make

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them blind to every other issue.

Case in point: To change how we generate electricity, they are willing to sacrifice around 1 million birds killed by wind farms every year in the U.S. They are willing to overlook that by 2050, used wind turbine blades will exceed 43 million tons of waste.

To lower CO2 emissions, they are also willing to overlook the fact that cobalt, an essential mineral used in the production of lithium-ion batteries for electric cars, is mined with child slave labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). That’s okay. It’s not their children or grandchildren breathing toxic dust in the underground mines.

Ironically, according to Siddharth Kara, author of Cobalt Red, “the mining industry has ravaged the landscape of the DRC. Millions of trees have been

cut down, the air around mines is hazy with dust and grit, and the water has been contaminated with toxic effluents from the mining processing.” Does anyone know if the Sierra Club is protesting this?

Many of the Congolese population will experience the end of the world much sooner. Do they understand that their sacrifice could save the rest of humanity?

Single-issue climate extremists also ignore policies that result in death and rape in the U.S.

In the past 10 days, at least eight illegal immigrants have been arrested and charged with murder, rape and kidnapping across the U.S. These include two illegals accused of strangling a 12-year-old girl in Texas. In Maryland, last week, police announced a mother of five was allegedly murdered by an illegal migrant from El Salvador.

Last Monday, Missouri State Troopers arrested five illegals accused of kidnapping a 14-year-old Indiana girl.

In New York City, Christian Igna-Landi was arrested for raping a 13-year-old girl. He entered the U.S. illegally in 2021. An immigration judge ordered his removal in 2022. The 13-year-old has to pay the price for President Joe Biden’s immigration policies.

These horrendous crimes are overlooked by many, as long as the current Democrat administration pushes for more electric cars.

More and more Democrat voters — who are not concerned about the climate — will be switching parties this November due to the rising cost of illegal immigration in dollars. They watch Democrat officials giving illegal immigrants everything from cell phones to cash cards and free housing. In fact, illegal immigration is costing U.S. taxpayers \$151 billion a year as of 2023.

Forget illegal immigrants, soft on crime, defund the police policies promoted by Democrats are hurting more. According to a recent study, the 30 American cities with the highest murder rates, 27 have Democrat mayors.

Another problem all Americans face—whether in a red state or a blue state — is inflation caused by Bidenomics (another word for colossal budget deficits).

The last issue these voters ignore is the Biden administration’s weak foreign policy, bringing the world to the brink of World War III.

I ran out of room to bring up woke policies and the Democrat parties movement to Marxism.

Come November, climate extremists will vote for their single issue while the world around them crashes and burns due to current crises they ignore, for one predicted.

No amount of logic will change their minds.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Group expresses strong support for development of new housing options in Hermann

Dear Editor,

We are writing to express our strong support for the development of new housing options in Hermann. Our community is facing a significant shortage of affordable and accessible housing, which is impacting our ability to attract and retain essential workers in critical sectors such as healthcare, education, and local businesses.

The lack of housing options has created a crisis for our local hospital, schools, and area businesses. Healthcare workers, teachers, and employees of local enterprises are struggling to find suitable and affordable places to live. This not only hampers their ability to perform their duties effectively but also affects the overall well-being and growth of our community.

Our local hospital is a vital institution that provides indispensable services to residents. However, the scarcity of nearby housing options

has made it challenging to recruit and retain skilled medical professionals. Similarly, our schools, which are the backbone of our community’s future, face difficulties in attracting qualified teachers who cannot find affordable housing. Local businesses, the heartbeat of Hermann’s economy, are also suffering from a lack of workforce due to this housing deficit.

The development of new housing will bring numerous benefits to Hermann:

Economic Growth: More housing will attract more workers, leading to increased economic activity and growth.

Enhanced Services: With more housing options, our hospital and schools can operate at full capacity, providing better services to residents.

Community Stability: Affordable housing will help retain residents, fostering a stable and thriving community.

We urge our local government, developers, and community leaders to prioritize and expedite housing development projects. By working together, we can create a diverse range of housing options that will support our essential workers and strengthen the Hermann community as a whole.

Let us not overlook the pressing need for housing. It is a crucial step towards ensuring that our hospital, schools, and businesses can continue to serve and thrive in our beloved community.

Sincerely,

Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce
Hermann Regional Economic Development Corp/Regional Economic Development Initiative
Hermann Area District Hospital
Gasconade County R1 School District

LIBERTY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

August primary preview

BY PAUL HAMBY

Missouri Attorney General race

The Missouri Attorney General (AG) serves a four-year term, and is not subject to constitutional term limits. The AG serves as the chief legal officer of the State of Missouri as mandated by our constitution. The AG office represents and provides legal advice to most state agencies. It defends challenges to the validity of state laws and enforces civil law. In addition, the AG handles all appeals statewide from felony convictions.

In the August 6 AG primary, Democrat Elad Gross is unopposed.

On the Republican side, incumbent Andrew Bailey is challenged by Will Scharf.

Andrew Bailey was appointed AG by Governor Parson and took office on Jan. 3, 2023. He is pro-life and has fought to defend unborn children, defended Missouri citizen’s second amendment rights and denounced DEI in public schools.

Will Scharf served as former Governor Eric Greitens’ Policy Director. He recently worked as one of Donald Trump’s personal attorneys.

Missouri Treasurer race

The Missouri State Treasurer serves a four year term and is limited to a max of 8 years due to term limits. The Treasurer manages Missouri’s \$20 billion in annual state revenues, directs its banking services and oversees its \$6.5 billion investment portfolio. The State Treasurer safeguards Unclaimed Property that has been turned over by banks, businesses, insurance companies and government agencies, and tries to locate the owners.

In the August 6 State Treasurer primary, Democrat Mark Osmack is unopposed.

On the Republican side, six candidates are competing. The top three are incumbent Vivek Malek vs state senator Andrew Koenig and state representative Cody Smith.

Malek was appointed by Governor Parson and took office on Jan. 17, 2023. Malek was born and raised in India where he received his law degree. He came to America and earned a Masters of Business degree from SEMO in Cape Girardeau. A good man with a great life story.

Andrew Koenig was elected to the state senate in 2016. Prior to that he served as a state representative. He owns a construction company that primarily paints buildings. Koenig’s voting record includes too many times he was on the wrong side of individual liberty and small government. Koenig was the sponsor of the Wayfair bill that raised taxes on Missouri citizens for internet purchases from out of state.

Cody Smith was elected to the state house in 2016. He owns a business in Carthage Missouri. Smith is pro life and his liberty track record in the Missouri house has been very solid earning him a 100 percent rating from both CPAC and Americans for Prosperity. Most recently he was the Missouri House Budget Chair. Governor Parson sent him a 54 billion dollar state budget proposal, of which he immediately slashed billions of dollars. He was the key legislator in reducing spending in Jefferson City in 2024. I will vote for Cody Smith on August 6.

On August 6, Missouri voters will get to decide their parties’ candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, all 163 state reps, 17 of 34 state senators, and many local offices including sheriff.

July 10, 2024 is the last day to register to vote in the August primary election

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Got imported meat? Farmers and consumers demand the right to know

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Congress should stop hiding behind the unelected, bureaucratic, pro-corporate World Trade Organization (WTO) and restore Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for meat in the 2024 Farm Bill.

The U.S. House of Representatives released their draft of the Farm Bill, the Senate distributed their Farm Bill frameworks, and neither includes mandatory COOL for meat. COOL should absolutely be included in the Farm Bill. If you’re a farmer, consumer, and/or taxpayer, here’s why it matters.

COOL is tremendously popular with consumers and producers alike. Consumer support for COOL is overwhelmingly high, with 89 percent of consumers supporting country of origin labeling. It is one of the rare places in which we have widespread agreement from a vast majority of Americans, yet, somehow, it becomes “controversial” when it gets to our nation’s capital.

In the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress took a significant step forward by passing mandatory country of origin labeling (COOL) for various products, including meat. This legislation empowered consumers with information about where their food came from and enabled American producers to compete fairly against foreign imports.

However, the corporate meat processing industry has opposed mandatory COOL, lobbying tirelessly to undermine its implementation. Despite their efforts, our COOL law stood firm until Canada and Mexico, doing the bidding for global meatpackers, challenged our COOL law before the WTO, which ruled against us. In 2015, following the WTO ruling, Congress

repealed mandatory labeling for beef and pork, caving to pressure from multinational meatpacking companies and lobbyists.

The importance of COOL cannot be overstated. In a marketplace without labeling, multinational corporations maintain leverage over prices, often to the detriment of American farmers and consumers. Leveraging imports, they are able to raise consumer prices while lowering prices paid to U.S. farmers. In 2023 alone, the U.S. imported 3.7 billion pounds of boxed beef and 2 million live cattle — and consumers cannot see where it came from!

The implementation of COOL led to an increase in the prices paid to U.S. cattle producers, underscoring its positive impact on domestic agriculture. It turns out that consumers want to—and will—choose American products, supporting American farmers and economies. However, the resulting drop in prices paid to U.S. cattle farmers since COOL was rescinded has been no less drastic. Immediately after COOL was rescinded, the price of cattle plummeted and cow/calf producers’ profit dropped by 30%, the largest one-year drop in history.

When you look at the 2022 Census of Agriculture, the economic effects go even further. The 2022 Ag Census reports a shocking loss of cattle producers: from 2017-2022, the U.S. lost 150,569 cattle operations, and Missouri alone lost 9,954 cattle operations (which is 20 percent of Missouri cattle operations). This is wealth extracted from our communities and bound for distant shores.

This wealth is more than just dollars and cents, especially in Missouri’s rural communities, where family farmers are major economic drivers. Missouri is second only to Texas in the number of cattle operations. This wealth represents people’s livelihoods and a way of life, farms not passed down to the next gener-

ation, and businesses on Main Street shuttered because those dollars aren’t circulating locally. For multinational conglomerates, that’s just the cost of doing business.

But for people out here, working the livestock and the land 365 days a year, who have tied their fates to the seasons and to the knowledge, skill and land passed down for generations, that cost is simply too high.

Contrary to industry claims, implementing COOL does not necessitate an overhaul of existing infrastructure. Processors already possess the capability to provide such information, as evidenced by their tracking of marketing attributes and USDA grading. COOL simply requires the maintenance of information regarding the origin of imported meat and livestock.

