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Ava Rohwer, daughter of Alex and Erin Rohwer, is all smiles as she eats her meal at last Friday's Eldon FFA member and supporter breakfast. The annual event takes place during FFA Week at the school. More photos inside.

## Stop Trafficking Project hosts 'Be Alert' presentation

The Stop Trafficking Project will present "Be Alert" Wednesday, March 8 in the Eldon High School performing arts center.

The event will feature an open and honest conversation for teens and parents about the dangers of sex trafficking and how social media plays a role in this.

Featured speaker will be Russ Tuttle, founder and president of The Stop Trafficking Project.

Underwritten by the Citizens Against Domestic Violence, the presentation is open to all area students in grades 6-12 and their parents.



Teens and parents are encouraged to attend and some child care will be provided for elementary students who attend with other family members.

The event will feature separate 75-minute presentations for adults and students, using the performing arts center and commons.

There will then be a 15-minute closing for both adults and students featuring comments, a video and prayer.

Confidential student surveys will also be collected at the event.

## St. E. School to move investments

Wednesday, Feb. 15, St. Elizabeth R-IV Superintendent **Doug Kempker** recommended the district invest \$1 million with Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury.

MoCATT has accounts with 140 school districts in Missouri and has \$1 billion in investment assets.

Kempker told the board that as of Jan. 31 the district balance was \$2.2 million. Investing \$1 million with MoCATT would generate \$44,500 yearly, compared to the \$10,000 yearly rate generated currently.

The account would be set up to never go below \$300,000 in any given month.

The district's average monthly expenses are \$250,000.

Kempker said the district can retrieve and transfer money at any time with no coding issues.

The board approved investing \$1 million with MoCATT.

**Superintendent's report**

Kempker gave the board a legislative update, mentioning Senate Bills 4 and 89 which address parents bill of rights.

He also talked about Senate Bill 8, which would eliminate personal property taxes over time.

Kempker reminded the board during fiscal year 2021-2022, the district received \$234,000 in personal property taxes.

With the issue of open enrollment, Kempker explained to the board tax dollars at the local level do not follow the student.

The Missouri Legislature passed the Get the Lead Out School Drinking Water Act at

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## Ambulance board discusses insurance

The Miller County Ambulance District heard a presentation from its new insurance provider, Wall Street Insurance, during the Thursday, Feb. 16 meeting.

**Jennifer Gerling**, with Wall Street Insurance, gave the board a presentation, with three different providers bids to cover the district's buildings and vehicles.

The board requested more information before making a decision.

**Administrator's report**

MCAD Administrator **Ron Schlicht** said the district responded to 376 calls in January, which resulted in 301 patient transports.

**Response times:** The average response time district-wide for 911 calls was approximately 9:47 minutes for January.

**Out-of-chute times:** The average out-of-chute times district-wide for 911 calls was approximately 2:10 minutes for January.

**New business**

The board approved raising the charge for the Lake Ozark Speedway from \$450 to \$525 per night. Operations manager **Rex Morrison** said there would be 23 racing events this season.

Board President **Kevin Holtmeyer** wanted an assurance Lake Ozark Speedway was paying in a timely manner. Schlicht say they

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## Tuscumbia school board accepts staff resignations

After a closed session Wednesday night, Feb. 15, the Tuscumbia R-III School Board offered Principal Tresa Maneval a one year contract for next school year, with the notation she will be paid at least \$60,000. A delay on the exact salary was included until the state has a better handle on school finances and the Tuscumbia District determines other staff salaries.

The board accepted the resignations of teachers Tonya Stockwell for retirement, Laney Rollins, third grade, and part-timer Connie Wyrick, who already was officially retired but has directed the science research program at the high school for a number of years.

Cook Cathy Snodgrass also

will be leaving and music teacher Steve Martonfi will be leaving Tuscumbia for another district.

In other personnel matters, the board agreed to retain the current OSBA consortium plan at no increase and continue to pay \$500 monthly for each eligible employee, which

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## Eggs & Issues March 10

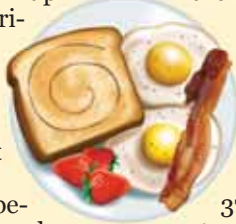
The Eldon Chamber of Commerce is servin' up eggs and issues Friday, March 10, at the 22nd annual Eggs and Issues breakfast at Ninth Street Christian Church.

The event will begin with a buffet breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by the program from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

The program will include comments from federal, state and local officials or their representatives.

The event is open to the public, but those wishing to eat breakfast need to contact the chamber office at (573) 392-3752, or by e-mail at: [info@eldonchamber.com](mailto:info@eldonchamber.com) by Friday, March 3.

There is a \$20 charge for those wishing to eat breakfast.



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**Service with a smile** – The Eldon FFA chapter hosted its annual member and supporter breakfast Friday morning, Feb. 17 as part of FFA Week. Pictured in the serving line are, from left: Bryn Frank, Gracie Shand, Alaiynah Witherell and Danica Witzman.



**Chips ahoy** – Eldon FFA member Lillian Trillo drops chocolate chips into the pancake batter during last Friday’s annual FFA member and supporter breakfast.



**Bringin’ home the bacon** – Eldon FFA members Lane Hoskins and Ethan Miller fry up the bacon during last Friday’s annual FFA member and supporter breakfast.

# Breakfast is served by the FFA

## St. E. School to move investments

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the end of the 2022 legislative session.

On or before Jan. 1, 2024, each school has to create an inventory of water outlets used for drinking and cooking; create a plan for testing those outlets and make it public; provide access to information about the health effects of lead to the public; and submit the results to the Department of Health and Senior Services. Funding will be available from the state to pay for testing and installation of filters, if needed.

**Student information**

Kempker said Tyler Technology, the producer of the student information system, will not provide support and updates beginning Sept. 30, 2025.

Kempker said the district has been in contact with Infinite Campus and Teacher Ease, and multiple vendors have contacted the district.

“It is possible we will make the transition this summer,” said Kempker.

**School safety talks**

Kempker said a meeting with Miller County officials was held Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The district will be applying

for the Cops for Cops federal grant- a five-year grant.

If received the district will pay two years of the grant for the salary of a school resource officer.

“Other schools hire their own like Eldon and Iberia which are commissioned by the county and both are SRO certified,” explained Kempker.

**Budget update**

The board passed an updated budget revision to reflect substantial increases for fuel, utilities and food over last year.

**Capital projects list**

Kempker asked the board to consider adding lockers and a new rear projection screen and projector to the capital projects lists.

**Annual performance report**

Kempker said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released the annual performance report, but it is embargoed until March 7.

Kempker said DESE stressed the district must not compare its current performance scores with previous years.

The new guidelines fall un-

der Missouri School Improvement Plan 6. The last APR data was published in September 2019, before COVID-19.

**Consent agenda**

The board approved the following consent agenda items: approval of the January minutes, approval of the bills and treasurer’s report; and setting the March board meeting for March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

**New business**

**Counseling report:** The board approved the counselor’s report presented by Sarah Wankum.

Wankum said the overall goal is to educate students in the areas of academic, career and personal/social development; and provide support and guidance to each individual so they are able to succeed and maximize their potential.

**Handbook change:** The board approved a new handbook change dealing with the penalties of being unprepared for class.

**Nurse salary schedule:** The board updated the LP-N/RN salary schedule.

**2022-2023 school calendar:** The board approved the calendar reflecting a start date of Monday, Aug. 21 and last day of school Tuesday,

May 9, 2023.

**Accepting a donation:** The district accepted a donation from Simon and Struempff Engineering. It was mistakenly identified as a fund-raising purchase for the band fund-raiser.

**Principal’s report**

Principal **Alicia Burrows** said the district’s enrollment was at 265.

Attendance for January was at 97 percent.

Students of the month for January, for the character trait of honesty were: August Heckemeyer, preschool-kindergarten; Alayna Oligschlaeger, fourth grade; Easton Oligschlaeger, seventh grade; and Grace Wieberg, ninth grade.

Students of the month for February, for the character trait of teamwork were: Lilian Faulkner, kindergarten; Elsie Wright, fifth grade; Jace Struempff, eighth grade; and Sarah Backes, 10th grade.

**Closed session**

In closed session the board approved Corlis Kloeppel and Charlene Trusley as track coaches; and hiring Candace Reinkemeyer as school nurse

Burrows’ contract was extended through 24-25 school year.

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covers the base plan. They may buy up if they wish, at their own expense.

District provided life insurance will increase by \$2 per covered employee.

**Marshall Field**

School representatives will meet with the Tuscumbia Village Board this week to discuss the school replacing the water line to the baseball field area. At issue is if the school also leases the old Lions Club Building or not.

A bid from Roark Landscaping was accepted for the water line work, with the scope and price contingent on the decision between the village and school. Board member Wendy Rains abstained from action on the matter, which had four bidders.

The school spends about \$5,000 annually on the ball-fields, Superintendent Dr. Tina Spencer said. “We don’t have any other place to play ball,” she noted.

Currently, the committee which oversees summer youth baseball and softball for the community is building new dugouts, with the work about half done. Dr. Spencer noted the group also had added restrooms to the Lions Building previously.

The school currently is accepting bids for moving of the sports field areas and the school campus.

The village board recently had the Riverside Park property surveyed but the survey will not be completed for weeks, Dr. Spencer said.

In other sports news, Activity Director James Isom said games for the spring girls softball program are still being scheduled and he reported on the first district games the basketball teams will play this week.

Isom said there is a need for a sportsmanship program for the district, particularly for spectators.

**Other capital needs**

Two heating units in the elementary portion of the building will need to be replaced, Dr. Spencer said. Both are 25 years old and it is impossible to get parts for them. Recently, Priority Heating had to make a part to get one unit operating.

A new camera security system is needed, with 28 cameras suggested for both inside and outside the buildings.

The board discussed a proposal from Sandbothe Concrete about refinishing the floor in the gym foyer. School personnel would remove the tile. The board had some questions before final action is taken on the proposal.

**CSIP Committee**

The Comprehensive School Improvement Committee has been meeting, with students, staff, some board members and community members all serving. “It’s good to have all those voices,” Dr. Spencer

said.

Teacher recruitment and retention along with curriculum have been the main areas of concern for the committee.

A new vision and mission statement also have been created and promote pride and quality education, the superintendent said.

**Education decisions**

New textbooks, which appear in the budget, will be covered by ESSR III funds, when they are received. Dr. Spencer said she had put in a voucher for the covid-related relief funds to pay for the new texts.

The board agreed to add a requirement for graduation for Language Arts III. However, efforts will be made to accommodate students taking a two-year course at Eldon Career Center. Currently changes to the class schedule are being considered, Dr. Spencer told the board.

In the past, some Tuscumbia students have taken classes through ECC in order to get their graduation credits but those courses were taught on line and there were problems with them.

She said the school would work with any student if the requirement would prevent them from attending ECC. She said exceptions had been made in the past.

**Other business**

- The board approved a resolution against the state adopting an open enrollment requirement for the state’s schools. “There are just too many unknowns,” Dr. Spencer said. “When something like this passes, it only gets bigger.”
- Longtime board member Steve Wilson said he believes the plan will result in the loss of school districts.
- The board learned amendments to the 2022-23 budget will be given to them at the March meeting.
- Funds from a matured CD and other areas have been moved to an investment account, where they will earn four percent interest and be available immediately if needed. Currently the district is earning about \$3,000 monthly on invested funds, Dr. Spencer said.
- The board has access to preliminary data on last spring’s testing. The reports will be made public on March 7. Dr. Spencer noted substantial changes have been made to the data, with student performance on tests accounting for 70 percent of a district’s score and continuous improvement accounting for 30 percent.
- A policy on career ladder was removed as the district will not be using that program. It can be added back if needed in the future, Dr. Spender told the board.
- Isom, who is also transportation director, said the district has an immediate and strong need for substitute bus drivers.

## New Life hosts fund-raiser auction

New Life Assembly of God at Barnett will host a fund-raiser dinner and auction Friday evening, March 3, with proceeds going toward debt reduction.

Auction items include new and quality auction items including gift cards, service cer-

tificates, furniture and more. Items will be available for viewing from noon until start of the auction.

A full course meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Elva at (573) 378-0440.

## Ambulance board discusses insurance

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were.

The board then approved the contract with Lake Ozark Speedway.

**Financial report**

**Ambulance revenues:** Schlicht said the district collected \$22,415 in ambulance revenues during January. January collections were down from last year, but were ahead of forecasted projections of \$170,600.

**Current month’s sales tax revenues:** The district received \$141,516 in sales tax revenues in January. Collections were ahead of last year,

but fell short of forecasted projections of \$145,000.

**Billing:** Schlicht said there was a significant increase in billing in January. “A partial explanation of the increase is the increase in service charges and loaded mileage charge. We billed 1,853 more loaded miles this January over last year,” explained Schlicht.

**Education update**

The district is moving to a new training plan for 2023 and using the new Microsoft system to better reach employees in regards to communication and education.

A new EMT class also

started Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The district has submitted an APRA grant application and is waiting on details of a grant opening.

**Operations manager**

Morrison provided the board with more information about the proposed mental health transport car.

Morrison said the ambulances average 50,000 miles a year each. Responding to and transporting mental health calls averaged 44,710 miles.

The district looks to replace an ambulance at about 200,000 miles. The cost of a new ambulance is now in excess of \$300,000.

Purchasing a mental health transport vehicle would save on the ambulance mileage and also free up crew members.

Morrison said they are being careful about the planning because they don’t want to lock themselves into something that might not work.

Morrison said the lease agreement with Brumley Fire has been corrected and is ready to be approved. The lease agreement is for \$120 a year to house one ambulance.

The board approved the agreement.

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Jerry Howard Coleman



Jerry Howard Coleman, 61, Eldon, MO, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, February 13, 2023 at his home in Eldon, MO.

Jerry was born on September 7, 1961 in Columbia, MO the son of William and Martha (Jordan) Coleman. He was united in marriage on September 11, 1987 in Columbia, MO to Brenda (Stone) Coleman, who preceded him in death on April 13, 2022.

He worked for the University Hospital as a Construction Foreman until 2000. He was the minister at Huntsdale Baptist Church since 2017 and also worked in prison ministries since 2009. Jerry was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and arrowhead hunting. He also enjoyed watching all sports, including NASCAR. His greatest joy was singing, writing songs, playing his guitar and spending time with his children and grandchildren.


Survivors include: four daughters, Amber Coleman of Eldon, MO, Kristina Coil (Jason) of Clark, MO, Amanda Lucas (Terry) of Centralia, MO and Tanita Jeffries (Virgil); his mother, Martha Coleman of Columbia, MO; two sisters, Milly Biggs (Danny) of Centralia, MO and Becky Groseclose of Sturgeon, MO; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Jessica Vincent, father, William “Bill” Coleman; son-in-law, Michael Wad and brother-in-law- Tom Groseclose.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 20, 2023 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Memorial Funeral Home in Columbia, MO. Funeral service followed at 11:30 am at the funeral home. Rev. Jack Baize and Rev. Ed Luebbering officiated. Burial was held in Mt Nebo Cemetery near Columbia, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cancer Society, c/o Debo Funeral Home, 833 Court St, Fulton, MO 65251. If you would like to send flowers, please call In Full Bloom Florist at 573-682-2999.

Online condolences may be made at [www.debofuneralhome.com](http://www.debofuneralhome.com)

James Edward Wansing



James Edward Wansing, 67, of Eldon formerly of Meta, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born July 19, 1955, in Jefferson City, a son of the late Clarence Edward and Evelyn Agnes (Eiken) Wansing.

He delivered milk and later worked at Meta MFA with Charlie Schroeder until a truck accident put him in the wheelchair that defined the rest of his adult life.

He is survived by two brothers, Don (Mary Jane) Wansing of Meta and Rob (Darlene) Wansing of St. Elizabeth; six nieces and nephews, Dale Wansing, Jennifer Ortmeier, Lindsey Lepper, Natalie Kemna, Drew Wansing, and Nolan Wansing; 15 great-nieces and nephews with one on the way; and countless family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his nephew, Brian Wansing.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial immediately following at 11 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2023, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Meta with Fr. Leonard Mukilbi officiating. Burial will be held in St. Cecilia Cemetery in Meta.


Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Meta.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.fancher-rekusfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fancher-rekusfuneralhomes.com)



Kenneth William Rains Sr.



Kenneth William Rains Sr., 79, of Henley, Missouri passed away Monday, February 20, 2023 at Capital Region Medical Center. He was born on February 23, 1943 in Park City, Missouri; a son to the late William Curtis “WC” and Ruth (Andres) Rains. On April 11, 1968, he was united in marriage to Alberta Humphrey in Versailles, Missouri. She preceded him in death on November 9, 2013.

Kenneth was a graduate of Cole County R-V High School in Eugene. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Army for which he proudly served until his honorable discharge as an E-5 Specialist. Kenneth owned and operated an over-the-road trucking business and also spent many years of his career as a telephone technician.


He received his pilot license at the age of 16 and enjoyed flying his family and friends in his private fixed-wing airplane. He loved all things railroad, and built his own paddle-wheeler boat and airboat. One of his greatest accomplishments was developing, building, owning, and operating KTKS-95 radio station in Versailles. He operated the business from 1989 until 1992. Some may remember him on-air as “Ken Williams.” Most importantly, he was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will be missed by those who love him.

He is survived by his children, Jeffrey Hummel, Kenneth (Jennifer) Rains Jr., and Tanya (Randy) Gardner; brother, Joe Bradley “Catfish” Rains; 15 grandchildren; and 15 (and counting) great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife, Alberta, and his parents, WC “Pop” and Ruth.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Millard Family Cremation & Funeral Center, 902 East North Street, Eldon, Missouri 65026 (573) 392-3351. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.millardfamilychapels.com](http://www.millardfamilychapels.com).

Norma Jean (Cromer) Tennison



Norma Jean (Cromer) Tennison, 90 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at her residence in Eldon, Missouri. She was born April 16, 1932 in Muscatine, Iowa the daughter of the late Glenn Cromer, Jr. and Frances (Griffith). On August 3, 1948 in Lake Ozark, Missouri she was united in marriage to Herbert Jessie Tennison who preceded her in death on January 21, 1992.

Survivors include:

Children, Mike Tennison (Gwen) of Taos, NM; Jerry Tennison of Taos, NM; Susan Back (Ralph) of Round Rock, TX; Kathy Tennison of Eldon, MO; Nancy Tennison of Eldon, MO.

Eight grandchildren, Tara Wayne, Justin Stone (Susie Aquilina), Lindsay Isom (Sean), Cody Back, Casce Back (Michelle), Sarah Tennison Robertshaw, Sarah Wilhoit (Walker), Anna Schulte (Shawn)

Fourteen Great Grandchildren, Casey, Emily & Cooper Wayne, Rosie & Jesse Stone, Stone & Silver Isom, Ashley Campos, Lillian and Cason Back, Jeremiah Robertshaw, Lydia and Eli Wilhoit, Roman Schulte

Two brothers-in-law, Ben Bailey (Mary), Larry Bailey (Patty); sister-in-law, Maggie Bailey Patterson

Numerous nieces and nephews

Two brothers, Jerry Cromer and Larry Cromer, three sisters, Shirley Dean, Glenna Brooks and Joan Adams, and mother-in-law, Effie (Strange) Bailey preceded her in death.

Norma was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldon, MO. She was a devout Christian who dearly loved her family and Jesus.

Visitation was held Monday, February 20, 2023 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO with the funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM. Burial followed at Dooley Cemetery.

Memorials in her name are suggested to Dooley Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO.

Peggy Eads



Peggy Eads, 64, of Brumley, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born Aug. 24, 1958, in Iberia, a daughter of the late Cecil and Alice (Witt) Plemmons. On Aug. 28, 1975, in Brumley, she was united in marriage to Michael Wayne Eads, who preceded her in death Sept. 17, 1997. In October of 2018, she was united in marriage to Gary Whittle, who survives at their home.

Mrs. Eads attended Brumley Christian Church.

In addition to her husband Gary Whittle, she is also survived by her daughter, Mandy (Jason) Witt; son, Shannon (Asami) Eads; five grandchildren, Tyler Witt, Zachary Witt, Miko Eads, Ken Eads, and Hana Eads; three great-grandchildren, Isabella Witt, Waylon Witt, and Mackenzie Witt; two stepsons, Brandon (Susie) Whittle and Brent Whittle; siblings, Darlene (Danny) Rowden, Vicky (Randy) Prater, Eric (Theresa) Plemmons, Dan (Janice) Plemmons, Doris Jeffries, Rita (David) VanDyke, and Marie Plemmons; and numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Dwayne Plemmons, Kerry Plemmons, and Darryl Plemmons.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m., with a closing prayer at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home in Iberia. Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Peggy Eads Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.fancher-rekusfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fancher-rekusfuneralhomes.com)

Joyce Diana Wood



Joyce Diana Wood (Porter, LaBrot), 67, of Eldon, Missouri died Saturday, February 18, 2023 at home. She was born September 23, 1955 in Granite City, Illinois, a daughter of the late David and Betty (Ponder, Hutchison) Porter. On June 18, 1999 in The Dalles, Oregon, she was united in marriage to Doug Wood who survives at their home. Mrs. Wood worked for Lowe’s and she also was employed as manager for fifteen years at Jiffy Stop.

Joyce enjoyed motorcycle riding, fishing, traveling and collecting Shirley Temple memorabilia. She dearly loved her family and many friends.

In addition to her loving husband Doug, she is survived by her daughter, Melinda LaBrot of Eldon, MO; her son, Chuck LaBrot (Nicky) of Brumley, MO; her adopted grandchildren, Zayne Wood of Lebanon, MO; Dawn Hope-Wood (Kayden) of Bellevue, MI; Joseph Wood of Eldon, MO, granddaughter, Madison daughter of Chuck and Nicky LaBrot; sisters, Sherry Berry of St. Clair, MO; Diana Simpson (Melford) of Philipsburg, PA; brother, Clinton Porter(Karen) of Iberia, MO; Uncle Bob Ponder (Marsha) of Granite City, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

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Esther Cooper Cotten White



Esther Cooper Cotten White, 76 of Eldon, Missouri passed away Monday, February 20, 2023 at her residence in Eldon, Missouri. She was born November 19, 1946 in Eldon, Missouri the daughter of the late Orville W. and Edna L. (Wright) Cooper. In 1991 in Eldon, Missouri she was united in marriage to Ray White who survives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Other survivors include:

Daughter, Lisa M. Dilday (Jack) of Anderson, MO

Son, Ricky L. Cotten of Camdenton, MO

Step-son, Clarence White of St. Joseph, MO

Eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great -great -grandchildren

Brothers, Howard Cooper of Kansas City, MO; Wayne Cooper (Carol) of Kansas City, MO

Three sisters, Marilyn Cooper, Rosemary Cooper & Ellen Cooper preceded her in death.

