

Board receives detailed reports from all city departments after recently re-staffing police fleet

By Brandy Bourland

Detailed reports for all city departments were provided, including from the recently obtained police department, at the Feb. 25 Lowry City Board of Aldermen meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Patricia Landes, Aldermen Sean Langston, Shirley Edmunds, Charles Cone, and Jackie Cutler, along with City Maintenance Worker Kenny Walker, Water & Wastewater Superintendent Josh Muller, Police Chief Charles Hodges, and City Clerk John Farrell, as well as several community members.

After the meeting was called to order, the regular session minutes from Jan. 21, closed session minutes from Jan. 21, closed session minutes from Feb. 10, monthly bills, and financial reports for the month ending Jan. 31 were all approved in separate motions.

Amendment of Employee

Handbook: After a decision to add a time clock had been made during last month's meeting, changes were needed to include it in the city's new employee handbook, approved in recent months. Farrell presented what had been in the handbook as well as the proposed changes regarding time card procedures. After discussion, Langston made a motion, seconded by Cutler, to approve the changes as follows: [Time Sheet/Record Keeping section] "Hours worked must be recorded on time sheets accurately and signed by the employee before being submitted to the city collector for payroll preparation. All employees are required to punch in when working, utilizing the time clock located in the kitchen at city hall. Hours worked must be recorded on a time card accurately and signed by the employee before being submitted to the city collector for payroll preparation. (Employees are required to note hours worked in each department on the card.) Employees punch the time on said card when the shift begins and post the time if he/she leaves for any reason, i.e. lunch breaks or end of shift. Failure to keep accurate time sheets may result in disciplin-

ary measures and/or termination." All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Policy: The board discussed a new purchasing policy presented for review. Langston made a motion, seconded by Edmunds, to table the policy that was presented and address it as a bill at the March board meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Outfitting Police Car: Bid quotes had previously been publicly requested for outfitting the city's new police vehicle, a 2024 Dodge Durango that was purchased last year. Two bids were received and addressed at the February meeting for installation of police lights, sirens, a cage, radio, and decals. The bids were as follows: Nroute & Premier Communications, totaling \$17,810, which included the radio; and Pursuit Specialties and A&W Communications, totaling \$15,492. After discussion, Langston made a motion, seconded by Edmunds, to accept the bid from Pursuit Specialties and A&W Communications. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Langston noted that the budget would be required to be amended at the next month's meeting to include the purchase.

Lease Agreement: A one-year agreement between the city and the St. Clair County Quilt Guild, for use of a room at city hall, was presented for approval. Last year's rate was noted to be \$100 for the year. Discussion was held regarding possibly lowering the rate;

however, Cone made a motion, seconded by Cutler, to approve the agreement at the \$100 per year agreement. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Stop Signs Ordinance: After the city's ordinance regarding stop sign placement was discussed, as requested in a previous meeting, the board mutually agreed to leave the ordinance as is.

City Attorney: After the city's previous prosecuting attorney, Daniel Dysart, submitted his resignation late last year, due to county obligations (etc.), the board discussed obtaining a new attorney. Information received from Collins & Jones, with a firm location in Osceola, and Lauber Municipal Law, with a firm in the Kansas City area, was reviewed. After discussion regarding rates, Langston made a motion, seconded by Cone, to utilize Collins & Jones as city prosecutor at a rate of \$150 per hour. All voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Lowry City Community Betterment Updates: None.

Citizen Input: None.

Police Department Report: The city's new police chief, Charles Hodges, introduced himself. Hodges was hired in mid-February to fill the chief role following the city having no police officers for a number of years. After he was obtained, Hodges hired two part-time officers, Adam Marshall and Becca Tucker, with all three officers working up to 16 hours per week, each, at a rate of \$25 per hour for the chief

and \$20 per hour for officers. At the Feb. 25 meeting, Hodges reported that he had recently set up a reporting system in the computer and had begun work on the state-mandated crime reports. He noted that, while he has been busy with administrative duties, his two officers have been working in the community, having made 12 traffic stops, one felony arrest, and issued three tickets on state traffic violations, so far.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Justin Norris reported on response by volunteers to medical calls and motor vehicle accidents throughout the month. He also mentioned that pump testing for the fire trucks would be conducted at the same time as the upcoming cascade air system testing and that he was unsure of what the cost(s) would be. Norris said the fire department's women's auxiliary was making more progress with the remodel of the training room which has been underway since late fall of last year.

Before closing his report, Norris said there had been an issue with people utilizing the water hydrant near the fire house to fill bottle and RV tanks, which had reportedly

been an issue in previous years, and offered to place [another] lock on the hydrant to reduce water loss. The board agreed that a lock may be placed on the hydrant as long as a working key to it was provided to the city.

Public Works Report: Muller reported that he and Walker had recently been organizing the city shed. He also said he had been exercising the gate valves at the lagoons and noted that the city has not had any discharge for most of the month. He said he was able to close the lagoons down so there was no flow exiting the fourth cell and that, due to no discharge, the city was not required to have to take any monthly sewer samples via the Department of Natural Resources. However, he said the monthly BAC-T water sample result(s) had shown coliform positive, resulting in repeat samples required to be taken. Since then, all five samples that were taken have passed.

Muller said two rounds of inclement weather, snow and ice, had kept him and Walker busy with clearing roads. He

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ACHS Senior for 2025
This weeks featured

SENIOR, Taylan Schiereck

ACHS Senior Taylan Schiereck has been accepted to Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, Southwest Baptist University, State Fair Community College, and Ozarks Tech Community College. After reviewing her options and careful consideration, Taylan has decided to attend Ozarks Tech Community College (OTC) in Springfield, MO. Taylan will focus her studies within the Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program. The MLT program will prepare her to handle and analyze blood and other microorganisms within a clinical setting.

Osceola Optimist honoring amazing young Ladies



Bailey Wheeler



Marley Stevens



Addi Walters

Optimists honored these amazing young people for their accomplishments at school and in life. It is so rewarding and fulfilling to hear how they affect the lives of so many others every day. Congratulations to these amazing young people!!



Governor appoints local sheriff to state board

Friday, Feb. 28, Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe announced his appointment of James "Kent" Oberkrom to the Board of Probation and Parole. Oberkrom, from Clinton and with several family members residing in St. Clair County, previously served as the Henry County Sheriff (Clinton) for several decades, retiring from the position last year. Prior to serving as sheriff, Oberkrom worked in the juvenile justice system as a

deputy juvenile officer in the 27th Judicial Circuit. He has been a member and past-president of the Missouri Peace Officers Association and the Missouri Sheriffs' Association. Oberkrom holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Central Missouri. The new Henry County Sheriff, Aaron Brown, was sworn into office in late-2024. Photo Credit, Henry County Sheriff's Office.

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Mo-Kan Baked Potato Dance March 7

On Friday, March 7, Mo-Kan Square Dancers will be holding our Baked Potato Dance. Jay Wright is the caller. The dance will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Dining Hall at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, Nevada. Admission is \$7 per dancer. All interested persons are welcome. For more information call the Harolds at 417-465-2241 or the Eberts at 417-684-2794.

Tornado Drill March 5

This year's tornado drill, issued by the National Weather Service, will occur on Wednesday, March 5, at 11 a.m. Outdoor warning sirens may sound in communities choosing to participate in the statewide drill. The drill is part of the March 3 through March 7 Missouri and Kansas Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at Immaculate Conception Church

The Immaculate Conception Church annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be served on March 7, March 21, and April 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the St. Mary's School Hall in Montrose. They plan to have dine-in and carry-out options available with the menu consisting of fried fish, Suzy Q's, cole slaw, cornbread, cookies, and a drink with adults eating for \$12 and children under 10 for \$6.

St. Clair Cattlemen's Association meeting on March 11

The St. Clair County Cattlemen's Association will host their next meeting at Landmark Restaurant, Lowry City, on Tuesday, March 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The speaker/sponsor will be Jordan Gottlieb of New York Life Insurance Company. Those attending are asked to bring their empty Ralgro Wheels & Revalor Cartridges for Cartridges for Cash. For more information, contact Mackenna at 417-298-3523.

Next Meet Me on Main Shop & Stroll on March 12 in Appleton City

The next Meet Me on Main Shop & Stroll, Appleton City, will be on March 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., when businesses will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring.

Quilters' & Crafters' Day Out on March 22

The St. Clair County Quilt Guild will host the Quilters' & Crafters' Day Out on March 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Lowry City Civic Center, located at 406 W. Fourth St. The free event will offer several activities and exhibits including vendors, quilts, trunk show, quilter cake walk, concessions, and more.

Friends of St. Clair County, Inc., hosting Potato Bar March 26

The Friends of St. Clair County, Inc., will be hosting their famous Potato Bar with all the fixing's and dessert, on Wednesday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Osceola Optimist Building, located at 760 Second St. in Osceola. Dine-in, carry-out, or delivery will be available with meals costing \$8. The event is in honor of National Tater Day with a goal of selling 150 potatoes. For more information, including how to order and delivery, call 417-309-1887.

DbarJ Quilts hosting Elva Huffman Essay Contest

This will be the last year that DbarJ Quilts will be hosting the Elva Huffman Essay Contest for non-profit groups. All essays must explain the purpose of the group, how they would use a quilt to earn money for their purpose, and when the event will take place. All essays are to be submitted/received by March 30 with the winner being chosen on April 2, Elva's birthday. Essays may be mailed to DbarJ Quilt, Etc., at P.O. Box 48, Rockville, MO 64780, or emailed to joyce@dbarjquilts.com. For more information, call 660-598-2222 or 660-679-1809.

Warming Center locations in St. Clair Co.

The following locations have been identified as warming centers in St. Clair County during inclement weather and frigid outdoor temperatures, those marked with asterisk (*) will need to call the County Emergency Management Director at 417-646-2565, available 24 hours per day, prior to visiting the location: Park Grove Christian Church*, 11745 Hwy. NN, Deepwater; Osceola Community Church*, Walnut St. & Old Hwy. 82, Osceola; Vista Baptist Church*, 2250 Old Hwy. 13, Vista/Osceola; Lowry City Civic Center, during business hours, 406 W. 4th St.; Collins FEMA Storm Shelter*, 1400 Main St., Collins; Appleton City Library, during business hours - M,T, Th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 105 W. 4th St., Appleton City; and Growing in Grace Community Center*, 117 W. 4th St., Appleton City.

Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the Appleton City Church of God will be 7 a.m. on Saturday March 8. All the men of the community are invited to join us for a time

of great food and fellowship. Jonathon Smalley will have a short devotional.

St. Clair Lodge #273 Breakfast March 8

St. Clair Lodge #273 will be hosting a Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Come and enjoy a great breakfast provided by the Masonic Lodge as a fundraiser. Breakfast is from 7 to 10 a.m. Cost is by donation. The Lodge is located at Center Street and Lakeshore Drive in Osceola, MO.

Absentee Voting begins Feb. 25 for April 8 Municipal Election

Absentee Voting will begin Tuesday, February 25, 2025 for the April 8, 2025 Municipal Election in the St. Clair County Clerk's Office. No excuse voting will begin in the County Clerk's Office on March 25, 2025. Please call our office at 417-646-2315 if you wish to request an Absentee Ballot to be mailed to you. The last day an Absentee Ballot can be mailed out is March 26, 2025. The last day to Register to Vote for the April 8, 2025 Municipal Election will be March 12, 2025.

Pruning Fruit Trees Workshop

The MU St. Clair County Extension office is offering a FREE pruning Fruit Trees at Home Workshop on March 6 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the St. Clair County Library in Osceola. Register for this free workshop before March 6 by calling 417-646-2419. Ramon Arancibia, Horticulture Specialist, will be the presenter at this workshop you won't want to miss!

School Districts snow day sessions

Due to accumulated snow days impacting school districts' schedules, the following districts have scheduled make-up days in March: Appleton City Schools, in-session on March 31; Roscoe C-1 School, in-session March 10.

AC Spring City Wide Garage Sale

The Appleton City Spring City Wide Garage Sale dates will be April 25 and April 26. Information regarding permits will be posted at a later date.

St. Clair County Health Center has chemical well water test kits (active wells only)

The St. Clair County Health Center is closely monitoring the situation in Henry County regarding water and soil contamination in the Montrose Lake and surrounding area. Chemical well water test kits are currently available (for active wells only) at the health center for those needing one. For more information, please contact the health center in Osceola by calling 417-646-8332 during normal business hours.

5th Annual Hog Roast and Live & Silent Auction March 8

Grace Christian Academy will hold their fifth annual Hog Roast Dinner and Live & Silent Auctions Fundraiser on Saturday, March 8, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lowry City Civic Center, located at 4th & Cleveland St. The hog roast dinner is \$10 or \$6 for those ages 4-12 (3 years and under are free) and includes meat, sides, dessert, and drink. Dine-in or carry-out will be available. The silent auction will be held from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 7 p.m. For those parking at Landmark Restaurant, shuttles will depart every 15 minutes. Tickets to the event are available at the academy, located at 102 E. First St. in Lowry City, or at the door on the evening of the event.

Mediacom offering \$60,000 in Scholarships to HS Seniors

(Please note corrected email address and website information and sorry for any inconvenience).

Mediacom is offering \$60,000 in scholarships to high school seniors. Interested students are encouraged to apply by the March 14 deadline, with more information available through students' high school scholarship staff or by emailing:

scholarship@mediacomcc.com or go to their website www.mediacomworldclass.com

Annual Spring Junkfest

The annual Spring Junkfest, at Primitive Olde Crow Winery, Hwy. AA, Clinton, is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be local vendors, market stalls, food, music, bounce house(s) for children, pizza, the winery, and a variety of products and antiques. For more information, email primitiveolddecrowandwinery@gmail.com.