The WTO’s ruling against mandatory COOL for meat represents a flawed decision that undermines our national sovereignty and consumer rights.

Repealing COOL in 2015 was not Congress’ only option. Negotiated settlements are commonplace in WTO disputes, allowing us to keep domestic policies without paying penalties. The U.S. could have engaged in discussions with Canada and Mexico to address broader trade disputes, essentially trading other issues to safeguard COOL. Or even simply paid the fine, as we do in other cases. Recent trade fights make it clear that the WTO’s era of retaliation is over. Congress can’t continue to hide behind the WTO on this.

It is imperative for Congress to reevaluate its stance on COOL. It’s frankly absurd to think that virtually every other product has an origin label, and yet meat is excluded. By prioritizing consumer rights and fair competition, Congress can reaffirm its commitment to American pro-

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District Associate Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, R-Owensville. “We’ve been waiting on that (response) for months,” he added.

Under the resolution, the county is asking that speed limits be set countywide at 35, unless otherwise posted. For county roads that might had a lower limit set earlier, those speed limits will remain in place.

Under state law, non-posted county roads have a speed limit of 55 miles an hour, a speed that county officials say is too fast for the predominantly gravel roads.

The move to set a limit 35 is supported by Sheriff Scott Eiler. “I like it,” he said. It will be his department’s responsibility to enforce the speed limit.

But Lairmore said the intent of the resolution is not one of economics, but of safety. “I’m not looking at going out and setting up speed traps,” he said. “We’re just trying to make safety and dust control a priority.”

County officials recognize that residents along some roads might prefer a lower speed limit, but 35 appears to be the most efficient speed for the county roads, Lairmore said. “Twenty-five is pretty slow; 35 will keep the dust down,” he said, adding, “I think it will help.”

On another county road matters, Lairmore said all signatures needed have been received to put a section of Blue House Road on the list for a chip-and-seal coating. Normally, a gravel road receives a chip-and-seal coat, which is less costly to maintain, and later receives an asphalt overlay. The county’s chip-and-seal program is dependent on available funding and some roads can be on the list for several years before the county is able to apply the coating. Usually, county administrators each include in the operating budget money to chip-and-seal portions of two or three roads.

In other matters at last week’s session, Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte, R-Hermann, noted that Otis Elevator technicians should be on hand soon to being installing the lift that will connect the basement to the second floor. “The elevator guys are moving right along,” he said. “We’re hoping that by mid-July we’ll be buttoned up. That thing’s going to be done pretty quick,” he added.

County government soon will not have to write checks to county residents called into the courthouse for jury duty, thanks to a move to use electronic benefit cards. The County Clerk’s Office traditionally has written checks for jurors and those called in as potential jurors every six months – the length of time a pool of potential petit and grand jurors is in place. A lot of checks can be written at the end of a jury session, Clerk Lesa Lietzow said. Indeed, the batch of checks written for the just-ended jury term totaled 97.

Under the program that will be used by Circuit Clerk Jenny Schneider, an outside company will issue cards that it will load with an amount determined by the circuit clerk. The cards can be used anywhere a MasterCard credit cards can be used.

County Treasurer Mike Feagan said the counties that have made the switch to the electronic benefits card is well satisfied. “They are head over heels” about the program, he said.

Missouri may be holding unclaimed property for you: Come get your money

BY MISSOURI STATE TREASURER VIVEK MALEK

During June and July, newspapers across Missouri are publishing tens of thousands of names of people for whom the State Treasurer’s Office is holding unclaimed property totaling more than \$1 billion. This is not the state’s money — it is Missourians’ money, and I am committed to returning it to its rightful owner.

Please scan these lists to see if they include your name, or the names of relatives or friends, including those who may be deceased or who no longer live in Missouri. One in 10 Missourians have unclaimed money, and there are nearly 330,000 unclaimed property accounts, so it is likely you or someone you know is on the list. Even if you don’t find yourself on the list, please still check our database — the listings in this newspaper are for those with over \$50 in unclaimed property. You may have some under that value!

It is fast, free and easy to go online at www.ShowMeMoney.com to find out more information and apply to get your money returned. Just enter your name exactly as it appears in the newspaper list (on page 10), starting with the last name first.

Since I became State Treasurer in January 2023, my office has returned more than \$80 million to its rightful owners. The average amount returned is nearly \$300, so it is

worth your while to check the database.

Why does the State of Missouri hold unclaimed property? State law requires financial institutions, insurance companies, governmental agencies and many businesses to turn over unclaimed assets to the State Treasurer’s Office after several years of no activity on accounts. This includes cash from bank accounts, stocks and bonds, utility refunds and the contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes.

The vast majority of unclaimed property is cash or the equivalent, but there are also many items from safety deposit boxes, and these have ranged from valuable jewelry, historical books and documents, even false teeth. There are always surprises.

If these items of actual property go unclaimed from the State Treasurer’s Office for several years, they are subject to public auction. This year’s Unclaimed Property Auction will be held July 29–30, starting at 9 a.m. each day, with previews starting July 28. The auction location is the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, in Springfield.

I want to give Missourians back their unclaimed property, and it takes less than 30 seconds to follow up on the lists in community newspapers and check online at www.ShowMeMoney.com — so please, come get your money!

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ducers and consumers.

Letting a flawed decision from a now virtually defunct international trade panel dictate our domestic policy undermines the democratic process and erodes consumer trust. The Emperor is naked as a jaybird and everyone can see it. It’s time to bring transparency back to the meat industry and empower consumers with the information they deserve. It’s time to put mandatory COOL back in the Farm Bill.



Paving underway on east side of town

Employees with Capital Paving and Construction LLC puts down fresh asphalt Tuesday on South Spring Avenue in Owensville. Capital Paving has been contracted by the City of Owensville to put down 1,918 tons of asphalt in Owensville for the cities 2024 paving project.

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HADH to begin search for new auditing agency May numbers continue to show progress at hospital

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HERMANN – When the final bill for the latest audit of Hermann Area District Hospital arrived, it was like adding insult to injury.

Not only was the audit of 2023 — presented several weeks ago to the hospital board by auditing firm Wipfli — yet another skeptical assessment of the healthcare facility’s ability to continue functioning, but the bill for coming to that opinion was higher than initially agreed upon — and caught HADH administrators by surprise.

Originally set to cost \$9,500, the audit’s final price tag was \$11,250, said Administrator Bill Hellebusch during Monday night’s regular monthly session of the hospital’s Board of Directors. The audit — the seventh review of the hospital by the accounting firm — was begun with the understanding that the hospital would be notified if any extra work was needed that might increase the cost. “That did not happen,” Hellebusch said. “I was never made aware of extraneous things that came up” during the review, he added.

He described a telephone call with a Wipfli official about the larger-than-agreed-upon cost. “That call did not go the way I had hoped it would,” Hellebusch said.

The price tag of the audit only made the annual review more frustrating for the hospital administrator. Indeed, Wipfli’s auditor recognized the progress made in shoring up the hospital’s financial footing during Hellebusch’s brief tenure as administrator and noted actions that could be taken to further improve financial conditions, but the conclusion reached in the company’s report to the board remained the same as in the previous half-dozen audits:

There is a “growing concern” by the auditors that the hospital would be in business in a year’s time.

“I had concerns with how that entire audit was run,” Hellebusch told the board, noting that the accountant checking the hospital’s records was on site for only a day and a half.

The bottom line for the administrator is that a different auditing firm is needed — more to see where the hospital is going rather than where it’s been, financially speaking. “I think it’s time anyway,” he added, noting that most businesses don’t stay with the same auditing firm for so many years. “I think it’s time for a change,” he said.

“I feel like this relationship is fractured,” Hellebusch added.

“When do we need a new auditor?” asked Director Trigg Render.

“I needed to work on that yesterday,” Hellebusch replied, referring to the need to get a new firm acquainted with the hospital as it reaches the calendar’s midpoint. Also, the administrator wants a new firm to perform a mid-year financial assessment — something short of a full-blown audit — to possibly suggest moves headed into the second half of the year.

Meanwhile, the administrator said May figures show the month to be the latest in a string of successful months at the hospital. “We had a decent patient volume month,” he said, noting that swing-bed patients continue to be the strongest part of the facility’s operations, up over 82 percent from the level a year ago.

Swing-bed patients are those patients who do not need additional acute care but might not be ready to return home, such as being in need of therapy treatment to function properly after returning home. Indeed, HADH is building a solid reputation in the region as a therapy center — one of the reasons for the increase in

swing-bed referrals from Mercy and other hospitals in the region. Hellebusch said he is continuing to meet with other hospitals to increase referrals to HADH.

Director Dave Johnson asked what might be reason for a lack of referrals from other hospitals in the region.

Hellebusch said it might be a matter of not getting the word out, pointing to the first referral from Capital Region Hospital in Jefferson City. “We never saw any swing-bed referrals” from Capital Region prior to this one, he said. “They didn’t know we were here,” Hellebusch added to illustrate the need to promote HADH to other hospitals.

“We’ve been to UM (University of Missouri Medical Center) several times now,” he said. “We’ve been to Cap Region.”

Johnson said the experience of those patients referred to HADH could be used to help promote the hospital. “I believe we’ve gotten some good feedback from the patients,” Johnson said.

Dr. Michael Rothermich offered a more practical reason why swing-bed numbers haven’t been higher up to this point. He said there was a concern that an adequate number of staff be in place to accommodate an increase in swing-bed patients, pointing out that it would not be good to attract additional patients and force them to wait for treatment because of a lack of staff.

Therapy services are being bolstered to accommodate more patients, but more staffing is needed. Hellebusch said the Rehabilitation Department has openings for a physical therapist and a physical therapist assistant. Those are positions that are difficult to fill at this point, he said. “It is a hard job market right now,” he said.

County commission puzzled by delivery of formal notice of Jural Assembly

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HERMANN – County administrators were left perplexed on Thursday morning after listening to the formal notice of a group calling itself the Gasconade County General Jural Assembly, an organization that, on the surface, appears to have ties with the Sovereign Citizens Movement.

In a lengthy presentation that was accepted without comment by the County Commission, Sharon Berlemer of Hermann read the organization’s formal notice and delivered a 10-page document titled the County Settlement Covenant that resembles a constitution of sorts. The initial interpretation of the presentation by county gov-

ernment officials and onlookers at last week’s Commission session is that the organization’s intent is to establish its own local government.