Esther attended Old Path Church of Eldon, MO and was former owner of Esther’s Diner in Eldon, MO.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO with the Funeral Service beginning at 2:00 PM with Rev. Michael Fisher and Kaydon Salamone officiating.

Burial will follow at Greenmore Memorial Gardens in Barnett, MO.

Memorials in her name are suggested In Care of the Family.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon, MO.

Billie Jean Burnett



Billie Jean Burnett, 84, of Eldon, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. She was born Sept. 25, 1938, a daughter of George and Etta Wright.

Survivors include: two children, Donald Wayne Burnett and Rose Marie Cooper; nine grandchildren, Anna Marie Payne of Agency, Catherine Jean Daniels of Eldon, Bridget Lee Adams of Kaiser, Paul Michaels of Leesburg, Va., Nathan Zink of Tampa, Fla, Shawn VanDayke of Eldon, Amber McCoin of St. Louis, Sherry Scott of Eldon and Ashley Orellana of Greenview; 29 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by step-daughter Jane Hackney, grandson Timothy Hackney and granddaughter Rhonda Hackney, all of Mesquite, Texas and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are four brothers: Dale, David, Gail, and Kenny. Services were held at noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach. The family welcomed friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until noon at the funeral home.

Memorial donations are suggested to Osage Beach Assembly of God Church.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared online at [www.hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com)

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MILLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

**CIRCUIT CLERK**  
Cases disposed of:  
Justina B. Kidwell vs. Jacob Garland Kidwell, Mary's Home, judgment of modification.  
Kylie S. Mandry vs. Zachary A. Mandry, Mexico, judgment of dissolution.  
In the matter of William Vincent Lennon, IV, order for appointment of go-guardians.  
**ASSOCIATE JUDGE**  
**DIVISION CIRCUIT COURT**  
Unless otherwise noted, guilty plea was entered.  
Johnny Rey Adkins, Eldon, failure to maintain financial responsibility, second or subsequent offense, fined \$90.50.  
Michael S. Arbogast Jr., Osage Beach, defective brakes, fined \$280.50; and careless and imprudent driving, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised probation for two years.  
Frances Coral Avila-Soto, Zanesville, Ohio, overwidth vehicle, fined \$426.50.  
Alicia Yvonne Bettencourt, Jefferson City, record expunged.  
Kevin Paul Brake, Eldon, no vehicle horn or horn not in good working order, fined \$180.50.  
Tucker Dean Bramon, Brumley, failure register vehi-

cle, fined \$50.50.  
Laurie Michelle Buckingham, Iberia, failure to display plates, fined \$150.50.  
Ceaser T. Bustamonte, Brumley, expungement of marijuana related charges.  
Leslie Scott Butler, O'Fallon, seat belt violation, fined \$10.  
Kala Nicole Byrd, Jefferson City, speeding, fined \$190.50; displayed/possessed plates of another, fined \$50; seat belt violation, fined \$10; and failure to maintain financial responsibility, first offense, fined \$100.  
Dalesa Clark, Columbia, driving while intoxicated, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised probation for two years.  
Jennifer L. Cole, Jefferson City, driving while intoxicated, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised probation for two years; and assault in the fourth degree with special victims, sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, and placed on court supervised probation.  
Roseanna Lynn Cook, Columbia, expungement of marijuana related offenses.  
Krista Nicole Faigle, Tipton, expungement of marijuana related offenses.

Dakota Jack Foley, Columbia, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to seven days in jail; and speeding, sentenced to seven days in jail.  
Darrick A. Higgs, order to expunge record.  
Sydney Nicolle Jackson, Raytown, overwidth vehicle, fined \$226.50.  
Joseph Anton Junker, Crocker, order to expunge record.  
Christopher Dale King, Eldon, violation of order of protection for an adult, sentenced to 30 days with credit for time served.  
Dawson James Koelling, Jefferson City, overwidth vehicle, fined \$426.50.  
Gavyn Andrew Lage, Eldon, defective brakes, fined \$180.50.  
Matthew J. Lively, Crocker, defective brakes, fined \$180.50.  
Anthony Curtis Love, Morristown, Tenn., order of expungement.  
Brandon Allen Lee May, Versailles, seat belt violation, fined \$10.  
Robert Lee Mills Jr., Lake Ozark, speeding, fined \$155.50.  
Scott Steven Mitchell, Lake Ozark, driving while intoxicated, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised

probation for two years.  
Scott Steven Mitchell, Lake Ozark, driving without a valid license, second offense, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised probation for two years.  
Jimmie J. Mordis Jr., Hollister, expungement of marijuana related offenses.  
Ashley Danielle Murphy, O'Fallon, Ill., defective brakes, fined \$230.50.  
David McKinley Orcutt III, Camdenton, defective brakes, fined \$330.50.  
Stacy Nicole Schumacher, Versailles, order of expungement.  
Clark Gilbert Tetley, Marshfield, expungement of marijuana related offenses.  
Sarah Mae Walker, Eldon, defective brakes, fined \$230.50.  
Sarah Mae Walker, defective brakes, fined \$400.  
Curtis T. Ware, Independence, leaving the scene of an accident, granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on court supervised probation for two years; and failure to drive on right half of roadway, fined \$80.50.  
Alexander William Wells, Jefferson City, speeding, fined \$100.50.

Multi-count cases result in prison terms

Several defendants appearing in Miller County Circuit Court last week faced multiple charges, nearly all felonies.  
Bryan Combs, Eldon, appeared in several multi-count cases and entered guilty pleas.  
In one, Combs entered pleas of guilty to stealing and unlawful possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to eight years in prison on each count.  
In another case, Combs received eight year sentences for two counts of stealing property worth \$750 or more. He also received four year sentences in each of 13 counts of stealing in the fourth degree or a subsequent stealing offense within 10 years.  
In a third case, Combs re-

ceived four year prison sentences for four counts of stealing in the fourth degree or a subsequent stealing offense within 10 years. In the final case, he was sentenced to four years in prison for stealing in the fourth degree or a subsequent stealing offense within 10 years.  
Erica Rashawn Eisenhour, Springfield, entered a plea of guilty to stealing in the fourth degree or a subsequent stealing offense within 10 years. She was sentenced to two years, which was suspended, and then was placed on probation for five years.  
Dennis Edington, Eldon, entered a plea of guilty to drug possession and was sentenced to seven years in prison, suspended. He was placed on probation for five

years. If he fails to successfully complete probation, he will have to serve the sentence and a seven year sentence levied in another drug possession case in which his probation was extended. Those sentences would be served concurrently.  
Kenneth E. Goldsberry, Montreal, entered pleas of guilty to three counts of tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree, and was sentenced to seven years on each. He also entered pleas of guilty to two counts of property damage in the first degree, and was sentenced to four years on both. All of the sentences were suspended and he will be on probation for five years.  
Adam Geoffrey Meyer, Lee's Summit entered a plea

of guilty to unlawful use of a weapon and was sentenced to a year in jail, suspended. He was placed on probation for two years.  
Daniel Joseph Percival, Kansas City, entered pleas of guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony, and driving without a valid license, first offense, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to four years in prison, which was suspended, on the first count and placed on probation for five years. He was fined \$200 on the misdemeanor count.  
John Alvah Simmons IV, Salem, entered a plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was granted a suspended imposition of sentence and placed on probation for five years.

Four arrested on drug charges

Four Eldon residents have been arrested on felony drug charges after a search warrant was served Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 301 N. Godfrey in Eldon.  
According to Eldon Police Chief **Brian Kidwell**, members of the Eldon Police Department and Miller County Sheriff's Department assisted the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force in serving the warrant.  
Items seized at the home are suspected to be methamphetamine and paraphernalia

for the use of methamphetamine.  
David A. Ruiz, Amy Ruiz, Tyler M. Tompkins and Trevor R. Tompkins were each arrested and have been charged with possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony.  
Kidwell noted that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. An arrest is not evidence of guilt.

One hurt in crash involving deer

A Jefferson City man was injured in a three-vehicle crash involving a deer at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 on Highway 52, ¼ of a mile east of Admire Road in Miller County.  
According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred as Abriannah N. Curtin, 18, was eastbound in a 2012 Ford Focus when her vehicle struck a deer, causing the deer to enter through the windshield of a westbound 2009 Toyota Scion XB, driven by Rebecca M. Dodd, 23, of Cole Camp and striking her in the face.  
The Dodd vehicle was then

rear-ended by a westbound 2011 Dodge Grand Caravan driven by Charles N. Ekeanyanwu, 61, of Jefferson City.  
All three drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash and Curtin had no insurance.  
Ekeanyanwu sustained moderate injuries in the crash and was transported by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City.  
The Grand Caravan was totaled in the crash, with moderate damage to the Toyota Scion and minor damage to the Ford Focus.

One injured in crash at 87 & C

A Jefferson City man suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle crash at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 on Highway 87 at Route C in Moniteau County.  
According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred as Evan C. Holmes, 25, of Jefferson City was westbound in a 2011 Honda CRV when he failed to yield to a southbound 2004 Dodge truck, driven by John

W. Graves, 66, of Eldon and was struck in the side by the truck.  
Both drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash and Holmes was transported by ambulance to Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City.  
The truck sustained extensive damage while the Honda CRV was totaled in the collision.

Grandparents raising grandkids support meeting

A support group meeting for grandparents raising and caring for their grandchildren will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 in Osage Beach.  
The meeting will be held in the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association regional training center on the upper level at 4821 Osage Beach Parkway.

The meeting will offer physical, emotional, spiritual and personal support and breakfast snacks and lunch is provided.  
Those wishing to attend should RSVP with a text or phone call to (573) 280-1659 or email fergfam2@icloud.com by Tuesday, March 7 to reserve a seat.

LAND TRANSFERS

These are the recent land transfers in Miller County by computer index, which contains only the first name appearing as grantors and grantees. Legal descriptions may also be abbreviated.  
The Reserve Island Development, LLC to Jeanith D. Miller, trustee, Unit 406, The Reserve at Isla Del Sol.  
Brian Robinson, trustee, to Gier Holdings II, LLC, a tract in Section 19, Township 40, Range 15/NE.  
Kelly Edwards, trustee, to Gier Holdings II, LLC, a tract in Section 19, Township 40, Range 15/NE.  
Jeannette L. Robinson, trustee, to Gier Holdings II, LLC, a tract in Section 19, Township 40, Range 15/NE.

Shadi M. Haddadin, trustee, to Follywood Farms LLC, a tract in Lot 4, Section 1, Township 39, Range 14/NW.  
Monte Davidson to Keith C. Browning, a tract in Section 33, Township 39, Range 14.  
Jeffrey L. Bopp, trustee, to Rodney Dean McGlothlen, Lot 1, Arrowhead Beach Club (rest not listed).  
Philip Jay Burghard to Melvin W. Callahan, Lot 16, Town 'n Country Plat 3.  
William B. Barnett to Monika Barnett, a tract in Section 9, Township 38, Range 12/SE.  
Eugene G. Bax to Thomas S. Bax, a tract in Section 15, Township 41, Range 12/NW/

NE.  
Madilyn Camille Doerhoff to Jeremy Todd Teschner, Lot 33, Snodgrass Addition, Eldon.  
Dickerson Rentals LLC to Bally Hoo Enterprises LLC, a tract in Section 14, Township 40, Range 16/NW.  
Steve Fisher to Marcela Fisher, trustee, Lot 12, Oak Harbour Estates, First Addition.  
Kevin Grace to Lanco Fortenberry, a tract in Section 15, Township 40, Range 15/SE.  
Scott Patterson to Cattail Creek Cattle Company LLC, a tract in Section 36, Township 40, Range 14/NE.  
Brookie L. Henson to Frederick Earl Conklin, a tract in

Section 31, Township 39, Range 13/NE, by beneficiary deed.  
June Kempker to Julie A. Horton, a tract in Section 2, Township 40, Range 13/NE, by beneficiary deed.  
Beverly Eichholz to Jason Thomas Edwards, Lot 37, Hereford Hills, Second Addition, Eldon, by beneficiary deed.  
Cory Christopher Anderson to Cory Christopher Anderson, trustee, a tract in Lot 5, Section 3, Township 39, Range 14/NW, by beneficiary deed.  
Christopher Len Bradley to Christopher Len Bradley, trustee, a tract in Section 36, Township 41, Range 13/NW, by beneficiary deed.

SBU honor students named

Area residents have been named to the Southwest Baptist University winter 2022 trustees' list.  
To be named to the list, students must carry at least 12 hours of college work at Southwest Baptist University and earn at least a 3.85 to 4.0 grade point average, with no grade below a C.  
Those named to the trustees' list are Emelia Miller, Harleigh Potucek and Kelsey Wallis, all from Eldon; and Heather Mote and Kaylie Slawson from Iberia.

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# GINNY’S GLIMPSES

BY GINNY DUFFIELD

We heard the news over the weekend that former President Jimmy Carter was entering hospice care. As he nears the end of his life, I wish him well.

Regardless of your politics, you surely recognize Mr. Carter as a truly remarkable human being. A good Christian, he immersed himself in good works after leaving the White House and was primarily known for his work with Habitat for Humanity.

As his life draws to a close, his publicly choosing to go into hospice care provides another service to us. Hospice care is something all of us should consider when we know we are nearing the end of our earthly existence. One of my parents was in hospice briefly at the end of life and my only regret is we had not made the decision for the service sooner. My parent had already made the decision they did not want heroic measures taken at the end and hospice was in keeping with their wishes to go quietly with palliative care keeping them as comfortable as possible.

Perhaps Mr. Carter’s final life chapter can spark discussions that need to be had in other families.

I’ve become an old pooh when it comes to technology. I’m amazed at the number of dogs which go missing from a property with an invisible fence. The description will mention they have on an electronic collar. I suppose in most instances their electronic collar’s battery wears out and they don’t get shocked so they take off.

But, we had a spaniel that discovered if he just ran fast enough through a livestock rated electric fence, it didn’t hurt that bad and so he’d take a run through the garden fence every day when loose in the yard.

I would never trust an electronic fence because of him.

He had a good recall. One of my current dogs does not, so she is on a leash when I’m out with her and then is either in the house or in a chainlink kennel otherwise.

And I also hope all those missing dogs get found.

I agree with our Sen. Josh Hawley that TikTok needs to be outlawed on our phones. I know lots and lots of folks use it but the Chinese are data mining with it. It needs to go.

I also am of the opinion that the free-for-all on social media when it comes to lies, vicious gossip and the like needs to be regulated. If internet companies had to abide by the same laws newspapers and broadcasters must abide by, a lot of the garbage would disappear.

I actually think much of what is on the internet is garbage and you have to be really, really careful of your source. In fact, if I’m researching something, I’ll go to several sources and if they don’t agree then I consider the info suspect. There are certain sources that I’ve found to be reliable for certain types of information and there are certain sources that have proven to be wrong a lot, and being wrong may be intentional.

The internet is the wild, wild west and suspicion is well placed.



## The Benne Blog

Rendering • Reminiscing • & Rambling

Definition of forgive: stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw, or mistake.

I think more often than not we have a misconceived notion about what 'to forgive' actually means. My opinion, we often believe that to forgive someone for a transgression means we are actually doing the offender a favor. But if you refer to this definition we are doing ourselves a favor. Being angry all the time is completely exhausting. It impacts every aspect of your life from your health to your happiness.

Mom and I were chatting this week about parenting and how it has changed over time. When one of her daughters would smart off we got the soap in the mouth. Let me tell you what, this worked. Did not take many times and we learned to speak to her with respect! Then when we had kids and she was a grandma they got vinegar because she saw a talk show about how soap caused a bad reaction for a kid. Levi loved vinegar so he did not mind her punishment. He would lick his lips and inform her that it was 'delicious!' Parenting is hard, grandparenting is hard but way more fun!

I have been a mother for 35 years this week. I can't even begin to tell you the amount of times where I fell short and would beat myself up at night. I can recall events in each of my children's lives where I did not react in a proper way and carried guilt with me for years. I still remember vivid details of several situations.... but I do not carry the guilt that is disguised as unforgiveness. Unforgiveness for myself! How many times in my life have I felt angry or resentful towards MYSELF for an offense, flaw or mistake? Countless times. I have learned over time that forgiving myself is an amazing gift. Carrying this anger around inside of you to-

wards other people will steal your joy. But, carrying anger inside of yourself for yourself will disable you each and every day. When I weigh out the good and the bad, there was way more good in my parenting than bad. My kids are all self-sufficient, productive members of society, they have good hearts, and take care of those around them. What more could a mom ask for?

This past weekend I witnessed one of the largest acts of forgiveness in my life. We drove nine hours to go visit Brian's dad, a dad he had only seen twice in forty plus years. There was no anger or resentment towards his dad or the situation. He did not have the desire to ask any 'whys.' He only wanted to move forward. I heard him tell an old classmate not long ago that "I can see more through the windshield than I can through the rearview mirror." Well, we looked through that windshield for nine hours as we made the trip to spend his first weekend with his dad in over forty years. Once we arrived I witnessed another great act of forgiveness as Brian's dad forgave himself. This cleared the way for two men to have a really good weekend together and set the stage for many more to come.

The very act of not forgiving yourself or someone else will hinder your walk in life, it will disable you. It is too heavy a burden to carry while traveling. We have places to go and people to see- traveling light is the way to go.

•Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

•Forgiveness sets a prisoner free, and then you discover that prisoner was you.

•Forgiveness is freedom.

Benne Myers, if you can't find the good- be the good.



## WILLARD HALEY CAPITOL REPORT

BY 58TH DISTRICT STATE REP. WILLARD HALEY

The Missouri House gave preliminary approval this week to a legislative proposal that would help the Kansas City Police Department attract and retain the very best law enforcement personnel. With a first-round voice vote, House Members approved legislation that would allow the department to offer better pay to officers and the chief of police. HBs 640 and 729 would eliminate the current authorized salary ceiling for the Kansas City police chief and allow the Board of Police Commissioners to establish a salary ceiling by resolution. The bill would also eliminate the existing salary ceilings for police officers, computed according to rank, and empower the board to use the salary minimums as a base in pay ranges for officers in crafting their comprehensive pay schedule program.

Lawmakers approved legislation this week aimed at protecting businesses, schools, and churches from burdensome government mandates. By a vote of 105-36, the House approved HB 184 to prohibit local ordinances requiring businesses to pay for new electric vehicle charging stations. The bill's sponsor said his legislation comes in response to a trend that has seen municipalities mandate that small businesses, shopping centers, and churches install and pay for electric charging stations whenever they make improvements to their facilities. He said an ordinance in St. Louis County requires businesses to add and pay for electric charging stations even if they expand their parking lot.

During the same week we discussed legislation to improve pay for Kansas City police officers, Gov. Parson called on legislators to provide additional support for a program that is designed to attract more Missourians to law enforcement careers. Parson announced the Missouri Blue Scholarship has already helped fund the training for 217 Missouri law enforcement recruits and asked lawmakers to approve new funding for the program. Parson announced the Missouri Blue Scholarship program in October as a way to help attract more Missourians to law enforcement careers and address officer shortages in law enforcement agencies across the state.

I participated in several Hearings this week. The highlight of these was when I presented HB

44 to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee. The passage of this Bill will result in the naming of a portion of U.S. Highway 50, the "SGT James L. Shipley Memorial Highway. With only a 24 hour notice, five individuals from the Tipton community agreed to appear in person at this Hearing to testify in favor of this Bill. John Schuster, John Brant, Jill Tobin, Henry Suddarth, and Vernon Gage praised Mr. Shipley and expressed their support. Their attendance and testimony tugged at the heartstrings of the members of the committee, who were moved by the stories they told. It was unfortunate the author of the book about James Shipley, Jeremy Amick could not attend. Mr Amick spent numerous hours interviewing Mr. Shipley and is very knowledgeable about his life and experiences. Amick's book, "Together as one" chronicled the life of James Shipley.

In recognition of Career and Technical Education Month, many CTE students and their advisors visited my office, the House Chamber, and toured the Whispering Gallery & Dome. Those attending included: From the Eldon Career Center, Advisors Mandy Asbury, Emily Waller, Lori Rice and Alex Stichnote, along with SkillsUSA members Alex Brake and Alex Daniels, FCCLA members Ivy Rowden, Kat Rhoads and Grace Flaugher, FBLA members Jade Fletcher, Reese Rawlings, & Brandon Bertrand, and FFA members Cali Smith, McKenzie Ferguson, Autumn Allen, Hannah Beanland and Henry Naught; attending from the California High School included Advisor Adam Bieri and FFA members Ella Percival, Gabby Rohrbach and Emma Russell; from the Nichols Career Center, CTE Director Cody Bashore, advisor Stacy Buschman, FFA members Riglee Welty and Savannah Williams, and SkillsUSA members (from California High School) Lydia Banderman and Steven Gentry.

I also enjoyed attending the Tipton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting one evening and visiting with Dr. Amanda Shipp from the Capital Region Clinic in Versailles, who visited the capitol.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact me at (573) 751-2077 or email [willard.haley@house.mo.gov](mailto:willard.haley@house.mo.gov).