Annual Lowry City Spring Fair May 9-10

The annual Lowry City Spring Fair, organized by Lowry City Community Betterment, is scheduled for May 9-10. More information will be published as the date nears.

Lowry City Community Betterment seeking donations of historical items

Lowry City Community Betterment is currently seeking donations of any historical items related to the city or school to be kept and displayed in the museum within the civic center. Those with items and/or information are asked to message them on their Facebook page.

7th Annual Farm to Fork Summit & Expo

The 7th annual Farm to Fork Summit & Expo, hosted by West Central Missouri Community Action Agency's New Growth, will take place on Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nevada Community Center (Nevada). The event connects Midwest farmers, food producers, buyers, and advocates to assist in strengthening the local food supply chain. Sessions will cover diverse topics from marketing to financing, such as selling through regional food hubs to using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for small businesses. Participants will also be treated to a locally-sourced lunch. Tickets, available online, are \$45 or \$50 at the door, with discounts available for beginning farmers with less than 10 years of experience. For more information, visit newgrowthmo.org/farmtofork or email info@newgrowthmo.org.

Annual Paddy Pig Dinner & Sausage Sale

The Osceola Optimist Club, in conjunction with Vista United Methodist Church, will host the annual Paddy Pig Dinner & Sausage Sale on Saturday, March 15, beginning at 4 p.m., at Rivers Crossing Life [Senior] Center at 5215 Business Hwy. 13, Osceola

Boot Country Spring Craft Show

The Boot Country Spring Craft Show at the Dally Up Arena, located at 2029 E. Bufalo St., Bolivar, is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is expected to bring an estimated 100 vendors offering a variety of unique items and gifts including jewelry, hats, attire, home décor, bath & body products, pet products, baked goods, candles, and more. There will also be a horse and pony petting arena as well as food trucks on site.

Lakeland R-III School art department asking for donations

The Lakeland R-III Schools' art department is asking for donations of items for students to use for their creative art projects. Needed items (new or gently used) consist of: school-appropriate hardbound books (1/2" thick or 200 pg., any size and condition), yarn, embroidery floss, ribbon, buttons and sewing embellishments, beads, scrapbooking paper and trinkets, stamps and ink pads, stencils, envelopes, greeting cards, old maps or atlases, egg cartons, yogurt cups, brown paper grocery bags, bubble wrap, baby food jars, and/or any other items you believe could be used in creativity. All donations are appreciated and may be dropped off at the school on regular in-session school days.

Free Diabetic Education Class

Appleton City Rural Health Clinic is now offering free Diabetic Education Classes quarterly. Classes will be held the second Thursday of every third month at 4:00 p.m. in the Ellett Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Come learn about diabetes and diabetic meal planning from AC Clinic Nurse, Amy Oles. If you are unable to make the class you can call the AC Clinic at 660-476-2121 and set up an appointment to discuss the topics covered in the class.

ACMA provides community services and opportunities

The Appleton City Ministerial Alliance meets throughout the year providing community services and opportunities for the area churches to gather together for worship. Additionally, the ACMA helps people through the region in a variety of ways. In 2023 the ACMA founded the Tony Reynolds Memorial Scholarship, which is a \$1000 scholarship awarded locally to an area student pursuing continuing education post-high school. Some in the community have asked about the ability to make donations directly towards the scholarship fund that are not used in other ACMA endeavors. At any time, you may make donations towards the ACMA and they encourage you to do so. You may make donations at any of their community meetings, or feel free to contact one of the ministers serving in the ACMA for more information.

St. Clair Co. Food Banc could use your help

The St. Clair County Food Banc is currently in need of both monetary and nonperishable food donations as well as volunteers. One in six adults and one in six children in St. Clair County are food insecure. In previous years, the Food Banc would provide food to 325 individuals per month; however, this year, they have been providing to over 600 with 648 served in November alone. Those able to donate can drop off at the Food Banc, located at Fifth & Market St. in Osceola, on Tuesdays or at the Osceola Chamber of Commerce, located at 780 Second St., Monday through Friday. Monetary donations may also be mailed to St. Clair County Food Banc, P.O. Box 381, Osceola, Mo. 64776. Historically, with community assistance, the Food Banc has received enough food donations between Thanksgiving and New Years to keep their shelves filled until March when they begin to buy food from Ozarks Food Harvest, which is made possible through monetary donations. All assistance is appreciated.

39th Annual Pomme de Terre Rendezvous

The 39th annual Pomme de Terre Rendezvous is scheduled to take place on May 3-4, at 23296 Hwy. 254 (Hermitage), below the dam, three miles south of Hermitage and two miles west of Carson's Corner. This pre-1840's mountain encampment event will feature seminars, concessions and vendors, live music, shooting, archery, atlant, auction, a "School Day" (on Friday), and other activities. Early set-up will be on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 a.m. There will be water, ice, and firewood on site. For more information contact Ed at 417-733-5643.

Osceola Optimist Club raising funds for toddler playground

The Osceola Optimist Club is currently raising funds for construction of a toddler playground in Optimist Park. The proposed project, consisting of purchasing play equipment, equipment installation, and purchase/installation of a safety fence, is at an estimated cost of \$45,000. Those interested in donating toward the project can speak with an optimist member or mail the tax-deductible contribution to Osceola Optimists Foundation, P.O. Box 471, Osceola, 64776. For more information about the project, see the article in the Feb. 26 edition of the St. Clair County Courier or visit the website at stclaircourier.com.

St. Clair County Mothers in Prayer

Moms, grandmas, aunts - any women desiring to pray for the students and staff of Lakeland R-III School. Join us for an informational meeting about a NEW Moms in Prayer Group starting up in the 2024-2025 school year. When: Every Monday, Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m., Where: Seed House, 7891 NE Hwy. 13, Lowry City, MO. Contact Lisa Gurley, 417-321-0718 or ligurley@Lakeland.k12.mo.us

Praying together provides hope and strength to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children. To find out more about Moms in Prayer, visit www.MomsinPrayer.org



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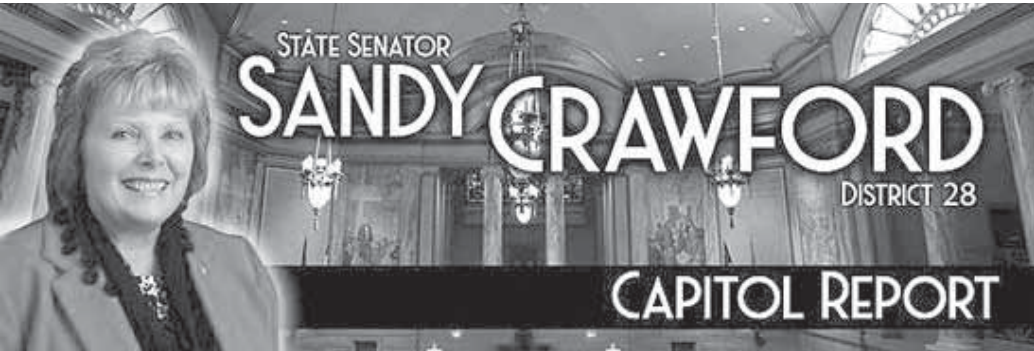
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We have had another productive week in Jefferson City, and I am happy to report that two more of my bills, Senate Bill 3 and Senate Bill 98 have moved forward and are now before the House of Representatives.

- Senate Bill 3, makes several changes to the Department of Revenue regarding contract license offices throughout the state. In order to keep our smaller, more rural offices open, the state needs to consider how much the cost of running a business has increased.
- Senate Bill 98, addresses the dramatic increase in fraud and scams plaguing Missouri citizens and seeks to add a tool for law enforcement to ensure they can prosecute these crimes even as technology and payment types evolve.

Other bills that passed out of

the Senate:

- Senate Bill 4, ensures reliable energy sources replace power plants before they are shut down by the federal government and modernizes utility investment rules to keep costs predictable for consumers.
- Senate Bill 10, repeals expiration dates on the construction manager-at-risk and design-build methods for certain construction projects. It also seeks to end sunsets on certain statutes, including the protection of female sports and Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.
- Senate Bill 22, creates new provisions relating to the treatment of summary statements prepared by the General Assembly for ballot measures.
- Senate Bill 63, allows

homeschoolers to participate in their local school sports and other activities regulated by the statewide activities association.

- Senate Bill 68, requires schools to report to DESE threats and incidents regarding the safety of the students at school. In addition, it requires schools to adopt cell phone policies.

The 2025 regular legislative session is nearing the halfway point. I will keep you updated as session continues.

I am honored to serve as your senator in the Missouri Senate. If, at any time, you have questions, concerns or ideas regarding state government, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or Sandy.Crawford@senate.mo.gov.



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On My Own DMH Program-Nevada, MO

Liberty Thought of the Week

Are You Ready To Vote On April 8?

by Paul Hamby

Across the state of Missouri, there are elections for new local taxes, creating new bonds for local governments (bonds are long term loans) and renewing existing taxes.

There are races for mayor, city council (sometimes called alderman), township, local boards such as fire or ambulance and school board members.

Sometimes we see local elections where the winner is elected by just 1 or 2 votes.

For example, in the April 2023 Lake of the Ozarks 3rd ward alderman election, Carol Denny won the race with 29 votes. Her opponent received 28 votes!

Your vote matters!

Even in higher turnout elections, we sometimes see very close local races. For example,

in November 2024, the Gentry County Missouri District 1 Commissioner race came in with a tie. Curtis Wilmes and Randy Cline each received 808 votes. A runoff election was held December 3, with Cline winning.

In the Buchanan County Missouri 2024 Commissioner race, Ron Hook had 7,851 to Everett Goddard's 7,831 on election night. Just a 20 vote margin.

In November 2021, Savannah school board 15-cent tax levy increase failed by less than 30 votes or about 1%. That was the second attempt to raise property taxes on Savannah school district taxpayers.

Your vote counts!

Most April tax increases that pass do so with a super minority - due to extremely low voter turnout. 20% turnout of registered voters or less is common.

An April 2023 Cole R-5 ballot question only had a 14% turnout, and one precinct only had 8% of registered voters voting.

Spring elections are sometimes called tyranny of the minority. The winning side of an issue is often decided by a very very small percent of the population.

This is the time to study the ballot, ask questions of candidates - to learn about tax renewals or tax increases. Sample ballots are now available from your local election authority or county clerk. Sample ballots will be printed in your local newspaper. Become an informed voter for the April 8 local election.

The deadline to register to vote for the April 8 municipal elections is March 12.

Early voting is underway at your local county clerk office.

Election day is April 8, 2025



Report to the 126th District

State Representative Jim Kalberloh

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To the Constituents of the 126th District,

Another week is being completed here in Jefferson City, and there was a complete 180-degree turnaround in the weather this week, and that was a welcome sight!!

We finished up with all the departments presenting their budgets to the whole Budget Committee, and now, next week, we will break up into our assigned Budget Appropriations committees and do a final mark-up. It will take all of next week for everyone to get that done, and then the final week before Spring Break, we should have the whole budget finalized to be brought before the entire body. At that point, my hours in committee hearings will drastically reduce. I love the process of working on the budget and seeing where the money comes from and how we decide to budget it out.

We also heard from the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, Mary Russell, during the State of the Judiciary, and she told of "The day in the life of a Missouri judge", which was very interesting and informative.

As for other legislation on the House Floor, it was family and children week. Most of the bills dealt with that topic, and if they can make it to the Governor's desk, they will be some things that will help Missouri families. I will highlight them below. I also presented two of my bills that I had filed for this year. One was on permits for highway signs on two-lane roads for business owners, and the second was a hospital funding bill for city and district hospitals, which would benefit GVMH and 12 other hospitals throughout the state.

Missouri House Passes House Bill (HB) 269 to Expand Child Care Tax Credits and Support Working Families

The Missouri House has passed **HB 269**, a comprehensive bill aimed at addressing the state's childcare crisis by incentivizing private contributions and employer-supported childcare solutions. The legislation establishes three key tax credit programs: the Child Care

Contribution Tax Credit Act, the Employer Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act, and the Child Care Providers Tax Credit Act. These programs, set to begin in 2026, provide tax incentives to individuals, businesses, and childcare providers who invest in childcare services. The bill is designed to increase access to quality childcare, especially in childcare deserts—areas with limited or no available childcare options.

Missouri House Passes HB 850 to Expand Child Care Licensing and Increase Availability

The Missouri House has unanimously passed **HBs 850, 53 & 482** with a vote of 155-0, marking a significant step toward expanding access to childcare while maintaining safety and oversight. The legislation allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant temporary childcare licenses to providers seeking to expand or open a new site.

Missouri House Passes HB 339 to Protect Identities of Individuals Reporting Child Care Facility Complaints

The Missouri House has passed **HB 339** with overwhelming bipartisan support, ensuring greater protection for individuals who report concerns about childcare facilities. Under this legislation, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will continue to keep records of substantiated complaints against licensed childcare facilities but will now be prohibited from disclosing the identities of those who file complaints.

Missouri House Passes HB243 to Protect Divorce Rights and Ensure Safety for Expecting Mothers

HB 243 & 280 has officially passed in the Missouri House, marking an important step toward protecting the rights and safety of individuals seeking a divorce or legal separation. With its passage, courts in Missouri can no longer delay or deny a dissolution of marriage or legal separation based on pregnancy status. This ensures that individuals—particularly those in difficult or abusive

situations—can move forward with their lives without unnecessary legal barriers.