Indeed, in the announcement the organization states the group’s members “with absolute resolve rebut all corporate authority!”

The announcement was signed in early April by four people identified as “officeholders,” including William F. Hermanson as chief justice of the Supreme Court, Gregory L. Hudson as chief trustee, Jeff Mueller as county grand jury assembly foreman and Beverly Hale as the county recording secretary. The announcement also contained the signatures of 13 other county residents.

Article 11 of the main document refers to the establishment of

“county offices to administer the affairs of the people in common. Such offices are empowered with certain delegated limited power(s) as the people deem just for the maintenance and function of county administration.”

The article includes a list of “initial” offices to be filled “by property election by qualified electors of this County Settlement Assembly.” Those offices include one county commissioner, a sheriff, a county chief justice, a county coroner, a county Library of Records secretary, a county recording clerk, a county land records/title/abstract clerk, a county treasurer/comptroller, a grand jury foreman and a county chief notary.

In an interesting aside to Article 11, it is noted that “no member of the legal industry” is qualified

to hold any office designated and established for the administration of county business. The only exception to this prohibition, the document says, is for a legal industry member (lawyer) “to surrender their bar membership and be out of the legal industry for 15 years and pass a constitutional exam as required by the Covenant of Missouri, a Free and Independent Nation-State.”

This particular portion of the document, perhaps more than any other, hints at the group’s possible links with the Sovereign Citizens Movement. Many of the people who identify with the movement, which has been in existence for several decades, has had issues with the legal system and the courts across the country.

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ty road sign in his car, apparently one of the many signs that have been removed in recent months. “I want to thank the Highway Patrol,” Lairmore said, declining to speculate on what the young driver might be charged with. But, the associate commissioner quipped, if the

young driver is given a sentence of community service, he has a good idea of what he could do to work off the violation. “He can put up road signs,” Lairmore said.

Meanwhile, Lairmore said he is continuing to work with an as-yet unidentified company

considering Gasconade County as a site for a new location. Also in the running as potential sites for the business are Texas, Illinois and Florida.

Legends makes donation for new scoreboards

Jared Niederer, senior vice president of Legends Bank in Owensville, along with staff present a check for \$49,960.10 to Dutchmen Dutchgirl Athletic Booster Club President Kara Meyer to share the costs of new scoreboards with the Booster Club for the Owensville High School gym. Pictured from left are Legends Bank Assistant Vice President/ Loan Officer Stephanie McKinney; Kara Meyer; Bank Operations Manager Beth Walker; Jared Niederer; Bank Teller Tyler Wilson; Bank Customer Service Representative Kim Powell and Lending Assistant Tiffany Limberg.



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PAGES FROM OUR PAST

Six-foot black snake under front seat — 1994

80 years ago - June 25, 1944

Couple honeymoons in community

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlottach of Chicago, Ill., arrived here Wednesday to spend a honeymoon with relatives in the community. They were united in marriage, Saturday, June 17, in Chicago. Mr. Schlottach is well known in the community, having lived at Bem for a number of years. His bride, the former Miss Ruth Bartel, is from Chicago

60 years ago - June 25, 1964

Bade is president of Lions Club

Don Bade was installed as president of the Owensville Lions Club at special ceremonies Saturday night. The other officers are: Clarence T. Berger, first vice president; Eugen Blaske, second vice president; Herbert Jett, third vice president; Bernard Pollock secretary; Homar Kormeier, treasurer; Jerry Thompson, tail twister and Ray Engelbrecht, lion tamer.

50 years ago - June 26, 1974

Nursing home bonds win overwhelming okay

By an overwhelming majority, and in a larger turn-out than expected, voters in the Gasconade Manor Nursing Home District Tuesday approved a \$750,000 bond proposal to finance construction of a nursing home and health care facility in southern Gasconade County.

Oehrke selected for Lions Convention Band

Eric Oehrke (left), 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Oehrke, Owensville was selected as a member of the 61-piece Missouri Lions Convention Band.

Armed forces news

Navy Airman Recruit Michael R. Kinkead, son of Mrs. Majorie Kinkead of Gerald, and whose wife Jackie is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Kuske of Gerald graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

40 years ago - June 27, 1984

Two to receive nursing degrees

Shery Gooch (left) and Paula Tayloe will graduate from Missouri Baptist Hospital school of Nursing June 29 with Registered Nurse Diploma Degrees.

County fair expanded to four-day event

Activities for the 1984 Gasconade County Fair have been expanded by one day, fair board officials announced last week. The 37th annual fair will begin Wednesday, July 25, and run through Saturday, July 28. Despite the one-day earlier starting date, the traditional fair parade, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 26, will remain the official fair opener.

Armed forces news

Marine PFC. Michale C. Thomas recently graduated from M.C.R.D. in San Diego, Cal. and is now serving with the 3rd Marine Air Wing at El Toro, Santa Ana, Cal.

Tim Gooch has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and will report for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Sand Antonio, Texas in January.



30 years ago - June 29, 1994

Rock Island depot destroyed by fire

The last vestige of the "Mighty Fine Line" in Owensville disappeared early last Wednesday morning when flames consumed the old Rock Island depot.

Oil spill clean-up underway after line break at power plant

A fuel oil leak from a leak in kines feeding diesel-powered generators at the municipal power plant on Marvin Avenue is estimated at between 700 and 800 gallons. The fuel emptied into the creek between Marvin and Harrison avenues. Dirt coffer dams constructed by city crews at Walnut Street contained most of the spill in a two-block area down stream from the power plant.

20 years ago - June 30, 2004

OHS to West Point

Chris Duncan, graduated May 29 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The recently commissioned Lt. Duncan is a 2000 graduate of Owensville High School and the son of Owensville Middle School eighth grade teacher Barbara Noblett. On leave before he reports to flight school for Black Hawk helicopters, Duncan was invited to speak last week to students attending the district's summer school sessions.



10 years ago - June 25, 2004

Inside-the-park grand slam

Landon Conner (above) gets ready to step on home plate with excited First State Community Bank teammates waiting to greet him after he hit an inside-the-park grand slam home run in little league action last Thursday night at the Owensville Lions Sports Complex.



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE

OWENSVILLE

Wednesday, June 26	10 a.m.	Storytime
Wednesday, June 26	2 p.m.	Kid's Club: Whale Stuffies
Thursday, June 27	6 p.m.	Herbal Remedies
Monday, July 1	11 a.m.	Storytime
Monday, July 1	4:30 p.m.	Teen Book Club
Tuesday, July 2	10 a.m.	Seeds of the Month
Wednesday, July 3	10 a.m.	Storytime
Wednesday, July 3	2 p.m.	MO Conservation - Excited to get Outside

HERMANN

Thursday, June 27	10 a.m.	Storytime
Thursday, June 27	2 p.m.	Kid's Club: Pirate Academy

Storytime: Ages 0-5. Library patrons are asked to practice frequent washing of their hands and social distancing. Reach the Owensville library at 573-437-2188 and Hermann library at 573-486-2024.

ARTWORKS ON MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 5	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	What's Bugging You? Cicada and Art Therapy, Ages 9-13
Friday, July 5	1-3 p.m.	What's Bugging You? Cicada and Art Therapy, Ages 14-18

What's Bugging You? Class presented by retired art teacher/licensed counselor. Artworks on Main, 113 N. First St., Owensville. Call for more information or RSVP: 573-240-1740.

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Just a Little Clarification

I am a Conservative, not a Republican. If the Democrat party would run a candidate that can and would READ THE CONSTITUTION and then WORK WITHIN IT, I might vote for them. Yes, the climate is changing, it has been for many millions of years, and it will keep changing long after we are gone. Can we do anything to slow it down? Maybe. Stop black topping roads — no dark colored house roofs — stop driving the car, truck, tractor, train, or ship — and turn off your air conditioner. If you have other good ideas, then say so. If there really are 2.5 times more wealthy Republicans than Democrats maybe that's because they go to work or fill a need to benefit society. Al Gore got rich and fat lying to everyone, every single day. Bet you can't get him to turn off his a/c or walk. Trump did roll back regulations and we needed that. Over regulating and taxation are part of why so many businesses left this Country.

Wildlife, other than migratory birds and endangered species, are State controlled. There were 690 wolves killed in 1 year, so to say 2000 in 6 weeks is flat out wrong. We do need a few wolves but there are now too many and regulated wolf hunts are needed in about 12 States. In 2017, all year long, 436 wolves were killed in Idaho and 254 in Montana, while Wyoming had 76... that's a far cry from 2000 in 6 weeks time. Those beautiful horses (a reintroduced species) are also a problem for much of the true wildlife: antelope-deer-elk-moose — and even bison tend to avoid horses. Just what gives the wolf anymore right to live than the deer and elk that they like to eat? Wolves also like moose meat but killing a moose is not neat and quick. They first cripple the hind legs, then tear out the stomach and guts, and once down they are eaten alive until they finally die. The high fences would only be on private property or along roads directing wildlife to a more safe crossing.

I too have driven West numerous times since 1999 and would always see several animals of different breeds. My last trip was into Washington State, covering Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, and Iowa — over 4,300 miles from May 22nd to June 1st of this year. I saw no horses, a few deer, a few more antelope, and elk only off the northwest corner of Yellowstone Park. All were sighted closer to people and further from the wolves. Not one moose, mountain sheep or goat, was seen. The only change... wolves were returned about 1995 and have worked a major hardship on all western wildlife, including black bears and mountain lions, but the buffalo are not affected as much. We have about twice the number of wolves needed and have for 15 years.

To list guns as the major cause of death for children is also a very misleading statement. From 1 to 17 years of age it is not true, only if you include to age 19 is it true, and when you do you have included many gang members killing each other over territory, drugs, and for kicks. When you start talking hatred, lies, lack of compassion and poor conservation, that more accurately describes the corrupt, illegal occupant of our White House who is being led by Obama. This Biden Administration is the most destructive in history. The only thing obvious about Biden is his senility and disrespect for the oath of office and rule of law. This administration promotes illegal immigration, crime, inflation, and is directly responsible for at least one legal citizen being killed or injured every day by an illegal invader. A gun for personal protection has never been more important. But remember in this Country, with our Constitutional Republic Government and Bill of Rights, the First Amendment says we can express our opinions. However, we should at least try to be accurate about it and you all still have the right to support, campaign for, donate to, and vote for any fool you want...

