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## Sheriff applies for grants to help stop overdose deaths

MARIES COUNTY — Maries County Sheriff Chris Heitman has applied for grants that will supply his department with about \$2,000 worth of Narcan, a nasal spray that can bring back a person who is at the brink of death because of an opioid overdose.

Heitman told the Maries County Commissioners that he has applied for two grants, one through the Missouri De-

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## Vienna, Argyle, Vichy veterans enjoy MCB veteran's lunch

WWII Veteran, Clifford Wyss, 98, of Vienna, was the oldest American veteran present at The Maries County Bank's Veteran's Day Luncheon held last Friday at the Eagles Club in Vienna, as he celebrated his 98th birthday the day before. Mr. Wyss was at the veterans luncheon with his son Gary Wyss, 76, who is a Vietnam veteran, and also with him were his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Pat Dawson. Bank employees Davis Beltz and Bobbi Tynes are pictured as they helped serve up the good food for the luncheon provided by the bank and bank employees.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

## OAC donates poetry books from local writers to BHS

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BELLE — Osage Arts Community (OAC) donated 100 books Nov. 14 to the Belle High School (BHS) library.

OAC Director Mark McClane and artists in residence were present for the donation.

"OAC will continue to work the librarian and donate a lot more contemporary poetry in the near future," McClane said about the donation. "The collection will be not just poetry created in Belle. It will be regional and probably focus on the Midwest.

Kassi Maurer, librarian at BHS, said students have shown interest in the new book display that has been up since Thursday.

"For right now, to get started, the students can choose a book and sit down to read it," Maurer said. She explained some students will check out a book for months. "This (keeping them in the library) ensures everyone gets a chance to read them."

Maurer said McClane approached her prior to the November elections when he was at the school to register students to vote.

"He mentioned he would like to bring writers in to talk to the English classes,

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## County residents have much to be thankful for

MARIES COUNTY — This week Americans throughout the land will be celebrating Thanksgiving with their families and friends. It is an established tradition that celebrates the story of the Pilgrim's meal with the Native Americans and is reserved as a day to spend with loved ones and for giving thanks.

As families gather at the table of bounty, most of them will say a prayer of Thanksgiving or speak about what they are thankful for. The Advocate asked some county residents what they are thankful for and the responses are heartwarming. Rowena Uptergrove said it very well when she said she is thankful for so many things. Even

though people have problems and troubles, they still can look forward to better days and recognize there are others in the community whose situation is less fortunate than their own. The following are the answers we received to our question, What are you thankful for?

Kay Ragan—I am thankful for my health, family and friends.

Don Brunnert—I am thankful for my wife and 60 years of marriage.

Nancy Rowden—I am thankful for a new day.

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## City of Belle sees employee health insurance increase \$3,300 for 2019

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Despite a \$3,300 increase for the year, Belle aldermen on Nov. 13 vote 3-1 to absorb the city employees' insurance costs, staying with the same company.

"How much did the insurance go up this year," Alderman Tony Gieck asked.

It went up to \$76,000, said city Treasurer Michelle Jones, who explained what the increases and current insurance looked like. The city is currently insured with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"In the first column is what we have

now," Jones said. "The second column is what it is going to go up to without changing anything. The other ones are quotes from different insurance companies."

Aldermen Ken Stanfield asked how soon they would have to decide on next year's insurance.

"Do we have to decide tonight?" Stanfield asked.

The clerk and treasurer said yes, it needed to be decided on because the city has to make the change by Dec. 1, 2018.

"The new insurance starts on Dec. 1," Jones said.

Mayor Josh Seaver asked the board

if they would like him to call Alderman Tony Gieck so they could make a decision. Gieck participated in the discussion via speaker phone.

Stanfield said Gieck had asked him to table the discussion until next month, as Gieck was not able to make it to the meeting. Stanfield added that what Gieck had shared with him did not "jive" with what the suggested insurance report said. Jones said that everyone received the same copy of suggested insurances with potential costs.

"We have to be enrolled in something

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## Two injured at Osage County line accident

Three persons were injured in two separate accidents in Osage County last week.

On Friday afternoon, Nov. 16, two persons were injured in a four-vehicle accident on US 63 near the Maries County line. Traffic was backed up and later reduced to one lane for several hours along a busy stretch of highway.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the accident occurred when a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Verus P. Bosch, 72, of Henley, was traveling northbound and slowed to make a left turn. A northbound 1999 Kenworth, driven by Mitchell G. Herx, 32, of Iberia, struck a 2017 Ford F350, driven northbound by Fred L. Herx, 54, of

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## Fun in the snow

Snowfall on Thursday covered the area in varying amounts of snowfall. The Bland City Park saw approximately four inches of snowfall, more than enough for some sledding fun late Thursday morning. Jessica Reed (above) smiles at Elisa and Kylie sliding down the hill.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

## Voters to decide cell phone surcharge for 911 dispatch center in April

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MARIES COUNTY — The Maries County Commissioners all are in agreement with Sheriff Chris Heitman and his deputies and staff that more money is desperately needed to fund the county's 911 Dispatch Center because revenues from land line telephones continue to decrease drastically each year. The increasingly rapid shift from homes having landline telephones and instead disconnecting these lines and relying primarily on cell phones to communicate, has punched a hole in the once stable funding source for 911 Dispatch activities.

Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Scott John, who also serves the county as the 911 Administrator, spoke to the commissioners at length last Thursday about House

Bill 1456, which allows the county to ask voters to approve a monthly surcharge on cell phones. The new law allows a surcharge of up to \$1 per month per cell phone. However, he suggested starting the monthly surcharge at 60 to 70 cents with incremental increases each year to reach the \$1 maximum in about five years. The incremental increases would be included in the ballot language. John said the additional revenue would help the 911 Dispatch Center keep up with the increasing and continuing costs of technology upgrades.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Schwartze said he thinks the issue would have the best chance of passage in the April 2019 election. The commissioners and others are concerned the voters won't approve any tax increase as what was witnessed by the rejection of the state gasoline tax at the recent General Election. Lt. John said, "I believe the voters of our county

will approve it if they are educated on it." He said county residents are very supportive of the county's first responders. The revenue is much needed for the 911 Dispatch Center and if voters approve the cell phone surcharge, the revenue would serve a two-fold purpose, Lt. John said. "We need manpower and we are behind on technology."

Text to 911 is available and in 2020 the 911 centers can capture video, allowing people to stream videos from a scene of an emergency right to the 911 Dispatch Center. John said the recorder system in the dispatch center has not been working properly and new one is \$15,000, and they are "way overdue" to get it put into use. When someone calls the 911 Dispatch Center, the calls are saved on the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), on the auto recorder, and the dispatch operator types the recorded message. The operator begins to dispatch units to the scene using CAD. They create

an incident such as a motor vehicle accident with injuries, doing it quickly, and then it is dragged to units responding and it sends a text. All of the first responders who have registered their cell phones with the sheriff's office receive the text. John said having this information available on a text is useful during emergencies as it is something that can be looked at if they've forgotten and address or other information.

John said they haven't decided what they plan to do with the money and want to be able to be forthright with voters about how the money will be spent. It would be good to have dual dispatchers as besides manning the 911 Dispatch Center, these sheriff's office employees also are wardens of the jail and the inmates while they are on duty, plus multiple other responsibilities. And, they are paid only \$10 and hour

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## Dinner Belle hosting Thanksgiving dinner

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## A NEW ADVENTURE

# The first Thanksgiving

We all remember the same story we were told as a young child about Thanksgiving — in a nutshell the Pilgrims invited the Indians over for a big feast to thank them for teaching them how to grow corn.

This story was reinforced through grade school, in TV shows and beyond. It has become part of the fabric of our society. But like the story of George Washington cutting down the cherry tree it is not accurate.

What is true is that the Indians did help the Pilgrims survive after the Mayflower landed in the new world.

As Paul Harvey would have said, “now for the rest of the story.”

The 40 Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower were led by a man named William Bradford. On their journey across the Atlantic they signed an agreement setting out rules of how the group would live once they reached the new world.

They based this agreement on what they had learned from the Bible.

The contract called for everything the Pilgrims produced to go into a common store, with each member entitled to an equal share. So, all the land that was cleared, crops harvested and houses that

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



were built belonged to the community. A percentage of their bounty was set aside to be sent back to Europe to pay the investors who made their trip possible.

In this settlement no one owned anything. It was socialism, pure and simple.

During the first winter, half of the Pilgrims died, including William Bradford’s own wife, of starvation, sickness and exposure. When spring arrived, the Native Americans did teach the settlers how to plant corn, how to fish for cod, and skin beavers for coats. Life improved for the Pilgrims, but there were still problems.

Because no individual reaped the rewards of their own work, there were those who slacked off,

doing as little as possible to get by. On the other end of the stick there were those who worked hard to make sure there was enough for everyone.

I bet you can figure out what happened next. There were two types of people — those who worked hard and resented the others and those who were basically lazy, doing the bare minimum.

Bradford was smart enough to see the friction that was caused from the original contract they had all signed on the Mayflower.

So a new contract was created based on capitalism — what you grow you keep, what you build is yours, what you make you can sell, the harder you work the more you earn.

Bradford wrote about all of this in his journal “for it made all hands industrious so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been.”

This is why the original Pilgrims gave thanks. It was not because the Indians saved them, but to thank God for helping them survive.

With socialism no one has an incentive to work because there is no reward proportionate to your labor. Now in America there are some politicians on the political left who want to change America to a socialist country. If you are lazy and don’t

like to work, this system is for you. If you enjoy working hard and seeing the fruits of your labor this should scare you like it does me.

History consistently has shown that socialism leads to poverty and unrest. Right now Venezuela is undergoing an economic crisis which is largely deemed to be a result of socialism.

For some more history; George Washington made the first proclamation of a national day of thanksgiving in 1789. “Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.”

The holiday wasn’t made official until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared it as a kind of thank you for the Civil War victories in Vicksburg, Miss., and Gettysburg, Pa.

Tomorrow, like many of you, our family will gather around the dinner table and give thanks. We will give thanks to God for our family and all our blessings.

My prayer is that you have much to be thankful for also.

## GUEST COMMENTARIES

# Making peace with anger for a more harmonious Thanksgiving

BY TOM CORNER

Ah, Thanksgiving. Most people conjure an image of the perfect holiday gathering. Family and friends all attend, everybody recites what they are thankful for, and a toast is made to those family members who have passed away in the last year.

But not everybody’s Thanksgiving is a Norman Rockwell painting. Domestic violence increases, political arguments become heated, and the added stress some people feel to create a perfect celebration only makes everything worse. Plus, since some family members don’t see each other except during the holidays, they may want to revisit old arguments and settle old scores.

Thanksgiving should be a time to reflect on the past, to be thankful for it, and for our family and friends.

Thanksgiving also should be just as much about looking to the future as it is thinking about the past. But in order to do that, some people may have to deal with family anger issues first.

As someone whose struggles to overcome anger issues, as I note in my latest book, people who have pent-up anger can deal with it in many different ways — and family gatherings can bring these issues

to the surface.

While it’s not always easy to mollify someone else’s anger, here are some suggestions on how you can reduce your own anger issues at Thanksgiving dinner:

Prepare yourself. Before attending or hosting the event, spend some time saying some affirmations like “I will focus on things to be thankful for,” “Although my brother/sister may upset me, I deeply love and appreciate myself,” or even “I attract honor, respect and dignity for myself and others.”

Behave. Don’t worry so much about other people’s behavior — pay attention to your own. How you behave is likely to be returned to you. If you are grumpy and assume the holiday will be a disaster, you may make that come true. So smile because smiles really are contagious.

Risk change. If your Thanksgiving dinners have always been a disaster because you can’t stand your sister, for example, make a commitment that this year you are going to change. You can’t change her, but you can change your expectations of her (and yourself). Decide ahead of time that you will truly be loving and kind to yourself and you will be loving and kind to her. Thanksgiving only comes once a year, so take a risk and change how you

see your family and remove unjustified expectations.

Be present and aware. Don’t go on automatic pilot. Be here, be now, be present. Your positive energy of being “in the moment” will impact those around you. Don’t bring your past arguments and hurts into the present.

Forgive yourself. If your Thanksgiving wasn’t perfect, that’s OK. Our true perfection lies on our imperfections. Don’t take how it went as a personal reflection on you. Once you forgive and accept yourself, you will magically do the same for your family members.

After Thanksgiving is over, make peace with what was. Hug your family, kiss your children, and take some time to just be. You will need it. After all, Christmas dinner will only be four weeks away. So, if you grasp onto family frustrations ask yourself “Are these thoughts really true?” (Tom Corner, author of “Borrowed Eyes and Feet: Finding Enlightenment After Rage,” published his first children’s book in 2014 — “List for Santa, List for Life!” His follow-up publications include “Positive Thoughts, Positive Life! Mommy Why Do You Have Two Birthdays?” and “Life is Fine, When You are Aligned!”)

# Holidays, politics — rebuilding civility

BY GABRIELLE ETZEL

With the chill in the air and the leaves already falling, the holidays are just around the corner.

Whether you’re hosting or being hosted, the old rule of not discussing religion, money, or politics serves as a reminder of the issues which can divide even those who love each other the most. But in an era where everything, from ice cream to music, is politicized, avoiding political topics in conversation with those of differing views becomes almost impossible.

Is this overly divisive and ever-present political tension healthy for society?

If the idea of wading into a political subject with friends or family with whom you disagree gives you a sinking feeling of dread during the most wonderful time of the year, you’re not alone. According to a Pew Research Study, 59 percent of Americans find discussing politics with those who share different views of the Trump Administration stressful or anxiety-inducing.

Among individuals leaning to the left, only 28 percent find that discussing politics with those leaning to the right can be interesting and informative.

This divisive picture is darkened by the fact that nearly one in four Americans feel that their relationships with friends, family, or co-workers have been strained by voting for opposing candidates.

Unsurprisingly, these feelings of relational division only increase with greater partisanship or deeper ideological commitment, as nearly half of all strongly-identifying liberal Democrats feel their relationships with Trump voters have been weakened by the last presidential election.

With the polarization of the 2018 midterm elections, who knows how much worse these measurements will look just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner?

Keep in mind, though, that these percentages are more than just ivory-tower analysis and have a greater effect than making your holiday gathering more uncomfortable than usual. These numbers, which capture the inescapable feelings that come along with living in America today, illustrate that political divisions are eroding the important social institutions which hold society together.

Family, friends, and community organizations form the basis of a peaceful civil society. If these intimate relationships are torn apart by politics, is there anything that isn’t in the line of fire in the battle of red versus blue?

In the wake of increasing political violence over the past few years — ranging from bipartisan acts of domestic terrorism to radical riots in cities and towns across America — the time for trying to heal these political divisions is long

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## HOMETOWN BOY

# ‘Exit speed’ tells calf moods, buyers bid-up calmer calves

“Exit speed” is a trait farmers should know about their cattle. Slow exit speed adds value.

Exit speed tells how beef animals leave a working chute. Some calves shoot out when the head gate opens. Others stroll out.

Speeders likely fought the head gate much of time confined. Recently, farmers saw and learned about exit speed in two Extension meetings at Joplin Regional Stockyards.

The first group brought feeder calves entered in a Steer Feedout program. Livestock specialist Eldon Cole makes the gathering into teaching time. Graders and calf buyers talk about each consignment. They pointed out differences in temperament among calf lots. Some calves were hyper. Some were calm.

Now we know that genetic profiles predict calm or hyper calves. DNA influences temperament.

Temper can be nature or nurture. Calm calves learn hyper from how they are treated. Can it be that calves’ temperament reflects owners’ moods?

In a panel talk, feeder-calf buyers said they pay more for calm calves. Those that stroll around the sale ring fetch higher bids. Buyers won’t bid as much for calves trying to climb out of the ring.

Calves with high-exit speed won’t slow down to eat, settling into a feedlot. Slow ones gain fast and make money for the feeder.

Buyers at Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer sales look at “exit speed.” I’ve gone to SMS sales for over 20 years and see differences in pens of heifers. Some stroll in and look around. Others zip around, looking for ways to jump out.

Over decades, I see great calming of heifers. Producers learn that nervous heifers don’t bring as much.

At the Joplin sale last week, some heifers were sorted by genetic traits. All heifers in a pen had similar DNA.

Extension specialists noted that heifers rated “docile” were ho-hum calm. Eldon Cole’s farmers are early adopters of genetic testing. About half the heifers for sale came with known DNA.

Now, buyers must learn how to read genetic data in heifer sale catalogs to know offerings in each lot. Genetic data has value. Slowly we’re learning to apply science to herd replacement buying. There’s much to learn.

Sadly, I missed reporting first hand those two meetings. I’m grounded, still recovering from the fall and broken knee from the Missouri Photo Workshop. Last week, my orthopedic surgeon gave my knee high marks on recovery. No hardware needed to screw the kneecap back together. But, I’m not running yet.

My exit speed rates near zero. But, that doesn’t make me worth more. I’ll travel again, soon. Meanwhile, I still write stories. No knee needed after I get my butt in a chair in front of a computer keyboard. Fingers still connect to the brain. Neither docile.

My co-worker Linda Geist covered the steer feedout gathering. In turn, I helped her with the livestock terms she’s learning. Until now, she’s worked crops and horticulture.

She brings excellent journalism to our news output. High speed. At the Missouri Photo Workshop, a young photographer learned about beef cows in her farm story. She took a classy photo of the value of a docile cow. The farmer astraddle a new calf clamps on an ear tag number. The mama cow about 10 feet away watches intently. She is not climbing atop the farmer.

The cow is docile. Her calf, with mom’s docile DNA, takes the ear tag. Docility gains value for a cow-calf producer.

Calm working of cows teaches them calm behavior. Some bad clues that make cattle nervous are low farmer contact. Feed buckets help teach. But, hot-shot prods and whips destroy calm. Likewise hot-rod four wheelers and ill-trained dogs don’t help the calm.

Over years of reporting on management-intensive grazing, I note MiG herds tend to be docile. They learn when the farmer comes to open a gate to a fresh paddock, they get more grass. They calmly await the farmer’s call. No driving needed.

Quick, share your stories with [duanedailey7@gmail.com](mailto:duanedailey7@gmail.com).



by **DUANE DAILEY**

## Thank you

We would like to express our thanks to the community of Belle for welcoming Barbara and I into your town for the past 16 years. I would especially like to thank the city voters for your trust in allowing me to be your city administrator, alderman (both ways) and mayor of the city of Belle. These were experiences I will never forget.

I would ask one favor. I ask that you support your Board of Aldermen. I know them as very trustworthy and they are servicing in the best interest of your town.

Thanks again for the great memories and bless you!

Richard Huse, Citizen





## Author of children's books visits Maries R-1 Elementary

Michael Wayne visited Maries R-1 Elementary School last week and shared books and talked to the students about his life as an author. Wayne is a native of St. James and currently lives in the Chicago area with his family. He has been an elementary and middle school teacher and holds a master's degree in fine arts in children's writing. Last year Wayne visited Maries R-1 and talked about the hunting book he made with photographs. This year he talked about the process and how he gets ideas for his books and how he digitally made the illustrations for his recent book series "Snowmen." The children liked his books as they are interactive and the students found them to be very funny.

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## Accident • from page 1

Iberia, causing the vehicle to strike the Silverado. The Ford F350 then traveled across the centerline and struck nearly head on a southbound 2012 Dodge Ram driven by Aaron B. McDonald, 43, of Rolla.

Injured were McDonald who had serious injuries and was life flighted from the scene to University Hospital in Columbia, and Fred L. Herx with minor injuries who refused treatment at the scene. Neither of them were wearing a safety device, the patrol said.

The Kenworth and Silverado received minor damage and the Ford and the Dodge received extensive damage.

In an accident at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, a Linn youth was seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident on Highway 89, north of county road 803.

The patrol reported the accident occurred when a southbound 2001 Mazda B3000, driven by Owen M. Robinson, 16, of Linn, traveled off the left side of the road and overcorrected. The vehicle then traveled off the right side of the road and struck a tree.

Robinson received serious injuries and was taken to University Hospital in Columbia. He was wearing a safety device. The vehicle received total damage.

## Judge gives Vienna man a chance to become a productive member of society

Circuit Court Judge William Hickle, at a Maries County Law Day earlier this month, gave a former Vienna man a chance to turn his life around and become a productive member of society.

A probation violation hearing was held for former Vienna man and 2013 Vienna High School graduate, Kole Kleffner, 24, who has been in the Maries County and Osage County jails for the past three months. He was represented by Public Defender Matthew Crowell.

Osage County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Carnes was present in court to testify about the arrest at a residence in Linn where drugs and stolen property were located and Kleffner was a person in the residence along with others.

Kleffner's mother, Leann Kleffner, spoke in defense of her son, saying the time in jail she thinks has helped him and she hopes he can turn his life around. She said he can live with her for a time but he needs to get a job. She would provide structure and support for him.

Maries County Prosecutor Terry Schwartz questioned her about paying his bond and his lawyer and she said she never did this with her money but used money he gave her. Schwartz told the court Kole Kleffner was enabled by his mother and his lawyer and never faced his problems. He had three cases in Maries County at

one time, four cases in Cole County, and one in Osage County. She asked is he'd ever been to drug treatment and his mother said one time several years ago he had 28 days of treatment on Boonville. He does not use drugs in front of her but sometimes she could tell he was high. She said he went to college for one year at East Central College. Schwartz said Judge Hickle told him to go back to school. Kleffner said you have to have money to go to school. Schwartz said half of his charges are stealing. Kleffner said she doesn't think he did it. She said there were times when he said he wanted to quit using drugs.

In closing, Schwartz said the cases have been going on since 2015 and 2016 and she's never seen any indication that he is interested in changing. She said he has multiple drug charges and he also steals. He was put on probation for the 2016 possession case and told to obey all laws and "he's in a house with drugs and stolen property." She said they can put him in the 120 day treatment program, but she doesn't believe he's ready to admit to his mistakes. She said his mom and his attorney have assisted and enabled him and it would have been better for his attorney to take his cases to court. "He needs to step up and admit he's an addict

and a thief," she said, adding that's Kleffner is smart but now it is time for the structure of the Department of Corrections.

Matthew Crowell, Kleffner's attorney, said Kleffner was waiting to get into drug court in Cole and Osage counties. Crowell said people with drug addictions do better with help and that Kleffner has been left hanging for eight or nine months. He's been in county jails for the last three months. The system has failed him. His probation officer didn't help him. He's been told things but he is not in any programs to get help. With the Osage County charges, Crowell said Kleffner was not the only person in the house and the burden of proof was not met. He said there is not sufficient evidence he committed new crimes and being arrested is not a probation violation. Kleffner is being punished for not getting into drug court. Crowell said a conviction will "set him back." Kleffner is bright and was working two jobs.

Schwartz said there is evidence of Kleffner telling an officer he had a half gram of meth. She said, "No more excuses" and asked the judge to revoke his probation.

Judge Hickle said he believes there was sufficient evidence and the burden of proof there were drugs and a law was violated. The case is hard because "the

defendant had a lot of capability" but has these drug violations. Schwartz said there have not been any convictions as they are all pending. Judge Hickle said the straightforward way is to revoke his probation and give him a sentence but then Kleffner will have this on his record. Instead, he added a term to his probation to go to prison and participate in the 120 day institutional drug treatment program. If he is a successful student in the program, he will be released from prison and remain on probation. If he is not successful and commits another crime, he can be sentenced to up to seven years in prison. The judge also wants a home plan change and ordered that he live with his mother. He asked Kleffner what course work he took in college and Kleffner said he wanted to be a nurse. Judge Hickle said that option is no longer available to him but added a term to his probation that he enroll in college, taking two courses beginning with the summer term. Also, Kleffner is not to have any contact with individuals mentioned in today's testimony other than his significant other, Katie. "I'm bending over backwards to try to keep your future open for you so you can become a productive member of society. If not, I'll send you to prison," Judge Hickle said.

## Holidays • From page 2

overdue. The best time to start on this journey towards reconciliation is at the holiday table with those you love.

Although the state of America might not be the merriest thing to discuss this holiday, shutting down the lines of communication deepens the polarization which is driving a wedge between a once united people. While political conversations can be unpleasant — ranging from mildly awkward to absolutely agonizing — the best place to start a meaningful dialogue is within your own circle.

If you want to make a change within society, the best place to start is within yourself.

This does not mean setting out to win an argument. This does not mean trying to change someone's mind. Rather, engaging in a respectful dialogue and learning from the perspectives of others just as much as sharing your own is a way to strengthen a relationship and to foster a mutual understanding. Laying the foundation necessary to rebuild civility in American political discourse can only happen one brick at a time.

A conversation at a holiday celebration won't solve the significant policy issues which divide us. Even the magical spirit of this

time of year can't mend the brokenness of our country overnight. Despite this, applying the holiday season's themes of love, charity, and kindness to our individual political engagement, especially when addressing individuals of differing views, is a step in the right direction.

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Grove City College, in Grove City, Pa. After graduation, Gabrielle intends to continue her study in public policy at the graduate level with the hopes of developing a career in influencing culture and policymaking. She is the secretary of the Grove City College Martial Arts Club and writes for her own political commentary blog, The Unvarnished Blog.)

### You're Invited to Maries Manor Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 7 • 6:00PM

★ Music ★ Entertainment ★ Food  
★ Door Prizes ★ **Santa Claus & his Elf!**

Stop for some amazing appetizers and drinks. Our staff and residents would love to have people from our community and local area attend!



EOE 174 Ballpark Road • Vienna, MO 65582

All Maries County residents are welcome to attend an

### Open House

Friday, November 30 • 10:00AM-2:00PM  
MARIES COUNTY COURTHOUSE

— Help Us Celebrate the Retirement of:

- ★ **Debbie Stokes** - Associate Circuit Clerk  
~ 27 Years Of Service
- ★ **Terry Schwartz** - Prosecuting Attorney  
~ 16 Years Of Service
- ★ **Ray Schwartz** - Presiding Commissioner  
~ 12 Years Of Service (Presentations at 10:30AM)

Live music by **Don Brunnert** (11:00AM-12:00PM)  
and **Wayne Helton & Friends** (12:00PM-1:00PM)

Plus a Sheriff's Department K-9 demonstration at 1:00PM

- ★ Refreshments ★ Meet and greet with elected officials
- ★ Courthouse tours by Maries County Historical Society

## The Maries County Bank

Pride in our past... Investing in your future.



## Community Calendar

### Vienna Senior Center Bingo

Monday, Nov. 26th | Lucky 7 Jackpot

### Maries County Court House Open House

Friday, Nov. 30th | 10:00 a.m. | Celebrating the Retirement of:  
Debbie Stokes - Associate Circuit Clerk - 27 years  
Terry Schwartz - Prosecuting Attorney - 16 years  
Ray Schwartz - Presiding Commissioner - 12 years  
Live Music \* Refreshments \* Historical Tours

### Maries R-1 PTO Carnival

Friday, Nov. 30th | 5:00-7:30 p.m. | Maries R-1 Cafeteria  
Food \* Games \* Bingo \* Cake Walk

### Holy Family Parish Fall Supper

Sunday, Dec. 2nd | 11:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Freeburg, MO  
Chicken, Pork Sausage and Real Mashed Potatoes  
Carry-Outs Available \* Bingo \* Crafts \* Country Store  
Assorted Christmas Cookies

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## AREA OBITUARIES

### Burch Stokes

 Burch Patterson Stokes, 82, Dixon, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in the Life Care of Waynesville. He was born March 15, 1936, to Burch Patterson "Buster" and Essie May (Smith) Stokes, in Meigs County, Tenn.


He was first united in marriage in the 1950's and later to Sharon Lee Johns.

Burch served in the U.S. Army serving at stations in Germany and Korea and two years in Vietnam combat. He obtained the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He retired in 1985 and settled near Dixon.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Kenner Church of God, Dixon, with Pastor Beverly Sharp officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Kenner Cemetery, near Dixon. Memorial contributions suggested to the Kenner Church of God backpack program.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Dixon.

### Rosalind Welch

 Rosalind "Rose" Susan Welch, 101, Crocker, passed away Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in the Richland Care Center, Richland.

She was born April 7, 1917, to Joseph Franklin and Myrtle May (Hodgeman) LaValley, at Hooksett, N.H.

She was united in marriage to John Edward Welch Jr., Sept. 25, 1939, at Sanford, Maine.

Rose was a 1935 graduate of Concord High School, Concord, N.H. and also a graduate of Concord Commercial College.

As a long-time resident of Concord, N.H. and Newport, R.I., she was a member of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 14 in Concord; past President of the Concord BPW; charter member of "Women in Construction"; 1974 "Woman of the Year" in the New Hampshire Good Roads Association; member of the Mosaic Club in Newport; served as a communicate of the St. George's Episcopal Church in Newport; and was an avid bowler, belonging to four leagues, while in Rhode Island.

Prior to retirement in 1980, Rose worked as a bookkeeper and had been employed by the J.C. Penny Company, Inc., Concord, N.H., and R.S. Audley Construction Company, Inc., Bow, N.H. After retiring, she worked as an in-home care giver and companion before moving to Richland in 1999.

She was preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Myrtle; son-in-law, Daniel E. Dodge; brothers, Harold and Phillip LaValley; and sisters, Permelia Still and Bessie Bresaw.

She is survived by son, Henry Welch and wife Loraine of Pittsfield, N.H.; daughters, Susan Dodge of Richland and Mary Chadbourne and husband Hersel of Crocker; and nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Chapel, Dixon, with Mr. Donald G. Ward as officiant. Interment was next to her husband in the Calvary Cemetery, Concord, N.H. Memorial contributions suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Dixon.

## ALOT names Hofherr Agricultural Leader of the Year

St. James Winery CEO Dr. Peter Hofherr was named the 2018 Agricultural Leader of the Year Saturday, Nov. 3, by the Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT).

Kristin Perry, Executive Director of ALOT, said this award is given annually to a non-ALOT alumnus who has contributed greatly to Missouri Agriculture and the ALOT program.

Recipients should be involved in Missouri agriculture via production, agribusiness or academic means. ALOT Board Member, Denny Mertz says, "This year's winner is unique in that Dr. Hofherr is involved in all three areas of Missouri agriculture- production, agribusiness and academic."

Hofherr is a native Missourian with a doctorate in agriculture and applied economics from the University of Missouri. He has served as the Deputy Director and Director of the

Missouri Department of Agriculture, Chairman of the Missouri Wine and Grape Board, President of the Missouri Agriculture Foundation and on the boards of Wine America, the National Wine and Grape Initiative and the Missouri State University Board of Governors.

In addition to these and many other positions, he is the second-generation owner of St. James Winery.

Under his leadership, this family business became Missouri's largest and most-awarded winery. Hofherr and his team of professionals are actively involved in using the latest technology to draw the very best out of the land and produce quality products that show off the region.

"We are always excited to share products that reflect the land and lifestyle we love," says Hofherr.



ST. JAMES Winery CEO Dr. Peter Hofherr (left) receives 2018 Leader of the Year Award from ALOT Board member Denny Mertz. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

## MARIES COUNTY MENUS

### Maries County R-I Schools

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Pickles, Apple Crisp

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
Cherry Blossom Chicken, Rolls, Broccoli, Pineapple

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Spaghetti, Green Beans, Breadsticks, Peaches

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
Tacos, Refried Beans, Strawberries

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Pepperoni Pinwheel, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Grapes

### Maries County R-II Schools

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Chicken Patty, Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mandarin Orange Chicken Salad, Corn, Pears, Rolls

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Cheeseburger, Chicken Tacos, Tater Tots, Cobb Salad, Blueberry Muffin, Salad, Applesauce

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
Tony's Pizza, Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich, Yogurt, Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad, Pineapple Muffin, Salad, Baby Carrots, Strawberry Banana Mix

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
Three Cheese Grilled Cheese, Chicken/Waffles, Strawberry Chicken Salad, Italian Bread, Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Cinnamon Apples

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Chicken Patty, Meatloaf, Mandarin Orange Chicken Salad, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli Carrot Mix, Pineapple, Rolls

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
Cheesy Chicken Pasta, Italian Bread, BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger Nachos, Taco Salad, Cornbread, Salad, Refried Beans, Pears

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Tony's Pizza, Fish Sandwich, Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad, Pineapple Muffin, Salad, Roasted Vegetables, Tropical Fruit

### Visitation Inter-Parish Lunch

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Ham/Cheese Wrap, Noodles, Peaches

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Apples, Roll

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Spaghetti, Peas/Carrots, Pears, Roll

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
Rib/Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans, Cherries

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Taco Soup, Cheese, Carrot Sticks, Cherries, Tortilla Chips, Cookies

### Vienna Senior Center Lunch

210 Ball Park Rd. Vienna  
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**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Easy Roast Chicken, Broccoli, Peaches, Sloppy Joes, Roasted Red Potatoes, Brownies

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Closed for Thanksgiving

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
Closed

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Apple Juice Chicken, Peas/Carrots, Applesauce, Pizza, Cheesy Potatoes, French Silk Mousse

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
Roasted Pork, Italian Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Spaghetti, Potatoes, Apple Cobbler

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Taco Bar, Mexican Corn, Sliced Cinnamon Pears, Ham/Beans, Refried Beans, Cornbread, Cookies

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
BBQ Chicken Thigh, Zucchini/Tomatoes, Apricots, Hot Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Baked Potato, Carrot Cake

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Fish, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Chicken Pot Pie, Tater Tots, Ice Cream

\*\*\*Meals served Mon-Fri (except holidays) for a suggested contribution of \$4.00 for individuals age

60 plus and their spouses. Guests under 60 required to pay \$6.50.

### Vienna Senior Center Events

Thursday, Nov. 22  
..... Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 23  
..... Closed for Thanksgiving  
Monday, Nov. 26  
6:45 p.m. .... Bingo  
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
10:30 a.m. . Blood Pressure Check  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
10:00 a.m. .... Board Meeting  
Friday, Nov. 30  
..... ZELDA/Games

## HEARTLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

### BELLE SCHEDULE

Nov. 24 11:00 a.m. .... Storytime  
*Children must be accompanied by adult.*

### VIENNA SCHEDULE

Nov. 22 ..... Closed for Thanksgiving  
Nov. 24 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... Storytime (ages 3+)  
Nov. 28 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. .... Book Club (3rd - 6th grades)  
Nov. 29 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. .... Computer Tutorials  
3:30 - 7 p.m. .... Family Board Game Night  
6:00 p.m. .... Mesh Poinsettia Wreath Craft  
Dec. 1 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... Storytime (ages 3+)

# Thank You

Thank You Maries County Voters!

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# Happy Thanksgiving!

As we pause to reflect on what we are thankful for this Thanksgiving, we can't help but remember all the kindness and love shown in the community we live in.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. We hope your day is filled with his grace and love!

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## News Briefs

### SANTAS COMING TO VIENNA

Mark your calendars to be present to greet Santa when he comes to the courthouse in Vienna on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The annual Santa visit is sponsored by the Vienna Lions Club. Santa will be present for the kids to tell him their Christmas wishes. Free photos will be taken of the children with Santa and each child will receive a free treat bag.

### MARIES R-2 FILINGS OPEN

Filing opens at 8 a.m. Dec. 11 for two seats on the Maries County R-2 School Board. The open three-year term seats are currently occupied by Joey Butler II, board president, and Dawn Hicks, vice president. Butler is about to complete his second term. Hicks has served one term.

### Phelps County attorney indicted for sexual assault

Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley announced that a Phelps County Grand Jury indicted attorney Brant Shockley with 18 counts involving sexual assaults of four different women. The charged criminal conduct dates back to 2014 and occurred at the Defendant's home and offices in Phelps County. Shockley was taken into custody Friday.

This case is being investigated by the Rolla Police Department, with assistance from the Phelps County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case and was appointed special prosecutor because of a conflict at the request of the Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney.

The Attorney General and the Rolla Police Department encourages anyone with additional information regarding Mr. Shockley or this case to contact Michael Boll at the Missouri Attorney General's Office at (573) 644-3068 or Det. Adam Meyer at the Rolla Police Department at (573) 308-1213.

Attorney General Hawley reminds the public that the charges against Shockley are allegations and, as in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.



**BELLE HIGH** School (BHS) was the recipient of 100 books of local poetry donated by Osage Arts Community (OAC) Nov. 14. Representing BHS library are: Kassi Maurer, librarian, front, far right, and Lea Hickerson, principal, back, second from right. Representing OAC are (from left): John Dorsey, Chigger Matthews, Director Mark McClane and Jeanette Powers. Maurer, below, looks at the 100 books of poetry. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

### Poetry books • from page 1

and OAC wanted to spend a couple hundred dollars on books for a local poetry section," Maurer said.

OAC writers have been active in a few of the English classes already, including Donnie Boenker's Language Arts I class.

"Donnie is excited to have something poetry related to show his class and have them read in class," Maurer said.

Authors include Zophia McDoughal, Jeanette Powers, and John Dorsey among others.

"These are all artists who have been in residence at OAC in the last two years, in the community of Belle," McClane said. "We have six publishers here right now. Five are exclusively poetry."

McClane said OAC donated the contemporary poetry collection for the students.

Maurer added that students have already perused the shelves. One book filled with painted portraits by Powers seems to be a favorite.

"A couple of students noticed the book didn't have words," Maurer said. "They were just blown away that there was a book without words."

The author of the book was

thrilled that her work was being looked at, and added that the book was "Women in Italy."

"I was in Italy for three weeks and painted all the women I met," Powers explained. "There were also sculptures in that book."

Powers said when she was asked to contribute to the donation, she was not thinking "poetry." She gave the ones she liked best.

"Those paintings speak," Powers said. "It's cool to see the kids responding to those."

Powers, who primarily identifies as a writer, and considers painting and kayaking her hobbies,

explained that most of her other paintings and sculptures are more aggravated, from an angry place. "Women in Italy" is a traveling piece.

"It's more traveling the world, more sweet, more delicate," Powers said. "I am delighted they looked. Those books being opened and looked at — that's the point."

Maurer also hopes the trend will continue, as the collection expands and helps students to be more well-rounded.

"Since the poetry is here, we hope it will continue to gain interest with the kids," Maurer said.



**PHOTO BY ROXIE MURPHY**

### Phone surcharge • from page 1

with no benefits. They are part time workers and the turnover rate is high. John said he thinks a good start is a raise to \$12 an hour with benefits. They work a 12-hour shift, working 168 hours every 28 days. The county pays overtime for these part time workers when necessary. However, deputies don't get overtime, but receive comp time instead although it's hard for them to take it with a department that never shuts down and they have seven deputies to keep it working 24-7. Also, John said the deputies make \$13 an hour with the county paying \$22,000 of the annual salary and the state supplement bringing the salary to \$30,000 annually. "The guys downstairs don't do it for the paycheck," he said. They do it because they want to serve the community.

There is more information to be gathered, John told the commissioners. They need to know how

many cell phones are in the county as these bills will be affected and revenue collections made if voters approve the surcharge. They speculated that 5,000 cell phones with an added 60 cents per month surcharge will bring in about \$36,000 a year. "It's new money but money we've lost," John said, adding as the revenue has decreased more 911 Dispatch expenses have come out of the regular sheriff's budgets. John said he has more homework to do and believes educating the voters is very important.

Schwartz said if the surcharge is approved and when it is fully implemented at \$1 per month per phone, if there are 6,000 cell phones in the county and surcharge would generate about \$72,000 annually. The land line surcharge for 911 currently on land lines is 15 percent of the bill up to \$1.50. John said people who still have land lines generally also own cell phones.

Western District Commissioner Ed Fagre googled for information and said in 2017 Maries County had 8,867 residents.

Eastern District Commissioner Doug Drowel said it would be good to get the \$1 and it certainly would help. However, he's not sure it would be easy for the surcharge to be approved by voters. Fagre commented it would nice if the state legislators would deal with the problem "instead of worrying about getting reelected." Schwartz said it is hard for rural counties because some of the larger counties have so much sales tax revenue or a dedicated 911 sales tax that their representatives aren't interested in doing anything about it.

John, looking through the multi-paged House Bill 1456, said the new law allows for a three percent surcharge on pre-paid phones at the time of the retail transaction with the money collected by the Missouri Dept. of Revenue.

If approved by voters, the sur-

## Belle hosts Christmas decorating contest

The city of Belle is planning to host its First Annual City Wide Christmas Decorating contest this December with first and second place prizes provided by local sponsors.

"Break out the lights and garland," said Belle Mayor Josh Seaver. Prizes include first place, \$100 cash and a choice of either a ham or turkey. Second place will receive \$50 cash and either a ham or turkey (depending on what the first place winner chooses).

"Thanks to some very generous donations from Mace's Supermarket, Legends Blank, Mid America Bank and Maries County Bank," Seaver said.

Rules for the contest include: register by 4 p.m. Dec. 13; participants must be inside the city limits of Belle; be respectful of your neighbors; and have fun. Creativity is strongly encouraged.

There are multiple ways to register to participate. Either submit your name and address to the city administration building or send your information no later than 4 p.m., Dec. 13 via Facebook Messenger to 'Josh Seaver, Mayor, Belle Missouri.'

Judging for the contest will be held at 7 p.m., Dec. 14, and winners will be awarded and announced via Facebook that evening.

## Dinner Belle hosting Thanksgiving dinner

The Dinner Belle is hosting its Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Dine-in and delivery Nov. 22 in Belle.

"I work a lot with the elderly people of course," said owner Theresa Taylor. "I can see that they are lonely. I just do it because I hate to see people alone."

Taylor said it is not just the Belle and Bland communities that have so many people alone for the holidays.

"I want to make their holiday a little bit brighter. Being in a restaurant gives me the tool I need to help others," Taylor said.

The first year Taylor came up with the idea, some of her staff and volunteers helped her to deliver meals to members of the community. The following year they started a dine-in option.

"People want to get out and visit," Taylor said.

The first year of dining in, Taylor had almost 60 people. Last

year, she served 120. She says the hardest part isn't the serving, it's the finding.

"It's so hard to find people," Taylor said. "I go door to door if I think there is someone living somewhere alone — you can tell by their yards if they don't have kids or family."

She just knocks on doors and signs people up for dine-in or delivery.

"I normally send letters to places like Theresa at No Place Like Home, the churches and the food pantries," Taylor said.

This year was an exception, as one of her children married in October, and Taylor didn't get around to sending the letters. She needs more help finding people now than before.

"The hardest thing is finding people sitting alone," she said. "With the privacy acts — I know

See **Dinner Belle** on Page 6

charge would become effective in the quarter after it was passed. So, in Maries County's case with the April ballot, if the surcharge is approved collection would begin in July. John said he will do some research to see if he can find out the number of cell phones in Maries County, the money the surcharge might generate, and the number of calls received and handled in the county's 911 Dispatch Center.

Voters will want to know this information.

Fagre suggested asking Prosecutor Terry Schwartze to read the house bill and give her opinion about it.

County Clerk Rhonda Rodgers said in order to be included on the April election, the surcharge question needs to be certified by December 26, 2018.

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**Over 150 veterans attend Maries County Bank's luncheon**

Maries County Bank CEO Terry Helton welcomed about 150 veterans at the annual Veterans Day Luncheon in Vienna last Friday, saying they are honored to have an opportunity to support local veterans. A fine meal was provided with the bank supplying the pulled pork and bank employees preparing the delicious sides, and also happily serving the meal. Veterans signed up to win Honor Flights and flags, paid for by the bank employees' Friday jeans fund. Flag winners were Margie Otto, John Tremain and Bennie Waldron, and Honor Flight winners were Don Davis, J.F. Welschmeyer, and Gary Wyss. Each veteran had a card at their seat at the table, which were made by Maries R-1 Elementary students.

PHOTOS BY JACOB WARDEN

**Thankful • from page 1**

Jeanette Gregory—I am thankful for the many helpful hands at the Vichy Fire House and the community that supports its neighbors.  
Sue Ellen Cleaver—I am thankful for being an American because I can think what I want to think.  
Jacob Warden—I am thankful that there are only 24 hours in a day.  
Jayne Williams—I am thankful for my health, my family and my mother who is soon to be 95 years old.  
Beth Wulff—I am thankful for my family and my boys.  
Stephanie Plassmeyer—I am thankful for my family, my job, my friends, my health. I'm thankful for everything.  
Tracy Helton—I am thankful for all this beautiful snow. I love it. I'm from the high plains and if its winter it ought to be snowing.  
Art Sandbothe—I am thankful for everything I've got especially my wife, my kids and grandkids, and my health.  
Lloyd Workman—I am thankful for still being alive and in good health. It's something to be thankful for.  
Amber Bock—I am thankful for my family and friends, good health, my co-workers, working at a great place, and to our veterans

for their service.  
Trae Helton—I am thankful for my good family and my good life. I have nothing to complain about.  
Liz Rowden—I am thankful for my health, my husband, family, and God and our country.  
Marilyn Dawson—I am thankful I can get out of bed everyday and I am thankful for my family, and my home.  
Donley Veasman—What I am thankful for is to be alive and a Christian. God has been good to me all my life and sent his son to prove it.  
Charlotte Veasman—I'm thankful to God for all his blessings.  
Marilyn Bassett—I am thankful for family, friends and a free country.  
Walt Weider—I am thankful for waking up and having a good day. So many people are in horrible shape.  
Beverly Lemberger—I am thankful that we both are in better health this year than last year.  
Davis Beltz—I am thankful to be alive. I am thankful for my new wife, family and friends and good food.  
Bobbi Tynes—I am thankful for my health.  
Pat Redel—I am thankful for family and friends.

Kenneth Moore—I am thankful for family. It's the most important thing in the world.  
Victor Stratman—I am thankful for the country we live in, our freedom and the election we just had that basically come off without a hitch.  
Glen Smith—I am thankful that me and Mary are both still going and doing as well as we are.  
Mark James—I am thankful to be alive and for my wonderful family. I feel fortunate and lucky.  
Rowena Uptergrove—I am thankful that I have a wonderful family and thankful for so many things. I am thankful for my good health and the simple things like food, shelter, clothes to wear. I love the snow and all the seasons.  
Jeremiah Walton—with Osage Arts Community said he was thankful for his residency with the program in Belle.  
Jeanette Powers—with OAC said clean, fresh water  
Ken Stanfield—Living in a free country, having food every day.  
Kathy Stanfield—Having seven healthy grandkids, being married to Ken and eating at the Greek restaurant.

**Dinner Belle • from page 5**

they are out there and that is the biggest thing. It is just hard to find someone who cares enough to ask people if they are alone. People are busy minding their own business."  
Dorcella Powell of Bland is one such find that Taylor gives her time to. "I am here by myself, and I am blind now," Powell said. "They have brought me food before. One time she brought her little boy here for Easter. He had made me something. I loved it so much, I cried."  
Powell has family that lives nearly 200 miles away. She says her daughter-in-law makes Thanksgiving for her kids and grandkids for the holidays. But Powell is home bound.  
I have been on 50 feet of oxygen cord for 27 years. I have diabetes too and other health issues," Powell said. "I appreciate them bringing that dinner to me. I really appreciate it. She always asks me what kind of pie I want. I say pecan or apple. Pecan is my favorite."  
Powell knows she is not the only one sitting alone and is grateful that Taylor helps others like her.  
"I know God must be proud of her because she is doing a lot of good thing for people," Powell said.  
Taylor said some of her helpers have volunteered every year. They serve a traditional Thanksgiving and dessert.

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## Lady Eagles fall short in hardwood opener at Chamois

Opening their season Monday night on the road in Osage County, the Jason Kampeter era of Vienna Lady Eagle basketball began with a hard-fought game by both teams.

Trailing by one after one quarter and at halftime, Vienna missed a shot in the closing seconds of the game that would have forced overtime before falling to Chamois' Lady Pirates 39-37.

"We fought hard but came up a little short," Kampeter said. "I'm very proud of our team defense and overall effort the girls put forth."

During a tight first quarter that ended with Chamois leading 8-7, Vienna saw scoring from three different Lady Eagles led by Kamryn Hayes with three points.

Karissa Feeler and Jordyn Steffen each added two points for VHS in the first eight minutes.

Playing the second quarter to an 8-8 tie, Vienna went into halftime trailing the Lady Pirates by the slimmest of margins, 16-15.

Hayes added four points giving her a team-high seven points in the first half. Marsie Messersmith nailed a 3-pointer while Kendra Iven added a free throw to round out the second quarter scoring for Vienna.

Katie Keilholz paced Chamois and all scorers in the first half with eight points.

Starting the second half, both teams nearly doubled their respective point totals in the third quarter.

Edged 13-11, Vienna went into the final eight minutes trailing the host Lady Pirates 29-26.

Steffen paced the Lady Eagles with seven third-quarter points followed by two each from Kadence George and Hayes.

In spite of Steffen and Hayes combining for all 11 fourth-quarter points, Vienna came up just shy in their season opener at Chamois.

Hayes paced the Lady Eagles with a team-high 15 points followed closely by Steffen scoring 12 of her 14 points in the second half.

Messersmith added three points along with two each from Feeler and George. Iven rounded out Vienna's scoring with a second-quarter free throw for one point.

Coach Kampeter and his Lady Eagles will look for their first notch in the win column next week at the Tipton Tournament to close out the month of November.

Vienna's Lady Eagles will open play at Tipton on Monday, Nov. 26 as the fifth seed facing fourth-seeded Smithton at 6 p.m.

A win would move Vienna to the championship semifinals on Wednesday, Nov. 28 against either Tipton or LaMonte at 6 p.m., while a loss would place them in the consolation semifinals at 4:30 p.m., also next Wednesday.

Greg Koetting's Vienna Eagles opened their season last night (Tuesday) at home against Chamois' Pirates. Results from that contest will be in next week's Advocate due to the early deadline with the Thanksgiving holiday.

A familiar opponent will await the Eagles in the opening round of the Tipton Tournament.

Seeded fourth, Vienna will take on Chamois for the second time in a week on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

A win would see Vienna play at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 29 while a loss would have them play at 4:30 p.m., in the consolation semifinals.



**KAMRYN HAYES** (above, center) fights for a rebound during Vienna's season-opening 39-37 loss Monday night at Chamois against the Lady Pirates. **KARISSA FEELER** (below, center) gets her hand up to contest a possible Lady Pirate shot during Vienna's season opener Monday night on the road in Osage County.

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**BELLE'S LADY TIGERS** (above and below) compete Friday night in an intersquad scrimmage prior to their season opener Monday at home against Richland.

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## Slow start dooms Belle Lady Tigers

Three days removed from their intersquad scrimmage Friday night, Evin Farris' Belle Lady Tiger basketball team opened their season at home Monday night against Richland's Lady Bears.

Trailing 18-8 after one quarter, Belle could not get any closer before falling to the visitors from Pulaski County 70-50 in spite of a game-high double double of 24 points and 10 rebounds from sophomore Halle Smith.

Gracie Schultz also reached double figures for the Lady Tigers 12 figures which included a 7-11 showing from the free-throw line.

Erin Schalk followed with five points along with three third-quarter points and a team-high five steals from Baylie Cadwallader.

Rounding the Belle scoring with two points apiece were Chloe Krause, Grace Busch and Olivia Sanders.

Also on the varsity roster for Farris' Lady Tigers are Susie Moman, Abby Keeney, Maddie Rohrer and Lauren Prigge.

Richland was led by Miranda Moss' team-high 20 points.

In a two-quarter junior varsity game, the Lady Tigers fell 8-2 to Richland with Faith Gieck accounting for Belle's two points.

Having the rest of this week off, Farris' varsity Lady Tigers will return to action next week at the Eugene Girls Basketball Tournament.

Divided into two pools of three teams, second-seeded Belle will be in the same pool as third-seeded Tuscumbia and sixth-seeded Linn.

Top-seeded Eugene, fourth-seeded St. Elizabeth and fifth-seeded Calvary Lutheran will make up the other pool.

Pool action in Eugene for Belle will kick off on Tuesday, Nov. 27 against Tuscumbia at 6 p.m., before concluding next Wednesday against Linn at 7:30 p.m.

Depending on the pool-play results, Belle will either play on Friday or Saturday for consolation, third place or the championship.



## Belle Tiger basketball holds Friday intersquad scrimmage

Coached by Tim Evans and Jacob Walton, Belle's Lady Tiger and Tiger (above) basketball teams held an intersquad scrimmage Friday night at Belle High School. Belle's Tigers opened their season last night (Tuesday) at home against New Haven's Shamrocks. Results from that game were not available to this week due to an early deadline with the Thanksgiving holiday. Belle's varsity Tigers will be off until Friday, Dec. 7 when they travel to Crocker to face the Lions. Their junior varsity counterparts will compete in the Steelville JV Tournament beginning Wednesday, Dec. 5 and running through Wednesday, Dec. 12.

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# Bland's Bears drop Highway 28 twin bill at Owensville

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OWENSVILLE — Making the short trek east on Highway 28 Monday night, Jacob Walton's Bland Bears looked to spoil Owensville's middle school boy's basketball home opener at Owensville Elementary School.

Getting as close as six points throughout the second half, Bland could not get any closer before falling 34-26 to the host Dutchmen.

Trailing OMS 16-10 after one quarter, Bland got four points from Carter Kinkead along with two each from Clayton Shockley, Myles Butler and Aiden Fish in the first six minutes.

Seeing the offense slow down in the second quarter for both teams, a Brayden Cadwallader bucket kept the Bears from being shut out in the second quarter before trailing 21-12 at halftime.

Kinkead's four first-quarter points paced the Bland offense in the first half.

Edging Owensville 7-4 in the third quarter to start the second half, the Bears went into the final six minutes trailing 25-19.

Kinkead added three points to his total to go along with two each from Logan Stratman and Cadwallader in the third period for Bland.

In spite of a late 5-1 run to end the game by the Bears, Bland came up on the short end of a 34-26 final score against the Dutchmen.

Scoring six second-half points for the Bears, Cadwallader paced Bland with a team-high eight points. Kinkead followed closely with seven points along with three

from Fish.

Scoring two points each were Haiden Jones, Stratman, Shockley and Fish. Baylar Smith also saw playing time for the Bears but did not find the scoring column.

Commanding the glass, Kinkead pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds for the Bears.

Shockley recorded a team-high two steals while Butler dished out a team-high two assists.

In the ensuing eighth-grade contest, Bland could not overcome a 37-3 first quarter before falling to the host Dutchmen, 79-20.

Spoiling Owensville's bid for a first-quarter shutout was Sam Willis with a basket at the 5:16 mark and a free throw with 23.5 ticks for the opening period.

Putting 10 points on the board in the second quarter, Bland went into halftime trailing OMS 54-13.

JJ Brown's five second-quarter points led the Bears in the first half.

Kaiden Robertson and Kameron also added two second-quarter points along with a free throw for one point from Cole Loughridge.

Held scoreless in the third quarter, Bland edged the Dutchmen 7-6 in the final six minutes behind a pair of 3-point shots from Brown.

Those helped him lead the Bear offense with a team-high 11 points.

Talyn Litton paced Bland on the glass with a team-high six rebounds.

Following road action last night (Tuesday) at New Haven, Bland's Bears will end their season on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in makeup action at Bland Middle School against Steelville from Monday, Nov. 12.

It will also mark parent night for the players and cheerleaders.



**BRAYDEN CADWALLADER** (above, far right) gets a shot up for Bland's Bears over Owensville's Austin Mades during seventh-grade Highway 28 basketball action Monday night in Owensville. **TALTON LANGE** (below, left) handles the basketball for Bland's eighth-grade Bears while being guarded by Owensville's Bryce Payne. **PHOTOS BY WILL JOHNSON**



## Youth season hunts

Cameron Rehmert (left) shot this four point buck, Nov. 11, hunting with his dad. Cameron is the son of Loren and Sara Rehmert of Belle. LaKayela Parmeley, 12, of Vienna got this four-pointer Sunday evening of youth season hunting on her grandparents land with her brother Landon, cousin Spencer and Uncle Wayne. LaKayela is the daughter of Tiffany Magner and Shane Parmeley. **SUBMITTED PHOTOS**

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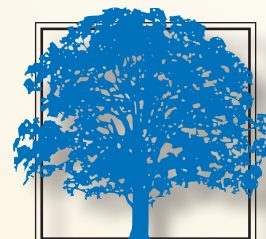
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## Vienna hires new public works employee

The City of Vienna recently hired a new employee for the public works department and he will begin his employment with the city the Monday after Thanksgiving.

At the council's November meeting, Mayor Tyler James reported Dominic Struempf was offered and accepted the public works department position. Struempf is a 2013 graduate of Vienna High School and he has a degree in turf management. He is familiar with the work he will be doing as he worked as a summer youth employee for two summers and he has worked with Utilities Superintendent Shon Westart. As part of his employment with the city, Struempf will be required to obtain a Class D Water License, a Distribution System II License, and a Class D Wastewater License. His duties include water, sewer, park and street maintenance. Struempf replaces former public works employee, Jim Sandbothe, who is now employed elsewhere.

In other business at the November Vienna City Council meeting:

—The council approved the city personnel policy with stated changes. The policy becomes effective Jan. 1, 2019. Clerk Sherry James said the new one closely follows the old policy.

—It was reported the lift station work by Mid-State Pipeline continues to move along.

Clerk James reported Tom Hiatt of Missouri Rural Water is expected to be in Vienna to talk to Westart about the well they put a camera down.

—Clerk James reported speaking with a website vendor at the Missouri Rural Water Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks recently. No decision has been made but she spoke about the vendor charging \$349 to set up the website (less a \$50 conference promotion discount), and then an annual maintenance for \$39.95 per month. Mayor James said its worth checking into as it would be nice to have a website and one that has a link to pay water/sewer bills. He suggested Clerk James check with other vendors also.

—The city will need to upgrade its accounting, payroll, utilities and tax software by June 2020 and Clerk James has been looking at some of the products. So many are not set up for small cities. Her past experience has been a test period to play around with the software and then convert the city's data to it.

She also is looking into having the Maries County Collector collect the taxes for a fee, as the collector does for the city of Belle. Clerk James said it takes about a week of her time to do the city taxes and get them in the mail. She does not mind doing this but she wants to compare the costs of having Collector Jayne Williams' office do it instead.

For a new utility program, it will need to work with the city's meter reading equipment.

—Clerk James reported the trash bill through Republic Services increased from a monthly fee of \$13.43 to \$13.84, effective on the December bills. The company raised the trash bills two years ago.

—South Ward Alderwoman Brenda Davis sent a card to the city thanking everyone at the city for their kindness following the death of Chuck Davis' mother.

—In the financial report, cash fund balances were reported: General Fund \$35,875.74, Water Fund \$92,041.87, Street Fund \$6,619.45, and Sewer Fund \$61,520.38.

Year-to-date revenues and expenditures by fund were reported: General Fund revenues \$102,436.63 (32 percent of budget) and expenditures \$95,776.08 (30 percent of budget); Water Fund revenues \$59,660.68 (36 percent) and expenditures \$48,690.98 (33 percent); Street Fund revenues \$29,988.56 (31 percent) and expenditures \$227,723.96 (75 percent); and Sewer Fund revenues \$30,813.61 (41 percent) and expenditures \$11,077.55 (five percent).

## Insurance increase • from page 1

by Dec. 1, short of tableing it and having another meeting between now and then, I don't know..." Seaver trailed off.

Gieck asked if everyone had received a copy of the insurance quotes. Seaver said yes, everyone was still taking it in.

"It's the same issue we had last year, insurance is going up," Gieck said.

He added that he did not see how the city could afford to pay the full bill like they did before. He added that if it were up to him, he would switch to United Healthcare where the increase would only be about \$1,000.

"The maximum is \$3,000 out of pocket for a single person," Jones said of the plan. "Everything else goes up."

Co-pays and prescriptions were not listed as covered, but generic prescriptions had tiers. Seaver asked Stanfield what his thoughts were.

"The cost of insurance is going crazy," Stanfield said. "My thoughts is if we kept this and asked the employees for an increase in what they pay monthly, would that help us in cost to the city? How much would they need to contribute?"

Jones said if employees did \$10 per pay period, \$20 a month, they would be paying the same thing as last year.

"Is that even an option," asked Public Works Director Nathan Abel.

Alderman Courtney Abel said the insurance the city currently has is grand-fathered in with the city paying all but 50 cents a pay period, which is contributed by the employees. If they ask employees to contribute, that would change the plan, and they would no longer be grand-fathered in.

"My question is why are there not rates on here for spouses or children?" Courtney Abel asked. Jones said because the city does not pay for spouses or children, they pay their own.

"Even if they are going to a different insurance company?" Courtney Abel asked.

Jones said yes, unless the council changes the rules. She added that for a single woman, or wife of childbearing age, cost is \$900 a month.

Stanfield said they have employees with pre-existing problems. How would that be taken care of if they switched to United Healthcare? Would they not be

covered?

"At this point, until they throw Obama Care out the window, they have to cover pre-existing conditions," Jones said.

The cost increase per month for all employees was added up to \$238.89 by Courtney Abel.

"That is everyone, so it is a \$3,300 increase a year, for the city," Nathan Abel said. "And they reimbursed us \$4,000 this year."

Jones said that is true, they did get a check that went back to the city.

"And we have several years in the past (received a check for the overage)," Nathan Abel added. "So technically we are in the good."

Alderman Jeanette Struempf said with her previous experience over the years, if the city decides to give up this insurance, it would be near impossible to get it back. If the city did get it back, the cost would double.

"That's the way they work," Struempf said. "I have been down this road."

Gieck said he understands that, but if they were going to save money, why would they go back to that plan?

Struempf said with United Health, they are probably excluding items along the way.

"I have talked to a lot of people who have been on United Health Care and there is fine print that there are things they won't pay anything for, but they are leading you to believe that they are," Struempf said. "When you get down to it, they don't."

Gieck asked what things their current policy doesn't cover, and Struempf said she has not run across one thing yet in 12 years.

She added that she has not gone one year without having an increase for insurance.

"Everyone is getting an increase, that is just life," she said.

Jones said this year was a 3-percent increase and last year was a 15-percent increase.

"Do you think it would go up that much again next year?" Stanfield asked.

Jones said she could not predict that. Nathan Abel asked Gieck if he was aware the city receives a rebate every year from the current insurance. Jones said it all goes back to the city.

"So what would it take for the employees to absorb some of that, instead of paying 50 cents a pay

period or whatever it is," Seaver asked.

Gieck said they have some employees that are over \$1,000 a month.

"Kicking in \$20 a pay period or \$20 a month, how would that gain us anything?" Gieck asked. "It would cover the increase," Jones said.

Seaver asked if they could go to \$50 a month.

"I can't afford it," Jones said.

Nathan Abel said he did not think that was an option anyway, because of the contract.

"What it is, is what it is," Nathan Abel said.

Stanfield asked what they would have to do to change the contract and if it would be beneficial to the city to change the contract.

"If you do, you are going to lose what we got," Nathan Abel said. "But it's going up \$3,300 and they wrote us a check for \$4,000. It covered the increase, and then some."

"And we will get another one (check) next year," Jones said.

Belle Police Department's Capt. Kim Elrod said the cost increases are going up everywhere, even for veterans. He got a letter and email that morning saying his was going up for active duty and active retirement.

Stanfield added where his daughter works, she has a \$6,000 deductible every year and might as well not have insurance.

Struempf said she has been in multiple places where switching insurance has cost more in the long run. This year United Health Care may be \$55,000 but next year it will increase to \$80,000.

"That's the way they work, then they start excluding more, but the price goes up," Struempf said. "Yea, you are going to have an increase. Your are better off to stay where you are at."

Courtney Abel made a motion to stay with the same insurance.

"Can you vote?" Stanfield asked.

"I sure can," Courtney Abel said.

Struempf seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote with Gieck opposed.

## Four young men killed in Sunday morning accident near Rolla

None were wearing seat belts

A tragic accident Sunday morning near Rolla left four young people dead and four family members injured in a held on collision of two vehicles.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the accident occurred at 9:12 a.m. on Highway O, four miles south of Rolla in Phelps County. The fatality crash occurred when a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven southbound by Alonzo C. Moore, 22, of Rolla, traveled into the path of a 2015 Nissan Titan, driven northbound by Andrew E. Knehans, 42, of Rolla. The Cavalier then struck the Titan.

All occupants of the Cavalier were pronounced dead by Phelps County Sheriff's Department Detective Amy Hawkins. The deceased are Logan K. Barton, 27, of Salem, Zachary J. Barton, 26, of Salem, Alonzo C. Moore, 22, of Rolla, and Andrew T. Theiss, 25, of Rolla. The Bartons were transported to James & Gahr Mortuary and Moore and Theiss were transported to Null & Son Funeral Home.

Injured were Andrew E. Knehans, who sustained moderate injuries, Elaine Knehans, 43, of Rolla, who was seriously injured, and Parker W. Knehans, 6, of Rolla and Sophia R. Knehans, 10, of Rolla, who both received minor injuries. They were transported by EMS to PCPMC in Rolla.

The patrol reported all of the survivors were wearing safety devices, and none of the deceased were wearing safety devices.

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**Art center reception**

The Osage Art Community (OAC) hosted a closing reception for Ken Wood's 'Suitcase Prints' at the art gallery Friday evening. John Dorsey (above from left), Josh Crow, Greg Edmonson, Becky Hernandez and Jeanette Powers are artists in residency at OAC, gathered at the support a follow artist. Artist Wood (photo right, left) talks with Mimi Hedl and Ken wood at the open house. Wood's work was made using shapes and a press with different color paint applied.

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partment of Health, and the other through the Police Chief's Association. The Narcan will be given to his department through the grant. He sees problems with it because of Narcan's short shelf life, and it needs a climate controlled environment and will have to be brought in out of vehicles and stored inside. Also, it is expensive and once it is gone, his department will have to pay for replacing it.

Heitman said it is a nasal spray used for treatment in an opioid emergency when there are signs of breathing problems and sleepiness or not being able to respond. The Narcan can save lives. Heitman said the deputies will receive training as well. The cost is about \$80 per vile and five to six doses might be used in an overdose emergency. He commented the person who over uses the opioids has made a choice, a bad choice. Heitman said the people he wants to go after are the ones selling it.

When asked about how busy the Maries County Jail gets on weekends, the sheriff said they generally begin the weekend with three inmates and by Sunday they have nine inmates, and then down to about five by Monday.

**BASE ROCK VS. GRAVEL**

Presiding Commissioner-elect, Vic Stratman was at the meeting. He has dug in with the commissioners and is interested in getting all the information he can before

he officially begins his county job on Jan. 2, 2019. Eastern District Commissioner Doug Drewel and Western District Commissioner Ed Fagre told him they both work every day at the road districts. In other counties, such as Osage County, they have road foremen who make the decisions about the road work. In Maries County, the associate commissioners do it. The road districts do have foremen, however and Bobby Wilson is the Road One Foreman, and Larry Piel is the Road two Foreman.

Drewel said using base rock from the quarry instead of gravel from the creek has helped the county's roads. He uses one inch minus from the quarry and it packs very well and stays on the road. "Gravel beats you back to the creek," Drewel commented. When he became an associate commissioner, Road Two was spending \$10,000 on year on base rock; now the road district spends about \$140,000 on the base rock from the quarry. He estimates getting gravel from the creek costs about \$55 a load, whereas a load of good base rock from the quarry costs \$90 a load but it stays on the road. It also is not as hard on equipment when hauling from the quarry versus getting gravel out of the creek.

Also, having the road district's graders under warranty is a big benefit because it costs too much to repair them.

**MAC CONFERENCE**

Stratman asked the commissioners and County Clerk Rhonda Rodgers about whether or not they think it would be helpful for him to attend the upcoming Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Conference at the Lake. Fagre said at the commissioners annual conference in February there is a new commissioner training program that Stratman might find helpful. Rodgers was not sure if Stratman could attend as he is not officially a commissioner yet, but after checking she said he can go if he wants to. Stratman said he's not sure if he wants to go but is willing to if they think it would be helpful.

They talked about the differences of the commissioners' work in rural counties versus large, urban counties. In Maries County the associate commissioners work closely with the road districts. In urban areas, the commissioners attend more meetings. Drewel

said they don't work on the roads and like all those meetings at the conference at the Lake, he thinks a commissioner can better utilize his time in the county instead of out of it.

**MCR 325**

The commissioners were signing invoices for payment. One of them was to Capital Paving and Construction for \$7,712.83. It was payment for the center line crack filling and transverse joint crack filling on 1.6 miles of MCR 325, which is Old Highway 63 that has a bit of traffic on it to Moreland's Catfish Patch. Road One spent \$160,000 to asphalt the road several years ago, which was a big improvement. Drewel said it's a lot of money for a mile and a half but it has to be fixed to keep the water out. Fagre said they keep the salt out of it, too. About the asphalt work, he said the road was "in such a state we had to do it."



**Belle girl crowned**

Jaycie Balkenbush was crowned Jr Miss Ozark Rodeo Association 2019, Oct. 20, 2018, in St. Robert. Jaycie competed in several phases of competition consisting of Horsemanship, Interview, Photogenic, Modeling, Private Interview, and Impromptu Question. Along with taking home the title, she was also awarded the Horsemanship award. Jaycie is the 13 year old daughter of Todd Balkenbush and Crystal Hoover of Belle. She is in the 8th grade at Maries R-2 School. She will spend her year traveling the state of Missouri representing the Ozark Rodeo Association, where she currently competes in barrel racing, pole bending, and goat tying. Jaycie is excited to be able to represent the ORA while still competing in her events and being with her friends!

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**Super Special Something**

Maries R-1 Elementary School fifth grader, Libbie Wilkinson, was the November winner of Mrs. Snodgrass' Super Special Something award. Libby is a student in Mrs. Freeman's class. Her special guests were her parents, Patrick and Denise Wilkinson, her aunt Debbie Havens, and she invited her friend Kenadi Pickering to join her for her special surprise. Libbie's favorites she was served by Elementary Principal Shanda Snodgrass were pizza and mozzarella sticks from the Vienna Quik Spot and milkshakes made by Mrs. Snodgrass. The student body watched this with wishful eyes, hoping they might be the next winner of Mrs. Snodgrass' Super Special Something award.

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