# MILLER COUNTY HISTORY

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## Excerpts from "Been There....Done That!"

by Gary Graham

I was raised by my grandparents, Sam and Della Tannehill, in a two-bedroom tin-roof farmhouse built by my grandfather alongside Bear Creek. My mother worked as a waitress to support us. My father left when I was three. I remember my grandmother working in the garden all day long in the summer so we could have food to get through the winter. I thought more of my grandfather than anyone else in the world. He was a hard worker, employed for a dollar a day building gravel roads. We butchered hogs with our neighbors, then hung the quarters in the smokehouse and cured the hams; no modern refrigeration. Water came in a bucket from the well. We cooked on a wood stove that sat in the middle of the house. When it was freezing, the stove had a place to put an iron that Grandma would run over the bed before I got in to warm it up for me. The featherbed kept me nice and warm until I had to get out and make the five-yard dash to the stove. The only thing I resented was wearing patched clothing.

When I was eight my mother Meryle married Carney Graham, owner of The Casablanca on the Bagnell Dam Strip. Moving to Lake Ozark from my grandparents' place was a completely different lifestyle. My mother took me to the J Bar H Rodeo where I saw the attention Hank Snow got, signing autographs and pictures. I also saw calf roping and practiced hard at that back home. One day I roped the milk cow. That got me the whipping of the century. I was back to roping fence posts and anything else, but not the milk cow. Tex Varner had a riding stable and some rodeo stock in the State Park and he let me practice there. When I was 13, my mother and Carney took my horse and me to the J Bar H Rodeo, not knowing competitors had to be members of the Rodeo Association. They told my mother if she would sign a waiver, I could get to exhibition rope. Nine ropers went before me then I roped my calf with the fastest time. It was the first great day of my life. The memory of the applause motivated me.

A lot of people in our family were musically inclined. I recall them playing guitar and my grandmother playing piano at church. Sometimes my relatives would get together to perform. I started singing at a young age. There wasn't any television or other entertainment. We had a radio with two knobs so we could get the Grand Ole Opry.

Carney taught me to develop plenty of hustle and go out and get what I want. I enlisted in the Navy when I turned 17. It wasn't until I was in the military that I started doing shows. I was always an entertainer first and a musician second.

After leaving the Navy I met Bob Allen Nigg. He was a guitarist and vocalist, working as a lifeguard at the State Park. We played together on weekends just for tips. I started thinking maybe we could get the right musicians and put together a band. Bob actually brought all the players together. We called ourselves The Spartans. It all happened pretty quickly but there was no real money in playing the local clubs at our scale. We loaded up and headed out on Route 66 to travel westward. As an up and coming musician in the 1960s in Southern California, I was at the right place at the right time. We played clubs in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Washington, D.C. We met and worked with people we'd idolized, from Hank Williams, Jr. to Herman's Hermits and from Willie Nelson to Elvis.

Bob Nigg had been drafted and sent to Vietnam. When he came back in 1968 we put a new band together, and contracted to play in military clubs in Hawaii. We did bookings in the Far East, then found ourselves in Vietnam. The soldiers were as good an audience as it gets. To have more time with my family, I signed to produce Grandstand Shows at the Missouri State Fair and be stage manager for the Wrangler Jeans Talent Contest.

The thing I learned quickly was that if I want to succeed, I need to go after it; it won't come to me, and I have to be really on the side of yes, not no."

# BLAINE’S BULLETIN

BY 3RD DIST. OF MO. U.S. REP. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

With a new Congress often comes new assignments, and I’m looking forward to the important work that will be getting done on my committees and subcommittees. I will continue my service on the House Small Business Committee that serves as an advocate for the small businesses nationwide who work so hard for the communities they serve and keep our local economies humming along. My work on the House Financial Services Committee will continue, and I will be leading the new Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions as chairman. This subcommittee coordinates nicely with my new assignment to the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. The world has been turning a blind eye to inappropriate actions of the Chinese Communist Party for far too long, and I plan to hold them to account in both of my capacities.

As I discussed last week, I’ve been chosen to serve on the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. This committee will help United States keep a closer eye on the corrupt CCP and their many unwelcome invasions on the American people – most recently via our airspace. While the Chinese are spying on us via the internet and electronics daily, these flying objects sent a clear message to the United States: the Chinese government has no regard for the privacy of American citizens and does not fear our government. After some hesitation from the Administration, we have since learned that this balloon left China in January and flew over where some of our country’s most secret and powerful weapons are stored – which did not exclude Missouri. This overt display of aggression just reinforces the fact that the Select Committee’s work is more needed than ever. We plan to take a deeper look into how else the CCP is invading our national privacy and ways we can sanction and stop these unethical, corrupt practices. Our national security is at risk, and holding the CCP accountable for these practices has become an urgent matter.

But my work holding the CCP accountable won’t be exclusive to the Select Committee on China. This Congress, I have been elected to serve as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions on the House Financial Services Committee. My goal in leading this subcommittee is to combat the threat China poses to our nation’s financial health. It is no secret that the Chinese have been interfering with and influencing our economy for years. But in the CCP’s quest to become the world’s greatest economic super-

power, they have also become blatantly corrupt with shady business dealings, continue to profit off human rights violations against their own people, and have proven they are not to be trusted with stunts like flying a spy balloon in plain sight over our country. But the biggest problem is the hand the Chinese government has in the American financial system, and that’s where my subcommittee comes in. While we can’t necessarily control the way another country does business, we can do more to stop China from inappropriately accessing our financial markets, combat the IP fraud they use to steal American technology, and stop institutions like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund from giving the CCP preferential treatment and sweetheart loan agreements. The CCP is currently being held to a different set of standards and rules than the rest of the world, and that needs to end.

This Congress I am also proud to serve on the House Small Business Committee again. Last Congress, our goal was getting our nation’s small businesses through the pandemic and overseeing the Small Business Administration to ensure it is doing its job of advocating for American job creators and entrepreneurs. Now that life is back to normal and most of these businesses are out of survival mode, helping them thrive is our top priority. Eliminating unnecessary regulation and government red tape so they can spend more time serving customers than doing paperwork will be very important. And my colleagues and I will of course continue working to get our economy back on track so small businesses can stop paying the current inflationary costs for goods and labor that make it impossible to turn a profit.

Regardless of what committees I serve on, my priorities for serving Missouri’s Third District remain the same: advocating for our farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to keep our state’s agricultural tradition alive and well, building on the historic progress we’ve made in the fight for the unborn, protecting Second Amendment rights, and righting the ship with our economy so that families and small businesses can support themselves without worry – to name a few. There’s no shortage of work to be done, and we are just getting started.

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MT. HERMAN AREA NEWS

**by Rose Bond**  
Good day!  
We are in that roller coaster weather lately. One day it will be chilly, but sunny and the next day the wind will be blowing fiercely and snow blowing around. And then freezing rain would fall during the night and turn into snow. But, it still is the winter season.  
Last Tuesday, the Red Hat Divas of Eldon gathered for a Valentine Party. Linda Procter gave each of us a valentine and each lady brought a gift to be shared. Joanna Duncan read the love story in John. We passed our gifts to the next person each time the word 'love' was said. Joanna Duncan also brought small gifts for BINGO games. Those taking part in the festivities were: Joanna Duncan, Deanna Kolb, Peggy Martin, Florence Crouch, Patricia Duncan, Linda Procter, Kathleen Maher, Bobette Merkel, Pat Coats, Betty Morris, Barb Jenkins and Rose Bond. Joanna Duncan blessed the food, and a sympathy card was signed by all for Mary Jane Stark for the loss of her good friend Sam Bittle.  
Last Thursday Mike and Linda Procter, Forrest Ganther and Dixie Quinn traveled to Warrensburg to visit Carol Hutcherson who is in rehab there. She was in a good mood and thankful for visitors and cards.  
Wednesday Larry had an appointment with Dr. McCullom, a dermatologist at JCMG. She burned a couple of places off his ears, but said he was clear.  
Thursday, Larry and I played BINGO at the Senior Center, and then did some shopping.

Friday I had a mammogram at Capitol Region. We did some shopping and had lunch before Larry's appointment with Dr. Haddadin. He said his lab work looked good.  
Saturday I visited with Sandy Carroll at the Lee House. Then we went shopping to get Larry some new pants and shirt for my grandson Dustin Belk's wedding.  
Last Wednesday Shelly Parks picked up her parents Roxanne and Donald Parks of Manhattan, N.Y. and Dustin Belk's daughter Lanie Belk of Colorado, from KCI airport for Dustin and Shellie's wedding on Sunday.  
Brother Kent Hutcherson and Dave Stewart came over Wednesday for a prayer meeting.  
Tammy Porter and Anna McGinnis, Kelsey and Ryker visited with Carol Hutcherson at Warrensburg Nursing and Rehab.  
Cody Tucker and Halie Gier arrived at Jon Gier's home late Friday night. I visited with them for a while Saturday.  
Cody and Halie visited his mother Jane Sunday morning. I picked up lil' Jon, Ethan and Annabelle for church. We enjoyed lunch and then got ready for my grandson Dustin Belk and Shellie Park's wedding. The ceremony took place at Bridal Cave near Camdenton. The reception was at Thunder Mtn. Event Center. It was a chore to go down 20 steps into the cave and then all the people inside the cave to witness the wedding. Shelly had an absolutely gorgeous gown. Dustin's son Dayson and friends looked really sharp in their black suits. Those present were: Shelly's parents Donald and Roxanne

Parks, her son and family and other friends, Larry and I, Rhonda and Randy Nelson, Matthew Lovett, Chad and Hannah Nelson, Hazel and Ricky, Chris Godbey, Kerri McCorkle, Angela Janney, Megan and Rusty McCully, and McKenna, Jon Gier, lil' Jon, Ethan and Annabelle, Emily and Natalie Porter, Cody Tucker and Halie Gier, and a lot of their friends. Dustin's boss C.J. helped with the wedding and was best man. It was a beautiful day and wedding. I pray that they have a wonderful life together.  
A big thanks to Anna Curtis who did some alterations on the dress I wore to the wedding.  
Brother Kent Hutcherson took Dave Stewart and Bill Martin out for lunch in Eldon. After dropping them off, he traveled to Warrensburg to spend the day with Carol. Tammy and Michael Porter accompanied him.  
Jeffrey Bond of Allendale, Michigan called Larry Thursday night and talked for a long while. We have Jesse Bond's wedding to go to next month. Jeffrey will be doing the ceremony.  
Darryl Bond of Vandalia called Larry on Friday night and visited for a while. He wanted to make sure we had a ride to Jesse's wedding. Mark will drive us.  
Until next week, stay healthy and safe. Pray for our country, our nations's leaders, our troops and their families. Also pray for all those in our community that have lost loved ones, are having health problems or financial difficulties.



Iberia R-V FFA labor auction - Auctioneer Jim Humphrey auctioning freshmen Isaac Parker and Noah Fancher during the Iberia R-V FFA labor auction Saturday, Feb. 4.



Understanding how school board works-The Nobles 4-H club had their monthly meeting Sunday, February 19. The members discussed upcoming events like Miller County Fair and Miller County 4-H Activity Night. Some members volunteered to put on a demonstration for the Extension Council's Annual Banquet. In 4-H lingo, it's known as Demonstration Day. We also had a guest speaker from the Eldon R-1 School Board. Jerry Kaibel helped members understand what the school board does and how important it is to have a board. Split into 2 groups, members learned a new recipe and baked cookies for the school board members. Nobles meets the third Sunday of the month at Bethany Lutheran Church. We are very grateful to have use of their facility for our meetings.



Listen to your elders, you young whippersnappers-Iberia R-V second graders recently dressed like 100 year-olds to celebrate 100 days of school.

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**BRUMLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Den Witt, Speaker**  
Scripture reading: 1 John 3  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Church 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer request for: all those that lost loved ones in the military, leaders of our country, schools, government, James Phillips, Jim Cochran, Alma Byrd, Jeff Davenport, Peggy Whittle, Evelyn Williams, Billy Humphrey, Harley Onstott, Sue and Danny Rodden, Kenny Irwin, Zeb Steen, Chuck Harrison, Trinidad Guardiola, Tony Piggatt, Erma Byrd, Charlie Zeigenbein, Randy and Becky Malenberg, Doug Luttrell, Gerald Witt, Ronald Jeffries, Dane Steenburgen, Plemmons family, and Beal family.

**ULMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Kevin Blackburn, Pastor**  
**Steve Robertson, Sunday School Superintendent**  
**Connie Wickham, Reporter**  
Hi, hope you're having a blessed week.  
We sang "Happy Birthday" to Kay Graham and Taylor Honeycutt. God bless you both.  
Elmer Halderman sang "You Never Mention Him to Me," accompanied by Angie Robertson.  
Doug Cooper gave a testimony.  
Carol Meyer gave a testimony about her journey through her cancer treatments. She showed grace, love and gratitude. Please keep her in prayer.  
Brother Kevin's message was from Colossians 2:14. Not only were our sins forgiven at the cross, but those rules that condemn us have been removed by the death of our Savior.  
Please lift up in prayer: Dan Steenburgen, Addilynn Baker, Gerald Witt, Peggy Eads, Gary Whittle, Tammy and Colten, Jennifer Pemberton, Tyler Colvin, Tony Piggott, Jamie Rodden, Emerson Landreth, Tom McClelland, Kevin and Tressa Blackburn, Carol Meyer, Gwen Bunich, Johnny Blackburn, Gabby Strickland, Jim Aliksaites, Devin Duncan, Lane Nixdorf, Sue Nixdorf, Paul Bowden, Alma Byrd, Darrell Crowell, Vicki (Star) Varner, Jesse and Rayma Flaughter, the unsaved, and the Plemmons family.  
Our Friendship Banquet was wonderful!  
Come Visit us at Ulman Baptist Church where great things are always happening.  
"If my people will humble themselves, then I will hear from Heaven." 2 Corinthians 7:14

**BRAYS ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Brian Duncan, Interim Pastor**  
**Carrie Fritchey, Sunday School Superintendent**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.  
We sang "Happy Anniversary" to Roger and Alice Lane.  
Prayer concerns were for the Shawn Ponder family, Pam Mahoney family, Joyce Porter Labrot family, Jennifer Pemberton, Matt Hodge, Josh Hensley, Viola Rowden, Gwen Mace, John Witt, Myrel Dake, Jackie Davenport, Ivory Wilson, Phyllis Allen, Kenny Fisher, Janice Humphreys, Mike Hanson's friend, Bob Howk, Flora Copeland, Edna Humphrey, Karl Eatherton, Carol Parker, Devin Duncan, Alma Byrd, Dave Duncan, Evelyn Ruppel, Shelby Nelson, Doc and Linda Roberts, Lenora Robbins, Laverne Belk, Kim Minnick, Noah Owens, Dane Steenburgen, Patti Fehlig, Dave Frizzell, Fred Helms, Roger Lane, Earthquake victims, those with Covid, those traveling, our country and military, those in nursing homes, and unspoken needs.  
Alice Lane led the Worship Service.  
Brian Duncan brought the message from Acts 8:35-39.  
A soup and salad dinner was held following the morning services.  
Activities:  
Saturday, Feb. 25, Camp Wilderness workday, all inside cleaning, etc. Help will be appreciated.

**IBERIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Brenda Thompson, Reporter**  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Terry Tabor led the singing today.  
Dwayne Thompson's reading was Proverbs 13.  
Andrew Keeth's edification was on "Believers and Nonbelievers." At the end he told an awesome story about Tim Tebow and John 3:16. God always works in mysterious ways.  
Prayers for: Tammy and Russell Martin (Tammy's mother passed away Friday); continued prayers for Becky Malmberg (she is in St Joseph's Bluff care center in Jefferson City for therapy after surgery); Lisa Moulder (hip surgery); Myrl Pendleton (recovering from gall bladder surgery); Dane Steenburgen, Shawn Ponder family, Carol Meyers, Margot Thompson.

We are hosting a wedding shower for Aerial Schaffer and Wade Bond, Sunday, March 5, here at the church.  
Congratulations to Dante and Edwin on their Academic Bowl team winning first place. So proud of you.

**MT. ZION CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Charlie Worstell, Minister**  
Greetings, what a beautiful Sunday to worship!  
We are praying for Dane Steenburgen, Rayma and Jesse Flaughter, Sue Nixdorf, Omega Vaughn, Lee and Wanda Todd, those who have lost loved ones, and those dealing with cancer or other illness.  
We praise God for the many blessings He provides for us daily.  
Sherry Glawson read Joshua 24:15, and led our song service. Rayma Flaughter and Nancy Graves played accompaniment.  
Brother Charlie titled his sermon "One Chance." There were those in the scripture who had one chance to meet Jesus. The rich, young ruler who sadly walked away. Then the woman at the well who went and told the whole town about Jesus. Even Jesus had to make the choice of following His Father's will or not. To save himself or to save us from our sin, Romans 5:6-8, I'm so thankful He chose to save us.  
We invite you to join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday School, and 11 a.m. for Church services. We are located across from the Miller County Nursing Home. Your friends at Mt. Zion.

**CORTICELLI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corticelli Baptist Church had Sunday School attendance of 51.  
Those in the praise and worship group were: Debbie and

Erin Schroer, Tonya Stockwell, Penny Knoche and Billi Galliher.  
Special music was a vocal duet by Debbie and Erin Schroer. Kendal Wright was baptized.  
Interim Pastor Greg Morrow brought the morning message.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church had Sunday School attendance of 65. The morning worship service was attended by 184.  
FFA (Future Farmers of America) week was observed. Many FFA members attended.  
Sarah Kennedy played the piano. Olivia Windsor and Ava Phillips led the singing.  
Mike Nichols gave the opening prayer.  
Special music was a vocal solo by Marsha Wyss, accompanied by Curtis Wyss on the guitar.  
Brother Paul Young brought the morning message.  
Following the morning service there was a dinner honoring the FFA members.

**ENON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Brother Frank Whitney brought the message Sunday morning at the Enon Baptist Church.  
Dee Ellen Atkinson led the singing, and Rosalie Wyss played the piano.  
There was a business meeting following the worship service.

**IBERIA CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**A Church Of Free Thinkers Since 1871**  
**Brother Evan Shackleford, Minister**  
**Janet Keeth, Music Ministry**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Church service 10:30 a.m.  
Sympathy and prayers to the family of Darlene Lund.  
Healing prayers are for: Evan and Eric Shackleford, Kenneth and Dan Denton, Wanda Leach, Danielle Hendricks, Pam Keeth, Amy Reed, Leona Hogue, Sara Nelson, Kim Minnick, Chuck Leonardi, Joe Ewing, Diane Bax, Dane Steenburgen, Ivory Wilson, and Devin Atkisson.  
Please remember our hospitals, nursing homes, caregivers, police, fire, and military men and women.  
Pray for Ukraine.

**IBERIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday services 11 a.m.  
We had a rather impromptu service this week, without Sister Linda to lead us. We wish her a speedy recovery from the flu.

Brother Steve and Sister Julia stepped in and cobbled together the prayers and message, and the congregation chose their favorite hymns. I think God blessed our service because it all came together for the benefit of all.

We received a letter from The Well asking for donations because they are running short of supplies. Donations can be made directly to The Well, or you can bring donations to church on Sunday and Debbie Perkins will take them there.

Announcements:  
Fellowship dinner next Sunday, Feb. 26.  
The new Upper Room booklets are in the sanctuary.  
We shared joy to have Sharon McVicker with us this week.  
We asked a special blessing on Betty, the family, and the many, many friends of our former Pastor, Paul Prater, as we mourn his loss. We asked healing prayers for: Linda Skouby, Dane Steenburgen, Jack Addams, Cathy Givens, and Jennifer Pemberton. We also prayed for the end of the flu outbreak at the school, and asked a blessing on the janitors who will be cleaning the building during the holiday weekend. We also asked traveling grace for those on the roads this weekend.  
Our Bible reading came from Romans 12:1-8, about the different gifts God has bestowed upon each of us. Sister Julia used this (and an essay from an Upper Room that was on the pulpit) to talk about puzzles. She said we are each an individual and unique piece of God's puzzle, a special element in God's grand picture, and we are best able to accomplish His will for us when we intersect with others.

**FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE OF IBERIA**  
**Ernie and Trina Miller, Pastors**  
801 High Street, Iberia, Mo.; 573-793-6116; website fgtiberia.org. Facebook page Full Gospel Tabernacle of Iberia. Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday night service 6:30 p.m., Friday night prayer service 7-8 p.m., Youth service Monday nights 5:30-7 p.m.  
"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves."  
Matthew 10:16  
We sang "Happy Birthday" to Hilda Workman.  
Sister Trina taught the adult Sunday school class on "The Parable of the Unfaithful Servant." She explained how we need to trust in the Master's mercy.  
Pastor Ernie spoke from Luke 8:38-39 on "Sacrifice and Dedication."

Our next Missions Sunday, is Feb. 26. During this time we will hear all about Josh and Elizabeth Baker's mission trip to Haiti. We will also have a special speaker that day as well.  
For the month of March the Promise Keepers and Gals of Grace will meet 8 a.m., March 4, at the Iberia First Assembly of God Church.  
The Salt and Light Youth group fundraiser dinner last Saturday was very successful. We want to thank everyone who helped make it so. They will not be having their youth service this Monday, Feb. 20, but will resume next Monday evening.

We have begun a fundraiser pledge drive for our new heating system. Several have made pledges toward this, anyone interested in helping, please contact our pastors or any board member. The deadline goal is April 2.  
You can go to fgtiberia.org now and check out our 5 different missions programs and how you can make contributions directly, and also you can pay missions offerings, tithes, etc. on this website directly, as well as your prayer requests. You can donate through Amazon Wish list QR code. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a child monthly (\$30) please contact Bumpy Roads Ministry on FaceBook.  
Thought for the week: Forgive your enemies, it messes with their heads!  
If you're looking for a church where the message of Christ is preached and the power of God is felt, you are welcome in any of our services. We're a going church for a soon coming Lord!

**OLEAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Robert Hoskins, Pastor**  
**Lois Faulconer, Reporter**

The Sunday school class studied the story of Jezebel from 1 Kings 18 and 21. Married to Ahab, king of Israel, she was an evil woman who lived nearly nine centuries before Christ. She was the daughter of the pagan king of a neighboring country, and during the 22 years of Ahab's reign, the name of his wife became a household curse. Jezebel manipulated everyone she came in contact with and repeatedly defied the word of God.  
Adrianne Barry was the song leader for the worship service.  
Birthday greetings were extended to Lisa Hill.  
Brother Bob's message was on how Jesus uses us. His first text was 1 Corinthians, where Paul was teaching the Corinthians. He told them that both Jews and Greeks request a sign. To the Jews it is a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness. He said the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.  
His next text was Ephesians 2:8, which states that by grace we have been saved, through faith, and not of ourselves. It is a gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast.  
His last text was from 2 Timothy 3:16. This reads that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.  
Pray for those who are ill or suffering, and give thanks for His blessings.

**MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Kent Hutcherson, Pastor**  
**Rose Bond, Reporter**  
It was a good day at Mt. Herman Baptist Church Sunday.  
Brother Kent took his message from Luke 19:37-38. He entitled his message "The Stones Cried Out." The 1st: stone tablet Moses threw down and broke. 2nd: Moses carved new stones and God wrote on them. 3rd: Moses struck the stone and water flowed. 4th: Jesus gave living water. 5th: Moses struck the stone twice. Good message Brother Kent.

**IBERIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday: Sunday School 9:45, Morning Worship 10:55, Evening Worship 6 p.m., Choir Practice 5 p.m.; Wednesday: Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study 7 p.m., Youth Meeting 7 p.m. (6th grade and up), GriefShare meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.  
"Happy Birthday" was sung to Hudson Sylvester, Dan Sylvester, and Legacy Riemensnider.  
The Missions Moment was brought by Brian Campbell.  
Catechism was, "Which is the Third Commandment?" Exodus 20  
Brother Roy's morning message was "A Cracker and a Cup" using scripture from Matthew 26:17-30.  
At the close of service, Hunter Duncan came forward as a candidate for church membership.

Women on Mission have set aside the month of February for a mission project to collect laundry detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, and bleach. These items will ensure that people in our community can have clean clothes. Place your donations in the box in the foyer.  
Easter candy and jelly bean donations are needed for Easter.

Operation Christmas Child silent auction to help ship OCC boxes will be held March 12-26. Each Sunday there will be items up for auction in the foyer. Please see Beth if you would like to donate an item or basket.  
We will be helping to host a baby shower for Austin and Deborah Bryant, 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at Camdenton First Baptist Church. See Beth for more information.  
We will have a Passover Seder meal on April 2. Let us know if you would like to help plan this event.

If you have any bulletin items, please contact the office.  
If you would like to support the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, you can purchase a birthday mug from former years for \$2.  
Join us for pancakes with the pastor on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

There is a box in the foyer for "Questions for the Pastor." Write your question and deposit it in the box.  
If you are not on the OneCall list and wish to be added, please contact Brother Roy or Brian.  
The Campbells can in the foyer is for any donations of non-perishable food items that can be given to those in our community with needs. We are currently in need of many items for our pantry.

We are also continuing to collect loose change for the Pure Water Pure Love program which is used to provide a well for those who do not have clean drinking water. There is a bucket at the front of the church to place donations.  
Prayer requests are for Alma Hill, Bart Daniel, Bonnie Ahart, Beth Humphrey, Christopher Trusty, Dane Steenburgen, Darrell Moore, Elaine Cleland, Gloria Moore, Howie Burd, Johnny Hutchins, Jim Woods, John Witt, Kim Minnick, Kim and Scott Russell, Lita Lynn Keeth, Marge Adams, Marilyn Sue Hayes, Nancy Zink, OCC, Oneta Bryant, Roger Nelson, Rosie Pemberton, Terry Tabor, Walt Pollard, Wanda Bell, VBS follow-up, The Well ministry, local schools, Iberia, our country, Pure Water/Pure Love, and global missions.

**FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Randy Stohs, Pastor**  
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Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
We sang "Happy Birthday" to Joe Amos. May the Lord bless you.  
Greg's Sunday School lesson was from 1Corinthians 1:10-31.  
Cora played the piano before Greg brought the message from Luke 2:2.  
We prayed for all of those on our prayer list and for those who have unspoken prayer requests.  
If you are seeking a church home, our doors are always open at the Fairview Christian Church.

**HIGH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School attendance at High Point Baptist Church was 69. Worship time had 73. Children's time was given by Phil and Regenia Wyrick.  
Wednesday Awana desserts will be provided by Wanda Potter, Madisyn Ruppel, and Missy Blankenship.  
The Rev. Omar Segovia from the Mo. Baptist Convention filled in for Brother Heber who will be coming home from his mission trip to El Salvador this week.  
The men and boys Wild Game Supper will be held at First Baptist Church in California on March 10 at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish (game or tame). Jared Proctor is this year's speaker.

Church news deadline is noon Tuesday.  
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## ELDON SENIOR CENTER MENU

**Feb. 22 - March 3**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 22** – Meatloaf, mashed potato/gravy, green beans, roll/margarine, cake, soup: baked potato.  
**Thursday, Feb. 23** – Pulled pork/bun, carrots, coleslaw, fruited Jell-O, soup: cheesy potato.  
**Friday, Feb. 24** – Lasagna, applesauce, broccoli, garlic bread, mousse, soup: cook's choice.  
**Monday, Feb. 27** – Philly cheese steak/bun, tater tots, salad, fruit salad, soup: pasta fagioli.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 28** – BBQ Sluggers, corn, potato salad, bread, margarine, blushing applesauce, soup: cheeseburger.  
**Wednesday, March 1** – Oven fried chicken, green beans/potato & bacon,

baked apples, roll/margarine, cake, soup: beefy wild rice.  
**Thursday, March 2** – Hamburger or hot dog on bun, lettuce/tomato/pickle, baked beans, macaroni salad, brownie, soup: broccoli cheese.  
**Friday, March 3** – Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, roll/margarine, pie, soup: white chicken chili.  
Soup available daily from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Whole wheat bread/margarine served daily. Hot tea available.  
Senior Center located at 926 E. North Street; telephone number is 573-392-6102. Meals are subject to change without notice. (Must be 60-years-old to participate or a spouse of a 60-year-old.)

## St. Anthony seniors meet

St. Anthony seniors gathered for a day of food, games and fellowship Wednesday, Feb. 8, with 34 in attendance.  
Coffee was served and traveling bingo played in the morning, and at noon those present said the Pledge of Allegiance, recognized birthday and anniversary celebrants, and asked a blessing over the food.  
A lunch of chicken and side dishes were enjoyed by 34 seniors in attendance. Five carry-out meals were also delivered.  
Birthday celebrants for the month were Del Kliethermes and Bea Otto. There were no anniversaries to celebrate.  
A brief business meeting was held, conducted by Jeanie Bax. Those present voted to serve fish for the March 8 gathering.  
Flowers from the Iberia florist were placed in the church following the event.  
A thank you card from the Gladys Doerhoff family was passed around and games continued for those wishing to participate.  
Ten bingo prizes were awarded to winners and many played cards after lunch.  
Attending this month were: Janice Brand, Paul Ritter, Tony Wieberg, Rosetta Holtmeyer, Bill and Phyllis Brand, Jerome and Carolyn Kliethermes, Paul and Catherine Kliethermes, Carol Schaffer, Dennis and Marge Wilson, Tony and Jeanie Bax, Al and Brenda Otto, Jerry Gronbach, Clara Hendrickson, Rose Gudeman, Del Dickneite, Dorothy Buechter, Ruth Doerhoff, Sandy Wieberg, Lawrence Bax, Delores McDowell, Dan East, Charles and Bea Otto, Betty Voss and Larry Wieberg. Guests were Ron Meyer and Herman Gudeman.  
The club thanks all supporters of the monthly event and thanks Jerome and Carolyn Kliethermes for delivery of the chicken for the meal.

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# Programs, events slated at libraries

A number of programs and events are on tap at the Heartland Library District Eldon and Iberia libraries. Below is a look at those events.

**Searching for Rainbows**  
Books Make Life Colorful is the theme of reading events at the Eldon and Iberia libraries. The Eldon event is from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. The Iberia event is from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

**Read, create for families**  
“Read, Create Together” events are set for Thursday, March 2 at Iberia and Thursday, March 16 at Eldon. This month’s activities, both at 3:30 p.m., will feature making wind chimes and yarn letters. Read, create, together events are held the first Thursday of each month at the Iberia library and the third Thursday of each month at the Eldon library.

**Read, chat, create for tweens**  
Read, chat and create for tweens events are set for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 at the Iberia library, and at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the Eldon library. March events will have participants making crayon-shaving hearts.

**Read, chat, create for teens**  
Making melted crayon jewelry is the focus of the March “Read, chat, create, teens.”

Open to patrons ages 12-18, the Iberia event is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 and at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

**DIY neon signs for teens**  
There are just 15 spots left for a special Do-It-Yourself neon sign event at the Eldon and Iberia libraries. The Eldon event is from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, and the Iberia event is from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, March 17.



**Clean choppers** – Staff from Central Ozarks Medical Center brought their mobile dental unit to Tuscumbia School Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 14 to provide pre-registered students with dental services. School nurse Kathy Polly arranged for the visit. Above, Kevin Acs gets his teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist with COMC. (Photo by Connie Wyrick)

# Miller County Care and Rehabilitation news



**Valentine royalty** – Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center residents Ben Gideon and Betty Meredith were voted 2023 Valentine’s King and Queen. It was a penny per vote contest, with \$331.40 raised for the residents’ activity fund. (Submitted photo)

February has been a fun month around here. We had our Valentine’s Day party last week and want to thank everyone who came by to vote for the queens and kings. Benjamin Gideon and Betty Meredith raised the most money and were crowned at the party. We also want to thank Rusty Ferro for providing the entertainment. On Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, we welcomed “Front Porch Pickers” for the entrainment! We also enjoyed a king’s cake made by our dietary department and crowned a Mardi Gras king. As is tradition, we celebrate “Fat Tuesday” as it’s the last day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.

Alma Koetting had a big birthday party, as she turned 100 last week. She enjoyed the day among family and friends. There were also eight other birthday celebrants: Alma Byrd, Betty Yates, Betty Meredith, Bev Ash, Joan Kiral, Marjorie Witt and Nancy Huntsinger. A big thanks to the volunteers who continue to come in each week. This past month we have had guests from the Eldon First Baptist Church, Ulman Baptist, Hugger Bill, Louis Garbi and Dan Huff, Dean Waters and Becky Wood. We also extend sympathy to the family of Constance Lund. She will be missed by many family members and friends.



**Lovable lamb** – Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center resident Cathy Shackleford’s day was made when she saw Pete running into her room. Raised on a farm, she enjoyed seeing the little lamb. Thanks to staff member Hope Whelchel for bringing the lamb in to see the residents. (Submitted photo)



**Exercise time** – Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center resident Stella Wilson uses a Thera Band during morning exercises. She and other residents use the bands to work on mobility and strength. (Submitted photo)

# Imler initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

Lauren Imler of Rocky Mount was recently initiated into the William Woods University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. The society welcomed 213 new initiates from 10 universities during January. Students initiated into the society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate/professional students in the top 35 percent of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year. Omicron Delta Kappa Society founders established the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community.

## ENON AREA NEWS

**by Rosalie Wyss**  
On Saturday those participating in the Jam Session at the Covered Bridge Market outside of Russellville were: Tim Van Dorn, Mike Frazier, Steve Leffert, Jim Shelton, Randy Davenport, Connie Hohman, Ruth Hohman, Bill and Barbara Jenkins, Frank Procter, Lisa Kemna, Dave Cotten, Chelsea Cotten, Lydia Cotten, and Curtis Wyss. Janet Ruse, Mary Messer, Linda Amick, Erma Stark, Shirley Scrivner, Reta Casten, Carol Seidel, Charlotte Sapp, Hazel Rea, Rosalie Wyss, Betty Browner, Linda Gordon, and Joy Kiesling had breakfast together in Russellville Wednesday morning. Saturday afternoon Jane Jones went to Jefferson City to attend a birthday party for her brother Jerry Koestner. The part was attended at the Legion Hall by family and friends. Those attending Sunday evening supper at the home of Jane Jones were: David and Diane Ott, Jack and Debbie Lake, Will and Mason, Perry and Susie Gorrell, Zack and Madison Baladenski, Austin Roe, Haley Bax, Gavin Roe, and Chris and Ashley Granich.



**Learning about personal safety** – Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School teacher Marianna Werdehausen teaches Kenzi about personal safety.

## MILLER COUNTY REGIONAL STOCKYARDS

<b>Feb. 20, 2023</b> Market report is a computer average on cattle. Not a computer High/Low. The quality was here today making for a higher market across the board. Cows and Bulls are still steady. Get ahold of us for your March 6 Spring Fling Consignment. Wendy - 573-286-1286, Fowler - 660-631-2482.	\$160-\$201; 600 to 699 lbs. \$165-\$182; 700 to 799 lbs. \$160-\$170. <b>Heifers - Fleshy/Small Frame:</b> 400 to 800 lbs. \$100-\$120. <b>Slaughter Cows:</b> Bone \$83-\$94; Breaking \$71-\$81; Slaughter \$60-Down. Slaughter Bulls: \$85-\$113.50.
<b>Steers:</b> 300 to 399 lbs. \$198-\$245; 400 to 499 lbs. \$215-\$243; 500 to 599 lbs. \$195-\$232; 600 to 699 lbs. \$177-\$201; 700 to 799 lbs. \$160-\$191.	<b>Upcoming Sales:</b> Feb. 27 - Regular Sale Mar. 6 - Spring Fling Feeder Special March 13 - Regular Sale March 20 - Feeder Special March 27 - Regular Sale
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## HIGH POINT AREA NEWS

The men and boys Wild Game Supper will be held at First Baptist Church in California on March 10 at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish (game or tame). Jared Proctor is this year's speaker. Beverly Meyer attended the visitation of Ray Kirchner of Russellville Saturday morning at the Methodist Church. The annual dinner and meeting of the High Point Community Renewal Association was Saturday evening at the Fellowship Hall at High Point Baptist Church. A very delicious meal was served, especially the homemade donuts made by Ann Brubaker. Board members: Norma Tubbs, Larry Hoback, Jerry Porter, and Ann Gier, stayed the same. David Papen received a plaque for serving 42 years on the Moreau Fire Department. Martha Foxworthy received a plaque for serving as Past Mistress of High Point Post Office for 13 years. Tim and Anne Rulo were speakers for the evening. He is the football coach at Russellville High School.

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## Celebrating 100 years and acknowledging lives well-lived

**Compiled by Connie Wyrick from information provided by Rita Busschost, Alma's daughter, and Dale Doerhoff, Cyrilla's son.**

Many say that a life well lived is more important than a life long lived. Some however, get to experience both. This week, not one but two ladies who grew up in Mary's Home will turn 100 years old.

Alma (Evers) Koetting hit the century mark on Wednesday, February 15. Her friend and cousin, Cyrilla (Tellman) Doerhoff will do the same on Thursday, February 23.

Besides growing up in the same area, Alma and Cyrilla have other similarities. Both were part of hardworking farm families of German Catholic descent.

Alma, the daughter of George and Frances Evers was born in Mary's Home and then raised on a farm just outside of town. She had two brothers, Louis and Willard, and one sister, Veronica. Growing up, Alma attended the Kempker School which was on the Goose farm.

As was common during that time period, she went straight to work after her primary schooling.

Cyrilla, the daughter of Charles and Josephine (Evers) Tellman was born on the Tellman farm

schooling after her older siblings were no longer in school, Cyrilla was actually boarded at Ms. Busche's house across from the church during the week. On weekends, she would walk the five miles to the farm to be with the family. During the Great Depression, the Catholic school was closed for a period of time, so Cyrilla attended the one-room Jim Henry School for 8th grade. Cyrilla attended high school in Eugene and was graduated in 1941.

Both Alma's and Cyrilla's love stories revolve around Mary's Home as well. Alma met Alvin Koetting at a dance in Mary's Home when she was 16. Two years later they were married.

Cyrilla met her future husband, Leonard Doerhoff, at the Mary's Home Picnic when she was 17 years old. Three years later, they were married.

At this point, Alma and Cyrilla's paths diverge. Once married, the Koettings resided in Mary's Home and the Doerhoffs in St. Elizabeth. Cyrilla was a full time, stay-at-home mom, when her children were at home. She and Leonard raised five children in St. Elizabeth: Alan, Carl, Dale, Faye and Mary.

Eventually, Cyrilla had a career with the U.S Postal Service. Her



Cousins celebrating the century mark-Alma (Evers) Koetting hit the century mark on Wednesday, February 15. Her friend and cousin, Cyrilla (Tellman) Doerhoff will do the same on Thursday, February 23.



With her quilts-Alma Koetting is pictured with a few of the many quilts she made.

along the Osage River between Mary's Home and Tuscumbia. Cyrilla was the youngest of nine children.(Her siblings included: Frank, Bill, Leonard, Harold, Ed, Joe, Fredonna, and Ermine.) Cyrilla attended primary school at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School in Mary's Home through 7th grade.

To complete her primary

husband, Leonard, was the Postmaster at St. Elizabeth for 47 years. Alma helped her husband, Alvin, run Koetting's Feed Store in Mary's Home for 33 years. They raised nine children: Jane, Betty, Carol, Kathy, Alvin Jr., Robert, Rita, Linda, and Marla.

Although they no longer lived in the same communities, the two

ladies remained friends. In addition to working alongside their husbands, Alma and Cyrilla both enjoyed gardening and canning.

They also were excellent seamstresses and quilters. After their children were grown, both Alma and Cyrilla traveled extensively with their husbands.

Finally, both Alma and Cyrilla have lived lives of service and dedication to their faith and community. Alma is a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mary's Home.

She has been active in the Altar Sodality, the Mary's Home Quilters Club, the Mary's Home Credit Union and the Mary's Home Cemetery Board. Alma also assisted the nuns and priests assigned to Mary's Home including making the costumes for the children in the many plays that the nuns put on.

Cyrilla is a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Parish, and has been active on the original St. Elizabeth Community Center Board, and St. Ann's Sodality .Cyrilla has also been a JFA and 4H youth leader, as well as, a community quilter, card player and swing dancer.

In 2006, both Alma and Cyrilla lost their husbands. Both were married to their spouses for over



Doerhoff family 1965-The Doerhoff family was pictured in 1965, from left: Carl, Alan, Cyrilla, Leonard, Faye, Dale and Mary.

six decades.

When their spouses died, Alma and Cyrilla continued to live independently in their homes until they were well in their 90's. Both are fortunate in that their children are all still living and they have been blessed to live long enough to enjoy four generations of offspring.

Today, Alma, still quick of wit and loving life, resides at the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center. Cyrilla, strong in spirit and grateful for her life's journey, is a member of the Primrose Retirement Community.

When asked about living to a hundred, Cyrilla responded, "My mom died when she was 50. since I was only 11, I thought that 50 was old, and I hoped that I might be able to live to 50, as well. I never imagined that I would live twice as long." To what does she attribute her long life? "Hard work and good luck."

When Alma was asked of her children if she had any advice to give, her response was pretty straightforward and witty, "Just behave!"

In Proverbs 31, it says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies...She seeketh wool, and flax, and wor-

keth willingly with her hands...She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy... Strength and honour are her clothing... Her children arise up, and call her blessed...a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised...give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her."

This seems a fitting description for both of this week's centenarians. Happy Birthday, Alma and Cyrilla!



Koetting family, early 1970s-Alma Koetting's family is pictured in the early 1970s with Alma and Alvin, Sr. in the front, middle. Children are Alvin, Jr., Kathy, Jane, Linda, Betty, Carol, Rita, Marla and Robert.



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### READING MATERIALS

Provide lots of reading materials at home. Make sure that books, newspapers, magazines, etc. are readily available in various areas of the home and are included in play areas.

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Make reading time a priority. With busy schedules, it is easy for reading to get pushed aside for other activities. Reading is a skill and improves with practice. Research shows us that children who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading are more likely to become good readers. Fit in little bits of reading time whenever you can.

### FAMILY READING

Plan family reading time when the entire family reads together, either aloud or silently.

### BOOKS AS GIFTS

Consider giving books as gifts. This sends a positive message that books are fun and exciting.

### PRACTICE

Practice, practice, practice! Reading is like a sport. The more you read, the better you get at it! As parents, we can increase this reading practice time greatly!

### WRITING

Encourage your child to write letters, make her own cards or write in a journal. Recognize that even your child's early writing (scribble) has meaning that she can tell you about.

### READING FOR INFORMATION

Help your child learn to extract information from text by encouraging him to find answers for you in newspaper text. Have him read the movie listings for show times or find the location of a community event you plan to attend.

### CHILDREN AS AUTHORS

Help or encourage your child to write her own books and recognize her as an author. Treat these books as special by including these books on a shelf with other books that you go back to and read again.

### READ FOR FUN

Make up the voice for a grumpy old troll. Try a foreign accent. Act out zany characters. Take turns reading. Young children can "read" the pictures. If you enjoy reading, chances are, so will your children.

### LIBRARY

Make frequent trips to the library. This can be an enjoyable outing for your family and a time when adults can role model checking out books to read for pleasure. Remember to check out books about activities your child is involved in. Look for recommended book lists, such as The *Missourian's* Book Buzz Picks.

### QUESTIONS

While reading with your child, ask him questions about the story and encourage him to imagine. This conversation with your child will build his comprehension and language skills.

### SHARE BOOKS

Share some of your favorite books with your child (either childhood favorites or for older children, some great reading YOU are doing now.)

### INDEPENDENT READERS

Provide reading materials that match your child's interests. Respect your child as an expert in the areas he has read up on. Encourage him to stop occasionally in his reading and ask himself what has happened so far and predict what will happen next.

### VARIETY

Choose books with a variety of styles, such as fairy tales, mysteries, fiction, non-fiction, poetry and folk tales.

### NO WRONG WAY

Remember, if you read with your child, you cannot do it wrong! If your child is reading and gets stuck on a word, however you help him is fine. Some ideas: re-read the sentence; sound it out; look for clues; tell him the word.

### READING READINESS TIPS

Look at the book together and ask your child to tell you what he thinks the book will be about. Point to words as you read. Let your child finish a familiar sentence in a book as you point to the words.

### EARLY READING SKILLS

Encourage your child to go back and reread a sentence when she reads a word incorrectly and it did not make sense. Praise your child for her great reading!

### READING WITH READERS

Take turns reading aloud with your child – one chapter at a time, or one page at a time. Praise him for reading on his own. Continue to make reading time together special.

### INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Read aloud to your child from newspapers, magazines, menus – any informational text. Children "develop an ear" for this important type of text by hearing it read aloud.

### ASK QUESTIONS

What do you think will happen next? Why did she do that? How did he know that? What's happened so far? How would you make the story different?

### EXPECT INTERRUPTIONS

Children just can't wait to share their thoughts, so let them. And the answer to the question "Can we read it again? Is "Sure we can!"

### NURTURE READING AND WRITING

They go hand in hand. Just as you need books in your home, you need paper and pencils too. Children enjoy jotting down the grocery list. Journals and diaries are favorites of young writers.

### READ NEWSPAPERS

The *Missourian* is an inexpensive reading resource for families, filled with educational content, pictures and information that connects your child to his community.

### ENJOY THE MOMENT

Tempus fugit. Time flies. Soon, your children will be passing on the gift of literacy to their children. Be sure they have a rich legacy to hand on.

Many of these resources are from  
Practical Parenting Partnerships [www.pppctr.org](http://www.pppctr.org)



*Missourian In Education*

## Did you know reading has an impact on your health?

Books transport people to different times, provide a sense of escapism and introduce readers to different schools of thought. Individuals may read for pleasure and/or to expand their intellectual horizons.

It's important to note that reading also may help improve mental and physical health. With so much to gain from reading, now is a great time to embrace those book clubs, resolve to read more and explore how picking up a good book may be just what the doctor ordered.

### Reduces stress

Immersing yourself in a story requires focus and concentration. According to researchers at the University of Sussex, it took just six minutes of reading for study participants to experience slower heart rates and reduced muscle tension.

Stress is one of the biggest threats to overall health, as the stress hormone cortisol can lead to inflammation in the body that may impede the immune system, according to Piedmont Health. Finding ways to reduce stress, including through activities like reading, is a win for anyone who wants to improve his or her health.

### Impacts longevity

According to the 2016 study, "A chapter a day: Association of book reading with longevity," by Bavishi A, Slade M.D., reading exerts its influence on longevity by strengthening the mind. Reading positively impacts the way the brain creates synapses, optimizing neurological function. It also expands vocabulary, and helps with memory.

### Changes the brain

A 2014 study published in

Neuroreport determined reading involves a complex system of signaling and networking in the brain. As one's ability to read matures, these networks become stronger and more sophisticated. MRI scans found that brain connectivity increased throughout studied reading periods and for days afterward.

### Increases empathy

Through literary fiction, readers are exposed to the situations, feelings and beliefs of others. This can help a person develop a greater ability to empathize with others, according to Healthline.

### Helps improve sleep

Reading is an effective way to wind down and relax before going to bed. It can be a positive nighttime ritual, provided one reads a paper book or utilizes an e-reader that is not backlit, as bright lights from digital devices may hinder sleep quality. In fact, doctors at the Mayo Clinic often suggest reading as part of a regular sleep routine.

### Reduces depressive feelings

Individuals diagnosed with depression may feel isolated and estranged from other people. Books may reduce those feelings by helping a person temporarily escape his or her world into another. Also, books can serve as a common ground through which conversations over shared interests can begin with others.

### Children can improve their vocabularies by being read to

A recent study from researchers at The Ohio State University found that the disparity between the number of words young

children who are frequently read to have heard compared to those who have not been read to is significant. The study first appeared online in the Journal of Development and Behavioral Pediatrics and found that young children whose parents read them five books a day entered kindergarten having heard roughly 1.48 million words. By comparison, children whose parents never read to them had heard just over 4,600 words by the time they entered kindergarten. Even children who are read to daily hear significantly fewer words than children whose parents read them five books a day. Such children hear just under 300,000 words prior to entering kindergarten.

Exposure to a larger vocabulary is not the only benefit kids reap from being read to. Reach Out and Read, a national nonprofit that champions the positive effects of reading daily and engaging in additional language-rich activities with young children, reports that language-based interactions help children develop communication skills, patience, empathy, and literacy. Reading to young children also enhances their understanding of the world by transporting them to places and times they have never experienced.

One study also noted the effects that reading to young children can have on the relationship between parent and child. That study, authored by researchers at the University of Wollongong in Australia and Boston University and published in the journal Archives of Disease in Childhood, found that reading to young children supports a strong relationship between parent and child.





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**The soil under our feet, the air we breathe and the water we drink are all natural resources.**

These resources allow us to live. They also allow animals and plants to live. The way we, other animals and plants interact with soil, water and air is an ecosystem. When one part of the ecosystem is damaged or changed it affects other parts of the ecosystem. If soil is eroded from a field the field may not produce as much corn or soybean. Eroded soil may end up in a stream and cause problems for fish. Building a house where animals once lived will cause them to need to find a new home and new food sources.

Conservation involves protecting and improving our natural resources. Farmers use less tillage to keep soil on the land and our streams clear. Landowners find ways to improve habitat (where an animal lives) for deer, turkey and quail. Planting trees, warm season grasses and leaving strips of crops standing in the field unharvested all provide better habitat for wildlife. Finding ways to reduce our water use saves water for another day.

**This is interesting:**

- Missouri farmers reduced soil erosion from almost 11 tons per acre to just over 5 tons per acre from 1982 to 2002
- About 75 percent of the water used in the house is used in the bathroom
- Only about 1 percent of the water in the world is fresh water not in polar ice caps and glaciers
- Quail numbers are increasing in Missouri due to improvements in habitat provided by landowners

**Fun to do:**

You can be a conservationist in and around your home. Encourage your family to reduce their water usage by running the dishwasher only when it is full. Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth or when Dad is shaving. Outdoors you can save water by watering in the early morning and reducing the water that can evaporate. If you allow your lawn grasses to grow taller they will have a better root system and not need as much irrigation. You can also conserve electricity by turning off lights and electronics (like televisions and game systems) when no one's in the room.

**To learn more about gardening, visit:**  
[www.extension.missouri.edu/lawn-garden](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/lawn-garden)

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Election Notices/Public Hearings/Bid Notices

Notice to Contractors  
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Road Work/Sidewalk Project  
Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids for Church & Jefferson Street Concrete Curb & Sidewalk Addition TAP 9901(521), will be received at either: P.O. Box 67, St. Elizabeth, Missouri 65075 (mailing address) or 160 South Walnut Street, St. Elizabeth, Missouri 65075 (physical address) until 8:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Local Time) on the 13 day of March 2023. On that date and time, at the office of the Village of St. Elizabeth, the bids will be publicly opened and read. All bids shall be submitted in the form of a hard copy on the provided forms.

The proposed work includes: new concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, storm sewer, pavement markings, signage, flashing rectan-

gular beacons, grading, and erosion control.

Plans and specifications may be viewed and purchased from [American Document Solutions Online Planroom \(adsplanroom.net\)](#)

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on the 28th day of February 2023, at 120 Franklin Street, St. Elizabeth, Missouri 65075 (Community Center Building). **All bidders are encouraged to attend the pre- bid meeting.**

All labor used in the construction of this public improvement shall be paid a wage no less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages of work of a similar character in this locality as established by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (Federal Wage Rate), or state wage rate, whichever is higher.

The Village of St. Elizabeth hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses

owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on public works project provide a 10-Hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

A certified or cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal. The project will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The Village of St. Elizabeth reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The DBE Goal for this project is 5 % with 0 trainees.

No 2nd tier subcontracting will be allowed on this project.

Contractors are not required to be on the MoDOT pre-qualified list. "Sec 102.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction will be waived for this project."

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Bid Notice

**ST ELIZABERH R-IV SCHOOL:**  
Now accepting bids for lawn services for 2023. All bids need to be turned in by March 7, 2023. Please mail your bid to St. Elizabeth R-IV School, PO Box 68, St. Elizabeth MO 65075 or hand deliver it to the office. You may pick up a bid sheet from the office or download one

from our web site. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kempker at 573-493-2246 or email at [doug@ste.k12.mo.us](mailto:doug@ste.k12.mo.us)

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Bid Notice

**BID NOTICE - 2023-02 CITY HALL SIDEWALK**  
The City of Eldon Board of Aldermen has approved soliciting sealed bids for replacement of approximately 340 feet of curb and sidewalk along the City Hall Building at 101 South Oak Street in Eldon, Missouri.

All sealed bids should be sent to the attention of the City Clerk at P.O. Box 355, Eldon, MO 65026 or may be delivered in person or by delivery service to the Clerk's office in Eldon City Hall, 101 S. Oak Street, Eldon, Missouri, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00

p.m. Monday through Friday. All sealed bids must have Bid #2023-02 "City Hall Sidewalk" prominently printed on the envelope and received in the office of the City Clerk prior to the bid opening at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th, 2023.

The City of Eldon reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive formalities.

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Notice of Sale to Satisfy Lien

Items of Donna Timm, Troy Young, Dakota McDaniel and Jonathan Helms. By auction or private bid on or after March 1, 2023. Schulte Storage.

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Public Notices

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted

IN THE 26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, MILLER COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE

Case Number: 23ML-PR00011

In the Estate of DAWN MICHELLE GRAVIETT, Deceased.

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**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted** (Supervised Administration)  
**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DAWN MICHELLE GRAVIETT, Decedent:**  
On January 25, 2023, the following individual MELODY GRAVIETT was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DAWN MICHELLE GRAVIETT, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Miller County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is: 510 N. PEARL DRIVE, ELDON, MO 65026, (816) 714-4440.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Cynthia Barchet of 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 441-9000.

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: October 26, 2022

Date of first publication: February 2, 2023

/s/ Donna Schmidt Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

Published Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

Notice of Trustee's Sale

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Robert D Casteel, dated October 17, 2013, and recorded on October 30, 2013, Document No. 2013 5043 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Miller County,

Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 3, 2023, at 12:30 PM, at the South Front Door of the Miller County Courthouse, Tuscumbia, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

**All of Lot 74; Also all that part of Lot 15 described as follows: Beginning at the most Northerly point of said Lot 75 (which point is also conterminous with Lot 74 and Lot 76); thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the common lot line of Lots 74 and 75 a distance of 125 feet to the most Westerly corner of said Lot 75; thence in a Southeasterly direction following the curve of said lot as shown on the recorded plat to a point which is equidistant from the two side lot lines and the Westerly and Southerly corners of said Lot 75; thence in a Northeasterly direction to the point of beginning; all in Arrowhead Club Division, a subdivision in Miller County, Missouri, as shown by plat recorded in Plat Book 1, page 67 in the Miller County Recorder's Office.,** commonly known as 28 Arrowhead Beach Road, Lake Ozark, MO, 65049

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

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First Publication: February 9, 2023. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

**NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 237101-990541).

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Notice of Successor Trustee Sale

For default in the payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by Deed of Trust dated May 8, 2008, executed by Roy A. Whitley and Barbara Whitley, husband and wife, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Miller County, Missouri, on May 9, 2008, in Book 2008, Page 2879, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the South door of the Miller County Courthouse, 2001 Highway 52, Tuscumbia, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the property more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1  
A tract of land situated in and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, Miller County, Missouri, lying West of County Road M-10, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the Section Line 1348.54 feet; thence South 89

degrees 39 minutes 48 seconds East, 1314.46 feet to the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, for the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 48 seconds East, along the South Line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, 217.25 feet to the centerline of said County road M-10; thence leaving said South Line, North 3 degrees 56 minutes 31 seconds East, along said centerline, 52.16 feet; thence North 9 degrees 18 minutes 43 seconds East, along said centerline, 78.21 feet; thence leaving said centerline, North 89 degrees 39 minutes 48 seconds West, 234.34 feet to the West Line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds East, along the said West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 129.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 2  
A tract of land situated in and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, Miller County, Missouri, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the Section Line, 1348.54 feet to the Southwest Quarter Corner of the South half of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, for the point of beginning; thence continuing North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the Section Line, 674.27 feet to the Northwest Corner of the South half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West; thence leaving said Section Line, South 89 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East, along the North line of said South half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, 1310.02 feet to the Northeast Corner of said South half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, 1310.02 feet to the Northeast Corner of said South half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, 648.15 feet; thence leaving said East Line, North 84 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds West 166.20 feet; thence South 2 degrees 28 minutes 07 seconds West, 39.90 feet to the South Line of the South half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 42 North, Range 14 West, 1147.24 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to all restrictions, reservations, conditions, easements and exceptions whether of record or not.

This sale is being accomplished to satisfy debts and costs associated with said Deed of Trust.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Minor Jasen Jones and Paige E Jones, Husband and Wife, dated January 25, 2011, recorded on February 8, 2011 in Book 2011, Page 617, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Miller County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 01:00 PM at the Front Door of the Miller County Courthouse, 2001 Highway 52, in Tuscumbia, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

All of Lot 38 of FALCON HILLS, a subdivision in Miller County, Missouri, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Miller County Recorder's Office, to satisfy said debt and costs.

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Case Number: 23ML-PR00013

In the Estate of JACK LEROY WILSON JR., Deceased.

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On February 7, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JACK LEROY WILSON JR., decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Miller 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, business address and phone number of the personal representative is: JACK L WILSON III, 109 CHANEY ROAD, LAKE OZARK, MO 65049, 573-745-0293.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: MICHAEL TODD MILLER, 1305 SOUTHWEST BLVD., SUITE A, JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109, 573-634-2838.

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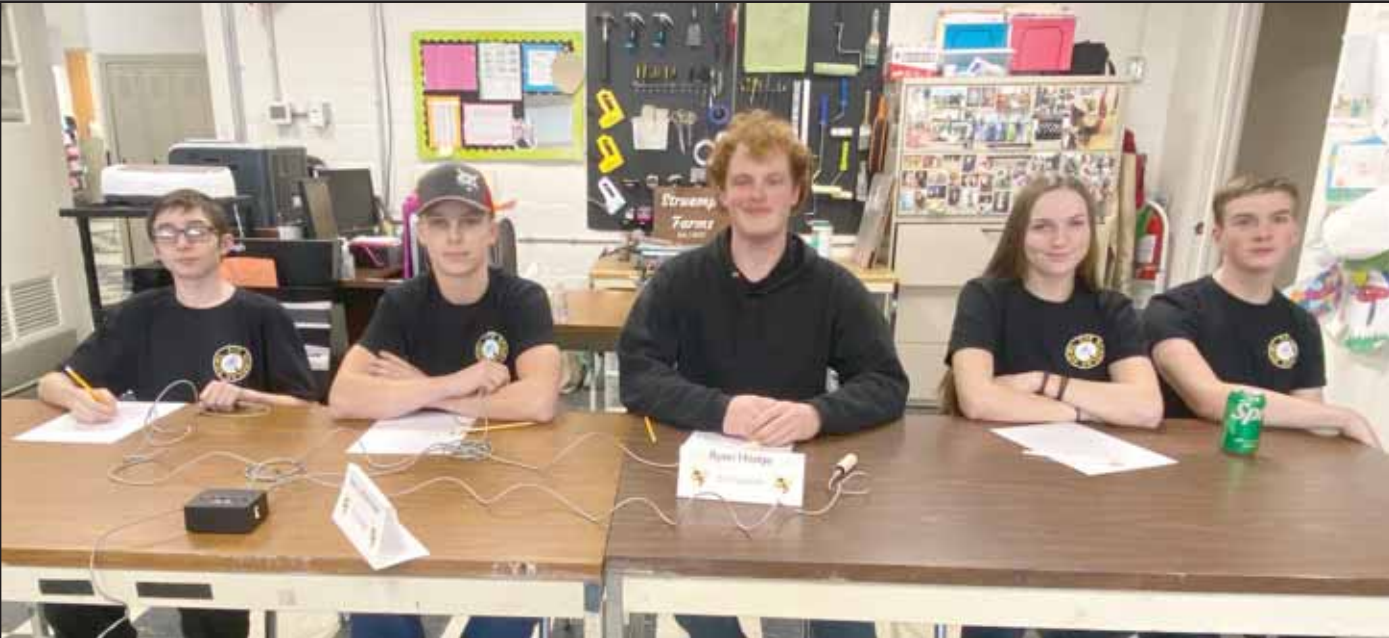
# St. Elizabeth R-IV hosts annual invitational scholar bowl meet



**Second place winners-** St. Elizabeth R-IV hosted its annual St. Elizabeth Invitational Scholar Bowl Meet Wednesday, Feb. 15. Schools that participated were St. Elizabeth, Iberia and Eugene, with "A" and "B" teams. The championship match was between St. Elizabeth "A" and Eugene "A". Eugene took first place and St. Elizabeth took second place. The St. Elizabeth "B" team took third place. St. Elizabeth "A" team is pictured, from left: Andrew Lindenbush, Jace Kesel, Lane Hodge, Trey Struemp and Zach Holtmeyer.



**All-Tournament team-** St. Elizabeth R-IV scholar bowl team members Lane Hodge and Sam Luetkemeyer made the all-tournament team during the St. Elizabeth Invitational Scholar bowl meet, Wednesday, Feb. 15.



**And taking third place-** Elizabeth R-IV hosted its annual St. Elizabeth Invitational Scholar Bowl Meet Wednesday, Feb. 15. Schools that participated were St. Elizabeth, Iberia and Eugene, with "A" and "B" teams. The championship match was between St. Elizabeth "A" and Eugene "A". Eugene took first place and St. Elizabeth took second place. The St. Elizabeth "B" team took third place. The "B" team is pictured, from left: Daniel English, Sam Luetkemeyer, Ryan Hodge, Sarah Backes and Cameron Wilkerson.



**Iberia R-V SkillsUSA competitors-**Iberia seniors recently competed in SkillsUSA, South Central District, at the Waynesville Career Center. Placing in Automotive Service Technology: Gunner Wilson, third place, and Aiden Kelsay, second place. In HVAC: Wes Cardwell, second place. Kelsay and Cardwell will move onto state competition at the SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference at State Tech in Linn, MO, March 30 thru April 1

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Miller County University Extension Council dinner, 6 p.m. at the Eldon Community Center.	Eldon Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at the Eldon Catholic Center Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m.				Eldon City Council, 6 p.m. at public works building Iberia School Board, 6:30 p.m.	

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**Career and Technical Education proclamation-** Eldon Mayor Trevor Vernon (front) signs a proclamation recognizing February as Career and Technical Education month. Eldon Career Center students are pictured, from left, front: Ivy Rowden, Cali Smith, Katelyn Franken, Danielle Clifton, Clara Taylor, Autumn Allen, McKenzie Ferguson, Madelyn Franken, Jade Fletcher, Alex Daniels, Alex Brake; second row: Kimber Brundin, Brenden Stewart, Gracie Scrivner, Hannah Beanland, Henry Naught, Jonathan Bax, Logan Blankenship, Kylie Kliethermes, Emma Opie, Gracie Shand, Brandon Bertrand and Reese Rawlings

Iberia R-V PTO holds daddy/daughter dance



**With his Valentines-**Kadie, Mikey, and Prezlie Fritchey take time for a photo during the Iberia R-V PTO Daddy/Daughter dance Saturday, Feb. 11.



**With his princess-**Andrew Fancher is pictured with daughter Anna Fancher at the Iberia R-V PTO Daddy/Daughter dance Saturday, Feb. 11.



**And the word is-**The Eldon Middle School's word for the week was supportive. Students and staff member recognized for embodying this word are pictured in no particular order: Sophia Hawkins, sixth grade, Brilee Wrye, seventh grade; Georgia Schuster, eighth grade and Meghan Hees.



**Getting to play with candy-**High Point R-III kindergartners got play candy games during their Valentine's Day parties Tuesday, Feb. 14.



**Clang, clang went the medals-**Eldon FBLA brought home several medals from the recent district competition. The rankings are as follows: Preston Hamel, fifth in business calculations; Reese Rawlings, second in client service and marketing; Laney Pipes, first in computer applications and database; Brandon Ochs, second in computer applications and database design; Jesse Mitchem, fifth in computer problem solving; Jade Fletcher, fourth in healthcare administration and first in publication design; Zylia Kautsch, fourth in insurance and risk management and second in marketing; Brandon Bertrand, fourth in intro to business procedures; Abi Cross, fourth in intro to social media and intro to marketing concepts; Henry Naught, first in parli pro and next years district parliamentarian; Gloria Terrell, fourth in intro to social media strategy; and Gage Williams, first in publication design and job interview.



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# LOCAL SPORTS

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## Four Mustangs earn state bids

Eldon will send four of its wrestlers to the MSHSAA Wrestling Championships this week.

The four Mustangs all earned their bids by finishing among the top four in their respective weight classes at the MSHSAA Class 1, District 3 Tournament Feb. 17-18, in Seneca.

Jesiah Simmons (113 pounds) established himself as one of the favorites in his weight class, going 3-0 on the day to win a district championship.

Simmons (34-5) received an opening round bye. He then defeated Corbin Neil of Nevada by pin at the 38-second mark. In the semi-finals, Simmons pinned Osage's Zac Green at the 1:25 mark to earn his shot in the championship match.

In that match Simmons defeated Blair Oaks' Carter Kempker by a 12-4 major decision to punch his second straight ticket to the state championships.

A sophomore, Simmons will look to join older brother Isaiah, as a state champion.

Another Simmons brother, Sam, earned his first trip to the state tournament with a fourth-place showing.

Sam Simmons opened his tournament with a pair of first-period falls over Miles Hodges of Reeds Spring and Donovan Pack of Clinton to move into the semi-finals.

In the semi-final match, Simmons lost by fall to Harrisonville's Chris Sullivan. Simmons then defeated Pleasant Hill's Gannon Lyons to earn his state bid. Simmons then lost in the third-place match to Seneca's Eli Manley by a 16-8 major decision.

Jonathon Etzel earned his first state appearance with a

fourth-place finish in the 144-pound weight class.

Etzel opened his tournament with a pinfall victory over Jacob Denman of Nevada; followed by an 11-2 major decision victory over Jackson Finke of Blair Oaks.

Etzel was then pinned by Pleasant Hill's Sam Ewing to fall into the consolation semis. Etzel then rebounded and scored a 6-0 decision over Sam Droege of Harrisonville to make his way into the third-place match and punch his state ticket.

Etzel lost his third-place bout to Cassville's Colton Roark to move his season record to 25-11.