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C.H. Zelch | Rosebud, Mo. | 6-22-24

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educator."

Hardy said the reason for the evening hours that come with the position is because that is when most parents are home. Parents As Teachers assist parents as their child's first teacher to meet growth and learning milestones.

The board of education also reminded guests and administrators last night that they have changed the meeting time for approved 2024-25 monthly business to be discussed.

The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on July 15 at the Administration Building.

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August 2-3 - LONE PINE MEMORIAL RODEO
August 23-24 - Edgar Springs
September 27-28 - Rolla

AREA OBITUARIES

Clarene Grass 1936 – 2024



Clarene "Mutzie" A. Grass, 87, of Hermann, passed away Friday, June 21, 2024, at StoneBridge Senior Living, Hermann.

She was born in Little Berger, Aug. 25, 1936, the daughter of the late Frank and Clara (Gatzemeyer) LaBoube.

She was united in marriage to Warren C. Grass, April 27, 1957, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Little Berger. Together they shared 65 years of marriage. Warren preceded her in death Dec. 14, 2022.

Mutzie started working when she was 16 years old at International Shoe Factory and then for Florsheim Shoe. She was a member of St. George Church, Hermann.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Clara; husband, Warren; granddaughter, Amanda Witthaus; sisters, Laverne Weber and Irene Schweerkotting; and brothers, Virgil and Harvey LaBoube.

Mutzie is survived by daughter, Janet Witthaus and husband Kevin of Hermann; son, Jeff Grass and wife Lynn of Hermann; grandson, Jesse Witthaus and wife Krystal of Hermann; great-grandchildren, Alivia and Cooper Witthaus; and brother, Frank "Jim" LaBoube of Hermann; plus many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, June 24, at St. George Church, Hermann, with Father Philip Niekamp officiating.

Burial was at St. George Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donation may be given to Amanda Witthaus Memorial Scholarship or St. George Church.

Alta Wolf 1930 – 2024



Alta M. Wolf, 93, of Hermann, formerly of Jefferson City, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at Columbia.

Alta was born Dec. 15, 1930, to Matthew and Martha (Phillips) Lairmore in Mobile, Iowa.

She was united in marriage to William Buel Wolf, Aug. 5, 1950, at the First Pentecostal Church, Gasconade.

Alta worked as a housekeeper for Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, where she retired after 22 years of service. She was a member of Gasconade Pentecostal Church, Gasconade.

Alta was preceded in death by husband, William; son, Daniel R. Wolf; parents, Matthew and Martha; step-father, Reedy Boofer; brothers, Albert, Warren, Elmer, Roy, William Robert, Alfred Jr., Donald, Kenneth and James Marvin; and sisters, Alma, Lilly Marie and Mary.

Alta is survived by daughter, Donnietta Kuebler and husband Doug of Hermann; daughter-in-law, Virginia Wolf of Morrison; four grandsons; six great-grandchildren; nine step-great grandchildren; and 15 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 22, at Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home, Hermann, with Russell Wolf officiating. Burial was at Gasconade Cemetery, Gasconade. Memorials suggested to Caring Hearts and Hands of Columbia or First Pentecostal Church, Gasconade.

Richard Johnson 1943 – 2024



Richard Lee Johnson, 81, of Gerald, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born June 5, 1943, to Horace and Lillian (Harris) Johnson in East St. Louis, Ill.

He was united in marriage to Sue Clemons, Nov. 6, 1965, in Rosemont, Ill.

Richard's journey of service began in his youth when he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. His service continued with a distinguished 20-year tenure in the Army Reserves. Richard also served his local community and was able to see the completion of the Veterans Memorial in Gerald. For 31 years, he was a truck driver for Beaufort Transfer Company. For the past two decades, Richard operated his own multi-service delivery company, Quick Transit. His business was a testament to his industrious spirit and commitment to providing quality service.

Richard was a man who loved people and never met a stranger. His infectious friendliness and caring nature made him a beloved figure in his community. He cherished his family above all else and found immense joy in spending time with them. His lifelong friends were treasured, and he valued every conversation, old and new.

He was preceded in death by parents, Horace and Lillian; and brothers, Harold and Tommy Johnson.

Richard is survived by wife, Sue of the home; children, Amy Johnson of St. Charles, Andrew Johnson, and Adam Johnson and wife Brooke all of Owensville; sister, Patricia Sands of Brees, Ill.; and grandchildren, Ashley, Austin, Parker, and Ross Johnson.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 24, at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home Chapel, Owensville, with Rev. Roger Johnson officiating. He was buried with full military honors at Boeuff Presbyterian Cemetery in Gerald.

Memorials may be given to Gerald Community Outreach.

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BUSINESSLOG

RE/MAX EXCLUSIVE PROPERTIES



DIANE THOMAS

Diane Thomas with Re/Max Exclusive Properties in Owensville recently received sales awards for her sales in 2023. Re/Max 2nd place closed transactions individual and 7th place in commissions earned, individual for 2023, for the St. Louis Region; Franklin County Board of Realtors for 18+ million in closed sales for 2023; These awards honor high achieving real estate professionals for service to buyers and sellers.



ANDREW MAPLES

Andrew Maples with Re/Max Exclusive Properties in Owensville recently received awards for his sales in 2023. Andrew received the Presidents award for 2+ million in closed sales, Franklin County Board of Realtors 2+ million in closed sales and Re/Max Award—100% Club.



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Dillon Slaughter with Re/Max Exclusive Properties in Owensville recently received awards for his sales in 2023. Dillon received the Re/Max award — Executive Club, Franklin County Board of Realtors for 1+ million in closed transactions in 2023.

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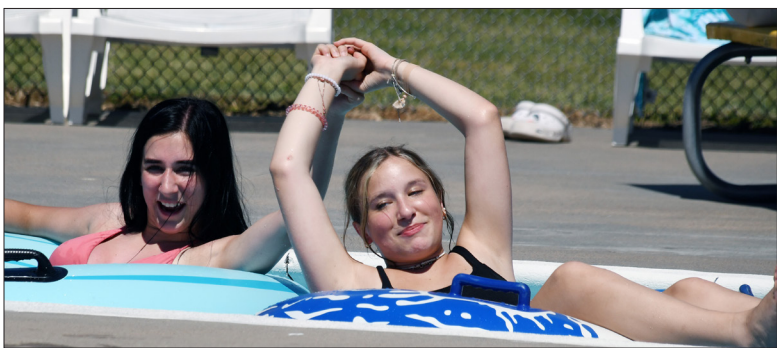
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Beating the heat

Hot and humid weather over the last few days has pushed attendance up at Owensville's municipal pool as youngsters and adults alike sought a cooler place to attend the day. On Sunday 302 visited Winter Water Park bringing the attendance so far this summer to 5,840 guests, up from the same time period for the previous four summers. Concession are also higher this year. Improvements at the water park during the off-season included sandblasting, painting and caulking the pool, refurbishing all three slides, new epoxy on the bathroom floors, new partitions installed in bathrooms, and a new coat of paint for the wood exterior.

PHOTOS BY DENNIS WARDEN



Owensville Community Picnic & Fireworks
Friday, June 28th
Memorial Park - Owensville

- ★ Flag Raising Ceremonies Will Begin the Event at 5:30PM
- ★ Beer Garden: sponsored by the Owensville VFW
- ★ Food & Refreshments — OVFD:
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★ Cash Only at Ticket Booth

- ★ VFW Ladies **CAKE WALK & BAKE SALE**
- ★ **BINGO @ 5 pm:** sponsored by the Owensville Lions Club

Children's Events on the Ball Diamond

- **Turtle Race** - 6:00PM (Bring your own turtle)
- **Sanctioned Mini-Pedal Tractor Pull**
Ages 4-10, sign up at 6:00PM
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FIREWORKS DISPLAY BEGINS AT DARK

News Briefs

GASCONADE COUNTY R-2 ADMINISTRATION Office will be closed July 4 for the holiday. The Administration Building will also move to a summer schedule in July, and will be closed on Fridays.

OWENSVILLE FIREMAN'S PICNIC WILL be start at 4 p.m. at Memorial Park on Friday, June 28.

IN MAY, THE OWENSVILLE Police Department (OPD) had a total of 380 dispatched calls, traffic stops, and other situations. They issued 38 summons through city court, handled 34 walk-ins at the OPD facility, 57 cases, and conducted or assisted with 59 traffic stops. Several investigations were also conducted during May, including child abuse or neglect, stealing and assault have led to municipal and state charges.

WINTER WATER PARK WILL close at 3 p.m. and the golf course will close at 4 p.m. this Friday, June 28 for the annual fireworks display.

THE OWENSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT has run 235 calls since the beginning of the year as of Tuesday, June 18 – an average of approximately 1.32 calls per day.

WINTER WATER PARK SAW its most profitable day on record since the facility opened. On Saturday, June 15, a total of 418 – since 2020 busiest day – guests visited the park bringing in sales of \$3,232. Most profitable day for admissions and concessions.

OVER 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED Owensville Parks & Recreation Department's (OPRD) recent Fidelity Flick. The next movie will be Friday, July 12, when OPRD celebrates Christmas in July with a showing of Polar Express. The movie starts at dark.



Owensville Park Board dedicates new addition to park system

The Owensville Park Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday evening for the new pickleball courts at Winter Park. On hand for the dedication was, from left Bob Niebruegge, Denise Bohl, Stanley Brown, Liam Kramme, Mayor Kevin McFadden, Parks Commission Chair Dana Hampton, Tom Hengstenberg, Matt Kramme, Karlee Nicks, Randy Blaske, Angela Lairmore, Jack Lairmore. The lit courts are open from dawn until 10 p.m. daily at Winter Park 409 Red Oak Road.

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Klebba elected treasurer of MBA

JEFFERSON CITY — Tom Klebba, president of Legends Bank in Linn, was elected and installed as treasurer of the Missouri Bankers Association at the organization's 134th Annual Convention held June 4-6 at the Hilton Branson Convention Center.

As treasurer, Klebba will supervise the financial affairs of MBA to ensure conformity with the annual budget. He also will chair MBA's Budget and Audit Committee. Klebba will serve as treasurer for one year.

"With his strong ties to the people, businesses and communities served by the bank, Tom understands the vital role that community banks have in driving economic prosperity in their communities," said MBA President and CEO Jackson Hataway.