House Advances Amendment to Elect Jackson County Assessor

House Joint Resolutions (**HJR**) **23 & 3** is a proposed constitutional amendment passed by the Missouri House that would require the Jackson County assessor to be an elected position, subject to voter approval. Currently, all charter counties must elect their assessor, except for Jackson County.

House Passes Bill to Offer Five-Year Vehicle Registration Option

This week, the Missouri House passed **HB 247**, a bill aimed at making vehicle registration more convenient for Missourians. Starting January 1, 2026, vehicle owners with cars less than six years old will have the option to register their vehicles for five years instead of the current one- or two-year renewal periods. Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that even-numbered model-year vehicles be renewed in even-numbered years and odd-numbered model-year vehicles in odd-numbered years. This change aims to simplify the renewal process and eliminate unnecessary restrictions.

Missouri House Passes Legislation to Expand MO HealthNet Coverage for Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants

The Missouri House has passed **HBs 177 & 469**, expanding MO HealthNet coverage to include hearing aids and cochlear implants for all eligible individuals. Previously, coverage was limited to needy children, pregnant women, and blind persons. This new legislation ensures that all MO HealthNet recipients who are deaf or hard of hearing can access the essential hearing devices they need, improving their ability to communicate, work, and participate fully in daily life.

I am honored to serve as your State Representative in the Missouri House. If, at any time, you have questions, concerns, or ideas regarding state government, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-5388 or Jim.Kalberloh@house.mo.gov.

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Bear Creek Church

Michael Banks, Pastor

The Lord calls us to seek Him and our hearts answer as we gather at the church for worship! Mike Higgins is our worship leader this month. Janice Leiber offered our opening prayer. Nita Banks was our scripture reader and chose to read Psalm 46:4; John 7:37-38 and Revelation 22:1 - Let those truly thirsty for the Lord drink freely from the living water of calvary!

We were blessed to listen to little Jackson and Mason Crow recite 1 Corinthians 13 this morning. All from memory, with genuine feeling and joy. What a wonderful way to center on Christ and His love for us all!

Kenneth Garrison provided special music this morning singing “That Pearly White City.” His rendition touched our hearts and brought us deeper into a mindset of worship. Thank you, Kenneth.

We are praying for many and know that God hears us. We mourn with the family of Priscilla Armstrong who went home to be the Lord this week. May God’s comfort flood over them all.

Pastor preached the gospel this morning. We can hear that sermon a million times and it never leaves anyone the same. Gratitude and joy hit the believer like a ton of bricks. Some un-believers who decide for Christ get that same joy jolt! One thing the gospel message never does is “nothing”. Because even those who don’t believe it, turning away in disgust have had a response to it. Why? God said it in Isaiah 55:11 “my word will not return to me void, but it will accomplish that which I set it to”. The gospel permeates the entire bible. It includes the bad news that we all fall short of God’s standard destined for hell and the good news that God loves us enough to provide a way for forgiveness, reconciliation and eternal life in heaven. One way.....Only Jesus. God’s only Son, God who put on flesh, suffered, died, rose again, all for us. He’s coming again soon! Are you ready?

Won’t you join us for church? We’d love to have you. Worship starts at 9am with Sunday School following. Bible study is on Wednesday nights at 6pm. We’re in the book of John. Until then, may the gospel of Christ move you ever closer to the heart of God!

Hopewell Baptist Church

Neal Brooks, Pastor

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Paul talks about spiritual maturity and how the church in Corinth is acting in ways they shouldn’t be acting. Why is the church teaching things not of God - because of spiritual immaturity. They were still just drinking spiritual milk when they should be eating spiritual meat. They want to pick and choose different leaders. The one who plants and the one who waters have a purpose, but God makes it grow. Faith is not about human beings; faith is about Jesus Christ. If our faith is not in Jesus, we have a problem. Humans will always let us down, but Jesus doesn’t make mistakes. Paul isn’t saying they don’t have the Spirit because they are struggling. Spiritual maturity does not come with age and Paul never questions their desire to follow Jesus. Some day we all have to grow up. It’s not always perfectly simple, we have to listen when Jesus is prompting on our hearts. Sometimes we have to be willing to listen to an idea that is not what you are accustomed to. How will faith develop if we’re not challenged? Growth in Christ doesn’t happen overnight, and it won’t happen if the question isn’t asked.

All the New Testament authors are encouraging but tell them they have things to work on. Just because someone challenges us, does not mean they don’t have good intentions. Paul is willing to say the hard things. It’s about making a difference for Jesus. Our world tends to want to walk away from church due to a bad experience. Paul had so much patience. How often do we have no patience with unbelievers. It’s far too easy to ignore or cast off than to work through what needs to be worked through. All of us need more spiritual maturity. Jesus never stops trying to get us to grow in Him. Ask God the question every day - God, what do You want from me today? Where God leads us, we’re supposed to follow. We have to be willing to listen. Pray, ask God what He wants from us, pick up His word and read it!

Join us weekly for Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m., Children’s program and Bible study at 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study and Children’s Program at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church Lowry City

Jeff Ferguson, Pastor

Awana “Cookie Night” will be March 9 at 5 p.m. The club leaders will provide fresh baked cookies for the kids to eat and share with their friends. Of course there will be extra for the adults. Yum! We also have our Awana Grand Prix coming up at the end of the month.

We are very excited to have two new deacons join in service with us. Brad Matlock and Ed Sagar have been deacons in training for the past year and were voted officially into the role of deacon at this past Wednesday’s business meeting. We look forward to many great things from these two men.

Last week in the book of Joshua we learned that Rahab, one of the people in Jericho helped the spies that Joshua sent, escape by hiding the men on the roof. She knew that God had given the Israelites the land and that they (the people of Jericho) would be destroyed because of their evil ways. So, she asked the men to spare her and her family, and it was granted. All she had to do was hang the scarlet thread in her window and her household would be passed over. We also learned that the “scarlet thread” (innocent blood) is throughout the scriptures from Genesis to Revelations.

This week we were shown another example of an innocent dying to save another. Bro Jeff Ferguson took us to the book of Genesis to teach us about Abraham being willing to sacrifice his only son for God. But God seen his heart and provided another innocent life for the offering. Bro Jeff quoted Genesis 22: 12-13 which state, “12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.”(KJV).

Sunday School is at 9 a.m, Worship Service is at 10 a.m. and Awana Bible Clubs, which run from October to May, are at 8 p.m. We have Wednesday Evening Service at 7 p.m. We are still streaming our services on Facebook and feel blessed that we can offer this to those who cannot physically make it to church. Please check the website or Facebook for closings due to inclement weather. You can find more information about our church family and our mission efforts on our website at www.firstlowrycity.com. God bless.

Vista Baptist Church

Bro. Jimmy Johnson, Pastor

Sunday, March 2 was a great day at Vista Baptist Church with 78 in Sunday School, worship of our Lord and Savior, recognition of our Pastors’ Wives with a lunch party for the ladies, and first Sunday night hymn sing with fellowship meal.

The morning text was “The Character and Cheer of Kingdom Citizens” from Matthew 5:1-4. Lauren Johnson and Kayli Neale brought the morning’s special music: “Are You Washed in the Blood?”

Bro. Chris opened the evening service with prayer. The congregational singing then moved to two Mother-Daughter duets: Lauren Johnson and Sandy Prichard plus Marti and Kymberlee Suiter. They were followed by Lydia Wisner’s piano solos plus accompanying the Johnson girls as they sang. Our third Mother-Daughter duet was Lauren and Joanna Johnson (with backup from Callie Johnson). Soloists were Leah Johnson and Lydia Wisner. Bro. Jimmy asked the blessing on the meal and our time of fellowship. Attendance for the evening service was 42 (35 last week).

We thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare the celebration for Lauren Johnson and Brandy Moore.

The Saturday morning Men’s Bible Study at 6 a.m. continues through March 22. The Monday evening Women’s Bible Study at 6 p.m. continues through March 24. Join us.

TeamKids and Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Adults gather at 7 p.m. for prayer and Bible Study. Join us. Contact the church at 417-646-8666 or check us out on Facebook or at the church website: <https://vistabaptistchurch.com/>.

Elpis (Hope) Ministry

R. H Smart, F.D

Rod of Correction
Proverbs 3: 11-12
My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

It has been said that we will either learn to suffer the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. One facet of free will is just this: discipline or regret. Pick one. We need not look very far today to see the glaring lack of discipline in America and elsewhere. People tend to live as though they are not accountable to God for their behavior, which is a big mistake.

2 Timothy 3:1-5
This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Does any of this sound familiar? This mentality started way back in the Garden with the serent and Eve.

Genesis 3:1-5
Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

As a result of their disobedience we now all suffer the consequences of their choices. Some things never change, even today many fall victim to our choices often impacting those around us as well. The pain of discipline is usually short-lived, while the pain of regret can last a lifetime. Likewise, the pain of discipline usually ends in a favorable outcome, while the pain of regret pours yet more misery into our lives.

Proverbs 13:24
He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.

Wed. Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Roscoe, Missouri

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Pastor Eli Gospich (417) 646 - 8221

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Sunday 5:30 p.m.

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Minister Richard Kiefer

Walnut & Locust Streets Osceola, MO

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. • Worship 10:00 a.m.

Osceola Community Church

Karry Phillips, Pastor

Sunday School.(All Ages) 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Danny Ferguson

SUNDAY

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Morning Worship10:45

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Wednesday - 7:00

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Men's Ministry

Children's Church

Angel Food Ministry

Salvage Yard

Youth Center

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1610 Delaporte, Collins, MO • Dan Menesee, Minister

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Sharon Baptist Church

Fifth & Mahan, Lowry City, MO 64763

Elder J. D. Baker, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Preaching Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Preaching Services (except 3rd Sunday night) 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

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Appleton City Area Church Directory

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Worship10:30 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service.....6 p.m.

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Missouri Synod
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660-476-5438
Pastor W. G. Smith
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:00 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesdays.....9 a.m.
Ladies' Aid, first Thursday..... Noon

Holy Trinity Church
(Formerly Methodist)
214 E. Third Street Appleton City
Pastor David Hill
660-476-5322
trinitysecretary@gmail.com
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Fellowship.....10:15 a.m.
Worship Service10:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Fifth & Poplar Streets, Appleton City
Pastor: Ryan Campos
Church Phone: 660-476-5512
Parsonage Phone: 660-476-5620
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship10:45 a.m.
Bible Study6 p.m.

Wednesday Night
The Pastor's Class.6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Mass Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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Pastor Aaron Koch
Appleton City
Sunday SchoolAdult 9:45 a.m.
.....Children 11:00 a.m.
Worship10:40 a.m.
CWF - Women's Fellowship
second Saturday8:30 a.m.
CMF Disciple Men
Third Saturday.....7:30 a.m.
Older Youth Group, Quarterly.....TBA
Fellowship Dinner, Second Sunday...Noon
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Marcus L. Cumpton
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Commissioned Lay Pastor
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Sunday worship.....11 a.m.

Ohio Christian Church
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Alan Black, Minister 660-679-2333
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Fellowship/Breakfast10:20 a.m.
Morning Celebration & Praise...10:45 a.m.
Men's Breakfast - 3rd Sat7:00 a.m.
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Lent services will be on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6 pm. Donna Hughes will lead us in the scripture reading and there will be a simple meal.

We say it in our prayers and we say it every time we come to church, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”. It is a very clear message, we are to simply love and forgive everyone as God does us.

As we travel through life, we learn from those around us. Many of our lessons come from something someone said or even from their reactions. These lessons may have come from teachers, parents, preachers or friends. They can also come from people that you don’t even know. They can be good or bad. Good lessons come from people showing kindness, tenderness and forgiveness. But other times they may not be so good like when we see hate, bitterness or malice that is shown or acted out against others.

It is our choice to choose what we listen to and how it all makes us feel. It is very important how we react to all of these things.

Even though life can sometimes drag us down, we need to take the good from it and fill our thoughts with love and kindness for all we meet. We need to forgive others and show that we are truly God’s children. We need to pay attention, listen to that knock that we hear and to always end each day with something positive that we have learned. God’s ability to love and forgive us is greater than all of our sins.

And God said, “This is my Son, listen to him.”

Church of God
Rev. Dr. Cole Heiserman

Living for Jesus: A Life of Surrender and Submission
In a world that values independence and self-sufficiency, the idea of surrendering to God can seem counterintuitive. Yet, true strength is found not in striving harder but in yielding to His will. Philippians 2:12-18 challenges believers to “work out” their salvation—not by earning it, but by living in obedience, reflecting the transformation God has already begun. Paul reminds us that this journey is not about self-reliance but about recognizing that it is God who works within us, shaping our desires and empowering us to live for His glory.

Paul also warns against attitudes that hinder our witness—grumbling, complaining, and arguing. Instead, he calls believers to shine as lights in the world, holding fast to God’s Word and embracing a life of humility and obedience. This passage reminds us that submission to God is not a burden but a joy. Just as Paul saw his own life as a sacrifice poured out for Christ, we too are called to lay ourselves down, trusting that true fulfillment comes not in clinging to our own way but in giving ourselves fully to God’s purposes.

