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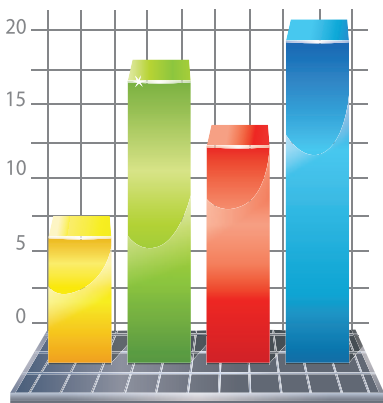
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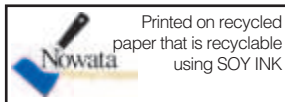
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There's a whole lotta jammin' going on



FG Senior Center hosts jam sessions every Tuesday night

Gene Waterman, right, picks his steel guitar while Dave McCallister plays the harmonica at the jam session Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Fair Grove Senior Center.

REFLEX PHOTO BY STEVE JOHNSON

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Toe-tapping, head-nodding and singing along are some of the reactions of the audience members during the Tuesday night jam sessions at the Fair Grove Senior Center. There is even the occasional two-step shuffler, such as 95-year-

old Noah Adams of Buffalo, moving his feet to the rhythm of the country melodies. The songs are performed by musicians from several surrounding counties who regularly attend to add their unique talents to the sometimes as many as 25 instrumentalists who comprise the band. It appears that everyone present is having a good time full of old-fashioned fun.

A great place for a good time
Yes, the Fair Grove Senior Center becomes a makeshift "opry" auditorium for the collective country orchestra every Tuesday night from 5 until 8 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month. A potluck dinner is part of the evening's festivities, and admission is by donation.

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'Lovebug' needs the community's help

Local child suffering from rare cancer

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Fighting a rare form of cancer, "Lovebug" continues to have a smile on her face.

A local child is suffering from diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma. DIPG is a very aggressive tumor on the brain stem.

We will call her "Lovebug" because she is in the process of adoption through foster care. Stating a full name is not permitted. Lovebug is the daughter of Catina and Jennifer Anderson. Her grandparents are Larry and Gayla Anderson, and her great-grandparents are the late Don and Ruby Bradford.

A fundraiser will start at 4

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p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Timber Line Barn, 42 Rainbow Road, Buffalo. A chili and soup dinner will start while a dessert auction is called. Also, a silent auction with gifts of all kinds is scheduled.

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Another phone scam is now going around

A Buffalo Reflex reader called to inform us that another telephone scam is circulating. She reported that she had a computerized recording left on her answering machine, and because of the content and the mechanics of the message, she said she felt confident that it was a fraudulent scheme.

The computer recording left on her answering machine said, "... let you know that the subscription you have taken has been expired. You are going to get charged for the next subscription, which will be \$299.99. If you want to cancel the subscription, please call us on our toll-free helpline, (855) 638-0241. One of our representatives is going to assist you so you do not get charged for the next subscription, because money once give debited cannot be refunded. Thank you."

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Buffalo man is involved in fatal crash near Springfield

A Buffalo man was involved in a fatal crash Friday, Feb. 7, north of Springfield, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Christopher J. Rice, 27, of Buffalo was northbound on U.S. 65 three miles north of Springfield at 8:07 p.m. Feb. 7 when the 2011 Volkswagen Jetta he was driving went off the road and struck a pedestrian standing next to a 2018 Ram 5500, which was parked northbound.

The pedestrian,

Timothy J. Williams, 55, of Springfield, was pronounced dead at 9 p.m. Feb. 7 by Greene County medical investigator Noah Cross.

As required by law, the surviving driver was tested for alcohol, according to the Highway Patrol. Rice was wearing a seat belt.

According to KSPR, Williams was a tow truck driver for Affordable Towing and was out on a job when he was fatally struck.

This was Troop D's 10th fatality for 2020.

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JAMMIN': Making music with friends

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Making up part of the musicians circle Tuesday, Feb. 4, as they played "Heartaches by the Number" were, from left, James Phinney, Jerry Covert, Ron Harless, Jim Culver, Randy Upshaw and Ron Jones.

Tim Cook, left, and Floy Parrack sing "Yonder Comes a Sucker," while Leonard Miller helps Parrack work the sound system.

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The donations go toward the center's building loan, and O'Bannon Bank matches the highest monthly donation total for each quarter.

"Last quarter, which was our very first quarter, O'Bannon matched \$454," said Terry Smith, president of the Fair Grove Senior Center board. "February ends our second quarter, and our attendance has grown."

Smith plays a big role in seeing that operations run smoothly at the center, which is coming up on its one-year anniversary in March. He has been instrumental in helping arrange for the jam sessions to take place at the 6,000-square-foot center, located at 122 S. Orchard Blvd. in Fair Grove. The open floor plan of the center has plenty of room for the large jam session circle of players and still lots of room for listeners.

A jam session isn't a group making jelly

Public jam sessions are simply musical get-togethers where musicians from the region can come together to play different styles of music standards.

Leonard "Floy" Parrack started working with a group of musicians that played at the Eagles Senior Center in Buffalo and later at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 62's building in Buffalo. Then in August 2019, Parrack started recruiting local pickers to come join in a weekly jam session they started at the Fair Grove Senior Center.

Parrack operates the sound board and amplification system that distributes the sounds evenly throughout the crowd. He is assisted by Leonard Miller.

Those rounding out the band the night of Tuesday, Feb. 4, included (around the circle order) the following: Dave Bennett, keyboards; Dink Cruse, guitar; Charmin Kelley, guitar; Denise Richardson, guitar; David Richardson, guitar; James Phinney, fiddle; Jerry Covert, dobro; Ron Harless, guitar; Jim Culver, guitar; Randy Upshaw, guitar; Ron Jones, guitar; David Rowden, guitar; Lou Gilbert, guitar; Bill White, electric guitar; Dave McCallister, harmonica; Gene Waterman, steel guitar; and Jim Jones, electric bass.

The musicians can each choose a song they want the group to perform. Some even provide vocals, singing the old ballads' lyrics. Sometimes they are joined by audience members singing at the microphone.

Parrack said, "Anyone is welcome to join in. We have people coming from all around. We have some who travel from Camdenton, Hartville, Lebanon, Pleasant Hope, Springfield, Preston. Why we even have some come down from Columbia to join in the fun. Many just like to have an outlet to get together and play with others in a band."

One of the jammers, David Richardson, said he and his cousin, Denise Richardson, enjoy getting together for the jam session because it gives them the opportu-

nity to pick and sing together. Their harmonies blended as the two of them serenaded the diners with such ballads as Johnny Cash's "I Still Miss Someone" and "Steel Rails" recorded by Allison Krauss.

Not just for seniors

The Fair Grove Senior Center jam sessions would probably be enjoyed by anyone who appreciates country and western, bluegrass, gospel, folk, and '50s and '60s music. Anyone of any age is welcome to play an instrument with the group or sing a song accompanied by the musicians. Teenagers have even participated.

"The family atmosphere is appreciated by everyone because it's good, clean fun," said local author Marilyn Smith, who attends the shows with her husband, Terry. "Even the kids seem to have a good time."

The potluck meal is buffet-style, and there is always plenty of food. The band members will take song requests and play them if they know them. Some nights it takes the band members a little longer to wind down, so they might go longer than 8 p.m.

"The jam sessions are just a bunch of music makers getting together to make some uncommonly good noise that pleases the ears, and for everyone to enjoy each other's company," Parrack said.

For more information about the Tuesday night jams or any other event at the Fair Grove Senior Center, call (417) 759-9455.

'LOVEBUG': Fundraiser

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All proceeds will aid Lovebug's family in medical costs and lost income.

Organizers said, "Let's rally together as a community and show them they are not alone!"

Lovebug's story

Lovebug had always been an active and on-the-go girl. Things changed Nov. 29, 2019, when Catina noticed that her right eye rolled to the left and her head would tilt the same direction. She seemed to be clumsier and would fall over as she walked.

On Nov. 30, Jennifer noticed the same symptoms. Between the two parents, they decided to drive Lovebug to urgent care. Urgent care promptly sent them over to the emergency department. Blood tests were run, and an MRI was suggested. Because blood work came back as normal, they offered to allow her to come back Monday morning for the MRI; however, because of insurance issues, the MRI was delayed until Tuesday morning.

On Dec. 3, the family's world turned upside down. The doctors performed every test imaginable, looking for the problem. Then, the doctor came out and shook up the Andersons' world. Lovebug was diagnosed with a brain stem tumor known as DIPG.

Immediately, the doctors told the family to get in their car and drive straight to St. Louis Children's Hospital. More tests and an additional MRI were completed. The new doctor confirmed that a very rare tumor was located in the pontine region and wrapped around the brain stem.

The worst news for all of them came next. The family was told there was no cure and Lovebug was going to die.

Catina told the Buffalo Reflex, "We were told that

without treatment, our princess could have three months; with the treatment, she could have nine months to one year. The treatment is palliative at best. And the only option at this time is radiation. Because of her age, our girl can have radiation one time. We have one shot to extend her life long enough to hope for a clinical trial to save her life ... possibly. Clinical trials are not covered by insurance, so we have to pay for this out of our pocket."

DIPG is a rare type of tumor, with less than 300

cases reported each year. There is no known cause, no known cure and no chance of survival. This pediatric cancer strikes young children younger than 11 years old almost exclusively, with less than 10 percent surviving two years following diagnosis and less than 1 percent surviving five years.

The family asks for support during this time. The public is invited to the fundraiser Feb. 22. A GoFundMe account is also open for donations: gofundme.com/f/help-our-little-ladybug-fight-dipg-cancer.

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- Income from local and state tax refunds from last year
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- Rental property income

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(if applicable)

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- Education costs
- Qualified medical expenses

Dependent care
(if applicable)

- Education costs
- Childcare costs
- Adoption costs

Charitable contributions
(if applicable)

- Charitable donation receipts

Bank information

- Bank account number
- Bank's routing number

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Buffalo native, 105, shares long-living tips

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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Lt. Col. Grace Chicken of Port Charlotte, Fla., said the secret to living to 105 is being “stress-free.”

“Some people just worry — I don’t worry about anything,” said Chicken, who turned 105 this past summer.

How do you live stress-free?
“Three meals a day, eight hours of sleep, go to church on Sunday,” she said.

Chicken was born in Buffalo, Mo., in 1914. As a kid, she said she and her brother walked a mile and a half each way to a one-room schoolhouse.