A third-generation banker, Klebba joined Legends Bank in 2002 as chief financial officer and was named president in 2018. He previously represented Region 2 on MBA's Board of Directors. In his banking career spanning more than 20 years, Klebba is a graduate of MBA's Banking Leadership Missouri and was chairman of the MBA Young Bankers Leadership Board of Directors. He also chaired MBA's Executive Management Committee and served on the VEBA Board of Trustees and Capitol Region PAC, as well as committees for the American Bankers Association.

At MBA's convention, David M. Gohn, president/CEO of West Plains Bank and Trust Company, was elected and installed as chairman of the MBA. Patrick Kussman, president/CEO of Regional Missouri Bank in Marceline, was elected and installed as MBA chairman-elect.

The Missouri Bankers Association is a statewide trade and professional organization in Jefferson City that represents the interests of 220 banks, savings and loans and trust companies in Missouri. MBA serves as the principal advocate for the Missouri banking community and provides educational opportunities, products and services that assist bankers with enhancing their banking operations. For more information, visit mobankers.com or follow MBA on X @mobankers.



Cuba license office set to close

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Revenue has announced the closing of the license office in Cuba, located at 501 S Franklin Suite C, Cuba. The department has made multiple attempts to place the contract out for bid receiving no bid proposals. The last day of operations will be July 17.

The Department encourages customers to visit one of the following nearby locations to receive assistance with their motor vehicle and driver licensing needs:

- Steelville License Office – 207 W Main Street, Steelville
- Rolla License Office – 1038 S Bishop, Rolla
- Owensville License Office – 1106 West Hwy 28, Owensville
- Vienna License Office – 211 4th Street, Vienna

A full list of license office locations and hours of operation can be found at dor.mo.gov/

license-office-locator/.

The following online services are also available:

• License Plate Renewal — The Online License Plate Renewal System is a convenient way to renew your license plates. If your county participates by sharing personal property tax information with the Department, you have an easy registration option. Check here to see if your county participates.

• Renewal Requirements Inquiry — Online inquiry to obtain information regarding registration renewal requirements.

Get answers 24/7 with the help of the Department's chatbot, DORA, a virtual assistant programmed to respond to common taxation, motor vehicle and driver licensing questions.

Citizens may also renew vehicle and watercraft registrations by phone at (573) 751-1957, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Owensville fireworks display on Friday to light up the night sky

Volunteers needed or clean-up on Saturday

BY CHRISTINE YEARWOOD
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OWENSVILLE — Owensville Fire Department is hosting its annual fireworks event at Memorial Park in celebration of Independence Day, beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday.

"We're expecting a good turnout being the first fireworks display in the area," Owensville Fire Chief Jeff Arnold told *The Republican* on Tuesday about the June 28 event.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with food sales at the fish stand at the park.

On the menu this year is fish, chicken strips, brats, hot dogs, fries, soda and water. Food sales will directly benefit the Owensville Fire Department for future purchases of equipment, funding their annual banquet, and other expenses.

At 5:30 p.m., the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will hold the flag raising ceremony, followed by activities sponsored by local organizations.

• The OFD is sponsoring a sanctioned pedal tractor pull at 6 p.m., for 4-10 year-olds.

• The Lions Club is sponsoring Bingo at 5 p.m. beneath the pavilion.



la Lairmore at 573-437-8231 or parkrec@cityofowensville.com.

Owensville's Annual Fireworks Display is scheduled for Friday, June 28 at approximately 9:30 p.m. at Memorial Park.

The display will shoot from the Golf Course. Owensville Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking volunteers at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 29 to assist with the course clean-up.

The aftermath of fireworks scatter small pieces of debris that must be picked-up before the course's equipment finds it.

"Clean-up should not take long if we have several hands aiding in the effort! Help from individuals and community groups would be greatly appreciated," The Parks & Recreation team said in their request for assistance.

If interested in helping, please contact Angela at 573-437-8231 or parkrec@cityofowensville.com.

The Rosebud Community Park Association fireworks display will be held on June 29 at dusk. Events will begin around 5 p.m. with concession stands serving fish or beef sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, and homemade ice cream.

A Candy Cannon will go off around 7:30 p.m. Fireworks start at dark.



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	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">WESTERN BURGER</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">BBQ Sauce, Grilled Onions, Bacon and Colby Jack Cheese</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">\$8⁹⁹</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">1/2 lb Burger ...\$10.99 1/4 lb.</p>

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Roadside Park improvements approved

You may remember a group of volunteers who have been working to improve Roadside Park and other areas in town. They have already done an impressive job of cleaning up the area, trimming trees, planting flowers and cutting weeds. With the park now looking neat and tidy, they have turned their attention to adding some attractive structures to the park.

These include an arbor, a foot bridge and re-creating a two-story bandstand. The original bandstand was located in this park and was a popular gathering place for music and refreshments in Gerald's early days. It was a well-known landmark in the area.

Ron Bentsch, Rock Island Trail Coordinator with Missouri State Parks, met with the group in Roadside Park Friday. While the group has been in constant communication with Bentsch, the visit allowed him to see the actual layout on the ground where the structures will be located. The group also discussed with Bentsch which trees in the park are dying and need to come down before building begins.

The Gerald Area Library has agreed to partner with this volunteer group to help find private grants and donations to fund these objectives. The library's board of directors enthusiastically undertook this project. They understand that improving the community and inviting visitors to explore the area helps the entire town.

The group is working closely with Missouri State Parks and the National Parks system to plan an inviting and safe space.

The Rock Island Trail State Parks borders Roadside Park to the north. Plans for the trail head in Gerald now focus on placing it just across the trail from Roadside Park.

Eventually, the trail head could include rest rooms, a water station and an informational kiosk.

All of this, in the center of town, could provide a real boost to the downtown area.

Plans are also in the works for a mural on a building across Main Street from Roadside Park. A muralist has been paid a retainer to develop a concept drawing for the mural. There are separate fund raising efforts



RON BENTSCH, (above, far right) Rock Island Trail Development Coordinator with Missouri State Parks, explains to a group of volunteers that a bat study must be conducted before certain dying trees in Roadside Park can be taken down. Bentsch's department has given preliminary approval to build a two-story bandstand, a footbridge and an arbor in the small park.

PHOTO BY LINDA TREST

underway for that project.

Those who would like to make a general donation for these projects, or a specific donation for one of them, may send a check to

Gerald Area Library, PO Box 212, Gerald, MO 63037. Questions may be sent to geraldlibrary@gmail.com



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A hot time at the St. Gerald picnic

Saturday afternoon visitors to the St. Gerald Catholic Church picnic found some relief from the heat under tents, canopies and a pavilion. There they could shop for goods, enter raffles, purchase cool treats and visit with friends while listening to music. Inside the air conditioned fellowship hall beef and fried chicken dinners were served. There were also water features for the children to enjoy.

News Briefs

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will meet today, June 26, at 5 p.m. (a half hour earlier than normal) at the depot in Legion Park.

A DOLLY TEA PARTY sponsored by the Gerald Historical Society will be held Saturday, June 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gerald Lions Hall. If you would like to reserve a seat—or a whole table—you may call 573-578-8342 or email ncbush@outlook.com.

STORM SIREN tests are conducted the first Monday of the month at noon. Be prepared to hear the sirens next Monday, July 1.

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION meets Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

FIREWORKS may only be set off in the city limits of Gerald from Saturday, June 20 through Sunday, July 10. Times of discharge will be from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and to 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday and July 4.



Public safety promoted Saturday

Hayden Schoenfeld (above), a captain with the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Department, addresses the crowd at the Public Safety Day sponsored by his department. Presentations were made throughout the day on vehicle extrications, bullying, the opioid fight, structure fire safety and more subjects. Kids at the event were drawn to some water fun. Allison Caldwell (below, from left), Peregrine Klingforth, Jillian Pauk and Emmett Pauk enjoyed training on fire hoses while being sprayed by a giant fire hydrant sprinker.

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George W. Coble, Tracy Hubenthal (AIF), Audrey Coble (Deceased), parcels in Subdivision: 00025, Lot: 2, Block: 27; Subdivision: 00025, Lot: 3, Block: 27; to Gregory K. Hamm, Dilys Y Hamm.

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Pin Oak German Baptist Church, Pin Oak Baptist Church (NKA), Kurt Schulte (Trustee), Jeffrey S. Firsick (Trustee), Michael Garth (Trustee), parcel in Section: 17, Township: 43, Range: 6.00-SW-SW; to Pin Oak Baptist Church.

Zacharie Bollmann, parcels in Subdivision: 00130, Lot: 13, Block: 22; Subdivision: 00130, Lot: 14, Block: 22; to Bryce Payne.

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Travis Smith, Laura Smith, parcel in Subdivision: 00183, Lot: 2, Block: 30; to Hunter Mierisch.

Taylor B. Payne, Brandon Loughridge, Taylor B. Loughridge (NKA), parcels in Subdivision: 00237, Lot: 3, Block: 5; Subdivision: 00237, Lot: 4, Block: 5; to Dakota Snyder.

Sandra B. Duckworth, parcels in Subdivision: 00084, Lot: 37; Subdivision: 00084, Lot: 39; to Mark J. Borzillo (Trustee), Sally A. Borzillo (Trustee), Borzillo Family Trust.

Joshua W. Geisler, parcel

in Subdivision: 00095, Lot: 1; to Brandon Loughridge, Taylor Loughridge.

Nina R. Orr, William McBroom, Nina R. McBroom (NKA), parcel in Section: 25, Township: 42, Range: 5.00-SW-SE; to Joshua Geisler.

Eric Larimore, Jennifer Bradford, parcels in Section: 19, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W-NW; Section: 19, Township: 43N, Range: 6.00W-NE; to Jason Kammerich, Natasha Kammerich.

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Tammy Hemsath, William Pytlinski, parcels in Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 40, Block: 8; Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 41, Block: 8; Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 13, Block: 9; Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 14, Block: 9; to Roderick Krueger, Christie Krueger.

Vivian M. Cody, parcel in Subdivision: 00176; to Vivian M. Cody Irrevocable Family Trust Agreement, Cathy J. Cody (Trustee), Paula M. Creech (Trustee), Janet R. Cody (Trustee).

The Central Trust Bank, Jefferson Bank (DBA), parcel in Subdivision: 00023, Lot: 5, Block: 11; to Dutchmen Properties LLC.