Ultimately, Paul’s message is a call to reflect Christ—to live in such a way that others see the power of the gospel at work in us. When we stop striving in our own strength and fully submit to Him, we don’t just talk about faith—we embody it. A life of surrender is not about losing; it’s about gaining something far greater: the joy, purpose, and peace that come from walking in step with God’s will.

Cedar County Historical Society News

By Connie Maupin

Members of the Cedar County Historical Society gathered at the museum in Stockton, on Monday, February 24, for a soup lunch, with good food and fellowship. Following lunch the business meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were President Judy Nichols, Vice President Chris Barber, Secretary Connie Maupin, Treasurer Anna Hopkins, Judith Cain, Sheila Griggs, Virginia Barber, Frank Stranimier, Sharyl Henry, Ellis Benham and Bob Estes.

Chris and Virginia Barber reported working on a program and have since solidified plans. Local author and Missouri native, Kaitlyn McConnell, will be presenting the program, “Ozarks Superstitions, Traditions and Legends” on June 8, at 6 p.m., at the museum. The program is free to the public.

An awning that will be going up over the front door is due to be installed by April. This addition will not only enhance the entryway, but will provide much needed protection from the weather for the new front doors. The security lighting will need to be relocated.

Two new chairs, a table, grid-walls for displaying photos, etc. have arrived, although there were some problems with other grid-walls arriving damaged. Judy Nichols will be investigating other options for purchasing more.

The little Niche store has been closed, which provides some much needed display space for the museum. There will still be a white elephant sale at the museum during Walnut Festival.

Judy Nichols requested some assistance from members to identify homes and people in some old photos. Members were happy to oblige.

Frank Stranimier donated some much needed ceiling tiles to replace damaged tiles in the research library. Bob Phillips donated a military helmet liner.

The museum will resume regular open days beginning April 19, weather permitting. Open dates will be the first and third Saturday of the month from noon to 4 p.m. Meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month at 1 p.m. and the museum will also be open during those hours. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 31, at 1 p.m.

The society’s historical books, maps, CDs and member books make great gifts for those who like Cedar County history and are available for sale at the museum.

The Cedar County Museum and Research Library are located at 106 West Davis Street in Stockton. Admission is free. For information, appointments or to purchase publications call: 417-276-1142, email at cedarcomohistsoc@gmail.com, on Facebook at “Cedar County Mo Historical Society” or by mail at P.O. Box 111, Stockton, MO 65785.

Faith Community Church

Pursuing Humility
Ephesians 4:1-3
The Lord has specific aims for each of us individually. But, He also has goals that apply universally to all believers, such as a relentless, lifelong pursuit of humility.

A humble mindset is more than a healthy view of ourselves; it is a servant’s attitude that acknowledges our total dependence on the Lord. Philippians 2:3 says, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.” In order of priority, Jesus comes first, others are second, and we are last.

As believers, we speak emphatically about loving others, forgiving them unconditionally, and treating them with kindness. But the root of these actions is humility. To be able to love and forgive others, we must be willing to recognize their great worth in God’s eyes and the magnitude of His compassion, love, and forgiveness toward mankind. As Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

If we think only of how we feel, what’s convenient for us, or ways to profit from a situation, we won’t be demonstrating Jesus’ love. However, when humility is our goal, then love, forgiveness, and kindness will grow out of it.

River of Life Fellowship
James Damon, Pastor

We have spent two weeks sharing many details of the life of Photina, or the woman at the well from John 4. If you have missed the last two weeks, find those devotionals so you can read more about this amazing follower of Christ. Another great resource that has several of these nuggets is Lisa Bevere’s outstanding book “Without Rival”.

Here’s an amazing tidbit as well (as though I can outdo any of these other nuggets). Her name, Photina, in Greek means “The Enlightened One”. Whether realized or not, she was prophetically named by parents (likely entrenched in the Hellenistic pantheistic culture of the day), and how powerfully God used her!

Here are a few more nuggets of her story. She was imprisoned for three years following these other tortures from Nero. It is said that he would strive to invent new ways to torture her, and still got no renunciation of her faith, and often those that would see the torture would convert to Christ. Her jailhouse became a house of worship as the stories moved throughout Rome, leading multitudes to come for prayer and to hear the Gospel.

Her death is a portion that has some shrouded mystery within it. Some claim she was beheaded, as many imprisoned Christians were. Others claim that Nero found no way to kill her (similar to John the Revelator surviving being dipped in oil), so he threw her into a deep well (we come back to wells) to be alone. Other accounts claim she only died when she willingly gave up her spirit believing that she had fulfilled all she was called to do!

Half of these accounts (spanning some three devotions now in bulleted comment) would be a life well-lived. Let me ask you this, however. We know God is well pleased with her obedience. Is he as pleased with yours?

First Christian Church
Rich Kiefer, Pastor

In chapters 43 and 44 of Genesis, we find Joseph playing all of the cards which bring his brothers to complete recognition and repentance of their transgressions. One person we don’t really think about in the account of Joseph, however, is Judah.

For many years, Judah was just one of the twelve. Then in chapter 37, Judah is the one who suggests they sell Joseph to the Ishmaelite traders. Not being aware that his brother Rueben’s intentions were to free him later. But certainly, selling him was more humane than letting him starve to death in “the pit.”

Then we see the unusual account of Judah and Tamar. In it, we see God’s providence over the genealogy of the redeemer. Which put Judah and Tamar, a Canaanite, and then their son Perez in the lineage. And then in our text this week, we see Judah emerging as the leader. We aren’t told why this came about. WW suggests that maybe the whole affair with Tamar had taught him some lessons.

One might wonder why God didn’t choose to make Joseph the ancestor of Jesus. And all I can say about that is to, once again, quote from Isaiah 55:8-9. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

It’s interesting, as we read these accounts to see how God slowly changes the lives of different players in his plan. And I can’t help but reflect on the changes which have come about in my own life. God took a rebellious young man, and after many years, put him behind the pulpit of the Osceola Christian Church. Again, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.” Blessings!

Missouri State Beekeepers Association Alarmed by Nationwide Honey Bee Colony

Survey Reveals Over 1.1 Million Honey Bee Colonies Lost, Raising Alarm for Pollination and Agriculture

February 28, 2025 – The Missouri State Beekeepers Association (MSBA), representing over 750 beekeepers across Missouri, expresses deep concern regarding the alarming results of a recent nationwide survey revealing catastrophic honey bee colony losses.

The survey, conducted by a multi-organizational working group including Project Apis m., the American Beekeeping Federation, and the American Honey Producers Association, indicates an average loss of 62% among commercial beekeeping operations between June 2024 and February 2025.

These unprecedented losses, which significantly surpass historical trends, pose a serious threat to U.S. agriculture, particularly impacting crop pollination for essential food

sources such as almonds, fruits, and vegetables.

“The MSBA is deeply troubled by these findings,” said Ray Shadow, President MSBA. “Honey bees are vital to our ecosystem and agricultural economy. These losses will have far-reaching consequences for Missouri’s farmers and consumers. We urge swift action to address the factors contributing to this crisis.”

The survey, administered by Project Apis m., gathered data from 702 beekeepers, representing an estimated 1.835 million colonies, approximately 68% of the nation’s bees. Key findings include:

Commercial beekeepers (more than 500 colonies) experienced an average loss of 62%.

Sideliner operations (50-500 colonies) reported an average loss of 54%.

Hobbyist beekeepers (1-49

colonies) lost an average of 50% of their colonies.

The total estimated colony loss among respondents is 1,123,959.

Direct colony losses are conservatively estimated at \$224.8 million.

The total estimated economic loss, including lost almond pollination income, exceeds \$634.7 million.

“These staggering losses are unsustainable,” said President Shadow. “The economic impact is devastating, and the implications for our food security are profound. We need to work together to find solutions and protect these critical pollinators.”

The MSBA encourages Missouri beekeepers and the public to stay informed about bee health and support efforts to protect pollinators.

For further information or to schedule an interview with

a Missouri beekeeper to discuss this issue, please contact:

Clayton Lee, 573-864-5172

About the Missouri State

Beekeepers Association:

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association (MSBA) is a statewide organization representing over 750 beekeepers in Missouri. The MSBA is dedicated to promoting beekeeping, educating the public about the importance of pollinators, and advocating for policies that support bee health.



FFA Makes Surprise Visit To Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Montrose



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Montrose, MO. has surprise visitors at this AM Mass, from the FFA members, from left to right Laine Swater, Kate Wareham, Kelesy Carter, Kassody Brownsberger, Back Row: Seth Engeman, Carson Johnson, Dillon Eye and Carson Stewart.

Lakeland Elementary Students of the Month for February



Kindergarten A
Ronnie Murray



Kindergarten B
Jayla Lysinger



First Grade A
Caleb Landes



First Grade B
Leon Neuenschwander



Second Grade A
Blair Poterbin



Second Grade B
Roric Moran
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Third Grade A
Maverick Fellhoelter



Third Grade B
Henry Neuenschwander



Fourth Grade A
Korbin Hills



Fourth Grade B
Payton Van Voorhis



Fifth Grade A
Peyton Clark



Fifth Grade B
Bowen Horton



Sixth Grade A
Sophia Kentch



Sixth Grade B
Madison Foster



Nice Job Lakeland Viking

Recently re-staffing police fleet

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said that new plow skids for both plows were needed, due to wear, and had been ordered. He also mentioned that the plow for one of the trucks was needing a new cutting edge and rubber blade. Upon further discussion, Langston made a motion, seconded by Edmunds, to purchase a new rubber blade for the plow mentioned, at a cost of \$608. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The

board also mutually agreed to replace a tankless water heater at the city shop at an estimated cost of under \$200. Further approval was given for a new Stihl concrete saw, at an estimated cost of \$1,300, to be purchased from Do It Best in Osceola after Muller explained mechanical issues with the current saw and costs to rebuild it. Mayor's Report: None. With no further business to

discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Lowry City Board of Aldermen regular session meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month at city hall, beginning at 6 p.m., and are open to the public. Tentative agendas are posted at city hall at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting for public viewing.

El Dorado Springs resident faces felony charges after robbing store

By Brandy Bourland

Last week, an El Dorado Springs man was arrested as the result of a mid-January armed robbery.

According to the Nevada Police Department, on Friday, Jan. 17, at around 10 p.m., a masked subject wearing all black clothing allegedly entered a store located in the 1500 block of W. Austin Blvd. (Nevada), produced a handgun, and made demands to the store's clerk for money, tobacco products, and lottery tickets, but had fled the scene prior to law enforcement arriving.

In the weeks since, Nevada Police Department detectives followed up on leads and were recently able to identify the subject involved in the robbery and, on Feb. 24, Nevada officers apprehended the subject at the Vernon County Courthouse. After the subject, 21-year-old Tripp Varner, of El Dorado Springs, was taken into custody, he was transported to the Vernon County Jail for holding.

According to the probable cause statement, Varner obtained approximately \$3,000 in cash, \$300 in lottery tickets, and \$50 in cigarettes during the robbery.

The robbery was caught on the store's surveillance camera footage, reviewed by law enforcement officials. The footage showed the suspect approach the business on foot and wait for the clerk to move behind the register before he approached. During the incident, cameras were able to catch identifying details of the subject, including a tattoo and band on his right wrist. During the investigation, law enforcement officials received a call

from an anonymous tipster who reported Varner as being responsible for the crime. Investigators were then able to match the identifying features on the store footage to Varner via photos that were posted on his social media page. Additionally, phone records obtained by police showed him near the store at the time of the robbery.

Following his late-February arrest, Varner was charged with one count of first degree robbery (felony), one count of armed criminal action (felony), and one count of stealing -\$750 or more (felony). As of early this week, he was still being

held in the Vernon County Jail without bond.

Varner was previously arrested on Dec. 19 of last year by a Cedar County Sheriff's Office deputy on felony charges of burglary and resisting arrest.



Tripp Varner



Tripp Varner, of El Dorado Springs, was recently arrested for a Nevada business' robbery where surveillance camera footage captured key identifying features on the suspect's body. Photos Credit, Nevada Police Department, Vernon County Sheriff's Office.

Toddlers parish in rural Butler home explosion, fire on Saturday

By Brandy Bourland

Last weekend, first responders were dispatched to a home explosion and fire, resulting in two small children's deaths.

According to the Bates County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), on Saturday, March 1, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the sheriff's office received a 911 call in reference to an explosion and subsequent house fire on Pine St., just outside Butler city limits.

Upon arrival, first responders were met with a fully-engulfed home where five people resided. They quickly learned that three of the five individu-

als were able to evacuate the home; however, two children, both two-years-old, were still inside. Firefighters, with assistance from additional agencies, attempted rescue efforts but were unsuccessful due to heavy flames inside the residence. Both children were eventually pronounced deceased by the Bates County Coroner at the scene. The three individuals that escaped the fire were transported to a hospital for treatment.

The fire is being investigated by the BCSO and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office.

"Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these children," BCSO Sheriff Brad Anderson said. "Please keep them all in your prayers as they will have a rough road ahead."

Additional agencies that assisted at the scene and/or throughout the investigation: The Butler Police Department, Adrian Police Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Bates County Emergency Services, Butler Fire Department, Adrian Fire Department, Rich Hill Fire Department, Central Cass Fire Department, and the Bates County Victims' Advocate.



On Saturday, first responders were called to a Butler home explosion and fire which resulted in two small children's deaths. Photo Credit, KMBC 9.

1000 Points



Osceola Senior Preston Listerud scored his 1000th career point in the Osceola vs Cass Midway home game on Monday, February 17.



