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Miller County

County commission proposes sales tax for Swinging Bridge

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The Miller County Commission has announced a proposal to place a 1/8 sales tax on the April ballot for Miller County Parks, including a park for the Grand Auglaize Swinging Bridge.

If approved by voters, revenue from the tax would provide funds to purchase land and create a Grand Auglaize (Brumley Swinging Bridge) Park, including maintenance of the bridge, according to National Historic Register regulations.

These regulations pose a different challenge than standard concrete bridge updates.

The order says the taxation period will not exceed four years.

Efforts of the Save the Historical Brumley Swinging Bridge group, along with support from state-elected officials, can be credited for sending the measure to voters.

County Commissioners Kevin Cardwell and Don Abbett have actively attended monthly bridge meetings and heard the plea of local citizens to reopen the bridge.

State Representatives Don Mayhew and Lisa Thomas have also attended meetings and offered support for a couple of years.

The bridge committee's fund-raising efforts have also gained more than 900 voter signatures and at least that many non-constituent signatures.

A national heritage grant, Save America's Treasures, through the U.S. National Parks Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation is also available, but requires a match-

ing portion that Miller County will not provide funding for by the Dec. 19 deadline.

The match is also 10 times what the Save the Brumley Bridge group has available.

The April ballot issue would not make funds available for any matching grants that the Save the Historic Brumley Swinging Bridge Group would seek.

Second District Commissioner Travis Lawson said Monday, Dec. 4, in a Miller County Commission meeting, that the group would not need to gain any grants, that passage of the sales tax measure would cover all the costs of restoring the historical bridge.

Bridge restoration supporters asked if funds from the tax would immediately open the swinging bridge. Cardwell said that the period after the passage of the tax would have bids going out in fall 2024, and work to begin in spring 2025, according to the commission's best estimates.

Prices of phases of the plan to build the Grand Auglaize Swinging Bridge Park continue to increase, so estimates are hard to make.

The tax for Miller County is proposed under the county parks budget and has nothing to do with the Missouri State Parks or Missouri Department of Natural Resources. It will be owned and maintained by Miller County.

According to Cardwell, one-fourth of the land surrounding the area is privately owned, with no availability to purchase, and the other three-fourths of the land is owned by the Missouri

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Lake Ozark



Gov. Mike Parson assists the Jed and Jackie Mathany family and other supporters cut the ribbon at the official opening of their Mathany Family Vineyards in Lake Ozark this week. NANCY ZOELLNER/LAKE SUN

Mathany winery joins state's wine trail

BY NANCY ZOELLNER
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Missouri is home to more than 130 wineries, many of which have joined together to form nine unique wine trails. On Monday, Dec. 4, the Lake of the Ozarks Wine Trail grew by one when a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the grand opening of the Mathany Family Vineyards, a 10,000-square-foot winery and sustainably farmed vineyard on Grand Vinters Lane in Lake Ozark. Numerous members

of the community as well as Missouri Gov. Mike Parson attended the celebration.

Owners Jackie and Jed Mathany opened the event by sharing a little of their background before thanking those who made it possible for them to realize their dream. Their mothers topped the list.

"We owe a lot to them, not only for watching our kids but even planting," Jackie said. "One year, our mothers planted with us in the pouring rain on the steepest hillside we have on a Sunday - and dare I say, it was Mother's Day. We couldn't be

here without them."

Jed later echoed that sentiment, telling the group that he had been gone months at a time, working at wineries around the world, including Napa, New Zealand, Australia and France, learning everything he could about grapes and the wine-making business to produce the highest-quality wine possible.

Jackie thanked their pastor, Cody Har-

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Lake Ozark

Never Say No Grand Marshal Mike Clayton's path to paradise

BY LORETTA SRCH
Bagnell Dam Strip Association

Saturday December 9 at 1 p.m.

Lake of the Ozarks is many people's version of paradise and each for different reasons. Being brought up here or brought to here, folks' stories - some truth, some fiction - all mix together defining and reflecting one large community. In celebration of that community, the Bagnell Dam Strip Association (BDSA) hosts the 39th annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade presented by COMC on the Bagnell Dam Strip,

Leading this year's parade "Christmas in Paradise" is Grand Marshal Mike Clayton who is on the cusp of change in his story of paradise at Lake of the Ozarks. Mike is widely known for his presence both as the morning radio guy on Mix 92.7 KLOZ, and its program director; and as the voice and presence warming up and compelling the crowds, either emceeing annual not-for-profit organization fundraisers or remote broadcasting at businesses and special events.

Mike reflects on the concept of the Lake as paradise, "My definition of paradise might be different than the reason it was chosen as a theme. Or from other people's reasons. The obvious being the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, the beautiful sunsets; we have boating, we have bars and bikinis. And while all that's fine, my definition of paradise is the

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Lake Area



The 2023 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout raised a record-setting \$675,000 for Lake-area emergency response agencies and charities. Dozens of recipients were on hand last week for a special check presentation. See story on A3. From left are: Connie Weyer, Karie Maasen, Don Sylva, Diana Dorhauer, Mark Maasen and Leah Martin. DAN FIELD/LAKE SUN

Laurie

New rules announced for Laurie Hillbilly Park

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The Laurie City Parks Director James Bryant has organized a new series of rules and contracts for use of the park for 2024.

What is new are conditions of use of the long standing "cook shacks" commonly used for the annual Hillbilly Fair. Ownership has been questioned lately of those shacks and Bryant has been working to clarify those contracts. The Chicago Ron's stand still contains cook equip-

ment and the Laurie Board of Aldermen discussed what happens to the remaining inventory. The board agreed to a 30-day notice to vacate the stand. Updates were made and power and water remains on to the city stands, with Bryant assuring the board that the new contracts regarding the structures would save the city money.

The contract between the City of Laurie and the cook shack owner or occupant details the city's responsibilities includ-

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Death Notice

Christy Hutchings, 48

Christy Hutchings, 48, of Macks Creek, Missouri, passed away on November 29, 2023.

Arrangements are under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home.

Obituary

Thomas J. Walker, 82

Thomas J. Walker, age 82, of Osage Beach, MO, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

He was born September 14, 1941 in Akron, OH and was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Vickie Walker, parents Eugene and Catherine Yates Walker, and brothers, William and Robert Walker.

Tom grew up in Akron, OH and was employed by AON Corporation for 35 years until his retirement.

He is survived by one twin brother, Terrence (Marlene) Walker, Strongsville, OH and his four children, Catherine M. Walker, Columbus, OH, Jeanne L. (John) Williams, Orient, OH, Ryan E. (Kami) Walker, Bloomington, IL and Debbie (Phillip) Steele, Kirksville, MO. In addition, he has nine grandchildren of which he was very proud of.

Tom loved LOZ, where he resided for 26 years. During his time at the lake, he enjoyed giving back to his community, serving on the University of Missouri Extension Council for four years. He was also a proud member of the Rotary and became President of Lake Ozark Rotary Club in 2016. Tom was elected 3 times as Third Ward Alderman in the City of Osage Beach. During his tenure with these organizations, he built incredible relationships with many great people.

There will be a private family ceremony as this was Tom's wish. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Lake Ozark Rotary Club, PO Box 207, Osage Beach, MO 65065 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Thomas J. Walker

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ing utilities, trash, picnic tables, weedeating, fencing and notification of events. The user's responsibility will be paying an annual contract renewal of \$150, paying a vendor fee each time the stand is open for business, licensure with city and county, proper signage, enclosure of cook equipment, necessary operating during every day of the annual fair, repairs and maintenance and notification to vacate. On that vacate condition, owners may sell to a third party with the city's approval. Owners must operate for 16 hours within a 12-month period or the structure will revert ownership to the City of Laurie.

Bryant told the board, "They will grow with us, or they will move out."

One of those stands, The Gator Shack, reverted ownership back to the City of Laurie. Bryant told the board that he has a waiting list of seven businesses to use that stand.

The city will make an attempt to limit the kind of food served to one specific primary food. Events have been held recently by private parties at the park, and the city will notify owners so they may be open at will for those events. They can also open at any time to do business provided that they notify the city and pay the appropriate park fee. Off-season construction or enhancements are allowed by owners with approval of plans by the city. A menu must be submitted for approval prior to the event, with one primary food item listed.

An additional contract was approved by the board on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Laurie City Hall meeting.

A 2024 Fair Contract for Sept. 19 and 20 was presented by Bryant, with new rate sched-

ule approved. The new fee for food shacks to operate at the Annual Hillbilly Fair with electric included will be \$300. Table rentals and camping are options available on the new contract. They must provide a city merchant license, a Morgan County Temporary Food Establishment Operating permit and the annual food shack operation contract.

A third contract relating to operations of the park was approved by the board, rules for the 27 spaces at the RV/Camping park. Fees are due when campers set up for the entire stay. The contract allows a maximum stay of seven days, where previously campers could stay up to 30 days. Squatters ordinances were considered in crafting the new contracts for 2024. Campers are limited to no maintenance onsite, speed limit of 15 mph in the park, no laundry outside, no open storage under the RV and pets on leash and not to be left unattended in RV, with a limit of two pets per stay. In addition, campers cannot have overnight guests, no changing of sites, no generator use is allowed and no cleaning of exterior of RV. Tent campers can only have one tent per site and must be preregistered. No outside firewood is allowed as the park does not currently have fire rings on site. Quiet hours at the camping park are from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Bryant also presented a roof repair bid for the main stage area in the beer garden of the Hillbilly Fairgrounds of \$5,600 from Roofmasters with approval received by the board. Bryant told the board that the pitch of the stage roof is peeling both flashing and shingles, resulting in great noise during any windy conditions. The board agreed that they would like to see those repairs start before bad weather arrives.

Mike Clayton to retire from local radio station

Longtime local radio announcer Mike Clayton will retire from Benne Media effective Dec. 28. His last day on the air will be Dec. 27.

Clayton has been on the morning show at Mix 92.7 for almost three decades. He has been recognized for his on-air presence, live appearances, emcee work and charitable work in the region.

Clayton was hired by Denny Benne in 1993 and has been program director and morning show host since. He has worked with hundreds of marketing partners and charities over the years, and has given his time to dozens of organizations and causes.

Missouri Broadcast Award winner, Citizen of the Year at

the Lake of the Ozarks and in Eldon and Ambassador of Hope are just a few of his accomplishments since joining the radio station.

His longtime partner Jeff Karr will continue the morning show, along with Jim Halk who was recently hired for the afternoon drive. Jim will be moving to the morning show in January.

Midday personality Sandra Andes will be promoted to program director.

Owner and General Manager Denny Benne invites the public to attend a going away party from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at The Encore Lakeside Grill and Sky Bar.

Appetizers and a complimentary drink will be provided.

Municipal Corner

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Arrests

Dec. 4 — Alfred H. Mallot, 52, Eldon, DWI - Drug Intoxication, 2:40 p.m., Miller County.

Dec. 3 — Dustin E. Zelle, 47, Eldon, 1) Miller County Misdemeanor Warrant for Fail to Appear - Original Charge for Fail to Register Motor Vehicle 2) Fail to Register Motor Vehicle, 7:02 p.m., Miller County.

Dec. 3 — Nathan A. Yoder, 19, Stark City, Operate Motor Vehicle on a Highway Without a Valid License, 4:24 p.m., Miller County.

Dec. 3 — Brandon L. Hemsher, 26, Camdenton, 1) Failed to Drive on the Right Half of the Roadway - Involving a Crash 2) DWI - Alcohol, 3:17 a.m., Camden County.

Dec. 2 — Cherie A. Johnson, 28, Rocky Mount, 1) Leaving the Scene of a Crash - Hit and Run 2) Owner Operated Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility - 1st Offense 3) Failed to Drive on Right Half of Roadway - Resulting in a Crash 4) DWI - Alcohol, 11:13 p.m., Miller County.

Dec. 2 — Lysner Blaise, 35, Belle, DWI - Alcohol - Prior Offender, 1:01 a.m., Miller County.

Dec. 1 — Wayne J. Eickhoff, 61, Eldon, 1) Driving While Suspended 2) Operate While License is Suspended When Failure to Comply With Ignition Interlock Requirements 3) Fail to Comply with Ignition Interlock Requirements 4) No Insurance 5) Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 6) Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance 7) Felony Probation and Parole Warrant for Parole Violation, 10:43 a.m., Miller County.

Osage Beach Police Department Weekly Summary Nov. 27-Dec. 3

Arrests

Nov. 27 — Shane D. Shalbo, 43, Osage Beach, Resist Arrest Detention/Stop by Fleeing, Warrant Other Agency (Jefferson City) Trespassing.

Nov. 27 — Dominic M. Hurt-Vogele, 23, Joplin, Possession of Controlled Substance.

Nov. 27 — William D. Williams, 23, Barnett, Possession of Controlled Substance, Driving While Revoked/Suspended, Fail to Properly Display MV/TRLR Plates.

Nov. 28 — Bryce A. Menges, 35, Oakfield, Wisc., Warrant Other Agency (Lake Ozark) Failure to Appear X3- Leaving the Scene of MVA, Fail to Register MV, Property Damage.