Linda Michel, Julie Sloan, Michael Graham, Geraldine E. Graham Revocable Trust, parcel in Section: 28, Township: 42, Range: 5.00-NW-SW; to Michael Orzech.

Carl Smith, Bethany Smith, parcels in Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 7, Block: 6; Subdivision: 00221, Lot: 8, Block: 6; to Craig Holtmeyer, Melissa Brown.

Ronald M. Valley, Sr., Rhonda K. Valley, Ronald M. Valley II, parcels in Section: 33, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W; Section: 33, Township: 42N, Range: 5.00W; to Ronald M. Valley, Sr.

Patricia L. Schreiner, Larry J. Schreiner, parcel in Subdivision: 00070, Lot: 3; to Traveler Properties LLC.

William Land, Tobi Land, parcel in Subdivision: 00320, Lot: 40; Subdivision: 00320,

Lot: 42; to Larry J. Schreiner (Trustee), Patricia L. Schreiner (Trustee), Schreiner Larry J. and Patricia L. Joint Revocable Trust Agreement, Schreiner Patricia L. and Larry J. Joint Revocable Trust Agreement.

Rebecca Justus, parcel in Subdivision: 00202, Lot: 797; to Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Inc.

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John W. Kamler, Lisa E. Kamler, parcels in Subdivision: 00140, Lot: 7, Block: 4; Subdivision: 00140, Lot: 8, Block: 4; Subdivision: 00140, Lot: 9, Block: 4; to Kyle Cahill, Kimberly Cahill.

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Michael S. Crosswhite, parcel in Subdivision: 00120, Lot: 30; to Billy Millsap, Pauline Millsap, Anna Glosemeyer.

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Elmwood Church Farms LLC, Andrew J. McElwain (Sole Member), parcels in Section: 11, Township: 43N, Range: 5.00W-NE-SW-SW; Section: 11, Township: 43N, Range: 5.00W-NW-SW-SW; to Adrian J. Bailey, Tracy J. Bailey.

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Diener Properties LLC, Donna L. Diener (Manager), Mi-

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Victoria King, parcel in Section: 28, Township: 42, Range: 5.00-SW-NE; to Weston Davison.

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Tuesday, July 2
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What to know before 'reversing' your retirement

JASON R. CROWE, CFP, AAMS® FINANCIAL ADVISOR
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If you've retired, you may have thought you closed the book on one chapter of your life. But what happens if you need to "reverse" your retirement?

Due to higher inflation and rising interest rates, many retirees are taking out more money from their retirement accounts than they had originally anticipated. As a result, some are headed back to the workforce. If you're thinking of joining them, you'll need to consider some factors that may affect your finances.

First, if you've been taking Social Security, be aware that you could lose some of your benefits if you earn over a certain level, at least until you reach your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. Specifically, if you are under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which, in 2024, is \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit, which, in 2024, is \$59,520.

Social Security will only count your earnings up to the month before you reach your full retirement age, at which point your earnings will no longer reduce your benefits, regardless of how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amounts to credit you for the months your payments were reduced due to your excess earnings. Social Security also allows you to pay back early benefits received if you withdraw your application within 12 months of starting benefits. This move could help you receive substantially higher benefits at full retirement age.

Your Social Security isn't the

only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

Nonetheless, you can certainly gain some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously, you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance—which could be particularly valuable if you haven't yet started receiving Medicare.

In addition to the potential financial advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow workers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of going back to work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE Case No: 24GA-PR00021 In the Estate of DELORES M. HUXOL, Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DELORES M. HUXOL, Decedent:

On June 11, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DELORES M. HUXOL, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of GASCONADE COUNTY Missouri.

BRUCE HUXOL, 1700 SE CHEROKEE STRIP, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64015

ADAM JOHN PIONTEK, 30 S. MCKINLEY AVE, UNION, MO 63084, 636-583-5103.

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.

Date of the decedent's death: November 21, 2023 Date of first publication: June 19, 2024 /s/ Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk Misty Oetterer, Deputy Clerk

1 Administrator's Notices

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For default in the payment of debt secured by the deed of trust executed by Anthony Oliver and Malinda Oliver, a married couple, dated October 14, 2016, recorded as Document Number 2016-3084 on November 14, 2016, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Gasconade County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on

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

Estate No: 22GA-PR00036 In the Estate of DAVID A. SMITH, Deceased,

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in the Estate of: DAVID A. SMITH, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE, that 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, will be filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, by the undersigned on the 15th day of July, 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 (20) days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

MICHAEL R. MUNDWILLER

526 E. Washington Avenue Owensville, MO 65066 Phone: 573-437-2828

Attorney for personal representative JESSE SMITH 231 Segelhorst Road Leslie, MO 63056 Personal representative

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

PROBATE DIVISION Case No: 24GA-PR00050 In the Estate of CHARLES ANTHONY KAHLE, Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Small Estate)

To all persons interested in the Estate of: CHARLES ANTHONY KAHLE, Deceased.

On June 12, 2024 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of GASCONADE COUNTY, Missouri.

All creditors of Decedent, who died on February 6, 2024, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

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Date of first publication is June 26, 2024. /s/ Jenny Schneider, Circuit Clerk Misty Oetterer, Deputy Clerk 2t-062624 ger

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

Estate No: 23GA-PR00060 In the Estate of ROBERT THOROUGHMAN, Deceased,

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in the Estate of: ROBERT THOROUGHMAN, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that the Administrator of the Estate of Robert Thoroughman, Hannah Thoroughman, will file a statement of account in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, on the 25th day of July, 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 (20) days after the filing of such Final Settlement. The Administrator will distribute the assets in accordance with the schedule of proposed distribution contained in the Statement of Account

HANNAH THOROUGHMAN,

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said. "Everyone is a volunteer and has jobs and other things scheduled. It's not always easy for guys to break away, even for such a devastating fire. I'm proud of everyone for their hard work."

Iven, who worked for Hilke Ice for three years during high school, knew the original plant's layout. However, he was not as sure about the other parts of the warehouse.

"The old number one freezer in the storage area was first, then it hit number two, and I started getting a little nervous because Laron's house is right there," said Iven. "I didn't know if we needed to start moving resources to protect that. But we had Vienna's truck set up on the south side of the number three freezer, and they were able to shoot on top of it with their aerial. That really helped keep the fire from going on to the south side and that freezer."

He was most concerned about sections in the warehouse that were not visible to the naked eye. "We did our best to control the fire, but it was raging," said Iven.

Naden Luebbert of Echo Valley Productions in Westphalia flew a drone to capture thermal images of hot spots in the structure. "That was very helpful," said Iven. "We appreciate him doing that for us."

Most fire departments cannot afford to purchase a drone or a thermal-imaging camera. "They usually start at about \$5,000, and that's a pretty significant amount for a small budget in a volunteer department," said Iven. "Naden was there in the morning to show some hotspots where we really couldn't determine what was still burning. Because of the construction of the building and stuff like that, it was hard to get into the places that we actually needed to see. It was a benefit to have him there."

Crews from Westphalia, Wardsville (Osage Fire Protection District), Linn, Meta, Argyle, Vichy, and Vienna initially responded to join Freeburg's efforts.

"Mutual aid is critical," said Iven, noting it would have been impossible to contain the fire without help.

Linn Fire Protection District (LFPD) paged out at 12:40 on Wednesday morning, and his team was happy to help. "Our local departments, our county, I couldn't be any

more proud of them. And, you know, we are part of them," said Chief Ron Hoffman. "Everybody did what they've been trained to do."

Vienna Fire Protection District (VFPD) received notification at 12:53 a.m. and responded with a ladder truck, a tanker truck, and seven firefighters.

LFPD and VFPD set up ladder trucks with aerial apparatuses, and ground crews from multiple departments used hoses in a joint effort to put out the fire.

In the early hours of the morning, public water sources in Freeburg and Westphalia were depleted. Firefighters took as much water as they could from Quaker Windows, after which they were forced to find other sources.

Wieberg Red-E-Mix provided six concrete trucks, which hauled 10 loads of water (approximately 25,000 gallons total) from their Meta and Vichy plants. Osage Industries assisted Wieberg in carrying two loads.

"We kind of used up all the water in southern Osage County," Hoffman said, "so we had to go out farther."

Belle Fire staged at the Rollins Ferry Access to pull water from the Gasconade River. LFPD crews set up at the Mari-Osa Campgrounds on the daylight side of the Osage River.

Engines at those locations filled tanker after tanker, carrying water from the rivers to the fire. Throughout the morning, nine tankers worked to ensure a continuous water supply to crews on the scene.

"Through the course of the day, our tanker made 19 trips to the scene," said VFPD volunteer Mark Buschmann. "That's just one truck. You can imagine how much water got put on that fire."

"(Our) little tanker carried 25 loads," Hoffman added.

Iven called the Division of Public Service for assistance. The Division of Fire Safety Mutual Aid Coordinator worked with Region F Fire Mutual Aid to arrange assistance.

"They put out a message to any departments in the area saying if they had any spare tankers and personnel to respond to the scene," said Iven. "I think it took about

two hours to get them here, but initially, I had to delay them just a little bit because I couldn't get an established water source. We almost pumped Freeburg dry, and we were pulling a lot of water from Vienna. We were getting what we could from the towers at Rich Fountain and Westphalia. That's when I made the call for Belle to go to Rollins Ferry to pull out of the Gasconade."

The tanker strike team, consisting of trucks from Iberia, Gravois Mills, Mid County, Lake Ozark, Sunrise Beach, Eldon, and Moreau, arrived around 12:30 p.m. to provide aid. Due to its proximity, the truck from Iberia was dispatched directly to the scene and arrived earlier.

"I never lost water once, and I'm on a 1,500 GPM aerial," said Hoffman, whose truck pumped almost continuously for 15.5 hours. "Argyle was my team. We had three folding tanks set up, just the way we've practiced."

Iven agreed. "This is why training is so important," he said. "If you're not prepared for this kind of situation, it can go bad very quickly."

Iven added that while there were ponds and other bodies of water on local farms closer to Freeburg, it was not feasible to utilize them. "I was concerned that a truck would get stuck somewhere," he said. "We could have gone to someone's farm down along the river, but access in and out would have been difficult."

All told, Iven estimated the fire required nearly one million gallons of water to extinguish.