Owners of Osceola Laundry

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new owners of Osceola Laundry! Our names are Jacob and Kaitlin Taylor and we have been married since 2016. We have two ornery boys, Sutton and Jhettson. We also have a huge heart for small towns and the tight knit community that comes with them. That played a huge role in why we decided to buy the laundromat! We are excited to get to know our customers and provide the same great service that Dillion and Kelsie did.

We appreciate your support!



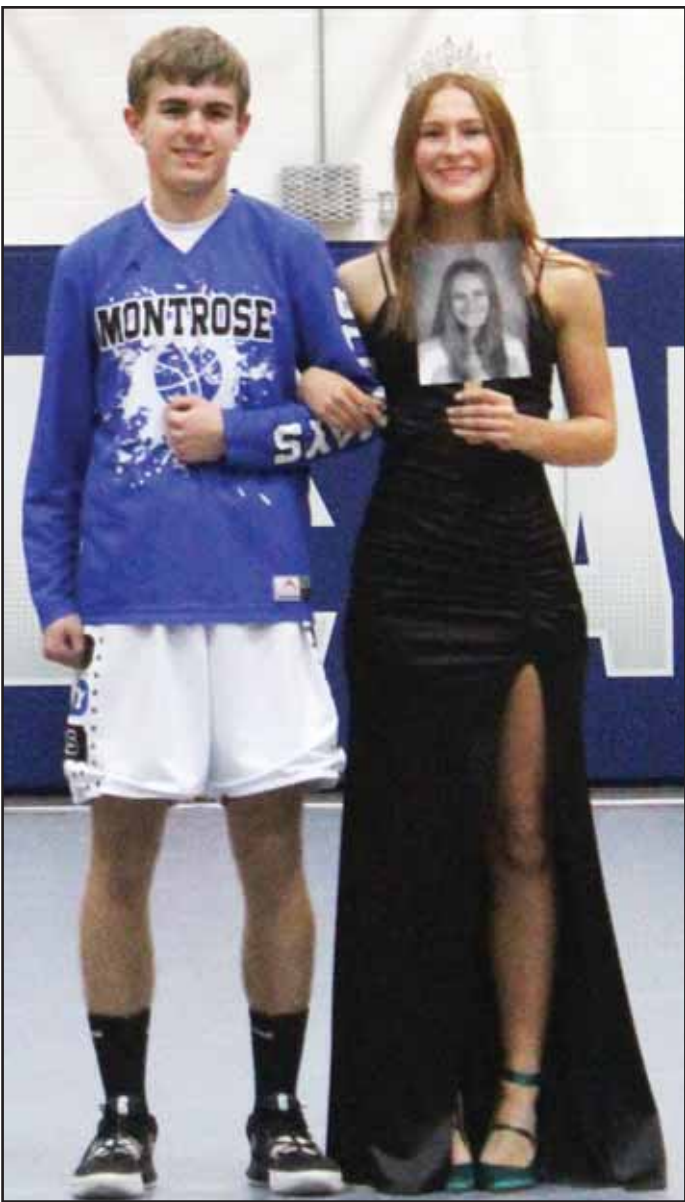
Montrose Homecoming: Back Row: Layla Cook, Dylan Eye, Seth Engeman, Kate Wareham, Brody Howell, Landon Swaters, Carson Stewart. Middle row: Charlie Meredith, Lainee Swaters. Front row: Lane Cooper, Kimber Lesmeister

Montrose High School Homecoming

The Montrose High School homecoming ceremony was on Friday, February 14. Charlie Meredith won princess and Seth Engeman won prince. Lainee Swaters was crowned queen and Landon Swaters crowned king.



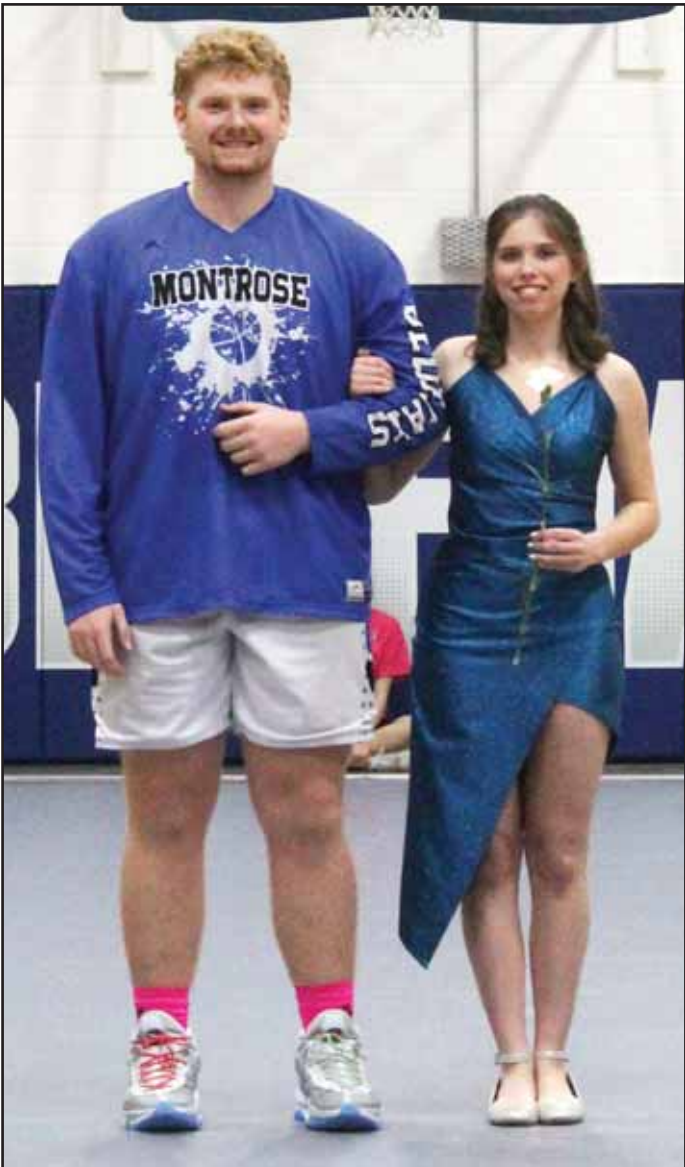
Freshman candidates: Dylan Eye and Layla Cook



Sophomore candidates: Carson Stewart and Kate Wareham in place of Kassody Brownsberger.



Junior candidates: Seth Engeman and Lainee Swaters



Senior candidates: Landon Swaters and Charlie Meredith



Raymond “Mark” Nitchals

Raymond “Mark” Nitchals, son of Raymond Nitchals and Eunice (Sargeant) Nitchals, was born July 21, 1955, in Kansas City, MO. Mark grew up in Lenexa, Kansas where he attended Holy Trinity Catholic School for 8 years. He then moved to the Pleasant Gap area and attended Appleton City High School graduating as salutatorian in 1973. He attended college at Central Missouri State University, running cross country and obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education with a minor in History. While attending college he met Denice Heiserman, and they were married on August 28, 1976. To this marriage three children were born Ryan, Stacie, and Rachel.

Mark had his first coaching and teaching position in Stover, MO. He then had an opportunity to sell health and life insurance before moving out to the farm to raise hogs and cattle. In 1987, Mark started what would be his lifelong career as an agriculture businessman from operating a feed store, grain elevator, and fertilizer-chemical plant. He continued to be in the fertilizer-chemical business until his death, employing majority of his family at one point or another.

Mark was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Appleton City. Mark was a hard-working man who loved his family and would help anybody he knew. He instilled a very good work ethic and honesty in his children. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandchildren. Their favorite past times were fishing, weenie roasts, checking cows, bottle feeding calves, riding in the gator, and picking up walnuts. He enjoyed attending their sporting events or watching cartoons with them. He always had a story to tell and loved talking shop with farmers. He was a very smart man who knew a lot about anything and everything. His children joked he would be their “phone a friend” lifeline if they ever made it on any game show. He was your go-to man for homework help. You could always catch him on the couch either yelling at the tv during a Chiefs, Royals, or Jayhawks game or having an afternoon nap. He has always been an avid card player and on the slow days you could find them playing pitch at the office. Mark and Denice enjoyed various vacations together from traveling to Switzerland, Canada, Hawaii, skiing in Colorado, Caribbean cruises, and many more trips. They experienced a life blessed with faith, family, and good friends.

Preceding Mark in death were his parents, Eunice and Ray Nitchals; and one great grandson, Rowan Alexander. He leaves behind his wife of 48 years Denice and their 3 children Ryan (Kadeena) Nitchals, Stacie (Blayne) Varns, and Rachel (Daniel) Hooper; 10 grandchildren, Mikayla and Kyra Jacks, Owen McElwain, Natalie and Jackson Nitchals, Nolan, Melanie, and Eli Varns, Ellie and Bennett Hooper; 2 great-grandsons Rhett and Ryker Jacks; his 3 brothers Al and wife Janet, Charlie, and Harry Nitchals; multiple nieces and nephews; and other family and friends. Mark will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation was 4:30-7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 25, 2025, Hill & Son Funeral Home, Appleton City MO Funeral service 11 a.m. Hill & Son Funeral Home, Wed. Feb. 26, 2025. Burial Appleton City Cemetery, Appleton City, MO. Memorials Trinity UMC, Appleton City, MO

Appleton City R-2 School Board Eduction Meeting

Board Minutes Appleton City R-2 School District Board of Education Wednesday, February 26, 2025 Regular Session – Library 7:00 p.m.

Board President, Stephanie Preston called the meeting to order. Members Present: Cathy Grishow, Craig Siegismund, Nick Oehring, Amber Strope, and Marcus Parsons. Others present: Superintendent- Sarah Miller, Meka Bauer, Robert Bolte, Karen Murray, Sarah Bourland, Bridget Mount and Anna Parsons.

The Board Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President, Stephanie Preston declared a Quorum to exist.

- Oehring made a motion, second by Siegismund to add admin reports to the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Oehring made a motion, second by Strope to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

No Old Business
New Business

a. Grishow made a motion, second by Oehring to approve the 2025-2026 Calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Oehring made a motion second by Grishow to set \$8,500.00 as the Tuition Rate for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

c. **eValueate:** Miller provided the board with a document showing the eValueate results. Comparing previous months and the most recent growth.

d. **Food Service Review:** Bridget Mount discussed the possibility of needing to purchase a new dishwasher in the future, estimating a cost of \$7,200.00 for a high temp dishwasher or \$5,900.00 for a low temp dishwasher. Breakfast and Lunch count has been up 20-30! Food Service is providing snacks for PreK- 6th

grade. Bridget explained that we are no longer receiving MO Beef so the school is having an added cost because we were previously only paying for beef processing using that program, and now we are having to purchase beef from the supplier. E-Funds will hopefully be live next week, parents will be able to pay for lunches online with a small convenience fee for credit card charges.

Bridget Mount left meeting at 7:24 p.m.

e. Oehring made a motion, second by Strope to approve the NEE Renewal Agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

f. Oehring made a motion second by Siegismund to approve the Inter-state contract as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

g. Open Enrollment: Miller did an overview of what Open Enrollment might look like for the district, explaining her concerns in certain areas.

h. Committee discussion: Miller talked about different committee’s and future meetings she will schedule with Salary and Benefits once she finds out more about insurance rates for next year. Discussion of a possible student advisor to the board, and what that might look like if the board chose to do such a thing, it would require a policy change.

Administration Reports

EL Principal, Meka Bauer: Total enrollment of 161 with the attendance rate of 95.65%. Recent repairs were made to the preschool electrical, Bauer explained some future Facility projects that we will need to tend to, by having a list of summer projects and long term needs. Staff Professional learning: Mrs. Bauer attended the final MLDS for principals, Mrs. Nold attended the final TLDS for the master teacher program, and Mr. Payton is attending the

Dorothy Mae Durst

Dorothy Mae Durst, age 95 of Butler, Missouri died Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Bates County Memorial Hospital in Butler. She was born March 3, 1929 to Roland and Emma Martha Fox Hirni at her family home in Pleasant Gap Township in Southwest Bates County, Missouri.

Dorothy, the younger of two daughters, spent her whole life in Bates County, Missouri and attended Seelinger Grade School. She was a 1947 graduate of Rockville High School and a devoted homemaker during her lifetime. On October 31, 1948 Dorothy married Gene V. Durst. She was confirmed and baptized into the Faith United Church of Christ in Prairie City, Missouri. Dorothy faithfully attended the Pleasant Gap Christian Church where she sat by her husband’s side for 57 years and loyally continued after his death as long as she was able. She was a member of the Pleasant Gap Homemakers and the Pleasant Gap Ladies Aide.

Dorothy was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She was known to be humble and steadfast. Dorothy enjoyed crocheting, sewing, taking trips to Minnesota to fish and attending her children and grandchildren’s activities. Her entire life was based on faith, family, friends and being a wonderful helper to her husband.

Dorothy is survived by a son, Mike Durst and wife Ruth of Butler, Missouri; her daughter, Deborah Seider and husband Wayne of Butler, Missouri; four grandchildren, Stacey Lawson of Butler, Missouri, Whitney Mott and husband Cole of Kansas, Oklahoma, Carly Murdock and husband Brad of Appleton City, Missouri and Alison Dickey and husband Will of Grandview, Missouri; seven great-grandchildren, Maylen Lawson, Vertrece Lawson, Cooper Mott, Caydo Mott, Hannah Murdock, Mackenzie Murdock and James Dickey; a nephew, Gary (Linda) Yarik; and a very special niece, Brenda Ward. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gene Durst on November 25, 2005; and a sister, Allyne Yarick and her husband Jim.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 27, 2025 at Schowengerdt Funeral Chapel (660-679-6555) in Butler, Missouri. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, Butler. Contributions to Pleasant Gap Christian Church or Moss House in Nevada, Missouri. Online condolences www.schowengerdtchapel.com.