Nov. 30 — Cinnamon M. Hall-Singleton, 24, Jefferson City, Warrant Other Agency (Lake Ozark) Failure to Appear X3 - Traffic Offense, Fail to Equip MV w/Tail Lamps and or Reflectors on Rear of the Vehicle, Fail to Maintain Proof of Financial Responsibility.

Dec. 1 — James O. Stivers, 31, Brumley, Driving While Intoxicated Alcohol, Fail to Maintain Proof of Financial Responsibility.

Missouri

Ameren rates could go down

Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission to adjust the fuel adjustment clause charge on the bills of its electric customers.

According to the Ameren Missouri filing, as a result of these two filings, the FAC for a residential customer using 1,021 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month will decrease from approximately \$3.15 a month to approximate-

bility.

Dec. 1 — Grace M. Bordner 49, Osage Beach, Warrant Other Agency (Taney County) Fail to Appear - Stealing Leased or Rented Property, Warrant Other Agency (Branson) X3 Non-moving Traffic Violations.

Dec. 3 — Theodore B. Hobbs, 33, Walnut Shade, Possession of Controlled Substance, Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

Trio arrested after suspicious activity on Bend

A Camden County deputy assigned to the Horseshoe Bend Patrol District was dispatched to suspicious activity near the Porta Cima area of State Road MM on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28.

The caller advised Camden County Communications Officers they observed an unknown male carrying a gas can at the door of their Lake home. The caller said the cameras from their home surveillance system sent them the notification and described a suspect vehicle. The caller also told dispatch the suspicious subjects were walking around the home, onto their dock and into the dock house. The deputy responded to the area but was unable to locate the vehicle or the suspicious subjects.

Early Wednesday morning, a night shift deputy from the Horseshoe Bend Patrol District received a similar call of suspicious activity with similar circumstances. This time the caller told dispatch there were several subjects around their house with flashlights. Deputies responded to the area and located a vehicle matching the description given during the previous call. Deputies stopped the vehicle and contacted three subjects: Dustin R. Matthews, 34, of Springfield; Kyle R. Schutten, 35, of Springfield; and Heather L. Owens, 38, of Springfield.

During their investigation, deputies seized 11.5 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Deputies also seized a set of bolt cutters, a white full-face hockey mask,

a two-way radio, a flashlight, several sets of car keys not belonging to the suspect vehicle, a gas can and a computer tablet logged into a website monitoring Camden County Dispatch radio traffic. Deputies also seized 13 credit and debit cards with seven different names on them, two Social Security cards, a Missouri driver's license and a book of new and unused checks. None of these items bore the names of any of the suspects. All three suspects were arrested at the scene and transported to the Camden County Adult Detention Facility.

Owens is charged with the Class D Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance and the Class D Felony of Receiving Stolen Property. She is being held on a \$25,000 surety bond.

Matthews is charged with the Class E Felony of Possession of Burglary Tools, and the Class D Misdemeanor of Driving While Suspended or Revoked. He is being held on a \$75,000 surety bond.

Schutten is charged with the Class D Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance and the Class E Felony of Possession of Burglary Tools. He is being held on a \$100,000 surety bond.

Deputies are working to identify owners of the stolen items and arranging to return their property.

A reminder that these charges are merely allegations of wrongdoing. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Versailles sex offender back in custody

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A Versailles man charged in 2015 with 2nd Degree Sexual Abuse is back in custody.

Harold Lee McAllister, Jr., 56, of Versailles, was charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and was only recently captured by the Morgan County Sheriff's Department. According to Missouri Case.net records, a warrant was served on Nov. 22, 2023, with arraignment taking place in Morgan County Court on Nov. 27. McAllister entered a not guilty plea. A bond was set at \$5,000. McAllister remains in custody at the Morgan County Detention Center.

McAllister was originally charged and served in Sedalia in 2015 with one count of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of an 18-year-old female. Lander County, Nev., court documents show through the Missouri Highway Patrol Sex Offender Database that McAllister was arrested earlier in November on one count arrest of fugitive from justice in another state upon complaint and warrant. The database also listed Harry Frazier as an alias of the fugitive.

Kaiser man killed Sunday in Miller County

A Kaiser man was killed in a one-vehicle crash at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, on Blue Spring Drive, 1,626 feet north of Wedgewood Road in Miller County.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred as Jeffrey D. Ballew, 61, was southbound in a 1999 Oldsmobile 88 when he crossed the center of the roadway, traveled off the left side of the road and struck a utility pole. The vehicle then came to rest in a field.

Ballew, who was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash, was pronounced on the scene at 11:08 p.m. by Miller County Sheriff Louie Gregoire.

The vehicle was totaled and towed from the scene.

High-speed chase in Camdenton leads to arrest

Ryan A. Pierce, 41, of Lake Ozark, is facing felony charges of 2nd Degree Assault and Resisting Arrest/Detention/Stop By Fleeing - Creating A Substantial Risk Of Serious Injury/Death To Any Person after an incident involving the Camdenton Police Department.

An officer with the Camdenton Police Department was patrolling North Business Route 5 about 10:50 a.m. Nov. 29 when he observed a black, Toyota Rav 4 traveling south at a high rate of speed in a 30 mph speed limited area. The officer checked the speed of the vehicle by radar which indicated it was traveling 51 mph.

The Officer turned around to pursue the vehicle and stop it for the speeding violation. The vehicle was stopped at the red light at the intersection of North Business Route 5 and U.S. Highway 54 by the time the officer caught up with it. As the officer stopped behind the vehicle, the Toyota sped through the red light traveling eastbound on east U.S. Highway 54.

The officer again pursued the vehicle East bound on East Highway 54 as the vehicle continued to accelerate. As the officer was attempting to catch up with the black Toyota, he saw it strike two vehicles before it skidded out of control and came to a stop on the median barrier on the overpass at the intersections of U.S. Highway 5 and State Highway 5.

Once the vehicle became disabled, the male driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot east on U.S. Highway 54. The suspect was taken into custody in the area of the American Center shopping center.

Two people were transported to the hospital by ambulance for minor injuries from the crash.

The suspect is currently being held in the Camden County Jail.

Crossover Music Festival plans live music Dec. 9

Crossover Music Festival is excited to announce that live music is back. We Are Vessel and Joel Vaughn will be bringing their "Christmas is Here" tour to Camdenton High School's RC Worthan Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 9. This show is free to the public, but there will be a love offering taken for the artists.

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people that live here, full-timers, second homeowners and those who are so giving to the community.”

He goes on to talk about the stories, “People know two things about the lake: One: That it is seasonal and, Two: the TV show ‘Ozarks.’ Neither one is true. People still think the lake (business) dries up in Sept., but that’s not true. In radio we’re as busy in the off-season (promoting advertisers) as we are during the summer, just a different kind of busy.” To balance the dark narrative of the fictional “Ozarks,” Mike Clayton’s is a bright story with an upbeat arc. A rom-com that went beyond the place the credits usually roll, revealing what happily-ever-after looks like as the couple ages into their stages of life in their paradise called the Lake. Perhaps it’s called “Never Say No!”



Mike Clayton and his wife, Angel, and children Faith and Jack. PHOTO PROVIDED

PROLOGUE

Nerdy St. Louis boy finds passion in technical theater in high school, digs in deep learning more at Maryville University: lighting, sound design, set construction. Not much of a sports guy, and not outgoing much until high school; his interests reach toward communication. Finding adults good conversationalists, he utilizes the chance to develop his vocabulary. Discovers radio broadcasting at college.

ACT 1 and more

Mike Parrent assumes his mother’s maiden name as the radio persona Mike Clayton. His first on-air job takes him to Moberly. A group of friends develops and one day he approaches one of the girls in his friend group...

Mike: Well, hello, Angel. Are you doing anything tonight? I was going to go to The Pear Tree for dinner and wondered if you wanted to come with.

Angel: So, you’re going to The Pear Tree... tonight? Alone? You’re just going out to dinner by yourself? (pause) Uhm, well, I was going out with my dad, but I can give him a call.

And she does. And it’s set. And they meet, enjoy the evening and each other’s company. He picks up the tab. And after, it’s apparent it was a first date. A date that reveals there’s a path to some future.

The rom-com usually ends somewhere after they bumble and stumble and arrive back at the confirmation of their commitment. But this is a long story that goes beyond that and moves the couple to Lake of the Ozarks as a result of Denny Benne recruiting Mike from Moberly. This undertaking sets the course of their trajectory including the wedding, two kids, Faith and Jack, and the town of Eldon which has been home to Mike and Angel for 30 years. Of it, Mike says, “Eldon has a great school district. I’m so comfortable here and it’s a great place to raise kids. We belong to a very good church, the 9th Street Christian Church that does so much for people who don’t even know it.”

Upon Jack’s entry into the world, Angel chose home and family for her main work, while Mike continued morning DJ and program director at Mix 92.7 for decades. Until the end of this month that is.

Commenting on people’s perceptions of radio work, Mike says he’s heard many times about his job that “It’s easy, all you do is talk and play music.” He corrects that notion, “No. Our job is all about making a connection with people. And if we don’t do that on the air, maybe we’ve got to do it in public.” He takes seriously the mandate for an FCC license that a radio station must serve the public interest. This has put him out in the public with a microphone all of his career.

“Radio is not dead. Nor should it be. It’s a community service. There are lots of alternatives, but if you’re one who says, ‘I don’t like the commercials,’ then you’re not supporting local business. The only way radio stations make money is by having advertisers. We have to pay to

play music. We pay lots of money to play an artist on the radio, so we have to generate the money by having advertising. So a part of our job, I think, is to tell people about these great businesses in the area, whether it’s a national chain like McDonald’s or local, like T LaFata’s Salon on the Strip. And I think it’s important when you get into broadcasting that, yes, you’re going to have to go judge a greased pig contest; or you’re going to have to go eat chicken wings at a fundraiser; or emcee a car show. It’s just part of the job. And there’s so many great broadcasters that have been doing this for their careers. So I am definitely not special in that realm because there are thousands of people like me that get up every day and do this job and go do other stuff, because it’s expected of you. You’re in this career.”

But the Lake thinks Mike Clayton is special. One of his most enduring and endearing public appearances has been February’s Polar Bear Plunges. From its inception at PB2, which was the first Polar Bear Plunge in Missouri, Mike has emceed this annual event with the radio station helping raise funds for Special Olympics. This 30-year affiliation has taken a hold of Mike.

In 2019, at another fundraiser, he met Jill Miller Wilke, now Executive Director of Wonderland Camp in Rocky Mount and descendant of its founder. Wonderland Camp has given children, teenagers and adults with disabilities the opportunity to come to camp for over 50 years. When she offhandedly mentioned the camp’s need for a new director of fundraising, Mike’s equally offhanded remark, “Sounds like something I’d like to do,” became a reality within the month.

The part-time position was added to his full-time radio commitments. Mike feels he stepped in at the right growth time. A clear vision under a strong board and executive director added the effort and momentum to achieve record fundraising for the camp. Fund development and presence in the community has grown exponentially in the past four years and Mike credits those records to cohesive, focused efforts resulting in growth for the camp, service expansion and reaching more campers throughout the year, beyond the summer season.

Mike shares “Never Say No” as a motto, grateful that Angel understands and supports his need to answer the call in serving public interest. Emceeding hundreds of events for good causes, he understands there are a lot of great non-profits at the Lake but finds that Wonderland Camp is a good fit. His heart has leaned toward disabled citizens for a while, and Mike wonders if Polar Bear Plunge was where that seed was planted.

A seed that continued to grow causing Mike to make a career choice. In October, an offer from Wonderland was extended for the full-time position of Director of Fund Development, a call he couldn’t

deny. Come the end of December, he will sign off one last time as the morning radio guy. But there is no riding off into any sunset yet. And make no assumptions he will retire the microphone.

Mike’s radio work has introduced him to many over the decades, forging relationships built on doing good in the community. Wherever you land, whether or not you consider this paradise, Mike’s observation is “It’s what you make it. If you don’t choose it, it’s what you make it.” And for Mike Clayton a place is made from the people. “I just like to find out about people, what people do and why they do it. And why they’re so passionate about it or maybe not so passionate. Let’s face it, some people are just in it for money, they don’t really have any drive or passion to help other people at all. It may not be evident, but all they care for is their little group of people, their family. Which is fine, you’ve got to take care of your family, but I think we’re put here for more. I think we have a bigger purpose than just looking out for number one. I think we need to look out for each other. There are a lot of good people everywhere, but it just seems like the Lake area, in particular, is just so giving.”

Mike Clayton’s new full-time position with Wonderland Camp brings opportunity to carry on with the community work in which he is most interested. His radio career sun-setting has built the bridge to his future, his philanthropic career in which he can continue to “Never Say No” within this new framework.

EPILOGUE

As the sun sets on Mike’s radio days, his many awards and honors including Citizen of the Year 2021 and Wonderland Camp as Best Non-Profit of 2023, he walks not away from it but toward a time and place of a certain destiny. For all Mike has done in his career, it seems natural that the steps have led to Wonderland Camp.