Buschmann said Vienna's role on the scene was to keep the upper side of the structure cooled to minimize the threat to Hilke's nearby house.

"That truck has probably never been used that long in its life," Buschmann said. "One time, it ran seven hours without stopping."

Iven arranged the removal of all non-essential vehicles from the scene to protect property and keep the area clear for tankers and pumpers. Drop tanks were deployed and refilled as quickly as possible during the day.

Iven said crews initially left the scene at



A META tanker truck bring more water to the Hilke's Ice fire.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

about 4 p.m. on Wednesday but returned to check for hotspots.

At about 9:30, Iven told Hilke that he needed to move debris to check for hot areas thoroughly. "Laron called Verslues Construction, and they sent an excavator to move things so we could see what we were dealing with," said Iven. "We appreciate their help."

One element of the firefighting experience that made Iven nervous was the lack of fuel in the wee hours of the morning. Fortunately, he was able to fill a truck locally, and Dickneite Oil Company delivered fuel throughout the day to ensure the trucks operated.

Crews from Maries Osage Ambulance District and Osage Ambulance District provided standby, but fortunately, none of the firefighters needed help.

A big part of that was training and having the right people in the right places to get the job done.

"The guys worked well with firefighters from other departments that responded as mutual aid, and many of them stayed most of the day," said Iven. "Every other department that we called was more than happy to come and help. I mean, some of the guys stayed there until the end — from when they showed up to when we got home. It took everyone to accomplish the job, and I had chiefs who knew what they were doing and could delegate jobs. That's a huge benefit."

Iven's appreciation goes beyond the firefighters on the scene, as many others helped in whatever way they could.

The Meta Fire Women's Auxiliary was on the scene all day. "They had backpack coolers loaded down with water and Gatorade," said Iven. "They walked around with packages of food. I mean, I'm really grateful for them. They really did an outstanding job and made sure we had what we needed to keep going. I can say thanks a million times, but it's hard to name every individual that played a part. I feel gratitude for anyone who helped in any way."

Hilke is very grateful for all the help from the community and industry colleagues. During the company's 50-year history, Hilke's Ice has provided ice for multiple natural disasters throughout the country, a fact in which Hilke takes great pride. Those friendships and good deeds stand him in good stead during his time of need.

Hilke's Ice Company was founded in 1974 when Tom Howat of Modern Ice Equipment & Supply in Cincinnati, Ohio, sold John Hilke a 400-pound ice machine, an ice chest, a box of bags, and a scoop. John was driven to provide ice because there was none to be found for that year's Holy Family Picnic.

At least one Hilke's Ice truck was seen delivering ice shortly before 7 p.m. last Wednesday while fire crews were still on the scene, proving that, even in the midst of tragedy, Laron Hilke continues to deliver what his parents, John and Marie, started 50 years ago.

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OHS TRACK alumni Saylor Richardson (above left, far left), Kyah Weirich (above right, far left) and Mekayla Gibson (top, center) helped William Woods University (WWU) Women's Track and Field win the American Midwest Conference (AMC) Outdoor Track and Field Championship meet held in St. Louis in early May. WWU will be leaving the AMC and joining the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) beginning with the upcoming 2024-25 academic year.

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'WILL'FUL THINKING



by WILL JOHNSON

Say Hey

Last Tuesday, Major League Baseball (MLB) lost one their all-time great baseball players when Willie Mays passed away at the age of 93.

For this week's installment of 'Will'ful Thinking, current and former Gasconade County baseball coaches and administrators will give us their favorite baseball players of all time.

Former Dutchmen head baseball coach Casey Fisher went with Mays as his greatest baseball player of all time.

"I would probably have to say Willie Mays also," Fisher said. "He was a great defender and of course a great hitter as well. He had so many clutch hits in his career it's crazy to even read about."

Fisher is now the Director of Technology for the School District of Washington.

Going another route was former Dutchmen head baseball coach Mark Jett.

"Babe Ruth," Jett said. "He just dominated his era more than any other player."

Now retired, Jett lives in the St. Louis area where his oldest son Jesse Jett is currently the head softball and baseball coach for the Longhorns at Parkway West High School.

Current Owensville High School (OHS) Activities Director Matt Johnson listed additional players along with his greatest of all time.

Johnson chose "Willie Mays because of his speed, power and defense."

During his MLB career with the San Francisco Giants, Mays finished with 3,283 hits, 660 home runs, 1,903 runs batted in (RBI) and 12 Gold Gloves in the National League.

"There are so many good one and comparisons are tough," Johnson elaborated.

Players that Johnson thought came in close behind Mays included Hank Aaron, Ruth, Ken Griffey Jr., Stan Musial, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and Ivan Rodriguez.

"The greatest catcher ever deserves a spot," Johnson said of Rodriguez.

Hermann High School (HHS) Activities Director and assistant baseball coach Todd Anderson agreed with Jett.

"I'll go with Babe Ruth," Anderson said. "His WAR numbers outpace the rest of the field by a considerable amount. He was ahead of his time as a hitter and was a pretty good pitcher in his early years as well."

WAR stands for Wins Above Replacement. WAR measures a player's value in all facets of the game by deciphering how many more wins he's worth than a replacement-level player at his same position (e.g., a Minor League replacement or a readily available fill-in agent).

Former Dutchgirl assistant softball coach Shane Hunt also went with Mays.

"Willie Mays was the complete player," Hunt said. "His defense was superb and his offensive statistics in all areas really stood out."

Hunt is still in the Gasconade County R-2 School District as a Physical Education (P.E.) teacher at Gerald Elementary School (GES)

Playing one year of high school baseball while at OHS, former Dutchgirl head basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer also chose Mays as his greatest baseball player of all time.

"Willie (Mays) would probably be my choice," Tappmeyer said. "Babe Ruth's stats are amazing but in a different time."

OHS Track alumni help WWU to AMC titles

BY WILL JOHNSON
SPORTS EDITOR

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relay with a first-place time of 49.22.

Richardson will be a sophomore at WWU during the upcoming academic year.

Gibson started her AMC meet with a fifth-place time of 5:15.40 in the women's 1500m run.

Coming back later in the women's 5000m run, Gibson posted a second-place time of 19:41.92 behind WWU teammate Hailey Gerard's winning time of 18:33.04.

Saving the best for last, Gibson topped the field by nearly two minutes in the women's 10,000m run with a winning time of 41:23.92.

Lady Owl teammates Mary Grove (2nd, 43:18.93) and Gerard (3rd, 43:19.40) made it a sweep of the top three in the event picking up 24 team points for WWU.

Gibson will be senior for the Lady Owls during the upcoming academic year.

At the end of the meet, Richardson teamed up with WWU teammates Myra Baker, Emma Clifford and Hawkins for a fourth-place time of 4:30.23 in the women's 4x400m relay.

Weirich made her mark on the meet for the Lady Owls teaming up with Crystal Ruden, Baker and Clifford to run a third-place time of 10:20.39 in the women's 4x800m relay.

Entering her junior season in Ful-

ton, Weirich will continue to work on improving her times.

Sweeping both team titles during the AMC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, WWU's men racked up 257 points to hold off runner up Columbia College's 227 points.

Amassing 176 team points, the Lady Owls also held off Columbia College's second-place team total of 162 points.

WWU was not the only AMC school with Gasconade County athletes at the meet.

Columbia College (CC) and Hannibal-LaGrange University (HLGU) also had student athletes representing the county.

CC's Peter Giles narrowly missed scoring a team point for the Cougars in the men's 800m run with a ninth-place time of 2:04.06.

Giles was a former Hermann Bearcat and will be a senior this coming academic year.

Also competing in the men's 4x800m relay for the Cougars, Giles teamed up with Kalieb Redda, Conner Diaz and Oscar Curry to post a second-place time of 7:53.08 giving the quartet All-AMC honors.

Diaz is also a former Steelville Cardinal.

A four-time Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) champion in the 800m run, Diaz capped his freshman season

in Columbia winning an AMC title in the men's 800m run with a time of 1:54.65.

Now a junior at HLGU, former Lady Bearcat thrower Kaylyn Powers won an AMC Title for the Lady Trojans in the women's shot put with a throw of 12.97m.

That mark was good enough to qualify Powers for the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Track and Field Championships.

Another former Lady Bearcat was also throwing at the AMC Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

CC freshman Tirzah Dodorico placed ninth in the women's shot put with a throw of 11.01m.

Looking for her second AMC title in as many events, Powers settled for second place in the women's discus with a mark of 38.17m.

That throw also qualified her for the NCCAA Track and Field Championships.

Dodorico also placed ninth in the women's discus for CC with a throw of 30.98m.

In her final event, Powers topped the field in the women's hammer throw by nearly four meters with a winning throw of 44.50m.

Dodorico earned team points for the Lady Cougars with a fifth-place throw of 39.74m.



Dutchmen hoops at Union

Dutchmen basketball players (top left, from left) competing in summer league action at Union High School include Brandon Graham, Zaiden Gates and Chase Crosby.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following personal property of **Don & Mickey Treese** will be offered for sale by public auction on

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OHS hoops

Brady Watson (top left, far right) guards Belle's Garrett Gehlert during summer league action at Union High School while Jansen Loeb (above right, center) passes out of a double team.

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William Woods University sweeps team titles during 2024 AMC Outdoor Track and Field meet

Owensville High School (OHS) track alumni (above, from left) Kyah Weirich, Freddy Zheng, Saylor Richardson and Mekayla Gibson helped WWU win AMC titles in track this past spring.



12U Dutchmen wrap up Osage League action

Atticus Budnik (above left) throws a runner out at first while Barrett Knight (above right) camps out under a fly ball at his shortstop position before making a snow cone catch.

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Lower Food Stand Opens At 6:30 PM

1:00 PM Goat Show	5:00 PM Swine Show
Following Goat Show Sheep Show	Following Swine Show Bucket Calf Show
4-7 PM Country Store and Exhibit Building Open (inside Legion)	6:00 PM Cornhole Tournament begins (near Upper Food Stand)
5-5:45 PM ... Sign-Up for Cornhole Tournament	6-8:00 PM S.W.A.T. Truck Show
5-7:00 PM Pig Scramble Check In	7:00 PM Queen Contest

LOWER ARENA - MAIN EVENTS

8:00 PM Pig Scramble

PIG SCRAMBLE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Online Registration before June 30th. See website for details. Entries must check in: 5-7 pm Friday
12 PM Check In -- Goats, Sheep 4 PM Check In-- Swine, Bucket Calf

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

Main Food Stand Opens At 6:00 A.M.
Gates Open at 9:00 A.M.