Dorothy Mae Hirni

Jack Sheldon Murray Redinger

Jack Sheldon Murray Redinger was born on March 10, 1937, Congress Hill in Osceola Missouri at the home of his Grandma Sheldon, to Harriet Sheldon Murray and Buel Murray. He passed away February 18, 2025 in Springfield Missouri at the age of 87.

Jack was raised by his beloved Grandmother, Mother and adopted father Archie Redinger. The family lived on farms in Tebo and Osceola Missouri. Jack accepted Jesus Christ as his savior as a young teenager at Tebo Baptist Church. On a cold winter’s day, Jack was baptised with his Grandpa Hawthorn in Tebo Creek.

Jack graduated from Osceola High School in 1955. He was united in marriage to Barbara Leaman on April 5, 1959. Together, they raised their daughters Becky and Gwen. Barbara preceded him in death 1987.

Jack established his career as a pipe fitter at Bendix/Honeywell. He remained active as a pipe fitter, Local Union 533, until his retirement. His ability to build or fix anything will be missed.

May 10, 2000 Jack married Judy M. Redinger. He gained two adult children, Julie and Steve. Jack had great pleasure in car shopping and trading. He and Judy shared many happy miles on vacation, visiting family and friends, running errands or just enjoying going for a drive.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother, Harriet Sheldon Redinger; father Archie Redinger and Buel Marray; wife Barbara Leaman Redinger; sister Peggy Fennell and siblings from his Murray family.

Jack is survived by his wife Judy M. Redinger of the home. Daughters Becky (Randy) Nevels of Lee’s Summit, Missouri; Gwen (Robert) Spence of Ammarillo, Texas; Julie Stone (Steve) of Fallbrook, California; Steve (Judith) Culbertson, Collins, Missouri. Grandkids Stephen, Ryan, Amanda, Kasie, Jared, Matt, Dan, Josh, Jake, Austin and Luke; 15 great grankids; Sisters Betty Garrison, Mary (Norman) Cooper and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Thank You for the flowers and donations to the Kidney Foundation.



by Courtney Miller

Nabisco Oreoos™ has been around since 1912 and that's a long time to incorporate their classic oreos into many tasty recipes over the years. One such recipe is a good one for all the cheesecake lovers out there.

NO BAKE OREO COOKIE DOUGH CHEESECAKE



Ingredients:

- 3 packages Oreo cookie dough
- 3 blocks cream cheese
- 1.5 cups powdered sugar
- 1.5 tsp vanilla extract
- 16 oz cool whip
- 20 oreos
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup semi sweet choc chips

Directions:

1. Cut out parchment paper to fit in bottom of 9" springform pan and place in bottom.
2. Press down Oreo cookie dough in the bottom and sides. I had 5 pieces left from the 3 packages. Place in fridge while prepping filling.
3. In a large bowl add 3 blocks cream cheese and begin to beat with hand mixer. Add Vanilla extract and powdered sugar and beat until well combined.
4. Crush 20 oreos and add to filling mixture. Reserve 1 handful to sprinkle on top at the end.
5. Fold in 16 oz thawed cool whip then add Oreos and continue to fold until evenly combined.
6. Pour filling into springform pan and smooth out. Add remaining Oreos to top. Place in fridge 4-5 hours.
7. To make ganache bring your heavy cream to a simmer in a small sauce pan then remove from heat and add semi sweet choc chips. Allow to sit for a min to begin melting and then whisk until smooth consistency.
8. Allow Ganache to cool before drizzling on cheesecake and placing back in fridge. Enjoy!





THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

- 1770: THE BOSTON MASSACRE TAKES PLACE.
- 1946: WINSTON CHURCHILL DELIVERS HIS FAMOUS 'IRON CURTAIN' SPEECH.
- 1982: THE SOVIET PROBE VENERA 14 LANDS ON VENUS.

WSPAPER

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Celebrate

Women's HISTORY MONTH!

Dixie's Kiddy Corner

by: Dixie Miller

National Cereal Day March 7th

DYK?

Children and adolescents between the ages of 6 and 17 need to be active for at least 60 minutes each day.

Children need physical activity as part of their overall health regimen. How much physical activity a child needs varies with age. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says children between the ages of three and five should be active throughout the day to ensure proper growth and development. This can be achieved by being physically active during play. Children and adolescents between the ages of six and 17 need to be active for at least 60 minutes each day, with that activity being moderate-to-vigorous in nature. The activities enjoyed should include a variety of aerobic, muscle-strengthening and bone-strengthening exercises.

Hello everyone, Dixie here!

Last week didn't go to well. I was still running a fever. I took a cool bath when Nana and Daddy said my fever got really high. That helped a lot. After, Nana gave me cool rag to put on my forehead.

On Sunday, I wanted Mommy to come and pick me up from Daddy's. I cuddled with her on the couch until I wanted up.

I'm doing better now, Mommy checked my temperature and she said it looked good. I didn't go to school on Monday though, I didn't have my strength back up yet. Mommy let me play Dreamlight Valley on her switch. I like that game.

Mommy had to go to work so I watched Mickey Mouse Clubhouse until I fell asleep on Grandma and Papa's couch.

I hope the rest of the week I will be back to normal.



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LEGALS

DEADLINE NOTICE
The deadline for submission of all public notices is 5 p.m., Thursday prior to the week of publication. Notices may be emailed to sacosagepublishingads@gmail.com For assistance call 417-646-2211, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

District Recycling Grants Available
Recycling Initiative Grant Applications are now available through the FY26 Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District (QLSWMD). The purpose of the District

grant program is to provide financial assistance to organizations within the six-counties it serves (Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory and St. Clair) through eligible entities such as private, for-profit, public and non-profit that will:
Develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste; or create new markets or improve markets for recovered materials; or utilize recycled materials in projects in an effort to aid in the reuse of solid waste.
There is \$65,000.00 in available funding for FY26 grant programs.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CHIP & SEAL

The City of Appleton City is accepting bids for chip & seal on designated city streets. The Request for Proposal may be obtained at City Hall, 114 E 4th St., Appleton City, MO 64724, 660-476-2631. Bids marked “2025 Chip & Seal” must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 2025. The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Date of Publication: Wednesday March 5, 2025
Expires: Friday, March 21, 2025

Missouri Housing of Development Commission
1201 Walnut Street, Suite 1800
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
(816) 759-6600

On or after March 24, 2025, the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal HOME Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Home Repair Opportunity (HeRO) program for the purpose of repairing, rehabilitating, making more accessible and reducing the risk associated with lead-based paint for owner-occupied properties located in certain counties of Missouri. The agencies offering this assistance, the amount of funding proposed for each, and the counties they will serve are as follows:

Callaway Cares – 5000 Red Maple Ln, Fulton, MO 65251
\$150,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Audrain, Callaway, & Cole.
Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Inc – 424 E Monastery Street, Springfield, MO 65807
\$200,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Greene, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Polk, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Wayne, Webster, and Wright.
Community Parntership of Southeast Missouri – 40 S Sprigg Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
\$270,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, and Scott.
Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corp. - 99 Skyview Road, Portageville, MO 63873
\$500,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, and Stoddard.
East Missouri Action Agency, Inc. - 403 Parkway Dr., Park Hills, MO 63601
\$270,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Iron, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and Washington.
Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation – #2 Merchant Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050
\$200,000 HeRO
For Counties of Jefferson and Franklin.
North East Community Action Corporation - 16 N. Court Street, Bowling Green, MO 63334
\$500,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby, St. Charles, and Warren.
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency – 8055 Old Alton Road, Winona, MO 65588
\$160,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Butler, Carter, Dent, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, and Wayne.
West Central MO Community Action Agency - 112 W 4th Street, Appleton City, MO 64724
\$750,000 HeRO
For Counties of: Bates, Benton, Cass, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, St. Clair, and Vernon.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from Nationa Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Missouri Housing Development Commission. Copies may be examined by making an appointment by contacting Cristina Dusenbery at (816) 759-6864 or Cristina.Dusenbery@mhdc.com. The ERR may also be reviewed at HUD’s Environmental Review Records page at the following link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Missouri Housing Development Commission, attention Cristina Dusenbery, at Cristina.Dusenbery@mhdc.com. All comments received within the comment period as listed above, will be considered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

MHDC certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Julie Smith, in her official capacity as Director of Affordable Housing for MHDC, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows MHDC to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Missouri Housing Development’s certification for a periodof fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of MHDC; (b) MHDC has omitted a step of failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Office of Community Planning and Development, 400 State Avenue, Room 200, Kansas City, KS 66101-2406; 913-551-5462. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julie Smith (Certifying Officer)
Director of Affordable Housing, Missouri Housing Development Commission

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Area News

LEGALS

The Application Guidelines as well as the online application may be accessed via www.kaysinger.com beginning March 04, 2025. Navigate to the “Planning” tab at the top, then select “Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District” in the drop-down list to access the district page and all necessary documents. For more information, contact Shannon Stewart at quadlakesswmd@gmail.com or ss Stewart@kaysinger.com, or (417) 298-6070. ONLINE ONLY applications must be submitted NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2025. Late applications will not be considered for review.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Circuit Division
Case No. 25SR-DR00002

In Re:
The Change of Name of

Candis Marie Michelle Shaw
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

On February 25, 2025, the Circuit Court of St. Clair County, Missouri entered Judgment in Case No. 25SR-DR00002, changing the name of Candis Marie Michelle Shaw to Candis Marie Michelle Lieumann /s/Karen Hubbard

Circuit Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Probate Division
Case No. 24SR-PR00001

In Re the Estate of MARY KATHLEENE ATKIN, Deceased
NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MARY KATHLEENE ATKIN, Deceased.

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David Knight,
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 362
Lowry City, MO 64763

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The City of Appleton City is accepting applications for a **Full-time Seasonal mowing position**. This position will be from **April – October 2025**. Must be 18 years old to apply. Interested applicants need to pick up and return applications to Appleton City, City Hall at 114 E. 4th St., Appleton City, Mo 64724 by 4:00 p.m. March 14, 2025. Appleton City is an equal opportunity employer.

Help Wanted City of Appleton City

The City of Appleton City Cemetery is accepting applications for a **Part-Time Seasonal position**. This position will be mostly for **cleanup and weed-eating**. Must be at least 16 years old to apply. Interested applicants need to pick up and return applications to Appleton City, City Hall at 114 E. 4th St., Appleton City, Mo 64724 by 4:00 p.m. March 14, 2025. Appleton City is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED POOL ASSISTANT MANAGER

Appleton City Park Board is currently accepting applications for a **Pool Assistant Manager and lifeguards for the 2025 pool season**. Interested applicants need to pick up and return applications to Appleton City, City Hall 114 E. 4th St., Appleton City, Mo 64724 by 12:00pm on March 21, 2025. City of Appleton City is an equal opportunity employer.

St. Clair County 2024 Financial Statement

Revenues	Gen. Rev.	R & B	Assessment	L.E.T.	P.A.T.	Rec. Maint.
Beginning Balance 01/01/2024	\$3,811,707.21	\$1,121,544.73	\$11,625.33	\$8,805.66	\$11,867.38	\$32,515.06
Property Tax	\$431,313.44	\$506,916.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales & Use Tax	\$468,247.52	\$162,649.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$213,121.52	\$60,409.01	\$2,445.76	\$394.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other/Intergovernmental Revenues	\$4,206,081.12	\$1,026,922.42	\$151,509.32	\$3,213.50	\$2,961.86	\$8,879.10
Transfer In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$5,318,763.60	\$1,756,897.86	\$221,955.08	\$3,607.87	\$2,961.86	\$8,879.10
Total Amount Available	\$9,130,470.81	\$2,878,442.59	\$233,580.41	\$12,413.53	\$14,829.24	\$41,394.16

Expenditures						
County Commissioners	\$114,348.88					
County Clerk	\$118,302.52					
Elections	\$93,559.72					
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$81,857.76					
Treasurer	\$52,953.87					
Collector	\$116,504.56					
Recorder	\$94,087.22					
Circuit Clerk	\$3,367.00					
Court Administration	\$37,303.34					
Public Administrator	\$33,629.35					
Sheriff	\$564,482.51					
Jail	\$3,632,093.58					
Prosecuting Attorney	\$159,646.36					
Juvenile Office	\$35,196.43					
Coroner	\$37,989.28					
Accrued Liabilities	\$403.00					
Health & Welfare	\$0.00					
Debt Service	\$0.00					
Transfers Out	\$0.00					
Emergency Fund	\$0.00					
Total Disbursements	\$5,978,617.15	\$1,611,681.21	\$228,290.27	\$2,977.54	\$0.00	\$7,256.18
Ending Cash Balance	\$3,151,450.66	\$1,266,761.38	\$5,290.14	\$9,435.99	\$14,829.24	\$34,137.98

2024 Assessed Valuation \$135,174,033
Tax Rate Ceiling R & B=.6019
Tax Rate Levied R & B=.6019
Tax Rate Ceiling Gen. Rev.=.4768
Tax Rate Levied Gen. Rev.=.3208
Delinquent Taxes Dec. 31, 2024 \$1,122,007.23
Total Outstanding Checks Dec. 31, 2024 \$260,466.23