When she was in nurses training, her teacher had been a nurse in the military, and it had become an ambition for her.

She entered the service at 28, where she served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and the Korean War.

Chicken was stationed in Kansas after the end of the Korean War, and completed a tour in Alaska and Labrador, Canada, before retiring at the age of 54 in 1968.

Chicken then was offered an associate professorship at Wichita State University in Kansas, where she started the nurses

degree and RN program.

She later took a job at the American Red Cross Blood Mobile, until 1975 when she moved to Punta Gorda, Fla., to work as an office nurse, before retiring in 1977.

Chicken said she used to have a big birthday celebration every 10 years, until she reached 100. Now, she celebrates big every year.

This past summer, she celebrated her 105th birthday with her family, Dee Parkinson, a close friend, whom she calls



Grace Chicken

her daughter. She’s known her for 50 years, after working with her mom as a nurse. Parkinson’s kids and grandkids were there to celebrate, too.

The family chartered a boat in the Keys.

“The dolphins played all around us,” Chicken said.

Parkinson arranged for special celebrations for Chicken. Around

the time of her birthday, the culinary program at the vocational college at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee in Bradenton made a special meal just for Chicken. On Wednesday, July 3, Chicken threw the ball out at the Charlotte Stone Crabs game, something she’s done for the past three years.

“I’m lucky, I’m pretty healthy,” she said. “My doctor says I’m boring.”

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Buffalo aldermen approve some zoning changes

BY STEVE JOHNSON
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An ordinance titled Bill No. 20-02, which enacted a zoning change for an area along north U.S. 65, was approved by the Buffalo aldermen at the Monday night City Council meeting. Also the purchase of a new work truck and dump bed was approved, and so was a new business license.

Bill No. 20-01 is an ordinance that deals with “repealing the ‘Zoning Map — Buffalo, Missouri’ of the code of ordinances for the city of Buffalo and enacting in lieu thereof a map to be known as the ‘Zoning Map — Buffalo, Missouri.’ Rezoning of all of the 40 acres described as NM 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section (14), Township (34), Range (20) from B-2 Highway Business District to M-1 Industrial District and the South side of Highway 32 from Locust Street to East City limits 300 feet from highway.”

The zoning change along north U.S. 65 covers the acreage where the former Ozark Store Fixture business was and that is now owned by Hale Fireworks. The zoning change will allow Hale Fireworks to store fireworks within the building.

The other zoning change is an update to an oversight on an old city zone map that took place several years ago.

The aldermen approved the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet truck from Lindsey Chevrolet, Lebanon, for \$28,860.95 (the lowest of six bid prices), and the purchase of a dump bed for the truck from Bus Andrews in

Springfield for \$7,450. This new truck will replace a 2000 small Chevrolet work truck.

All Washed Up, a new laundromat business, 612 S. Locust St., was granted a new business license by the council.

Mayor Brandon Kenall shared during mayor’s comments that the city work crews were continuing ditch work throughout the city. He mentioned the generous donations from O’Bannon Bank, the Lions Club and Meek’s concerning the installation of the new Americans With Disabilities Act swing in the Madison Street pocket park.

Kenall stated that the city is pursuing the construction of tennis courts, and that Hollie Elliott, executive director of Dallas County Economic Development Group, and Sue Dyle are seeking a \$28,000 grant to assist with funding.

He reminded those in attendance that at the next board meeting Feb. 24, two administrative workers from Liberty Electric will be present to answer questions the public might have concerning electric rate increases and any other issues. They will start speaking with the public at 6 p.m.

Casey Rash asked the board some questions during citizens’ comments, about how the sewer and water system is monitored, and whether the city has a central public exchange system in place. Kenall explained the lift stations and the wells at the water towers are electronically monitored and that each branch of business of the city has its own dedicated telephone line.

Chamber meeting now is rescheduled for Feb. 12

The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce’s February meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 12. The meeting was originally planned for Feb. 5, but because of inclement weather, the meeting was rescheduled.

The meeting will be at noon on Feb.

12 at the Dallas County Alumni Building, north of D.A. Mallory Elementary School on Hickory Street in Buffalo.

The speakers will be Dr. Tim Ryan, Dallas County R-1 School District superintendent, and Hollie Elliott, Dallas County Economic Development director.



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Centenarian Grace Chicken throws the first pitch, beside Stone Crabs Vice President Jared Forma, during the St. Lucie Mets at Charlotte Stone Crabs Independence Celebration Game on July 3 at Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte, Fla. Chicken turned 105 on July 6.

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Deaths

Memorials

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Donald Lee Gower

Elkland, Mo.
Born: Oct. 25, 1934
Died: Jan. 30, 2020
Visitation: 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Mo.
Services: 11 a.m. Feb. 15 at the funeral home.

Pedro Magaña Wuiltron

Buffalo, Mo.
Born: March 26, 1985
Died: Jan. 15, 2020
Graveside service: 2 p.m. Jan. 22, Wollard Cemetery, Long Lane, Mo., under the direction of Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

James William Meadows

Buffalo, Mo.
Born: Aug. 31, 1941
Died: Feb. 5, 2020
Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 7, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Buffalo.
Services: 1 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Cremation rites were accorded by Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

Rose Marie Powell

Born: April 6, 1928
Died: Feb. 10, 2020
Visitation: 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Bible Baptist Church, Buffalo, Mo.
Services: 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the church. Burial in Memorial Gardens of Memory Cemetery under the direction of Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

Christopher James Shields

Thomasville, Mo.
Born: June 12, 1961
Died: Feb. 4, 2020
Services: Cremation rites were accorded with cremains taken to his family home in Michigan.

Rose Marie Powell

April 6, 1928-Feb. 10, 2020



On Monday, February 10, 2020 Rose Marie Powell, (Bennett), ascended to heaven on eagles wings joining the plethora of friends and family who had passed before including her husband Lovel Powell, who she married in 1949 and was deeply devoted to since. She will also be welcomed with open arms by her parents, Fred and Beatrice Bennett, her son-in-law Wes Bearden, her sister-in-laws Ann Bennett and Dixie Jewell Grittmann, and brother-in-law Eldon Grittmann.

She was born on April 6, 1928 on the O'Bannon Prairie in Dallas County on her family's dairy farm. She walked 3/4 of a mile each way to attend school in Spring Grove where her Aunt Martha taught. The schools were consolidated later and she attended Charity High School where she graduated as valedictorian in 1943.

She went to State Teacher's College in Springfield followed by working at the Agriculture Adjustment Agency. She married Lovel Powell in 1949 in Mountain Home, Arkansas. They were a balanced pair complementing each other's strengths. The couple moved throughout the United States for Lovel's job in construction, including: Louisiana, California, and Colorado. Eventually it was time to return to their roots in Dallas County where they raised their two daughters, Carla and Sheila on a dairy farm, now known as Valley Farms. Her strong math skills made the farm work. She could account for every nickel spent and tell you how much a fence cost 7 years later. Lovel and Rose Marie also owned an assortment of businesses, and Rose Marie kept those books as well.

A founding member of Bible Baptist Church of Buffalo, Rose Marie's feet were planted firmly on the rock of Jesus Christ. Rose Marie played piano for the junior high class at Bible Baptist. She also volunteered at many Vacation Bible Schools. She saw the wonder of God in everything — even something as simple as a wildflower.

Rose Marie embodied what Jesus commanded as loving your neighbors. She was known to deliver one of her famous pies anytime someone was ill, needed a pick-me-up, or had something to celebrate.

She knew the meaning of comfort food and served it up to anyone needing a serving or two. A potluck wasn't a potluck without one of her delicious desserts. Her sweet potatoes and coleslaw dishes were also crowd pleasers.

She was active in the Louisburg PTA, Dallas County Cattlemen's Association,

and the Louisburg Lion's Club. She also volunteered for Dr. Griffin at the county health department weighing babies.

Hanging laundry on the line, watering her beautiful marigolds, and feeding calves is engrained in all of her family's mind. She loved her cattle and farm. She was a tough woman, she would get knocked down, both literally and figuratively, and she always got back up without bitterness.

She set the bar high as a mother and bumped it up a notch as a grandma, but she surpassed all others as a GiGi. She was the official filleter of fish caught in the ponds, the offerer of extra desserts, and the constant reminder of "let them be little".

Christmas on the farm was always special to her. The traditional Christmas tree was a cedar from the bluff and then cooking a huge spread of everyone's favorite foods.

Rose Marie had a wicked sense of humor and a sharp wit — she was always quick on the draw of funny comebacks and her grandchildren loved her sense of humor and her view on things.

Survivors include her daughters; Carla Bearden of Camdenton, MO and Sheila Ghent and husband Edd of St. Louis, MO; four grandchildren, Brett Bearden and wife Denise, Ryan Bearden and wife Kari, Cody Bell, and Michelle Bell-Wilson and husband John. Also her treasured great-grandchildren: Koltyn, Catch, Easton, Kanon, Vida, Sawyer, and Walker. And her brother Bob Bennett. As well as many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her faithful friend, her yellow lab Luke.

She was known for her red hair and her kind heart, and her strong belief in Jesus; but to her family, she will forever be remembered as the sweetest mom, grandma and GiGi. Job well done. We were loved. You made a difference. And yes we know, we were the luckiest people in the world to be loved unconditionally by you.

Funeral service will be at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 in the Buffalo Bible Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Baker officiating. Music will be by Joshua Keeny. Burial will follow in the Memorial Gardens of Memory Cemetery under the direction of the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm right up to the time of the service. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Buffalo Bible Baptist Church or the Louisburg Lions Club.

James William Meadows

Aug. 31, 1941-Feb. 5, 2020



James William Meadows, age 78 of Buffalo, Missouri passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. James was born on August 31, 1941 to Everett and Nora (Tucker) Meadows.

In June of 1961 on the square in Buffalo, he met Violet Abney, and on June 1, 1963 they were married in Tunas, Missouri. James was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Violet; a daughter, Stacey Olson & husband

David; a grand-daughter, Emily Bitterman & husband William; and two great-grandchildren, Ava and Travis.

Funeral services were at 1:00 pm on Friday, February 7, 2020 in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Buffalo, Missouri with Jack Vincent speaking. Cremation rites were accorded following the services by the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri. Visitation was from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm right before the service.

Donald Lee Gower

Oct. 25, 1934-Jan. 30, 2020



Donald Lee Gower of Elkland, Mo., passed away Jan. 30, 2020.