Mike: It’s going to be different, but I don’t want to be out of touch with what I’ve been doing. I don’t want to let anyone down, but it’s also time for a change. I’ll be out in the public for Camp, and in time, as I settle in, I’ll figure how radio-type appearances might go. I’ve emceed Polar Bear Plunge all these years. If they asked again, I don’t think I could say no.

Crowd cheers as they follow him in step, towards his next adventure in Paradise. Cries of “Good Luck” “Best Wishes” “Vaya con Dios” and more fill the air as Mike steps on toward Wonderland.

(Curtain)

But only an intermission, the show carries on.

More info about “Christmas in Paradise” hosted by BDSA, presented by COMC is available at LakeChristmasParade.com

Shootout sets record

The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Board of Directors announced Thursday night, Nov. 30, that a record-breaking \$675,000 would be distributed across a series of 39 checks to local charities, police and fire departments.

The funds were raised during 2023’s season to continuously sustain basic needs and safety for countless families and animals across the Lake of the Ozarks.

Over the past five years, the margin of growth between 2019’s \$357,000 raised and this year’s total amount donated yielded an overall increase of nearly 50 percent. Thursday night’s numbers are a direct result of continued growth while always doing right by the Shootout’s mission.

“We have worked year-round to ensure that this event is deemed a continued success for everyone involved, and we have waited for this very moment when we are finally able to witness the direct impact that these funds have on our community and dozens of charities that the Shootout supports each year,” said Leah Martin, executive director of the Shootout.

The combined impact of many who seek to improve upon what has been done in the past while keeping the event safe each year is the driving force behind this event, says Ron Duggan, Shootout board president and captain of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout.

“We are just thrilled that the Shootout continues to grow

each year and that we are able to donate more,” Duggan continued. “We want to attract more and more people to come and be a part of the Shootout, while allowing them to experience everything that this incredible event has to offer. We would love to hit three quarters of a million dollars in 2024, and hopefully we can donate that amount back next year.”

The goal for 2024 is to raise three quarters of a million dollars.

Shootout officials say the success of the event is thanks to the many sponsors and the immeasurable number of individuals working behind the scenes to safeguard the profits and success of this event each year.

MATHANY VINEYARDS

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low, senior pastor at the First Baptist Church in Camdenton, for his support as well as the support of their church community before inviting him to speak.

Pastor Harlow read Psalm 104:14-15, which says, “God causes the grass grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate bringing forth food from the earth, wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that strengthens man’s heart.”

“All these are gifts from God and we’re going to give God the glory for it,” Pastor Harlow said before praying a blessing over the business.

Jackie also thanked Lake Ozark City Administrator Harrison Fry for the help and guidance he had provided.

Fry told the 100 or so gathered for the event that he was excited to welcome the Mathany Family Vineyards to the city.

“We have something very

good for our community thanks to the work that Jed and Jackie put into this. They have created a wonderful space here that will be an anchor for the community for years to come, and they are doing something that matters - they are employing people and they make a wonderful product that I know you will all enjoy, not only today but in the future,” Fry said.

Governor Parson also talked about the economic benefits of small businesses like the Mathany’s, stating that since taking office, more than \$4 billion in new businesses providing more than 100,000 new jobs had been added to the state.

“And this winery is part of that statistical information we’re talking about. As a former business owner, I know how important small businesses are and how important they are to the Lake because everything you can add to this area becomes another destination point. That’s good for your community, it’s good for the state, it’s good for the owner and it’s good for your city. We really like

small businesses because they are the heart and soul of your community,” the governor said, adding that Missouri’s wine and grape industry generates about \$3.5 billion annually for the state. “We now have nine wine trails across the state. Close to 900,000 people come here every year to travel those wine trails and visit wineries. That’s a big deal for the state of Missouri.”

Governor Parson also said he was in awe of how many “firsts” he has seen as governor.

“I’ve sworn in more judges than any other governor in our state’s history. I have appointed three supreme court judges. I have worked floods, I have worked droughts, I worked COVID-19 - I have worked so many ‘firsts,’ and today is another first. I’ll be honest with you, as a fellow Baptist, I never - ever - heard anybody offer free drinks all day long and a Baptist preacher kicked it off.”

For more information about the Mathany Family Vineyards visit their Facebook page or their website at mathanyvineyards.com.

SWINGING BRIDGE

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State Parks system.

Looking at 2022 sales tax revenues for Miller County, First District Commissioner Don Abbett and Presiding Commissioner Kevin Cardwell gave a very rough estimate of \$2.6 million in revenues from the new tax over four years. There are no concrete plans to show what that park will look like, but they said passage of the tax “will allow them to do the restoration right,” and that it

will meet historical guidelines and make the popular tourist destination a showplace.

Save the Historical Swinging Bridge Group representative Kathy Jeffries was concerned about language of the proposal, specifically the wording about acquiring land.

She also asked about the restoration weight limit, and the commissioners said it would be restored back to the maximum 15-ton vehicle limit.

The commissioners also asked if the swinging bridge group would support the mea-

sure. That decision will not be made until the group meets again Thursday, Dec. 21, at The Cave Pumpkin Patch in Brumley.

The proposal will go to the voters of Miller County at the April 2024 election.

If approved by voters, the 1/8 cent sales tax would be added to the overall sales tax rate of 5.6 percent, which includes county and state tax rates. This does not, however, include any city or special district taxes.

Osage Beach

Aldermen OK time change, raises

BY DAN FIELD

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If you’re planning to attend the next Osage Beach Board of Aldermen meeting or watch the meeting remotely, take note: The meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. beginning with the first meeting in January, Jan. 4, instead of the time-honored 6 p.m.

The board voted unanimously at its Nov. 16 meeting to adjust the starting time of the meetings to bring Osage Beach more in line with Lake Ozark, which recently changed its starting time. Mayor Michael Harmison also noted that city staff often have to wait more than an hour after regular hours for the 6 p.m. meetings.

Also discussed, but rejected, was moving the meeting day to something other than Thursday - such as Tuesday. Wednesday night was not considered because that evening is typically church night.

Tuesday night was the first option, but after considerable discussion aldermen decided that Tuesday night meetings would conflict with several other organizations and city committee meetings.

Raises

The board also voted unanimously to increase the pay for aldermen and the mayor effective after the next regular election which is April 2.

The salary for mayor will increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year and for aldermen will

increase from \$2,400 a year to \$4,800 a year. A proposal to increase meeting pay was amended as well. Aldermen will receive \$150 per meeting, up from the current \$75 per meeting; and the mayor will receive \$200 per meeting, up from the current \$100.

Aldermen and the mayor will also receive retirement benefits, health, dental and vision benefits and medical reimbursement in the same manner as

offered to full-time employees.

These changes will go into effect as each term is renewed following the municipal elections. For example, those current terms up for re-election in April 2024, benefit changes will apply post-election of those said positions. Those current terms up for re-election in April 2025, benefit changes will apply post-election of those said positions.

CHRISTMAS Cookie Sale

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Capital Perspectives

Does power corrupt in Missouri's House?

BY PHIL BROOKS
Missouri Statehouse Reporter

This column is prompted by the problems plaguing Missouri's House Speaker Dean Plocher who is facing calls by his colleagues to resign because of financial double-dipping by seeking reimbursement from the House for travel expenses that had been paid by his campaign.

His troubles continue a pattern of House speakers who have run into trouble despite holding one of the most powerful positions in Missouri government.

Of the 15 House speakers I've covered in the past half century, five were subjects of criminal investigations or allegations of improper behavior.

That is a staggering percentage of scandals for the top leader of the House compared to the Missouri Senate's top official, the president pro tem.

The only involuntary removal of a Senate president pro tem I covered was the ouster of Sen. Earl Blackwell in 1970 after he successfully won statewide voter approval to overturn the tax increase pushed by the fellow Democratic governor, Warren Hearnes.

So why the difference between the two chambers?

One obvious factor is the enormous powers of the House speaker to control the political futures of House members as well as the fate of legislation sought by special interests.

In contrast, the powers of the Senate's top leader are restricted by rules and a long-history of tradition that no leader has absolute control of the Senate chamber.

Almost every time a House speaker faced allegations of wrongdoing, I remembered the quote attributed to British Lord Acton two centuries ago that "absolute power

corrupts absolutely."

Another factor could be the Senate is much smaller, with only 34 members compared to 163 members in the House.

For years I've sensed that the smaller number of Senate members helped create a stronger bipartisan community within the chamber that fosters adherence to appropriate behavior.

It can be a bipartisan standard as demonstrated when Senate Democrats joined Republicans in 2017 to censure a fellow Democrat, Sen. Maria Chapelle-Nadal, for a social media post expressing hope about a presidential assassination.

Every Republican voted for the admonition against her, but so did six of the Senate's nine Democrats, including the Senate Democratic leader.

I wonder if fewer Missouri House members might be a vehicle for imposing stronger standards and pressure for appropriate behavior by their leaders.

Some senators confidentially described how the Senate was like a family where they could provide personal advice of "don't go there" when a colleague was considering unwise behavior.

The five House speakers I've covered who might have benefited from that advice were:

1976: Richard Rabbitt was the first speaker I covered when I became a full-time statehouse reporter. Rabbitt resigned in 1976 to make an unsuccessful race for lieutenant governor. However, he also faced a federal criminal investigation that subsequently led to conviction for seeking funds in exchange for favorable treatment of legislation backed by transportation interests.

1996: Bob Griffin was one of the most influential speakers I've covered. He served longer than any other Missouri House speaker. But he resigned in 1996 after plead-

ing guilty to charges that involved recommending to various special interests they hire a lobbyist from whom he subsequently got payments.

2005: Rod Jetton served a full four-year term as speaker. But he subsequently pled guilty to sexual assault of a woman and was investigated for a pay-for-play scheme involving legislation to restrict sex shops. Jetton now has been hired by Plocher to be his chief of staff.

2012: Steve Tilley resigned as speaker five months before his term as speaker would end to become a lobbyist. The financial records of those lobbyist payments came under an FBI investigation. He faced FBI scrutiny over his activities both before he left the legislature and for years afterward, but he's never been charged with a crime.

2015: John Diehl after the Kansas City Star reported he had been sending sexually inappropriate text messages to a 19-year-old House intern. He announced his resignation after he could not win sufficient support from a closed-door caucus of fellow Republican House members. Diehl's tenure as speaker lasted less than six months.

I'm indebted to Springfield News-Leader reporter Kelly Dereuck for her story on Plocher's problem that included a list of Missouri House speakers who resigned.

Her story helped confirm my own memories of those speakers.

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Blaine's Bulletin

Exposing Shein's heinous business model

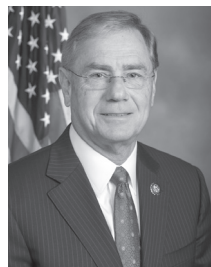
BY REP. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
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You've probably heard of Shein. It's a fast-fashion company that sells cheap versions of popular clothing and has gained massive traction on social media. After all, who isn't looking for a good deal?

At a time when inflation has tightened budgets and Christmas shopping is in full force, I understand the appeal of cheap, trendy products. Browsing across the site, you wouldn't know the dark story behind Shein's inventory.

Typically, I wouldn't dedicate a bulletin to informing you about a specific business' developments, but this particular company warrants extreme caution from regulators, customers, and investors.

Shein is attempting to go public on US exchanges, which means their stock would trade on our stock market. In order for that to happen, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will conduct a review of the business to determine if it meets the legal requirements of our public markets. I'm urging the commission to apply maximum scrutiny in its review, as Shein's products bear direct ties to



Blaine Luetkemeyer

slave labor.

Last year, Bloomberg reported on forensic evidence connecting Shein's cotton to a Chinese region notorious for government-operated forced labor camps. When asked, Shein didn't dispute Bloomberg's findings. Company representatives simply said they "comply with local laws and regulations." That means next to nothing when dealing with the Chinese Communist Party.

Recognizing the overwhelming evidence, the US banned imports from the region, causing many companies to cut ties with the CCP or at least prove they aren't using slaves.

Shein, on the other hand, exploits a loophole, shipping individual orders under the radar to avoid triggering transparency requirements. Other retailers, like GAP and H&M, pay import duties and undergo vetting of shipments to affirm they are following the law. Shein goes out of its way to avoid it.

I am a member of the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. We recently released a report showing Shein paid zero import duties last year and managed to avoid submitting data that could blow the cover on a nefarious business model.

However, we must not be naïve when it comes to human rights abuses.

Scientists concluded Shein's cotton must have originated in an area of China where authorities torture, rape, and force detainees to produce clothing for no pay. Most of these enslaved people are Uyghur Muslims, an extremely marginal-

ized group subjected to inhumane treatment and downright heinous abuse.

The US State Department and the United Nations have formally recognized these serious human rights violations. Meanwhile, Shein claims to have visibility across its supply chain but cannot defend or explain the correlation between its products and forced labor camps.

