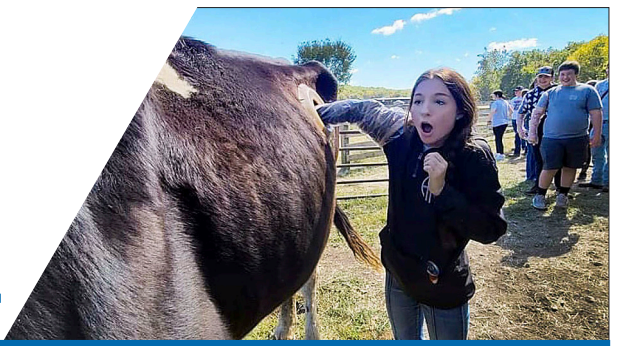


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OHS FFA member Ashley Reed experiences a fistulated cow's rumen during the Wurdack Farm Field Day. See page 9.

County sales tax expected to hit budget projections

BY BUCK COLLIER
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HERMANN — With two more months of sales tax revenue to come in, Gasconade County government is less than \$5,000 away from the \$1 million mark and is in good shape to come close to hitting the estimated \$1.2 million that was projected in this year's operating budget.

County Treasurer Mike Feagan Thursday morning told the County Commission that, based on the past two months' sales tax receipts, he was looking for a little larger check than the \$98,548 that was received for revenue generated from sales made in September.

"I was a little disappointed, yet it was the biggest of any (October) I've tracked," Feagan said.

Indeed, it was larger than last October's reimbursement of \$96,148, which was part of the county's second record year for General Fund sales tax receipts. This month's check pushed the county's receipts for 2022 to \$72,748 ahead of the amount received by this time last year. The county so far this year has received \$995,282.

County Clerk Lesa Lietzow noted that the county is in good shape to reach the \$1.2 million projected when this year's budget was being crafted. That would put the county well ahead of last year's record amount of \$1,122,323.

Regarding the other closely watched revenue source — the 1.325-cent use tax that's applied to purchases made from out-of-state vendors — the county should easily top \$200,000 for the first full year of the tax being in place. Feagan reported that this month's use-tax check is for \$11,123, about half of the amount received in September. For the year, the county has received \$196,136 from the use tax.

In other matters, the Commission agreed it would go to Small Claims Court in an effort to collect about \$200 from the property owner whose fence recently was removed from the right-of-way along Price Road outside Owensville. The charge results from the removal of the fence by county Road Department workers after the property owners failed to take down the fence.

County administrators learned that installing an elevator at the courthouse will not be an inexpensive project. Bill Quick, representing an elevator company in St. Louis, will be providing county government with cost estimates for an elevator likely for inside the building. Commissioners had hoped to have a lift installed on the outside of the building, but Quick explained that an outside elevator would carry a much higher price tag.

"I would say probably 60 to 70 percent higher than if you did it inside," he said.

County administrators are concerned that having an elevator inside the building would further squeeze available space.

"We can't afford to lose space," noted Southern District Associate Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, R-Owensville.

Quick said the elevator company would be working with local contractors who would actually build the device. He said he could involve outside contractors familiar with elevator construction, but that would only increase the cost. He suggested the county hire an architect to produce a firm construction cost estimate.

"I can get (cost) numbers together for you" for his end of the project, Quick said.

Northern District Associate Commissioner Jim Holland, R-Hermann, said he's eager to see what those numbers might be.

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Election judges complete training with County Clerk for Nov. 8 election

BY DAVE MARNER
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Three weeks from today, results of Missouri's Nov. 8 "mid-term" General Election will be known.

This past Wednesday, 20 Gasconade County residents from Rosebud, Bland, Owensville and Hermann went through a two-hour training session to become election judges at one of the county's 16 polling precincts. Gasconade County Clerk Lesa Lietzow and her two deputy clerks earlier this year conducted training sessions in Owensville and Hermann where 64 judges received training.

The Oct. 12 session at the site of Owensville's Ward 1 precinct, First Assembly of God Church, included hands-on instruction on setting up, maintaining as needed, and closing down of the voting machines.

Election judges should be prepared to be set up and operational by 5:30 a.m. on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election day.

"The first votes can drop at 6 a.m.," said Lietzow.

She said she or her staff would drop off equipment on Monday and wanted to meet

then with those handling supervisory roles to help set up the equipment. Supervisors, one from each party, will be responsible for delivering the voted ballots and equipment back to the courthouse in Hermann after polls closed at 7 p.m.

These supervisors — one Republican judge and one Democrat judge — will ride together back to the courthouse from each precinct to deliver the voting machines with voted ballots, and the locked bag containing any spoiled ballots, and the sealed envelopes containing provisional ballots, back to the courthouse.

A supervisory judge selected among each precinct will be responsible for taking home the building key and the key to the locked bag included with the election supplies the night before the election.

Everyone working a precinct begins the election day swearing an oath to abide by all election laws. Spoiled ballots, those marked incorrectly (circling a name, or making two selection instead of one) are to be marked as spoiled with all four election judges signing off that they were ruined and not part of the vote tally. Spoiled ballots

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PHOTOS BY DAVE MARNER

GASCONADE COUNTY Deputy Clerk Lorrie Koelling goes over shut-down procedures Oct. 12 with county residents undergoing training to be precinct judges for the Nov. 8 General Election at the Ward 1 Owensville voting precinct at First Assembly of God Church.

When voting concludes, a receipt will be printed out showing the number of ballots cast which should match with the number of ballots handed out minus any spoiled ballots retained in a sealed bag. COUNTY CLERK Lesa Lietzow displays a sample ballot. The Nov. 8 ballot will have printing on both sides and be one page. The sample ballot is on two pieces of paper for display purposes.



R-2 district sees dramatic decrease in numbers of Class of 2023 graduates

Pandemic cited in academic fall-off, lack of credit hours

BY ROXIE MURPHY
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The Gasconade County R-2 School District saw its most dramatic drop in enrollment in the 2022-23 school year that will result in less than 100 students in the Owensville High School graduating class — largely attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to a graph in the board report Monday night, Superintendent Dr. Jeri Kay Hardy showed the 2022-23 graduating class with 99 students enrolled. However, in 2019-20 school year, during the start of the pandemic, the same class had 133 students enrolled — which reflects the group once had an average class size, but is now minus 34 classmates.

"That's how we can tell it is a direct result of the pandemic," Hardy said Tuesday afternoon. "If you look at this year's seniors, we lost 35. They have either dropped out or are being home schooled. They are not virtually learning within the district. We can only look back at the numbers and see it is probably due to the pandemic. It is the smallest class in kindergarten through twelfth grade and it did not start that way."

Hardy said Oct. 17 that the 2022-23 class was affected the hardest by the pandemic.

"They are the class that looks like it has the biggest impact in numbers," she said. "We knew we would have some repercussions from the pandemic."

The graduating class were freshmen in 2020.

"The pandemic had different effects on different people and students," Hardy said. "One possible effect was students began to social distance more, some joined the workforce, which could

be a contributing factor for some of the missing students."

Hardy added that not all of the students are missing. "I don't know that all 35 are simply gone," she said. "But they are not graduating on time."

She explained that some of the students who stayed enrolled are behind on their credits and due to a clerical error they were regulated to junior, sophomore, and in some cases even freshmen level.

"A lot of students were not successful with virtual learning," Hardy said. "If they decided they wanted to return to school, they had to pass those courses, but they were behind and I think that had a negative effect also."

During the 2020-21 school year, students and parents could still choose virtual learning.

"If a student chooses virtual learning through MOCAP, people have to write to Missouri to choose a program they want to use," Hardy said. "If a student chooses to go that direction, parents need to do their research on providers out there. The majority of students who went with virtual learning were not successful."

The majority of unsuccessful virtual learners had similar stories. "A lot of that was assignments not being completed," Hardy said. "You have to be self-driven to complete those courses because there is not a person that says 'you have to turn in something.' Due dates are there, but no teacher is contacting you to say you haven't gotten it in or have not done the work."

She emphasized that many of the students in the 2022-23 graduating class were only 14 or 15 years old when the pandemic started. From 2019-20 to 2020-21 enrollment dropped from 133 to

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Schulte resigns from R-1 board to prepare for presiding commissioner's post on Jan. 1

BY BUCK COLLIER
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HERMANN — The effort begins to find a new board member for the Gasconade County R-1 School District with the departure of Director Tim Schulte, who stepped down Thursday night to prepare for his new job as the top county government official.

Schulte, who began his second term on the R-1 board in April, this summer won a three-way race for the Republican Party nomination to succeed retiring Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel, R-Hermann, and faces no opposition in the Nov. 8 General Election, making him the presumptive new presiding commissioner. He will begin his four-year term in that job on Jan. 1.

Schulte's letter of resignation was taken up at the end of Thursday night's regular monthly R-1 board session.

In other matters, the board heard that any big move by the district to convert to solar energy appears to be further into the future. Superintendent Geoff Neill reported that research conducted at the direction of the board showed that installing an array of solar panels would have to major impacts: It would be costly — upwards of \$1 million to install and retrofit existing equipment — and it would require much space, such as requiring the use of the land between Hermann Middle School and Hermann High School as the site of the bank of solar panels.

District officials say putting the solar panels on the high school roof

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PHOTO BY ROXIE MURPHY

OWENSVILLE HIGH School Drama Department students present a scene Monday from "Grease," which they are preparing for November staging, during the Gasconade County R-2 School District's Board of Education meeting held in the school's library.

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GERALD Police to seek grants for new equipment

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SPORTS R-2 XC claims team titles

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Unintended consequences

With any law or constitutional amendment, there are always — always — unintended consequences. Here in Missouri, we are fortunate. We can learn from other states.

The state of Colorado was the first to vote and make the recreational use of marijuana legal. That was in 2012.

This gives us 10 years' worth of data to educate ourselves before we vote on Nov. 8 on whether or not to follow in Colorado's footsteps and legalize the recreational use of cannabis in the Show Me state.

Let's start with safety on our highways.

Research in 2021 by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) and the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI), as reported in *Newsweek*, "found that the number of injury and fatal crashes in California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington rose considerably in the months following the relaxation of marijuana laws. In those states combined, there was a six percent increase in injury crashes and a four-percent increase in fatal crash rates compared to other Western states where recreational marijuana use was illegal during the study period."

In 2009, nine percent of all traffic fatalities in Colorado involved operators testing positive for marijuana. By 2016, the number doubled to 20 percent showing marijuana does kill both the user

by **DENNIS WARDEN**



and the innocent.

Logically this means that if it passes in Missouri, we can expect our car insurance rates to rise. If you can afford an increase in your rates, vote yes.

Proponents of Amendment 3 assure us that this law will not make weed use available for anyone under 21. Studies show that will not be the case. Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health showed pot use by youth 12 to 17 two years after legalization in Colorado increased by 20 percent. Over the same period, the national average of teen pot use dropped four percent, making teen use in Colorado 74 percent higher than the national average — number one in the nation.

If you don't mind your children and grandchildren using cannabis, vote yes for legalization next month.

We have heard time and time again that marijuana is a harmless drug. Not so. According to a recent study published in *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*, "cannabis use in the general population is associated with heightened risk of clinically serious negative outcomes, specifically, needing to present to the ER or be admitted to hospital."

Colorado studies agree. In Colorado, emergency room visits related to marijuana increased from 8,197 in 2011 to 18,255 in 2014.

Colorado also saw an increase in teen suicide victims, with marijuana as the number one drug found when toxicology is reported (2016-2021). Of teens ages 15-19 who died of suicide in 2018, marijuana was present in 37 percent of the cases.

Passage of this Amendment will result in your neighbors making more trips to the ER and possibly some of the children you know dying by suicide. I can't believe anyone wants this.

On a lighter note, in June of 2017, Colorado had 392 Starbucks, 208 McDonald's and 401 retail marijuana stores.

Perhaps the most disturbing unintended consequence Colorado has had since they legalized marijuana use is the rise in the black market for marijuana.

According to a story published in June 2021 in

The Denver Post, "In myriad press conferences and interviews over the past seven years, federal and local law enforcement officials have been adamant that illicit marijuana is growing in Colorado and other states that have passed legalization."

"Every time our task force puts their line in the water, they find something," John Kellner, the district attorney for Colorado's 18th Judicial District, said about investigating black market marijuana. "It's a matter of how many resources we can spare and law enforcement can spare to put into it. Because every time we go fishing, we catch something."

In 2019 a group of doctors released a statement opposing the recreational use of marijuana. It said, "We need to learn the lessons from history to ensure that any legalized marijuana product does not become the Big Tobacco of the 21st Century. States that are rushing towards legalization of recreational marijuana are ignoring how profit-driven corporations hooked generations of Americans on cigarettes and opioids, killing millions and straining public resources."

Follow the money for Amendment 3. This is not a grassroots effort. It's financed by companies looking to make millions. They don't care about teen use, traffic fatalities or ER visits. They care about money. What do you care about?

MAIL BAG

The almighty dollar shouts loudest

To the Editor:

I wholeheartedly agree with your Oct. 12, 2022, editorial comment that, "The reason Amendment 3 is on the ballot is money. If this passes, a select few will make millions, and countless others — you and me — will pay the costs financially and socially."

So, what else is new?

The almighty dollar is what fuels our beloved, but fading capitalism. Its accumulation is what propels people to succeed.

While an increased availability of marijuana in society will likely see more children and grandchildren ingesting it, there's at least one additional factor at play here. And that's the fact that too many people with children simply aren't cutting it as parents. They want to be their kids' friend rather than their parent, thus bypassing the annoyance that parental discipline entails.