Cloud, Linda Pekarek, Vernetta Rowlands, Katherine Self, Iris Gragg, Lori Young, Lakota Vignoe, Mitchel Towne, Noelle Dortch, Sherry Choplin, Mary Barton, James Farrell, Stormy Heathman, Dawn Ward-Turner, Jennifer Beecham, Wanda Wallace, Donald Keating, Benjamin Ream, Elizabeth Combs, Andrew Savage

2024 Election Judges (\$110 and \$125, .45 mile-age)

Diana Ballou, Kathy Barker, Jennifer Beachum, Janet Blanchard, Nelda Brillhart, Susan Brockus, Nancy Brown, Kim Burton, Monica Carey, Charles Cook, Robert Cook, Janelle Cyr, Debbie Cross, Tyleta Davis, Pam Dearston, Julie Dolph, Betty Feasel, Don Feasel, Donetta Garman, Donna Goodwin, Richard Greer, Sharon Greer, Cathy Grishow, Linda Gurley, Marlene Hanson, Paul Hanson, Vicky Hash, Karen Heiserman, Sallie Hemenway, Donna Hooper, Ethan Howard, Linda Jackson, Mildred Johnson, Czerna Kauffman, Rocky Keirn, Toni Kiefer, Linda Knight, Carol Losey, Ella Lucas, Cindy McEvoy, Rachael McGuire, Marley McLerran, Cathy Mitchell, Tina Moore, Kathy Morlok, Connie Mott, Sharon Murray, Mark Nash, Jackie Nichols, Nadine Perkins, Randy Polson, Janice Putnam, Doug Pyeatt, Peggy Pyeatt, Paula Rogers, Harold Rosbrugh, Susan Salmon, Donna Schutz, Glynn Schutz, Marvel Smith, Merry Stahel, Patricia Terry, Phyllis Wagner, Pam Walker

2024 LERF	
Von Henger Kennels	\$6,500.00
Seiler Instrument & Mfg.	\$11,729.00
TOTALS	\$18,229.00

2024 ARPA	
Elite Concrete Services	\$58,900.00
Keen concrete Construction	\$47,200.00
Kennon Redi Mix, Inc.	\$4,695.00
Kottwitz Feed & Farm Supply	\$409.20
Larry's Trailer Sales & Services	\$38,225.00
Mathews Brothers Enterprises	\$600.00
Walters Excavating, LLC	\$15,975.00
TOTALS	\$166,004.20

2024 GALLINIPPER	
Great River Engineering	\$34,344.72
TOTAL	\$34,344.72

2024 FLAP GRANT	
Great River Engineering	\$16,595.20
TOTAL	\$16,595.20

2024 FENNEWALD BRIDGE	
Great River Engineering	\$31,678.55
Knight, Ann Marie	\$955.00
Fennewald, Bob L.	\$1,454.00
TOTAL	\$34,087.55

2024 LEPC	
Smith's Restaurant	\$144.62
TOTAL	\$144.62

2024 INMATE SECURITY	
911 custom	\$6,869.00
Advanced Correctional Health	\$22,250.59
Barnes & Nobel, Inc.	\$99.38
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	\$2,649.10
Capital One	\$666.81
Card Services	\$5,221.49
Central lake Armor Express	\$219.72
Commenco	\$850.24
Custom Glass Solutions	\$1,506.00
D&C Contractors, LLC	\$1,300.00
Disney Family Therapy, LLC	\$945.00
Dollar General Charge Sales	\$245.85
First Responder Outfitters	\$125.97
Gear Zone Products	\$2,030.34
GT Distributors, Inc.	\$1,238.40
Hilty, Lee	\$140.60
Joe Machens Ford-Lincoln	\$44,905.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	\$119.93
Metro Appliances & More	\$1,795.94
Mid Central Technologies	\$8,601.00
Missouri Sheriff's Association	\$1,565.71
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$11,999.00
Noble Machine & Mfg	\$1,990.00
Pro-Tech Refrigeration LLC	\$43,570.00
Public Safety Solutions	\$6,519.97
Pursuit Specialties	\$755.95
Snodgrass, Peggy	\$182.71
Southern Health Partners	\$104,230.02
St. Joseph Detention Center	\$1,013.00
Stock Electric Engineering	\$1,590.98
Streicher's-Minneapolis	\$395.92
Sunset Law Enforcement	\$2,351.70
The Journey To Peace Counseling	\$1,520.00
Tyler Technologies	\$3,314.05
Ulinne	\$265.39
Vortex Optics	\$168.01
Zulu Bravo Armory	\$18.00
Total	\$283,230.77

Chloe Spec. Rd Dist.	
Beg. Cash Balance	\$6,952.95
Taxes	\$17,435.43
County Funds Transfer	\$31,233.41
Interest	\$1,159.93
TOTAL AMT. AVAIL.	\$56,781.72
Weiss, Megan	\$2,300.00
Wilcox, Steven	\$25.00
Neuenschwander, Billy	\$845.00
Neuenschwander, Larry	\$489.00
Stewart Concrete	\$1,840.00
Walters, Larry	\$775.00
Bruce, Louis	\$2,903.07
Duft Accounting	\$190.00
Missouri Division of Employment	\$23.41
Missouri DOR	\$50.00
US Treasury	\$626.67
Matt Gilmore	\$575.00
Peery Auto Parts	\$193.98
Golden Valley TRACTOR	\$727.94
Berry Tractor	\$1,554.00
Fennewald Equipment	\$341.32
MFA Oil	\$1,469.19
Golden Rule Insurance	\$250.00
MOPERM	\$1,450.00
Holliday Sand & Gravel	\$18,286.25
Lowry City Farmer Exchange	\$154.50
St Clair Co Treasurer	\$567.21
Sac Osage Publishing	\$160.80
A	\$73.00
Total Disbursements	\$35,870.34

St. Clair County 2024 Financial Statement

ENDING CASH BAL.	\$20,911.38
OSCEOLA SPEC. RD DIST.-TREAS. ACCT.	
Beginning Cash Bal.	\$165,149.68
State Flood Control Money	\$634.26
Interest Earned	\$7,125.36
2023 Surtax	\$7,373.56
Financial Inst. Tax	\$742.50
CART Money	\$50,245.07
Taxes	\$122,847.40
County Funds Transfer	\$229,100.00
TOTAL AMT. AVAIL.	\$583,217.83

OSCEOLA SPEC. RD DIST (CO ACCT)	\$165,149.68
FLOOD CONTROL	\$634.26
INTEREST EARNED	\$7,125.36
SURTAX	\$1,373.56
FINANCIAL INST TAX	\$742.50
County Fund Transfers	\$50,245.07
TAXES	\$122,847.40
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	\$348,117.83
WITHDRAWAL	\$229,100.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$119,017.83

OSCEOLA SPECIAL RD (BANK ACCT)	
BEG BALANCE	\$455.58
INTEREST EARNED	\$53.86
VISTA SPECIAL RD	\$6,000.00
County Fund Transfers	\$229,100.00
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	\$235,609.44

DISBURSEMENTS TO:	
A-1 Disposal	\$13.50
DO IT BEST HOME CENTER	\$738.96
DONETTA S GARMAN	\$11,657.68
Evergy	\$919.62
FENEWALD EQUIPMENT & REPAIR	\$159.00
FRIENDLY TIRE	\$300.00
Ferguson, Gage	\$211.99
Gardner Oil & Gas, LLC	\$5,772.24
Golden Rule Ins. Agency	\$180.00
Harper's Service Station	\$57.80
Heritage Tractor, Inc.	\$520.92
HIGGINS PROPANE	\$350.00
Holliday Sand & Gravel	\$12,716.16
John Fabick Tractor Co.	\$960.70
KT ENTERPRISES	\$100.00
MAIN STREET CHECKS	\$104.31
Mike Keith Ins.	\$11,639.00
MIKES TIRE AND AUTO	\$552.72
Missouri DOR	\$1,050.70
MISSOURI LAGERS	\$687.00
Missouri Rural Services WC INS	\$3,608.00
Park Oil Co.	\$267.39
Peery Auto Parts	\$1,984.78
POSTMASTER	\$141.00
PURPLE WAVE	\$34,100.00
Wohlers, Richard W.	\$44,518.55
S&H FARM SUPPLY	\$2,113.61
Sac-Osage Publishing	\$35.60
SKYLAR WOHLERS	\$590.00
St. Clair County Treasurer	\$10.15
Stinnett Sales & Services	\$394.00
TOM PEASE TRUCKING	\$1,550.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY	\$118.98
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$13,204.48
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$58.00
VANCE BROTHERS	\$6,083.93
VERNON COUNTY PUBLISHING	\$18.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$157,489.57
ENDING BALANCE	\$78,119.87

VISTA SPEC. RD DIST-TREAS. ACCT.	
BEG. CASH BALANCE	\$174,518.63
TAX RECEIPTS	\$37,078.14
SURTAX	\$89.55
INTEREST	\$8,099.54
CART	\$47,529.13
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	\$267,314.99
WITHDRAWN FROM ACCOUNT	\$80,000.00
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$187,314.99

VISTA SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$1,082.09
DEPOSITS	\$718.54
COUNTY FUNDS TRANSFERS	\$80,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	\$81,800.63

DISBURSEMENTS TO:	
ANTHONY ROTH	\$540.00
CSTK	\$271.95
Chaney, Dale	\$1,650.00
DALLAS SELF	\$600.00
Dines Trucking, LLC	\$260.00
Gardner Oil and Gas, LLC	\$4,687.83
Holliday Sand & Stone Co.	\$3,413.90
IRS USA Tax Payments	\$3,456.12
Roth, Jamie (net payroll)	\$2,213.48
JIM DINES	\$15,735.61
MELVIN NANCE	\$600.00
MO DOR Payroll Taxes	\$622.28
MO RURAL SERVICES WORK COMP	\$1,567.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.	\$988.42
NATALIE ROTH	\$480.00
OSCEOLA SPECIAL ROAD DIS	\$6,000.00

Special Road Districts			Transfers	Transfers	
FUND	Beg. Balance	Receipts	In	Disbursements	Ending Balance
A.C. Spec. Road	\$52,040.14	\$31,743.88	\$50,541.74	\$55,000.00	\$79,325.76
Chloe Spec. Road	\$11,703.09	\$17,491.51	\$32,337.26	\$30,000.00	\$31,531.86
Collins Spec.	\$78,418.01	\$47,432.63	\$63,415.50	\$130,000.00	\$59,266.14
Hillsdale Spec.	\$177,582.18	\$16,337.31	\$36,764.54	\$40,000.00	\$190,684.03
L.C. Spec. Road	\$52,493.91	\$35,240.52	\$3,144.40	\$41,611.61	\$49,267.22
Osceola Spec.	\$165,149.68	\$125,641.33	\$57,326.82	\$229,100.00	\$119,017.83
Vista Spec. Road	\$174,518.63	\$39,355.44	\$53,440.92	\$80,000.00	\$187,314.99
Grand Totals	\$711,905.64	\$313,242.62	\$296,971.18	\$605,711.61	\$716,407.83

2024	SCHOOL FUNDS	BEG. BALANCE	REVENUES	EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE
R-3-H		\$2,471.45	\$700,644.18	703115.63	\$0.00
R-4-P		\$0.00	\$5,163.22	\$5,163.22	\$0.00
R-9-B		\$0.00	\$10.57	\$10.57	\$0.00
R-2-C ElDorado		\$0.00	\$368,004.89	\$368,004.89	\$0.00
R-2-S Appleton		\$2,224.98	\$1,461,934.12	\$1,464,159.10	\$0.00
C-2 Roscoe		\$4.77	\$338,420.23	\$338,425.00	\$0.00
R-3-S Lakeland		\$2,334.77	\$1,161,683.00	\$1,164,017.77	\$0.00
Osceola		\$8,553.60	\$1,808,259.76	\$1,816,813.36	\$0.00

Peery Auto Parts	\$577.17
Sac-Osage Electric Coop.	\$459.96
Sac-Osage Publishing, Inc.	\$325.00
ST CLAIR CO TREASURER	\$914.63
SNYDERS MACHINE SHOP	\$160.00
SCCSB	\$19,835.45
TEEPLE INSURANCE	\$150.00
US Post Office	\$58.00
VERNON PUBLISHING INC	\$37.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,604.30
ENDING BALANCE	\$16,196.33

Appleton City Special Road District	
Beginning Balance	\$42,901.21
Transfers from County Treasurer Acct.	\$52,040.14
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$94,941.35
Postage	\$54.40
Taxes	\$1,667.70
Rice, Kenny-Payroll	\$9,997.15
Bookkeeping	\$2,400.00
MOPERM	\$1,951.00
Sac-Osage Publishing	\$231.52
ST CLAIR CO TREASURER	\$10.15
CATERPILLER	\$33,853.93
Gardner Oil	\$5,803.10
Holliday Sand and Gravel	\$6,371.06
Kalwei, Ryan	\$5,219.91
ANGEL TRUCKING	\$2,431.89
AC Auto	\$871.79
Foley, Jason	\$450.00
MATT GILMORE	\$750.00
LOCAL EQUIPMENT	\$494.61
Nieder, James	\$700.00
COOKS TRACTOR	\$500.00
HEARTLAND TRACTOR	\$1,302.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$75,060.39
ENDING BALANCE	\$19,880.96