Accessing US markets and capital is a privilege, and we rely on the SEC to root out undeserving companies. I sincerely hope the officials at the commission will diligently review Shein to ensure American capital will not fund crimes against humanity.

As I mentioned, this is not the sort of matter I usually cover in my weekly letter. However, given the values we share, I thought you'd want to know about this company's egregiousness as it makes headlines over the coming months. This is the type of issue I work on every day, across multiple committees, to protect our markets and combat ill-intentioned foreign entities. I appreciate your willingness to consider the facts behind Shein's business model and be a well-informed consumer.

CONTACT US: I encourage you to visit my official website or call my offices in Jefferson City (573-635-7232) or Cottleville (636-327-7055) with your questions and concerns. If you want even greater access to what I am working on, please visit my YouTube site, and Facebook page, and keep up-to-date with Twitter and Instagram.

The Postscript

By Carrie Clason
McMeel Syndicate

Dressing up for Christmas

I tend to be a Christmas maximalist; at least if you ask my husband, Peter, that's what he would say.

Peter would dispense with the tree, the presents and most of the outings. He'd hang a few ornaments on a houseplant, have a nice meal and go to bed early. But Peter cares for me a lot, and he knows how much I love Christmas.

I want a live tree. If I can't chop it down myself, I'll haul it home from the hardware store. I want lights on the balcony and a little present for everyone. I want fancy new wrapping paper and pretty, old ornaments and a holiday setting on the table. I want to light too many candles, bake too many cookies and end up with a floor covered with ribbon and powdered sugar at the end of the night. Peter is very patient.

And I want to get dressed up. Some of my best memories of Christmas involve my Auntie Jo. She and her family would drive up north to my grandparents on Christmas Eve with a car packed with presents and cousins and a mischievous dog. Thinking back on it now, I'm sure it was stressful for my Auntie Jo. But my memory is of the car pulling in, and Auntie Jo hugging everyone, her arms full of bags of unwrapped gifts and luggage. And this was, for me, the official start of Christmas.

Auntie Jo would head downstairs to wrap presents and, at some point, their dog, Twinkie, would make a mad dash out the door. We'd all scour the neighborhood until we found Twinkie. Then Auntie Jo would go to change her clothes and emerge more resplendent than the Christmas tree.

It was always a treat, as a child, to see what my Auntie Jo would wear at Christmas. I knew there would be glitter or sequins, and probably both. It would be the sort of outfit a person would wear only for a very special day, and seeing Auntie Jo dressed up made it a special day for me.

I understand getting dressed up is not for everyone. A tree is a lot of work. And I don't think holiday preparations should be a burden -- something on the must-do list when there are more important things to do.

But every year, I think back on my Auntie Jo, who had such a long drive and so much to do (and such a naughty dog!), and how she would step into the living room, reflecting the Christmas lights. I received a lot of nice presents, and we had a wonderful meal, but seeing my Auntie Jo dressed in her Christmas finery was always a highlight for me.

I am still lucky enough to see my Auntie Jo at Christmas. And, although I will never wear sequins as well as she did, I do my best.

Because dressing up is part of how I participate in Christmas. It helps to make this time of year memorable. When I light the candles on my mantle and string lights outside, it's a recognition that the darkness of winter will pass. Like my Auntie Jo, I want to mark this passage of time; I want to make this day different from other days. Dressing up for Christmas reminds me that we need some extra sparkle in this darkest time of year.

And so (while I try to take it easy on Peter) I am decorating the house, and I'm lighting too many candles. And I already have a dress picked out for Christmas.

Till next time,
Carrie

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West Side



Kim Cook and Jason Jackson were the first-place winners in the Westside Cornhole Switch game Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Laurie. PHOTO PROVIDED



Gauge Fryer and Mary Vogel took first place Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Westside Cornhole Switch games in Laurie. PHOTO PROVIDED



Paul Bastel and Zach Russo were the second-place winners in the Westside Cornhole Switch Game. PHOTO PROVIDED



Sam Vogel and Kim Cook took second place Wednesday, Nov. 15. PHOTO PROVIDED



Todd Counts and Jason Jackson were the third-place winners in the Westside Cornhole Switch game. PHOTO PROVIDED



Chuck Cook and Rick Penno took third place in the Westside Cornhole Switch games in Laurie. PHOTO PROVIDED

Gravois Mills



Finley Holsten enjoys painting a rainbow with sidewalk chalk on an unseasonably warm and sunny day Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Little Tigers Early Learning Center in Gravois Mills. JANET DABBS/LAKE SUN



Scarlett Eldridge uses her imagination playing with buckets, shovels and rocks on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Little Tigers Early Learning Center. JANET DABBS/LAKE SUN



Preschool teacher Katherine Vogt applies love and a Band-Aid to Noland Chapmans hand after falling on the playground Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Little Tigers Early Learning Center. JANET DABBS/LAKE SUN

Area students earn MCCA recognition

The Missouri Community College Association recognized State Fair Community College award winners and nominees during its annual conference recognition and excellence awards program in Kansas City on Nov. 9.

SFCC's winners and nominees who were recognized at the convention's awards dinner are as follows:

Jill Semau, Medical Assisting program director, received the MCCA Innovation Award that recognizes an innovative project by an individual or group of faculty or staff that creatively use technology for effective outcomes and/or operations. Semau was recognized for creating a Medical Assisting program (MEA) that includes online coursework with in-person labs offered at four of SFCC's campuses. She established online coursework to enhance students' accessibility to learning; however, travel for in-person labs was a barrier for many students living throughout Missouri. By collaborating with campus site directors and extensive planning, she took the labs to the students by offering in-person labs on Boonville, Lake of the Ozarks, Sedalia and

Clinton campuses with start dates twice a year. This accessibility to in-person learning without loss of time and money for travel significantly improved student retention and completion in the MEA program, thus elevating the number of skilled graduates entering the workforce.

Christy Admire was a nominee for the Classified Staff Achievement Award that recognizes employees who have a positive impact on their college and their department. Admire

is the Nursing program administrative assistant and facility coordinator at SFCC's Eldon campus. Admire is known as the "face" of the Eldon campus and provides unwavering support to the nursing students and faculty while serving as the Classified Staff Association president and a College Council member. She willingly and regularly volunteers in the community. As evidence of her influence at SFCC, Admire was selected as SFCC's 2023 Outstanding Employee of the Year.

Amber Blankenship, Iberia High School counselor, was nominated by SFCC for the Missouri Pathfinder of the Year Award that is presented to an "unsung hero" high school teacher and/or guidance counselor for outstanding efforts in assisting students with their college-going plans. Blankenship was nominated for helping high school students under her guidance to discover their career path and set goals and for encouraging them to attend college.

Daily MENU

Wed., Dec. 6 Polish Sausage Bun Kraut Mashed Potato/Gravy Milk	Thu., Dec. 7 Sliced Ham Roll Sweet Potatoes Peas Ambrosia Salad Milk	Fri., Dec. 8 Beef Burrito with Enchilada Sauce Spanish Rice Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Refried Beans Milk	Mon., Dec. 11 Oven Fried Chicken Biscuit Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Fruit Milk	Tue., Dec. 12 Meatloaf Roll Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Milk
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*Menu subject to change without notice. *Healthy Choice; 2nd choice of dessert is diabetic.*

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Thursday, December 7 Oven Fried Chicken Biscuit Mashed Potato/	Tuesday, December 12 Meatloaf Roll Mashed Potato/ Gravy
Friday, December 8 Turkey Tetrazzini Tossed Salad	*Healthy Choices Subject to change without notice • Whole Wheat Bread served daily

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Leon Wahlbrink (in back) of Camden County on typmany.



The Lake Area Community Orchestra entertained about 80 Lake-area residents and visitors on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Versailles High School Performing Arts Center. The Winter Concert Series included songs from traditional to modern, ending in the famous Nutcracker Suite. Carroll Rinker of Sunrise Beach narrated the program with Andrew Drennan directing the performance. The concert opened with a vocal performance by Melody Hannah of Eldon leading the audience in the National Anthem. Hope Lutheran Chapel (Sokoll Building), 5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, is the site of a concert on Sunday, Dec. 10. LACO will also perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at West Lake Christian Church, O Road, Laurie, Bottom photo from left: Hope Wyman, Carroll Rinker and Gwen Lind, Lake Orchestra Sunday, Dec. 3, VHS Performing Arts Center.

VICKI WOOD PHOTOS

Lake Arts Council

Ozark Brush and Palette Club Meeting

United Methodist Church
340 W. Hwy 54, Camdenton
Dec. 7, 7 - 8 p.m.

Join the Ozark Brush and Palette Club for their monthly meeting, held at United Methodist Church. This month's meeting will be held on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Meetings are held every month on the first Thursday. These meetings are free to attend and open to the public. If you have any questions about how to join the Ozark Brush and Palette Club, please call Terry Cochran at 573-480-8498.

Spools and Needles Group

Camden County Museum
206 S Locust St., Linn Creek
Dec. 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Have you always wanted to learn a craft or just meet other women to visit with? Come to the Spools & Needles Group. If school is out due to weather, there won't be a meeting. Just show up on Friday and bring what you want to work on and join in. Bring a sack lunch. For more info you can call the museum at 573-346-7191. Leave a message and someone will call you back.

Greater Lake Area Chorale Christmas Concert

Versailles High School
913 W Newton St., Versailles
Dec. 9, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

The Greater Lake Area Chorale is a community choir composed of nearly 70 voices, drawing singers from the tri-county area of the Lake of the Ozarks. Performing for more than thirty years, the choir sings music from many styles, settings and of great quality. Concerts are free. The Chorale was recently honored with an invitation to sing at New York City's Lincoln Center as part of the world premiere of a new choral work. The choir sings two seasons, fall and spring. Performances may be enjoyed on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in late November until mid-December.

Greater Lake Area Chorale Christmas Concert

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1700 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark
Dec. 10, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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Lake Area Community Orchestra Concert

Hope Lutheran Chapel
5709 Osage Beach Pkwy., Osage Beach
Dec. 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

There is music in the air! The Lake Area Community Orchestra begins its series of Winter Concerts. Residents and visitors of the area are cordially invited to attend these free concerts. Some great seasonal Christmas music will be played, including Christmas at the Movies, Christmas Is Here, A Trumpeter's Lullaby, A Jubilant Overture, Nutcracker Suite and Sleigh Ride. There is music for everyone to enjoy.

Lake Area Camera Club

Faithbridge Church
901 State Hwy 42, Osage Beach
Dec. 11, 4 - 6 p.m.

Bi-monthly meetings on the second Monday of even-numbered months. Meetings feature presentations by club members and guest speakers. For more information go to <https://www.LakeAreaCameraClub.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/LakeAreaCameraClub>

Lake Area Community Orchestra Concert

West Lake Christian Church
936 Hwy O, Gravois Mills
Dec. 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

There is music in the air! The Lake Area Community Orchestra begins its series of Winter Concerts. Residents and visitors of the area are cordially invited to attend these free concerts. Some great seasonal Christmas music will be played, including Christmas at the Movies, Christmas Is Here, A Trumpeter's Lullaby, A Jubilant Overture, Nutcracker Suite and Sleigh Ride. There is music for everyone to enjoy.

Lake Area Fiber Artists

Community Christian Church
1064 N Business Rte. 5, Camdenton
Dec. 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Lake Area Fiber Arts Guild monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Social hour at 11 a.m. followed by a business meeting and projects followed by a guest speaker. The Guild also sponsors a Fiber Arts Festival once a year. For more information go to www.lakefiberartists.com.

Spools and Needles Group

Camden County Museum
206 S Locust St., Linn Creek
Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Sunrise Beach

A fresh cut above

Blakley's bringing creative design to West Side



Blakley's Silk Blooms owner Leann Blakley.

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There is a new florist in town on the west side. In fact, they are the only florist in Sunrise Beach.

Blakley's Silk Blooms LLC opened earlier this year. As an independent designing florist, creativity is guaranteed it was part of the recent West Side Christmas Walk.

Our favorite item was the Logtastic Succulent 10-inch custom designed display. It is redesigned for gift-giving convenience. Other silk bloom designs are made seasonally with dried flowers and lotus pods. For Christmas, the Beautifully Red Wreath is made with silk poinsettias and greenery. These keepsake displays never fade and store beautifully for their next use. For the holiday season, Blakley's is filled with tabletop Christmas trees ready to be designed.

Leann Blakley has always had an affinity for plants and flowers, meticulously taking care of her landscaping at her former home in Gladstone, Ill. She and her husband Darren made the move to Sunrise Beach four years ago. Leann is also an accountant and keeps books in one half of the building on Highway 5 that Blakley's Silk Blooms is in. The brown Bigfoot named Benny out front signals customers where to turn.

Candy bouquets are coordinated in mugs of Reese's or Hershey's. Plush animals can be added on. Blakley's has kids' gifts covered with these for a stunning surprise. These can be delivered to schools on special occasions or at home.

Decorating is made easy with their home décor section. Hanging some of their enchanting wall flower blooms is a nice accent to any room. Rustic, whimsical, farmhouse or elegant — table runners, pedestals, trays and wall hangings are all found at Blakley's Silk Blooms. Seasonal items with pine accents or winter white stand out this holiday season.

A wide array of pre-designed wreaths for all occasions can be found in store and online. Many silk floral arrangements are ready-made and available for order and delivery on the website. Looking to make the house smell good too? Blakley's, has you covered.

Blakley's carries Farmhouse Candles in luscious, sweet scents, triple layered for rustic Candles, Elegant Vance Kitira Hand Poured Soy candles, potpourris and room sprays for a festive, fragrant holiday home or workplace.

One of the favorite gift-giving items today is bath and body items. Blakley's has them, too.

The brands offered are Cashmere Brand Bath and Body and Manscape in Bay Rum or Dude. B Witching Bath Company and Humble & Bumble Goats Milk Products make great additions to a gift basket or wrapped solo.

The Smell Me or Caddy Cute arrangements with lotion are the two top picks from us for the season.

All of these are available in gift baskets, with pre-designed choices on the website from \$20 to \$70. But if

you can't decide, Blakley's makes it easier by clicking in your price range.

The main feature of Blakley's is the Fresh Floral Service and delivery.

There are over 13 choices of pre-designed fresh florals available on Blakley's website that are easy to order and customize with words of encouragement, greetings or any occasion. A special section is set aside for sympathy florals and gifts. The stunning Tribute Wreath is decked out in patriotic colors for your favorite veteran but can be customized as you like.

Customers can request a bi-weekly, weekly or monthly floral delivery to their business. This is a great service for churches, funeral parlors, banks and others. No more forgetting to order the flowers, Blakley's makes it automatic with no worries. Fresh flowers can be delivered to lake homes to the delight of arriving homeowners.

Fresh plants are available too. A spider plant in a galvanized bucket, the favorite Peace Lilies, Ivys or Combos can be ordered with bows. These are perfect for any gender gifts. Another unique service that Blakley's offers is custom silk designs in the customer's own container. Recently, Leann designed a piece that a customer brought in, a concrete hanging planter. She handled the very heavy container with a crack in it by hanging it on a wall and using a step ladder to design the piece.

Blakley's is committed to serving the lake community with dependable floral services, whether fresh or keepsake silk florals. Her ability to function as an independent designer affords her freedom to cater to customers and give them more design for their money.

At Blakley's Silk Blooms, their motto is they are "More than a florist." With Local business and home delivery, indeed, they are.

Check out their website for easy ordering at: www.blakleysilkblooms.com or by phone at 573-207-4494

Hours are: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blakley's Silk Blooms is located at 16952 North State Highway 5, Sunrise Beach.

Lady Pirates win 37th annual Eugene Tournament

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The Macks Creek girls basketball team cruised past Osage 53-22 to win the 37th annual Eugene Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Eugene High School.

"There are some big schools here and we just beat a pretty good Class 4 school with some real size," said Lady Pirates coach Ron Duggan, who marked win No. 101. "And that's the only thing we struggled against last year, was going up against teams that had more size."

Scrappy defense was the key to the game for the No. 1 Lady Pirates (5-1), as they focused in on shutting down the leading scorer for the No. 2 Lady Indians (3-3), senior forward Lauren Bartlett. Macks Creek smothered Bartlett in the low-post, with junior forwards Emma Seaholm and Nevaeh Dorrell trapping Bartlett in the paint and preventing her from scoring. Bartlett made two free throws in the second quarter and was held scoreless in the second half. Senior guard Ashlee Klinskick also added to the defensive pressure put on by the Lady Pirates by forcing multiple steals that led to transition baskets.

"All of us are disappointed in the way we played tonight," said Lady Indians coach Jaryt Hunziker. "It just seemed like everything that could go wrong did. We couldn't get shots to fall and we made many mental mistakes that led to turnovers. Macks Creek played very well and moved the ball against our zone, creating good shot attempts."



Macks Creek junior guard Addison Ratliff (No. 10) fires off a jump shot in front of Osage senior forward Lauren Bartlett (No. 42) during the girls championship game of the 37th annual Eugene Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Eugene High School.

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Macks Creek's chemistry was too much for the younger Osage squad to handle as the junior duo of India Willis and Addison Ratliff led the charge for the Lady Pirates. Willis led all scorers with 19 points at power forward and Ratliff led Macks Creek at point guard with 15 points, while sinking three 3-pointers.

"It feels really good since last year we got beat by them (Osage) in the



semi-finals, so we're just trying to come back stronger than last year," Willis said. "Our main goal was to shut down No. 42 who's like 6-foot-2 and we got it done I think for the most part."

Willis serves many roles on this Lady Pirates team, and she's confident wherever coach Duggan wants her to play.

"Just about anywhere," she said. "Sometimes I'll play point guard if our guards are in trouble, but everywhere else I feel really confident."

Willis added that other than Ratliff, she's been teammates with players on this team since fifth or sixth grade.

"I played AAU with some of them and even though Addison (Ratliff) got here last year, we all have really

great chemistry together. I'm so happy for the team I have and how we all work together to give it our best every game."

Duggan shared how impressed he was with the improvement of the Macks Creek front court.

"I'll tell you what, Emma Seaholm did a fantastic job on Lauren Bartlett and then India and Nevaeh came in and did a great job when we needed to give Emma a break," he said. "I thought our forwards did a great job, India played so physical and so strong tonight. There was a lot of arm grabbing and stuff like that tonight and I thought our girls responded pretty well tonight."

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MACKS CREEK GIRLS (53)—

India Willis 19, Addison Ratliff 15, Brooklyn Duggan 8, Nevaeh Dorrell 2, Emma Seaholm 4, Ashlee Klinskick 3, Ava Willis 2.

OSAGE GIRLS (22)—Macyn Sake-laris 6, Halle Helton 4, Grace Ribaud 3, Lorelai Hunziker 3, Avery Sperling 2, Elizabeth Yoder 2, Lauren Bartlett 2.

Macks Creek 12 10 17 14 — 53
Osage 6 4 6 6 — 22

3-pointers—Ratliff 3, I. Willis; Ribaud

Record— Macks Creek 5-1; Osage 3-3

Next—Macks Creek at the 44th Annual Hermitage Girls Tournament 12/4-12/9; Waynesville at Osage, Thursday Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Osage

Indians finish fourth at Eugene Tourney

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The School of the Osage boys basketball team fell to St. Elizabeth 82-77 to finish fourth at the 37th Annual Eugene Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Eugene High School.

The No. 4 Indians (2-2) got off to a hot start shooting the ball, but the No. 3 Hornets' (2-2) front court played more physical defense that led to transition baskets.

"Our rotation and our black press, which is our 2-2-1 zone was not good tonight," said Indians coach Craig Engelbrecht. "We gave up too many layups on the back side of that. We thought that we could wear them down and force some turnovers. I don't think we wore them down the way we thought we could."

Osage struggled to contain junior forward Nickolas Heckemeyer, who led all scorers with 23 points.

The Indians tried to shoot their way back into the game with freshman guard Jackson Long sinking a 3-pointer with under 0.40 seconds left to trail 81-75, followed by a drive by sophomore guard Luke Wolf, but the put-back was no good. Isaac Green drew the foul for the Hornets and made both free throws to end the game with Noah Northrop hitting the final jump shot as the buzzer sounded.

After St. Elizabeth took a 10-point lead in the third, Osage junior point guard Dayne Depee led the charge for the Indians by sinking a 3-pointer, then drew a foul and knocked down both free throws before finding freshman Lane Stokes for a 3-pointer to trail 52-50. Heckemeyer went to the free throw line again and made both shots before Depee found Wolf for a corner 3-pointer to trail 56-53. Junior Ryan Hodge then hit a corner 3-pointer for the Hornets, followed by junior forward Andrew Groos drawing a foul and making both free throws to end the third for the Indians.

In the first half, the Indians were led by sophomore guard Maverick Trusty who led Osage with 14 points, making four 3-pointers.

"Jackson Long gave us a great spark off the bench and his second half shooting kept us in the game," Engelbrecht said. "I thought Luke Wolf also did a really good job posting up and hitting some 3-pointers as a trail man on our offense."

He added that Osage did improve its rebounding in the loss.



Osage junior forward Andrew Groos (No. 24) attempts a lay up that is contested by a St. Elizabeth defender in the 82-77 loss during the third place game of the 37th Annual Eugene Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Eugene High School.

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"We rebounded a little better than the night before and that's still an area of emphasis, to rebound the ball better both offensively and defensively," Engelbrecht said. "Our ball movement was pretty good and shot the ball well at times tonight, so there were some positive takeaways."

ST. ELIZABETH BOYS (82)—Noah Chapman 6, Kyson Green 2, Trent Bax 2, Nickolas Heckemeyer 23, Isaac Green 16, Blake Wobbe 9, Carter Otto 13, Gavin Williams 4, Carter Reinkemeyer 2, Ryan Hodge 5.

OSAGE BOYS (77)—Jackson Long 21, Landon Childs 11, Maverick Trusty 17, Dayne Depee 8, Luke Wolf 10, Noah Northrip 3, Lane Stokes 3, Blake Harrison 2, Andrew Groos 2.

St. Elizabeth 22 20 17 23 — 82
Osage 20 17 18 22 — 77

3-pointers—I. Green 4, Wobbe, Hodge; Long 7, Trusty 4, Depee 2, Childs, Wolf, Stokes
Records—St. Elizabeth 2-2; Osage 2-2

Next—Osage at 62nd Annual Linn High School Holiday Basketball Tournament 12/11-12/16

Camdenton



The Camdenton girls wrestling team poses after its second-place team finish at the second annual Bolivar Girls Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Dec. 1, at Bolivar High School. Back row, from left: Lucinda Baker, Allie Holiday, Coach Chester, Kelsey Griffin, Coach Selby, Ursula Sanford and Samantha Bennett. Middle row: Maddie Fuglsang, Morgan Schwac, Blair Butts, Chelsea Campopiano and Kenliegh Virtue. Front: Abby Fuglsang.

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Lady Lakers finish second at Bolivar

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The Camdenton girls wrestling team finished second out of nine schools at the second annual Bolivar Girls Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Dec. 1, at Bolivar High School.

"The Lady Lakers were down three teammates but fought hard and earned a runner-up trophy in the tournament," said Lady Lakers coach Ryan Chester.

Junior Abigail Fuglsang was crowned the champion at 110 pounds after pinning Lillian Moore from Branson in Round 2 (3:04). Junior Ursula Sandford finished in first place at 135 pounds after pinning Kira Johnston from Hillcrest (0:34) in Round 1. Senior Lucinda Baker pinned Lucia Rosales in Round 3 (0:50) to earn a first place finish at 140 pounds. Senior Chelsea Campopiano pinned both Gabriella Lee from Hillcrest (0:53) and Ta-

lynn Pohslander (0:46) in Round 1 to be crowned champion at 155 pounds.

Junior Morgan Schwac earned a third place finish at 130 pounds after beating Priya Raghani from Branson by decision (10-6) in Round 2.

AT BOLIVAR TEAM RESULTS

1. Branson 181.0
2. Camdenton 141.0
3. Bolivar 125.0
4. Central 111.0
5. Neosho 77.0
6. Poplar Bluff 60.0
7. Glendale 52.5
8. Hillcrest 50.0
9. Bolivar 2 35.0
10. Parkview 31.0
11. Branson 2 24.0
12. Hillcrest 2 0.0

Osage



Lauren Bartlett has been selected as School of the Osage's female Athlete of the Month in November for her contributions to the Lady Indian basketball team.

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Brock Arrowood has been selected as School of the Osage's male Athlete of the Month in November for his contributions to the Indian wrestling team.

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Living out dreams

Durnin, Vance sign college letters

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Camdenton seniors Ethan Vance and Kade Durnin lived out a dream they have shared since their childhood of signing their letters of intent to play collegiate athletics on Thursday, Nov. 30, at Camdenton High School.

Students, faculty and family members gathered in the Camdenton commons to watch both Durnin and Vance sign their letters.

"It feels great to share this day with Ethan and it's a big day for our school and our two programs," Durnin said. "The baseball program and swim program are both on the rise in terms of recent success and it's a big day to get recognition for their programs and the school."

Durnin signed to play baseball at Texas Christian University and Vance inked his letter of intent to join the University of Missouri swim and dive team.

"It felt awesome to finally sign that letter," Vance said. "This day feels awesome and I got to celebrate it with my best friend, that's probably the biggest take away from today for me. Since we were kind of in the same situation where we both blew up. With our recruiting, we both said we would not commit until we could have our signing day together since the very beginning. So, today has been awesome."

According to Vance, he's known Kade since the first day of third grade when the Durnin family moved to Camdenton.

"I have known him since the first day he moved here," he said. "We were on the same basketball team in third and fourth grade and just growing up with him, he's an awesome guy and one my best friends. He's the biggest role model I have ever had and I think his work ethic is awesome. He's one of the best dudes I know 100 percent."

Once Durnin and Vance were in high school, they started to realize their potential on the mound and in the pool.

"My sophomore year I started doing my own throwing program for the first time ever and started throwing in the mid to upper 80s," Durnin said. "At that point I knew that I could be a college pitcher and just worked to get better every day by working to get my velocity up a little bit on my off-speed pitches."

Vance said he realized his potential through competition and overcoming challenges.

"I guess it wasn't really the first time, it's more of the feeling you get after training for a year," he said. "You go through a super hard training block and there is something that I just enjoy about being in that challenging set, or if it's three weeks of practice where it's hell and you get through it. That's what drove me to be the best that I can."

He added that this recruiting process was a little different, where he had to prove he could swim with the Tigers.

"I actually reached out to Mizzou probably a little bit over a year ago because I went 20-point at State last year and they told me, you just don't have the times to be with us," Vance said. "So, my biggest goal was to work towards those times that I needed and as soon as I got them my phone blew up and I knew I was going to be

something. Now I'm one of the top recruits in the nation and I'm super excited to get started. I'll hopefully be on Mizzou's relay next year going to the NCAA Tournament and contribute my part to that."

Camdenton boys swim coach Sarah VanBebber shared how exciting it was to see Vance make his decision.

"Just to see the way his eyes lit up whenever we would go swim at our big mid-season meet at Mizzou, you could tell he felt at home there," she said. "And I got to see him interact with the head coach about a month or so ago and they got along really well and I could see that their culture would fit with him and it's exciting to see him finally make that decision."

VanBebber added how hard Vance trained to overcome adversity and improve his times hoping to get the attention from the University of Missouri.

"It took a lot for him to just get in and get it done," she said. "Because swim season is a long season and it can be very discouraging. But to see him mentally just check in and say no I'm going to get in the pool and get this done was really cool to watch. During the end of the season he really worked hard on mastering the basics and it was cool to see him discipline himself in that manner, knowing that you can't do the extravagant things before you do the basics."

Vance capped off his high school swim career with a personal best and broke a state record with a second place finish in the 100 freestyle swim (44.45). William Jost from Parkway Central finished first in the 100 free (43.97). Vance finished second to Jost in the 50 freestyle swim, with a time of 20.15, while Jost finished with a time of (20.12). Vance was also part of the

Camdenton 200 Freestyle Relay Team (Vance, Hunter Johnson, Nathaniel Beeson, Tyler Foster) that finished fourth, the highest in program history (1:30.65), and was also on the 200 Medley Relay Team (Vance, Johnson, Foster, Noah Orr) that placed 10th (1:42.61) at the Class 1 State Swimming Championships at the City of St. Peters Recreation Complex in St. Peters.

Vance also set a state record in the 50 yard freestyle at the COMO Invitational on Sept. 29 at the Mizzou Aquatic Center, where he became the first swimmer in the history of the state of Missouri to finish a 50 yard free in under 20 seconds (19.97). Vance has earned multiple All-State and All-Ozark Conference postseason honors.

Sharing this kind of moment with a best friend and family members is special, especially when your father is your coach.

"He's my biggest supporter and one of my biggest fans," Durnin said. "I'm always dragging him to the field and asking him to play catch with me and he's always just doing anything to help and he's made a lot of sacrifices. There is a lot of things he could be doing, but he spends a lot of time with me at the field and helping me."

His father, Bryce Durnin, shared how special the day was for their family after a busy fall season.

"It's been a long fall," he said. "We have been on six recruiting trips after those Friday night football games, but to know that it's over and he's picked a great place in TCU to start his

next chapter feels great."

Durnin said once he and Kade returned from the MLB Area Code Games showcase in San Diego, Calif., back in August, he told Kade to call the school he was most exited about.

"I said hey, call the first school that you're most excited about," he said. "So he called TCU first and he called Mizzou, Oklahoma, Nebraska, the University of Texas and Arkansas and I feel like every time he went on a visit he came back wanting to go there. But when we finished up I think ultimately it was the size of TCU, the already-established culture and he got along really well with the coaching staff that he can develop under. And when he interacted with the kids there he saw himself and I think a little bit was Kade wanting to get out and go somewhere away from home."

Durnin had verbally committed to join his older brother Kam on the Shockers at Wichita State University, but flipped his commitment in November after visiting the TCU campus.

"We're best friends and he has totally supported me through this process," Durnin said. "He told me, hey, I think it's best for you to de-commit and open up your options. We got a whole new coaching staff and everything. He was supportive of it and I'm hoping he transfers to TCU. But in all seriousness, he's going to do great things at Wichita State and he's super happy for me."

In August, Durnin showcased his pitching skills at the MLB Area Code games out in San Diego where he pitched for the Chicago White Sox and first learned how interested the Horned Frogs were.

"I had a great outing and pitched really well and from there the rest is history," he said. "TCU showed interest and I knew I wanted to go there right away, I love the coaches and the culture. Ironically, my favorite baseball player, Matt Carpenter, is a TCU grad so I knew I always liked TCU through watching him and when I went down to Fort Worth and seeing the campus and get a first hand look at their culture, I knew it's where I wanted to go and just couldn't wait to sign the ink."

According to the websites Perfect Game and Prep Baseball Report, Durnin has improved the velocity on his fastball pitch from 88 miles per hour in June of 2022, to now topping out at 95 miles per hour. Durnin also throws a changeup clocked at 85-86 miles per hour, a curveball that travels 72.9-75.3 miles per hour and a 68-70 mile per hour slider pitch.

Durnin is ranked as the sixth overall baseball player in the state of Missouri and ranked No. 112 overall nationally for the 2024 class. He was the Class 5 Player of the Year, Class 5 First-Team All-State DH/Utility and Ozark Conference MVP last season.

Durnin noted how good it feels to get past signing the letter and looks forward to putting in the work.

"It feels official now," he said. "Leading up to today, you know where you're going to go and have everything locked in and are just waiting for that official day to say, yeah, that's 100 percent what I'm doing. It's super exciting to get this over with and start working on getting better."

Osage



Macks Creek sophomore Kamora Merchant makes history by pinning Analicia Guevara from Warsaw at 140 pounds during the Osage quad on Friday night at the Heritage Elementary gymnasium.

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Macks Creek wrestling makes history at Osage

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The School of the Osage boys and girls wrestling teams hosted a quadrangular with Fatima, Warsaw and for the first time in history, Macks Creek on Friday night at the Heritage elementary gymnasium.

It was a historic night for Macks Creek High School as the boys and girls wrestling teams both had a wrestler win a match, marking the first two wins in program history. Sophomore Kamora Merchant pinned Analicia Guevara from Warsaw at 140 pounds for the girls squad, while sophomore Owyn Charlton pinned Austin Reeves of Warsaw at 157 pounds for the boys.

"Friday night was very memorable," said Macks Creek wrestling coach Kris Paschel. "Coach Merchant and I didn't realize how much we had missed being in a gym with all the matches going on."

Paschel said he was proud of the effort that his wrestlers gave on Friday night.

"I was pleased with what they did and they had fun," he said. "The wrestlers had some surprises as well; we had a parent show up that their wrestler wasn't expecting and another wrestler had some long time friends show up as well. Those memories are what makes this sport so special. It's stressful, challenging, and physically demanding. Having that support is always important, especially if you are trying something brand new."

AT OSAGE

BOYS

Osage 84, Macks Creek 0
106—forfeit to Nic Grull. 113—forfeit to Jesus Luis. 120—forfeit to Brock Arrowwood. 126—forfeit to Hayden Westbrook. 132—forfeit to Dylan Zelle. 138—forfeit to Dawson Wyrick. 144—forfeit to George Long. 150—forfeit to Mike Pitnick. 157—Owyn Charlton pinned by Jeremiah Haile 1:18. 165—forfeit to Amos Mundy. 175—forfeit to Cayden Long. 190—forfeit to Levi Purk. 215—forfeit to Alec Torres. 285—forfeit to Ronald Goodhart.

Fatima 40, Osage 30

106—Caden Rosentreter pinned by Nic Grull 1:09. 113—Jesus Luis pinned



Osage junior Jeremiah Haile pins Macks Creek sophomore Owyn Charlton (1:18) during the Osage quad on Friday night at the Heritage Elementary gymnasium.

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by Tucker Tune 1:02. 120—Thomas Kremer pinned by Brock Arrowwood 1:17. 126—Hayden Westbrook won by dec. over Nolan Laux 10-7. 132—Dylan Zelle pinned by Cody Strope 0:56. 138—Zachary Kloepfel pinned by Dawson Wyrick 0:56. 144—Tyler Kloepfel major dec. over George Long 8-0. 150—Ryder Herzing dec. over Mikie Pitnick 7-0. 165—Amos Mundy over Jesse Schroeder by technical fall 6-0. 175—forfeit to Cayden Long. 190—Levi Purk pinned by Conner Willis 0:46. 215—Alek Torres pinned by Masyn Fenton. 285—forfeit to Trevor Herzing.

Osage 39, Warsaw 36

106—forfeit to Nick Groll. 113—Jesus Luis pinned by Jayce Estes 0:51. 120—Sean Reinertsen pinned by Brock Arrowwood 0:47. 126—Owen Miscall pinned by Hayden Westbrook 0:57. 132—Dylan Zelle dec. over Mason Gollihar 5-0. 138—Michael Garrett pinned by Dawson Wyrick 1:09. 144—Brendon McCorkle pinned by George Long 1:27. 150—Mikie Pitnick pinned by D'Angelo Ramirez 0:32. 157—Austin Reeves pinned by Jeremiah Haile 0:01. 165—Drake Murrell dec. over Amos Mundy 7-5. 175—Uriah Phillips dec. over Cayden Long 7-1. 190—Levi Purk pinned by Josh Harvath 1:30. 215—Alek Torres pinned by Jayce Depreist 1:40. 285—forfeit to Peyton Painter.

Fatima 72, Macks Creek 0

106—forfeit to Caden Rosentreter. 113—forfeit to Tucker Tune. 120—forfeit to Thomas Kremer. 126—forfeit to Nolan Laux. 132—forfeit to Cody Strope. 138—forfeit to Zachary Kloepfel. 144—forfeit to Tyler Kloepfel. 150—double forfeit. 157—Owyn Charlton pinned by Ryder Herzing. 165—forfeit to Jesse Schroeder. 175—forfeit to Chase Willis. 190—forfeit to Conner Willis. 215—forfeit to Trevor Herzing.

Warsaw 72, Macks Creek 6

106—double forfeit. 113—forfeit to Jayce Estes. 120—forfeit to Sean Reinertsen. 126—forfeit to Owen Miscall. 132—forfeit to Mason Gollihar. 138—forfeit to Michael Garrett. 144—forfeit to Brendon McCorkle. 150—forfeit to D'Angelo Ramirez. 157—Austin Reeves pinned by Owyn Charlton. 165—forfeit to Drake Murrell. 175—forfeit to Uriah Phillips. 190—forfeit to Josh Harvath.

215—forfeit to Jayce Depreist. 285—forfeit to Peyton Painter.

Fatima 42, Warsaw 36
106—forfeit to Caden Rosentreter. 113—Tucker Tune pinned by Jayce Estes. 120—Thomas Kremer pinned by Sean Reinertsen. 126—Owen Miscall pinned by Nolan Laux. 132—Mason Gollihar pinned by Cody Strope. 138—Zachary Kloepfel dec. over Michael Garrett 8-4. 144—Brendon McCorkle pinned by Tyler Kloepfel. 150—Ryder Herzing dec. over D'Angelo Ramirez 5-4. 157—forfeit to Austin Reeves. 165—Jesse Schroeder pinned by Drake Murrell. 175—forfeit to Uriah Phillips. 190—Conner Willis pinned by Josh Harvath. 215—Jayce Depreist pinne dry Chase Willis. 285—Peyton Painter pinned by Trevor Herzing.

GIRLS

Osage 6, Macks Creek 0
135—Caitlyn Sullivan pinned Gabrielle Eversole 1:29.

Fatima 6, Osage 0

135—Skyla Schroeder pinned Caitlyn Sullivan 0:18.

Warsaw 30, Osage 6

110—forfeit to Izabella Schierholz. 120—forfeit to Alysa Yoder. 125—forfeit to Naomi Yoder. 135—Caitlyn Sullivan pinned Skylon Boone 1:00. 140—forfeit to Analicia Guevara. 235—forfeit to Brooklyn Jackman.

Fatima 6, Macks Creek 0

140—Kamora Merchant pinned by Skyla Schroeder 4:22.

Warsaw 30, Macks Creek 6

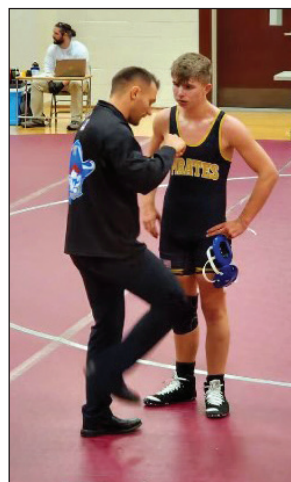
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Warsaw 24, Fatima 12

110—forfeit to Izabella Schierholz. 120—Alysa Yoder pinned by Heidi Struempfl. 125—Elizabeth Meyer pinned by Naomi Yoder. 130—forfeit to Skylon Boone. 135—Analicia Guevara pinned by Skyla Schroeder. 235—forfeit to Brooklyn Jackman.

ATHLETE

★ ★ ★ of the Week ★ ★ ★



Athlete: Owyn Charlton
School: Macks Creek

Sport: Wrestling
Grade: Sophomore

Macks Creek wrestler Owyn Charlton has earned Lake Sun Athlete of the Week honors for his performance at the Osage quadrangular on Friday Dec. 1 at Heritage Elementary. Charlton was one of two Macks Creek wrestlers to win their first match in program history after pinning Austin Reeves from Warsaw in the second round at 157 pounds for the boys squad. "He's a sponge, he soaks up all the information he can," said Pirates coach Kris Paschel. "Owyn has been very coachable this year so far. He is asking critical questions and relaying that information to his teammates. He continues to get better each day and I can't ask for much more than that."

Coaches can nominate players by e-mailing Lake Sun sports editor Sam Kombrink (sam.lakesun@gmail.com).

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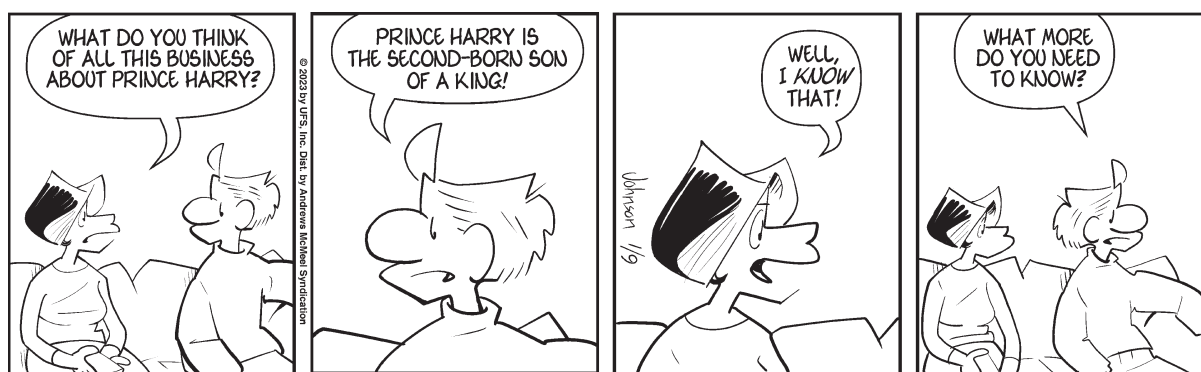
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December 9th, 10am - Noon

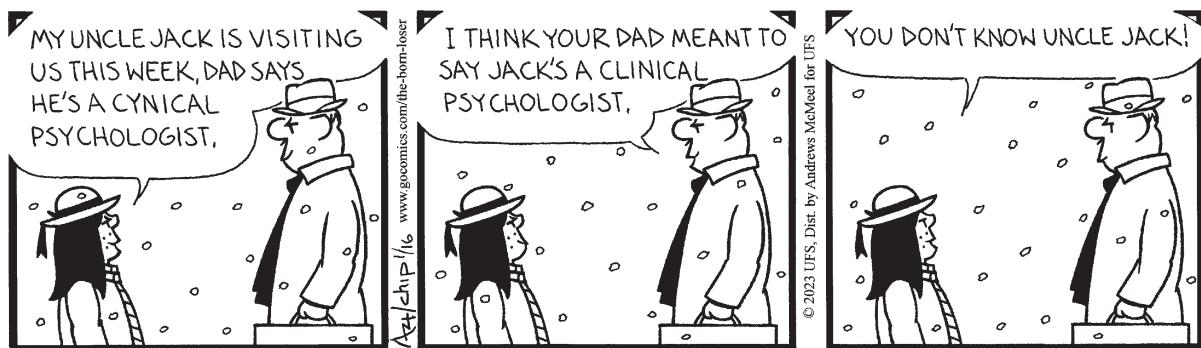
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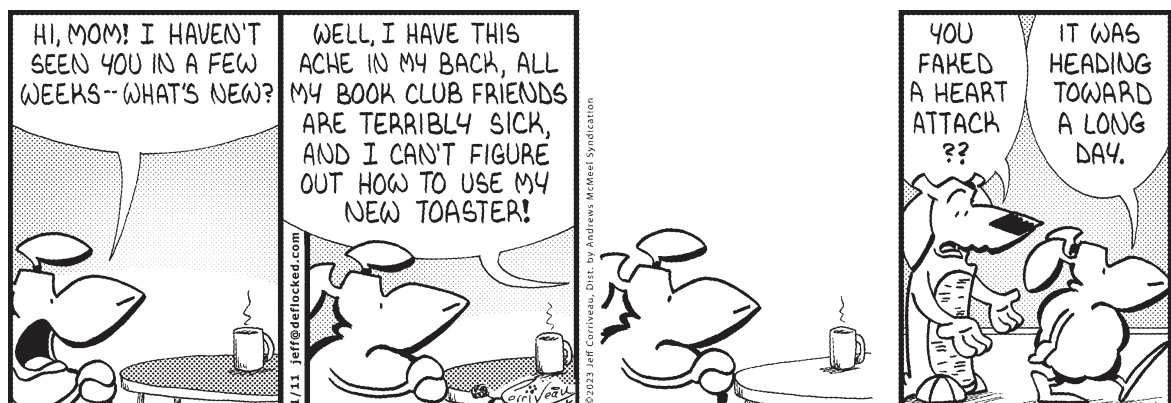
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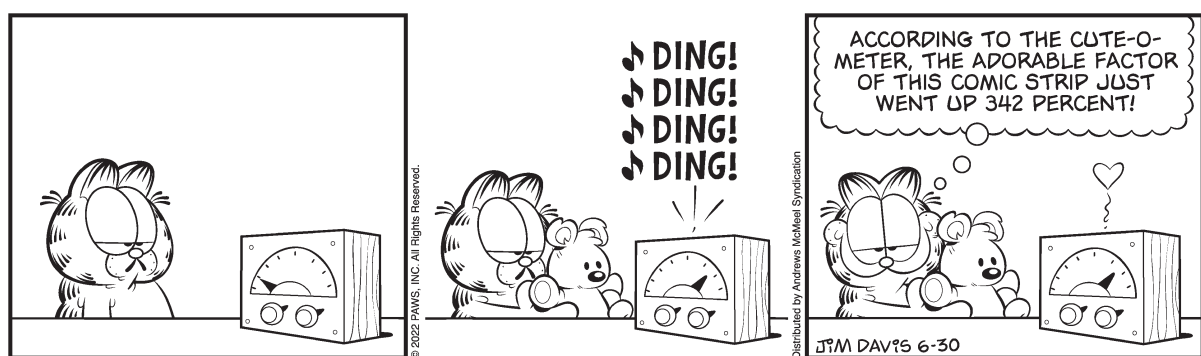
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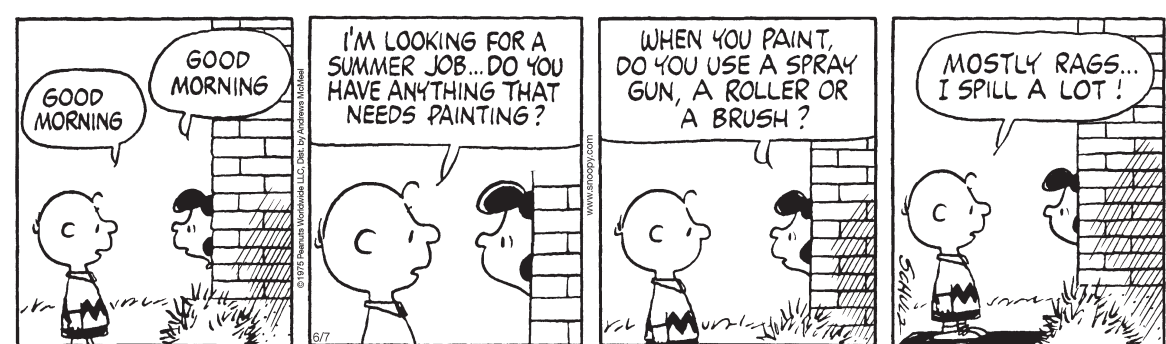
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ GO IEDRNO UY IEVI IED GRYI
UGZRNIVAI IEUAM UY IR FD EVZZO,
DAWRO PEVI ORJ VND TRUAM VAT FD
KNDYE GDAIVSSO.” — NVKVDS AVTVS

Previous Solution: “To watch people push themselves further than they think they can, it’s a beautiful thing. It’s really human.” — Abby Wambach

TODAY’S CLUE: B penbe J

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Company emblem
 - 5 Speed meas.
 - 8 Uh’s cousins
 - 11 Creamy color
 - 13 Jackie’s tycoon
 - 14 “The Simpsons” bartender
 - 15 Place for a grill
 - 16 Forceful
 - 18 Give the eye
 - 20 Passed out the cards
 - 21 Sports locale
 - 23 Pull
 - 24 Crayon ingredient
 - 25 Asian royalty
 - 27 Clinched, as a deal
 - 31 Arles assent
 - 32 Oak or maple
 - 33 Identical
 - 34 Earthen jar
- DOWN
- 1 Rim
 - 36 Auto supplies store
 - 38 Sci. room
 - 39 Watch winder
 - 40 Colossal
 - 41 Illuminated
 - 42 Not even
 - 44 View from Everest
 - 46 Really stupid
 - 49 “Como —?”
 - 50 Doubles
 - 52 Dorm climbers
 - 56 World Series mo.
 - 57 Travel guide
 - 58 It repels moths
 - 59 Before marriage
 - 60 Go undercover
 - 61 Computer input

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ORD	ROLE	ERMA
GUY	SOLD	REAR

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- 4 Easy-to-find constellation
- 5 Crafted
- 6 Force open
- 7 Shiva believer
- 8 Ms. Peel of “The Avengers”
- 9 Make turbid
- 10 Faction
- 12 Frozen treat
- 17 Zeus’ shield
- 19 Figured out
- 21 Bank feature
- 22 Banish
- 23 Men’s accessories
- 24 Puts the moves on
- 26 Lowest high tide
- 28 Showy lily
- 29 Click “send”
- 30 Liability
- 35 In the company of
- 37 Mild acid
- 43 Regards as
- 45 Did road work
- 46 Wrinkle remover
- 47 Delightful
- 48 Poker stake
- 49 Spot
- 51 Knock sharply
- 53 Potato st.
- 54 Munch on
- 55 Mexican Mrs.

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Help Wanted

Safety Specialist. International manufacturer has immediate opening for safety specialist. Duties include training for safe operations, operations inspection, maintain OSHA compliance requirements, SDS management. Requires class E license and ability to drive 24' box truck/forklifts for training purposes. M-F, day shift. Benefits. Submit resume or inquiry for position details to human.resources@woodlandscenics.com OR complete an application at 101 E. Valley Dr., Linn Creek, MO 65052.

Graphic Designer. Mfg. company with international sales in hobby industry has immediate opening for graphic designer. Requires design capabilities for ads/brochures/catalogs/web sites, photography, 2-4 yrs. computer design programs experience. Lake of the Ozarks location, M-F, 8-5. Benefits. Submit resume, design samples to: Human.Resources-S, PO Box 98, Linn Creek, MO. 65052 or human.resources@woodlandscenics.com.

Warehouse Stockperson. Manufacturer has opening in shipping/receiving. Pull orders, stock warehouse. Forklift, box truck experience desired. Must have valid driver's license, good driving record. Year 'round, M-F, 7:30-4:00. Health benefits, PTO, 401k, more. Send resume to or apply 8-4 PM at: Woodland, Human Resources-S, 101 E. Valley Dr., Linn Creek, MO 65052 OR human.resources@woodlandscenics.com.

Help Wanted: Relief Cook
The Macks Creek Senior Center in Macks Creek, MO is accepting applications for a Relief Cook. This position will fill in for staff on vacation and sick time. We are looking for someone that has experience with quantity food preparation. Knowledge of computer programs is a plus. If the applicant is willing to travel to other locations, they would get mileage reimbursed. Please call Teresa Millsap in Camdenton at 573-346-2776 to obtain an application or email Teresa at tmillsap@agingbest.org EOE.

Sales Associate. Mfg. company with international sales in hobby industry has immediate opening for sales associate. Duties include account management, call campaigns, order resolution, consumer service response, trade show attendance and more. Lake of the Ozarks location, M-F, 8-5. Benefits. Submit resume to: Human.Resources-S, PO Box 98, Linn Creek, MO. 65052 or human.resources@woodlandscenics.com.

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any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23106
NOTICE OF ELECTION
Cam-Mo Ambulance District Election for two directors of the Cam-Mo Ambulance District will be held April 2, 2024. Filings for Sub-District #2, and Sub-District #5 will be open from 8:00 a.m. December 5, 2023 through 5:00 p.m. December 26, 2023.

A candidate for the director of the ambulance district shall be citizens of the United States, a qualified voter of the district and their respective sub-districts, a resident of the State of Missouri for at least one year, and shall be at least 21 years of age. Election term will be 3 years.

A candidate shall file his/her declaration of candidacy by contacting Gayle Webb, Business Manager at the Cam-Mo Ambulance Office - 45 Cam-Mo Drive, Sunrise Beach, MO.

For more information contact Gayle Webb at the Cam-Mo Ambulance Station in Sunrise Beach or by calling (573)374-8429.
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23105
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI
Case No. 23CM-CC00250
BLUE RIDGE PROPERTIES LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. WILLIAM L. KNIGHT, SR., or if he be dead, then the unknown spouse, consorts, former consorts, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, and immediate, mesne and remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees, executors, administrators, assigns and successors of Defendant, Defendant.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
The State of Missouri to the above-named Defendant:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Camden, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet title, and which affects the following described property:

A tract of land lying in the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 18 West, Camden County, Missouri, described by metes and bounds as follows: From an existing sandstone in a rock pile which marks the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 18 West, run South 01°03' West along the East line of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 15, 408.63 feet to an iron pin for the point of beginning of the tract of land herein and hereby described; thence continue South 01°03' West along said East line 213.04 feet to an iron pin, thence leaving said East line run West 1035.23 feet to a spike in the centerline of a 40 foot road, thence following said centerline North 05°45' West 120.0 feet; thence North 21°46' East 100.0 feet to a spike; thence leaving said centerline run East 1017.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with Road Easement appearing in Book 196 at page 903 and Lake Access Easement appearing in Book 196 at page 904, both in the Records of Camden County, Missouri.
Also described as follows:
PT NWNE - TR 890 -- Acres: 5.00 --- S15-T39N-R18W
Parcel #06 5.0 15.0 000.0 000 003.000 COP#5612
The names of all of the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof, and the name of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kenneth O. McCutcheon, Jr., whose address is 110 N. Monroe, P.O. Box 5, Versailles, Missouri 65084. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 6th day of December, 2023, judgment by default will be rendered against you.
Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 2nd day of November, 2023.
Kayla Henry, Circuit Clerk
By: Tricia McCollum, Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23099
Notice of Filing of Declaration of Candidacy For Directors of Public Water Supply District No. 4 of Camden County, Missouri
Notice is hereby given that all persons interested in filing a Declaration of Candidacy for Director of Public Water Supply District No. 4 of Camden County, Missouri from Sub-District Number 1 may do so at the office of the said District, located at 62 Bittersweet, Lake Ozark, Missouri 65049 between

the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on and between the dates listed herein.

Filing of a Declaration of Candidacy begins at 8:00 a.m. December 5, 2023 and closes at 4:00 p.m. December 26, 2023.

Done by the order of the Board of Directors, Public Water Supply District No. 4 of Camden County, Missouri.

First insertion: 12-01-23, 144-096
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23112
The Osage Beach Fire Protection District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following surplus equipment. All bids need to be received no later than Tuesday, December 19th at 3pm. All Items are sold as is with no implied warranty. This item can be viewed by appointment by calling Station 1 at 348-1221 Mon-Fri 7:30-4:30. Sealed Bids can be sent to or dropped off at the following location:

Osage Beach Fire Station 1
1170 Bluff Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065
Attn: Surplus Bid
2008 Chevrolet Suburban 161,811 miles
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23109
Public Notice of Election Mid-County Fire Protection District
Notice is hereby given to those persons that filings will be accepted for two (1) District Director positions to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-County Fire

Protection District for a term of six (6) years. Candidate filing will begin December 5, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. and end December 26, 2023 at 5 p.m., with the Administrative Assistant of the Fire District, at Mid-County Fire Protection District Headquarters, at 184 N. Business Route 5, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The election is to be held on April 2, 2024. Candidates for director shall be citizens of the United States, a resident of the District and registered voter for two (2) years and at least 25 years of age, and in accordance with 312.210 RSMo, submit a filing fee of \$100.00. By order of the Chairman of the Board, Charles E. McElyea.

Charles E. McElyea
Chairman
Mid-County Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
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Last insertion: 12-08-23, 144-098

PUBLIC NOTICE 23093
Notice of Filing Procedure for the Climax Springs R-IV School District Annual Board Election
The Climax Springs R-IV School District will accept declarations of candidacy from any person interested in running for a position on the Climax Springs R-IV School Board in the April 2nd, 2024 election. Candidates must be citizens of the U.S., resident taxpayers of the district, reside in his/her school district for one year preceding their election or appointment, and be at least twenty-four years of age. Persons interested may file with

the board secretary at Central Office located at 571 Climax Ave, Climax Springs, MO 65324. Filing will begin on December 5th, 2023, at 7:30 am and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Tuesday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm through December 20th. Filing will not occur on days the school district's offices are closed due to inclement weather or school holidays. The office will open at 7:30 am on December 26, 2023 and filing will end at 5:00 pm. There are two three-year term positions available.
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23114
The Osage Beach Fire Protection District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following surplus equipment. All bids need to be received no later than Tuesday, December 19th at 3pm. All Items are sold as is with no implied warranty. This item can be viewed by appointment by calling Station 1 at 348-1221 Mon-Fri 7:30-4:30. Sealed Bids can be sent to or dropped off at the following location:

Osage Beach Fire Station 1
1170 Bluff Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065
Attn: Surplus Bid
2005 Scott Air Compressor - Specific to filling breathing air bottles
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Eldon

Password to speakeasy food and drink

BY CHARIS PATIRES
Lake Media/Lake Lifestyles

There's a new restaurant at the Lake, but getting through the doors might be a little tricky. Capone's is an authentic, prohibition-style speakeasy serving locally-sourced gourmet food, wine, spirits and beer. To get in, you'll need the secret password so the doorman can let you through.

Owner Zack Ewing opened the restaurant near downtown Eldon a few months ago. Through his company called Eldon Hospitality, Ewing wants to offer diners a unique experience.

"Eldon is where I live and I wanted to help bring life back into our great town," he said.

His background includes owning other restaurants, and he was a consultant for food safety and restaurant inventory management.

Capone's serves classic handmade cocktails and gourmet scratch-made dinners. Their mission is to serve guests with quality, local food and beverages while creating a memorable and one-of-a-kind experience.

Three-course dinners include the Depression Po Boy made with slow-roasted chicken, remoulade sauce, pickle, tomato, onion on a fresh hoagie bun. The most popular dish is the Chicago Beef Dip — slow-roasted brisket, provolone and au jus on a fresh hoagie. The dinners include the soup of the night and side. Vegan options are available.

The most popular cocktails in Capone's are the signature Old Fashioned and Mary Pickford. Don't miss the first annual Craft Wine and Whiskey Festival was held Oct. 21. They are also in the process of opening a members-only VIP room which has dining, a cigar lounge and spa.

To figure out the password for entry, check their Facebook page for a hint the night you plan to visit. Open at 5 p.m. for cocktails with dinner service from 6-9 p.m. Steak dinners require reservations 24 hours in advance.

Capone's is only half of the business. In the same building Ewing runs The Green Chili where you can enjoy

authentic Colorado green chili and Southwestern cuisine. The Smothered Burrito is the most popular at this restaurant. Beans, pork, chicken or beef brisket burritos are available. Taco Salad, Cowboy Nachos, the Navajo

Taco, Southwest Fajita dinner, Chili Burger and Tamale dinner are just a few of the items that stand out on the menu. There is also a kid's menu and bulk items available for take-out. The Green Chili is open Tuesday-Saturday.



The Smothered Burrito from The Green Chili

PHOTO PROVIDED

Laurie



Charlie Turner rings the bell for the Salvation Army Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Town and Country Supermarket in Laurie. Gifts to The Salvation Army support local families this season and beyond. Each hard-earned dollar impacts families in our community. Donations help put a present under someone's tree today and a roof over someone's head tomorrow.

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Lake Arts Council

Spools and Needles Group

Camden County Museum
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Dec. 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

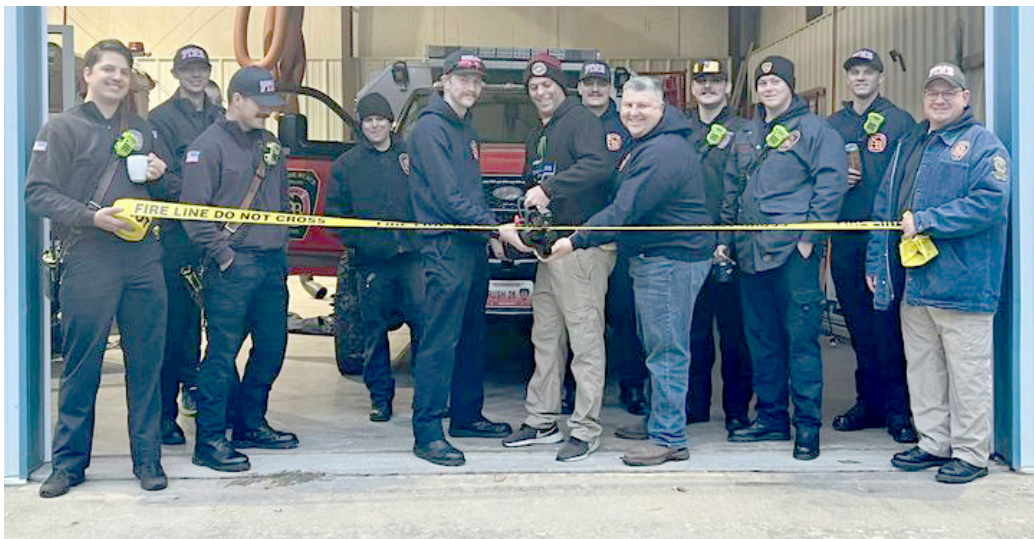
Have you always wanted to learn a craft or just meet other women to visit with? Come to the Spools & Needles Group. If school is out due to weather, there won't be a meeting. Just show up on Friday and bring what you want to work on and join in. Bring a sack lunch. For more info you can call the museum at 573-346-7191. Leave a message and someone will call you back.

Greater Lake Area Chorale Christmas Concert

Our Saviors Lutheran Church
442 US-54, Camdenton
Dec. 3, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

The Greater Lake Area Chorale is a community choir composed of nearly 70 voices, drawing singers from the tri-county area of the Lake of the Ozarks. Performing for more than thirty years, the choir sings music from many styles, settings and of great quality. Concerts are free. The Chorale was recently honored with an invitation to sing at New York City's Lincoln Center as part of the world premiere of a new choral work. The choir sings two seasons, fall and spring. Performances may be enjoyed on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in late November until mid-December.

Sunrise Beach



As of 7 a.m. Saturday, Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District Station #4 at 2617 State Route F is now open full time. Lieutenant Gus Gremp was the first officer to staff Station 4 full time and it was his honor to officially open Station #4. This is the district's third full-time fire station.

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Cold weather rules in effect

Intent is to help customers with paying their bill

The Missouri Public Service Commission's Cold Weather Rule, designed to help customers with heat-related utility bills, begins on Nov. 1. The rule will remain in effect through March 31, 2024. It has been a part of the Commission's rules and regulations since 1977.

The Cold Weather Rule applies to natural gas and electric utilities under PSC jurisdiction that provide heat-related service. Municipally-operated systems, cooperatives and those that provide propane delivered by truck are not under PSC jurisdiction.

The Cold Weather Rule:

- Prohibits the disconnection of heat-related service when the temperature is predicted to drop below 32 degrees during the following 24-hour period.

- Provides more lenient payment terms permitting recon- gression of service for natural gas and/or electric customers.

- Allows customers to budget payments over 12 months.

- Requires that customers be notified by mail 10 days before the date the utility intends to

shut off service; an attempt be made to contact the customer within 96 hours before the shut off; an attempt be made to contact the customer right before the shut off; and that notice is left at the home when service has been shut off.

- Requires the customer be notified of possible financial help in paying the utility bill.

- Allows for the reconnection of service for less than the full amount owed.

A customer may register with the utility if:

- They are 65 years of age or older;

- Disabled to the extent that they have filed with the utility a form submitted by a medical physician attesting that their household must have natural gas or electric utility service provided in the home to maintain life or health; or they have obtained a formal award letter issued from the federal government of disability benefits.

A customer who is registered with the utility company as elderly or disabled will receive additional notifications prior to a proposed discontinuance of service during the

Cold Weather Rule period. They may also be eligible for additional minimum payment arrangements.

If a customer is faced with a heat-related utility bill that cannot be paid in full, it is important to:

- Contact the utility company.

- State an inability to pay the bill in full.

- Provide monthly or annual income information.

- Make a minimum payment.

- Enter into a payment agreement.

For more information on the PSC's Cold Weather Rule, please see the Commission's website at www.psc.mo.gov or call the Commission's Consumer Services hotline at 1-800-392-4211. Consumers can also receive Cold Weather Rule information from their local natural gas or electric company or the local community action agency. In addition, there may be additional programs available to consumers seeking assistance in paying their heating bills.