I can assure you there are some households where discipline with repercussions is the norm and if a household rule forbids recreational drug use, chances are

good the occupants of that household are drug-free.

No doubt about it, there's a price to pay for legalizing the recreational use of marijuana and Colorado's experience can attest to that. But the lure of masking life's hardships with legal marijuana will appeal to many voters and the additional tax revenue its legalization will provide is sure to delight our lawmakers, regardless of the societal harm involved.

Sad, but oh so true.

Patrick J. Leslie
Owensville

GUEST COMMENTARY

Changes to Missouri election law: What voters need to know to cast their ballot

BY **BRIANNA LENNON AND SHANE SCHOELLER**

Election Day is just over three weeks away and a lot has changed for voters since the last time they cast a ballot.

A new elections law went into effect after the August primary election and, as local election authorities, we have an obligation to educate voters about what to expect when they vote this fall. We want Missourians to be informed, confident and — most importantly — engaged voters so we've made a list to prepare them for Nov. 8.

Bring a photo ID to the polls

Voters that cast a ballot in person at their polling place or during absentee voting will need to show a photo ID issued by the state of Missouri or federal government, such as a Missouri driver's license, Missouri non-driver's license, a U.S. passport, or military ID.

Importantly, you do NOT need a REAL ID to vote and the address on your ID does NOT need to match the address on your voter registration.

The state does have resources available to help voters obtain a free photo ID so we encourage them to contact the Missouri Secretary of State's Office for more information.

Voters without a photo ID can still vote

If a voter does not have one of these IDs, they can still cast a blue provisional ballot, which will be counted after the election if their signature matches the signature on their voter registration record.

This option does require more time to fill out both the envelope and the ballot, so we encourage voters without a photo ID to plan ahead and budget extra time. The more preparation that voters can do before going to vote, the better their experience will be.

In the spirit of expectation-setting, we also want voters to be aware that increased numbers of blue provisional ballots may impact the timing of election results. It's important to check each provisional ballot with care so our bipartisan teams will adjudicate provisional ballots during the certification period following the election.

This means that the results close races may take a bit longer to certify if a large number of blue provisional envelopes are outstanding on election night. It's not an indication of any issue or problem — it's simply how the law is appropriately implemented.

There are no changes to mail absentee voting

We've heard concerns from voters, particularly those who are permanently disabled or homebound, about whether

they'll be able to continue voting by mail. The answer is yes. Absentee voting by mail is still valid and a photo ID is not required for those voters.

No-excuse absentee voting

Voters can also take advantage of a new no-excuse absentee voting period.

Beginning Oct. 25 and continuing through 5 p.m. on Nov. 7, all registered voters can vote in person at their local election office without giving a reason.

This is an incredibly convenient option for voters that is no different than election day voting. We are looking forward to the opportunity it provides to hopefully lessen the length of election day lines and help increase voter turnout across our state.

Registered Missouri voters can update their address at any time, including on Election Day, even if they move counties.

This relatively minor change in the law will have serious benefits for voters.

College students that registered to vote as seniors in high school in their home county and need to update their address to their new dorm the day before the election, Christian County voters who move to Greene County or vice-versa the week before the election, and recent retirees from Callaway that downsize to a senior living community in Boone County the weekend before the election will now all have the opportunity to cast a ballot on Election Day.

Lastly, please remember that if you have questions about the new election law, reach out directly to your local election authority. We want to ensure that every eligible voter can make their voice heard on Nov. 8.

(Brianna Lennon was elected Boone County Clerk in November 2018. Prior to that, she was deputy director of elections and first coordinator of the Election Integrity Unit in the Secretary of State's Office under Jason Kander where she worked closely with local election authorities across the state to ensure that elections were simple, secure, and accessible for voters.)

(Shane Schoeller was elected Greene County Clerk in 2014. Schoeller served in the Missouri House of Representatives with his district covering parts of northern Greene County, including the city of Springfield. While in the House, Schoeller served on committees that reviewed budget appropriations, utilities, taxation and revenue, and chaired the Disaster Recovery Committee after the Joplin tornado of 2011. He was the Republican nominee for Missouri Secretary of State in 2012, winning a three-way primary before being narrowly defeated in the general election.)

GUEST AGRICULTURAL COMMENTARY

Agriculture is a wise investment for Missouri's future

BY **GARRETT HAWKINS**

President, Missouri Farm Bureau

After three weeks of debate and negotiations, the Missouri legislature reauthorized targeted agricultural tax credits as part of a broad agriculture legislative package.

Most of the agricultural tax credit programs expired at the end of last year. This bill renews the programs for six years, providing tax relief for Missourians and businesses investing in rural communities.

The House first passed HB 3 by an 83-28 vote, followed by the Senate's 26-3 approval. Governor Parson moved quickly to sign the legislation, which will go into effect on Jan. 3, 2023. Many of these programs have been tested over the years and are proven to bring jobs and investment to rural Missouri.

Businesses that want to start or expand operations need long-term certainty to make smart choices and investments. Farmers and other rural businesses also deserve to be treated the same as their urban and suburban neighbors.

In the spring, Governor Parson vetoed a similar bill that only renewed the expired programs for two years. He rightly

pointed out that many urban and suburban programs had received a standard six-year authorization. He said he believes farmers and rural residents deserve to be treated fairly and equally.

This new six-year reauthorization provides just that.

Some examples of the programs included in this bipartisan legislation are the New Generation Cooperative Incentive Tax Credit, Agricultural Product Utilization Tax Credit and Meat Processing Facility Investment Tax Credit. Each of these targeted programs promotes the creation or expansion of rural businesses that grow the agricultural economy and diversify our food, fiber and fuel supply chain. It creates the Specialty Agricultural Crops Act, which will help specialty farmers provide locally grown food to Missourians.

The bill extends the Missouri Wood Energy Tax Credit six years, which helps Missourians dispose of wood waste that can become an environmental hazard. The bill even has some crossover of traditional constituencies, creating an Urban Farm Tax Credit that runs through 2028.

The bill also addressed a handful of other issues that needed attention.

It makes clear that certain farm ma-

chinery and equipment used for any agricultural purpose, including UTVs, are exempt from sales tax. It also clarifies some ambiguity in the definitions of "local log truck" and "local log truck tractor" and sets fines for their load-limit violations.

These seemingly minor items, if left unaddressed, can actually be incredibly frustrating for citizens to navigate. It is encouraging to see the legislature come together to take care of everyday concerns and make our state's laws work better for its people.

All too often, we are frustrated by the arduous legislative process standing in the way of getting common-sense laws passed. We appreciate Governor Parson and leaders in the House and Senate putting their heads down and doing what it took to pass HB 3. We often say that what is good for rural Missouri is good for the state. I appreciate our leaders in Jefferson City recognizing this and getting the job done by passing this bill.

(Garrett Hawkins farms in Appleton City, Mo., and serves as president of Missouri Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization with a presence in all 114 counties.)

A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMENTARY

Oct. 21 is Buckle Up Phone Down Day in Missouri

For the sixth year, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, along with various safety partners, schools and businesses throughout the state, are encouraging better driving behaviors as part of Buckle Up Phone Down Day; and this year, aiming for the goal of zero traffic fatalities throughout the day.

Missouri's 2022 Seat Belt Usage

Survey showed 89 percent of vehicle occupants use a seat belt, matching the highest rate the state has ever recorded. But the unbuckled 11 percent make up a majority of the state's roadway fatalities, which reached a 15-year high in 2021.

Cellphone use continues to be one of the most concerning behaviors for all roadway users. In 2021, over half of the distracted driving fatalities in Missouri claimed the life of someone besides the

distracted driver.

"Last year was one of our worst years for roadway fatalities," said MoDOT State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. "It's never been more important to look at ourselves as drivers and do our part to make our roadways safer. We want the words 'Buckle Up Phone Down' echoing in the minds of

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Ameren natural gas customers can qualify for 'Clean Slate' assistance

Ameren Missouri natural gas customers who meet specific income qualifications can qualify for assistance in clearing up to 90 percent of their overdue payments.

Ameren Missouri is pledging an additional \$250,000 in this campaign so customers can start the heating season with a clean slate.

Eligible customers pay just 10 percent of the past-due balance, and the Clean Slate program covers the remaining overdue balance. Ameren Missouri expanded the program earlier this year so more people are eligible, including those who may not typically qualify for other state or federal assistance programs.

"We're here to help because we know many people are facing challenging times," said Tara Oglesby, vice president of customer experience for Ameren Missouri. "All of us at Ameren Missouri want customers to be safe this winter. Programs such as Clean Slate have already helped thousands of customers pay off outstanding energy bills and get back on track."

To be eligible for Clean Slate, customers must meet the following requirements:

- Household income up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. (For example, customers in a four-person household making up to \$79,500 annually are eligible to apply.)
- Pay 10 percent of the past-due balance.
- Experience financial hardship.
- Have an active Ameren Missouri natural gas account that is past due on a payment agreement or in need of reconnection.

Learn more about eligibility requirements at AmerenMissouri.com/CleanSlate or by calling Ameren Missouri at 800-552-7583.

Reconnecting natural gas service

If you are living in a new home or if you turned your gas off for the summer, schedule your reconnection appointment as soon as possible to avoid delays. Visit Ameren.com/Start to check the status of your natural gas service.

Starting or reconnecting your natural gas service requires an on-site visit. Someone over 18 years of age must be present to meet the Ameren Missouri technician, who will inspect pipe connections, activate the gas meter and relight appliance pilot lights.

Appointments fill up quickly in October, so schedule now by calling 800-552-7583.

Additional energy assistance options

In addition to the Clean Slate program, other assistance programs can help customers save money and manage their bills, including:

- **Keeping Current:** A payment assistance program that helps customers make paying their energy bill more affordable. It includes a monthly bill credit, along with help to reduce the total amount the customer owes.
- **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** A federally funded program that assists customers with an income at or below 60 percent of the state median income level to pay their energy bills.
- **Weatherization:** A program for income-eligible homeowners and renters to make qualified, energy-efficient improvements to a home, including caulking, water heater jackets, weather stripping and insulation.

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each driver, encouraging them to take an active role in making our roads safe — ultimately resulting in thousands of lives saved."

Since the program began in 2017, the BUPD movement has spread steadily across Missouri. More than 20,000 Missouri individuals and businesses have accepted the BUPD challenge, and more than a dozen other states are actively sharing the messages along

Tractor Supply acquires Orscheln stores in Owensville, Hermann

Orscheln Farm and Home businesses in Owensville and Hermann will become Tractor Supply Company stores while the stores in Sullivan and Washington will become Bomgaars facilities under an acquisition approved last week by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Tractor Supply, the nation's largest "rural lifestyle retailer," according to BusinessWire, received FTC approval and the deal was closed Oct. 12. In the transaction, Tractor Supply will acquire 81 stores and divest the remaining 85 stores to two buyers approved by the FTC. The net purchase price of the 81 stores acquired and retained is approximately \$238 million before working capital

adjustments. The acquisition is anticipated to generate an estimated future tax benefit of approximately \$20 million, according to BusinessWire.

"Today is an important day for Tractor Supply as this acquisition expands our ability to better serve our customers in the Midwest," said Hal Lawton, Tractor Supply's president and chief executive officer. "We are committed to providing customers in the region with an elevated product assortment, a meaningful loyalty offering, an enhanced digital shopping experience and so much more that Tractor Supply is able to offer. Importantly, Tractor Supply is on track to achieve several monumental milestones in

the growth of our company including annual revenues in excess of \$14 billion, a store base of over 2,100 Tractor Supply locations and a highly engaged workforce of 50,000 team members. We are excited to build on our track record of long-term growth as we look to unlock revenue and earnings opportunities with this attractive acquisition that enhances our growth profile."

He also noted Tractor Supply was "honored to build on the legacy of Barry Orscheln and the team."

The deal is an all-cash transaction that Tractor Supply anticipates financing through its balance sheet. Tractor Supply will acquire 166 Orscheln Farm and Home stores for ap-

proximately \$320 million, before working capital adjustments. As part of the remedy reached with the FTC, Tractor Supply will divest 85 locations to two buyers.

Bomgaars Supply, Inc., will receive 73 stores and Buchheit Enterprises, Inc., will get 12 stores. Proceeds of the store divestitures will be approximately \$72 million. In addition, Tractor Supply has agreed to sell the Orscheln Farm and Home corporate headquarters and distribution center to Bomgaars for approximately \$10 million within 15 months after the closing of the transaction.

Over the next 15 months the stores retained by Tractor Supply will be remodeled to the Tractor Supply brand.

Amendment 3 informational meeting Thursday at Swiss church

The scheduled guest speaker for a concerned citizens meeting scheduled Thursday at Swiss Evangelical and Reform Church, Eapen Thampy, is expected to cover the topic, "What's in the small print? Equity? Diversity? Critical Race Theory?" during his presentation on Amendment 3 which is on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

"Gasconade County Concerned Citizens invite you to hear Eapen Thampy, with the Missouri Constitutional Conservatives, speak on Amendment 3, which will be on the Missouri General Election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 8," according to Cheryl Bohl who is coordinating the Oct. 20 event which begins at 6:30 p.m.

"Find out why those who have been lobbying for the legalization of marijuana in the Missouri General Assembly, and those who are against legalization, are both in opposition to Amendment 3," noted Bohl in an email promoting the appearance by Thampy, a registered lobbyist from Kansas City. "Please be informed before you vote."

Amendment 3 is a statewide proposition to legalize marijuana for adult recreational consumption. This is being promoted as an event put on by concerned citizens and not any specific political party. Email Bohl at cherylanbohl@gmail.com for more information.