Hillsdale Special Road District	
Beginning Balance	\$18,262.63
Transfers	\$40,000.00
Total	\$58,262.63
Expenses	
Fuel	\$1,188.69
Rock	\$19,158.42
Hauling	\$13,600.00
Advertising	\$112.50
Election Costs	\$202.08
Supplies	\$1,349.19
Bridge Repair	\$938.00
Ditch Cleanout	\$3,237.50
Mowing	\$7,300.00
Insurance	\$1,200.00
Total Expenses	\$48,286.38
Ending Balance	\$9,976.25

2024 GENERAL REVENUE WAGES	Gross	Net
Strope, Leroy	\$29,924.00	\$23,494.04
Salmon, Robert	\$31,984.40	\$25,909.48
Smith, Randell	\$29,924.00	\$22,231.11
Fletcher, Holly	\$45,322.00	\$33,516.61
Davis, Tabatha	\$32,344.05	\$22,829.83
Freeman, Jessica	\$31,151.05	\$20,790.35
Hodges, Alisha	\$31,226.02	\$21,131.77
Noakes, James	\$21,943.90	\$16,790.91
Shelby, Rhonda	\$44,982.00	\$33,722.40
Johnston, Carol	\$4,012.18	\$3,544.63
Robertson, Sierra	\$22,281.78	\$15,702.30
Guffey, Pamela	\$45,370.00	\$32,900.55
Freeman, Melaina	\$7,144.05	\$6,515.03
Davis, Tyleta	\$669.30	\$618.10
Hendrickson, Tina	\$28,267.48	\$23,760.38
White, Sheila	\$34,318.86	\$24,569.56
Jackson, Amanda	\$44,982.00	\$32,716.94
Knight, David	\$27,070.00	\$22,871.52
Samuel Clenin	\$42,345.84	\$30,896.34
Hilty, Lee	\$69,869.90	\$42,183.64
Jones, Alissa	\$39,733.73	\$30,263.71
Wareham, Jayson	\$37,170.94	\$28,428.04
Muller, Joshua	\$14,613.26	\$12,197.71
Long, John	\$41,694.92	\$31,558.39
Keating, Donald	\$34,121.54	\$24,527.38
Volzer, Bruce	\$23,701.68	\$19,822.65
Richards, Ashley	\$30,208.07	\$23,321.45
Coleman, Gavin	\$34,721.25	\$28,378.02
Hodges, Charles	\$50,899.44	\$39,410.54
Saddoris, James	\$10,103.47	\$9,315.30
Vaughan, Brandon	\$41,591.36	\$29,682.50
Roberts, Dale	\$49,642.44	\$33,437.12
Roberts, Lisa	\$36,297.60	\$27,715.04
Lile, David	\$46,376.46	\$33,770.04
Cook, Gary	\$24,032.56	\$19,033.71
Cone, Charles D.	\$50,857.93	\$38,482.68
Hynek, Heather	\$27,513.33	\$18,712.11
Newman, Dakota	\$26,784.59	\$21,513.00
Roby, Pam	\$34,440.17	\$24,477.22
Saunders, Zachery	\$19,131.30	\$15,561.29
Mooney, Colby	\$44,871.19	\$36,064.08
Morris, Daniel	\$6,994.80	\$6,209.68
Crook, Justin	\$44,585.06	\$32,607.42
Sell, Sydney	\$35,707.87	\$27,723.75
Hughes-Matter, Jayson	\$31,870.67	\$25,668.24
Carney, Danny	\$8,392.52	\$7,547.41
Morris, Beth	\$4,992.78	\$3,987.35
Ireland, Jason	\$28,524.72	\$20,470.86

Jones, Christopher	\$2,886.99	\$2,469.29
Young, Devin	\$46,693.95	\$35,722.28
Young, Mitchell	\$6,398.56	\$5,188.20
Marshall, Adam	\$49,170.51	\$38,560.29
Robinson, Amanda	\$4,982.76	\$4,277.72
Anderson, Aaron	\$8,594.81	\$6,840.19
Dawes, Michael	\$49,590.63	\$35,588.46
Dice, Jr., Charles	\$14,792.06	\$8,538.59
Jenkins, III, William	\$34,887.11	\$28,726.27
Porter Jr., Paul	\$36,637.79	\$27,000.84
Matney, James	\$11,876.81	\$9,357.59
Sidfrid, Andrew	\$40,581.47	\$30,866.96
Pierce, Noah	\$35,834.44	\$26,143.36
Wilcher, David	\$27,782.31	\$21,323.85
Russell, Drayden	\$39,108.76	\$29,819.28
Kennedy, Amy	\$32,115.45	\$22,058.97
Monroe, Alexander	\$10,623.94	\$8,004.94
Dice Sr., Charles	\$18,529.17	\$14,399.37
Stewart, Emmitt	\$4,869.73	\$4,436.00
Ashley, Joshua	\$36,999.40	\$28,303.99
Hazel, Caleb	\$3,813.34	\$2,932.88
Tucker, Becca	\$44,526.06	\$33,433.16
Saunders, Draven	\$34,556.06	\$26,817.20
Catron, Steven	\$17,979.79	\$16,410.89
Nichols, Jason	\$5,210.20	\$4,397.80
Winans, Amber	\$35,751.58	\$28,197.19
Webb, Madeline	\$7,998.20	\$5,460.84
Quick, Dawnelle	\$24,661.46	\$21,591.19
Edmonds, Lance	\$7,483.54	\$5,696.45
Newland, Rebecca	\$5,189.69	\$4,494.67
Morse, Gerald	\$1,851.80	\$1,418.46
McCurley, James	\$36,099.57	\$27,660.99
Snodgrass, Peggy	\$46,566.75	\$36,619.76
Smith, Stacie	\$8,492.93	\$6,368.04
Marshall, Nicole	\$34,761.79	\$23,406.07
Russell, Brenda	\$34,359.34	\$26,378.56
Raymond, Jason	\$35,825.76	\$16,637.69
Sole, James	\$23,674.70	\$17,431.85
McCune, Tia	\$10,539.38	\$8,169.74
Rodriguez, Nicholas	\$206.18	\$182.16
Buchanan, Daitrien	\$203.13	\$187.59
Snodgrass, Andrea	\$1,953.15	\$1,579.38
McIntyre, James	\$10,228.24	\$8,136.89
Lopez, Summar	\$34,111.41	\$28,267.79
Pilger, Bruce	\$33,541.40	\$26,862.85
Pennington, Drew	\$31,172.77	\$26,568.90
Pennington, Ryli	\$24,510.90	\$21,134.37
Renick, Lashawna	\$22,485.33	\$20,214.00
Wright, Tonya	\$34,802.15	\$27,766.43
Johnson, Kaitlin	\$23,724.86	\$18,884.60
Snow, Linda	\$31,406.40	\$26,097.69
Thomton, Holden	\$12,231.65	\$9,984.31
Philmon, Mallory	\$21,859.35	\$18,867.66
Prosser, Joseph	\$25,029.50	\$20,390.98
Bledsoe, Joanna	\$11,996.65	\$11,060.75
Renno, Aaron	\$7,268.35	\$6,480.00
Seedyk, Johnathan	\$6,784.52	\$5,815.89
Hubbard, Ashleigh	\$10,642.71	\$9,383.08
French, Katee	\$30,156.73	\$26,201.49
Linder, Pamela	\$33,264.79	\$25,066.18
Larson, Melinda	\$30,365.58	\$26,702.79
Buck, Clint	\$33,336.14	\$28,154.06
Hamby, William	\$33,544.49	\$26,159.59
Schiereck, Jarrod	\$44,387.02	\$33,627.81
Bates, Jackson	\$35,051.05	\$30,840.03
Dickman, Colton	\$9,059.64	\$7,722.36
Morrow, Cheryl	\$1,423.56	\$1,082.43
Decker, Jessica	\$15,865.21	\$11,386.18
Decker, Patrick	\$10,303.10	\$8,605.72
Allen, Scot	\$8,155.80	\$6,678.35
Evans, Paula	\$15,808.87	\$13,259.68
Hilbert, Brenton	\$15,302.96	\$12,677.41
Bucaro, Andrew	\$6,441.90	\$5,602.25
Keyser, Amber	\$6,902.88	\$6,126.23
Marcelletta, Nestor	\$7,214.14	\$6,361.22
Sheets, Kelsey	\$952.15	\$897.31
Simmons, Dane	\$964.10	\$890.35
Chism, Freda	\$8,499.91	\$6,916.13
Dysart, Daniel	\$53,750.06	\$44,420.12
Bullock, Emma	\$43,915.20	\$31,945.76
Brown, James	\$35,000.00	\$27,170.64
Sheldon, Charles	\$13,465.00	\$10,984.15
Watson, Michael	\$2,400.00	\$2,216.40
Goth, Kevin	\$2,400.00	\$2,216.40
TOTAL	\$3,279,095.98	\$2,519,508.41

ROAD AND BRIDGE WAGES		
Bray, Cody	\$36,099.20	\$27,666.07
Degenfelder, David	\$37,211.79	\$27,203.36
Gannaway, Dustin	\$36,326.40	\$29,498.71
Thomas, Guy	\$1,771.25	\$1,353.53
Byrne, Timothy Scott	\$42,733.75	\$28,782.70
Finch, David	\$38,093.29	\$27,879.83
Parker, Michael	\$8,154.26	\$7,149.91
Hill, Travis	\$1,793.00	\$1,472.37
Erwert, Christopher	\$10,260.90	\$9,009.86
Ellefson, David	\$33,830.00	\$29,574.83
Roberts, Kress	\$29,139.00	\$24,668.02
Bardwell, Davy	\$23,978.20	\$11,779.62
Lessley, Patrick	\$21,074.95	\$16,940.53
Woods, William C	\$19,098.28	\$15,935.66
Tidwell, Benjamin	\$8,979.51	\$7,820.95
Greathouse, Charles F	\$5,835.40	\$5,140.86
Dodd, Curtis F	\$20,727.60	\$16,592.82
TOTAL	\$375,106.78	\$288,469.63

ASSESSMENT WAGES		
Mitchell, Catherine	\$34,528.00	\$24,670.92
Kauffman, Czerna	\$35,326.04	\$27,993.93
Lysinger, George	\$45,370.00	\$34,196.55
Suiter, Martha	\$15,552.45	\$12,890.92
Hensley, Nicole	\$2,298.91	\$2,093.76
TOTAL	\$133,075.40	\$101,846.08

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The following land transfers were recorded in office of the St. Clair County Recorder of Deeds:

Isaac Jeremy Davis and Christy D. Davis to Albert Jefferson Davis. STR 28-39-25 N/ NW/NE.

BZ Holdings, LLC to LZ Holdings, LLC. LT 5 WHITE-TAIL PASS.

BZ Holdings, LLC to ACZ Holdings, LLC. LT 2 WHITE-TAIL PASS, LT 3 WHITETAIL PASS.

BZ Holdings, LLC to Taylor R. Zitting. LT 1 WHITETAIL PASS, LT 4 WHITETAIL PASS.

Sydney Paxman to Steven A. Paxman. STR 34-37-25 N/ SW/SW.

Steven A. Paxman to Sydney Paxman. STR 34-37-25 S/NW/ SW.

Susan L. Hearting Trustee and The Susan L. Hearting Declaration of Trust to Zoo Lue By Sue LLC. LT 2 STR 5-39-28 //NE FF PART, METED.

Bryant W. J. Chastain Trustee and Bryant & Montana Chastain Revocable Trust to Bryant W. Chastain Trustee and Bryant W. Chastain Revocable Trust. STR 23-39-25 NW/SE/NE, STR 23-39-25 /NE/NE, STR 23-39-25 /S FF METED. STR 23-39-25 //NE/ NW, STR 23-39-25 /NW/NE.

Chris K. Rice and Lea Ann Sprague to DB Property LLC. LT 3 BL 57 JOHNSON LUCAS & SHIELD ADDITION - LOWRY CITY, LT 4 BL 57 JOHNSON LUCAS & SHIELD ADDITION - LOWRY CITY.

Brian Jones and Kimberly Jones to Stormy Heathman. STR 25-38-24 /SE/NW.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Shane Allen Brinkmeyer. LT 5 BL 29 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

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Howard D. Bullard and Kimberley K. Bullard to Howard D. Bullard Trustee, Kimberley K. Bullard Trustee and Bullard Family Trust. LT 42 LAKE-SHORE ESTATES.

Patty Jo Elder to Patty Jo Elder Trustee and Patty Jo Elder Realty Trust. STR 19-39-27 / WNE.

Goterra Generations, LLC to Kristine A. Hales. STR 26-36-26 /NE/NE.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Shane Allen Brinkmeyer. LT 5 BL 30 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Shane Allen Brinkmeyer. LT 6 BL 30 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Nojimu Olatunji Ogunsola. LT 136 BL 29 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Anthony Wilkins and Kendra Wilkins. LT 33 BL 26 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

Rickie Ahrens to Devon Ahrens. LT 41 BL 19 TWIN OAKS HARBOR, LT 42 BL 19 TWIN OAKS HARBOR, LT 1 BL 64 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

Paul Wilt to Paul Wilt and Frank A. Wilt. STR 9-38-25 E/ NW/NW FF TRACT 1, STR 9-38-25 W/NW/NW FF PART, METED, TRACT2.

Bonnie Eckart to Ricky D. Glass and Cynthia K. Glass. LT 4 BL 1 REED AND SCHUMAKER ADDITION.

U.S. Prime Land, INC. to Pamela Ann Siedler. LT 22 BL 30 TWIN OAKS HARBOR.

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