Senior Jason Evers finished fourth in the 150-pound weight class to earn his first trip to the state tournament.

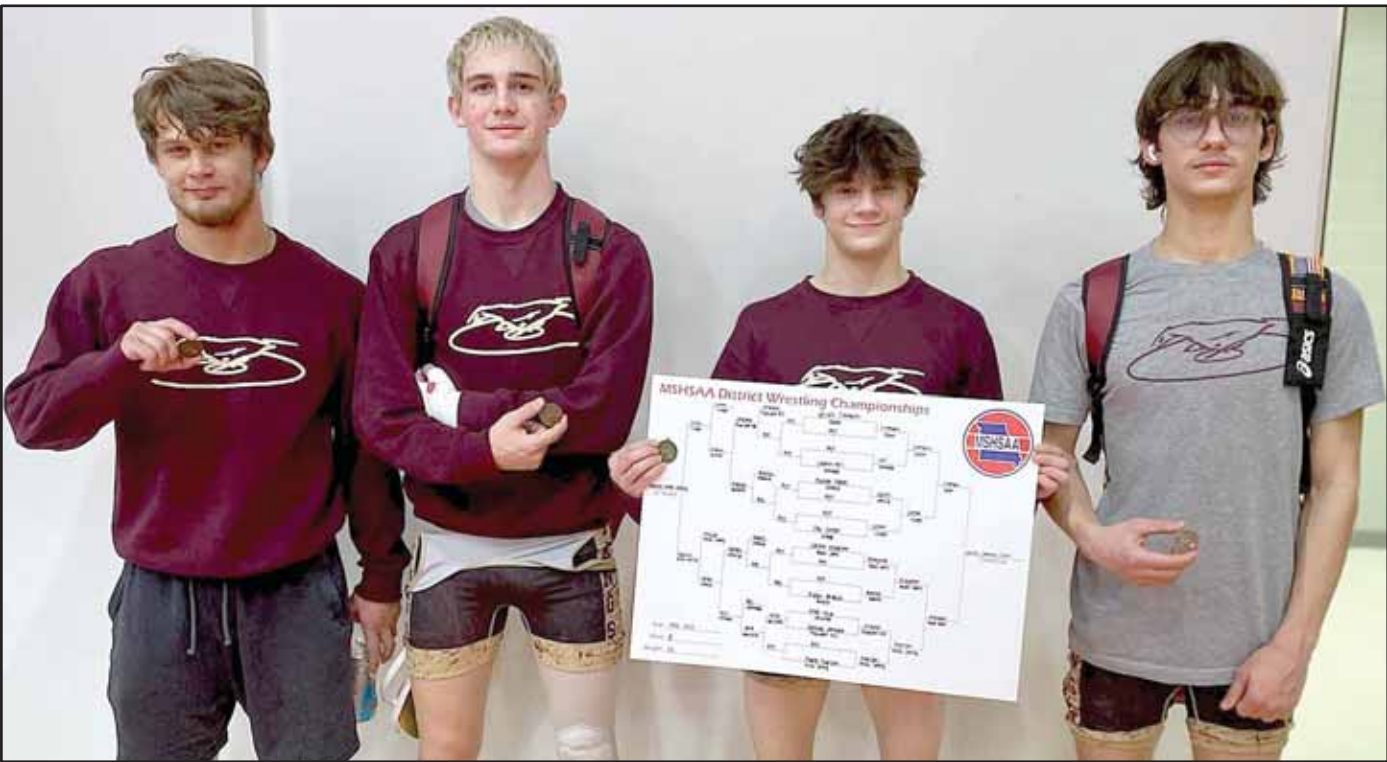
Evers opened with two first period pins over Aiden Patrick of Buffalo and Blaine Fritchey of Seneca.

In his semi-final match, Evers lost to Pleasant Hill's Garrett Lyons by pinfall. Evers then bounced back and pinned Luke Miller of Aurora to earn his invitation to the state meet.

Evers then suffered a 17-4 major decision loss to Brayden Koenig of Nevada in the third-place match.

Eldon head coach Ryan Bird said he is pleased with sending four to state. He feels confident that the Mustangs could make some noise at the state championships.

"For the most part, I like where we are," Bird said. "This is a big week for Mustangs wrestling. We have seven qualifiers (boys and girls) that have a real opportunity to make some noise and let Missouri know that Eldon wrestling is alive and well."



**Eldon's fearless four** - Members of the Eldon Mustang boys wrestling team who earned bids at the MSHSAA Class 2 Wrestling Championships are, from left: Jason Evers (150 pounds), Jonathan Etzel (144), Jesiah Simmons (113) and Sam Simmons (126). (Submitted photo)

## Mustang wrestlers eighth in districts

As a team, the Eldon wrestling Mustangs finished eighth out of the 15 teams in the field. Eldon amassed 76 points in the tournament. Pleasant Hill won the meet with 218.5 points, followed by Blair Oaks and Seneca.

All nine of Eldon's wrestlers were still alive after the first day of competition by virtue of winning matches, or by having byes.

Although five of Eldon's nine wrestlers saw their season end at districts, many of them are should return next

season.

Cameron Kean (132 pounds) - Kean received an opening round bye. He then lost in the quarter-finals, but won his next two matches to get to the "Blood Round" (consolation semi-finals. He then lost his next match and ended his season with a 25-15 record.

Brendan Wilson (157 pounds) - Wilson lost both of his matches, which were sandwiched around a bye. He finished with a record of 18-17.

Dakota Collins (175) - Collins also lost both of his matches, sandwiched around a bye. Both of Collins' matches were close decisions as he lost 8-7 to Blair Oaks' Doug Blaha and 2-0 to Seneca's Lincoln Renfro.

Despite the tough losses, Collins finished his junior season with a record of 28-11.

Maddox Berlener - Berlener, one of three seniors on the team (Jason Evers and Jasper DeGraffenreid), received a first-round bye. He then lost to Tory Gustin of

Pleasant Hill. Berlener then defeated Hunter Howe of Reeds Spring before losing to Cooper Elifrits of Harrisonville to see his season end with a record of 13-22.

Eldon's third senior, DeGraffenreid, was an all-state performer last season. His senior season was cut short due to an injury, but he stayed with the team, assisting in whatever way he could.

DeGraffenreid is also an academic all-state selection in football and track, as well as wrestling.

## Lady Hornets sting Calvary

St. Elizabeth saw four players score in double figures as the Lady Hornets ended their regular season with a 59-27 shellacking of Calvary Lutheran Friday, Feb. 17, at St. Elizabeth.

The Lady Hornets led 18-6 after one quarter and never

looked back, steadily pulling away the rest of the game.

Tori Kemna and Ella Lucas each scored 13 points for the Lady Hornets. Lucas also grabbed eight rebounds and handed out five assists. Kemna had five steals.

Reagan Wobbe tossed in 11

points with four steals. Addie Oligschlaeger netted 10 points with six rebounds.

Dani Heckemeyer added eight points. Kylie Rademan and Sidney Engelmeyer each tossed in two.

The Lady Hornets (19-6) are off until Thursday, Feb.

23, when they play the winner of the BPH/Calvary Lutheran in the semi-final round of the MSHSAA Class 1, District 9 Tournament.

St. Elizabeth is the host school, but the tournament is being played at Blair Oaks High School. Tip-off is 6 p.m.



**She provided the spark** - Eldon's Makenna Imler provided a spark for the Lady Mustangs coming off the bench during their 74-45 win over Cuba Monday, Feb. 20, at Eldon.



**Serving Justice** - Eugene Justice Allen looks to take the ball to the basket while So. Callaway's Jonathan Thomas defends during the Eagles' 95-71 win over the Bulldogs Friday, Feb. 17, in the regular season finale at Eugene.

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**Tourney champs!** - Eldon's fourth-grade girls team won the Hoops Midwest Tournament last weekend in Jefferson City. Members of the team are, from left, front row: Avery McDevitt Arabella Eidson, Cheyanne Stanley and Cara Stark; back row: Brooklynn Bennett, Sophie Cummings, Tatum Brown, Cami Kliethermes, Baylee Morgan and coach Cody Kliethermes. (Submitted photo)

## JV, 'C' Mustangs play at Osage

Eldon's sub-varsity boys basketball squads held court at School of the Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15, taking on the Indians.

In the junior varsity contest, the Mustangs dropped a 77-33 decision.

The game was never really in doubt as the Indians raced to a 21-9 lead after one quarter, then made in 48-18 by halftime.

Cody Tamm scored 15 points for the Mustangs. he also pulled down a team-high three rebounds.

Britton Ahart tossed in six points with three rebounds. Jalen Beckmann had four points. Kyle Hinds and Lincoln Salsman each scored three. Trevor Mueller finished with two.

For Osage, Maverick Trusty led four Osage players in double figures with 19 points. Robert Dubbs had 15. Luke Wolf scored 13 and John Kimbrey had 11

### "C" team game

In the "C" team game, Eldon led early, but ultimately

dropped a 59-31 decision.

B.K. Bennett led the way for the Mustangs with 11 points. Preston Sapp and Zach Hull each scored five.

Mason Dierking chipped in four points. Johnny Stemmler and Ryan Graham each had two.

Graham also grabbed six rebounds. Sapp pulled down five caroms. Bennett also had three steals while Hull had two blocked shots.

For Osage, Brody Clark led the way with 18 points. Robert Dubbs netted 16.



**Have a seat** - Eldon's Lincoln Salsman looks to take a seat on top of Osage's Blake Harrison after the two pursued a loose ball during the JV Mustang's 77-33 loss at School of the Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15.

## Lady Hornets buzz New Bloomfield

St. Elizabeth used a big second half to break open a close game as the Lady Hornets defeated New Bloomfield 60-45 in a Show-Me Conference game Tuesday, Feb. 14, at St. Elizabeth.

It was a tense struggle in the first half. St. Elizabeth led by four, 16-12 after one and

28-24 at the half before breaking away in the third quarter.

Tori Kemna had a big night for the Lady Hornets, scoring 22 points. Ella Lucas and Dani Heckmeyer each netted nine.

Reagan Wobbe had seven points. Addie Oligschlaeger

tossed in six. Sidney Engelmeyer finished with five. Oligschlaeger grabbed seven rebounds. Wobbe handed out seven assists.

Kylie Rademan chipped in two points for the Lady Hornets in the win.

## Lady Mustangs hold off Osage

Despite a tough night shooting, the Eldon Lady Mustangs improved to 15-9 on the season with a 48-39 win at arch-rival School of the Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.

The Lady Mustangs never trailed, although the Osage squad put up a fight. Every time the Lady Mustangs seemed poised to pull away, the Lady Indians reeled them right back in.

Lauren Bartlett was the biggest thorn in Eldon's side. The junior center led all scorers with 18 points and she had 20 rebounds.

While Bartlett dominated in the front court, Eldon's Sydney Halderman proved to be the best in the backcourt. The junior guard scored 17 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, handed out seven assists and had four steals.

She also contributed excellent ball-handling and went 4-for-4 from the foul line in the game's waning minutes to help ice the game.

Haley Henderson scored 14 points, grabbed five rebounds and had four steals. Jaci Mueller tossed in 12 points for the Lady Mustangs.

Makenna Imler netted three points and Zoe Martonfi finished with two.



**Floor general** - Sydney Halderman works the ball up the floor for the Eldon Lady Mustangs during their 48-39 win at School of the Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.



**She got it** - Lydia Cotten looks to pass the ball during the Lady Mustangs' 48-39 win at School of the Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.

## Lady Rangers win final home game

Laney Halley recorded a double-double in her final home game as the Iberia Lady Rangers defeated Stoutland 62-50 in Frisco League action Thursday, Feb. 16, at Iberia.

Halley scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for the Lady Rangers (11-13, 4-4). She also blocked three shots.

Kaye Humphrey and Tressie Brown each scored 10 points. Humphrey also grabbed six rebounds.

Alexa Rowden finished with nine points. Acelyn Bauer had seven. Ayla Russell scored six and Carlee Carmack netted three.

The Lady Rangers played Newburg in the opening round of the MSHSAA Class 2, District 9 Tournament at 4:30 p.m., at Richland.

## Lady Eagles play Belle

Eugene's Lady Eagles struggled mightily in a 48-16 loss at Belle Monday, Feb. 6.

Makenna Short led the way for the Lady Eagles with five points. Katelynn Peterson tossed in four.

Kaylee Kempker netted three points. Ashlynn Kliethermes and Carianne Peterson each scored two.



**All set to shoot** - Eldon's Haley Henderson looks to shoot the ball during the Lady Mustangs' 48-39 win at School of the Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.



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# Eagles soar past Mustangs

Eugene shot nearly 51 percent from the floor and held Eldon to just 32 percent shooting as the Eagles broke open the game in the second half on their way to a 77-41 win over the Mustangs Tuesday, Feb. 14, in Eldon.

The Eagles dominated from the opening tip, although Eldon fought to keep things close in the first half. Along Hunter Hees three-pointer at the halftime buzzer kept the Mustangs within 15, 40-25, and hopefully gave them a little momentum.

But Eugene's pressure defense quickly turned the tide heavily toward the Eagles and Eldon was unable to respond.

Justice Allen led five Eugene players in double figures with 16 points. Allen also grabbed six rebounds.

Isaac Busch scored 14 points. Jacob Sharp netted 13. Ethan Wunderlich tossed in 12 and Jordan Bittle had 10. Bittle also handed out three assists. Busch grabbed six rebounds and had three steals.

Brayden Eads scored six points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Ryder Belt chipped in four points with six rebounds. Drew Hart had two points.

For Eldon, Hunter Hees shared game-high scoring honors with 16. He also pulled down 10 rebounds and handed out three assists.

Devin Hardy, Devin War-denburg and Cannon Ahart each scored six points.

Britton Ahart and Talon Hull each scored three points. Joe Prater tossed in one.

**JV game**

The junior varsity game was a close one, Eugene came out on top 56-50.

Drew Hart scored 19 points for the Eagles. Austin Doerhoff netted 16 and Dawson Busch had 15.

Keaton Engelbrecht scored four points. Chase Richard chipped in two.

For Eldon, Cody Tamm scored 19 points. Jalen Beckmann added 10.

Teagen Hull finished with nine points. Owen Martin had five. Ryan Robinson scored four and Lincoln Salsman tossed in three.



The road is blocked - Eugene's Drew Hart looks for a way to get the ball past the defense of Eldon's Jalen Beckmann during the Eagles' 77-41 win over the Mustangs Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Eldon.



A lot of Ahart - Eldon's Cannon Ahart looks to find a teammate to pass the ball to during the Mustangs' 55-46 loss at Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.



# Lady Mustangs gallop past Cuba

It took the EldonLady Mustangs a couple minutes to get going Monday, Feb. 20, in their regular season contest with the Cuba Lady Wildcats.

But, when the Lady Mustangs got started, the Lady Wildcats had no answer as Eldon raced to a 74-45 win in non-conference action at the EHS gymnasium.

Cuba (13-10) started off hot, jumping out to a 9-3 lead early, forcing an Eldon timeout. The lead jumped to 12-5 moments later.

Then, Makenna Imler, summoned from the bench, hit a three-point bucket and that seemed to ignite the Lady Mustangs' engines.

A Haley Henderson three cut it to 12-11 and forced Cuba to call timeout.

Henderson banged home another to give Eldon a 14-12 lead, but Cuba came right back with a three to make it 15-14.

Jaci Mueller hit a three to put Eldon back on top, this time for good, 17-15.

After a Henderson steal and layup pushed Eldon's lead to 19-15, Cuba responded with yet another three to make it 19-18, but the Lady Mustangs went on an 8-0 run

that lasted into the second quarter and Cuba never got closer than five the rest of the way.

Henderson finished with a game-high 21 points and seven rebounds. With that total, Henderson surpassed Macie Halderman and now sits as the No. 2 scorer in program history. Henderson now has 1,727 points.

Jaci Mueller tossed in 18 points. Sydney Halderman had a double-double with 14 points and 12 assists. Delaney McGray had 12 points.

Imler's trey in the first quarter was her only points of the game, but she also pulled down six rebounds.

Zoe Martonfi, Haley Shinn and Ashlynn Hill each scored two points. Martonfi also pulled down six rebounds. Shinn had five.

**JV game**

In a two quarter junior varsity game, the Lady Mustangs dropped a 24-9 decision to end their season with a 4-12 record.

Ashlynn Hill scored six points for Eldon and Maddie Oltmann added three.



After that ball - Eldon's Maddie Oltmann battles to keep the basketball inbound during the Lady Mustangs' 74-45 win over Cuba Monday, Feb. 20, at Eldon.



Here take this - Eldon's Devon Hardy makes a pass during the Mustangs' 55-46 loss at Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.



Under control - Haley Shinn controls the basketball after grabbing an offensive rebound to keep possession for the Lady Mustangs during their 74-45 win over Cuba Monday, Feb. 20, at Eldon.



Autumn searching - Eldon's Autumn Allen searches for a teammate to pass the ball to during the JV squad's 24-9 loss to Cuba Monday, Feb. 20, at Eldon.

2023 Class 4, District 10 Basketball Tournament  
Girls Bracket

1) Blair Oaks

8) Bye

4) Eldon

5) Osage

2) Owensville

7) Bye

3) Fatima

6) Versailles

Blair Oaks

6:00 p.m.,  
Thu., March 2

6:00 p.m.,  
Tue., Feb. 28

Owensville

7:30 p.m.,  
Thu., March 2

7:30 p.m.,  
Tue., Feb. 28

3:00 p.m.  
Sat., March 4

Feb. 28-March 4  
Hosted by Blair Oaks HS

Champion advances to Sectional March 7 at Rolla HS

2023 Class 4, District 10 Basketball Tournament  
Boys Bracket

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8) Bye

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5) Eldon

2) Springfield Catholic

7) Bye

3) California

6) Buffalo

Versailles

6:00 p.m.,  
Wed., March 1

6:00 p.m.,  
Mon., Feb. 27

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7:30 p.m.,  
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6:00 p.m.  
Fri., March 3

Feb. 28-March 3  
Hosted by Eldon HS

Champion advances to Sectional March 6 at SBU





**Sapp in action** - Eldon's Preston Sapp takes the ball up the court during the "C" team Mustangs' 59-31 loss at School of the Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15.

## Lady Eagles host Fatima

The Eugene Lady Eagles fought hard, but took a 64-39 loss to the Fatima Lady Comets in a Show-Me Conference game at Eugene Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Makenna Short scored 17 points, including five three-pointers for the Lady Eagles. Kaylee Kempker tossed in 15

points.

Katleyn Peterson and Ashlynn Kliethermes each had three points. Carianne Peterson finished with one.

"The five girls I had against Fatima fought very hard," Eugene coach Jay Allen said. "I am very proud of the grit they showed in this game."

## Rangers rope Richland

Iberia saw three players score in double figures as the Rangers defeated Richland 49-43 in Frisco League boys basketball action Friday, Feb. 10, at Richland.

It was a defensive battle from the opening tip as neither team was able to shoot better than 40 percent from the floor.

Tanner Patterson scored 13 points, grabbed six rebounds and had five steals for the Rangers. Gus Perkins and Grant Perry each had 10 points. Perry also grabbed six rebounds. Perkins grabbed five.

Hunter Piggott netted seven points. Jaydin Rowden had five, and Clayton Parker tossed in four as the Rangers picked up win no. 14 on the season.

**JV game**

In the junior varsity game, the Rangers fell by the score of 38-32.

Cris Shreve, Kenneth Spencer and Lane Evans each scored nine points for the Rangers.

Malcolm Rowden tossed in three points and Rylee McComb netted two in the loss.

## Lady Hornets lose to Linn

St. Elizabeth struggled offensively in the second half as they dropped a 42-35 decision to Linn Thursday, Feb. 9, at St. Elizabeth.

After trailing 11-10 after the first quarter, the Lady Hornets fought back and took a slim 20-18 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Linn rallied to tie the game 27-27 entering the final

stanza.

Ella Lucas led the way for the Lady Hornets with eight points and six rebounds. Tori Kemna finished with seven points and three steals.

Reagan Wobbe and Dani Heckemeyer each scored six points. Addie Oligschlaeger added five. Sidney Engelmeier had two and Charli Duemmell had one.

## Lions close out regular season

Damon whittle recorded a double-double, but the Tuscumbia basketball Lions ended the regular season with a 76-34 loss to Bunceton/Prairie Home Tuesday, Feb. 14, in Bunceton.

Tuscumbia trailed 30-8 after the first quarter and trailed by as many as 48 at one point.

Whittle scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season.

Bentley Boggs scored nine points, and grabbed five rebounds. Connor Burks tossed in five points. Zack Cline chipped in three and Austin Rolin finished with two.

## Tuscy girls host New Bloomfield

Tuscumbia's Lady Lions fell to New Bloomfield 54-19 in Show-Me Conference girls basketball action Monday, Feb. 13, at Tuscumbia.

The Lady Lions fell behind 39-11 at halftime and were never able to catch up.

Morgan Shreve led the Lady Lions with eight points. Maddie Blankenship and Addi Rogers each scored four points. Gracie Wieberg tossed in three.

# Hornets wallop New Bloomfield

Jace Kesel recorded his 25<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season as the St. Elizabeth Hornets wrapped up their regular season with a 78-41 thrashing of the New Bloomfield Wildcats in a Show-Me Conference game at St. Elizabeth.

The Hornets (16-10, 5-3) led 16-9 after one quarter and then steadily pulled away.

Kesel scored 33 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. He has recorded a double-double in 25 of the Hornets' 26 contests this season. It is also his third game of 30+ points and 15+ rebounds.

Gavin Williams flirted with a triple-double as he scored 12 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had seven steals with four assists. Nick Heckemeyer scored 11 points and also handed out four assists.

Kade Wright tossed in eight points. Isaac Green netted seven. Noah Chipman had three points with five assists. Lane Irwin tossed in one.

**JV contest**

In the junior varsity contest, the Hornets posted a

57-29 win, finishing their season with a 16-7 mark.

Hudson Lane and Carter Reinkemeyer each scored 11 points for the Hornets. Blake Wobbe scored eight points, handed out six assists and had five steals.