5K Walk/Run 6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Registration	2-4:00 PM Kids Zone (near Upper Food Stands)
T-Shirts available to those preregistered 7:30 AM Run	2:00 PM Turtle Race Check In
7 AM - Noon Fishing Tourney	2-4:00 PM Pony Rides
8 AM - 1:00 pm Country Store and Exhibit Building Open (inside Legion)	2-4:00 PM Barrell Rides
	3-6:00 PM Live Music

LOWER ARENA - MAIN EVENT - Double Track Pull

11 AM - 3 PM Tractor/Truck Pull Sign-Up and Weigh In at Fairgrounds (lower arena)
3 PM Farm Tractor Pull Farm & Open Farm
4 PM Street Stock Truck Pull
7 PM Xcaliber Pulling
5-10 PM Monkey Bus

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- Little Mr. & Miss Gasconade County Contest - ages 4-5, 6:30PM (main stage)
- Queen Contest (following Little Mr. & Miss)
- Rafter 7P Rodeo Productions Bull Riding & Barrel Racing - 7:30PM (lower field)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- Gasconade County Fair Parade - 5:30PM
- Steer Show - 7:00PM
- Demolition Derby - 7:00PM (lower field)
- ★ Softe & The New Relics - 7:30PM (main stage)
- ★ Zac Dunlap - 8:30PM (main stage)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- Pedal Tractor Pull - 6:00PM ages 3-10, sign up at 5:30PM (small pavilion north of upper grandstand)
- Eastern MO Truck Pullers - 7:00PM (Lower Field)
- GTO Garden Tractor Pullers of Mid-Missouri Assoc. - 7:00PM
- ★ Barely Covered Band, 8PM - Close, Lower Beer Garden
- ★ Sawyer Brown - 8:30PM (main stage)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- GTA Car Show (lower field) - 8:00AM
- 29th Annual BBQ Cookoff - 12:00 Noon
- Youth Livestock Sale - 3:00PM
- Kiddy's Nickel Scramble - 6:00PM (north of sheep barn) - sign-ups starting at 5:00PM
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OHS Track holds annual track camp

Earlier this month at Owensville High School's (OHS) Dutchmen Field, OHS head track and field coach Matt Candrl along with his coaching staff held their annual camp. Assistant coach Gabe Soest and former OHS distance runner Felix Guerrero (top left, from left) lead incoming fourth through sixth-grade student athletes in stretching prior to them trying out either hurdles, jumping or the javelin (right). Brianna Bodine (top right) catches air while trying to sail past a hula hoop in a drill simulating the triple jump. Max Altemeyer (far right) utilizes a trampoline to help him simulate the high jump event. Kinley Troncin (below) also works on her throwing form using a bamboo stick simulating the javelin.



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Bearcats Sports



Summer basketball practices

The Bearcats took to the court at Hermann High School Monday, June 24, to start their summer practices, working on drills prior to the summer athletic dead period that will begin this Saturday and run through July 7.

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News Briefs

HERMANN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (HRED) Corporation board has rescheduled its July session from Tuesday, July 2, to Tuesday, July 9.

THE ANNUAL AUDIT of Gasconade County government has started. County Clerk Lesa Lietzow last Thursday told the County Commission that auditing firm staff had been on site earlier in the week to review records and documents. The audit costs the county \$5,500.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) members are scheduled to consider any appeals of property tax assessments at their yearly session set on July 15. Property owners have a July 8 deadline to file an appeal with county officials.

THE ADVISORY PANEL on the distribution of Gasconade County's portion of the opioid lawsuit settlement funds is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning. On the agenda of the Gasconade County Opioid Settlement Committee, which will meet at the conclusion of the weekly County Commission session in the courthouse, are items such as setting a schedule for receiving applications from those seeking a share of the funds, the amounts that will be allocated and other items as the committee still is in its formative stage.

THE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE in the murder trial of a Hermann woman who has been held in jail in more than three years is scheduled for Friday morning. Christine Elizabeth Weber faces first-degree murder and armed criminal action charges in the Dec. 2020 death of housemate Al Falco. The trial in Gasconade County Circuit Court is scheduled for July 15, 16 and 17.

MRPC to update 1999 Hermann comprehensive plan

ST. JAMES — Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) is working to update the 1999 Hermann Comprehensive Plan — which will look at every aspect of the riverfront community and suggest how to best utilize its resources.

The kick-off May 14 meeting discussion included an overview of the comprehensive planning process, project timeline, available data, past regional and city studies, future public engagement and a tentative work schedule. The meeting was attended by city staff, elected officials.

"Comprehensive plans are vital to our local communities because they provide long-term guidance and visions for future city growth," Freand said. "MRPC looks forward to facilitating the planning process that is so important for a community's success and sustainability."

Staff are continuing to coordinate with Hermann to gather and analyze relevant data, which includes surveying various areas of the community, and updating an existing demographic and socioeconomic analysis and an existing land use analysis.

The first day-long public planning workshop will be held in August or September 2024. During this meeting a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis will be completed, a growth plan analysis will be created and a vision or mission will be developed.

The plan is scheduled to be completed in 2025 and will include implementation actions for a 10-year time frame.



Picnic in Bay

Everyone was invited to the Zion St. Paul UCC of Bay on Saturday for their annual church picnic for sandwiches, homemade pie and ice cream. Although seating was available in the air conditioned basement, these picnic goers (above) chose to enjoy each others company in the shade of the church building. Owen Overkamp (right), 4, of Linn is trying to make a dent in the banana bread his parents, Raymond and Gretchen purchased at the church's bake sale. The church picnic at St. James Evangelical in Stony Hill is on the calendar for Friday, July 19.

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BOA gives final okay for sewer rate increase

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HERMANN — Slightly higher sewer bills will be arriving after the Board of Aldermen Monday night gave final approval to a bill aimed at increasing the amount of revenue on hand to satisfy requirements of bonds sold a decade ago.

On a 3-1 vote, the panel approved bumping the rate from .0052 cents to .0056 cents per gallon of water used. The monthly service charge for sewer use is \$29.25. City Administrator Patricia Heaney at a previous meeting explained that the rate hike is needed to generate an additional \$60,000 to meet the revenue-surplus requirements of a sewer bond issue approved in 2010.

Dolores Grannemann, who at that earlier meeting questioned the amount of money needed, cast the dissenting vote.

On a related front, Heaney Monday night reminded residents of a public meeting scheduled for Monday, July 8, at 6:30 with bond counsel Joey McLiney to explain the proposed \$15-million sewer bond issue on the August Primary Elections ballot. Upgrades are needed to the city's aging wastewater system, including the relocation of a sewer lift station out of the floodplain in Lions Field near Frene Creek. During flooding, that lift station can only be reached by Department of Public Works personnel by boat.

The city is seeking voter approval of the bonds in order to obtain a low interest rate. City Hall could sell bonds without voter approval, but that would come with substantially higher interest rates. Heaney said the lower rates resulting from voter approval translates into a smaller increase in sewer bills for paying off the bonds. City officials estimate approval of the bonds will mean a 4- to 7-cent increase in monthly sewer bills.

"You really want to get that word out," Heaney said.

Mayor Bruce Cox noted that he has received many comments about the closing of Highway 19 (Market Street) at 6th Street while a new bridge over Frene Creek is building. "I've had a lot of people complain to me about the bridge," he said. "Folks, it's out of our hands," he said.

The Missouri Department of Transportation estimates it will take until early August to complete the project. The work has forced local and other traffic onto alternate routes to get around town. That is putting stress on otherwise lesser-used streets and residential neighborhoods. It's also resulting in increased traffic in sometimes crowded areas, such as the City Park.

"If you go through the City Park, be careful by the swimming pool," the mayor said, adding it would be better if motorists found a route other than through the park and pool areas.

In other matters, the aldermen acted on a raft of legislation, mostly annual housekeeping measures. In addition to giving second-round approval to a \$15.8-million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which begins July 1, the board approved an agreement for the city and the Messmer-Eitmann Senior Center to split an \$18,000 bill to fund service by OATS for public transportation services.

The Hermann Area District Hospital previously partnered with the city to help fund OATS, but the hospital opted out of the deal last year. The Senior Center stepped in as the city's partner for the transportation service.

Also approved was the acceptance of a plat that will allow property in Village Market to be subdivided to clear the way for construction of a new Dollar General store on the site now used as a dog park. A new Dollar General building will allow Cash Saver Village Market grocery store to expand into the area now occupied by Dollar General.

The board also approved a request from Public Works to declare as surplus property a five obsolete electric transformers. The plan is to place the equipment for auction on Purple Wave, an online auction service that deals largely with vehicles and equipment used by government agencies.

Several contracts were renewed related to the city's tourism industry: Rack card distribution service by CTM; marketing ads by Madden Media Marketing; search engine optimization and website maintenance and housing by Madden Media; ads placed in the Missouri Travel Guide by Madden Media; marketing of the city by Madden Media Search Engine Marketing.

The board also approved two Special Event Applications — one requested by the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce for the Patriots 5K run and silent auction on July 6 at Riverfront Park Pavilion and various city streets to benefit the VFW Post and a request from Camp Rainbow Foundation to take part in the Hermann Wine & Jazz Festival at the Amphitheater on Saturday, Aug. 3. Camp Rainbow is a camp for children battling cancer.

Hermann Area Ambulance District celebrates 50th Anniversary with Red Cross blood drive

HERMANN — The Hermann Area Ambulance District will celebrate its 50th Anniversary by hosting an American Red Cross blood drive during their Open House Celebration. This event will take place on Friday, July 5, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hermann Area Ambulance District, 510 W 16th St., Hermann. Although, the blood drive concludes at 3 p.m., the open house will continue until 5 p.m. To help celebrate, Hermann Area Ambulance is providing complimentary hamburgers,

chips, and drinks for all!

Record-breaking summer travel and severe weather conditions are expected to persist all season long, which may prevent donors from being able to give. When fewer people donate, less blood is available for hospital patients. The American Red Cross stresses that blood and platelet donors are critically needed right now to combat a drastic shortfall in donations over the last several weeks. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with

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