Health Fair attracts steady stream of visitors

Sherry Lococo draws a winning ticket for door prizes Friday during a Health Fair put on at First Baptist Church by the Gasconade County Special Services office her mother, Susan Steinbeck (left), manages. Steinbeck said the event with 22 vendors was well received and plans to hold another one next year. Caitlin Jones with Meramec Regional Planning Commission (below) hands out treats to visitors to their booth. Information on health care, fitness, personal safety, and medical services was provided by vendors.



Ameren Missouri natural gas customers to see change in WNAR rate as of Nov. 1

JEFFERSON CITY—Natural gas rates for Union Electric Company (Ameren Missouri) customers will change under a filing that will take effect on Nov. 1.

The rate change reflects the Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) which authorizes rate adjustments based on weather variations. The purpose of the WNAR tariff is to adjust revenues, either positive or negative, for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days.

Under the Ameren Missouri filing reflected in Public Service Commission case No. GT-2023-0090, a residential natural gas customer using approximately 100 Ccf (10,000 cubic feet) of natural gas a month, will see a net increase in their monthly natural gas bill of approximately \$1.57.

The WNAR replaces Ameren Missouri's prior mechanism, the Delivery Charge Adjustment Rider (DCA). Ameren Missouri serves approximately 134,500 natural gas customers including the Missouri counties of Gasconade, Callaway, Cole, Dent, Montgomery, Phelps, and Warren. Owensville residents receiving natural gas services are among Ameren Missouri's customers.

Ashcroft submits rule prohibiting obscene materials in state-funded libraries

JEFFERSON CITY — Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft's office has submitted a proposed rule that would establish a certification requirement for libraries receiving state funds and institute measures to protect minors from materials considered "non-age-appropriate."

As proposed by Ashcroft, libraries would adopt written policies determining what material is age-appropriate. State funds could not be used to purchase or acquire inappropriate materials in any form that appeal to the prurient interest

of a minor.

Prurient interest, as defined in the nation's obscenity law, is "a morbid, degrading, or excessive interest in sexual matters" and "an immoderate or unwholesome interest or desire marked by arousing, or appealing to unusual sexual desire."

Material is judged to be obscene only if it is held to appeal predominantly to a prurient — rather than a nonprurient interest — in sex.

Libraries also would be required to honor a parent's decision as to what material their child has access

VFW Post 6133 essay contests have Oct. 31 deadlines; awards to be presented at Nov. 11 Veterans Day events

Commander Mike Stillman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6133 announced this week the 2022 Voice of Democracy oral essay contest for grades 9 through 12 and the Patriot's Pen written essay competition for grades 6 through 8.

Students begin competing at the local level with Post 6133 winners advancing to district-level competition, and those winners then advance to the state of Missouri contest.

This year's theme is for the oral essay contest is "Why Is The Veteran Important." The theme of the Patriot's Pen written essay contest is "My Pledge to Our Veterans."

District winners will then compete for the first place state award.

The top national prize for the Patriot's Pen award

is \$5,000 with state winners receiving at least \$500.

The Voice of Democracy contest has a top national prize of \$35,000 and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Deadline for student entries is Monday, Oct. 31. Bob Depperman is chairman for the Voice of Democracy oral essay contest for high school students and Tina Medlock chairs the Patriot's Pen written essay contest for the middle school students.

Public and private-school students in the county are eligible to compete along with home-schooled students.

Both schools have brochures with entry forms. Details are also available at Post 6133 and through the online website www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen or www.vfw.org/VoiceofDemocracy.

to in the library. Parents would have the right to challenge a library's age-appropriate designation for any material.

"When state dollars are involved, we want to bring back local control and parental involvement in determining what children are exposed to," said Ashcroft. "Foremost, we want to protect our children."

This proposed administrative rule will be published in the *Missouri Register* on Nov. 15. After that, there will be a 30-day public comment period. According to the

release from Ashcroft's office, he "welcomes and encourages comment submission" by mailing them to the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, PO Box 1767, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102, or via email to comments@sos.mo.gov.

The Missouri State Library, within the Secretary of State's office, promotes the development and improvement of library services throughout the state. Since taking office in 2017, Ashcroft has worked closely with Missouri's libraries and the state legislature to improve

state funding and improve public libraries.

"Supporting the efforts of libraries across our state has been a priority of mine since day one—we have been able to provide millions of dollars to libraries through grants and other funding," Ashcroft said in the statement. "Yes, we want to make sure libraries have the resources and materials they need for their constituents, but we also want our children to be 'children' a little longer than a pervasive culture many often dictate."

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"We might not be able to afford it," he said. But, he added, "I'm certainly optimistic" about the potential cost.

The plan is for the county to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to finance the elevator. The installation of an elevator was a priority item suggested by courthouse employees in recent months in response to the Commission's request for ideas on how to use

the ARPA money. The county has a little over \$2 million yet to use from its \$2.8-million allotment of ARPA money.

The significance of the protracted effort to gather cost estimates for the purchase of an elevator and the construction work is that it keeps on hold more than a dozen requests for ARPA dollars submitted by businesses, public agencies and non-profit organizations in Gas-

conade County. In the first round of applications — coming after the county received its first \$1.4-million allocation — the Commission approved about \$600,000 worth of projects. Administrators tentatively were scheduled to review the current round of requests with Meramec Regional Planning Commission staff earlier this month, but that was postponed until county officials have an idea of the cost.



OWENSVILLE'S JV Dutchmen harriers (above) warm up prior to their race last Tuesday afternoon at the Owensville Cross Country Invitational on the Gasconade County R-2 Campus by running out of the starting boxes. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

OMS, JV Dutchmen harriers claim team titles in home invitational

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Defend the home course. That was the goal for Owensville Middle and High School cross country runners last Tuesday night during the annual Owensville Cross Country Invitational held throughout the Gasconade County R-2 Campus. Entering the middle school boys race with five consecutive teams title, Tyler Ahring's OMS Dutchmen looked to make it a six pack of first-place finishes.

Having their first six guys finish in the top 20, Owensville (50) topped eight other scoring teams to add to a crowded trophy case over at Owensville Middle School. Zach Holtmeyer led the field and the orange and black with a first-place time of 12:14.75 making him the lone medalist for the Dutchmen as only the top 10 earned medals. Also helped OMS to yet another team title were Kylan Menz (12th, 13:17.71), Braden Perkins (14th, 13:20.95), Ty Price (15th, 13:22.53), Bryce Kramme (19th, 13:33.51), Granite Miles (20th, 13:35.45),

Christopher Reyes (21st, 13:36.80), Drake Dietrich (32nd, 14:03.34), Aaiden Cox (33rd, 14:07.07), Westin Kramme (35th, 14:12.82), Corbin Brand (44th, 15:05.10), Maddix Lebish (47th, 15:13.71), Zayden Garver (52nd, 15:49.97), Brody Ridenhour (59th, 16:22.99), Nick Hinson (64th, 17:04.06), Elliott Cooper (65th, 17:04.96) and Ethan Blankenship (79th, 20:54.23). Starting the high school portion of racing last Tuesday were the junior varsity boys. Making up half of the top 10, Owensville's JV Dutchmen (25) topped Pacific (35) and Hermann (68) in the team stand-

ings. Kyle Bollman led the JV Dutchmen and the field with a winning time of 20:43.25. Joining Bollman in the top 10 and in the medals were Umberto Bertesi (5th, 21:55.59), Aidan Ward (8th, 22:04.03), Ethan Harris (9th, 22:10.00) and Andrew Blankenship (10th, 22:16.83). Also helping the JV Dutchmen join their OMS counterparts as team champions were Elias Medlock (15th, 23:11.77), Brandon

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Diamond Dutchgirls end season in district opener

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SULLIVAN — An uphill climb. That is what awaited Hannah Koppelman's Owensville Dutchgirl softball team in the opening round of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3, District 5 Tournament at Sullivan High School against the host Lady Eagles. Limited to three hits over five innings, the Dutchgirls saw their season end at 5-22

following a 13-0 loss in five innings. Bailee Dare led the game off with a walk only to be left stranded on the base paths. After Sullivan scored four runs in the bottom of the first, Owensville got singles from senior April Jahnsen and freshman Clara Julius only to see them left stranded after two strikeouts ended the inning. Grace Abell was Owensville's last base runner of the season on a one-out single in the top of the fifth inning. Sullivan fell in the semifinals 9-2 to Blair Oaks before the Lady Falcons lost to Fatima 2-1 in the district title game.



CAILIN FLOYD (above) lets one of her 89 pitches fly during first-round district softball action last Wednesday at Sullivan High School. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

Penalties, turnovers slow gridiron Dutchmen at Sullivan

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SULLIVAN — Shut out against Union last Friday night, Nathan Cabot's Owensville Dutchmen football team looked to get back on the winning track Friday night on the road in Franklin County against Sullivan's Eagles. Committing three turnovers and being flagged for 75 yards in penalties, Owensville's offense had a hard time finding a rhythm before falling 26-0 to the host Eagles. "We made way too many mistakes on both sides of the ball tonight," Cabot said. "We did have some injuries but hopefully we can get healthy in time for next Friday at St. Clair and districts." Allowing a touchdown in each quarter, Owensville nearly kept Sullivan off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter before their snap on a punt attempt went out of the back of the end zone for a safety with 3:23 remaining. Sophomore quarterback Connor Fisher

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AUSTIN LONG and Chance Clevenger (above, from left) converge on Sullivan Eagle running back Franky Exleben during Owensville's 26-0 loss on the road Friday night in Franklin County. OHS will close the regular season Friday night once again on the road in St. Clair against the Bulldogs with a 7 p.m., kickoff. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

'WILL'FUL THINKING



by **WILL JOHNSON**

Gridiron district scenarios

After Friday night, every football team in the state of Missouri will start with a clean slate per say. That is because Friday, Oct. 28 will mark the start of district tournament action in football throughout Missouri. For Nathan Cabot's Owensville Dutchmen, they currently occupy the third spot in the Class 3, District 4 standings. A victory in St. Clair Friday night would not only bump them into the second slot, it would also keep Sullivan's Eagles in the top spot giving them a first-round bye. In the event St. Clair stays in second place ahead of Owensville, the Bulldogs would overtake Sullivan for the top seed in the district due their 27-14 victory over the Eagles back in mid-September. Even if St. James were to somehow overtake the Dutchmen after Friday's action, Owensville would still be the third seed thanks to their 42-8 victory over the Tigers back in week four. If this Friday were the opening round of districts, Cabot's Dutchmen would be hosting Principia's Panthers. A win by the orange and black could mean they host Salem's Tigers as the second seed next Friday night!

OHS SPORTS THIS WEEK

Varsity Dutchmen Football
10/21 OHS at St. Clair 7 p.m.

9/JV Dutchmen Football
10/24 OHS vs. St. Clair 5:30 p.m.

Dutchgirl Volleyball
10/20-24 MSHSAA Class 3, District 9 Tourn., at Sullivan HS (See bracket on page 7)

Dutchgirl Softball
Hannah Koppelman's Owensville Dutchgirl softball team ended their season at 5-22 following a 13-0 loss to Sullivan in the first round of the MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Tournament at Sullivan HS.

OHS/OMS Cross Country
10/22 OMS at Missouri Middle School Cross Country Championships at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland 10:30 a.m.

OMS Dutchgirl Basketball
10/20 OMS at St. Clair 5:30 p.m.
10/24 OMS vs. Wash. 5:30 p.m.
10/25 OMS at New Haven 6 p.m.

FRYFL Football Playoffs
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Unless otherwise noted, all volleyball matches will have the Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams all participating.

All softball games will be varsity then JV unless otherwise noted.

Cross country meets will involve OHS and OMS teams unless otherwise noted





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Little cheerleaders on the field

The cold and wind did not dampen the enthusiasm of over 140 little cheer leaders as they showed their spirit to those in the stands rooting for the JV Dutchmen at half-time of their game against the Sullivan Eagles on Monday.



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RYAN FLANAGAN'S Owensville eighth-grade Dutchgirls (above) gathered for a team photo with their second-place plaque from the Owensville 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament played last week at Owensville Elementary School capping the tournament portion of their season. **BREANNA DIESTELKAMP'S** seventh-grade Dutchgirls (below) left the St. James 7th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament with consolation medals after bouncing back from a 22-19 loss to Washington. **PHOTO (ABOVE) BY WILL JOHNSON, PHOTO (BELOW) SUBMITTED**



OMS DUTCHMEN cross country team members (above) gather again for another team picture after defending their home course winning the middle school boys team title at last Tuesday's Owensville Invitational. **PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSON**

OMS Dutchgirl hoops squads finish tournament slates with hardware

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Wrapping up the tournament portion of their respective seasons, Owensville Middle School Dutchgirl basketball teams coached by Ryan Flanagan and Breanna Diestelkamp looked to add more hardware to an already overcrowded trophy case.

Hosting the annual Owensville 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament, Flanagan's Dutchgirls reached the championship game earning a third shot at St. James' Lady Tigers after victories earlier in the week over New Haven (43-10) and Union (30-16).

Outscored 19-2 in the first quarter, Owensville simply did not have enough offense to answer St. James' potent attack before falling 50-19 to the visiting Lady Tigers.

Lainey Moss denied St. James

a first-quarter shutout scoring Owensville's lone two points.

Kerrigan Griffin (2) and Moss (1) each hit free throws to account for Owensville's second-quarter scoring against St. James.

Cameron Slinkard hit a 3-pointer in the third quarter to help the Dutchgirls edge St. James 13-11 in the third quarter.

Moss led OMS against St. James with seven points followed closely with five points from Madison Slinkard.

Cameron Ryerson and Griffin each added two points for Owensville against St. James.

In their semifinal win over Union, Madison Slinkard led the Dutchgirls with 11 points followed closely in double figures by Moss with 10 points.

During their tournament opener last Monday against New Haven, Madison Slinkard poured in 15 points with Moss adding 13 points.

Down in St. James' Diestelkamp's seventh-grade Dutchgirls bounced back from a tough 22-19 loss to post wins over Pacific (33-16) and St. Clair (37-7).

Against St. Clair in the consolation championship game last Wednesday, Owensville raced out to a 20-2 halftime lead before going to start a running clock in the fourth quarter of their 37-7 victory.

Cambell Schulte led OMS with 15 points followed by Abbey Quilacio with eight points.

Piper Koelling and Delyla Crowe each added four points followed by a 3-pointer from Kabren Kelley.

Shae Abernathy put in two points while Ava Schulte added a first-quarter free throw for one point against St. Clair.

Against Pacific, Cambell Schulte scored a game-high 11 points followed closely with eight each from Ava Schulte and Quilacio.

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Graham (16th, 23:12.93), Coletton Connor (17th, 23:16.27), and Eli Graham (23rd, 24:55.24).

Varsity girls racing saw nine medals stay in Gasconade County as the top 25 earned medals.

Owensville had four of them led by sophomore Ilene Limberg's fourth-place time of 21:00.63.

Other Dutchgirls in the medals included Saylor Richardson (11th, 22:59.78), Hannah Gehlert (19th, 23:31.06) and Abbie Gibson (22nd, 23:47.37).

Hermann's Lady Bearcats saw their top five all earn medals helping them top six other scoring teams with 48 points.

Katy Menke led Hermann's quintet of medalists with a second-place time of 20:16.32 nearly 30 seconds behind race winner Emily Willman from Sullivan.

Joining Menke in the top 25 and the medals from Hermann were Amelia Uthlout (3rd, 20:20.79), Alaina Worland (18th, 23:30.54), Elaina Uthlout (20th, 23:39.20) and Alaina Heaney (23rd, 24:00.60).

Other Dutchgirls helping Owensville to a second-place team finish behind Hermann with 61 points included Lauren Kandler (27th, 24:25.19), Peyton Weinland (42nd, 26:32.35), Elaina Lebish (44th, 26:48.62), Jenna Breedlove (53rd, 29:34.64), Morgen Schmidt (58th, 30:21.24) and Cassidy Gooch (61st, 30:48.03).

Rounding out the day of racing last Tuesday were the varsity boys.

Looking to join their middle school and junior varsity counterparts, Candl's varsity Dutchmen nearly made it a trifecta of team titles.

Owensville and Pacific tied for first place with 60 points.

Pacific ended up winning the meet having a sixth runner to break the tie while the Dutchmen had only five runners.

Leading Owensville's quartet of medalists was junior Felix Guerrero with a seventh-place time of 18:06.26.

Rounding out OHS' foursome of medalists in the varsity boys race were Lucas Morgan (8th, 18:10.02), Gabe Soest (11th,

18:35.41), and Xavier Bayless (15th, 19:05.09).

Noah Holtmeyer rounded out Owensville's contingency of varsity runners with a 30th-place time of 20:37.53.

Hermann's Nolan Kopp also cracked the top 15 to earn a medal with a sixth-place time of 18:02.34.

After running yesterday (Tuesday) in the Four Rivers Conference (FRC) cross country meet at Big Driver in Washington, Owensville will turn their attention to prepare for the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3, District 3 meet on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Fulton High School.

Owensville Cross Country Invitational at Gasconade County R-2 Campus Oct., 11, 2022

Middle School Girls

1. Bourbon 58
2. Hermann 60
3. Pacific 76
4. Sullivan 76
5. Union 77

8. Chamois 182
9. Rolla 199
10. Bourbon 205

Junior Varsity Boys

1. Owensville 25
2. Pacific 35
3. Hermann 68

Middle School Boys

1. Owensville 50
2. Hermann 76
3. Rolla 85
4. St. James 107
5. Union 123
6. Sullivan 129
7. Cuba 161
8. New Haven 209
9. Bourbon 243

Varsity Girls

1. Hermann 48
2. Owensville 61
3. Pacific 80
4. Union 87
5. Rolla 128
6. Cuba 142
7. Sullivan 153

Varsity Boys

1. Pacific 60
2. Owensville 60
3. Union 70
4. Calvary Lutheran 107
5. Steelville 140
6. South Callaway 145
7. Sullivan 173



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Volleyball Dutchgirls split pair of FRC matches

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Dropping a non-conference match at Blair Oaks last Monday, Jamie Ridenhour's Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball teams stepped back into Four Rivers Conference (FRC) play last Tuesday with a road match at St. James before hosting St. Clair's Lady Bulldogs for senior night last Thursday.

Owensville fell to Blair Oaks in three sets by scores of 25-17, 25-20 and 25-16 in the varsity match.

Josie Gerlemann led the Dutchgirls with six kills followed by four from junior Elise McFalls.

Makensy Pigg and McKenzey Echols each registered two kills against Blair Oaks while the trio of Kylie Kitchen, McKenna Edwards and Callie Koelling had a

kill apiece.

Pigg and Kitchen recorded a team-high two aces while Payton Boyd, Gerlemann and Edwards each served up one ace.

Addi Menz recorded a team-high two blocks at the net while Gerlemann and McFalls each added a block apiece.

Edwards led the Dutchgirls in the dig department recording 16 of them in three sets at Blair Oaks.

Pigg and McFalls were next with seven digs each.

Kitchen added five digs while the senior duo of Mallory Eberlin and Molly Wnuk each had four digs.

Drew Copeland chipped in two digs while Boyd and Koelling recorded a dig each.

Pigg and Kitchen shared team-high honors in assists dishing out eight apiece against the Lady Falcons.

Owensville won the freshman match in two sets 25-23 and 25-23 while the JV Dutchgirls fell in three sets at Wardsville 22-25, 25-10 and 15-8.

Hosting St. James' last Tuesday, it was a winning night all around beginning with Alexis Decker's freshman Dutchgirls winning their match in two sets 25-12 and 25-20.

Misti Rutledge's junior varsity Dutchgirls also won their match in two sets over the Lady Tigers by scores of 25-10 and 25-12.

Making it a clean sweep, Ridenhour's varsity Dutchgirls defeated St. James in three sets by scores of 25-9, 25-21 and 25-14.

Gerlemann led the Dutchgirls in kills with eight followed by six from Pigg.

Echols added five kills against St. James followed by four from Koelling.

Kitchen and McFalls rounded out the list of Dutchgirls with kills recording two each.

Kitchen served up a team-high five aces in addition to three from Copeland and two apiece out of Eberlin and Boyd.

In addition to her team-high eight kills, Gerlemann recorded two blocks leading the Dutchgirls against St. James to go along with one block from Koelling.

All 12 Dutchgirls registered at least one dig against St. James led by Copeland with 11.

Boyd followed with seven in addition to six each from Pigg and Wnuk.

Eberlin, Gerlemann and Kitchen each had five digs followed by four from McFalls.

Edwards and Echols added three digs followed by two from Ally Gooch and one from Koelling.

OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL volleyball senior players and managers taking time for a group picture with their parents prior to their match Thursday night against St. Clair's Lady Bulldogs (above, from left) include Molly Wnuk, Cayley Hamann, Kylie Kitchen, Josie Gerlemann, Mallory Eberlin, Drew Copeland, Payton Boyd and Madison Crull. Jamie Ridenhour's Owensville Dutchgirls concluded the regular season last night (Tuesday) in a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) road showdown at Pacific against the Lady Indians. OHS will open the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3, District 9 Volleyball Tournament tomorrow (Thursday) at Sullivan High School as the fourth seed facing fifth-seeded Cuba at 5 p.m.

Four Rivers Conference Football Standings

	W	L
Union	8	0
Hermann	7	1
Sullivan	6	2
Owensville	4	4
St. Clair	4	4
St. James	2	6
Pacific	0	8

Results Fri. Oct. 14

*Sullivan 26, Owensville 0
*Hermann 26, Pacific 19
*Union 46, St. James 0
St. Clair 56, Windsor (Imperial) 12
Raytown 28, Belton 21
Winfield 34, Cuba 12
Rolla 21, Waynesville 20
Borgia 51, Fredericktown 13
Washington 56, North Point 15

Games Thurs. Oct. 20 (7 p.m.)

North County at Sullivan
Lutheran South at Borgia (Exhibition)

Games Fri. Oct. 21 (7 p.m.)

*Owensville at St. Clair
*Union at Hermann
*St. James at Pacific
Kearney at Belton
Windsor at Cuba
Rolla at Lebanon
Borgia 13, MMA 0 (Forfeit)
Washington at Francis Howell Central

* Denotes Four Rivers Conference games

MSHSAA Class 3, District 4 Football Standings

	W	L
Sullivan (44.91)	6	2
St. Clair (36.84)	4	4
Owensville (33.46)	4	4
St. James (23.07)	2	6
Westminster (22.48)	1	7
Principia (19.41)	1	6
Salem (12.82)	0	8

Results Fri. Oct. 14

Sullivan 26, Owensville 0
Liberty (Mountain View) 60, Salem 0
St. Clair 56, Windsor (Imperial) 12
Union 46, St. James 0

Results Sat. Oct. 15

Priory 50, Principia 0
Duchesne at Westminster

Games Thurs. Oct. 20 (7 p.m.)

North County at Sullivan

Games Fri. Oct. 21 (7 p.m.)

Owensville at St. Clair
Cabool at Salem
St. Clair at Windsor (Imperial)
St. James at Union

Games Sat. Oct. 22

Confluence Prep at Principia 11 a.m.
St. Dominic at Westminster 2 p.m.

MSHSAA Class 3 District 9 Volleyball Tournament

October 20-24, 2022
Sullivan High School

(1) Sullivan	Sullivan	Championship
(8) Bye	Sat., Oct. 22 5:00 p.m.	
(4) Owensville	Salem	Championship
(5) Cuba	Sat., Oct. 22 6:30 p.m.	
(2) Salem	Salem	Championship
(7) Bye	Sat., Oct. 22 6:30 p.m.	
(3) St. Clair	Salem	Championship
(6) St. James	Sat., Oct. 22 6:30 p.m.	

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was 9-19 passing for 74 yards through the air and an interception.

Of Owensville's 59 yards rushing, Fisher led the orange and black with 37 yards on 10 carries.

Bryce Payne and Tanner Meyer each ran for nine yards.

Gabe Soest caught one pass for 29 yards to lead the Dutchmen receiving corps against Sullivan.

Defensive stats from Sullivan were not available at press time.

OHS will look to end their regular season on a winning note Friday night on the road at St. Clair against the Bulldogs with a 7 p.m., kickoff.

Former Dutchmen lineman Jarett Payne was named the eighth-grade Dutchmen head basketball coach during Monday night's meeting of the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education by a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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Judge tosses Missouri voter ID lawsuit, plaintiffs call ruling a ‘procedural pit stop’

BY REBECCA RIVAS
MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

A Missouri judge dismissed a lawsuit Thursday (Oct. 13) that argued a new law requiring Missourians present a government-issued photo ID to vote is unconstitutional.

Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beeton ruled that the plaintiffs — the Missouri NAACP and League of Women Voters of Missouri, along with two voters — didn’t have the standing to bring the case because they couldn’t provide evidence of harm.

However, the voting advocates who filed the case in August say the ruling is a “procedural pit stop” on the way to the Missouri Supreme Court, noting that Thursday’s ruling doesn’t address the legality of the new state law.

“This is a procedural ruling,”

said Denise Lieberman, director and general counsel for the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition. “This case will be decided by the Missouri Supreme Court, which has twice concluded that limiting the forms of voter ID in the very way that this law does violates the Missouri Constitution and Missourians’ right to vote. So this is not the end of the line for this lawsuit in any way, shape, or form.”

Lieberman said the judge did not dismiss the case outright but offered the opportunity to amend the pleadings to provide the specificity that he believes is warranted.

She said attorneys with the coalition and ACLU of Missouri, who are representing the plaintiffs, are deciding what step to take next to ensure a ruling comes before the Nov. 8 general election.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft

released a statement praising the judge’s Thursday ruling.

“I applaud and agree with the court’s decision to dismiss this lawsuit since not even the plaintiffs could find a single individual who would be prevented from voting,” Ashcroft said. “Missouri elections will continue to be safe, secure, and accurate as we prepare for November.”

While lawmakers have approved voter ID laws numerous times, and voters signed off on putting it in the state constitution in 2016, the proposal has never withstood a legal challenge in Missouri.

Currently, voters can present a variety of different forms of identification at the polls, including some that don’t include a photo, like a utility bill or voting card.

Under the new law, registered voters would either have to get a

government-issued photo ID or cast a provisional ballot on Election Day.

The provisional ballot would be counted only if the voter returns later that day with a photo ID or if election officials can verify their signature based on voter records.

The week before the voter ID law went into effect in August, advocates filed the lawsuit, asking for a preliminary injunction to stop Missouri from enforcing it.

Unless the court intervenes, the changes will be in effect for the Nov. 8 general election.

“Voter ID restrictions disenfranchise Missourians, particularly people of color, people with disabilities, rural Missourians, voters with limited income, seniors and students,” the ACLU of Missouri and the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition said in a statement Thursday.

About 137,700 registered voters in Missouri did not have a state-issued identification in 2017, according to an analysis from the Secretary of State’s Office. Another 140,000 voters had expired IDs, and 2,000 more voters had forfeited their driver’s licenses.

A January 2020 Missouri Supreme Court ruling blocked a key provision regarding casting provisional ballots in a previously-enacted voter ID law.

In that same ruling, the court considered the state’s request to strike the non-photo ID options altogether—which is what the new law would do—and concluded that it posed “constitutional concerns and could not have been adopted by this court.”

While the state is supposed to provide IDs to people for free if they can’t pay, there are still costs

involved in getting the documents needed to obtain the ID, the Supreme Court’s ruling noted.

Also, each person only gets one free ID.

“As a result, with the exception of individuals older than 70 whose photo identifications do not expire, prospective voters, in future elections,” the 2020 Supreme Court ruling concluded, “will be required to pay a fee to obtain photo identification.”

(Rebecca Rivas covers civil rights, criminal justice and immigration. She has been reporting in Missouri since 2001, most recently as senior reporter and video producer at the St. Louis African, the nation’s leading African-American newspaper.)

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are returned to the courthouse in a locked bag.

“This is the most important document in this book you will fill out,” Lietzow said about the documenting of spoiled ballots.

People make mistakes casting ballots, she noted. They circle a name instead of filling in an oval. Spoil the ballot and get the voter a new ballot to fill out correctly.

The vote tabulation machine will automatically reject a ballot which is filled out with incorrect markings or if someone votes for two candidates or votes yes and no on a yes or no question.

Lietzow also fielded numerous “what if” questions on about every imaginable problem a precinct judge might have on an election day.

“Voter ID is the law”

With the Nov. 8 election, Missouri’s Voter ID law is in effect.

If someone does not have identification with their photograph on it, they may cast a provisional ballot. That ballot, once voted, goes into the sealed envelope then a locked bag and is returned to the courthouse. All provisional ballots are counted at the courthouse on election night by “bi-partisan” poll judges. Votes will be counted if the clerk and her staff are able to verify the voter’s signature from an existing voter registration form.

The voter receives a tear-off receipt from the envelope signifying they cast a provisional ballot.

The Missouri Department of Revenue, through its local license fee offices, will provide one free non-driver photo ID card. It will have an expiration date much like a driver’s license does.

Lietzow noted you can not use an expired driver’s license.

The Owensville License Fee office has the non-drivers license option available as a form of acceptable photo identification for voting. You must present a birth certificate, a Social Security card, and a piece of mail (utility bill) with your name and address on it to obtain one. It will take 10 to 15 business days to obtain the finished ID card in the mail.

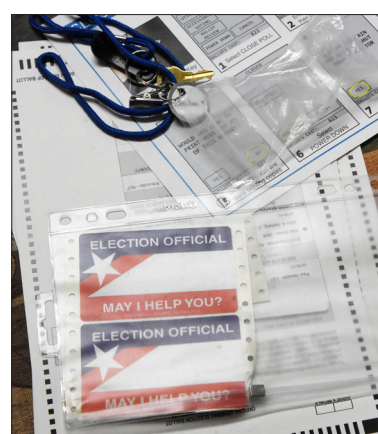
However, you will walk out the door with a temporary ID with a photograph on it in paper form. That will be acceptable to vote, Lietzow told election judges.

Registration issues

Tuesday, Oct. 12, was the last day to register to vote.

However, Lietzow said election judges will face several possible scenarios on Nov. 8 from voters who are legally registered to vote but are perhaps not at the right precinct.

If someone is registered to vote in another Missouri county, but not in Gasconade County, the poll



PHOTOS BY DAVE MARNER



GASCONADE COUNTY Deputy Clerk Lynn Kurrelmeyer looks on (right) as county residents in training to become election judges feed sample ballots into the tabulation machine Oct. 12 at the Ward 1 precinct in Owensville. The training seminar lasted just over two hours and included coverage of start-up and close-out procedures along with running 15 sample ballots and then confirming that number with a printed receipt tape. **LORRIE KOELLING**, also a deputy clerk, reviews the shut-down steps (below) with her group of trainees. **VOTING MACHINE** keys and supplies for election judges are pictured (left). **COUNTY CLERK** Lesa Lietzow explains how a provisional ballot should be sealed in the blue envelopes provided. A tear-off receipt is given to the voters. The envelopes are returned to the courthouse in a sealed bag.



judges are instructed to call the clerk’s office.

If they are registered to vote in Missouri, a change in their status can be made by the clerk on election day to allow them to vote.

If they are registered to vote in Gasconade County, but they have moved, the clerk’s office can direct them to their correct precinct and they can vote at their new location.

The voter will be required to fill out a change of address form.

“We’ll get them to the right place if they’re registered in Gasconade County,” said Lietzow.

A question was asked about what happens if someone’s name changed due to marriage or divorce.

Lietzow said a voter is allowed to vote once under an old name. She told judges to have them sign the change of name form which will create a new signature to accompany their new name.

Lietzow reminded election judges that Missouri uses “second chance voting machines” which will reject an over-voted ballot (two selection instead of one, or circling names and/or ovals when they should be filled in with the marker).

“The machines are designed to reject the ballots,” she said. “Spoil the ballot and given them a new one.”

It is also acceptable, she reminded judges, to offer “curb-side” voting services to someone who has a medical issue—recent surgery—or some physical issue which would preclude them from easy access into the polling station.

One judge from each party would take the ballot to the person’s car. The voter can authorize the person who brought them to the polling precinct to take the ballot inside

the building and run it through the machine or grant authority to the election judges to do it for them if they wish.

“Curb-side voting is allowed,” said Lietzow.

There are also press-button machines for vote selections if someone has limited abilities to use their hands and headphone readers for those with sight loss.

Lietzow said of the 64 election judges staffing the 16 polling stations during the April Municipal Election 20 were assigned to a location not in their home precinct.

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119 students in the 2023 graduating class. It dropped to 107 in 2021-22 and finally to 99 in 2022-23.

Hardy emphasized that while this class was affected the worst, those who stayed enrolled and are behind on their credits can still catch up via summer classes and credit recovery.

The clerical error that drops upperclassmen into lower classes by credits gives a better picture of how many students are behind. For example, the 2023-24 graduating class has 138 students, down from 163 at the start of the pandemic in 2019-20. Student enrollment for the class increased to 175 in 2020-21, then dropped dramatically in 2021-22 to 148 students before settling at 138 this school year.

“The (2023-24) class — you can probably attribute some of the juniors to the pandemic, but not all because when they came back their freshmen year they were in high school,” Hardy said. She explained that time missed equates to missing credits in high school, unlike the lower grade levels. So the junior class would have started with a clean slate their freshmen year.

However, the sophomore and freshman classes also report unusual increases and decreases in enrollment that are both attributed to the clerical error that shows upperclassmen in lower grade levels because they lack credit hours to graduate. The class of 2024-25 (sophomores) had 137 students enrolled in 2019-20; 129 students in 2020-21; 171 students in 2021-22; and 132 in 2022-23.

The 2025-26 graduating class had 145 students in 2019-20; 145 in 2020-21; 144 in 2021-22; and 180 students in 2022-23. The more recent increase in freshmen class numbers is likely due to upperclassmen being attributed to the lower grade level. “Reporting this year was different than last year,” Hardy said. “Some of the students may not have enough credits to be considered a junior, but they can make those credits up by attending summer school. Some may be missing credits because of the pandemic issues and may have been attempting online courses. Others may be missing credits because of failed courses.”

The district incorrectly reported the numbers which resulted in students being assigned to grade level by credits and not by years of enrollment. The error is being corrected.

“In the sophomore class, some kids may not have enough credits to be considered sophomores,” Hardy said. “The school district is recoding that information with (the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) DESE to reflect that students are with their correct grade cohorts. Some of the juniors could be reflected as sophomores and freshmen.”

Hardy added that the average daily attendance for the district should also increase as students are not being forced to quarantine due to COVID. “We are now heading into the post-pandemic phase,” Hardy said. “Students are more successful when they are present at school and learning.”

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is not really an option, noting that the roof has about eight to 10 years of life remaining before it will have to be replaced.

“I think solar is a little bit ways off,” Neill said, recommending the district upgrade interior temperature controls to achieve better energy savings.

Communications between bus drivers and district officials will be improved with the purchase of a new radio system. The radios now in

the buses have been in place for 15 to 16 years, officials said, and they are analog, rather than digital. The administration recommended the purchase of digital radios, which are seen as more efficient and better performing than analog radios. Digital is more expensive, but Neill said the cost was justified in order to better ensure the safety of the students on the bus.

The board endorsed Director Mark Brooks’ motion to accept

Radio Com’s bid \$36,779 for replacing the radio system.

The R-1 panel also heard that the food service charge limit for students will go from \$10 to \$20, a move reflecting the increase in the price of school meals.

Regarding the district’s food service, administrators reported that 76 percent of the families of students responded to a survey aimed at determining eligibility for the district’s Free & Reduced

Lunch Program. During the past couple years, the federal government funded programs providing free breakfast and lunch meals to all students, regardless of the families’ eligibility. But with the federal government stepping back from its support during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, school districts are returning to the eligibility requirements to qualify for federal funding for the meals programs.

Neill said it’s too early to know

how many of the families will qualify for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program; the board could receive that information at its Nov. 10 session.

Hermann Elementary School students next year likely will have a new gym floor. The board authorized the administration to put out for bids the installation of a new surface. That project is estimated to cost about \$60,000.

News Briefs

THE FALL DINNER at Starkenburg's Valentine Hall north of Rhineland is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner for adults is \$15 and children 6 to 12 are \$5. Children under 6 and adults over 90 eat free. For more information, contact the parish office at 573-236-4390 or visit www.valentinehall.org.

2023 EDUCATIONAL Assistance Organization (EAO) application for the MOScholars program are now being accepted by staff of Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick. Current EAOs may submit applications for renewal. Applications will close at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. EAO applications and information about the program can be found at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/>.

"HOTEL TRANSYLVANIAN" is the fourth and final free movie being shown this year in the Owensville Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Fidelity Flick series starting at around 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at Buschmann Park, 402 South Fourth Street. This free community movie is made possible because of generous sponsors including Fidelity Communications and the Owensville Lions Club. First Baptist Church of Owensville will be serving free hotdogs, chips and soda starting at 5 p.m. to celebrate the new playground. In the event of bad weather, the rain date is set for the next evening (Saturday) at the same time and location.

SCENIC REGIONAL Library is seeking volunteers to help staff the Owensville branch's fall used book sale scheduled Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 3-5. Volunteers will receive a \$5 voucher redeemable for books for every hour they work. Sign up at the library or call 573-437-2188.

HERMANN AREA District Hospital's Board of Directors is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the hospital's Shirley Boehm Heritage Room, 509 West 18th Street in Hermann.

THE OWENSVILLE PARKS Commission meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m. at City Hall in the board room, 107 W. Sears Avenue.

GASCONADE COUNTY had only eight new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 last week, which dropped the COVID Community Level to "Low" or Green. Statewide cases, hospitalizations and ICU admissions with COVID all continued their downward trend since the end of July, according to Dr. Michael Rothermich, chief staff of Hermann Area District Hospital and medical director for the Gasconade County Health Department.

MISSOURI'S DEPARTMENT of Transportation (MoDOT) is scheduled to hold its annual statewide winter operations drill on Thursday, Oct. 20, to train new snowplow operators on designated routes. After 8 a.m. that day (9 a.m. in urban areas), motorists will notice increased numbers of MoDOT vehicles on state routes and the exercise should be completed by 3 p.m., according to MoDOT. MoDOT employees will react to a simulated forecast of significant snow for the entire state. The department's emergency operations centers will be activated.



OHS FFA members attend Wurdack Farm Field Day

PHOTOS COURTESY OF OHS FFA CHAPTER

On Oct. 6 the Owensville High School FFA Chapter invited their first-year members to an education field day at Wurdack Farms hosted by Missouri University Extension. Members enjoyed presentations from the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Fistulated Cow, Safety on the Road, Market and Wool Sheep, Show Animals, Financing Your SAE Project, Growing Pumpkins and Squash, and Getting to Know MIZZOU. Those attending included (above, in front, from left) Kady Granemann, Caden Carpenter, Chase Jahnsen, Drew Chapman, Ashley Reed, Lily Barker, Henry Womack, Adie Walters, Chloe Davis, and Rose Gropp; and, in back, Corbyn Hammen, Brendan Kramme, Colton Connor, Brianna Beckerman, Anna Fulkerson, Oliver Bridgmann, Brodie Shatz, Trever Gilepsi, Allison Gregory, Olivia Crull, Garret Hunter, Henry Wood, and Kyle Blankenship. Ashley Reed feels the inside of a cow's rumen for the first time. Kady Granemann and Henry Womack feel sheep's wool.



Gasconade SWCD hosts 20th Fourth-Grade Field Days at White Mule

BY DIANE MAYFIELD
Manager
Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) was pleased to be able to host their 20th annual Fourth-Grade Field Days once again, after a two-year break during the COVID-19 crisis.

This was our first year of hosting the event at White Mule Winery as Brenda Kurrelmeyer opted to "retire" from the event after 15 years. We hosted the first two years at the Lahmeyer Farm in Bland and two years at the Vernon Steinbeck Farm as well.

Charles and Karen Schlottach were the most gracious of hosts for this year's event.

The Board of Directors for the GCSWCD could not have put on this event without the support of the community and cooperating partners and great number of volunteers.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, we had 100 students from Owensville Elementary in attendance and on Thursday, Oct. 6, we had 113 students from Hermann Middle, Gerald Elementary, and Immanuel Lutheran in Rosebud. In addition to the students, there were teachers and parents who chaperoned and learned right along beside them.

Each day we averaged around 26 staff and volunteers. We would like to recognize all those who assisted with putting on this event and give you an idea of the program, as we changed it up a bit.

- **Baby Animal Site/Nutrition:** University of Missouri Extension personnel Debra Raaf, Heather Warren, and Dawn Hicks were on site to talk about the nutrition that comes from the farm animals and volunteers Becky Hesemann and Nicole and Logan Hubbard were on hand to discuss all the animals that were available. Sarah Berke-meyer provided sheep, goats, and chickens. Ron and Krista Hardecke provided a baby pig. Greg Gerlemann and Dean Winters provided calves and Josh and Bethany Kirby provided kittens.

- **Aquatics:** Missouri Department of Conservation Fisheries Biologist Scott Williams brought along many fishing poles, fish, and worms so that the children might experience the joy of catching a fish. Having 15 to 18 students fishing at a time can be very challenging, so we rounded up some help for Scott with the following volunteers: Northern County Commissioner Jim Holland, James Meyer, Carol Meyer, Leann Meyer, Cherie Johnson and

- **MDC Private Lands Conservationist** Ryan Westcott. It was a fishing frenzy out there.

- **Forestry:** MDC Forester Aaron Holsapple came prepared to discuss all of the benefits that we receive from our trees.

- **Worms/Vineyards:** GCSWCD Technician Sarah Berkemeyer enlighten the children all about the benefits of worms, their parts, and how they affect our soil with their castings and tunnels. Charlie, Karen, and Grace Schlottach discussed the vineyards and how they produce and what you have to do to maintain one.

- **Farm Bureau** was on hand to discuss ATV safety and farm products. Krista Hardecke, Laura Hardecke, James Meyer, Roy Wehmeyer, and Barb Stumpe were all hands on to explain these important elements.

- **Grazing Systems:** Natural Resource Conservation Services Soil Conservationist Megan Brown and volunteer Billy Jo Benson took the students for a wagon ride out to see the Schlottach's grazing system. They had aerial maps to look at and they discovered how important it is to provide clean water and adequate forages for livestock.

- **Watershed/survey:** Volunteer Susie Haefner introduced the children to the watershed table, explaining that we all live in a watershed and everything we do affects the waters down below. Then the students learned about the survey equipment with retired NRCS Conservationist Tammy Teeter, and NRCS Lead Resource Conservationist Mark Brandt.

- **Rainfall Simulator:** NRCS Soil Health Conservationist Lucas Brass came from Palmyra, Mo., to demonstrate the rainfall simulator, which showed how the management of our soil and land cover can be affected by the rains. Some management will cause extreme soil and water loss by runoff and then other management will prevent runoff and increase water infiltration, keeping the water in the ground for the plant roots and micro-organisms to enjoy — improving our overall soil health.

- **MDC Conservation Agent** Jason Eikermann brought animal pellets to show the children during the lunch hour and Charlie Schlottach had a few encouraging words as well.

Eikermann and Hermann teacher Tammy Lane got to visit with Charlie Schlottach on his radio show and talked about this event. They both have been attending this event for years.

The GCSWCD provided lunch

for everyone to enjoy.

The cooks for the days were GCSWCD Board Chair Mike Haefner, GCSWCD Board Treasurer Joel Wehmeyer, GCSWCD Board member Harvey Hesemann, Southern District Gasconade County Commissioner Jerry Lairmore,

volunteers Dean Winters and Dennis Berger.

The ladies that came to help serve were Carolyn Winthorst, Cheryl Bohl, and Nicole and Logan Hubbard.

The event was sponsored with financial and food donations by

FCS Financial, Gasconade County Cattlemen, Calvin's Distributing, Loure's Market, Owensville VFW, Kingsford Charcoal, Hermann Save-A-Lot, Legends Bank, Maries County Bank, The Missouri Bank, White Mule Winery, and the Gasconade County SWCD.

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Balance Academy at Victorian Place having positive results

Americare Senior Living—operator of Victorian Place of Owensville—is aggressively promoting and operating its signature Balance Academy falls reduction program to improve the lives of residents at its Assisted Living communities.

Falls are one of the leading causes of hospitalization for seniors, and a recognized detriment to quality of life. With the Balance Academy, Americare has developed a focused program designed to help seniors reduce falls by improving balance and improving confidence among its residents.

The purpose of the Academy is to address the pervasive, yet partially preventable, issue of seniors suffering from fall related injury or death. According to the Centers for Disease control, one

in four Americans aged 65 or older falls each year and every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall.

The program, in operation since 2020, has been refreshed and enhanced this summer with additional mandatory training for community administrators, directors of nursing and other critical positions.

“We believe and our experience with our Balance Academy had demonstrated, that falling is not an inevitable result of aging,” said Michael Hammond, President and COO of Americare. “Through practical lifestyle adjustments and exercise, the number of falls among seniors can be substantially reduced. That is the focus of Americare Balance Academy.”



VICTORIAN PLACE residents (from left) Curt Davis, Earline Sickendick and Naomi Jones participate in the Balance Academy program at the Owensville location. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

PAGES FROM OUR PAST

Over 17,000 head of cattle sold ~ 1972

85 years ago - Oct. 21, 1937
Deer hunting to open Oct. 28

Big game hunting in Missouri will open on Thursday, Oct. 28th with between five and six thousand licensed hunters planning to travel to the deep woods of the state where deer are reported to be plentiful. Deer were legally killed in twelve Ozark Highland counties during the 1936 season. The half dozen leadind deer counties reported last year included Gasconade, Taney, Franklin, Dent, Carter and Ste. Genevieve.

60 years ago - Oct. 18, 1962
Owensville feeder cattle sale

Over 2,250 head of cattle have been consigned for sale at the 11th annual Owensville cooperative feeder cattle sale. The event began with a sale of 848 head of Angus cattle with brought a total of \$108,758. Average wight was 445 pounds. The average price per hundred-weight was \$28.83, up about \$3 over last year's price.



50 years ago - Oct. 18, 1972
Over 17,000 head of cattle sold

Over 17,000 head of cattle were sold Thursday and Friday during a Gasconade County Extension feeder calf sale south of Owensville. Col. H. Willard Arneman was the auctioneer for the event, during which some 40 buyers paid an average of \$219.06 per head for the cattle that averaged 476 pounds each.

Locals in the news

Capt. and Mrs. Michael Rooney, stationed in Woodstock, England, are parents of a baby boy named Christopher Patrick and joins a brother, Michael Sean. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson.



40 years ago - Oct. 20, 1982
Queen candidates

Candidates for 1982 Football Homecoming Queen are, left to right, juniors Carol McClendon, Jill Giesler and Annette Davis and seniors, Danota Remshardt, Beth Moritz and Laurie Feagan.

30 years ago - Oct. 21, 1992
Volleyball seniors

The 1992 Owensville High School senior Dutchgirl volleyball players and their parents will be recognized Oct. 22 during their final home game. They are Erin Schaefer, daughter of Peggy and Jim Schaefer; Stephanie Vogt, daughter of Luann and Jeff Vogt; Angie Mims, daughter of Mary and Ed Dawson; Jody Miller, daughter of Nancy and Bill Miller, Becky Gross, daughter of Phyllis and Charles Gross and Kim Miller, daughter of Larry Miller.



20 years ago - Oct. 16, 2002
District 3 champs!

Class 3 District 3 Champions (from left) Katie Pilgram, Stacey Mayberry, Mindy Mayberry, Lauren Pilgram, Kim Orlando and Jessica Henke (6) celebrate after Mindy Mayberry's grounder to second base Friday drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 13th inning in Owensville's 2-1 victory over Sullivan.

10 years ago - Oct. 17, 2012

Caldwell, U.S. Marshals mark 50th anniversary of integration of 'Ole Miss'

Owensville's Duane Caldwell was among former U.S. Marshals recognized Oct. 1 for their heroic efforts during the Oct. 1, 1962 integration of the University if Mississippi campus.

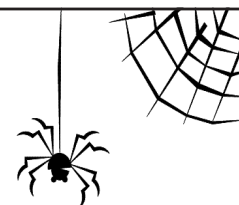
OHS Class of '72 holds reunion

Some members of the OHS Class of 1972 who attended a reunion Oct. 5 were Roger Altemeyer, Larry Belloir, Vickie (Binkholder) Mayberry, Janice (Lairmore) Spurgeon, Debbie (Uffmann) Bennett, Natalie (Rinehart) Belloir, Junior Rogers, John Pendleton, Jeff Peanick, Howard Haase, Biram Hicks, Jerry Adkison, Duane Ruetters and Roy Weirich.

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 19	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime
Wednesday, Oct. 19	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Missouri Ozarks Community Action
Wednesday, Oct. 19	12:30-4 p.m.	Missouri Ozarks Community Action
Wednesday, Oct. 19	5 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt/Meet and Greet for Teens
Thursday, Oct. 20	10-11 a.m.	American Ginseng
Wednesday, Oct. 26	10 a.m.	Lil' OWL's Storytime

Lil' Owl's Storytime: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Missouri Ozarks Community Action (MOCA): Visit the mobile services van at the branch. MOCA staff will be able to answer questions and assist with service applications. Scavenger Hunt/Meet and Greet for Teens: Please attend this event so you can tell the programmer what kind of programs you would like to attend at the library! We will have snacks and a scavenger hunt. American Ginseng: MO botanist on the history, folklore and harvesting of American ginseng. Seeds of the Month Club for October: Fued Kugel Beets. Every first Tuesday — ask for details! Supplies for events (make-and-take kits) are available at the library. Library patrons are asked to practice frequent washing of their hands and social distancing. Reach the Owensville library at 437-2188.



“The spider looks for a merchant who doesn't advertise so he can spin a web across his door and lead a life of undisturbed peace.”

— MARK TWAIN

Liberty Baptist Church

2 Miles Hwy. 28 W. of Owensville, on Meyer Rd.

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Sunday School..... 9:30AM
Morning Worship 10:30AM
Children's Church..... 10:30AM
James Chilton, Pastor

NOW THAT WE ARE CLOSE...

BUT before we vote—to continue or to stop—let's look at the record of success and failure of this current administration.

1ST - They were very successful at arming the terrorist and getting people killed, ours and others, as they left Afghanistan.

2ND - They predicted for months that Putin was preparing to invade Ukraine but made little to no moves to reinforce Ukraine while all borders and skies were open and still reasonably safe.

3RD - They succeeded at selling off our strategic petroleum reserve to temporarily hold down fuel prices. Reserves went down to a point low enough to threaten national security and now our friends, the Arabs, who are not blind and see the opportunity to help hurt, will reduce production by 2 million barrels a day. All while this administration blocks drilling and stops pipe lines to reduce production and increase transportation costs, which is all helpful to increase inflation and drive up the cost of food production. It now costs about 50% more on fertilizer, seeds, fencing, and feed which helped raise the grocery store cost to you, the consumer. Such frivolous things as bacon, eggs, milk, bread, peanut butter, jelly, and beef went up 20%-25% , so even if your wages went up 10%, you really lost 15%.

4TH - They successfully stopped construction on the southern border security wall, refused to sell to or allow states to use the already paid for parts laying along the river or in the desert, just so they could pay guards to protect concrete and steel parts from being stolen instead of used as intended and needed. This all helps to allow some 2.5 million illegals to walk in and then they helped scatter them over the country so we all could share their success at causing problems. Causing more crime, stabbings, car thefts, wrecks, hospital and school expenses, robbery, shootings, rape, child abuse, arson, and increased insurance costs with less spent on police and prisons by releasing them onto the streets to prey on you, the public. When seconds really count you might get help in 30 minutes, if ever.

The one thing they have really succeeded at is FAILING to do ONE DAMN THING that is in fact in the best long term interest of this entire country, and the legal citizens of it. Our current federal government is much like many of our public schools, they have promoted and taught incompetence and dependency for near 50 years. If this country does not make a sharp Clint Eastwood style “Right Turn, Clyde”, we are washed up as a free independent nation. If you pay any attention to the news it gets clearer every day how accurate my statement (CHINA OWNS OLD JOE) is. The corrupt incompetence of our federal government (not just this administration) is now life threatening. Yes, Elvis is right, “It's Now Or Never”.

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Sunday, Oct. 23

• 11:00-2:00PM

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Come join us for an evening of Bluegrass Gospel Music featuring **Clifty Creek Bluegrass Band!**

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Free refreshments will be served after the music. A love offering for the band will be taken. **6:30PM**

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GASCONADE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET

DIVISION IV HON. JUDGE ADA BREHE-KRUEGER, PRESIDING

9/30/22

MUNICIPAL CITY OF GASCONADE

Austin M. Romaker, Exceeded posted speed limit (exceeded by 16-19 mph). — Fine of \$100.50.

CITY OF HERMANN

Brooke D. Angel, Trespass. — Fine of \$100.00.

John D. Blackburn, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$50.50.

Jacobi M. Boyer, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$50.50.

Valerie J. Caldwell, Exceeded posted speed limit (exceeded by 16-19 mph). — Fine of \$100.50.

Brian D. Chorley, Miscellaneous parking violation. — Fine of \$50.50.

Linda A. Cohen, Miscellaneous parking violation. — Fine of \$15.50.

Sierra A. Elliott, Loitering. — Fine of \$100.50.

Caleb R. Englert, Loitering. — Fine of \$100.50.

Joseph R. Green, Jr., Defective equipment. — Fine of \$192.50.

Seth T. Hackmann, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$200.50.

Irene M. Helmich, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$190.50.

Kenneth F. Hoener III, Driver of motor vehicle failed to wear properly adjusted/fastened safety belt. — Fine of \$10.00.

James J. Hynes, Miscellaneous parking violation. — Fine of \$15.50.

Desiree C. Jacobs, Parking violation. — Fine of \$15.50.

Miles A. James, Parking violation. — Fine of \$15.50.

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Kathleen M. Korona, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$180.50.

Hunter C. Lavy, Exceeded posted speed limit (exceeded by 1-5 mph). — Fine of \$192.50.

John P. McPhee, Resisting arrest. — Count 1: Defendant sentenced to 30 days jail.

Severien Z. Meyer, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$192.50.

Severien Z. Meyer, Fail to yield emergency vehicle sounding audible siren signal/display lighted visible red/blue light. — Fine of \$200.50.

Kyle M. Ochsenbine, Fine of \$155.50.

David P. Rhodes II, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$150.50.

David P. Rhodes II, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$50.50.

David P. Rhodes II, Operate vehicle in careless and imprudent manner. — Fine of \$250.50.

David P. Rhodes II, Open container. — Fine of \$50.50.

Andrew W. Rohlfing, Trespass. — Fine of \$100.50.

Andrew W. Rohlfing, Discharging fireworks in city limits. — Fine of \$50.50.

Jerry J. Smith II, Speeding (26-30 mph over). — Count 1: Defendant sentenced to 2 days jail, with credit for time served. Court costs waived.

Jerry J. Smith II, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$50.50.

Brittney D. Stewart, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$190.50.

Steven Wang, Exceeded posted speed limit (20-25 mph over). — Fine of \$155.50.

Joseph R. Ward, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$50.50.

Joseph R. Ward, Operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility. — Fine of \$100.50.

CITY OF ROSEBUD

Michael T. Baker, Expired plates. — Fine of \$50.50.

Michael T. Baker, Operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility. — Fine of \$100.50.

Lynnzie J. Chasteen, Exceeded posted speed limit (11-15 mph over). — Fine of \$70.50.

Taylor N. Dawson, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$150.00.

Michael J. Green, Exceeded posted speed limit (16-19 mph over). — Fine of \$119.50.

Michael J. Green, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$69.50.

Michael J. Green, Failed to register vehicle. — Fine of \$119.50.

Steven J. Jahnsen, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$125.00.

Sarah E. Luetkemeyer, Expired plates. — Fine of \$50.50.

Bryan O. Portillo Leiva, Defective equipment. — Fine of \$150.00.

Jack D. Saebens, Trespass. — Fine of \$50.00.

Donald L. Thorn, Operate motor vehicle in careless and imprudent manner. — Fine of \$119.50.

James M. Womack, Expired plates. — Fine of \$50.50.

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Friday Oct. 21 (8:30AM-4:00PM) | **Saturday Oct. 22** (8:30AM-12:00NOON) **2 DAYS!**

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Homemade Lunch, Pies, & Desserts Available for Purchase!

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Menu is subject to change without notice due to availability. *Variety Milk choices - 1% White, Chocolate, Strawberry, Skim. Lactose Free is available on request. Extra Milk .50. Milk served everyday.

OES/OMS/OHS School Lunches

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, Oct. 20
NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct. 21
NO SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 24
Popcorn Chicken, Garlic Pasta, Green Beans, Peaches

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Corn, Garlic Breadstick, Fresh Apple

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Cheeseburger, Baked Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, Oct. 27
Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Breadstick, Fresh Apple

Friday, Oct. 28
Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Pears

GES School Lunches

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GARAGE SALE

\$7.00 Republican or Advocate Newspaper
\$14.00 Both papers
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10c per word over 50

4-FAMILY YARD SALE: Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Oct. 20, 21 & 22, 7:00AM-5:00PM. 3731 Melrose Place, ENS: 185, 1-3/4 miles off EE. ITEMS: Furniture, Christmas items, games, toys, kitchen items, yard items, name brand women's clothes & shoes, sports equipment, fish tank, home decor, children's books, men's name brand clothing.

THREE-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 20 & 21, 7:00AM-5:00PM. 812 Hillcrest Dr., Owensville. ITEMS: Wet-dry vacuum, patio table, humidifiers, Tasco binoculars, 30 gal. metal trash can, 30 gal. plastic trash can, keg pump, chains, garden tools, tooling bits, western style clothing. Too much to list.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

JASON R. CROWE, AAMS® FINANCIAL ADVISOR
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One of the rewards for working over several decades is the ability to contribute to tax-advantaged retirement accounts, which can help provide needed income for you when you do retire. As the years went by, you may well have accumulated several retirement accounts, such as IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans. But you might find it advantageous to consolidate these accounts with a single provider.

Consolidating them can provide you with several potential benefits, including these:

- **Less confusion and clutter** — If you have multiple accounts in different locations, it may be difficult to keep track of tax documents, statements, fees, disclosures and other important information. Consolidating accounts could help provide clear, simplified account maintenance.
- **Less likelihood of "lost accounts"** — It may be hard to believe, but many people abandon their retirement accounts, leaving thousands of dollars behind and unclaimed. In fact, at the end of 2021, there were nearly 25 million forgotten 401(k) accounts, worth about 20% of all 401(k) assets, according to an estimate by Capitalize, a financial services company that helps individuals roll over retirement plan assets into new accounts. It's possible that employers can even move small, old accounts out of their 401(k) plans and into an IRA on behalf of their former employees, thus increasing the chances that savers will lose track of their money. By consolidating your retirement plans with one provider, you can ensure you don't lose track of your hard-earned money.
- **Ability to follow a unified strategy** — With multiple retirement accounts, and different investment

portfolios, you might find it difficult to maintain a unified financial strategy that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But once you've consolidated accounts with a single provider, you'll find it easier to manage your investment mix and to rebalance your portfolio as needed. The need to rebalance may become more important as you near retirement because you may want to shift some of your assets into investments that aren't as susceptible to swings in the financial markets.

- **Possible improvement in investment options** — Often, 401(k)s may have limited investment selection, so consolidating accounts with a full-service firm may allow for a wider array of products and strategies. This broader exposure can potentially help you improve your overall retirement income strategies.
- **Greater ease in calculating RMDs** — Once you turn 72, you will need to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. If you don't take out at least the minimal amount, which is based on your age and account balance, you could face a penalty. If you have several accounts, with different providers, it could be cumbersome and difficult to calculate your RMDs — it will be much easier with all accounts under one roof.

So, if you do have multiple retirement accounts, give some thought to consolidating them. The consolidation process is not difficult, and the end result may save you time and hassles, while also helping you manage your retirement income more effectively.

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Soup at 10:30 a.m., meals served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call before 10:30 a.m. to place your curbside order

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Chicken Dumplings, Spinach and Bacon Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit Cobbler

Thursday, Oct. 20
Beans, Black Eyed Peas and Ham, Herb Roasted Tater Rounds with Onions, Spinach, Johnny Corn Cakes, Dessert or Chef Salad

Friday, Oct. 21
Tuna Casserole, Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Fruit

Monday, Oct. 24
Chicken Parmesan, Apple Pecan Salad, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Jello Salad

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Beef Pot Pie, Broccoli Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Bread, Fruit Cobbler or Chef Salad

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Roasted Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Onions and Green Beans, Ambrosia Salad

Thursday, Oct. 27
Baked Chicken with Onion Gravy, Parmesan Roasted Vegetables, Lettuce Salad, Dressing, Dessert or Chef Salad

Friday, Oct. 28
Baked Fish, Cajun Oven Roasted Potato, Sweet and Sour Slaw, Hush Puppies, Dessert

* Milk is served daily.

4TH ANNUAL
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OCTOBER 19TH-23RD

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Wed, Oct 19th - Artist Painting at Red Oak Valley
PUBLIC ART VIEWING & SALE:
4pm - 7pm Seasons of Faith Church 525 Hwy 28 Owensville MO

Thurs, Oct 20th - Artist Painting at Lost Valley Lake (Members only)
PUBLIC ART VIEWING & SALE from 4pm - 7pm Seasons of Faith Church

Fri, Oct 21st - Public Welcome! Paint Owensville Day - Artist Paint In & Around Owensville
(Fri Evening) Quick Paint: Event at White Mule - Artist begin painting at 4pm
PUBLIC ART VIEWING & SALE from 4pm - 7pm White Mule Winery 2087 US-50
(Artworks On Main High School Grant Recipients to be Announced Also!!)

Sat, Oct 22nd - Public Welcome! Paint Rosebud Day - Artist Paint in & around Rosebud
PUBLIC ART SALE from 4pm - 7pm Reinhold RV Park Banquet Hall - Hwy 50 (E. Rosebud)

Sun, Oct 23rd - Public Welcome!!!
Final Day Awards & Art Festival PUBLIC ART SALE from 11am - 4:30pm
Rosebud City Park & American Legion 587
*Visit our FB Page or Website for more info:
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AREA OBITUARIES

Delilah Davis 1965-2022



Delilah Faye Davis, 56, Owensville, passed Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at her residence. She was born Dec. 29, 1965, to Harvey and Linda (Cox) White in Logansport, Ind. She was united in marriage to Mickey Harry Davis Dec. 23, 1995, in Portage, Mich. Delilah enjoyed knitting, sewing and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents Harvey and Linda; sister Dana Larimar; and brother Jordan Larimar. She is survived by daughters Renee White of Gary, Ind., and Crystal White of Owensville; and seven grandchildren. Her body was cremated and no services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

Joyce Duncan 1941-2022



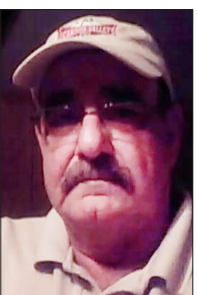
Joyce Nadean Duncan, 80, Owensville, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at her residence. She was born Oct. 19, 1941, to Wayne and Bessie (Holzschuh) Branson in Bland. She was united in marriage to Richard Duncan, Sept. 7, 1957, in Owensville. Joyce was a member of Seasons of Faith in Owensville. She was preceded in death by parents Wayne and Bessie; and siblings Jerry Branson, Delores Paasch and Rayjean Murray. She is survived by husband Richard of the home; children Curtis Duncan, Vickie Schoening and Steven Duncan all of Owensville; brothers Kenneth Branson and wife Barbara of Bland and Henry Branson of Troy; and four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Her body was cremated and no services are scheduled at this time. Her remains will be interred in Countryside Memorial Garden. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

Jerry Geisler 1954-2022



Jerry Wayne Geisler, 68, Bland, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 11, 1954, to Charles and Faye (Matthews) Geisler in Washington. Jerry enjoyed building and working on Harley Davidson motorcycles, hunting, and fishing. He enjoyed collecting and selling firearms. Jerry served in the U.S. Navy from 1972-1973 during the Vietnam conflict and was awarded a Vietnam Service Medal for time spent aboard the USS Ticonderoga. He was an over-the-road truck driver by trade. Jerry was preceded in death by parents Charles and Faye; daughter Jamie Rebecca Geisler; brother Herb Geisler; and sister Geraldine Smith. He is survived by son Josh Geisler of Owensville; daughter Katia Geisler of Owensville; brothers Larry Geisler and wife Linda of Owensville, and Jim Geisler and wife Ella of Little Rock, Ark.; sister Alice Moore of Owensville; brother-in-law Harvey Smith of Shreveport, La.; ex-wife Marie Geisler of Owensville; and grandchildren Easton, Harley and Faye Geisler. There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

Marion Jarvis, Sr. 1955-2022



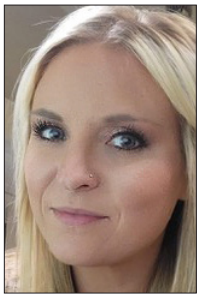
Marion Leon Jarvis Sr., 67, Owensville, passed Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at his residence. He was born Sept. 3, 1955, to Everett and Claire (Mitchell) Jarvis in Washington. He was united in marriage to Valerie Padgett. He was preceded in death by parents Everett and Claire; wife Valerie; and siblings Marvin and Melvin Jarvis and Velma Blackwell. He is survived by children Marion Jarvis Jr. and wife Natalie of Sullivan, Nathan Jarvis and wife Phillina of Sierra Vista, Ariz. and Kenneth Jarvis and wife Lareva of St. James; sister Viola Green of Owensville; and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His body was cremated and no services are planned at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

Lynda Sample 1949-2022



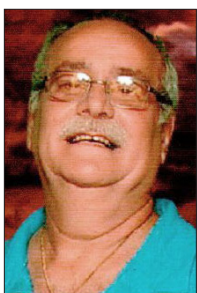
Lynda Diane Sample, 72, Owensville, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, at Stonebridge of Owensville. She was born Dec. 19, 1949, to Richard and Marilyn (Smith) Bowman in Ellington. She was united in marriage to Leon Sample, Oct. 7, 1971, in Imperial. Lynda was a member of St. James United Church of Christ in Charlotte. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching birds, going to Texas, playing cards, needle work and spending time with family, including dog Nonnie. She was preceded in death by parents Richard and Marilyn; husband Leon; and son Brian Sample. She is survived by son Daniel Sample and wife Christine of Rosebud; daughter-in-law Heather Sample Schlottach of Owensville; brothers Richard Bowman Jr. and wife Marilyn and David Bowman all of Rosebud; sisters Nyla Taylor and husband Norm of St. Robert, and Penny Bowman of Owensville; grandchildren Julie and Lillian; and great-grandson Eric. Visitation will be Wednesday (today), Oct. 19, from 9-11 a.m., at St. James United Church of Christ, Charlotte, with a memorial service following with Rev. Van Lahmeyer officiating. Her remains will be interred in the church cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

Brittni King 1988-2022



Brittni M. King, 34, Linn, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, at her residence. She was born March 27, 1988, a daughter to David Allen King and the late Terrie Renee (Fanning) King in Nuremberg, Germany. Her father survives in Linn. She was a 2006 graduate of Owensville High School. Brittni was a very creative person; she had a gift of decorating. Being a mother was very important to her always attending her children's sporting events. She was preceded in death by mother Terrie; maternal grandfather Gene Fanning; and paternal grandfather Roger King. Brittni is survived by father David; children Rylie, Kenzie, and Rowdie Cooper of the home; brother Dustin King and wife Denise of Leslie; maternal grandmother Lavada Sanders of Eldon; paternal grandmother Gayle King of Melrose, Minn.; nieces Dawsyn, Daelyn, and Desirae King; along with aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A private family celebration of life will be held. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Brittni's Children Education Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel, Linn.

Keith Koelling 1958-2022



Keith Carl Koelling, 64, Owensville, passed away Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at Mercy Hospital, Creve Coeur. He was born May 28, 1958, the son of the late Carl G. and Donna M. (Jerde) Koelling in Jefferson City. He was the husband of Anita (Bruckerhoff) Koelling. They were united in marriage on July 18, 2020, in Hermann. Keith was a member of St. George Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles both in Hermann. He worked for Florsheim Shoe Company, then later went to work for Henniges Automotive in New Haven, until his retirement. Keith enjoyed playing pool and socializing with family and friends. He is preceded in death by parents Carl and Donna; and brother Allen Koelling. Keith is survived by wife Anita Koelling of Owensville; sons Ryan Koelling of Union, and Andrew Koelling and fiancée Samantha Riley of Hermann; brother David Koelling of Hermann; mother-in-law Wanda Menke and husband Jim of Bland; sister-in-law Deborah Gardner and husband Randall of Berger; and brothers-in-law Lyndon Bruckerhoff and wife Sue of Cairo, Ga., Perry Bruckerhoff of Stony Hill, and Eric Bruckerhoff and wife Chris of Berger. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 17, at Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home, Hermann. Burial was at Zion Cemetery, Bay. Memorials may be given to families choice.

Phyllis Nicks 1944-2022



Phyllis Marie Nicks, 78, Owensville, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Washington. She was born July 2, 1944, to Herbert and Lillie Rika (Idel) Bunner in Owensville. She was united in marriage to Elwood Nicks, June 29, 1963, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Owensville. Phyllis was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Owensville. She enjoyed gardening, working flower gardens, sewing, fishing, hunting and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents Herbert and Lillie; and husband Elwood. She is survived by children Pamela Lewis and husband Greg, Teresa Robertson and husband Larry, Nicole Mehrhoff and husband Ryan all of Owensville and Tiffany Martin and husband Andy of Belle; siblings Wayne Bunner and wife Cathy of Clermont, Fla., Michael Bunner and wife Debbie of Farmington and Gayle Brieese and husband Ralph of Eldon; grandchildren Ashley Toelke and husband Dustin, Miranda Robertson, Austin Robertson, Blake Mehrhoff and wife Shyan, Daxton Mehrhoff and Josie Martin; and great-grandchildren Karson Bingaman, Brantley Toelke and Laurel Mehrhoff. Visitation will be Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9-11 a.m., at Gottenstroeter Chapel, Owensville, with memorial services following with Rev. Stephanie DeLong officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home in Owensville.

Paul Owensby, Jr. 1946-2022



Paul Edward Owensby, Jr., 76, Bland, passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loving wife. He was born Aug. 15, 1946, a son to the late Paul Edward Owensby, Sr. and Claressa (Milam) Riley in Cairo, Ill. He was a 1965 graduate of Normandy High School in Normandy and he later earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice, probation and parole. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. Paul was united in marriage to Jacqueline Wood, Jan. 17, 1986, in Rio Blanco, Colo. She survives at their residence near Bland. Paul followed his lifelong dream of being a police officer. He served in many different positions, from criminal investigator to uniform police officer, doing undercover work, being the chief of police for the City of Linn and finally being the chief deputy for Gasconade County retiring on Dec. 31, 2015, after 46 years in law enforcement. He was a very active member of Linn Family Worship Center near Linn where he served as a deacon and enjoyed participating in Sunday School class. Paul enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, reading, weightlifting, and spending time on his farm raising cattle. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by parents Paul and Claressa; daughter Heather Owensby; and brother Mike Owensby. He is survived by spouse of 36 years Jacqueline; son Paul Slayden Owensby of Fenton; step-sons Gary Schellenger of Moscow Mills and Bob Schellenger of Spanish Lake; step-daughter Kathy Bray and husband Eddie of St. Peters; a loving grandfather to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; half-brother Mark Owensby and half-sister Terri Owensby Britt both of the state of Illinois; along with many friends and neighbors. Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Linn Family Worship Center near Linn with funeral services and full military honors to follow at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Matt Lee officiating. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel, Linn.

Barbara Sipes 1933-2022



Barbara Jeane Sipes, 89, Owensville, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2022, at Crabapple Village Senior Estates in St. Clair. She was born July 15, 1933, to Harry and Edna (Mayo) Roper in Memphis, Tenn. She was united in marriage to Charles R. Sipes Sr. Dec. 30, 1955, in St. Louis. Barbara was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Owensville. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and reading. She was preceded in death by parents Harry and Edna; husband Charles; granddaughter Stephanie Moore; siblings Harry E., William, and Ronnie and Shirley Shipley. She is survived by children Charles R. "Randy" Sipes Jr. and wife Nancy of Falcon, Steven Sipes of Owensville and Ronna Sue and William Muschany of Cuba; brother Willie Shipley and wife Jean of N.C.; grandchildren Erin Comte and husband Nathan, Rachel Smith and husband Dillan, Christopher Sipes and husband Nathan Hartman, Stevie Sipes and domestic partner Josh McDaniel, Amber Parks and husband Ryan, Allison Mose, Angela Mose, Trent Kreter, Bryan Leshner and wife Angela, Danietta Franklin and Christopher Franklin and fiancé Emily; 22 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville, with Pastor David Roth officiating. Burial was in Countryside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements entrusted to Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Owensville.

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Join us for a picnic and movie in the park! First Baptist Church will serve free hot dogs, chips, & soda starting at 5:00PM. Thank you to the other sponsors, Fidelity Communications and Owensville Lions Club, for providing this movie at no cost to guests.



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What are you teaching your kids?

As part of their community outreach, members of the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Department brought a fire safety program to students at the local school last week.

There were three things the firemen stressed to the students: What do you do if you are on fire? What number do you call in an emergency? Where does your family plan to meet in case there is a fire in your home?

Even the youngest students shouted, "Stop, drop and roll," to the first question.

Many were able to answer the second question, although several were off by at least one digit.

The final question had far fewer responses. Most students did not know where to go in the event of a fire at home.

Having a plan in case of a fire is extremely important. Children should know how to get out of a home if normally exit routes are blocked. They should also know what to do after that. There should be a spot outside designated as the family meeting area. Children should be taught to wait in that spot until their parents, or help, arrives. It is not uncommon for people to reenter a burning building to find a lost loved one, when in reality that person is already outside, just out of sight. The spot you choose should be out of the way of emergency vehicles who will arrive on the scene, especially if you have very young children.

These firemen took time out of their busy lives to do their best to help keep your children educated and safe in the event of a fire. The lesson is not complete until parents develop a home plan and practice it with their kids. If you need help developing a plan, or have questions about fire safety, your local fire department can assist you in that as well.



STUDENTS AT Gerald Elementary School (above) enjoyed watching a friendly competition between firefighters to see who could gear up first. Firefighters train to be fully dressed out with all gear in less than 60 seconds. In a home fire, children are often frightened of a fireman in full gear and hide from them. After donning safety gear and a respirator, a fireman crawls among the students (below) to familiarize them with the sights and sounds of a fully-equipped fireman. You can follow the department on their Facebook page, their Instagram account or on their website, gerald-rosebudfire.org.

PHOTO BY LINDA TREST



Police will seek grants to update, purchase equipment

BY LINDA TREST
REPUBLICAN STAFF WRITER
ltrest@wardpub.com

Cpl. James Birmingham sought approval from the board of aldermen for his department seek grant money for police upgrades.

Birmingham explained the department's intent to contract with Public Safety Grant Writing, LLC of New Haven in pursuing the five separate grants. The plan will cost the department \$1,800 which can be covered in their 2022 budget.

The grants will be applied for from both Missouri and Franklin County ARPA funds, Spirit of Blue

Foundation, Gary Sinise Foundation and Conoco Phillips.

Birmingham said, "The five grants we are seeking will be used to update older equipment and purchase much needed equipment." The department is hoping to fund additional safety equipment to the patrol vehicle which could include push bumpers, emergency lighting, half cages for prisoner transport and dash cameras.

The department also hopes to add another patrol vehicle and a drone to its inventory.

The board unanimously agreed to the request.

Outreach makes holiday plans

A community Thanksgiving dinner will again be held this year at the Knights of Columbus Hall just east of town. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Reservations are required to ensure there is enough food. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are accepted to cover the food costs.

Attendees may dine-in, get a carry out meal, or for those who are homebound, delivery is available. To reserve a meal, call Community Outreach at 573-764-HELP (4357) and leave a message including your phone number in case clarification is needed.

Gerald Community Outreach will again assist families who need assistance at Christmas. This includes distributing Angel Trees around town. These trees are adorned with ornaments listing a Christmas gift wish including ages and sizes when applicable. The group also assembles and supplies Christmas food baskets to those in need.

If you need help in providing Christmas for your family, contact the outreach program at the number above. Applications for help must be in by Dec. 3.

Community Outreach is always looking for volunteers to help with their food programs, working in their resale shop, or collecting items for their holiday drives.

City employees awarded new holiday

Following a request by City Clerk Shelley Smythe, the Board of Aldermen have awarded city employees an additional paid holiday.

Employees will no longer have to work the day after Thanksgiving. While police officers still need to

report for duty, they will receive holiday pay for their time working that day.

Smythe also suggested updating the employee manual including making separate policy for police employees.



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Slow day at the Small Animal Swap

The monthly Small Animal Swap and Farmers Market concluded its season Saturday at Legion Park. Only a handful of vendors were on hand for the final event. There were still plenty of chickens, guineas and other fowl from which to choose. A handsome pair of peafowl (above) were just one of several couples on display. The swaps will begin again next May.

Efforts to upgrade memorial to be considered

Lauri Link and Sue Altemeyer came to the city's regular meeting last week to address issues with the Veteran's Memorial in Legion Park. Link told the board she and other volunteers had done all they could to keep the memorial's landscaping neat and well trimmed. Link noted that time has taken a toll on the memorial and more serious repairs are needed. The memorial was built through donations raised by a private committee headed by Otis Schulte. A committee was formed to look into the situation.

Schulte arrived at the meeting later and attempted to speak to the board about the situation. He indicated most of the committee members have either died or moved away. He also mentioned there was still some money left in the account to be used to maintain the memorial.

Since Schulte had not made a formal written request to be heard by the board, he was not recognized by the mayor who adjourned the meeting. It is not clear who is responsible for maintaining the memorial at this point.

Correction

An article in last week's issue of *The Republican* discussed plans for a proposed tax increase for the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District (GRFPD). The article stated that the department had not asked for a tax increase in its 40-year existence. Deputy Chief Jordan Lottmann was quick to point out that was not correct. Lottmann says the district did put the question of a tax increase to the voters about 20 years ago, but the issue failed. The error was totally on the part of the reporter and did not come from information provided by the district. The GRFPD is committed to being fully transparent to the voters as they discuss the upcoming tax increase request.

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 22GA-PRO0010 In the Estate of ANNA E. GAWER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ANNA E. GAWER, Deceased:

On SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ANNA E. GAWER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. The personal representative's address is:

CHRISTOPHER A JACKSON,
41 Portland Place,
St Louis, MO 63108.

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

PAUL O SCHMANKE,
301 E Main Street,
Union, MO 63084,
(573)677-5020.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: AUGUST 21, 2021
Date of first publication: OCTOBER 5, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Division: IV Case No: 22GA-DR00052 In re the Matter of: BRYAN ROBERT MELTON, Petitioner.

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION AFTER JUDGMENT OF CHANGE OF NAME

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, State of Missouri, Division IV, Case No. 22GA-DR00067 made and entered of record on October 17, 2022, the name of BRYAN ROBERT MELTON was changed to BRYAN ROBERT TERRY.

BRYAN ROBERT MELTON
BRYAN ROBERT TERRY
Gasconade County, March 2, 2011
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IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 22GA-PR00064 In the Estate of NETTIE LEE HAFLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of NETTIE LEE HAFLEY, Decedent:

On SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual(s) was(were) appointed the personal representative(s) of the estate of NETTIE LEE HAFLEY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. The personal representatives may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The names and addresses of the personal representatives are:

SAMUEL C HAFLEY JR.,
PO Box 54,
Concordia, MO 64020
and **DEBRA E. NOWACK,**
1515 Mint Spring Rd.,
Owensville, MO 65066

The personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number are:

PAUL O SCHMANKE,
Schmanke Law Office Llc,
301 E Main St,
Union, MO 63084-1621,
573-677-5020

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: February 13, 2022
Date of first publication: October 5, 2022

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 22GA-PR00056 In the Estate of HARVEY ALLEN HENNINGTON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of HARVEY ALLEN HENNINGTON, Decedent:

On September 21, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of HARVEY ALLEN HENNINGTON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Gasconade County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name and address of the personal representative are:
DAWN HENNINGTON,
4365 Durbin Rd.,
Bland, MO 65014

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

PAUL SCHMANKE,
301 E Main Street,
Union, MO 63084,
573-677-5020

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Date of the decedent's death: August 19, 2021. Date of first publication: September 28, 2022.

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