Brady Kemna and Carter Otto each had seven points. Otto also pulled down eight rebounds. Trent Bax finished with six points. Ryan Hodge netted five and Braydon Kempker added two.

## Rangers end regular season

Iberia's basketball Rangers ended their 2022-23 regular season Friday, Feb. 17, dropping a 74-67 decision at Plato in Frisco League action.

Gus Perkins led the Rangers in scoring with 21 points. Tanner Patterson chipped in 13 and Hunter Piggott netted 10.

Perkins and Piggott each had three steals. Piggott also

grabbed six rebounds. Patterson grabbed seven rebounds and handed out four assists.

Trey Wall added nine points. Jaydin Rowden had six points. Clayton Parker and Grant Perry each had four points. Parker also grabbed six rebounds.

**JV wins**

Iberia's junior varsity team

finished strong, defeating Plato 48-47 to finish with a 3-13 record.

Cris Shreve led the way for Iberia with 12 points. Kenneth Spencer chipped in 11.

Lane Evans and Malcolm Rowden each had eight points. Noah Fancher chipped in six. Rylee McComb had two and Jake James netted one.



**Taking him to the lane** - Eldon's Cody Tamm looks to take the ball to the hoop while Eugene's Ryder Belt defends during the Mustangs' 77-41 loss to the Eagles Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Eldon.



**Let's go this way** - Eldon's Natalie Henderson looks take the ball around the key while Cuba's Cadynce Basham defends during the JV Mustangs' 24-9 loss Monday, Feb. 20, at EHS.

## Eldon hoopsters take on Osage

Eldon's varsity basketball Mustangs stayed close throughout, but they fell short in a 55-46 loss at archival Osage Thursday, Feb. 16, in Tri-County conference action.

The first quarter started off with a fast pace. Osage had a four-point lead for a majority of the period, but the Mustangs would take advantage of Osage miscues and a hot hand from Devin Wardenburg and Hunter Hees to take a 16-14 lead after the first quarter.

The Mustangs then went cold from the floor over the second and third periods, allowing Osage to seize control of the game.

Eldon did not suffer terribly as the Mustangs finished at 41.7 percent from the floor (20-for-48), but Eldon went just 1-for-19 from beyond the three-point arc. The Mustangs also limited the turnovers, finishing with 13.

Wardenburg led all scorers in the game with 22 points. Hees recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds with three assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Joe Prater netted five points. Devin Hardy and Britton Ahart each had two.

Dayne Depee' led Osage with 13 points. Jordan Whelchel tossed in 12.



**A Hull of a pass** - Eldon's Talon Hull makes a pass during the Mustangs' 55-46 loss at Osage Thursday, Feb. 16.



**Taking a shot** - Eldon's BK Bennett puts up a shot to score two of his team-high 11 points during the "C" team Mustangs' 59-31 loss at School of the Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15.



**Working it up** - Eldon's Ryan Robison gets the ball up the court during the JV Mustang's 77-33 loss at School of the Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15.

## Lady Lions play

Tuscumbia's Lady Lions dropped a 58-32 decision to New Bloomfield Thursday, Feb. 9, in Show-Me Conference action in Tuscumbia.

The Lady Lions fell behind 22-7 after the first quarter and never could catch up.

Maddie Blankenship led the Lady Lions in scoring with 12 points. Addi Rogers chipped in 10.

Morgan Shreve netted four points. Cally Rains, Bella Helton and Jimena Montejano-Romero each scored two.

## Lady Lions play at Bunceton

Tuscumbia's Lady Lions wrapped up their regular season in a 59-32 loss to Bunceton/Prairie Home Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Bunceton.

The Lady Lions fell behind early and were unable to catch up. Tuscumbia did win the second half, outscoring their hosts 21-15 over the final two quarters of play.

Addi Rogers led the way for the Lady Lions with 12 points. Leila Wright chipped in five. Cally Rains and Maddie Blankenship each had four.

Morgan Shreve netted three points. Bella Helton and Jimena Montejano-Romero each scored two.





**Self-driving Bentley** - Tuscumbia's Bentley Boggs looks to get the basketball up the floor while Eugene's Ethan Wunderlich defends during the Lions' 100-46 loss to the Eagles Friday, Feb. 3, at Tuscumbia.

# Eagles hit century mark in win over Tuscumbia

Eugene shot a blistering 62.5 percent from the floor as the Eagles reached the century mark with a 100-46 win over the Tuscumbia Lions Friday, Feb. 3, in Show-Me Conference action at Tuscumbia.

The Lions would lead early, jumping out to a 6-2 margin before the Eagles began their shooting spree.

Still, the host squad would stay in the game as the first quarter ended with the Eagles on top, 36-22.

Tuscumbia seemed to run out of steam as the game wore

on whereas Eugene did not. The Eagles scored another 36 points in the second quarter to lead 72-32 at halftime.

Isaac Busch scored a career-high 37 points to lead all scorers in the game. He also grabbed seven rebounds.

Ethan Wunderlich added 22 points with five assists. Brayden Eads finished with 20 points.

For Tuscumbia, Bentley Boggs led the way with 18 points and five rebounds.

Damon Whittle tossed in nine points. Connor Burks scored six points and handed

out six assists. Austin Rolin had five points. Zack Cline had three. Zack Handy chipped in two.

Also for Eugene, Jordan Bittle scored eight points and handed out five assists. Drew Hart scored seven points, grabbed five rebounds and handed out seven assists. Dawson Busch, Austin Doerhoff and Ryder Belt each scored two. Belt also grabbed six rebounds, handed out seven assists and had three steals.

# Mustangs travel to California

Hunter Hees came very close to recording a triple-double, but it was not enough as the Eldon varsity basketball Mustangs dropped a 62-45 decision at California in Tri-County Conference action Friday, Feb. 10.

Eldon trailed just 18-14 after the first quarter, but the Pintos began pulling away in the second quarter. The Mustangs responded a bit in the third quarter, outscoring California 10-7 to cut the lead to 39-31, but the Pintos salted the game in the final minutes.

Hess scored 10 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and

handed out eight assists. Devin Wardenburg had a team-high 15 points for the Mustangs.

Devin Hardy scored seven points. Joe Prater netted six. Austin Rush had three. Cannon Ahart and Talon Hull each tossed in two.

## JV game

In junior varsity action, the Pintos handed the Mustangs a 72-44 defeat.

Cody Tamm scored eight points for the Mustangs. Jalen Beckmann finished with seven. Brody Ahart and Teagan Hull each had six.

Rhett Bashore, Kyle Hinds, Talon Hull, Lincoln Salsman and Peyton Wood each had three points. Owen Martin scored two.

## "C" team in action

In the evening's opening tilt, the Eldon "C" team went into overtime before dropping a 54-49 decision.

Rhett Bashore and Mason Dierking each scored 13 points. Zach Hull finished with 11 for the Mustangs.

BK Bennett tossed in six points. Preston Sapp, Britton Ahart and Johnny Stemmler each had two.



**The chase is on** - Eugene's Drew Hart takes the ball up the court while Tuscumbia's Connor Burks gives chase during the Eagles' 100-46 win Friday, Feb. 3, at Tuscumbia.

# Hornets step up to Mexico

St. Elizabeth improved its level of competition Friday, Feb. 10, hosting Class 4 Mexico in its final non-conference game. Mexico took home an 81-67 win.

The Hornets trailed 31-20 after one and 50-35 at halftime.

Jace Kesel had another big night in the losing effort, scoring 24 points and grabbing 20 rebounds.

Gavin Williams tossed in 14 points and Isaac Green netted 10. Williams also handed out four assists.

Lane Irwin chipped in six points. Levi Holtmeyer netted

five. Nick Heckemeyer and Kade Wright had four points each.

**JV action**

In junior varsity action, the Hornets suffered a 78-31 loss.

Carter Otto scored 10 points for the Hornets. Trent Bax, Carter Reinkemeyer and Hudson Lane each had four. Lane also grabbed four rebounds.

Brayden Kempker scored three points. Austin Holtmeyer, Eli Kemna and Brady Kemna each had two. Blake Wobbe scored one point for the Hornets.



**I got this** - Eldon's Ashlynn Hill looks to pass the ball after securing one of her six rebounds during the JV Lady Mustangs' 14-13 win over Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Osage.

# JV girls beat Osage

Eldon's junior varsity girls basketball team withstood Osage's second-quarter rally as they posted a 14-13 win over the Lady Indians in a two-quarter contest Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Osage.

The Lady Mustangs (3-10) jumped out to a 7-0 lead after one quarter, but found themselves trailing at one point in the second quarter.

Corin Davis and Maddie Oltmann each scored five points for the Lady Mustangs. Ashlynn Hill finished with four.

Hill also grabbed a team-high six rebounds and handed out two assists. Hannah Beanland had a steal.

Jaz Villanueva led Osage with five points. London Wood chipped in three.



**Looking for you** - Eldon's Kimber Brundin looks to keep the basketball moving during the JV Lady Mustangs' 14-13 win over Osage Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Osage.

# Rangers travel to Dixon for game

Iberia's basketball Rangers fell to Dixon 67-61 Tuesday, Feb. 14, in Frisco League action at Dixon.

The Rangers trailed 17-12 after the first period, but they cut the deficit to 28-25 by halftime. But, the Bulldogs were able to keep the Rangers at bay the rest of the way.

Grant Perry scored 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds for the Rangers. Tanner Patterson had 15 points and handed out four assists.

Clayton Parker added nine points. Gus Perkins chipped in eight. Parker had four rebounds and four assists. Perkins recorded three steals.

Brady Blankenship scored four points. Hunter Piggott

and Jaydin Rowden each had three.

**JV game**

In the junior varsity game, the Rangers lost by the score of 56-28.

Lane Evans and Kenneth Spencer each scored nine points for the Rangers. Noah Fancher tossed in six points. Malcolm Rowden and Jake James each scored two.

**"C" team action**

In a two-quarter "C" game, the Rangers dropped a 24-16 decision.

Hagan Ahart and Rylee McComb each scored six points. Trace Berg netted four for the Rangers.



**Shooting star** - St. Elizabeth's Ella Lucas puts up a shot during the Lady Hornets' 44-36 win over Eugene Tuesday, Feb. 14, at St. Elizabeth.



**Trying to pass** - Eugene's Kaylee Kempker looks to pass the ball during the Lady Eagles' 44-36 loss at St. Elizabeth Tuesday, Feb. 14.

# Lady Hornets fend off Eugene

St. Elizabeth's Lady Eagles held off a feisty Eugene Lady Eagles squad for a 44-36 win in Show-Me Conference girls basketball action Tuesday, Feb. 14, at St. Elizabeth.

It was a tough defensive battle from the get-go. Eugene led 8-5 after and 18-17 at halftime.

The Lady Eagles, who have been under-manned nearly the entire season, used tenacious defense to stay close until the very end.

But, the Lady Hornets made plays and sank some foul shots in the game's wan-

ing moments to take the win.

Reagan Wobbe led all scorers with 18 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds and had three steals. Ella Lucas scored 13 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

For Eugene, scoring was evenly balanced as Makenna Short, Katelyn Peterson, K y l e e Kempker and Carianne Peterson each had nine points.

Also for the Lady Hornets, Tori Kemna and Addie Oligschlaeger each scored five points. Dani Heckemeyer tossed in two and Sidney Engelmeyer had one.




# Lions take on Linn

Tuscumbia's basketball Lions got good nights from a pair of players, but the Lions took a 76-43 loss at the hands of the Linn Wildcats Monday, Feb. 13, at Tuscumbia.

The Lions fell behind 22-8 after the first quarter and were never in the game afterward.

Bentley Boggs led the way with 18 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots. Damon Whittle tossed in 15 points with six rebounds.

Connor Burks scored six points. Austin Rolin tossed in four.



## Upward Basketball schedule - Feb. 25

All games at Ninth St. Christian Church

Court 1	Time	Court 2
Bulls vs. Bucks	8:30 a.m.	Suns vs. Grizzlies
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Celtics vs. Wizards	11:00 a.m.	Storm vs. Sky
Liberty vs. Mercury	12:15 p.m.	Aces vs. Sparks
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## Harman is state finalist for veterinary science

Eldon FFA member Jossilyn Harman was a state finalist in veterinary science with her SAE project.

**By Jossilyn Harman**

My SAE is working at Lake Pet Animal Hospital, where I take care of small animals at the clinic under the supervision of Dr. Kristen.

Dogs and cats are the animals that I take care of the most at the vets, however, we occasionally have some other small and exotic animals come in for examinations and operations.

My SAE relates to my award area because I take care of small animals and make sure they have everything they need when they're in my care.

This includes walking the

dogs every day at work, feeding and watering both the dogs and cats, providing and administering medicine when the animal has a prescription they need to take, assisting the veterinarian when they need assistance, while also making sure that the facility is cleaned and sanitized daily using proper techniques.

As I worked at the vets for a long time, many things have changed and you have to be flexible with those things. There are different animals who need different medications and maybe even need different amounts of food and water than other animals.

For example, when I first started, I was only able to feed and water dogs and cats at the clinic. However, since I have grown in my knowledge at

Lake Pet Animal Hospital, I am now able to provide injections, administer pills, and fill prescriptions, while also feeding and watering the animals. Additionally, another role of mine that has changed has been how many dogs and which dogs I get to exercise at the clinic.

When I first started, I was only able to work with the smaller sized animals, due to a lack of knowledge on how to manage them. Now, I can exercise multiple dogs at a time, while using proper restraining techniques.

Working at Lake Pet Animal Hospital directly correlates with my own future career and education. Upon graduation, I would like to earn an animal science or biology degree at a college that

helps me further understand veterinary science and animal husbandry. From there, when I am financially stable and have a perfect place to build, I would like to make my own animal shelter for people to come and enjoy animals (mainly cats and dogs).

It would be a place where people can come to pet and play with the animals and if they wanted, they could take them home and let them become a part of their family.

By working at Lake Pet now, I will be able to build upon my current understanding of small animals, and eventually be able to take care of many small animals on my own.



Jossilyn Harman working at Lake Pet Hospital



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## Kliethermes state finalist in swine production

Eldon FFA member Kylie Kliethermes was a state finalist in swine production - entrepreneurship with her SAE project.

**By Kylie Kliethermes**

My SAE is raising, caring for, and showing pigs. I usually purchase the pigs around March or April each year and they weigh somewhere between 75-100 pounds. I will purchase at least two market hogs as they grow and overall do better together versus having just one market hog.

I purchased one market hog that has a show bloodline which costs significantly more money. I then purchase a less expensive market hog as a companion and will ultimately show both animals. I monitor their feed intake, ensure they are gaining weight, watch for any signs of illness, ensure a fresh water supply, make sure they have shelter and heat if the temperatures

are still cold in the early spring time. I also walk them at least 2-3 times per week and adjust their feed regimen as we get closer to fair season. From the time I purchase the pigs to when I show, I work hard to get them prepared for the fair. I always want to ensure that the pigs make the minimum weight in order to be able to show and sell. My SAE relates to the Swine Production- Entrepreneurship because I own pigs and apply the best practices to be able to produce and market swine.

When I first started my SAE, I only had one pig and mainly just fed it enough so that it would make weight for the fairs. I would feed it twice a day and just fill up the trough and not portion it out. Before I used to need a lot of help with my pigs from my family, on getting advice and help feeding them.

As I have grown and watched what other people

have done, it has made my SAE grow. Now I am showing two pigs and walking them regularly and making sure I wash them every once in a while to get them used to these activities before the fair.

I have watched other people at the fair to see what all they put on their pig to make it look better for the judge which I have used on my pigs to help me get better placings. I have also talked to other people that show about how they portion out their feed and I have taken notes from them which have helped. I can tell that this has changed my SAE because when I show I am getting better placements in my class, the pigs are more calm because I have worked with them more than before and they are better weight managed since I have portioned out their feed. Now I don't need as much help from my parents and it is easier for me to make decisions

on my own since I have watched other people along the years.


My future plans are to go to college at State Technical College of Missouri and pursue an associate degree in agribusiness. I would like to get a job helping businesses in agriculture.

My future plans relate to my SAE because I am getting experience in an agricultural business that I would not be getting if I did not raise pigs. This will help give me a better understanding of agriculture in my future job and allow me to connect with people who are involved in the industry.

When I am at some of the fairs I am meeting new people especially at the Miller County Fair at the buyers dinner. Talking with these business people could potentially help me get a job in the future.



Kylie Kliethermes working with swine production



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## Bax is state finalist in pork production

Eldon FFA member Jonathan Bax was a state finalist in pork production placement with his SAE project.

**By Jonathan Bax**

I have a swine production placement SAE, where I work for a local swine producer on his 2,000 head hog barn operation.

My duties require loading hogs on and off the trailer, scraping and washing pens, and welding broken gates. I also maintain good animal health and welfare on the farm by making sure all of the pigs are healthy and well cared for. This SAE is a good experience for me because it allows me to feel accomplished at the end of the day. It also allows me to see how to run a large swine operation,

which is something I am interested in doing in the future.

In the beginning of this SAE, I started out scraping pens and loading and unloading pigs. I then added responsibilities such as fixing feeders, building new gates for the barns, and cleaning barns. Over time responsibilities were added and now I help do everything related to the pig barns.

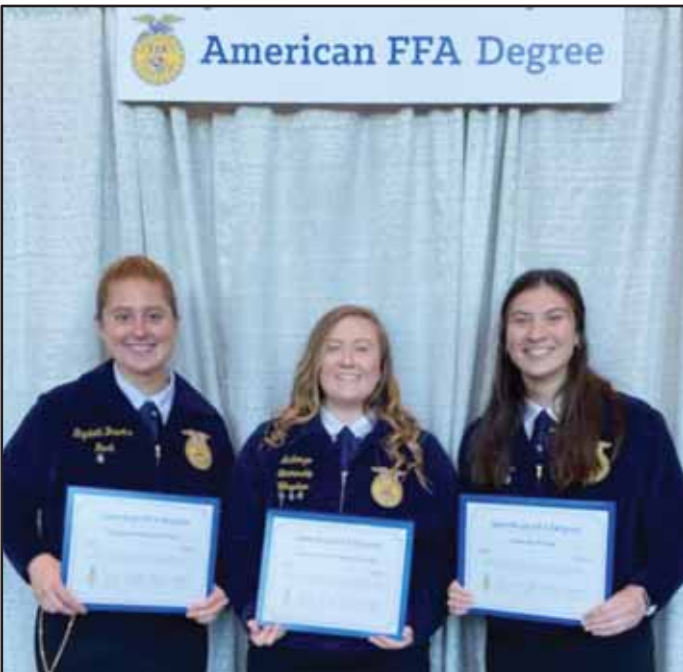
My future plans are to continue to expand my own pork operation by raising butcher pigs for family and friends. I also hope to breed one of my gilts so I can use my own pigs instead of buying them from a producer. My job helps with these goals as I am able to learn about large scale pork production including daily operations such as giving



Jonathan Bax works with his pork production SAE

shots to sick piglets, ear notching, and other responsibilities that come with producing pork. This will prepare

for all aspects of pig production and get me comfortable about the work that I do with the pigs.



American FFA degree – Five Eldon FFA members received their American FFA degree certificates at last year's national convention. Pictured are, from left: Elizabeth Rush, Mackenzie Blankenship and Cassidy Prater. Not pictured are P.J. Bledsoe and Holden Grisham. (Submitted photo)



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# Eldon FFA has successful year

The Eldon FFA chapter received many accolades this year. At the national level, the chapter boasts five new American FFA degree recipients, a veterinary science contest team that finished eighth in the nation, two National FFA Band members (one soloist) and Three Star Chapter recognition. They also sent seven to Washington Leadership Conference with four National FFA SAE grants and two National FFA scholarship recipients. At the state level, they have one Missouri FFA state officer, one Missouri FFA state

choir participant, four state finalists in proficiency awards, seven State FFA degree recipients, two Farm Bureau Leadership Day participants, three LDE teams, two prepared public speakers, five CDE teams, fourth ranked chapter and two Missouri FFA SAE grants. District awards include four district fall speaking finalists, one FFA Creed speaker and eight CDE contest teams. Area awards include one Area Job Interview participant, Top 3 ranking in beginning record book and six district participants in proficiencies.



**Eldon FFA leadership** – 2022-2023 Eldon FFA officers are, from left, front row: Sentinel Logan Blankenship, Reporter Katelyn Franken, Historian Gracie Scrivner, President Clara Taylor, Secretary Danielle Clifton; back row: Chaplain Ethan Miller, First Vice President Austin Rush, Second Vice President Jonathan Bax, Treasurer Kylie Kliethermes and Parliamentarian Dakota Forrester. (Photo by Wendy Winters)

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**Leaders go to D.C.** – Seven Eldon FFA members took part in the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Pictured in the nation's capital are, from left: Tyler Martin, Gracie Scrivner, Austin Rush, Clara Taylor, Hannah Beanland, Harley McGee and Jade Fletcher.



**District speakers** – Four Eldon FFA members brought home strong finishes from the district fall speaking competition. Pictured are, from left: Kole Wendelin, sixth (Missouri Forest Products), Dakota Forrester, sixth (Missouri Sheep Producers), Logan Wolfe, fifth (Missouri Pet Breeders) and Kylie Kliethermes, fourth (Missouri Pork Producers). (Submitted photo)



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# Long gains diversified learning with livestock

**by Christopher Long**  
I work on my family farm with swine and cattle. I regulate feed, water, and shelter for both types of animals. We have 2 black baldie cows and a white cow that's a black baldie Charolais mix. We also have three 400-pound Hereford hogs getting close for slaughtering. The tasks I do at Long farms relate to the topics I chose. The animal systems is covered by how I feed, water, and rotate all the animals when it comes time to. Feeding them on a regular schedule, fixing their pen and shelters to keep them out of harsh weather are some things I do to take care of them. Power, structural and

technical systems are covered by me building the pens and shelters. I've been working here ever since my family bought cows and swine back in 2015. I plan to go to State Tech for power sports and make more money to buy more animals for the farm. I'd like to expand the farm and get more pigs and cows to make more profits from it. Working at a power sports shop until around 3 p.m., giving me time to get to the farm and do all that needs done. Power sports has always been a part of the farm, fixing four wheelers is an every week thing and I've really enjoyed it.