He is survived by wife, Mary Lou Gower, of Elkland, Mo.; three sons: Dwight and wife, Sandy, of Springfield, Mo., Brian of Elkland, Mo., Todd and wife, Julie, of Diamond, Mo.; five grandchildren: Savanna Mae Gower of Springfield, Ill., Cody Lee Gower of Springfield, Ill.,

Cali and husband, Michael DeMoure, of Springfield, Ill., Colton Gower of Springfield, Mo., Taylor and husband, Kenneth Adams, of Tempe, Ariz.; two great-granddaughters: Roxxi Mae, Kalli Mae; four great-grandsons: Jensen, Cole, Camden, Maverick; brothers: Dean of Thornfield, Mo., Jerry of Elkland, Mo.; sister, Doris of Springfield, Mo.

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A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now at rest!
God broke the hearts of the ones who loved him to prove -
God only takes the best.
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EDNA LANE TO MARK 90TH

Edna Lane will celebrate her 90th birthday Feb. 15. A card shower is being held in her honor. Cards may be sent to 822 S. Oak St., Buffalo, MO 65622.

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MELBA WEST HARMON TO MARK 100TH

Melba West Harmon will turn 100 years old Feb. 21. Her children invite family and friends to come and celebrate this milestone from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist Church on Route P, Long Lane. The omission of gifts is requested. Cards may be mailed to 37 Sullivan Loop, Windyville, MO 65783.

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ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit court of Dallas County, associate division, met during the weeks of Jan. 24 to Feb. 6, 2020, with the following officers present: Judge Lisa Henderson, presiding; Susan Faulkner, clerk; Jonathan Barker, prosecuting attorney; Travis Elliott, city attorney; and Scott Rice, sheriff. The following proceedings were recorded from the court.

Criminal Misdemeanors
Brittney S. Atkins, Buffalo, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Terry L. Arnold, Sedalia, vehicle under 18,000 pounds followed another vehicle too closely, one year unsupervised probation.

Joseph E. Bell, Tunas, wildlife violation, two years unsupervised probation.

Sean T. Blecher, Buffalo, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$25 and costs.

Wesley R. Cantrell, Springfield, seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Levi M. Cook, Elkland, wildlife violation, fine \$79.50 and costs.

Amelia A. Cortez, Macks Creek, operate vehicle on highway without a valid license, fine \$150 and costs; seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Sherry R. Counts, Urbana, failure to comply with ignition interlock device requirements, fine \$120 and costs; operate vehicle in a careless manner, involving an accident, fine \$150 and costs.

William J. Downs, Springfield, property damage, second degree, 180 days incarceration.

Mark A. Doza, Buffalo, seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Willis R. Dutton, Fair Grove, speeding 6-10 mph over limit, one year unsupervised probation.

James M. Enloe, Buffalo, stealing, one year incarceration, unsupervised probation.

Brandon C. Fielder, Louisburg, operate vehicle with vision-reducing material, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Graham W. Garber, Jefferson City, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Robert M. Hale, Buffalo, wildlife violation, fine \$249.50 and costs.

Traci L. Hamlet, Buffalo, seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Cory M. Hildebrandt, Elkland, speeding 6-10 mph over limit, fine \$150 and costs.

Jordan R. Hostetler, Louisburg, seat belt violation, fine \$10; speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50 and costs.

Zachery D. Kessler, Springfield, possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana, fine \$150 and costs.

Daniel K. McCann Jr., Fair Grove, driving while revoked, fine \$75 and costs.

David K. Morton, Buffalo,

driving while revoked, second or third offense, fine \$150 and costs; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs; failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; operate vehicle on highway without a valid license, second offense, fine \$75 and costs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, fine \$100 and costs; possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana, fine \$150 and costs.

Wesley D. Perryman, Conway, driver failed to secure child under 8 years old in child restraint or booster seat, fine \$49.50 and costs; seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Lacey M. Pugh, Buffalo, failure to display plates on vehicle, fine \$20 and costs.

Michael B. Russell, Springfield, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs; failure to display plates on vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Dakota M. Sloan, Peculiar, insufficient personal flotation devices, fine \$25 and costs.

Skyler D. Stormont, Long Lane, failure to drive on right half of roadway, fine \$100 and costs.

Tabitha Summers, Springfield, display/possess plates of another, fine \$22 and costs.

Jeremy R. Swafford, Blue Springs, speeding 1-5 mph over limit, fine \$150 and costs.

Johnny R. Swigert, Buffalo, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; operate vehicle knowingly without operable license lamps/tail lamps, fine \$75 and costs; two counts of littering, fine \$50 and costs each; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50 and costs.

Cortez L. Wilson, Columbia, failure to drive on right half of roadway, resulting in an accident, fine \$100 and costs.

Sagan F. Wright, Urbana, seat belt violation, fine \$10.

Felonies

Alexander N. Austin, Springfield, burglary, second degree, six years incarceration in the Department of Corrections, five years supervised probation.

Bryce A. Cox, Buffalo, 12 monthly payments due under order of support, fine \$46 to crime victims compensation, five years supervised probation.

Patrick S. McDaniel, Buffalo, 12 monthly payments due under order of support, fine \$46 to crime victims compensation, five years supervised probation.

Danny L. Pryor, Louisburg, DWI-aggravated, fine \$46 to crime victims compensation, five years in the Department of Corrections, five years supervised probation.

Darren L. Robb, Springfield, tampering with vehicle, fine \$46 to crime victims compensation, four years incarceration in the Department of Corrections; stealing vehicle, four years incarceration in the Department of Corrections.

Civil Proceedings

LNVN Funding LLC, Chicago, Ill., plaintiff, vs. Jessica Caudle, Buffalo, defendant. Plaintiff appears by attorney. Defendant appears and consents to judgment. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$1,807.46 plus court costs of \$71.50.

Midland Funding LLC, San Diego, Calif., plaintiff, vs. Paul Emmerich, Urbana, defendant. Plaintiff appears by counsel. Defendant appears not and is in default. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$656.63 plus court costs of \$97.70.

Turnkey Property Enterprises LLC, Springfield, plaintiff, vs. Sheryl Imler et al, Buffalo, defendant. Plaintiff appears by counsel. Defendants appear not and are in default. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in possession of the property. Defendants owe a total of \$5,344.50 for damage and other fees.

Calvary SPV I LLC, St. Louis, plaintiff, vs. Casscenda L. Flood, Buffalo, defendant. Plaintiff appears by counsel. Defendant remains in default, although called three times. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$2,058.47.

Dena L. Offerdahl, Buffalo, petitioner, vs. Brent A. Offerdahl, Buffalo, respondent. Petitioner appears in person. Respondent appears in person. Respondent shall pay maintenance to petitioner in the sum of \$500 per month.

Capital One, St. Louis, plaintiff, vs. Stacy Ruble, Buffalo, defendant. Plaintiff appears by counsel. Defendant remains in default. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$4,160.26 plus court costs of \$84.20.

Barclays Bank Delaware, Omaha, Neb., plaintiff, vs. Wilma Slack, Buffalo, defendant. Plaintiff appears by counsel. Defendant appears not and is in default. Judgment is rendered for the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$11,566.93 plus court costs of \$71.50.

MARRIAGES

Feb. 3, Leon G. Zimmerman, 25, Moberly, and Wendi A. Miller, 24, Buffalo.

Feb. 6, Michael D. Hostetler, 19, Elkland, and Belinda J. Miller, 18, Buffalo.

Feb. 7, Nathan B. Licht, 26, Buffalo, and Amanda J. Way, 20, Springfield.

Feb. 7, Randy W. Andrews, 29, Tunas, and Dezaray C. Brown, 19, Marshfield.

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John and Juanita Spence to Jason L. and Deborah M. White, northeast of Plad.

David L. and Donna Burd to Michael Chastain, north of Long Lane.

Lonnie R. and Wilma I. Clark Trust to Bruce Loudermilk, city of Buffalo.

Curt and Jana Frazier to Travis and Hollie Elliott, Olive.

Travis A. and Hollie M. Elliott to William Anson and Elizabeth J. Elliott, Olive.

FOOD AND LODGING INSPECTION REPORT

Courtesy of the Dallas County Health Department. **January**

Buffalo High School, Buffalo, routine inspection with no violations.

Buffalo Prairie Middle School, Buffalo, routine inspection with no violations.

D.A. Mallory Elementary School, Buffalo, routine inspection with no violations.

Mallard Brothers Cafe, Buffalo, pre-opening inspection with no violations.

Clara's Auction, Buffalo, routine inspection with no violations.

Mallard Brothers Cafe, Buffalo, routine inspection with no violations.

FAIR GROVE MUNICIPAL COURT

Fair Grove Municipal Court met during Jan. 1-30, 2020, with Judge William Oris Worsham presiding. The following proceedings were recorded.

Paige D. Arnold, Springfield, speeding 16-20 mph over limit in a school zone, fine \$182.50 and costs; failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Dennis D. Arthur Jr., Fair Grove, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; driver failed to secure child under 8 years old in child restraint or booster seat, fine \$25 and costs; seat belt violation, \$25 and costs.

Sydney M. Baldwin, Fair Grove, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Seth J. Bayless, Odessa, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Zane A. Benson, Springfield, speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50 and costs.

Logan L. Britton, Buffalo, defective equipment, fine

\$182.50 and costs; failure to drive within single lane, one year unsupervised probation.

Jacob R. Carter, Buffalo, possess marijuana, fine \$100 and costs; possess drug paraphernalia, fine \$50.50 and costs; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Caitlyn A. Chism, Springfield, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Rinney D. R. Crawford Sr., Fair Grove, DWI-alcohol, two years unsupervised probation; endangering welfare of child, two years unsupervised probation.

Jamie L. Davidson, Fair Grove, vehicle license/inspection/title, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Penny R. Dotson, Kosciasko, Miss., speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Heather N. Durbin, Springfield, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Paul D. Eagle, Fair Grove, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Phillip K. Feith Jr., Fair Grove, defective equipment, fine \$141 and costs.

Taylor A. N. Fultz, Springfield, defective equipment, fine \$141 and costs.

Kaleb B. Gehrke, Seymour, vehicle license/inspection/title, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Jasmine R. Gilden, Bolivar, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Neal B. Gjovik, Springfield, failure to produce license on demand, fine \$50.50 and costs; speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50 and costs.

Aaron F. Guinn, Stafford, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Cameron L. Hastings, Springfield, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs; defective equipment, fine \$25.50 and costs.

Alyssa N. Hayes, Sunrise Beach, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Shanae A. Jenkins, Springfield, speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50 and costs.

Charnele A. Johnson, Fair Grove, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, \$70.50 and costs.

Elizabeth C. Lawrence, Springfield, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; display/possess plates of another, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Stephanie R. Lee, Fair Grove, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Tricia R. Maples, Fair Grove, illegal/improper turning, fine \$60.50 and costs; speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Brittany L. Martin, Stafford, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$45 and costs.

Austin G. McCall, Joplin,

speeding 6-10 mph over limit, fine \$60.50 and costs.

Robert A. McNair, Leavenworth, Kan., speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50 and costs.

Damon R. Miles, Nixa, defective equipment, fine \$100 and costs.

Jeremy D. Moore, Springfield, open container, fine \$500 and costs; DWI-alcohol, one year unsupervised probation.

Jessica E. Myers, Marshfield, operate vehicle on highway while license is revoked, one year unsupervised probation; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, two years unsupervised probation; display/possess plates of another, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Shane M. Nason, Springfield, operate vehicle on highway while license is revoked, two days incarceration; operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, two days incarceration; failed to register vehicle, two days incarceration; display/possess plates of another, two days incarceration.

Shamik N. Patel, Pleasant Hope, defective equipment, fine \$182.50 and costs.

Sydney R. Ponder, Urbana, defective equipment, fine \$141 and costs.

Carl L. Porter, Fayetteville, Ark., nuisance violation, fine \$157.50 and costs.

Garrett A. Potter, Fair Grove, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Darrin P. Pryor, Springfield, defective equipment, fine \$141 and costs.

Lachlan R. Randolph, Long Lane, defective equipment, fine \$182.50 and costs; operate vehicle on highway while license is revoked, one year unsupervised probation.

Danielle K. Ray, Fair Grove, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs; failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Damien I. Rollins, Buffalo, failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Michael W. Sheets, Rogersville, operate vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, fine \$50.50 and costs; failure to register vehicle, fine \$50.50 and costs; display/possess plates of another, fine \$50.50 and costs.

Jesse N. Smith, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50 and costs.

Aaron A. Williams, Springfield, speeding 26-30 mph over limit, one year unsupervised probation.

2 Buffalo residents injured in Laclede County crash

Preston woman injured

A Preston woman was injured Friday, Feb. 7, in a one-vehicle crash north of Nemo, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Loyah Y. Vannicolo, 50, was southbound on Route D half a mile north of Nemo at 8:25 a.m. Feb. 7 when the 2014 Nissan Rogue she was driving went off the road, overcorrected, lost control and rolled over in the road.

Vannicolo suffered minor injuries and was taken to Citizens Memorial Hospital, Bolivar.

She was wearing a seat belt.

Elkland man injured

An Elkland man

was injured Thursday, Feb. 6, in a one-vehicle crash northwest of Marshfield, according to the Highway Patrol.

Pierson K. Wasmer-Brashears, 18, was eastbound on Route W five miles northwest of Marshfield at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 6 when the 1999 Honda Civic he was driving lost control, went off the

road, struck multiple signs and overturned. Wasmer-Brashears was ejected.

Wasmer-Brashears suffered moderate injuries and was taken by private vehicle to Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

He was not wearing a seat belt.

Buffalo residents injured

Two Buffalo residents were injured Wednes-

day, Feb. 5, in a one-vehicle crash in Laclede County, according to the Highway Patrol.

Robert J. Sherman, 52, was eastbound on Interstate 44 at Mile Marker 135.6 at 10:01 a.m. Feb. 5 when the 1995 Ford F-150 he was driving went off the right side of the road and overturned. Sherman was ejected.

Sherman suffered serious injuries, as did his passenger, Sheri L. Sherman, 57. Both Shermans were taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Sheri Sherman was wearing a seat belt, but Robert Sherman was not.

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Chapter 6: A Day with Birdle

the nineties were a long time ago but, come on, TV was at least invented by then?!"

Elsie laughed.

"Yes, Birdle was a remarkable woman. She lived exactly as the early Ozark pioneers lived for her entire life, never really updating her ways as technology developed. But look," she said, sweeping her arm around the cabin, "now we get a window into her world."

Elsie's wrinkled hand opened the diary, and Molly, with her chipped neon, green nail polish, turned a page.

September 15, 1921

Elnora and I walked to the spring this morning to get water for the day, and Mama made us bring the clothes along for washing. Washing clothes is not such an unfortunate chore on a lovely, late summer day, and Elnora and I had time to get to chatting. When we'd hung the laundry to dry, we worked with Mama to can summer fruits to put into the root cellar for this winter. It's a lovely day, but the cold will be here in just a few short weeks, so we're all getting ready. With that in mind, I helped Pa split wood in the afternoon before he settled down to work on his poetry this evening after supper. I like sitting at the table with Pa in the candlelight. He's writing his poems, and I'm working on my diary. Tired though, so must get to bed soon. Mama and Elnora are already sleeping, and I know there's lots to do tomorrow.

Many newspapers have articles about the history of the area. Look through your local newspaper to see what life was like in your area a hundred or so years ago.

High School Invitational Choir concert is Feb. 15

Southwest Baptist University will host the 2020 High School Invitational Choir in a concert of choral music at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in Pike Auditorium on the Bolivar campus.

The ensemble is comprised of more than 100 high school singers from across the region selected through a competitive nomination process involving their directors. Rehearsals will take place throughout that day, and the event culminates with the evening performance.

The Invitational Choir, directed by Dr. Jim Tarrant, professor of music and director of choral studies at SBU, will be joined by the SBU Chorale.

The performance is free and open to the public, and will include works by J. Brahms, J.S. Bach, R. Thompson and other composers.

For more information about the concert and the Department of Music at SBU, contact (417) 328-1644 or go to SBUniv.edu/music.

Area students named to honor list at Missouri S&T

The Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, recently announced the names of students who made the honor list for the fall 2019 semester.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade-point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Area students included on the honor list include the following:

- Elkland: Kaitlyn Mills, biological sciences, senior.
- Fair Grove: Alea Cooper, civil engineering, senior; Austen Rector, computer engineering, senior; and Elijah Stafford, physics, junior.
- Preston: Cody Heming, undergraduate studies, sophomore.

Buffalo resident earns her WGU nursing degree

Paula Counterman, Buffalo, has earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Western Governors University. The online, nonprofit university has seen more than 167,000 students graduate from across the country since its inception in 1997.

WGU has recognized 5,617 undergraduate and 4,302 graduate degree recipients who have completed their degrees since Oct. 2, 2019. Their areas of study include business, kindergarten through 12th grade education, information technology and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was two years, two months, and the average time to degree for graduate programs was one year, six months. The average age for those who graduated was 38 years old.

FG plans to recognize both current and past school board members

The Fair Grove R-10 School District will recognize its current and past board of education members at the varsity halftime of this Friday's Courtwarming game against Forsyth. All Fair Grove School Board members, past and present, are encouraged to attend. The district would like to thank the board of education members for their volunteer service to the school, students and community.

Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600 men and women in every community across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their tireless efforts.

During the week of Feb. 9-15, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week, as proclaimed by Gov. Mike Parson. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools.

All Missouri residents are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Missouri's children. School Board Recognition Week is sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association. MSBA is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed.

Coffey and Claros earn degrees at Missouri S&T

Two local residents earned degrees during the fall commencement ceremony at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Colton Coffey, Tunas, earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, and Eulice Claros, Pleasant Hope, earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

More than 800 candidates received degrees during com-

mencement ceremonies Dec. 14 at Missouri S&T. The university awards Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

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For more information about Missouri S&T, go to mst.edu or contact the admissions office at (800) 522-0938.

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Savannah Barnett, a senior, has a 3.7 GPA, is president of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and is active in the technical outreach program.

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Hannah Long, a senior, has a 3.95 GPA and is active in Mixed Choir, Chamber Choir, Interact, Student Council, Spanish Club, speech and debate, Women's Chorus and Link Crew.

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Participants of the 2018 Winter Games at Fair Grove proudly display their medals.

FG students holding fundraiser for adaptive playground equipment

For the second year, the Fair Grove High School Future Business Leaders of America and DECA groups will host a special Winter Games event for students in the district with physical and/or mental disabilities. The event will be 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the school.

The event is open to the public with admissions of \$1 per person.

Leading up to the event, the FBLA and DECA groups are holding a districtwide fundraiser. All proceeds from the fundraiser go toward funding the event, and purchasing adaptive playground equipment and adaptive physical education equipment for the school. The class in each building that raises the most wins a Pineapple Whip party.

As of Friday, Feb. 7, the groups had raised about \$2,000 in local sponsorships, with one of the sponsors, Hodges Tree Trimming, agreeing to match what the district raises at the conclusion of the fundraiser. The fundraising competi-

tion ends Friday, Feb. 21.

The Winter Games is similar to the Olympics, and FBLA and DECA high school students team up with elementary through high school students with special needs. After competing in six Olympic sports, the students are honored at an award ceremony and a celebration ceremony, red carpet style. The groups' goal with the event is to give students, who otherwise might not have the opportunity, a chance to feel like part of a team and an important part of the district.

Cayse Overstreet, FBLA and DECA adviser at Fair Grove, said, "We have found that this event builds character in both the athlete and child involved. Our students learn from each other, inspire one another and hopefully gain a lifelong friendship."

For more information about the fundraiser or the event, contact Overstreet at overstreetca@fgsmail.org.

2 Buffalo residents graduate from BTC



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The Bolivar Technical College practical nursing (LPN) class of 2019 and nursing faculty include, front row, from left: Kim Burnette, nursing faculty member Lucinda Schmidt, nursing faculty member Shawn Mock, practical nursing program coordinator Kayla Hendricks, nursing faculty member Bailee Bailey, Tori Beasley, Shanisha Alexander; middle row: W.F., Lynzie Ross, Tiffany Jones, Letisha Schwartz, Misty Schwartz, Autumn Buttry, Amanda Nimmo, Aaliyah Buckley, Meagan Stacey; back row: Jessica Beaty, Ashley Jones, Daryl Smith, Jessica Majors, Veronica Mann, Darian Curtis, Heather Coquillate, Ann Benson and Melissa Perry.

The faculty and staff at Bolivar Technical College recently announced the practical nursing (LPN) class of 2019, which included two Buffalo residents — Ashley Jones and Amanda Nimmo.

After successfully passing the National Council Licensure Examination within the next few months and earning licensure from the Missouri State Board of Nursing, these graduates will begin working under the title of licensed practical nurse at clinics, hospitals and other health care settings. Of the students who have tested, 100 percent have passed the NCLEX-PN exam that they must take to earn licensure.

The LPN program at BTC is an immersive one-year program that tests students in their skills and knowledge in nursing. During their three semesters in the program, students are challenged

to practice their skills in a variety of settings.

They learn skills under faculty supervision while being recorded in the BTC Skills & Simulation Center. Once their simulations were completed, students were able to watch their performance with instructor feedback to learn from the scenario.

Students also spent more than 400 hours in hospitals and other clinical settings providing care for real patients. Their time in clinicals is a great learning experience and an opportunity to work with local health care facilities; nearly 100 percent of the class of 2019 had a job secured before they completed their program.

The graduates include the following: Shanisha Alexander, Los Angeles; Tori Beasley, Everton; Jessica Beaty, Springfield; Ann Benson, Springfield; Aaliyah

Buckley, Springfield; Kim Burnette, Springfield; Autumn Buttry, Bolivar; Heather Coquillate, El Dorado Springs; Darian Curtis, Bolivar; W.F., Bolivar; Ashley Jones, Buffalo; Tiffany Jones, Ozark; Jessica Majors, Highlandville; Veronica Mann, Bolivar; Amanda Nimmo, Buffalo; Melissa Perry, Ash Grove; Lynzie Ross, Springfield, Letisha Schwartz, Warsaw; Misty Schwartz, Warsaw; Daryl Smith, Walnut Grove; and Meagan Stacey, Strafford.

The next practical nursing (LPN) program begins in January 2021, and applications are now being accepted.

For more information about the upcoming programs at BTC, including certified nurse assistant, certified medication technician, medical assistant, practical nursing (LPN), RN bridge or professional nursing (RN), go to bolivarcollege.edu.

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Playing in the band

BY WILLIAM HAMILTON, BUFFALO PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

I recommend playing in the band because it is very fun and you'll have a wide choice of instrument that you can play. I like playing trombone, but you don't have to play it; that is my favorite instrument.

There are a lot of instruments, such as the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, French horn and trombone. There are a lot more instruments, as well. You will also have a band partner, who will probably be your friend, but you'll get used to having different partners; it's whoever you sit by who is your band partner.

The only bad thing about band is you don't get to study as long as other people in your class. And you have to study a lot to be good on your instru-

ment. If you want to play and if you're not playing this year, you'll have to play next year because you can't start in the middle of the year. And the other people will help. If you don't like the instrument, you can switch to a different instrument.

Another reason why you should play in the band is because the teacher is very nice and if you guys talk too much, she will yell at you, but it's fine. And you have three strikes, and

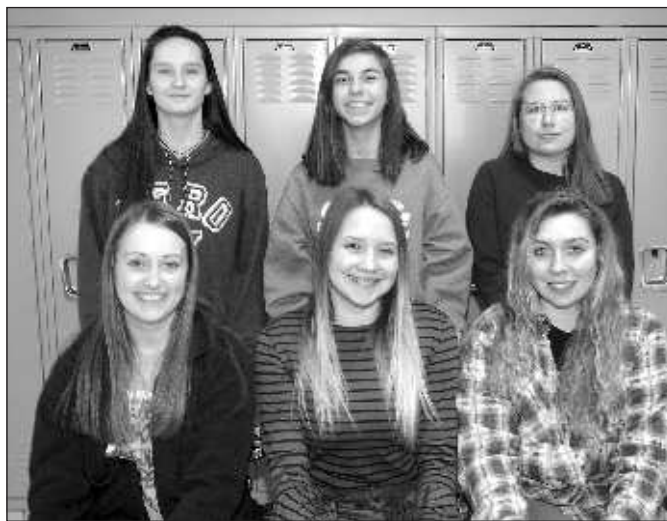
you have to put your instrument up. Don't play when she is talking; that's called doodling. And you guys don't want to talk too much or you will get in trouble.

But band is fun, and there are so many choices that everyone should be able to find something they like. That is why I recommend joining the band.



Hamilton

FAIR GROVE COURTWARMING



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Fair Grove's Courtwarming ceremony will be Friday, Feb. 14, following the junior varsity boys game and before the varsity game against Forsyth. Senior Courtwarming queen candidates are, seated, from left, Brooke Heavin, Halli Phifer and Liz Holland. Also pictured are, back row, sophomore princess Zoey Hupman, freshman princess Alex Kepes and junior princess Molly Bennett.

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MACKS CREEK HOMECOMING CANDIDATES



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Macks Creek's Homecoming is Thursday as the Pirates and Lady Pirates take on Fair Play in basketball. Homecoming queen candidates are, front row, from left, Jesse Willis, Bethany Schmidt, Haley Rector and Shaylee Skinner. King candidates are, back row, from left, Colton Walter, Hunter Lane, Cole Register and Mason Willis.

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SKYLINE COURTWARMING CANDIDATES



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Skyline High School's Courtwarming ceremony will be Friday, Feb. 14. Coronation will occur immediately following the junior varsity game, which starts at 6 p.m. All week students at Skyline will be able to participate in Spirit Week. Pictured are the Courtwarming queen candidates, from left, Emari Wilson, Erin Bennett, Josie Davis, Emily Owens and Brooklyn Whitney.

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Macks Creek boys are 12-9 after losing two out of three



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Cole Register, shown here driving to the basket in an earlier game this year, has been a mainstay for Macks Creek in the past couple of years. He scored 17 points against Wheatland and 11 against Dadeville in the past week.

Macks Creek's boys basketball team has a 12-9 record after losing two of three games over the past week and a half.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 the Pirates were defeated by state-ranked Richland 82-58 despite 24 points and 14 rebounds by Hunter Lane. The Pirates, playing at home, led 18-16 at the quarter and the score was tied 35-all at the half. The third quarter was the decisive one, however, as Richland outscored the home team 18-3.

Other scoring for Macks Creek included 11 points by Colton Walter and six by Trevor Haines. Austin Brown grabbed seven rebounds for the Pirates, Walter had four assists and Tanner Smith had three.

On Friday Macks Creek walloped Wheatland 72-58 as Lane poured in 29 points and Cole Register had 17. Brown pitched in 11 points and Walter had nine. Lane led in rebounds with 14 and Walter had six and Smith five.

The Pirates were edged by Dadeville 54-52 on Friday despite Macks Creek rushing to a 20-6 first-quarter lead. They were outscored 14-4 in the second quarter and 34-28 in the second half.

As usual, Lane led with 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Brown added 16 points while Register had 11. Brown also grabbed five boards.

The Pirates were scheduled to host Hermitage last night (Tuesday) and will play at home against Fair Play on Thursday, which also is homecoming night.

Conway man pleads guilty in illegal firearm road rage incident

A Conway man who threatened another driver in a road rage incident pleaded guilty Feb. 6 in federal court to illegally possessing a firearm.

William J.W. Duval, 29, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge M. Douglas Harpool to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Duval remains in federal custody pending a sentencing hearing, which has not yet been scheduled.

By pleading guilty, Duval admitted he was in possession of a Smith & Wesson 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on June 19, 2019. Duval was involved in a disturbance with another driver on that date in the area of Glenstone Avenue and Kearney Street in Springfield. The other driver told police officers that a white Cadillac driven by Duval had drifted into his lane of traffic and that he honked at the vehicle. Duval then flipped him off and showed him a firearm, at which time the other driver called 911.

Officers stopped Duval and searched his vehicle. They found the loaded pistol between the driver's seat and center console and arrested Duval.

Under federal law, it is illegal for

anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. Duval has prior felony convictions for stealing a motor vehicle, theft, burglary, forgery, possession of a controlled substance and stealing.

Under federal statutes, Duval is subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The maximum statutory sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes, as the sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by special assistant U.S. attorney Anthony M. Brown, who is a cross-designated prosecutor from the Missouri attorney general's office as part of the Safer Streets Initiative to combat violent crime. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Macks Creek girls lose to Richland Bears 51-35

Macks Creek girls, now 7-9 on the year, lost a home game to Richland 51-35 on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The Lady Pirates trailed only 9-8 in the opening quarter, but got behind 24-14 at the half. They were outscored 27-21 in the second half.

Jesse Willis led the Macks Creek scoring with 11 points, followed

by Kenzie Hicks with seven and Caytlin Eidson with six. Eidson led in rebounds with 13, and Willis had seven steals.

The Lady Pirates were scheduled to host Hermitage last night (Tuesday) and will play at home Thursday against Fair Play, which also is homecoming night.

Public urged to enroll in newly upgraded AMBER Alert system

Col. Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, encourages the public to subscribe to Mo-Alerts to receive immediate notification of AMBER alerts.

On Friday, Jan. 17, an AMBER Alert was issued using the new system to locate a 2-year-old child who had been abducted by his mother. A resident who received the AMBER Alert via a cellphone recognized the vehicle described and its out-of-state license plates, and contacted law enforcement. The child was located safe within minutes of the alert being sent out. Missouri's upgraded AMBER Alert system notified the public immediately and facilitated the successful outcome of this case. The Webster County Sheriff's Office, Seymour Police Department and Springfield Police Department worked together on the case.

The patrol initiates AMBER Alerts when an abducted child meets the criteria set forth in Section 210.1012 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The patrol launched an upgraded

Missouri AMBER Alert system in December 2019. This system streamlines the process to get alerts to the public faster. The new system includes wireless emergency alerts, automated social media alerts and a public website, moalerts.mo.gov/, which provides the latest information about AMBER Alerts active in Missouri at any time.

Members of the public and media may subscribe to emailed AMBER Alerts by going to moalerts.mo.gov/, selecting "Subscribe to Mo-Alerts" on the left side of the page, entering their email address and clicking "Subscribe." Subscribers receive a verification email and must click on the link provided to complete the process.

"We appreciate all of the media outlets and individuals who have subscribed to the Mo-Alerts system," Olson said. "Missouri's AMBER Alert system streamlines this process and increases the likelihood of safely locating a missing child. I encourage more individuals to become part of this network."

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Bison are on track to win the conference title again

Jamen Smith reaches 1,000-point mark

BY PAUL CAMPBELL
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With two league games still left on the schedule, the Buffalo boys are in sole possession of first place in the Ozark Highlands Conference with a 5-1 record. Every other team has at least two losses, so the Bison can clinch at least a tie for the title with a victory at El Dorado Springs this Friday.

Butler and El Dorado Springs both are 3-2, a game and a half behind Buffalo, and the Bison's last conference game of the year will be Friday, Feb. 21 against Butler at the Buffalo High School field house. Butler handed the Bison their only league loss early in the season.

The Bison boosted their prospects greatly by winning two conference games with ease over the weekend, thrashing Sherwood 78-49 at home on Friday and pounding Warsaw 66-39 on the road on Saturday afternoon.

In the game against Sherwood, junior Jamen Smith scored 24 points, which put him over the 1,000-point mark for his three-year high school career.

"We knew Jamen was 23 points away from getting his 1,000th point, and the entire team was excited to try and get him there," Coach Kyle Gawlowski said. "The guys were incredibly selfless as they sacrificed some of their own shots in order to feed Jamen the ball."

Jamen Smith was 10 of



Buffalo's full-court press was effective against Warsaw in the third quarter, and here Bode Abraham harasses a Warsaw player while teammate Dominick Miller rushes to help out.

15 from the field and he also brought down a team-high 10 rebounds, as did Bode Abraham.

"I was really happy for Jamen," Gawlowski said. "He is such an incredible student athlete who works incredibly hard."

Buffalo led Sherwood 31-15 at the quarter and 43-24 at the half.

Coltin Henderson also had a big night as he tallied 19 points and dished out six assists. Abraham had eight points and Brett Schwanke added seven. Schwanke and Cameron Portis each grabbed four rebounds.

On Saturday afternoon at Warsaw the Bison roared in front 11-2 and led all the way to the end. Jamen Smith hit a fast-break layup, as did Abraham.

Cody Smith connected on a short set shot to make the score 6-0. Following a Warsaw basket, Abraham cranked in a 3-point shot from the corner and Cody Smith scored a basket underneath on an inbounds pass from Jamen Smith. Buffalo led 18-8 at the quarter.

Warsaw quickly pulled to within five points at the start of the second quarter, but the Bison responded by outscoring the Wildcats 14-7 to post a 32-19 advantage at the half. The Bison rally included Abraham's third 3-pointer of the game, and he had 13 points at the half. The scrappy junior finished with a team-high 21 points along with a team-high six rebounds. He also had six assists. Henderson also

grabbed six rebounds during the contest.

Buffalo instituted a full-court press at the early in the third period, and it resulted in 11 straight points. A quick three-way pass from Jamen Smith to Cody Smith to Henderson resulted in a layup, and Dominick Miller swished a 3-pointer from the corner.

Following a Warsaw basket, Miller hit a driving layup, Abraham got a steal and layup and Jamen Smith hit still another layup. All of a sudden Buffalo led 43-21 to basically put the game away. Buffalo led by as many as 30 points in the fourth quarter and ultimately won by 27.

"This was another game in which our defense dictated the pace and play of the game,"



REFLEX PHOTOS BY PAUL CAMPBELL
Jamen Smith surpassed 1,000 points in his career Friday night against Sherwood. He scored 24 points in the game and made a good start toward 1,500 with 18 points at Warsaw on Saturday.

Gawlowski said. "We were able to force a lot of turnovers, which allowed our offense to start rolling. Bode did a great job of scoring from the perimeter and our guys were looking for him spotting up. Jamie and Bode did a great job of finding guys cutting and on the move, while Cody and Coltin were the leaders of our interior defense."

Jamen Smith finished with 18 points, and seven assists, and Miller had nine points, Portis six, Henderson six, Cody Smith four, and Joseph Horinek two.

The Bison were scheduled to play at Fair Grove last night (Tuesday) before traveling to El Dorado Springs on Friday.

Dominant 2nd, 3rd quarters help Skyline girls beat Fair Grove 70-56

Crawford, Barb, Quennoz show shooting skills

BY PAUL CAMPBELL
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Fair Grove girls led Skyline 20-15 at the end of the first quarter in a Mid-Lakes Conference game at Fair Grove on Thursday, Feb. 6. The second and third quarters belonged to the visiting Lady Tigers, however, as they outscored the home team 47-22 to post a 62-42 lead. Skyline went on to win 70-56.

Skyline, ranked seventh in the state in Class 2, improved its record to 14-6 overall and 3-0 in the MLC. Fair Grove, 9-10 overall and 0-3 in conference, had lost only a couple of games this year by double-digit margins, but this was destined to be another such game.

The much-improved Lady Eagles raced to a quick 5-0 lead as Bailee Morgan hit a driving layup and Brooklyn Luna sank a 3-pointer. Morgan had seven of her team-high 19 points in the opening quarter. Fair Grove led 20-15 at the quarter, and it would have been even more except that Miranda Quennoz chunked a long 3-pointer at the buzzer.

As often happens, Skyline scored the first 10 points of the second quarter to take a 25-20 lead. Junior Emma Crawford, who would have to be a nominee for the most improved player in the Reflex's readership area, started the rally with a pivot and layup following a pass from Justine Barb, then Quennoz drove the baseline for two. A free throw by Barb was followed by a pair of charity shots by Quennoz, who later sacked another 3-pointer following a pass from Alyee Gunter.

Fair Grove freshman Kameron Green finally stopped the bleeding with a basket underneath following an assist from Liz Holland. However, Crawford, who finished with



REFLEX PHOTO BY KELLI CHEEK
Skyline's Emma Crawford has improved greatly over last year, and scored 21 points against Fair Grove on Thursday.

a game-high 21 points, cranked in another 3.

Two points each by Maddie Clark and Green brought the Lady Eagles back to within two points at 28-26, but then Skyline wrapped up the first half with an 8-2 run for a 36-28 advantage. All eight points — including two 3s



REFLEX PHOTO BY CINDY HILL
Two outstanding young players who have a great future are shown here. The shooter is freshman Kameron Green of Fair Grove, and guarding her is Justine Barb of Skyline.

— came from Crawford, who finished the half with 16 points.

Morgan, who finished with a team-high 19 points for Fair Grove, started the second half with a jump shot, but this was followed by 14-2 run by the Lady Tigers to make the score 50-32 with 3:51 remaining in the third.

This rally included four points by Barb, who tallied 11 of her 18 points in the quarter, and five

by Crawford, including still another trey. Gunter also sank a 3-pointer from behind the key and raced coast to coast for a layup. Skyline was in front 62-42 at the end of the third.

The Lady Eagles didn't fold their tent, though. On the contrary, in the middle of the fourth quarter they initiated an 11-0 run to pull within eight points at 64-56. This included a barrage of 3-pointers by Morgan, Luna and Clark,

plus another basket underneath by Morgan with an assist from Green.

Skyline finished the game with six unanswered points and won 70-56.

Two weeks ago Skyline had three players score at least 20 points in a win over Clever and that nearly happened again. Crawford led with 21 points, followed by Quennoz with 20 and Barb with 18. Gunter added eight points and Emily Edwards had three.

Fair Grove had four players score in double figures — Morgan 19, Green 14, Clark 11 and Luna 10. Lauren Kennard added two.

Skyline has a 3-2 record against teams that are currently ranked in the top 10 in the state in Class 2, 3 and 4. One of those losses occurred Saturday at California, ranked third in Class 3. The game was close all the way, but California outscored the Lady Tigers 21-15 in the final quarter to win 58-55.

Quennoz led the Lady Tigers with 20 points, followed by Barb with 13 Crawford 11, Gunter six, Riley Conly three and Al-

lison Nothnagel two.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 Fair Grove won at Springfield Catholic 62-34 in a non-conference game. Green led the offense with 19 points and was the leading rebounder with nine boards. Luna was right behind her with 18 points, along with five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Morgan had 12 points, four boards, five assists and three steals. Kennard had eight points, six rebounds and three assists, and Clark added five points, seven boards and three steals. Liz Holland had two boards and two assists.

Skyline was scheduled to play at Walnut Grove last night (Tuesday), which is ranked second in the state in Class 1. The Lady Tigers will host Forsyth in a conference game on Thursday and will play at Strafford Monday in another league contest.

Fair Grove was scheduled to travel to Monett last night and will host Ava Thursday. The Lady Eagles will play at Stockton in a conference game Monday night.

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Monday Women

Feb. 3
 Total Chaos..... 15.5; 4.5
 Screwballs..... 13.5; 6.5
 M&Ms..... 12; 8
 Buffalo Bowl..... 11; 9
 Dangerous Dames..... 10; 10
 Perfectly Imperfect..... 7; 13
 Pink Ladies..... 7; 13
 Feeling Froggy..... 4; 16
 Individual high game and high series:
 Hazel Burris, 212; 592. Team high
 game and high series: Screwballs,
 480; 1,323.

Tuesday Men

Feb. 4
 Fireworks/America..... 16; 8
 Joe's Hardware..... 15.5; 8.5
 Hale..... 15; 9
 White's Roofing..... 13; 11
 Glitz..... 13; 11
 Righter Trucking..... 12; 12
 Team #6..... 8; 16
 OakStar Bank..... 3.5; 20.5
 Individual high game and high series:
 LeRoy Young, 277; Reed Steiner, 728.
 Team high game and high series: Fire-
 works Over America, 926; 2,655.

Wednesday Mixed

Feb. 5
 Four of a Kind..... 19; 5
 Low Rollers..... 17; 7
 Hauling & Balling..... 14; 10
 Alley Oops..... 14; 10
 Bowlimators..... 13; 11
 C & R..... 8; 16
 Lucky Strikers..... 8; 16
 Gutter Rats..... 2; 22
 Women's high game and high series:
 Shirley Farmer, 170; 470. Men's high
 game and high series: Jim Johnson,
 230; 634. Team high game and high
 series: Alley Oops, 718; 2,020.

Thursday Men

Feb. 6
 Nimmo Insurance..... 18.5; 9.5
 Trailridge Duck Club..... 18; 10
 Mr. Clean..... 17.5; 10.5
 Buffalo Bowl..... 15; 13
 Family Feud..... 14.5; 13.5
 White's Roofing..... 11.5; 16.5
 Arrowheads..... 11; 17
 Anchor Fence..... 6; 22
 Individual high game and high series:
 Brad Lewis, 280; 741. Team high
 game and high series: Mr. Clean,
 1,133; 3,177.

Friday Mixed

Feb. 7
 We're Working On It..... 21.5; 6.5
 Secret Service..... 18; 10
 The Cowboys..... 17; 11
 Scatter Pins..... 16; 12
 Young & Restless..... 11.5; 16.5
 Team #6..... 0; 28
 Women's high game and high series:
 Judy Redmon, 243; 638. Men's high
 game and high series: Andy Lewis,
 Walter Sims, LeRoy Young, 300; Le-
 Roy Young, 810. Team high game and
 high series: The Cowboys, 919; 2,623.

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Fast starts lead to three wins for the Buffalo girls team

Lady Bison roll past Sherwood, Warsaw, Bolivar

BY PAUL CAMPBELL
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One way to win basketball games is to get so far out in front early that the opponents can't catch you.

That's easier said than done, but Buffalo's girls basketball team accomplished that twice in less than 24 hours as they swamped Sherwood 66-32 at home on Friday night and Warsaw 55-29 in a road game on Saturday afternoon. On Monday they also got off to a 12-2 start at Bolivar and won that non-conference contest 62-53.

The Lady Bison outscored their two conference opponents 37-16 in the opening quarter and 82-34 in the first half.

"The girls really came out of the locker room ready to play and opened up a 19-5 lead after one quarter and stretched that lead to 44-16 against Sherwood," said Coach Tom Stokes. Virtually the same thing happened at Warsaw the next afternoon.

In the process, the Lady Bison improved their conference record to 4-2 and are now 8-14 overall.

"I was really proud of the way the girls came out and took control of this game early," Stokes said of the Sherwood contest. "They played with a lot of intensity on both ends of the floor and were determined to take out some frustrations following several close calls since Christmas."

Balanced scoring was one of the keys, with Madison Andrews leading the attack with 13 points, followed by Bella Lang with 10 and Jaylen Cody nine. Journey Edgington and Bethany Lancaster scored eight points apiece. Bella Young added seven, Raegan Carter six and Audrey Vest five.

The Lady Bison's red-hot start at Warsaw was similar to the Sherwood game in that Buffalo vaulted to a quick 7-0 advantage on the strength of two baskets underneath by Lancaster and a 3-pointer by Andrews. Warsaw scored the next six points, but then the Lady Bison outscored the



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Bethany Lancaster has been one of the best inside players in the area this year. Warsaw had no answer for her dominance Saturday as she tallied 21 points. She also got 21 against Bolivar on Monday night.



Madison Andrews has improved her shooting tremendously this year and has scored in double figures most of the time since the Christmas break.

Lady Wildcats 11-5 to go in front 18-11 at the end of the quarter.

Andrews had seven points



Jaylen Cody has been red hot from behind the 3-point arc recently and hit four 3-pointers against Bolivar.

at the end of the quarter while Lancaster had six and Cody hit two 3-pointers.

The two teams played even early in the second quarter, but at the four-minute mark the Lady Bison began a 16-3 run that enabled them to post a 38-18 lead at intermission.

Young hit a lay-up, Lancaster got a rebound and putback and Andrews swished a set shot. Following a Warsaw free throw, Lancaster hit a basket underneath following a pass from Young, Andrews sank a 3-pointer and Lancaster got a basket underneath with another assist from Young.

Following a basket by Warsaw, Cody added insult to injury by banking in a half-court shot as the buzzer sounded. The Lady Bison finished the third quarter with a 6-0 run that featured two straight rebounds and putbacks by Cody. Buffalo led 49-22 at this point.

The Lady Bison really didn't shoot well the fourth quarter or even the whole second half for that matter. However, their defense remained tough, so Warsaw was unable to gain any ground, and Buffalo won by 27.

"The girls really stepped up defensively the last couple of games," Stokes said. "I'm proud of them for not hanging their heads through all the tough losses we have had and for them being determined to finish on a high note."

Stokes pointed out that the three seniors really took charge and led the way against Warsaw. The Lady Wildcats had no answer for Lancaster's inside dominance — she scored a game-high 21 points. Andrews, who has improved her shooting greatly over last year, particularly since the Christmas break, tallied 17 points. Cody contributed 13 points to the cause. Sophomore Young contributed four points.

On Monday night at Bolivar the Lady Bison came out red hot again and hit four 3-point goals to start the game and took an early 12-2 lead. Bolivar fought back to trail just 14-11 at the end of the quarter.

Buffalo was in front 29-26 at the half and 45-42 at the end of the third quarter. Good free-throw shooting down the stretch helped seal a 62-53 victory over the Lady Liberators.

"I'm really proud of the way the girls battled against Bolivar," Stokes said. "We had great balanced scoring from inside the paint and outside the arc."

Lancaster led all scorers with 21 points and Cody racked up four 3-pointers for 12 points. Young also had 12 points that included seven out of eight from the charity stripe. Edgington and Andrews followed with eight and seven points and Lang had two.

"We had 24 points from beyond the arc, which was huge," Stokes said. The Lady Bison will play at El Dorado Springs Friday and will host Butler the following Friday, Feb. 21. These are both conference games and the last two regular-season games before the district tournament.

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Jada Watson won second place in the 166-pound weight class at the girls district wrestling tournament, so she qualified for the state tournament.



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Brooklyn Luna scored 18 points, and had five rebounds, three assists and three steals against Springfield Catholic. She had 10 points against Skyline.



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Skyline boys have won 12 straight, are now 20-2

Tigers defeat Fair Grove, Osage, Warsaw

BY PAUL CAMPBELL
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Skyline's boys basketball team captured three victories in less than a week and kept their winning streak going at 12 games. The most impressive victory was over highly-touted Fair Grove 62-51 Friday night in a Mid-Lakes Conference game at Skyline in front of one of the largest crowds of the year.

It was the second time this season the Tigers have defeated the Eagles, who are now 14-7 on the year. The first time occurred at the Blue & Gold Tournament, and Skyline hasn't lost a game since losing to Kickapoo in that tourney, which means they are undefeated in 2020.

"I'm so proud of these guys," said Skyline coach Tommy Egan, in his third year at the helm. "We've talked a lot about being mentally tough and having a great effort, and we had those against Fair Grove, which is a very good team."

Skyline has had a high-scoring offense ever since Egan arrived on the scene, but he believes the defense is what is making the difference these days. "We are much better on defense than we were the past two years," Egan said.

You probably couldn't have convinced David Oplotnik of that in the opening quarter when he scored 11 of Fair Grove's 13 points, including two 3-point shots. The other two points were tallied by Ambrose Broyles. Oplotnik didn't score in the second quarter, but that was not because Skyline did anything differently.

"No, Oplotnik is just a great player," Egan said. "He is a 6-6 player who can hit the 3, and he was hot. He hit a couple of really tough shots."

Despite Oplotnik's heroics, Skyline still led 15-13 at the end of the quarter, thanks to seven points by Lawson Beem, six by Dax Beem and two by Jaytin DeFreece.

At the beginning of the second quarter Broyles got a rebound and put-back to tie the game. But then, Chris Logan came off the bench to hit two straight 3-pointers that produced a 21-15 Skyline lead. Logan ultimately swished four 3-pointers for a total of 12 points.

"Chris has the best attitude," Egan said. "He was a starter for us last year, but not recently, but he continues to be a great contributor and is a great team player."

DeFreece hit a free throw to give the Tigers a seven-point lead, but Logan Daniels drilled a 3-pointer to get Fair Grove back in the game. DeFreece then came right back with a shot from near the free-throw line while backing up and falling down (Kids, don't try this at home). Skyline ended the half with a 10-3 run, resulting in a 34-24 advantage at intermission.

David Oplotnik began the third quarter by nailing a 3-point shot, but Dax Beem answered by posting up and hitting a jumper from the free-throw line. After Gage Gunter was good on a pair of free throws for Skyline, Dominick Hoskins got a layup following a pass from Cole Gilpin.

The Eagles were unable to get closer than seven points, and Skyline was in



Both teams played hard, and that included diving on the floor for balls. Pictured here are Cole Gilpin of Fair Grove and Gage Gunter of Skyline.

front 48-34 at the end of three.

The Tigers led by 17 after Chris Logan began the fourth quarter with his fourth 3-pointer of the game. Fair Grove had trouble cutting the Tigers' lead to single digits, but finally the Eagles trailed just 56-47 with 1:49 left on the clock after Hoskins got a tip-in for two points.

Skyline went into its ball-control offense, however, and the Eagles had to foul. The Tigers were six of six from the charity stripe down the stretch – four by Dax Beem and two by Lawson.

Dax led the Skyline attack with 18 points, followed by Lawson with 13 and Chris Logan 12. DeFreece added nine, Bradyn Porter six and Gunter four. DeFreece led in rebounds with six, and Lawson Beem and DeFreece each had three assists. Lawson Beem had five steals.

David Oplotnik, with 20 points, was the only Fair Grove player who scored in double figures, but Broyles had eight, Gilpin seven, Darin Oplotnik five and Ryan Berry and Hoskins four apiece.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 Skyline traveled to Osage and came home with a 79-52 win. The Tigers led 22-17 at the quarter and 45-26 at the half. Ten players scored for Skyline, including Dax Beem with 27 points. Porter added 11, Chris Logan, Lawson Beem and DeFreece

with eight apiece. Ethan Edwards scored six, Connor Logan five and Kourt Cheek, Gunter and Riley Turner two each.

DeFreece again led in rebounds with eight while Edwards grabbed six boards. Lawson Beem and DeFreece each had four assists and Cheek had three. DeFreece racked up eight steals and Connor Logan had three.

Earlier in the week Fair Grove lost to state-ranked Hartville 55-52 in a home, non-conference game. The Eagles led 13-6 at the quarter and 25-19 at the half, but they were outscored 19-11 in the fourth quarter.

David Oplotnik led Fair Grove's attack with 17 points while Ryan Berry had 12 and Gilpin 10. Broyles added seven, and Darin Oplotnik, Logan Daniels and Hoskins each had two points.

In the Feb. 5 edition of the Reflex we reported that Fair Grove won the Sparta Tournament by defeating Forsyth in the finals. We didn't have details on the other two games, however.

In the opening round the Eagles easily defeated Sparta 67-39 after leading 22-11 at the quarter and 36-21 at the half. David Oplotnik tallied 19 points, followed by Gilpin with 16, Berry 10, Hoskins eight, Devin Carroll seven, Joshua Orr four, Daniels two and Broyles one.

Hoskins led in rebounds with eight while



REFLEX PHOTOS BY SHEREECE DEFREECE
Skyline's Chris Logan tries to drive by Fair Grove's Logan Daniels. Chris Logan hit four 3-point shots for the Tigers.

Orr seven, Carroll seven, Daniels six and Berry four. Darin Oplotnik led in rebounds with eight and David Oplotnik had seven and Broyles seven. Carroll led in assists with six.

Skyline was scheduled to play at Forsyth last night (Tuesday) in

a conference game and will host Strafford Friday in another league match, which also is courtwarming night.

The Eagles were scheduled to host Buffalo last night and will play at home against Forsyth Friday in a conference game for courtwarming.



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CODY SMITH SIGNS

Cody Smith, an All-State lineman for Buffalo, signed Monday to play football for Missouri University of Science & Technology at Rolla. Pictured are, front row, from left: Angela Smith, Cody's mom; sister Haley; Cody Smith; his dad, Mike Smith; brother Dylan; back row: Bison assistant coach Mike Zanzie, head coach Ed Phillips, assistant coach Tommy Lynch, assistant coach Jake Neill and activities director Tom Stokes.

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Two and one-half miles west of Urbana on Route HH. Rev. Mike Moore. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.
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243 Prairie Grove Road, Buffalo. Pastor Jimmy Greer, 253-2635. Sunday Bible study at 10 a.m., song service and preaching at 11 a.m.
- PROMISE POINT BAPTIST CHURCH**
5214 Charity Road, Elkland. Rev. Clifton Long, 345-0353 or 733-1790. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
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- REYNOLDS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST**
Three miles west of Buffalo on Mo. 32, then two miles north. Pastor Keith Irvin. Sunday school, 10 a.m. second and fourth Sundays; 9:30 first and third Sundays; preaching second and fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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- VICTORY BAPTIST**
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- WINDYVILLE BAPTIST**
Four miles south of Mo. 64 on Route K. Pastor Aaron Taylor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.
- CATHOLIC**
ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC
404 S. Locust, Buffalo. Fr. David Miller, 532-4811. Sunday Mass, 11 a.m., Tuesday communion service, 4 p.m., Thursday Mass, 9 a.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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- FAIR GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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502 N. Maple. 345-7471. Senior pastor, Tim Case; associate pastor, Jennifer Long. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship service and children's church, 10:30 a.m.; youth meeting, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, choir practice, 6 p.m., and Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
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- LINDLEY CHRISTIAN**
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U.S. 65 and Mo. 64. 752-1611. Pastor David D. Miller. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m.
- TUNAS CHRISTIAN**
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Isaiah 33:2

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hope
and
love.**
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greatest of these
is love.

**1 Corinthians
13:13**

John 15:12:

*My command
is this:*

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other as I
have
loved you.*

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it does not
boast,
it is not proud.
It does not
dishonor others,
it is not
self-seeking,
it is not easily
angered,
it keeps no
record of
wrongs.

**1 Corinthians
13:4-5**

Lizzie Miller, Jada Watson qualify for state wrestling tournament

Lady Bison win third place among 55 teams



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Jada Watson, on top, placed second in the 166-pound weight class and thus qualified for the state tournament.

Buffalo's Lizzie Miller won the District 3 girls wrestling championship in the 115-pound weight class and Jada Watson placed second in the 166-pound weight class on Saturday. By finishing in the top four, both qualified for the state tournament, which will be held Feb. 20-22 in Columbia. Miller won the state championship last year.

As a team, Buffalo placed third in district among 55 teams.

All Missouri high school girls wrestling teams are in the same class, whether they represent schools with enrollments of 200 or 2,000. Bison head coach Nate Kenady had hoped that arrangement would be changed this year to have at least two classes since there are a lot more high schools that have girls wrestling, but it was not changed.

"That really hurt us this year," Kenady said. Last year was the first year there was a girls state wrestling tournament.

Following are individual results from the district tournament with Lady Bison wrestlers listed first:

115 Pounds - Lizzie Miller placed 1st
 Champ. Round 1 - Miller over Rianna Madden (Pleasant Hill) (Fall 1:26); Quarterfinals - Miller over Mya Burken (Rolla) (Fall 0:27); Semifinals - Miller over Markayla Lottie (Raytown South) (Fall 1:17); 1st Place Match - Miller over Chloe Herrick (Harrisonville) (Fall 5:19)

166 - Jada Watson placed 2nd
 Champ. Round 1 - Watson over Hannah Goodman (Odessa) (Fall 2:18); Quarterfinals - Watson over Iasiah Turrentine (Harrisonville) (Fall 3:58); Semifinals - Watson over Harmony Rust (Nixa) (Fall 4:00); 1st Place Match - Watson lost to Kali Butts (Sedalia Smith-Cotton) (Fall 2:27)

103 - Emily Waters Did Not Place (DNP)

Champ. Round 1 - Waters over Morgan Corbin (Pleasant Hill) (Fall 4:00); Quarterfinals - Waters lost to Kaylee Harker (Lees Summit West) (TF 15-0 4:52); Cons. Round 2 - Waters lost to Lilly Soendker (Smith-Cotton) (Fall 3:20)

110 - Katie Waters DNP
 Champ. Round 1 - Waters over Taidym Harden (Glendale) (Fall 0:45); Quarterfinals - Waters lost to Makayla Mallatt (Butler) (Fall 3:44); Cons. Round 2 - Waters over Marianna Root (Waynesville) (Fall 0:52); Cons. Round 3 - Waters over Kaytlyn Bruesch (West Plains) (Fall 1:00); Cons. Semis - Waters lost to Abigail Jastal (Monett) (Fall 0:37)

152 - Madisyn Jones DNP
 Champ. Round 1 - Jones lost to Jade Martin (West Plains) (Fall 4:11); Cons. Round 1 - Jones over Rayah Nichols (Marshfield) (Fall 0:43); Cons. Round 2 - Jones over Jewelia Willoughby (Monett) (Fall 3:22); Cons. Round 3 - Jones lost to

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This past round of Mark the Spot was of a log building at the Buffalo Head Prairie Historical Park on South Ash Street in Buffalo. Correct guesses came from Mike Jensen, Bonita Dorssom, Trevis Headings and Scott Baker.

DEADLINE: 11 a.m. Monday

Lexi Adams (Willard) (Fall 2:53)
 187 - Honnalee Hunt DNP
 Hunt lost to Riley Seiboldt (Harrisonville) (Inj.); Hunt lost to Hannah Hoss (Rolla) (M. For.) (Harrisonville) (Fall 5:19)
 120 - Madison Anderson DNP
 Anderson lost to Chloe Brower (Nixa) (Dec 5-0); Champ. Round 1 - Anderson lost to Melaina Beachner (Harrisonville) (Fall 0:15)
 135 - Skyler Maverick DNP
 Champ. Round 1 - Maverick over Allie Danner (Diamond) (Inj.); Quarterfinals - Maverick lost to Lotus Van Dyk (Nevada) (Fall 5:14); Cons. Round 2 - Maverick over Lillien Ingram (West Plains) (MD 9-0); Cons. Round 3 - Maverick over Ka-

tie Fitzgerald (Harrisonville) (Fall 4:21); Cons. Semis - Maverick lost to Olivia Chapman (Eldon) (Fall 4:42)
 142 - Kaihtlynn Warner DNP
 Champ. Round 1 - Warner over Renae Dobry (Rolla) (Fall 2:37); Quarterfinals - Warner lost to Antionna Cunningham (Lebanon) (Fall 2:22); Cons. Round 2 - Warner over Tai Driver (Pleasant Hill) (Fall 0:31); Cons. Round 3 - Warner lost to Tasia Lee (Holden) (Fall 3:00)
 125 - Laura Partridge DNP
 Partridge lost to Jordan Woods (West Plains) (Fall 1:28); Partridge over Avonlea Berghold (Marshfield) (Fall 1:42); Cons. Round 1 - Partridge lost to Mady Banker (Blue Springs) (Fall 2:41)

15 QUESTIONS

Lori Pierce
 Deputy Dallas County clerk

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Retired. I'm still working on it.

What's one thing most people don't know about you? I was a Miami Dolphins fan for a few years, until I came back to my senses, and came back to the KC Chiefs.

What does personal success mean to you? If you achieve what you want, then I think that is success.

What words of wisdom would you share with your younger self? Not every situation in life is under your control.

What are some things that make your day better? Coming home to my family.

What is something that really annoys you? People who drive in the turn lanes.

What's the most daring thing you've ever done? Going out on the Skydeck of the Willis Tower.

Name three of your favorite movies? "The 'Burbs," "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Lethal Weapon 4."

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What celebrity would you like to hang out with for a day? Tony Gonzalez.

What was your first job? Dallas county clerk's office — first and only.

Do you have any pets? Not anymore.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job? Elections. Surviving them.

What junk food couldn't you live without? Pizza. I could eat it every day.

What is one of your proudest accomplishments? My son. I think he's awesome!

What could you give a 40-minute presentation on with absolutely no preparation? Elections.



Main financial table with columns for department, item, amount, and category. Includes sub-sections for Sheriff's Revolving Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Bad Check Fund, Law Enforcement Civil Fees Funds, Domestic Violence, Local Emergency Planning Committee Fund, and Law Enforcement Training Fund.



Bid openings are scheduled for February 25th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the county clerk's office located at 102 S Cedar, Buffalo, Missouri.

action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Dallas County, in the State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is for replevin, and other relief;

The State of Missouri to the Natural Father, YAHIA S. ALO-MARI. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Dallas, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Guardianship.

LYING AND BEING NORTH OF STATE ROUTE "MM", EXCEPT BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID LOT 4 OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION (1), TOWNSHIP (34) NORTH, RANGE (19) WEST, THENCE SOUTH 87°00'08" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4 A DISTANCE OF 337.13 FEET;

basin within the above mentioned Counties. The organization will terminate thirty (30) days after the issuance of this publication which begins January 22, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION GRANTED To all persons interested in the estate of VIOLA MAE MILLER, DECEASED

On February 3, 2020, Curtis Lynn Miller was appointed Personal Representative by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Dallas County, Missouri. The business address of the Personal Representative's 14313 Howe Dr., Leawood, KS 66224 whose telephone number is 816-916-5959 and whose attorney is Wayne K. Rieschel, whose business address is PO Box 379, Buffalo, MO 65622 and whose telephone number is 417-345-8516.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DALLAS COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, AS TRUSTEE, OF BOMBARDIER CAPITAL MORTGAGE SECURITIZATION CORPORATION, SENIOR/SUBORDINATED PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1999-B, Plaintiff,

Millsap & Singer, LLC c/o Muhammad Esa Ahmed, Bar No. 70619 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63005 You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid action within 45 days after the first day of publication on the 29 day of January, 2020, or such longer time as the Court may fix by order, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Probate Court this 17th day of January, 20. (S E A L) Susan Faulkner Circuit Clerk of Dallas County 1-22 4tc 2-12

Spentrust-Missouri, Inc., