

District Champs!

Vienna Eagle Track and Field team members (left) celebrate their team title following the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 1, District 2 Track Meet held Saturday at South Callaway High School in Mokane. Posting top-four finishes in 14 events, those athletes will compete Saturday once again at South Callaway in one of four sectional track meets throughout the state. Top-four finishers at sectionals will advance to the Class 1 MSHSAA Track and Field Championships, Saturday, May 22, at Atkins Stadium on the campus of Jefferson City High School in Jefferson City. Belle High School's sectional track qualifiers will also compete Saturday in Mokane in a Class 2 sectional meet.

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Bland alderman requests permission to host summer shindig

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BLAND — Alderman Ned Steiner informed fellow Bland Board of Aldermen members on Monday night that he has reached out to local musicians and entertainers about having a “shindig” at the Bland City Park to raise money to rebuild the amphitheater.

“July 24 I want to have a deal at the park with local musicians in the area — all have volunteered their time — to set up on the old amphitheater. All the money raised during the event, and the gate charge, will go towards rebuilding the amphitheater.”

Steiner said he has reached out to bands he used to play in and others from the younger generations. It has garnered enough attention that people

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PHOTO BY LAURA SCHIERMEIER

VELC sells over 500 boxes of chocolate covered strawberries to benefit R-1 district

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VIENNA — Several members of the Maries R-1 School family came together last Thursday after school to help the Vienna Early Learning Center (VELC) Preschool make the treats for its annual fundraiser.

VELC Director, Ellie Glick, said it was one of their best fundraisers as they sold 559 boxes of chocolate covered strawberries. This provided a nice profit of \$1,300 to be used to benefit the Maries R-1 School District’s preschool.

Those who showed up to help dip the strawberries and

package them for their clients were high school and middle school students, parents, staff members and even their extended family members. Some of the Vienna High School seniors who had just returned from their senior trip also helped.

Glick said they plan to use the proceeds of the fundraiser to help do a classroom makeover for the VELC’s preschool classrooms. They want to create a more welcoming and relaxing learning environment for the preschoolers to enjoy.

She expressed her appreciation for all of the help and for all those who purchased their chocolate covered strawberries — many of them bought for Mother’s Day.

“This was the most we have ever sold and we are so thankful for the support we have received for our program,” Glick said.

R-2 board sets Building Trades open house, approves district business

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The Maries R-2 Board of Education set June 6 as the open house date during the April 27 meeting for any person who would like to walk through the Building Trades project house and offer bids.

“From what Andy (Gehlert, building trades teacher) told me, we set the open house date, and at the end of the open house, you open the sealed bids and make the determination that day,” said Superintendent Dr. Lenice Basham.

Director Dawn Hicks said they usually set a minimum bid for the building trades house in closed session, put the house out for bid first, and open bids at the next school board meeting.

“You can do that however you want,” Basham said. “We just need to make sure we sell the house in the same year we built it — so we need to sell it by June 30

Hicks asked Basham when she wanted to open bids.

“On a Sunday after an open house,”

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Commissioners encourage area restaurant owners to apply for COVID-19 loss reimbursement

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VIENNA — Emails were sent last week and calls were made to restaurant locations in Maries County asking the owners to consider applying for funding recently made available through the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan.

President Joe Biden signed the law March 11 and it includes a significant amount of funding for restaurant businesses which were negatively affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Maries County Commission asked the county’s IT Coordinator, Shane Sweno to prepare an email to be sent to the county restaurants. Those who did not have emails are supposed to be contacted via telephone.

The funding for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund totals \$9.5 billion and will be administered by the US Small Business Administration. Sweno also included in the email the SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund Program Guide and the SBA Form 3172 RRF Sample

Application.

Eligible businesses could begin applying for relief May 3. The priority period for restaurants owned by minorities and women extends through May 24. After that all business owners are included in the pool. Applications will be accepted until the funds are exhausted.

Presiding Commissioner Victor Stratman said he knows restaurants were hard hit during the pandemic and this federal money has been made available to reimburse restaurants for losses sustained. “They just as well take advantage of it,” Stratman commented.

In the letter prepared by Sweno, all restaurant owners are encouraged to seek assistance from the SBA and apply for the available funds as soon as possible. Stratman said he “very much appreciates the small business in Maries County and hopes they can withstand the economic challenges we are all facing” because of the pandemic.

METAL DETECTORS

Stratman said he would like to set up a meeting with Maries County Sheriff Chris Heitman and Major

Scott John to talk about courthouse security. In times such as these, he thinks at the very least they can look at what might be needed to upgrade courthouse security. Also, to explore how much it would cost and if the county can afford to implement some security measures, such as a metal detector to scan people as they enter the building.

Currently, the courthouse has been outfitted with security cameras. Stratman asked about looking into buying a metal detector for the front entrance. There also is a handicap entrance that will be open during regular courthouse business hours that should be considered as well. Would they need two metal detectors? Stratman said a problem he sees is if the county has a metal detector, it would have to be staffed by someone, possibly a sheriff’s deputy.

The commissioners talked about the many people who come into the building to use the license office. Other busy times are court days when judges are working in the courtroom and there are many people in the building. Also at tax payment time the courthouse is a busy place. Stratman said a metal

detector would need to be staffed by a person and maybe because of that, the metal detector might only be used on court days.

“People who come into the courthouse expect to be safe here,” he said.

Western District Commissioner Ed Fagre asked if the metal detector would have to be calibrated. Sweno said he thinks so, maybe a machine might need to be calibrated each time it was used. Stratman said Circuit Clerk and Recorder Mark Buschmann should be at the security meeting, too.

A meeting of the group would be an opportunity to hear other opinions and to exchange ideas. Stratman said it will be a closed meeting as the group assesses potential vulnerabilities. “We need to check into security and see if we need to do anything,” he said.

Eastern District Commissioner Doug Drewel said if they bring up security as an issue, then they will have to do something. Fagre Googled the cost of metal detectors and the equipment he looked at ranged from

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Don't listen to ignorant politicians

I am not going to call President Joe Biden a liar in this column. Let's say that his advisors and speechwriters gave him wrong advice and he passed it on.

Maybe they are ignorant of the facts. More likely, they refuse to acknowledge them because the facts don't play into their political strategy.

Political pundits have pointed out several misstatements by Biden from his first address to Congress April 29.

I am only going to cover one from Biden: "It's time for corporate America and the wealthiest one percent of Americans to just begin to pay their fair share. Just their fair share."

That statement is downright false. It assumes wealthy Americans don't pay their fair share. It also pits one set of Americans against another, continuing the Left's strategy of dividing us, making everyone jealous and angry at the wealthy.

The truth is easy to discover. According to an analysis by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, the top one percent — those making over \$783,300 (\$2.4 million on average) — were set to pay an average federal tax rate of 30.2 percent in 2019. That's a higher rate than any other income category.

Here's another way to look at it.

by DENNIS WARDEN



In October 2018, Bloomberg reported that the top one percent pay 37.3 percent of the total federal income tax burden while earning just 17 percent of the income in the U.S.

Is that fair?

Here are some more figures. According to the IRS, the top ten percent of all earners — people who make \$150,000 a year and more — pay 71 percent of all taxes while earning only 42 percent of all income.

The top half of taxpayers pay 97 percent.

Those earners who make \$45,000 or less in a year — 47 percent of all taxpayers — pay little or no income taxes.

If you compare America to other countries in the west — like Germany and Sweden — you will

discover that our tax system is substantially more progressive, meaning higher earners pay a higher percentage of total taxes.

The tax rates that I have mentioned do not take into account state taxes. In high tax states — like Democrat-controlled California and New York — those in the top income bracket can expect to pay more than 50 percent of their income in taxes.

This has caused the wealthy to flee those states in the last few years to the point that both New York and California are losing seats in Congress while low-tax states like Texas and Florida will gain seats.

Of course, Democrats continue to misrepresent the truth about Donald Trump's tax cuts claiming that they were only for the wealthy. They are wrong. According to 2018 IRS data, "total tax liability fell for all income groups except one in 2018." Care to guess what income group paid more in income taxes for 2018? Let me help, it wasn't you or me. It was the mega-rich, those earning over \$1 million a year.

Meanwhile Biden used a major tax loophole in 2016 to save \$500,000 in taxes.

Now let's tackle the second part of Biden's statement concerning corporate America, also based on ignorance. (I have covered this before in a column from Oct. 25, 2017.)

According to 2014 data from the OECD — the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — the combined federal and state statutory corporate tax rate for the United States was 39.1 percent. That was the highest tax rate in the world, until it was reduced under the Trump administration.

Guess what. Lowering corporate taxes helped lead to one of the greatest economic expansions in American history.

Here are the facts. Corporate tax rates are paid on the profit a corporation realizes after applicable expenses.

In reality no corporation pays taxes. Corporations do a combination of three things when they have to pay any tax.

1. Increase the cost of their product
2. Reduce what they pay their employees
3. Lower dividends to stockholders

In reality, all taxes are paid by individuals like you and me. We have to face facts. Corporations do not pay taxes. They are passed on to the consumer in one way or the other.

When Democrats say the rich don't pay their fair share it is at best misleading.

My advice is, don't listen to politicians who are either ignorant of the facts or lie to you about taxes.

REPORT FROM THE 6TH DISTRICT

The final countdown to session's closure

BY STATE SEN. MIKE BERNSKOETTER
Missouri's 6th District

The end of the 2021 legislative session is fast approaching.

With only the remainder of this week of session left, lawmakers are busy trying to get their priorities across the legislative finish line, whether as stand-alone measures or as amendments to other bills.

This week, I'm happy to announce the General Assembly passed House Bill 476, which I handled in the Senate. This occupational licensing bill includes an important piece of legislation that will help members of the armed services translate the skills they acquire in the military into jobs back here at home.

The bill allows military occupational specialties to qualify under our state's license reciprocity laws, allowing for easier access to employment opportunities for our returning military professionals.

Also included in the bill is language from my Senate Bill 491, which works to keep pesticide applicators in compliance with federal law.

The General Assembly has also taken up and passed House Bill 574, dealing with agricultural inspections. This bill specifies that the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, the USDA, the county sheriff and certain other federal or state agencies have exclusive authority to inspect ag facilities in Missouri.

With this clarity, farmers will have a better

idea of who is — and who is not — allowed to inspect their facilities.

Far too often, I believe out-of-state individuals and others without the best of intentions have wandered onto farms, aiming to "inspect" the facility when they have no grounds to do so. House Bill 574 hopes to put a stop to this by creating clear guidelines for our farmers.

Ultimately, HB 574 protects farmers and their livelihoods from trespassers and ensures the important work of farming continues unimpeded in our state.

We've managed to complete some important work already this session, but I'm eager to see what other bills we can pass by Friday to help make Missouri an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

REPORT FROM THE 62ND DISTRICT

I can't help but wonder

BY STATE REP. BRUCE SASSMANN
Missouri's 62nd District

At 6 p.m. on Friday, May 14, the Missouri General Assembly will adjourn Sine Die. This means that our regular 2021 legislative session is over.

As I listened to the floor debate on Thursday, I can't help but wonder if we couldn't make better use of our time.

On Thursday, I sat and listened as the House debated a bill to rename highways and create special designations for many famous Missourians. Many of these state designations honor fine people.

We added amendments to honor Mark Twain and George Washington Carver.

You may have already heard about the amendment to honor Rush Limbaugh, the great conservative talk show host from Missouri.

But with the end of session rapidly approaching, it was frustrating to listen to floor debate regarding "Christmas in July" and other frivolous state designations. I hope the remaining time in our last week of Session is put to better use.

Our work on Friday was much more fulfilling and substantive. The House gave final approval to a fiscally responsible spending plan

that balances the budget while prioritizing needy Missourians. In total, the budget contains \$35.6 billion of state and federal spending authority. The appropriation bills that make up the spending plan will now head to the governor's office for his consideration.

The final version of the budget makes a significant investment in the state's system of education.

The legislature has fully funded the K-12 School Foundation Formula. The record investment for early childhood education and K-12 education is nearly \$7.5 billion. The final version of the state operating budget also includes a \$20 million increase for K-12 school transportation.

Our Budget Committee Chairman is Representative Cody Smith. He was elected in 2016. His staff and committee have labored for months over a \$35 billion budget. It is a daunting task. Cody is a talented, intelligent, articulate gentleman and will remain the Budget Chair for the next couple of years. Every day, Cody grows with the experience and responsibility. His term ends in 2024.

My office will be open all year. Please use our email address as your best tool to communicate with us. I'll look forward to hearing from you at Bruce.Sassmann@house.mo.gov.

CAPITOL PERSPECTIVES

A possible tax increase looming

One of the fascinating issues for the 2021 legislative session has been the idea of a tax increase.

You would think such an idea would be dead on arrival in a Republican-controlled legislature. But the issue is far more complicated.

Essentially, it's a proposal to impose a sales tax on your online purchases from merchants with no physical presence in Missouri, and thus — with some exceptions — not subject to state or local sales taxes.

Since 1967 and confirmed in 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a state cannot impose a tax on sales from a merchant located in another state. Ironically, the first case involved an effort by Illinois to collect sales taxes from a small mail-order business in Missouri.

By 2017, the congressional Government Accounting Office estimated that tax prohibition had cost states, collectively, \$13 billion in lost tax revenue. Supreme Court cases have cited even higher figures.

For several years, to get around that restriction, a multi-state compact was developed by which a merchant would be taxed on sales to another state. The merchant's state then would remit those taxes to the state where the purchase was sent, but only if the receiving state was part of the compact.

But it was a complicated system requiring a degree of conformity in taxing among the compact states.

Ultimately, less than half of the nation's states joined the "Streamlined Sales Tax" compact. Missouri never did, despite numerous bills to join the compact. Also not joining the compact was Illinois, the state whose efforts to tax a Missouri business for sales to Illinois residents led to the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

However, in 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court substantially changed the game with a narrow, 5-4 decision that overturned that 1967 decision.

In *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, the court held the state could impose a sales tax on a merchant from another state if that merchant has a significant level of sales in the state — more than 200 transactions or \$200,000 or more in sales in a year.

It also opened the door to impose state sales taxes on what are termed "market place facilitators" which handle sales by a variety of small businesses to other states — if the quantity or amount of sales to a state by the facilitator meets the *Wayfair* decision requirements.

Although many states quickly



by PHILL BROOKS

took advantage of the *Wayfair* decision to increase state revenues, implementation stalled in the Republican-controlled Missouri legislature. Missouri now is the only state without a law to fully tax out-of-state online sales.

But COVID-19 has made the issue more pressing for Missouri legislators.

Lawmakers of both parties argued that with consumers reluctant to shop at brick-and mortar stores because of the disease, more Missourians are learning there's a sales-tax cost advantage to shopping online.

This year, at a news conference after his inauguration, Republican Gov. Mike Parson voiced support for the idea with an indirect reference to COVID-19.

"We did have a lot of people staying at home and how much of a disadvantage it was to local Missouri businesses. And we've got to be able to find solutions to that."

The financial gain for state government from taxing these online sales is enormous. Missouri legislative staff estimate the idea, when fully implemented, could generate nearly \$200 million per year for various state funds when fully implemented.

But a major controversy has been what to do with that extra state tax money. Parson has proposed putting a lot of the money into a cash reserve fund that he could allocate during times of emergencies or budget stress.

Some Republican legislators have proposed using the extra money for state income tax cuts for Missourians that could exceed the gains from the *Wayfair* tax. Another issue has been how to include in the *Wayfair* tax process the variety of different local sales tax rates that require local voter approval.

(Phill Brooks has been a Missouri statehouse reporter since 1970 and is director of Missouri Digital News).

GUEST COMMENTARY

Expanding Supreme Court a bad road to go down

BY U.S. SEN. ROY BLUNT

In 1937, after a series of rulings undercutting his New Deal legislation, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed expanding the Supreme Court to as many as 15 justices.

His attempt to use brute political force to seize control of the Supreme Court was — and still is — widely criticized.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg herself said, "I think it was a bad idea when President Franklin Roosevelt tried to pack the court." She added: "Nine seems to be a good number. It's been that way for a long time."

Expanding the Supreme Court was a bad idea then, and it's a bad idea now. Yet, that's exactly what Democrats in Washington are trying to do.

Recently, congressional Democrats introduced legislation to increase the number of Supreme Court justices from nine to 13. This legislation came shortly after President Joe

Biden signed an executive order establishing a 36-member commission to investigate and analyze the work of the Supreme Court, with specific orders to consider expanding the court and eliminating lifetime appointments.

An executive branch commission that investigates and analyzes the work of the Supreme Court is dangerous. It challenges the balance of power between the executive and judicial branches, and it puts the court in a much more partisan and political place than it should be.

Justice Stephen Breyer, who was nominated by President Clinton, recently said that the court's authority depends on "a trust that the court is guided by legal principle, not politics." He noted that "structural alteration motivated by the perception of political influence can only feed that latter perception, further eroding that trust."

Packing the court to further one party's agenda sets a dangerous precedent. If every

new administration decides it can just pack the court, it may eventually be as big as the Biden administration's 36-member commission or even the United States Senate.

Though the Constitution does not mandate a specific number of justices, the Supreme Court has had nine since 1869. Expanding the court would upend more than 150 years of history, and even the threat of this massive change may be enough to influence the courts.

The Supreme Court stands as a nonpartisan arbiter of constitutional questions — calling balls and strikes as it sees them. While I have not always agreed with the court's decisions, I appreciate the important role it plays in safeguarding our system of government and protecting individual rights.

With Democrats in control of the White House and Congress, they are in a strong position to negotiate their legislative priorities.

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News Briefs

LOAVES & FISHES food pantry in Vienna during the month of May is requesting local donations of one pound packages of spaghetti. Donations can be left at local churches. The food pantry distributes food on the first Wednesday and second Thursday of each month. Volunteers are needed to assist on food distribution days and on packing day which is the Tuesday before the Wednesday distribution day.

WINGS YOUTH GROUP meets Thursday, May 13.

VIENNA RESIDENTIAL SPRING clean-up will be held Friday, May 14.

BELLE HIGH SCHOOL has announced calendar events through the end of the 2020-21 school year, including: May 14 - seniors' last day; May 16 - graduation; May 21 and 25 - finals; May 24 - Sports Banquet; and May 25 - last day of school.

NOAH COLEMAN NS-DAR will not meet on the usual fourth Saturday due to state conferences. They will instead meet Saturday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Sybil's in St. James. This will be a "meet and greet" meeting including yearly chapter committee reports and revolutionary ancestor stories. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, visit www.dar.org.

VICHY FIRE DEPARTMENT will host a grilled pork steaks and chicken and dumpling dinner on Sunday, May 16. The dinner will take place at the firehouse/community hall in Vichy. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or when food runs out. This dinner will be carry-out only. The department's next dinner will be a fried chicken dinner on June 13.

VISITATION INTER-PARISH SCHOOL students will have early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on their last day of school, Monday, May 17.

LIHEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is extending one-time primary heating bill payments through May 31. In addition, eligibility for both the heating and cooling programs are expanding from Missouri households with incomes up to 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to include Missouri households with an income of up to 60-percent of State Median Income (SMI). This change will now allow a family of four with an annual income of up to \$51,021 to receive benefits compared to an annual income of \$35,364.

THE 2021 CENTURY FARM application deadline has been extended to June 1.

PHELPS HEALTH will celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day with a drive-through breakfast celebration for area cancer survivors Saturday, June 5. This year's theme is "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Survival." All cancer survivors are invited to attend the drive through event in front of the Phelps Health Delbert Day Cancer Center in Rolla. Each survivor plus one guest can receive a free breakfast courtesy of Colton's Steak House and Grill. Those who preregister by May 17 will also receive a free t-shirt. For more information, call 573-458-7469.

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VCOC welcomes You've Got it Maid, LLC

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VIENNA — When Kalee Shumaker moved to the Vienna area, she said she saw the need for a professional commercial and residential cleaning business.

Last summer she began a cleaning business, You've Got it Maid, LLC. The business offers professional cleaning services for business clients as well as residential. The services offered are weekly, bi-weekly and monthly cleanings, move in/out cleanings and one-time deep cleans.

"I've always had a passion for helping and caring for people," Shumaker said. "When I moved to Vienna, I knew that this was a needed service in the area."

Shumaker is somewhat new to the Maries County area. She's a native of Missouri, growing up in a small town in the northern part of the state. After she graduated from high school, Shumaker received



VIENNA CHAMBER of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome You've Got it Maid, LLC, a new professional cleaning company. Pictured are Chamber President Lisa Garro (left), You've Got it Maid, LLC owner Kalee Shumaker, co-worker Emily Wansing and Chamber Secretary Kelly Barnhart.

PHOTO BY LAURA SCHIERMEIER

her associate degree at State Fair Community College in Sedalia. It was there she met her fiancée, Kevin Heavin of Vienna. She moved to his home town and a year ago the

couple welcomed into the world their beautiful daughter, Kynslee.

You've Got it Maid is located at 15990 MCR 524, Vichy. Emily (Heavin) Wansing of Vienna,

works with Shumaker in cleaning for the company's clients.

To contact the business, call 573-289-6851, email youvegottitmaid101@gmail.com or visit their

Facebook page at [Facebook.com/youvegottitmaid101](https://www.facebook.com/youvegottitmaid101).

Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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\$60,000 for a free standing metal detector to \$3,800 for a hand-head metal detector. Drewel commented a qualified person such as a sheriff's deputy would be needed to staff the metal detector at the door.

Stratman said he would contact Major John about setting up a meeting.

911 TAX

Last week the county commissioners officially approved placing the 911 surcharge on cell phones question on the April 2022 Election ballot. The language will be similar to what was used in 2019 when the commissioners asked voters to approve the surcharge to support 911 services in Maries County. The \$1 monthly fee will be on any cell phone devices billed in Maries County with proceeds of the surcharge to be used for 911 operation costs. All three commissioners agreed the additional revenue is

needed to keep adequate 911 service in the county. Currently the 911 fund is supported by revenue received on a monthly surcharge on landline telephones. This source is rapidly decreasing as more and more citizens opt to disconnect their landlines and exclusively use their cell phones. The county will have to subsidize any expenses not covered by the landline surcharge.

In the county's 2021 budget, revenues for the year were estimated at \$174,460 and estimated expenses were \$174,448. There budget has an estimated end of the year balance of \$19,362. A budget is merely a guess of what revenues and expenses will be. Any financial shortfalls or unexpected expenses will have to be paid from general revenue funds.

Maries County residents who do not have a landline pay nothing for the county's 911

operations.

In April 2019, there was an 11.57 percent voter turnout for the Municipal Election. The county's Proposition A, a \$1 per month fee on cell phones to pay for 911 services, was defeated by 47 votes with 322 Yes (45.87 percent) and 369 No (52.56 percent). The majority of the county's voter precincts voted down the cell phone fee for 911. Vienna and Hodgeville were the only two precincts that passed the county commission and sheriff's petition to voters to approve the cell phone fee for 911. At that time, Heitman and the commissioners vowed to run the 911 cell phone surcharge question again and to work harder educating voters about how important it is for public safety.

LAND TRANSFER

Fagre reported securing the signatures of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kasper in order to transfer some land from them to Maries County, which is needed for construction

of the new BRO bridge. The bridge is on MCR 608 over Little Tavern Creek. Fagre said they hope to begin construction at the site in late summer.

FLOOD MONEY

County Clerk Rhonda Rodgers reported receiving a check from FEMA for Road One in the amount of \$27,405.72. This is disaster assistance for the 2017 flood when roads and crossings were damaged by flood waters. Fagre said the sites already have been repaired and the money is a reimbursement from the federal government. He is still waiting on the 10-percent reimbursement from the state of Missouri.

BIG PRICE

As the commissioners were signing invoices for payment, Stratman commented about the Missouri tire fee on a dump truck tire, which was 50 cents on a large tire that costs \$513 each. In comparison, a regular vehicle tire has a Missouri tire fee of \$2.

KRCG's Educator Spotlight features VHS business teacher

A segment on KRCG-TV last Thursday featured Vienna High School business teacher Angie Combs. She was selected as the Excellent Educator business teacher of the week.

Combs is a native of Maries County and a VHS graduate. She's been a teacher at VHS for 27 years. She strives to make learning fun for all of her students and faces each day with a smile and good humor.

In the TV segment, it was noted each year the accounting students make an accounting rap song and even get Vienna High School Principal Ian Murray involved. "It's debits on the left and credits on the right," Combs said Murray starred in it and sometimes he will go through the hallway singing the accounting rap.

Murray said something that makes Combs special is she is "here for all kids." He said she shows the same amount of support to every student and "cares about each and every one of them the same."

Combs said she didn't deserve recognition because the entire staff at Vienna is one big team.

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But they need to be very careful when they start taking wrecking balls to vital American institutions for short-term partisan gain.

I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle

will drop their effort to pack the court and will shift their focus to the issues families care about most, like getting our economy back on track, strengthening the workforce, and more.



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Take Pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go!!

Vichy Volunteer Fire Dept. Carry-Out Dinner

Sunday May 16th 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vichy Fire House

Serving: Grilled Pork Steaks and Chicken and Dumplings, country hash browns, Baked beans, cole slaw, homemade desserts and bottled water.

Adults \$12.00 Kids 12 and under \$6.00

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AREA OBITUARIES

Ginger Crismon 1961-2021



Ginger Kay Crismon, 59, Dixon, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

She was born Aug. 25, 1961, to Kenneth Monroe and Mildred Louise (Rowden) Roberson, at Jefferson City.

She was united in marriage to Anthony Wayne Crismon, Dec. 28, 1996, at Dixon.

Ginger was employed as a cook for over 20 years at Dixon Nursing and Rehab until her 2011 retirement.

She was preceded in death by parents, Monroe and Mildred; brother, Greg Roberson; and sister-in-law, Patricia (Campbell) Roberson

She is survived by husband, Tony; sons, Michael Davis and wife Mandie and Bradley Davis, all of Dixon; and Kyle Davis and wife, Hayley of El Paso, Texas; siblings, Stan Roberson of Dixon, Carl Roberson of Meta, Bill Roberson and wife Jane and Sharon Casey and husband Larry, all of Dixon; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation is (today) Wednesday, May 12, from 10-11 a.m. at Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Dixon followed by funeral services officiated by Bro. Ryan Hogshooter of Grace Community Church, Dixon. Interment will be in the Seaton Cemetery.

Joan Damm 1944-2021



Joan M. (Wright) Damm, 76, Cuba and Bland, passed away peacefully, Sunday, May 9, 2021, at her daughter's residence.

She was born Oct. 10, 1944, in Rushville, Ind., to James M. and Virginia H. (Baumgartner) Wright of Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Damm, March 17, 1976, in Miami, Okla. They were married for 37 years. In 1980, the couple moved to Cuba, where they owned and operated a furniture refinishing store. Joan later worked for Wallis Oil at the Cuba bakery at the four-way stop. Joan volunteered for over 16 years at the Cuba food pantry. She enjoyed going to church and helping others in need.

She was preceded in death by husband, Bob; parents, James and Virginia; brothers, Harry and Roy R. Wright; step-daughter, Dorian (Damm) Edmisson; and grandmother, Susie (Baumgartner) Gebhart.

She is survived by children, Angie Vaughan and husband Evan of Bland, Michael McQueen and Cheryl Harris of Cuba and Angela (Wells) Vick of Mounds, Okla.; stepchildren, William "Bill" Damm and Christopher Damm, both of Buffalo; grandchildren, Susan (Downing) Lewis of Rich Fountain, Rachel Casey of Salem and Jennifer Rubey and Justin Paul Vick, both of Mounds, Okla.; great-grandchildren, Makenize Hankins of Bland, Benjamin Powers of Pacific and Natalie Hanson of Mounds, Okla.; brothers, James M. Wright II and wife Linda of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Alan Wright and wife Linda of Mooresville, Ind.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, friends and family.

Expression of sympathy may be made to the College Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann's Chapel, Bland.

Cynthia Dunlap 1957-2021



Cynthia Ann Dunlap, 64, Dixon, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, in Phelps Health, Rolla.

She was born Jan. 11, 1957, to Robert Gene and Virginia Eloise (Rathel) Rogowski, in Japan.

She was united in marriage to William Jeffrey "Jeff" Dunlap, May 22, 1981, in Florida.

Cynthia was a member of Church of Christ, Sopchoppy, Fla. She had been employed as a manager in retail businesses and as a care provider in Florida. She was a published author of poems and a member of the Poetry Society.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jeff; parents, Robert and Virginia; sister, Patricia Bajerski; and brother, Robert "Bobby" Rogowski.

She is survived by daughters, Julie Ann Lambertson and husband Michael of Dixon and Lisa Seber and husband Robert of Crawfordsville, Fla.; siblings, Pamela Jean Purvis and husband Jim and Michael George Rogowski, all of Florida; father-in-law, David Dunlap Sr. of Florida; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services are Saturday, June 26, at Church of Christ with interment following in Westside Cemetery, both in Sopchoppy, Fla.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Charlotte Henry 1955-2021



Charlotte Henry, 65, Norman, Okla., formerly of Dixon, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach.

She was born Dec. 28, 1955, to Charles Jr. and Ada Ilene (Farris) Henry, in St. Louis.

Charlotte was a 1974 Salem High School graduate and served as a medic in the U.S. Army. She later worked civil service retiring from the hospital at Fort Leonard Wood. Charlotte attended Victory Family Church in Norman, Okla.

She was preceded in death by parents, Charles and Ada; and an infant brother.

She is survived by son, Justin Oros of Moore, Okla.; daughter, Nina Slaney of Oklahoma City, Okla.; brother, Charles Henry III and wife Rose of Soldotna, Alaska; and sisters, Cathy Sue Warden and husband Ed of Dixon and Cynthia Guajardo of Louisville, Ky.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Long-Kloepffel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Dixon.

**The following obituary is being reprinted by request of the funeral home due to a factual error.*

Paul Hotsenpiller 1961-2021



Paul Hotsenpiller, age 60, of Belle, passed away April 27, 2021.

Paul was born in St. Charles, Missouri, a son to George and Mary (Kammerich) Hotsenpiller.

Paul was united under God in Marriage to Rita Hotsenpiller, who predeceased him in death, July 3, 2018.

In addition to his parents, Paul is survived by one brother, Kenny Hotsenpiller, and his wife Deanna; three nieces, Sara, Emily and Marissa; two nephews, Corey and Brendan; four stepsons; three stepdaughters-in-law; eight grandchildren; and countless friends.

In addition to his wife, Paul was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Alethea.

Thomas Kleffner 1958-2021



Thomas Edward Kleffner, 62, Aftton, formerly of Brinktown, passed away Monday, May 3, 2021, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 18, 1958,

to Leo Henry Sr. and Teresa Faye (Grempczynski) Kleffner, at Dixon.

Tom was a member of Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church. He worked on the family farm in his earlier years and was a 1976 Maries R-1 High School graduate. Tom was employed as a Machinist for Weir Minerals Lewis Pumps in St. Louis until June of 2020.

He was preceded in death by parents, Leo and Faye; and brothers, Paul Kleffner, infant, and Gary Kleffner.

He is survived by children, Justin Kleffner and wife Kristen, Joshua Kleffner and wife Maggie and Sarah Luetkemeyer and husband Trevor; siblings, Leo Kleffner and wife Susan, Pat Kleffner and wife Carrie, Mary Wagner and husband Clifford and Mark Kleffner and wife Tammy, all of Vienna, Ruth Ann Yarbrough and husband Ron of Lake Ozark, Helen Steward and husband Kevin of Sturgeon, Becky Wieberg and husband Mike and Don Kleffner and wife Laurie, all of Argyle, and Mike Kleffner and wife Robin of Brinktown; and seven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, May 7, at Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Brinktown with Rev. Basil Tigga as celebrant. Interment was in Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery, Brinktown. Memorial contributions suggested to Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Brinktown.

Arrangements entrusted to Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

Dorothy McMinn 1928-2021



Dorothy McMinn, 92, of Vienna, formerly of Rolla, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, in Maries Manor, Vienna.

She was born Sept. 2, 1928, to Thomas Lee and Beatrice Fairmane (Williams) O'Haver, at Lake Spring.

She was united in marriage to John Clinton McMinn, Jan. 29, 1950, at Rolla.

Dorothy was a housewife and attended Bellvue Church near Rolla. She was a member of the W.P.F.A. Club.

She was preceded in death by parents, Tom and Beatrice; daughter, Janet Kay Thompson; siblings, Harold Lee O'Haver, Doris Faye Spinali and Shirley Evelyn Gentry.

She is survived by daughters, Patricia A. Harris and husband, Dennis of Rolla and Linda Sue Hays and husband Shorty of Vienna; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements to be announced at a later date by Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home, Vienna.

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Norman Ragan 1936-2021



Norman Everett Ragan, 84, Rolla, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021.

He was born June 3, 1936, to Everett Ragan and Edna (Bout) Ragan,

in St. Louis.

He was united in marriage to Gail (Williams) Ragan, Aug. 21, 1960, in Rolla.

Norman was a 1954 graduate of Rolla High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-58. Following his service, he attended the Missouri School of Mines. He was employed at the U.S.G.S. and retired in 1993 after 35 years. Norman was the Past Master of both Lanes Prairie Masonic Lodge No. 531 and Rolla Masonic Lodge No. 213. He also served as the secretary of the Rolla Lodge for 32 years. He was a member of First Christian Church for 60 years serving as an elder and Sunday School teacher. He was also the Past Commander of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 281, Rolla.

He is survived by wife, Gail, of Rolla; son, Chip Ragan and wife Peggy of Madison, Conn.; daughter, Teresa Zaner and husband Dan of Kansas City; sisters-in-law, Jackie Nelson of Independence and Carol Stevens of Blue Springs; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A Masonic service will be conducted at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13, prior to the 6-8 p.m. visitation at Greentree Christian Church in Rolla where funeral services will be held Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. Inurnment will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery. Memorial contributions suggested to Greentree Christian Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Null and Son Funeral Home, Rolla.

Randall Quick 1961-2021



Randall Lee Quick, 59, Meta, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, at University Hospital in Columbia.

He was born June 15, 1961, to Robert H. and Emma E. (Adams) Quick, in Kirkwood.

Randall was a Maries R-1 High School graduate. He worked for Von Hoffman Press for 25 years and later for Capital Sand, Mid-America Truss and Del-Rich Logging and Sawmill. Randall enjoyed hunting, riding and working on motorcycles, playing golf and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by parents, Robert and Emma; brothers, Robbie and Richard Quick; and brother-in-law, Bob Callahan.

He is survived by children, Amanda Quick and Alissa Haller and husband Tommy, all of Vienna, Ryan Quick and wife Ellie of Brinktown and Amber Quick of Koeltztown; stepson, Dustin Daughtry of Koeltztown; sisters, Judy Callahan of Wildwood and Joyce Beisner and husband John of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; grandchildren, Gage Wansing, Bentley and Barron Haller and Easton and Rylee Quick; and great-grandson, Zayden Wansing.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 22, from 4-8 p.m. at the Meta City Hall.

Arrangements entrusted to Hilke-Millard Funeral Home, Jefferson City.

Melody Schaefferkoetter 1966-2021



Melody Ann Schaefferkoetter, 55, Belle, passed away Monday, May 3, 2021.

She was born March 16, 1966, in Washington,

a daughter to Calvin and Joyce (Huether) Schaefferkoetter. Joyce preceded her in death and Calvin survives of his home.

Melody was a 1984 graduate of Bland High School and received her associates degree from Linn Tech in computer science and mathematics. She had been employed as a C.N.A. for Autumn Meadows in Linn and the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James.

She was a lifelong area resident and had been with her husband, Kevin Brown for over eight years.

Melody enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening and planting flowers. She liked watching crime investigation shows, game shows, the Steve Harvey show and playing Farmville II. She loved a good cup of coffee and collecting Betty Boop, Minion and dragon memorabilia. Most of all, Melody loved spending time with her family — especially her grandchildren. She will be missed by those that knew and loved her.

In addition to her husband, Kevin, and father, Calvin, Melody is survived by sons, David Rose and wife Ashley of Belle and Daniel Rose and wife Stephanie of Owensville; daughters, Jessica Nappier and husband Mike of Sullivan, Crystal Brown of Sullivan, McKenzie Brayton of Farmington and Abigale Keeney of Belle; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a close friend, Mike Keeney; her two dogs, Ginger and Jax; as well as many extended family members and friends.

In addition to her mother, Joyce, Melody was preceded in death by daughter, Heather Duur.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, May 6, at Sassmann's Chapel in Belle with Bruce Elmore officiating. Memorial contributions suggested to the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Sassmann's Chapel, Belle.

Wanda Webb 1930-2021



Wanda Maye Carter Webb, 90, of Gulfport, Miss., formerly of Lockney, Texas, Vichy, St. James and Vicksburg, Miss., passed away May 8, 2021, in Gulfport, Miss.

She was born Nov. 2, 1930, to Jesse Hugh Carter and Hazel W. Orr (Carter) Jones, in Quitaque, Texas.

She was united in marriage to Obil J. Webb.

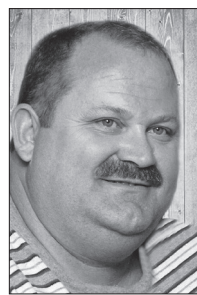
Wanda was a resident of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Miss. She was a 1948 graduate of Lockney High School and attended vocational technical school in Rolla for dental assistant. Wanda served in the U.S. Navy. She worked as a telephone operator for many years and was a member of St. James United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by parents, Jesse and Hazel; step-father, Frank G. Jones; and step-sister, Flora Lee Jack.

She is survived by husband, Obil J. Webb; son, Dennis Webb and wife Anita of Vicksburg, Miss.; sisters, Lynna Davis and husband Thurman of Orlando, Fla., Laveta Morren of Floydada, Texas, and Othelia Bass and husband Otis of Amarillo, Texas; step-brother, F.G. Jones and wife Pat of Plainview, Texas; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to Riemann Family Funeral Home, Gulfport.

Danny Wright 1955-2021



Danny Alson Wright Sr., 65, Belle, formerly of Mount Vernon, Ill., passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, at Saint Louis University

Hospital.

He was born May 10, 1955, to the late James Frank and Freda Kathryn (Austin) Wright at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Mount Vernon by Dr. A.W. Modert, whom Danny was named after.

He was united in marriage to Debra "Debbie" (Woolley) Wright, Oct. 22, 1977, and again Feb. 15, 1992, at West Side Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. Debbie survives in Ina, Ill.

Danny worked at General Radiator until the doors closed. From there, he went to get his truck driver's license and went to work for Precision. He was able to take his wife and son on trips with him. He later worked for Royal Wholesale in Mount Vernon, Ill., until his health failed. Danny was very active in church functions, being the Salem South Baptist Association Sports Director for volleyball and softball. He was active with both West Side Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Ill., and Faith Baptist Church in Belle, serving on the Building Committee at both churches until his failing health. Danny was also a very active member of Mount Vernon Lions Club, often seen behind the wheel of the train, selling brooms or pork chop dinners. He also joined the Belle and Marion Lions Clubs. Danny enjoyed his time spent with family and friends. His grandchildren were his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by parents, James and Freda; son, Christopher Bryan; niece, Amber Prichard; nephew, Michael Wright; brothers, Wayman "Speed" Wright, Jerry Cantrell, Kenny Wright, Bobby Wright and Steve Wright; sisters, Caroline Cantrell, Alice Wright and Jane (Wright) Linville; sisters-in-law, Terra Sue (Wooley) Wright, Gloria Wright and Genevieve Wright; brother-in-law, Bill Capps; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In addition to his beloved wife of 29 years, Debbie, he is survived by sons, Dan Wright Jr. and wife, Candice of Marion, Ill., and Stephen Broadway and wife Michaela of Streator, Ill.; grandchildren, Viola Bailey and Xander, Treva, Makayah, Regan and Tiffany Ann Wright, of Bluford, Ill.; brothers, David Wright and wife Helen of Griffith, Ind., and Raymond Wright of Rockford, Ill.; sister, Inez (Wright) Capps of Rock Island, Ill.; sisters-in-law, Marie Hamilton of Mount Vernon, Ill., Vicki Stallman and husband Kenton of Moberly, Christi Lurk and husband Tom of Branson and Sherri Crider and Kerri Jones and husband Roy, all of Belle; father-in-law, Harold "Wimp" Woolley of Owensville; mother-in-law, Virginia Woolley of Belle; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his very special friends, Gale and Theresa Hefner of Mount Vernon, Ill., and Ronnie and Anita Adcock of Bluford, Ill..

Funeral services were held Monday, May 10, at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Ill., with Gale Hefner and Rev. Don Evans officiating. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Ill.. Memorials contributions suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Hughey Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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News Briefs

MIKAL A. LOUGH, a graduating senior at Belle High School, has been awarded a \$2,000 MFA Foundation scholarship sponsored by MFA Agri Services, Owensville. Lough is the son of Jeannie Shepherd and plans to attend Merrell University.

MARIES COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE is accepting local soil samples for pasture, garden or yard.

CORRECTION: On the front page of last week's edition of *The Advocate* in the caption below the Winding of the May Pole photo, Nancy Janes was erroneously named as Nancy Jones. Janes was the Belle High School nurse for 26 years before losing the battle with metastatic breast cancer.

EMMA J. ROGERS, 25, of St. James, was arrested Saturday, May 1, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol in Maries County on allegations of DWI — alcohol and failure to drive on the right half of roadway resulting in a crash. She was taken to the Maries County Jail on the bondable offense.

RUSSELL H. BULL, 78, of Vichy, was moderately injured in an ATV accident last Tuesday in Maries County. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that Bull was injured on private property on Highway 68 and was transported by Ozark Central EMS to Phelps Health in Rolla. The accident occurred at 4:23 p.m. when the 2006 Polaris Sportsman 500 he was driving impacted a tree and the driver was ejected. Bull was not wearing a safety device, the patrol reported. The Polaris received extensive damage.

EARLARNOLD, 88, and passenger Jacquelyn Arnold, 82, both of Rolla, received minor injuries in an accident in Maries County last Friday evening. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the accident occurring at 5:12 p.m. on Highway 28 at Highway E when a westbound 2012 driven by Arnold failed to stop at a stop sign, crossed the intersection and traveled off the west side of the roadway. Both parties were wearing safety devices and were transported by Dixon Ambulance to Phelps Health in Rolla. The vehicle received moderate damage and was towed by Tune's Towing.

HEARTLAND REGION-ALLIBRARY offers families free access to an online collection of e-books for children. Visit the library's website at heartlandlib.mo.us.

VIPS STUDENTS recently participated in two Student Council sponsored Jeans Days earning \$150 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. With a donation of \$1, students were allowed to wear jeans on specific days.

THE STATE ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING RELIEF (SAFHR) program provides renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with up to 12 months of rent and utility bills, including up to three months of future rent. Apply at mohousingresources.com.

THE ARTS AND EDUCATION COUNCIL is seeking arts organizations in rural Missouri interested in applying for grants up to \$5,000 through the Bayer Fund Rural Community Arts Program. Organizations seeking funding are invited to submit a letter of interest by May 19 to the Arts and Education Council at 3547 Olive Street, St. Louis.

Friends of the Belle Library hold membership day at Barb's Books

BY EDWARD GEHLERT
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

BELLE — Friends of the Belle Library (FoBL) celebrated member appreciation day with a barbecue and bake sale at Barb's Books in downtown Belle, Saturday, April 24.

Members worked on various tasks at the bookstore such as organizing books, stocking shelves and finding appropriate prices for rare books that had been donated. In addition to being available for purchase in store, these special books are sold on Amazon and other internet book sites. Volunteers at the store also hosted a bake sale and barbecue.

"I think the day went very well," said Barb's Book manager Jeremy Smith. "For me the most important thing is that so many people are here and came out and did a lot of hard work today. They came out to show that they really do

care about the bookstore opening up and they really want to participate to make this bookstore, and through transference, the entire community better."

Between book and food sales FoBL generated \$159 to help support its literacy goals for the community. This was the first time the store had been open to the public in 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. A tentative full reopening has been set in June and will be dependent on the availability of volunteers.

One of FoBL's accomplishments has been the creation and operation of one of the largest nonprofit bookstores in the region, Barb's Books. Barb's Books began under the efforts of Barb Huse and since its inception has offered books to the community at yard-sale prices. All of the proceeds from sales go to help fund the organization's mission.



PHOTOS BY EDWARD GEHLERT



Local arts non-profit organization recovering from COVID-19 impact

BY EDWARD GEHLERT
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

BELLE — Osage Arts Community (OAC) is slowly recovering after being hit hard during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

OAC's main campus is located on a 175-acre farm in Osage County bordered by close to a mile of the Gasconade River. This non-profit organization owns 10 properties to facilitate its mission to contribute to the Midwest cultural vitality by supporting artists through a diverse residency program. In addition to providing housing for emerging and established artists, OAC owns and operates an art center in downtown Belle.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all of these endeavors rely on donations to keep programs running. Unfortunately, COVID had created an invisible barrier that prevented OAC from soliciting donations outside of the local area and contributions to the organization dwindled during the past year.

"Funding before COVID was starting to ramp up as we were reaching out to other resources outside the area; on a national perspective. When COVID happened and the lockdown occurred all that dried up," said OAC Secretary Tony Hayden. "Essentially, because we couldn't move around; we couldn't go to funders and sell the nonprofit in Belle to people down in Texas or out in California."

These potential funders are still interested in contributing to OAC, but until more people feel safe enough to travel it is harder to showcase what the organization does without offering tours of their facilities and the local area.

"Even though states are starting to open up there's an element of risk for us to travel anywhere," Hayden said. "Opening up is not consistent from location to location and it probably won't be until later on this year. Then things will start opening up and we could start going after funding outside the Belle area again."

Travel restrictions, forced business closings and health concerns have played a part in the number of artists that are participating in what OAC offers. A once thriving arts community that housed more than a dozen residents is now home to only two. An art gallery that once held multiple exhibitions a year has remained empty during the COVID-19 crisis.

"At one time we provided room and board for 13 artists in residency," said Hayden. "These artists stayed at locations on our farm in Osage County and some resided at our

properties in Belle. Now we only have two staying at OAC."

"COVID directly impacted our physical access to artists for them to participate in our exhibitions," added OAC Executive Director Mark McClane. "They were not comfortable moving themselves or their work here, so we couldn't have exhibitions. Then the shutdown occurred and we were obstructed from having our citizens come into the art center."

Hayden stated that they have received a few applications over the last month, but not nearly what would be consistent with numbers from past years.

"This summer we're gonna have probably four artists staying with us," Hayden said. "I suspect that as the summer comes along we'll get more inquiries, but we will not accept as many people."

Even though the last two stimulus bills included billions of dollars for the arts, nonprofits such as OAC were ineligible for those funds. All programming by OAC is free and open to the public, which causes issues when dealing with COVID relief.

"OAC is exclusively nonprofit; we don't have employees, so we don't qualify for any federal money, small business loans, or anything like that," said McClane. "That money for the arts was principally going to performing arts venues. The performing arts venues are huge economic engines for cities and towns because of how they impact retail, restaurants, and hotels. Most of those (funds) are going to concert venues. We don't qualify for any of that either. Performance venues have employees. They have a product, the show, that they sell. So, because of the lack of audience they can measure what the loss is. All that money is based on employees or how much revenue you are losing. We don't fit into that equation."

Local businesses have benefited by seeing a boost in customers when OAC has hosted events in Belle. Monthly open mic nights would generally see an audience between 40 and 50 people, most traveling from surrounding areas to attend. Opening and closing exhibitions at the art center would also see an influx of visitors to the local area. Many of these people returned to the area because they had found a new favorite place to eat or they had made friends in town.

"When talking to some of the restaurants or businesses that serve food you know they are positively impacted when we have programming," said McClane. "Across the board they'll tell you the same thing. We are an economic engine for our community."

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have begun to seek him out and ask him questions.

"I'd also like Killin' Time Bar to set up and do a beer garden," Steiner said, while arguing that it would benefit the cause for the people it would bring in. "No one has contacted me about food or concessions yet."

Steiner said he would like to keep all the "drinkers" inside the ropes of the beer garden so the city would not have to purchase liability insurance for the day. He added that Killin' Time Bar already has insurance and a license in the city of Bland, so he wouldn't think they would have to purchase anything else.

"This is at absolutely no cost to the city, since all entertainment and events are being donated," he added.

City Clerk Carrie Krupp suggested that they speak with neighboring park boards about the beer garden to make sure they do it right. She also suggested they ask their local police force, who were present at the meeting, what they thought of the event.

Police Chief Dwayne Goodridge laughed and said they could be available that weekend and have an officer from Gasconade County assist them.

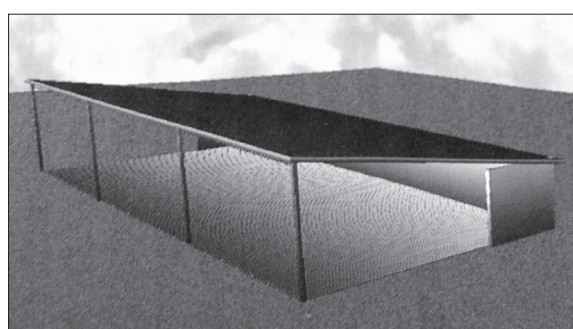
"My big concern is parking," Alderman Jane Vandegriffe said. "We would need to talk to the Christian Church about using their parking lot."

Steiner said they used to have 5,000 or more visitors during their tractor pull events. He would even suggest doing a side-by-side event and having a large mud hole that participants pay to run through.

"All I need is the board's permission to make it a go," Steiner said.

Acting Park Board President Leslie Cronin was present at the meeting and gave her input.

"I think it is a great idea and the park board would support it," Cronin said. "The bigger the event, the bigger, badder the amphitheater."



A DIGITALLY-CREATED design by Gehlert Construction of what the amphitheater could look like.

Steiner held up pictures he had of what he hoped the completed amphitheater would look like.

"I asked a contractor to draw this up and give us a rough estimate to see how much we would need to raise," Steiner explained.

According to the estimate from Gehlert Construction, materials, tin and lumber would be around \$14,500; labor would cost around \$5,000; a rough-sawn lumber option estimate would be about \$4,200; for a total cost around \$19,700.

"Of course that was at the beginning of the year," Steiner said. "Materials have tripled since then. But if we have a cover charge of \$10 to \$15 a head, I think we could pull this off."

Alderman Mark Farran didn't think the event needed the board's approval.

"That would require planning with the park board and Carrie looking into the beer garden license," Farran said. "I don't think we need to vote."

The board agreed they are excited about the event that will fall on the open Saturday between the Belle Fair and Gasconade County Fair in Owensville. No further action was taken.

Wheeler Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held...

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Vienna FFA Chapter holding banquet tonight Area officers recognized at State CDE competition

BY LILY WAGNER
VIENNA FFA REPORTER
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VIENNA— Hello everyone and happy spring! I hope you are all enjoying the last days of spring, as summer is coming. I don't know about you, but I can't wait for summer to finally be here! The Vienna FFA Chapter has been super busy recently as the school year is winding down and I can't wait to share all our accomplishments with you.

The Forestry and Dairy Cattle teams competed at the District CDE Competition. Both teams did very well and in the end, the Dairy Cattle team advanced to compete at the State CDE Competition.

School was out of session on April 2 in observance of Good Friday. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and spent it with friends and family.

A Senior Send-Off Committee meeting was held April 6. There, we discussed the plans for our seniors to wish them on their way.

State Officer interviews were April 8-9, when our very own Hannah Shanks was awarded the title of Missouri State FFA Officer! Hannah has served as our Vienna FFA Vice-President for two years and president this past year. We are all so proud of you and are cheering you on every step of your journey.

The Entomology team of Hannah Shanks, Amanda Wieberg, Allison Buschmann and Lily Wagner competed at the state level on April 10. Congratulations to them all!



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A trap shooting practice was held April 12 at the Vienna Gun Club.

Our Recruitment Chapter Meeting was April 14. At this meeting, any upcoming 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students along with the rest of the Vienna FFA Chapter came to see what FFA is about. FFA is not just cows, sows and plows, it is so much more — from leadership, scholarship and responsibility skills to working as a team to accomplish so many things together. We had hot dogs, chips and cookies that night to welcome them all in. We are so happy to have new faces, because the future of agriculture is in the younger generation's hands and I can't wait to see where each and every one of them go in FFA.

The State Trap Shoot was April 17. This was the last trap shoot of the school year and they represented Vienna very well.

Area Officer Interviews were April 21. We are so proud of Amanda Wierberg and Elizabeth Veasmen for reaching out of their comfort zone and representing our FFA chapter greatly.

The State Job Interview competition was April 24. Hannah Shanks competed and placed in the top six. Congratulations Hannah, we are so proud of you! That day the Dairy Cattle team also competed at the state level. Those competing were Emily Thompson, Will Veasman, Ben Veasman and Sam Rowden. Congratulations to you all!

The Area Banquet was April 28.

There, Vienna FFA members were given their area level awards and Hannah Shanks and Emily Thompson gave their Area Officer retiring speech. The Vienna FFA Chapter was also awarded the Outstanding Single Teacher Chapter Award that night. What a big accomplishment!

The State FFA Convention was April 30 and May 1. The first day of State Convention Hannah Shanks got her results back from the State Employment Skills where she was awarded sixth at the state level. That day she was also installed as the Central District State Vice President. The next day Proficiency Awards were given to the state qualifiers, which were Paige Breeding in Food Service Placement, Hannah Shanks in

Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement, and Elizabeth Veasman in Agriculture Education Placement. Hannah Shanks was awarded Star Award in Placement. Lastly, the State Degree Award Ceremony was held. Allison Buschmann, Owen Kloepfel, Alicia Long, Hannah Shanks, Ashton Stratman, Emily Thompson, and Amanda Wieberg were all awarded their State degree. Congratulations to them all!

Banquet practice was Tuesday. The Chapter Banquet will be held (today) Wednesday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. We will be awarding all the past years awards and recognition. It will be a great night with friends and the Vienna FFA family. We

hope to see you all there!

Senior Awards will be held May 14 at 9 a.m.

Graduation for the 2021 seniors will be May 16.

The last day of school is May 19!

Lastly, the Hog Weigh-in is May 23. If you are going to be showing hogs at the Maries County Fair make sure to bring those hogs to hog weigh in on this day at 1pm.

It has been my great pleasure to serve you this past year as the Vienna FFA Reporter. It is my honor to continue to serve you all as a community and family as the Vienna FFA Reporter next year during the 2021-22 school year. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer!



Crosses, cake and a 'Bee'

Second grade first communicants (above and at right) at Visitation Inter-Parish School in Vienna celebrated with a party recently, receiving crosses with their names engraved on them from the home and school as well as other gifts, cupcakes and ice cream. Recently participating in the April 21 Spelling Bee at St. Martin's were VIPS students: (below) Lauren Rowden, Morgan Murphy and Ethan Kloepfel, who all placed third, as well as Jaiden Hayes and Jake Rowden.



Shanks is next State FFA Vice-President

Vienna FFA Chapter member Hannah Shanks received multiple noteworthy recognitions and achievements during the 93rd Missouri FFA Convention. She was named the 2021-2022 State FFA Vice President, recognized as the Area 14 Star in Placement and placed sixth of 16 in the employment skills leadership development event (LDE).

Northwest Missouri State University School of Agricultural Sciences, Maryville, sponsors the competition, which requires contestants to complete a resume, cover letter, job application and a personal interview.

MFA Inc., Columbia, sponsors the Star in Placement awards. Area Stars in Placement are selected based upon outstanding achievement in work experience in an agricultural business as a part of a student's supervised agricultural experience program and active participation in FFA. Area 14 includes 20 chapters in the South Central District.

Shanks' supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program consists of working at Shanks Dairy Farm, Vienna; at Maries County Bank, Vienna, as a part-time teller and marketing assistant; and Higbie Hog Farm.

During high school, she served as chapter vice president for two years and president and currently serves as area first vice president. She participated at state in Division II prepared public speaking, FFA knowledge, and job interview leadership development events, and livestock evaluation and dairy cattle evaluation career development events. She also participated at state in the Missouri Farm Bureau Public Speaking Contest and placed third in the Missouri Pork Producers FFA Pork Speaking Contest. Shanks won the area dairy production placement proficiency and area agricultural mechanics repair and maintenance placement proficiency awards. She was named



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also named Chapter Star Discovery, Chapter Star Greenhand and Chapter Star Farmer. She is a graduate of Helping Youth Maximize Agricultural eXperiences Academy.

Shanks is the daughter of Mark and Karen Shanks of Vienna. Her advisor is Sara Schwartze. In addition to FFA, she is a member of National Honor Society and speech club. For four years, she served as a class officer. She is a member of the Church of Christ, Vienna.

Recently, Shanks won a \$2,000 MFA Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Farmers Elevator Co. in Vienna. Following graduation, she plans to study agricultural business management and animal science at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Shanks said she plans on an agricultural finance career and growing her cattle operation.

SCHOOL NOTES

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN HONORS

Visitation Inter-Parish School

The following students have been named to the 100% Spelling Club at Visitation Inter-Parish School.

For April 16: second graders, Emerson Jeremy, Clara Jones, Kara Murphy and Abigail Otto; third grader, Katie Kloepfel; fourth graders, Jake Rowden and Grace Veasman; and fifth graders, Bryce Ewers, Ethan Kloepfel, Tyler Row-

den and Wyatt Wulff.

For April 23: second graders, Emerson Jeremy, Walker Jeremy, Clara Jones, Kara Murphy and Abigail Otto; third grader, Katie Kloepfel; fourth graders, Alexis Curtis, Paxten Jeremy and Grace Veasman; and fifth graders, Ethan Kloepfel and John Tappel.

For April 30: second graders,

Clara Jones and Abigail Otto; third grader, Claire Neier; and fourth graders, Jake Rowden and Grace Veasman.

For May 6: second graders, Clara Jones, Kara Murphy and Abigail Otto; seventh-graders, Lauren Libbert, Morgan Murphy, Reid Nichols and Troy Wulff; and eighth-graders, Layton Elliott and Lauren Rowden.



MIKE ANDREWS (above, far left) leads the field in the boys 110-meter hurdles during the MSHSAA Class 1, District 2 Track Meet Saturday at South Callaway High School in Mokane. Andrews went on to win the 110m and 300m hurdles in addition to placing fourth in the 100m dash. Andrews was also part of the Vienna Eagle district championship boys 4x100-meter relay team. **KAMDEN GEORGE** (above, second from right) also placed third in the 110m hurdles to advance to sectionals Saturday in Mokane.

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Fresh off their first Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) last Saturday, David Martin's Vienna Eagle track team went for a district title Saturday during the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 1, District 2 Track Meet at South Callaway High School in Mokane. Winning six events and scoring in points

in several others, Vienna's boys track team topped 15 other schools with 155 points to bring the district championship plaque back to Maries County.

Individually, four Eagles and a relay team claimed district titles to help Vienna's cause.

Senior Mike Andrews led the way winning district titles in both the 110-meter hurdles (18.17) and 300-meter hurdles (44.75). Placing fourth in the 100-meter dash in 12.01, Andrews also qualified for

sectionals Saturday in Mokane in that event.

Andrews will have company in the 110m hurdles.

Kamden George also posted a third-place time of 19.04 to qualify for sectionals.

Over in the field events, Nathan Kleffner won a district title in the high jump clearing 1.84 meters just a week after winning a GVC title in the event. Max Steffen also took third clearing 1.74m to qualify for sectionals.

Evan Casey claimed district gold win-

ning the pole vault with a clearing height of 3.04m. TJae Schell will also advance to sectionals from Vienna finishing fourth in the pole vault clearing 2.44m

Edging Pilot Grove's Dalton Hazlet by .01m, Danniell Casey won a district title in the boys discus with a throw of 33.53m.

Danniell also qualified for sectionals in the javelin with a third-place throw of 39.81m.

Adding to his victory in the high jump, Kleffner also qualified for sectionals in the

long jump with a third-place leap of 5.93m.

All four Vienna Eagle relay teams posted top-four finishes to advance to sectionals led by the 4x100-meter relay team.

Sprinting their way to a district title with a winning time of 47.61, the Eagle quartet of Wyatt Coons, Jehoshua Casey, Andrews and Kleffner will enter sectionals with the second-fastest time behind Valle Catholic's

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BELLE TIGER baseball seniors (above, in front, from left) pictured Saturday with their families include Lane Feeler, Jeb Seaver and Jace Gieck.

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Tiger baseball scores Saturday shutouts

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Fresh off a 15-0 shutout of Newburg two days earlier, Chris Feeler's Belle Tiger baseball team looked to keep the trend going in Saturday doubleheader action at Belle City Park against Stover and Calvary Lutheran.

In their first game of the day, Belle took on Stover's Bulldogs.

Racing out to a quick 6-0 lead after one inning, the Tigers put up crooked numbers

in the remaining three frames of their 20-0 victory over Stover in four innings.

Serving as the visitors on their home field, Belle got the first chance to break the scoreless tie against Stover.

Six singles led to six Belle runs in the top of the first inning.

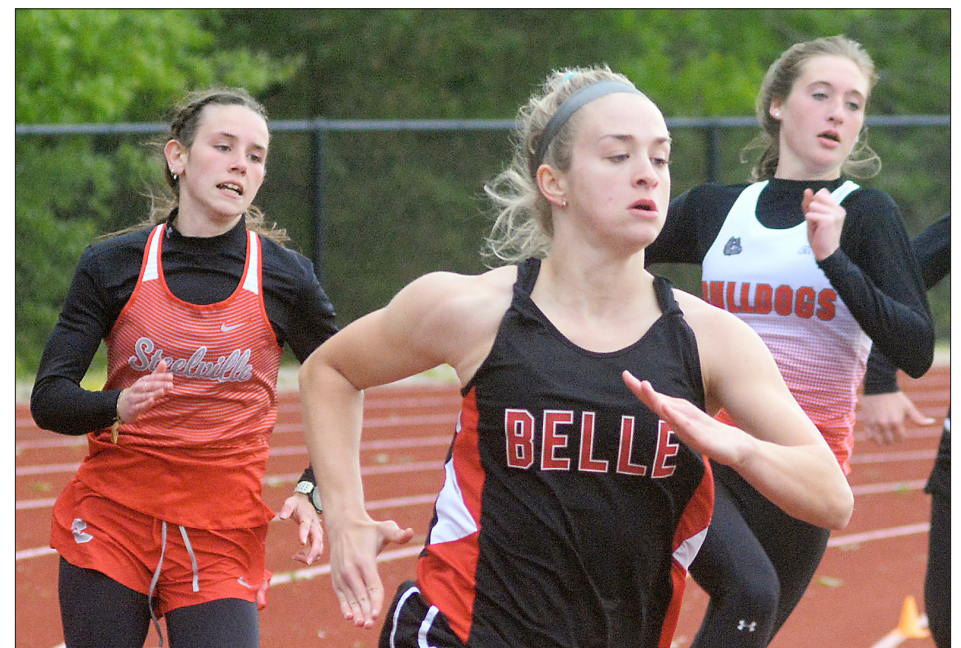
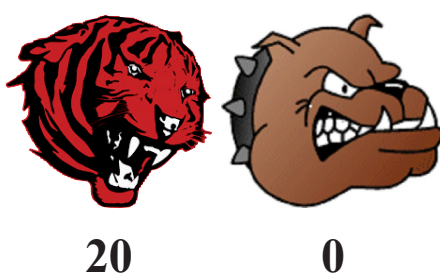
Singling and scoring were Jeb Seaver, Jace Gieck, Carter Kinkead, Clayton Shockley and Sam Willis.

Kaiden Robertson was also hit by a pitch and scored to account for Belle's sixth run.

Pitching around a lead off single in the bottom of the first inning, Kameron

Newton kept Stover off the scoreboard leaving Belle's 6-0 lead intact after one

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GRACIE SCHULTZ (above, center) turns the corner before winning girls 200-meter dash during the MSHSAA Class 2, District 2 Track Meet Saturday at New Haven High School.

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Schultz, Moman advance to sectionals in seven events

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NEW HAVEN — Extend their season.

That was the goal Saturday afternoon for Belle High School Track and Field during the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 2, District 2 Track Meet at New Haven High School.

Between Gracie Schultz and Susie Moman, Belle's Lady Tigers placed fifth as a team with 64 points behind Harrisburg (113), Steelville (95), Grandview (Hillsboro) 81.5) and New Haven (73.5).

Moman's first chance at advancing to sectionals came in the girls discus.

Posting a mark of 31.48 meters on her final attempt, Moman earned a sectional berth with her third-place finish.

In the next round of field events, Schultz and Moman competed simultaneously in the girls triple jump and javelin respec-

tively.

Both events came down to the final round of attempts.

Sitting in second place with one throw left, Moman popped off a mark of 36.66m to win the girls javelin just ahead of fellow Gasconade Valley Conference (GVC) athlete Haylee Woodall from Steelville (35.91m).

Also in second place before her final leap in the girls triple jump, Schultz looked to claim the first of her four district titles at the meet.

Recording a mark of 10.20m, Schultz won the event finishing just ahead of Steelville's Lauren Davis (10.16m).

Already with a district title in the field, Schultz changed gears to the track and the girls 100-meter dash.

Holding off Iberia's Harper Rollins,

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MSHSAA Class 2 District 9



Baseball Tournament

May 17 - May 19, 2021
Vienna High School

(1) Iberia	Iberia	Tuesday, May 18 3:00 p.m.	Championship
(8) Bye			
(4) Vienna Mon., May 17 4:00 p.m.			
(5) New Bloomfield			
(2) Eugene	Eugene	Wednesday, May 19 5:00 p.m.	
(7) Bye			
(3) Russellville		Tuesday, May 18 5:30 p.m.	
(6) Bye			

MSHSAA Class 3 District 9



Baseball Tournament

May 15 - May 18, 2021
Houston High School

(1) Houston	Houston	Monday, May 17 2:00 p.m.	Championship
(8) Bye			
(4) Licking Sat., May 15 1:00 p.m.		Linn	
(5) Belle			
(2) Linn	Linn	Monday, May 17 4:30 p.m.	
(7) Bye			
(3) Dixon	Dixon		
(6) Bye			

MSHSAA Class 1 District 5



Girls Soccer Tourn.

May 15 - May 19, 2021
Laquey High School

(1) Crocker	Crocker	Monday, May 17 3:00 p.m.	Championship
(8) Bye			
(4) Dixon Sat., May 15 2:00 p.m.		Laquey	
(5) Belle			
(2) Laquey	Laquey	Monday, May 17 5:00 p.m.	
(7) Bye			
(3) Valley Park	Valley Park		
(6) Bye			

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45.30 from the Class 1, District 1 meet held in Dexter.

Also advancing to sectionals will be the Eagle 4x200-meter relay team of Jehoshua Casey, Spencer Magner, Coons and Kleffner with a third-place time of 1:39.23.

Placing third in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 10:21.89 was the Vienna team of Sam Douglas, Caleb Horman, Evan Casey and Duncan Wilkinson.

Ending the meet with a second-place time of 3:52.11 in the 4x400-meter relay was the VHS quartet of Jehoshua Casey, Horman, Coons and Magner.

In addition to qualifying on two relay teams, Horman qualified for sectionals individually with a third-place time of 5:12.49 in the boys 1600-meter run.

Along with the district champion Eagles, four Lady Eagles qualified for sectionals in four events.

Two Lady Eagles won district titles in field events.

Sophomore Riley Rosentreter cleared 2.95m in the girls pole vault to claim district gold. Clearing 2.13m, Tori Schulte tied for third place with Silex's Abigail Mooney allowing both athletes to advance to sectionals.

Adding to her third-place finish in the pole vault, Schulte qualified for sectionals in two more events on the track.

Sprinting her way to a fourth-place time of 13.92 in the 100m dash, Schulte also placed fourth in the 400m dash with a time of 1:08.96 qualifying her for sectionals Saturday in Mokane in three events.

Jumping just over her seed mark, fellow sophomore Andrea Novak won a district title in the girls long jump with a leap of 4.57m.

Out of 16 scoring teams, Vienna's Lady Eagles placed just above the middle of the pack in seventh place with 55.5 points.

Picking up team points but just missing sectionals, Jillian Fick placed fifth in the girls 3200-meter run in a time of 16:25.70.

One second shy of the top four, Vienna's Lady Eagle 4x100m relay team of Andrea Novak, Elizabeth Veasman, Alia Terwilliger and Rosentreter placed fifth in 1:00.77.

Scoring team points in the 4x200m relay was the Lady Eagle team of Andrea Novak, Schulte, Rosentreter and Terwilliger in a seventh-place time of 2:07.45.

Taking sixth in the 4x400m relay was Vienna's girls team of Andrea Novak, Madeleine Novak, Danielle Murphy and Terwilliger in a time of 5:35.35.

Posting a sixth-place time of 13:31.18 in the girls 4x800m relay was the Vienna team of Madeleine Novak, Fick, Terwilliger and Murphy.

Claudia Wieberg scored a team point for Vienna clearing 1.25m to place eighth in the high jump.

Missing the GVC meet due to injury, Kadence George competed in a pair of field events looking to extend her junior season.

George placed ninth in the girls discus with a throw of 22.70m while also taking 10th in the girls javelin with a mark of 24.48m.



JEHOSHUA CASEY (above, right) competes for Vienna in the boys 4x400-meter relay during the MSHSAA Class 1, District 2 Track Meet Saturday at South Callaway High School in Mokane. **PHOTO BY NEAL A. JOHNSON**

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inning of Saturday baseball from Belle City Park.

Sending 11 batters to the plate in the top of the first inning, Belle nearly did the same in the top of the second.

Kinkead walked to lead off the inning before scoring on a Robertson RBI single.

Robertson later scored on a Cole Loughridge RBI single giving Belle an 8-0 lead.

Willis was hit by a pitch with two outs before scoring on an error pushing Belle's lead to 9-0 heading to the bottom of the second inning. Newton retired Stover in order keeping his shutout bid intact after two innings.

Inning number three saw Belle add four more runs to their lead.

Gieck started the top of the third reaching on an error before a walk to Kinkead and Shockley reaching on another error loaded the bases for Robertson.

Delivering a single down the

third-base line, Shockley drove in Gieck and Kinkead pushing Belle's run total into double figures at 11-0.

After a Robertson single, RBI ground outs by Zane Strunk and Willis gave the Tigers a 13-0 lead over Stover moving to the bottom of the third inning.

Working around a two-out walk, Newton had a shutout through three innings.

Doubles and a home run were the story for Belle in the top of the fourth inning.

Seaver started the inning reaching on an error before being doubled home by Gieck.

Kinkead was then hit by a pitch before a Shockley double allowed Gieck and Kinkead to score pushing Belle's lead to 16-0.

A Robertson single and Isaiah Sullinger being hit by a pitch loaded the bases for Willis.

Lifting a RBI sacrifice fly to center field, Shockley scored making Belle's lead 17-0 with one out.

Cole Loughridge then delivered the big blow of the game with a three-run home run to center field giving Belle a 20-0 lead moving to the bottom of the fourth inning.

In spite of following back-to-back hits to start the bottom of the fourth, Newton retired the next three batters to earn a complete-game shutout of Stover.

Robertson led the Tiger offense with three hits, three runs batted in (RBI) and four runs scored.

Cole Loughridge had two hits, a run scored and a game-high five RBIs.

Seaver, Gieck and Shockley each also had two hits for Belle.

In Belle's 10-0 shutout of Calvary Lutheran, Shockley earned the complete-game victory allowing only three hits and one walk with five strikeouts.

Sullinger led the Tiger offense against the Lions with four RBIs.

Kinkead had a team-high three hits and two runs scored.

MSHSAA Class 1, District 2 Track Meet at South Callaway High School May 8, 2021

- Varsity Boys**
1. Vienna 155
2. Calvary Lutheran 98
3. Jamestown 98
4. Wellsville-Middletown 81
5. Newburg 41
6. Clopton 36
7. Richland 27.5
8. Silex 25.5
9. Prairie Home 25
9. New Franklin 25
11. Pilot Grove 23
12. Community R-6 21
13. Bunceton 15
14. Frederick Douglass 10
15. Stoutland 8
15. St. Elizabeth 8

- Varsity Girls**
1. Silex 124.5
2. Calvary Lutheran 73
3. New Franklin 65
3. Newburg 65
5. Community R-6 59
6. Wellsville-Middletown 58
7. Vienna 55.5
8. Jamestown 54
9. St. Elizabeth 40
10. Stoutland 36
11. Prairie Home 31
12. Pilot Grove 25
13. Richland 24
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Bland clerk swears in board members

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BLAND — Bland Court Clerk Carrie Krupp read the certified election results Monday night before swearing in the two newly elected board members and a third re-elected board member.

“According to the county, Mark Farran received 20 votes, Ned Steiner received 20 votes and Diana Mayfield received 18 votes,” Krupp read. “Proposition A failed with 13 no votes and nine yes votes.”

All three board members have been serving on the board in their current seats prior to the May 10 meeting. They all three declared



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their intentions to run in the April 6 elections. Farran and Steiner were both appointed to replace members who stepped down prior to their term being complete. Mayfield was previously elected to the board and was re-elected to her seat.

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she said. “I’d like June 6.”

The open house would be from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 6.

“We have tried to open bids at the open house, but the last time we didn’t have any bids,” Director Garret Bialczyk said.

“I think we are going to have several,” Basham countered.

Hicks said if they have bids, they will open them at that point.

“See, I think the time before, there wasn’t adequate planning for board members, so we didn’t have enough there,” said President Joey Butler II. “We had to open them at the regular meeting anyway.”

Basham said they will set the minimum bid in closed session at the May meeting. When they advertise the open house, they will also state when bids will be opened.

“Just to clarify, a few years ago it was thought the superintendent wanted everyone to be there all day and open at 4 p.m.,” Butler began.

“No, I have no reason to expect that,” Basham countered. “I need you to show up at 4 o’clock and give me 15 minutes.”

If the board wants to be a part of the bids, but can’t attend in person, they may video chat into the meeting.

The board approved the open house and rules with a 6-0 vote.

Basham also discussed a flooring issue at the Bland Middle School that the Gasconade County Health Department has given the district the remainder of the summer to fix.

“During a sanitation inspection, the Gasconade County Health Department found flooring outside the coolers at the middle school that are buckling and needs to be replaced,” Basham explained. “It has to be done this summer.”

The district has asked three companies to bid on the project. Of the three, only one company can meet the timeline.

“We would like to put the same type of flooring in the middle school as we put last year in the elementary cafeteria. It would be an epoxy fleck flooring,” Basham said.

The three companies that bid were DLT Flooring for \$6,892; Rock Solid Custom Concrete did not bid the job as they were not available until October; and OCC Custom Flooring bid \$8 a square foot, but were booked up until August.

“I recommend we go with DLT

Flooring,” Basham said, adding it is the same company the district used before and they were happy with their work.

The board approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

In other business, Basham asked the board to approve a policy change that would transfer powers of compliance officer from her to the special education director.

“Currently the compliance officer is the superintendent,” Basham explained. “But by making the compliance officer and superintendent the same person, you take away a student/parent/teacher’s right to appeal (a disciplinary decision) and it comes straight to you.”

Basham explained that in the instance that a situation arose, the principal of the building would investigate the case and make a disciplinary decision. A student/parent/teacher may contest the action or decision to the compliance officer. Under other circumstances, the case may be appealed to the superintendent and then the board. However, with the compliance officer and superintendent being the same person, that means that the chain of command would be the building principal first, then compliance officer/superintendent, and finally the board. It removes one step in the chain of command.

Butler asked if it would add workload to that person. Basham said it could, but not much. By changing the policy though it adds one more link in the chain.

Director Kenda Sanders made a motion to change the compliance officer from the superintendent to the special education director. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Maintenance Director Tony Gieck has requested five students be hired for summer help and Technology Director Tony Benson is requesting two to three students for summer help.

The board approved with a 6-0 vote that the two could hire no more than eight students for summer help.

Gieck also requested the following items be listed as surplus as they are no longer needed by the district. Items will be advertised on Facebook and in the newspaper as required by law. They include Bus 13, a 2006 IC 65 passenger bus with 225,076 miles; a John Deere 22 HP Kawasaki, 48 inch cut, no hood; a John Deere Z645, 27 HP zero turn mower; and a Toro 826 Snow Blower.

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Branson takes turkey in Bland

Kenneth Branson, 85, of Bland, killed a turkey on his farm Saturday. Maries County hunters checked 544 turkeys during Missouri's sprint turkey season. Of Maries County's 544 birds, 449 were adult gobblers, 87 were juvenile gobblers, and eight were bearded hens.

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Trustworthiness

Twelve Maries R-1 Elementary School students were recently recognized as Eagles of the Month for exemplary demonstration of the character trait trustworthiness. Students who achieved this award are (top row, from left) kindergartners, Kloe Palmer and Kassidi Redel; first graders, Trevor Bax and Patrick Lutz; second graders, Liam Birdsong and Naura Vineyard; (bottom row) fourth graders, Raleigh Walker and Scarlett Weeks; and fifth graders, Aspyn Gorman and Alex Young.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**‘In a strange country’
WWII veteran recounts becoming POW**

BY JEREMY P. AMICK
SILVER STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA

Editor’s note: This article is the first in a two-part series highlighting the military experiences of Wilburn Rowden.

With more than three decades of military service to his credit, Wilburn Rowden possesses a treasure chest of military moments to reflect upon during his golden years. The most significant of these memories comes from World War II, when he was part of a bomber crew shot out of the skies of Europe by a renowned German flying ace, followed by months of deprivations suffered as a prisoner of war.

Growing up in a family of six children on a small farm near the community of Vienna, Rowden graduated from high school in the spring of 1941. He spent the next couple of years working construction jobs at Fort Leonard Wood and at the airport in Vichy.

“I received my notice for a pre-induction physical in early January 1943,” recalled the veteran. “I was sent to Jefferson Barracks and inducted along with three of my former classmates from high school,” he added.

Receiving several inoculations, completing aptitude assessments and undergoing physicals, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Forces (previously known as the Army Air Corps). From there, he was sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for several weeks of basic training. The recruits were billeted in the Palmer House Hotel and often utilized the nearby beaches for drills and physical fitness formations.

With the occasional time off on weekends, he and several of his fellow trainees were able to visit special attractions in the area. These enjoyable moments, he soon discovered, evaporated when he arrived at his next duty location to embark upon an intense regimen of training to prepare for combat.

In March 1943, he was transferred to Scott Field (now Scott Air Force Base) in Illinois for training to become a radio operator in the Army Air Forces. For several weeks, he learned Morse code, maintenance and repair of radio equipment, in addition to working with specific types of radios he might use aboard aircraft.

“While I was at Scott Field, my girlfriend, Launa Helton, whom I met back in Vienna, was living and working in St. Louis,” said Rowden. “I was often able to go and visit her on weekends when I was given a pass from military duties.”

The next step in his preparatory training was a brief stop with the 19th Replacement Wing at Salt Lake City, Utah, before his transfer to Pendleton Field, Oregon, where he was assigned to the 392nd Bomb Group. It was during this time that he began his training as the radio operator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress.

“We were assigned to air crews in Oregon, but our training there only lasted a short time,” he recalled. “Our crew was soon sent to Moses Lake in Washington as part of the 452nd Bomb Group. Our training included some night flights and I remember once forgetting to rewind the trailing wire antenna for the radio, which resulted in some downed telephone lines when he landed,” he chuckled.

In the coming months, they participated in

advanced aviation training in Texas, practicing bailout procedures and conducting simulated combat missions. They transferred to Grand Island, Nebraska in December 1943, for additional training before moving on to Camp Shanks, New York, to board the Queen Elizabeth to sail to Europe.

Rowden explained, “We landed at a port in northern Scotland on January 8, 1944. We were trucked to our base in Deopham Green, England (Royal Air Force Station), and I soon learned how good the fish and chips were because this was about all I would get to eat,” he chuckled.

Their time was filled with training while the air crews also experienced their first air raid sirens that warned of incoming German “buzz bombs.” The B-17 bomber they were assigned arrived in late January and the crew gave it the name “Sleep Time Gal,” painting a picture of a lady in negligee on the nose of the aircraft.

On February 6, 1944, less than a month after arriving overseas, Rowden joined his crew for their first combat mission. He explained that on the morning of a mission, the crew would rise around 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., attempt to eat a quick breakfast, and then receive a briefing with information about their target.

On this first mission, they dropped bombs on a rocket launching platform in northern France, incurring six or seven holes in the fuselage of the plane from flak. In the next few weeks, Rowden participated in missions to bomb oil refineries and ball bearing factories.

They were given a mission to bomb Berlin on March 6, 1944, but were recalled due to cloud cover and overcast conditions in the target area. However, two days later, he participated in the final combat flight of his military career.

“Again, our target was Berlin, but we didn’t make it there,” he said. In the vicinity of Hannover, Germany, ME-109 fighters hit us and damaged our aircraft.”

Rowden in later years discovered that the pilot credited with dealing the death blow to “Sleepy Time Gal” was famed German fighter ace, Captain Heinz Knoke, who has been credited with 52 aerial victories, 19 of which were heavy bombers.

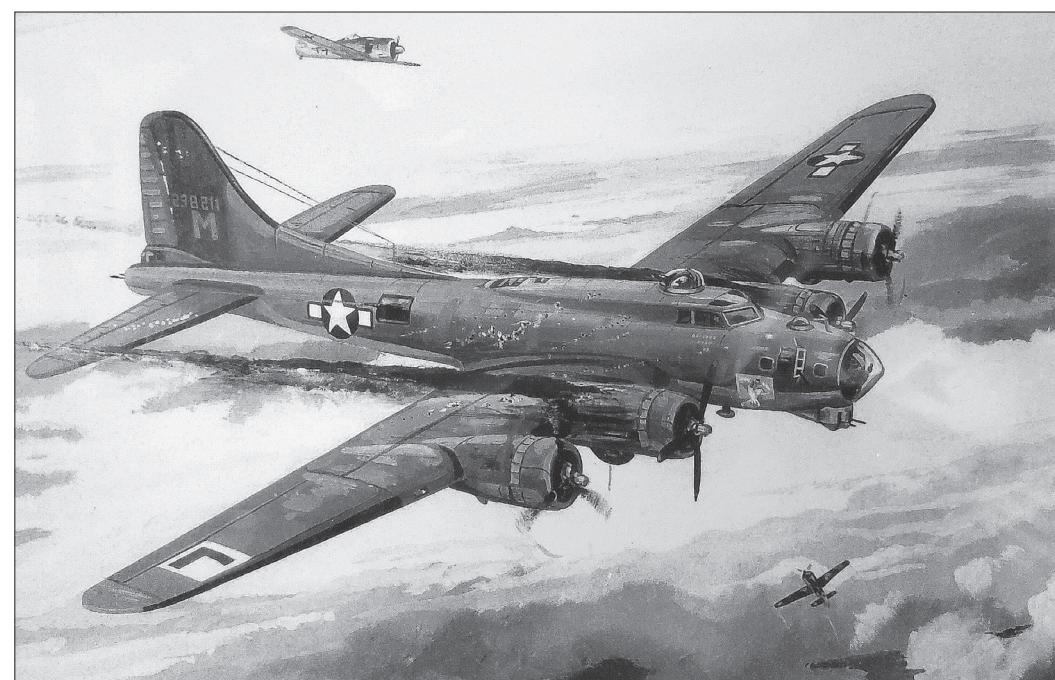


A 1941 graduate of Vienna High School, Wilburn Rowden was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943. He later trained as a radio operator aboard B-17 bombers prior to deploying to Europe during World War II.

The attack resulted in damage to two of the aircraft’s engines and a fire that destroyed two of the crew’s parachutes. Rowden noted that since they carried only one spare parachute, they were short a parachute if the plane had to be evacuated.

Quickly assessing their circumstances, the pilot made the bold decision to crash land the plane and ordered the rest of the crew to bail out.

“We were at approximately 30,000 feet, and I remember pulling my ripcord and felt the jolt that hit me when my parachute opened, Rowden recalled. “It was mayhem and very frightening to have to parachute to earth and then the possibility of facing the enemy upon landing in a strange country,” he added.



ROWDEN SERVED as a radio operator aboard the B-17 bomber named “Sleepy Time Gal,” which was shot down over Germany on March 8, 1944. PHOTOS COURTESY OF WILBURN ROWDEN

Vienna Police Department reports April activities

Vienna Police Department Chief of Police Shannon Thompson recently reported on the department’s April activities.

Vienna police officers conducted 51 traffic stops, responded to three other domestic disturbance calls, conducted one civil standby, investigated three suspicious person/vehicles, investigated one motor vehicle accident, and investi-

gated two theft complaints. The department made one felony arrest during the month and made two misdemeanor arrests.

The officers conducted 26 school safety patrols/events, and conducted 80 business checks.

Chief Thompson reported officers responded to 24 calls for service which included: investigated a child abuse complaint, traffic con-

trol for funerals, traffic complaints, 911 hang ups, well being checks, citizen contacts, removed debris from the roadway, responded to suicidal subject, medical assists, investigated open residential door, trespassing complaint, checked for motorist involved in a domestic assault, and prisoner transport.

Vienna police officers also responded outside the city limits at

the request of the Maries County Sheriff’s Office to direct traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, and responded to a reported domestic dispute on Missouri Highway 42 East.

Vienna police officers also responded outside of the city limits at request of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist in the search of two homicide suspects.

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1 Administrator's Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, DENNIS L. LEWIS and MARILYN Y. LEWIS, husband and wife, by their future advance deed of trust dated June 4, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Maries County, Missouri, on June 9, 1999, in Book 208 at pages 105 through 109 thereof, conveyed to Lawrence Buschmann, trustee, the following described property situated in the County of Maries, State of Missouri, to-wit:

STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THENCE WEST 508.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO A POINT IN THE COUNTY ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD SOUTH 28° 59' WEST, 18.29 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID COUNTY ROAD EAST 402.78 FEET TO A REROD, THENCE SOUTH 3° 10' WEST, 150.78 FEET TO A REROD, THENCE NORTH 80° 53' EAST, 336.32 FEET TO A REROD, THENCE SOUTH 89° 19' EAST, 539.53 FEET TO A REROD, THENCE NORTH 0° 14' EAST, 110.0 FEET TO A REROD SET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE NORTH 89° 16' WEST, 750.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2 AND IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 OF TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. AND CONTAINS 2.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM SURVEY NO. 90-83 MADE BY THOMAS J. KUSTER, MISSOURI REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1910, UNDER DATE OF AUGUST 7, 1990,

which conveyance was made to Lawrence Buschmann, trustee, in trust, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described; and

WHEREAS, I, Albert Crump, Jr., pursuant to the terms of said future advance deed of trust, was duly appointed successor trustee by instrument dated the 21st day of April, 2021, and recorded the 28th day of April, 2021, in Book 2021 at page 618 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Maries County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, default was made and still continues in the payment of said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note, I, Albert Crump, Jr., the undersigned trustee, in pursuance of the powers to me given by said future advance deed of trust and appointment as successor trustee, will sell the property above described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Maries County Courthouse in the City of Vienna, Maries County, Missouri, on

Thursday, May 27, 2021,

between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M., to-wit: commencing at the hour 1:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of satisfying the said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

ALBERT CRUMP, JR.,
TRUSTEE
P. O. Box 397
Vienna, Missouri 65582
573-422-6191

Publish in the Maries County Advocate newspaper on: May 5, May 12, May 19, and May 26, 2021.

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1 Administrator's Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI

PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS OF HOMER L. HALBERT AND ETHEL D. HALBERT, DENNIS LEE MAXWELL, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property of Homer L. Halbert and/or Ethel D. Halbert, Deceased, as an heir of said Decedents or through any heir of said Decedents: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed in the above Court by Dennis Lee Maxwell, for the determination of the heirs of Homer L. Halbert, Deceased and/or Ethel D. Halbert, Deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the following described property owned by said Decedents at the time of their death, to-wit:

A FRACTIONAL PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 31; THENCE SOUTH 89° 29' EAST, 232.85 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 8° 36' 30" WEST, 505.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80° 58' 20" WEST, 149.65 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROUTE A; THENCE NORTH 3° 49' EAST, 472.78 FEET ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE NORTH 88° 37' 50" EAST, 192.05 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT CONTAINS 1.91 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, PER PLAT OF SURVEY R-4580, DATED OCTOBER 16, 1991, BY ELGIN SURVEYING & ENGINEERING, INC.

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The name and business address of the Petitioner's attorney is:

ALBERT CRUMP, JR.,
206 South Main Street,
P. O. Box 397,
Vienna, Missouri 65582

You are hereby required to appear and answer said petition on May 25, 2021, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Maries County, Missouri, at Vienna, Missouri, in the Maries County Courthouse, a which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Angela Stricklan, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Maries County, Missouri, Probate Division

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

Case No. 21MS-CC00009
In Re the marriage of: PEGGY ANN DURBIN and ROGER GALE DURBIN.
PEGGY ANN DURBIN, SSN: XXX-XX-3529, Petitioner,

vs.
ROGER GALE DURBIN, SSN: XXX-XX-8160, Respondent.
The State of Missouri to: ROGER GALE DURBIN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Maries County, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to dissolve your marriage to Peggy Ann Durbin.

The names of all parties to said action are stated in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is:

KENNETH J. LEISER,
1000 North Pine Street, Suite B,
Rolla, Missouri 65401.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition for dissolution of marriage within 30 days after the 26th day of May, 2021, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 30th day of April, 2021.

(Seal) MARK A. BUSCHMANN,
Circuit Clerk
By: Janice Libbert,
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YARD SALE: Thurs. & Fri., May 13-14, 9:00AM-?; 412 Oak Ave., Belle. ITEMS: Clothes: womens (XL-2X), mens (2X), Harley Davidson clothing (mens & womens), twin bed w/mattress, home decor, new shower/tub wrap, and so much more.

GARAGE SALE: Thurs. & Fri., May 13-14, 8:00AM-5:00PM; 31793 Hwy. 28 (5 miles from Belle towards Vichy. Driveway will be marked) ITEMS: Clothing (mens, womens, teens), sleeping bags, folding chairs, pots & pans, silverware, cups, dishes, couch & love seat, Sunbeam clothes steamer, small vacuum, blankets, wall pictures, boys & girls bicycle, DVDs, VHS tapes, lots of misc. stuff!

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The Gasconade County R-2 School District is looking for energetic, hardworking applicants with a good attendance history to fill an opening for

Full Time Day Custodian and Evening Custodians.

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If interested, apply at <https://gasconadeschools.filebound.com/> portal.

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Maries County R-II Schools

SURPLUS PROPERTY

The following items have been declared surplus by the Maries Co. R-2 Board of Education:

- 2006 IC 65 Passenger Bus, Mileage 225,076
- John Deere, 22 HP Kawasaki, 48 inch cut, no hood
- John Deere, Z645, 27 HP zero turn mower
- Toro 826 Snow Blower

Sealed bids will be required to be submitted to the Administration Office by 3:00PM on May 20, 2021. Some items may have a minimum bid set by the board. Anyone with questions should contact the Maintenance Director, Tony Gieck, at 573-859-3800.

The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Gasconade County R-2 School District, in Owensville, Missouri, is seeking bids for the following project:

- ◆ Owensville High School Small Gym HVAC
- ◆ Owensville Middle School HVAC
- ◆ Gerald Elementary School HVAC
- ◆ Owensville High School Kitchen Exhaust hood
- ◆ Gerald Elementary School Kitchen Exhaust hood

An RFP can be obtained at the Gasconade County R-2 Administrative Office, located at 402 E. Lincoln, Owensville, Missouri, 65066, or by calling 573.437.2176.

Call 437-2176 for an appointment.

Bids must be submitted by **10:00am on Friday, May 14, 2021.**

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Belle Lady Tiger soccer falls 8-2 against Stover

Meagan Fisher's Belle Lady Tiger soccer team returned to action Saturday morning at the Kingsford Soccer Complex hosting Stover's Lady Bulldogs. Shown at their team bench during halftime, Belle dropped an 8-2 decision to Stover. Faith Langdon scored both goals for Belle in a losing cause.

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SUSIE MOMAN (above) lets her discus fly during the MSHSAA Class 2, District 2 Track Meet Saturday at New Haven High School.

PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON

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Schultz sprinted to district gold in a time of 12.97.

Already with a bronze and gold medal to her credit, Moman went for another district medal in the girls shot put.

With a throw of 10.23m on her first attempt, Moman went on to place second in the event qualifying her for sectionals in three events.

Staying in the field, Schultz went for her third district title in the girls long jump.

Leading after her third jump, Schultz landed a mark of 5.01m to win the event leaving just the 200-meter dash left in her day.

Holding off South Callaway's Reagan Brown down the stretch, Schultz collected her fourth gold medal of the meet with a district-title winning time of 27.36 in the 200m dash.

Both girls will compete Saturday in sectionals at South Callaway.

MSHSAA Class 2, District 2 Track Meet at New Haven High School May 8, 2021

Varsity Boys

1. Harrisburg 127
2. New Bloomfield 109
3. Fayette 103
4. Steelville 88
5. Father Tolton 86
6. Russellville 58
7. South Callaway 55
8. Eugene 49
9. Grandview (Hillsboro) 23
10. Linn 17
11. New Haven 16
12. Iberia 3
12. Tipton 3
13. Belle 1

Varsity Girls

1. Harrisburg 113
2. Steelville 95
3. Grandview (Hillsboro) 81.5
4. New Haven 73.5
5. Belle 64
6. Iberia 63
7. Russellville 53
8. South Callaway 47
9. Eugene 38
10. New Bloomfield 35
11. Linn 33
12. Fayette 24.5
13. Tipton 17.5



LANDON KLOEPPEL (above, right) stretches to catch the ball at first base in recent home baseball action against Laquey's Hornets at Vienna City Park.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN

Eagle nine shutout Calvary Lutheran

BY WILL JOHNSON
SPORTS EDITOR

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Over a week removed from a 12-1 victory over Laquey, Cory Nicholson's Vienna Eagle baseball team looked to open the month of May on a winning note.

Facing Calvary Lutheran's Lions on the road in Jefferson City, the Eagles plated five runs in the top of the second inning before going on to a 7-0 victory.

Owen Kloeppel pitched six innings of scoreless baseball to pick up the win.

He allowed just two hits with no walks and five strikeouts before Cash Stricklan pitched the final inning in relief.

Scoring right out of the game, Lucas Magner led off with a single in the top of the first before being driven in on a Landon Kloeppel RBI single giving the visiting Eagles an early 1-0 lead.

In their aforementioned five-run

second inning, Owen Kloeppel helped his own cause with a lead off double before Deekin Wagner walked and Will Veasman was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Stricklan.

Getting a base hit to right field, Stricklan drove in Owen Kloeppel and Wagner helping Vienna to a 3-0 lead and more.

In Friday's 5-4 loss at Iberia, Lucas Magner had a team-high two hits while Alijah Mercer drove in a team-high two runs.

Congratulations Class of 2021

Coming May 19th A Special Graduation Edition

This section will contain a complete list of the scholarship recipients, dozens of photographs, and each graduating senior's photograph.

A keeper, the graduating students and their families will enjoy and refer to this section many times.

If you wish to place a congratulations message to the Graduating class of 2021 or a special note to your favorite graduate call (573)437-2323 by Friday, May 14th.

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