**Christopher Long ready to feed his livestock**



**National SAE grants** – From left, Eldon FFA members Corin Davis, Kylie Kliethermes, Katelyn Franken and Jonathan Bax each have been awarded national supervised agricultural experience grants. (Submitted photo)

## Official FFA Colors

The official FFA colors are National Blue and Corn Gold. The blue was taken from the blue field of our nation's flag. The gold, however, stems from the golden fields of ripened corn. Together, the blue and gold provide the National FFA Organization with unity, and therefore the colors should be displayed with pride.





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Poultry production keeps Franken busy

Hargus is state finalist in ag. mechanics entrepreneurship

**by Katelyn Franken**

My SAE is Franken Poultry productions. Within this SAE I sell eggs, meat, hatch chicks and advocate for heritage breeds within my community. Throughout the year, I collect and sell eggs to members of the community. I also raise meat birds during spring and summer and sell them at the Miller County Fair in July.

In the spring, I collect and hatch out eggs in my Wyandotte breeding program and sell extra chicks at swap meets. Throughout the year, I bring retired show birds to events as ambassadors for my SAE and the poultry industry to inform and interact with the public.

My roles within my SAE are marketing, advertisement, genetics, advocacy, and entrepreneurship. I use marketing to expand on the Franken Poultry Production name by introducing a new Facebook page as well as talking with locals. Without good marketing and advertising there would be no way my SAE would exist. I study and adapt genetics to improve breeding programs by researching what is the prominent gene in the breed and what is the trait wanted within the show circuit and applying that to gain the best offspring. I use advocacy to inform the public about truths in the poultry industry as well as the benefits of having just a few poultry. I advocate to the youth in the community through petting zoos with oral demonstrations, SAE showcases using tri fold representations and oral



Katelyn Franken tends to her chickens

presentations about flexibility and benefits of the poultry industry. Another way I have advocated for the poultry industry is AGEducation days with elementary schoolers where they get to meet the animals as well as learn and answer questions about poultry and breed and species differences.

My plans for the rest of high school are to win Grand Champion at a poultry show, to continue to be a leader within FFA, and to increase

my list of buyers. I plan to attend the University of Missouri and major in Animal Science. From there, I would like to attend the University of Missouri College of Veterinary medicine and become a large animal veterinarian. I would like to practice veterinary medicine in a small community like Eldon. I plan to continue my SAE through college, raising and selling birds and eggs.

Eldon FFA member Tanner Hargus was a state finalist in agricultural mechanics repair and maintenance - entrepreneurship.

**By Tanner Hargus**

I buy old tractors, get them running, and restore them to look like when they were new. When restoring tractors, I may have to repair mechanical parts, as well as electric. For example, if the exhaust sat open for years, I may need to pull the head off the engine to remove mud daubers nests or other obstructions from the combustion chamber. When converting to a 12 volt system from a 6 volt system, you need to replace the generator with an alternator, switch from positive ground to negative ground, and put a resistor between the battery and the ignition coil.

The resistor is necessary because the tractor was designed for a 6 volt system, and the ignition needs to be 6 volts. This relates to the Mechanics Repair and Maintenance because I am working on engines and electrical systems on a machine.


I spent a majority of my summer working on my tractors, and work on them after school. Time management is key to getting it done at a certain deadline. The day I pulled the Allis Chalmers WC home from the previous owners estate sale, I began taking sheet metal off. Once the tractor was inside the shop, we started by putting it on jack stands, and began taking off all of the old paint and surface rust. Next I applied primer to



Tanner Hargus welding in ag. mechanics class

the frame of the tractor, and gave it 24 hours to dry completely before I applied a second coat. I had to be patient and not rush, or I could mess something up.

I am not certain which career I want to go into, but I could enjoy something that relates to tractors, engines, and similar jobs that are related to my SAE. I have always been fascinated by engines and mechanical innovations that have been developed throughout the years. We went from simple pushrod carbureted engines, to fuel injection, overhead cams and timing chains, as well as many over creations. I would really be interested in learning more about the developments our engineers have made. I am partial to the older, more simple engines, but these new designs are interesting technology.



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Miller uses family cattle operation for beef production SAE project

**By Ethan Miller**

My SAE project consists as a part of my family's cattle ranching operation, of which I own registered cows, recipient cows, and a bull in partnership with Select Sires. I rent other cows from my family to use in a custom ET calf scenario. Each year I keep the heifer calves on the farm and raise them as freezer beef or replacement heifers. Steers are sold at a local livestock market and seedstock bulls are sold off the farm or at RA Brown Ranch in Throckmorton, Texas. I keep careful records on calves born including their weight, dam and sire, and tag numbers so they can be easily identified on my farm. In the winter, we set up calving pens in our barn where we can put the mother so she can safely deliver her baby. This setup in our barn currently includes six different pens filled with hay as

bedding. At weaning time, the calves will be turned out to pasture for development, or into our feedlot for freezer beef. This evergoing cycle has allowed my SAE to expand even further past these years. Custom ET calves will add a \$150-\$200 premium over market price paid at weaning time. The beef portion of my SAE is designed for profitability and sustainability in the beef industry.

My duties consist of feeding an appropriate amount of feed each night to ensure that every animal obtains optimum performance. As previously summarized when working, sorting and giving them proper medications, I have multiple different jobs. I ensure the entire backside of the operation runs smoothly, this includes sorting and working a group to put into the tub to run through the chute. I also apply pour-on to

the animals on many occasions and give shots and vaccinations according to what each and every cow/calf requires, including CIDR insertion and removal during estrus synchronization. Weighing and tagging many calves is another big duty I complete. This includes finding a newborn calf, figuring out who their mother is, creating a tag with accurate information, then going and tagging the calf. In the fall that is all, but in the winter, to ensure the mom and calf's survival, I put the mother about to have her calf in our barn with hay to keep the new baby out of the cold. Then when it has nursed and is ready to walk, I carefully walk both the mom and baby out to the pasture. Whenever a sale is made, such as the feedlot heifers sold every few months as freezer beef, it is my duty to run these heifers into our al-

leyway and tub, get the trailer, have them weighed, sorted and ready, then proceed to load these heifers into the trailer. Including the trailer and other running vehicles, it is my duty to keep each fueled up, detailed and properly maintained.

Applying for the Beef Production SAE my junior year means I have so much more room to grow in my FFA Career in future ag-ventures. In the near future I hope to grow my cattle herd selling seedstock bulls and heifers, and to continue feeding out and raising quality SimAngus and Red Angus beef for our customers. One of the best ways I can do this is ensuring my cows calve easily, then grow quickly and turn in the best carcass quality around. I enjoy raising quality beef for my customers. It feels good when they tell me this beef is some of the best they ever had.



Ethan Miller works on his family's cattle ranch

I will also continue showing State Fair Carcass Show in Sedalia. I will also continue showing area and branch out to the



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**Headed to nationals** – The Eldon FFA chapter veterinary science contest team won state for a second straight year to advance to national competition in October at the national convention. Pictured with their trophy are, from left: Logan Blankenship, Danielle Clifton, Gracie Scrivner and Harley Frost. (Submitted photo)

# Eldon FFA vet science team repeats as state champs

After a long day of restraining (stuffed) animals, setting up fecalizers, and identifying worms, the Eldon FFA veterinary science contest team has repeated as state champions and punched their ticket to the national convention in October.

In addition to the team’s accomplishment, all four members finished in the top 20 in individual rankings. Gracie Scrivner finished in

third place, Logan Blankenship took fourth, Danielle Clifton took 12th and Harley Frost finished in 17th place among all Missouri competitors.

# Eldon FFA junior officer team

Eldon FFA recently elected its 2022-2023 year. They are, as follows:

President Hannah Beanland,	Wilson-Sanchez, Sentinel
Second Vice President Emma Opie,	Cali Smith, Parliamentarian
Secretary Kendall Taylor	Autumn Allen, Historian
Treasurer Madelyn Franken,	Gracie Shand and Chaplain Leandra Harley Wright.



**SAE grant recipients** – Eldon FFA members Sam Schupp (left) and Hannah Beanland each received a grant to assist with their supervised agricultural experience projects. (Submitted photo)



**State FFA degrees** – Seven Eldon High School FFA members received their state FFA degrees at state convention. Pictured are, from left: Alivia Beanland, Landon DeGraffenreid, Jason Holland, Emma Krantz, Lily Scrivner, Payge Sergeant, and Cody Tucker. (Submitted photo)

# How agriculture has impacted my life

**By Kaylee Boessen**

Ag has impacted my life from the very beginning, from living on a farm to my Ag experience at school.

My school’s FFA offers so many great opportunities and trips for us to go on, like National Convention, Fischer Pumpkin Patch, Barnwarming, etc.

They also help us with our leadership skills and help get us out of our ‘boxes’. I’m on the FFA Knowledge Contest team and I couldn’t be happier. Mrs. Prenger pushes us to be our best selves and has the absolute best person-

ality. She’s kind, caring, energetic, sweet, and so much more.

Then there was my old Ag teacher, Mr Hager. He was one of my favorite teachers and made every day super fun. He was nice, funny, caring, and was kind of like a father figure to a lot of us.

He was definitely one of the best Ag teachers Eugene has ever had and I miss him a lot. There have been a lot of things that have happened in my life, but I know that agriculture will always be something I won’t forget, and will carry with me forever.



**Book work** – Eugene FFA advisor Landon Bax and FFA member Dylan Bryan work on AET Record Book Systems so he can apply for awards with his supervised agricultural experience. (Submitted photo)



**Making the cut** – Eugene FFA member Christopher Sharp works on a woodworking project in shop class. (Submitted photo)

# FFA teachers are the best

**By Callie Frazier**

FFA has impacted my life in many ways starting with the amazing teachers, Mrs. Prenger and Mr. Bax.

Mrs. Prenger has always been in a good mood and finds positivity in every situation, even the worst ones.

She brought agriculture into my life and others by making it fun to learn. She made learning about agriculture enjoyable and everyday she taught us, was another day of knowledge.

She and Mr. Bax convinced us to try new things, and that helped several students find their spot in the future of agriculture.

This year went by so fast and that is partially thanks to them because you know the saying “Time flies when you’re having fun.”

I cannot forget to mention the late Mr. Hager. He always made his students laugh and was one of the kindest and heartfelt people I’ve ever met. He taught me to enjoy life and treat everybody like a friend. In the end it wasn’t so much FFA that impacted my life, but the people that taught it.



**Mum is the word** – Eugene FFA member Jordyn Haney is passing out mums during the chapter’s fall mum fund-raiser. (Submitted photo)

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## Why would you encourage others to be a part of FFA or take an Ag Class?

**By Emma Ernst**  
I encourage people to join FFA because it is so much fun and you get to learn so many new things about the world. You also get to get out of school for some events. You also get the option to go to FFA National Convention, it is either in Indianapolis or Kansas City. I

went in 2022 to Indianapolis and it was so much fun!!  
Our Ag teachers were Mrs. Prenger and Mr. Bax, they made the experience so much better! We had Facts with Bax in the mornings and Mrs. Prenger was always happy and ready for the day. They brought us to so many different

places and we learned a lot about agriculture. In FFA you can learn so much and you can get scholarships for college, too. You don't have to live on a farm to be in FFA; believe me, it will make a big impact on your life, like it did mine.



**Floral fun** – Eugene ag. student Aleyah Chapman works on a corsage during floral design class. (Submitted photo)

## The impact of agriculture classes

**By Bella Goose**  
FFA has impacted my life in several ways. Being in several different AG classes has impacted my life the most. I got a better understanding of what agriculture is. I also learned many things about

business when we had the guest speakers come in and talk to us. I love FFA and have many reasons why. One of my favorite things about FFA is getting to go on fun trips. In FFA you get many opportunities to go places. Some of

those places include big surf, the top twenty-five trip, the pumpkin patch, several contests, and much more. You also get to be a part of and help with events like the tractor pull, the barbecue, AG day, and other events we have

during the year. I would encourage others to be in FFA or take an AG class because you learn lots of new things, you get the opportunity to go places, and it is so much fun.

## Learning through FFA and ag

**By Caillin Mathews**  
Through FFA and ag. classes I have learned so many new things about where things come from.

For instance, I never knew there were so many different breeds of dairy cattle.

And if I never joined FFA I probably wouldn't have had so many opportunities. That is how FFA has impacted my

life.  
My best memory of FFA is when I went to a livestock auction and visited a dairy farm. I learned how they sell cows, how they auction them and at what price.

When we went to the dairy farm I learned how we get all of our dairy products. I loved that trip. I learned so much I never knew.

## My best memory of FFA

**By Kebrina Hugen**  
What is the best memory I have of FFA?

My best memory of FFA is when we went to the Fishers Pumpkin Patch. I went both my seventh grade year and ninth grade year. Both years I went I had so much fun.

They have a big corn maze that is super fun, and I get

lost in it every time I go.

They have corn boxes to play in, and swings, and tubes to run in on a little track. They also have a little store where you can buy food, drinks, and other goodies.

I can't wait to go again next school year, because it is always so much fun!



**Teach Ag Day** – Eugene agriculture students Grace Hale and Eden Bosch work on a project for National Teach Ag Day. (Submitted photo)



**Ready, aim, fire!** Eugene FFA member Austin Colvin shoots during a recent shooting tournament. (Submitted photo)



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**Giving back with a book** – Elizabeth Luebbering reads to a kindergarten class during National Book Day. FFA members regularly give back to the community and help in other classrooms. (Submitted photo)

## More than hay bales

**By Aly Haeffner**  
Some people may not realize how amazing FFA actually is. They probably just hear “FFA” and might think that all we are is country kids and hay bales, but we are so much more than that. We are a group of leaders, we thrive in teamwork, we are a family, hard workers, creators, believers, achievers, and so much more. FFA has so many different opportunities too. These opportunities include experience running for and being in an officer position, going on fun trips, competing in competitions, getting scholarships, meeting new people from all over, having experience working on a team

and as a leader, making new friends, and so much more. In my personal experiences, I have built strong bonds within my chapter and many others, learned skills I will use in my everyday life, met many local business owners and learned about what they do, learned about different careers I can pursue, and, on top of it all, had so much fun. So, why should you join if none of this interests you? So my answer to this question is that you can create your own experiences, gain leadership and many other skills, work with a team, apply for scholarships, have a lot of fun, and have an FFA family.

## FFA impacts your life

**By Rylee Evers**  
FFA gives students the opportunity to learn to develop themselves individually and with a team of peers to meet a common goal through serving their communities and competing in a variety of Career Development Events. In the end, the National FFA Organization has changed the lives of millions of people. Install-

ing a strong work ethic, cultivating a sense of community, and establishing leadership skills are just a few of the things we do. Such an organization can sometimes be difficult to describe in terms of its impact. FFA prepares you to develop your skills and prepare you for the next chapter of your life.



**Soil cupcakes** – Eugene eighth graders Rylee Bashore and Cassidy Atkins work on soil sampling cupcakes. (Submitted photo)

## So much to learn in ag. class

**By Cole Bradley**  
Why would you encourage others to participate in FFA or take an ag. class?

This class is one of the best classes to be in. You do many fun things and cool projects like loans, photojournalism, resumes, and cover letters. They teach us many things in

the real world and what to do. The best part about the class is that Mrs. Prenger is a very helpful teacher and cares for our grades as much as we do. The environment is awesome. You get a lot of stuff done because all the projects are fun. That is why I would encourage people to take an Ag class.



**Ornamental science** – Eugene ag. students Macie Statler and Grace Eidson make cinnamon ornaments in food science class. (Submitted photo)

## FFA brings development

**By Bruce Williams**  
FFA has affected me in many ways. For one thing It has helped me develop my personal and educational growth and learn how to be a leader. It has taught me what is needed from me to get to my next step or goal in life. I have also become able to work better in larger groups and work with different peo-

ple. Ag classes have taught me a lot of things that can be applied to real life and life skills. This will help me in the future when I will have to apply these things in what I am doing. In conclusion FFA and Ag has benefited me by helping me become more prepared for my future and always knowing what the next best move for me is.





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**Shepherd duty** – Tuscumbia FFA member Connor Kempker’s supervised agricultural experience includes sheep, cattle and swine production, as well as training sheep dogs. He also recently started his own business, Kempker Fencing. His sheep production SAE also earned him the Area 8 Sheep Production Proficiency award. (Submitted photo)



**National convention** – Tuscumbia FFA members pose for a photo at the national convention last fall in Indianapolis, Ind. (Submitted photo)

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**Patriotic at the pull** – Tuscumbia FFA junior officers pose for a photo prior to the start of the annual truck and tractor pull at Riverside Park. (Submitted photo)



**State champion researcher** – Above left, Tuscumbia FFA member Jonah Visser’s supervised agricultural experience is agri-science research. His projects have been related to environmental and plant sciences and he has competed at nationals the past two years, finishing eighth in 2021 and third in 2022. (Submitted photo)



**Office job SAE** – Tuscumbia FFA member Emma Helton’s supervised agricultural experience is working at the Miller County Courthouse in the assessor and recorder’s offices. She assists with inputting deed records and soil survey information. (Submitted photo)




**SAE on the family farm** – Tuscumbia FFA member Addie Farnham’s supervised agricultural experience is working for her family’s farm, Pura Vida Farm & Flowers. The farm raises cut flowers, as well as pork and beef. Through her SAE she was the Area 8 FFA winner in diversified horticultural production proficiency. (Submitted photo)



**Egg-citing SAE** – Tuscumbia FFA member Haven Porterfield’s supervised agricultural experience is a chicken and egg business, Plum Pastures. Haven sells eggs, not only for consumption, but also for hatching purposes. She was also named Missouri’s Best Chicken Farmer in 2022. (Submitted photo)

**FFA Week at Tuscumbia**



**Sunday, Feb. 19** – FFA Sunday at First Christian Church  
**Monday, Feb. 20** – Ice skating in Jefferson City  
**Tuesday, Feb. 21** – Drive Your Tractor to School Day  
Tractor/Farmer Apparel Day  
**Wednesday, Feb. 22** – Officers attend Governor Parson’s Drive Your Tractor event at the state capitol & Hat Day  
**Thursday, Feb. 23** – Community breakfast at the school, 6:30 to 8 a.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 24** – Barnyard Zoo Day at school

~ FFA Emblem ~

It consists of five symbols that represent history, goals and the future of the organization.

**Cross-section of corn • Plow • Rising Sun • Owl • Eagle**

- 1) The cross-section of an ear of corn provides the foundation of the emblem. It is a symbol of unity because corn is grown in every state of the union.
- 2) The plow signifies labor and tillage of the soil, which is the backbone of agriculture and the foundation of our nation’s strength.
- 3) The rising sun is a symbol of progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day, glowing with opportunities.
- 4) The owl is recognized for its wisdom and symbolizes the knowledge necessary to be successful in agriculture.
- 5) The eagle is a national symbol that serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.

~~~ The FFA Creed ~~~

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

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**Iberia FFA chapter** – Members of the Iberia FFA chapter are, from left, front row: Advisor Nicole Hanson, Secretary Abbie Cato, Treasurer Stella Humphrey, Reporter Kaye Humphrey, Vice President Hannah Helton and President Emma Rowden; second row: Cianna Lathrop, Abby Pritchett, Hannah Tidwell, Ty Roark, Gabby Lawson, Brooklyn Humphrey, Kenzie Callison, Brinna Long; third row: Becka Cochran, Isaac Parker, Hunter Piggott, Ashlyn Neuman, Ora Ash, Bryden Steele, Ty Holmes, Sage Long, Lexi Hedgpeth; fourth row: Lane Cardwell, Eli Brooks, Hagen Ahart, Dakota Thompson, Noah Fancher, Devin Alexander, Aydan Hensley, William Henske, Ayla Russell; back row: Ross Pemberton, Brady Blankenship, Elliott Whittle, Bryce Mayhew, Lane Evans, Danny Humphrey, Chris Shreve, Wes Cardwell and Dawson Roark. (Submitted photo)

# FFA Week at Iberia

**Tuesday, Feb. 21** - Camo and Coveralls Day  
**Wednesday, Feb. 22** - Drive your tractor to school Day or Western Wear  
**Thursday, Feb. 23** - Battle of the Brands - (John Deere, Ariat, etc.)  
**day, Feb. 24** - National Blue and Gold Day or favorite FFA shirt

ALSO: Coloring contest for lower elementary students  
and word searches for upper elementary students



## Busy year for Iberia FFA

The Iberia FFA Chapter has been busy the past few months. Beginning with this past summer, the chapter participated in the greased pig contest at the Miller County Fair.

After that chapter officers went to the Missouri State Fair for an officer bonding day.

During the National Con-

vention in Indianapolis, Ind., they were able to volunteer at The Gleaners, a food pantry for those in need. Members of the Iberia Chapter were also able to celebrate with other Area 8 FFA Chapters with multiple barnwarming events.

More recently, members raised more than \$300 and gathered multiple items for

the Miller County Care and Rehabilitation Center for residents for Christmas.

This month the chapter held its annual chili and soup dinner and labor auction, with funds going toward state and national convention trips in the upcoming months.

The Iberia chapter currently has 46 active members.



**State Fair smiles** – Iberia FFA members attended the Missouri State Fair last summer. Pictured are, from left, front row: Emma Rowden, Hannah Helton; back row: Kaye Humphrey, Abbie Cato and Stella Humphrey. (Submitted photo)




**Hayride happiness** – Iberia FFA members took a hayride last fall. Pictured at the event are, from left, front row: Makenna Shelton, Becka Cochran, Rhylee Graves, Ayla Russell, Ashlyn Neuman, Abby Pritchett, Kaye Humphrey, Hannah Helton, Stella Humphrey; back row: Brayden Steele, William Henske, Loren Humphrey, Scott Henske, Danny Humphrey, Emma Rowden and Abbie Cato. (Submitted photo)




**National convention** – Iberia FFA members and sponsors attended the national convention last fall in Indianapolis, Ind. Pictured are, from left: advisor Nicole Hanson, Danny Humphrey, Kaye Humphrey, Lexi Hedgpeth, Stella Humphrey, Makenzie Pivarnik, Becca Cochran and Janie Humphrey. (Submitted photo)

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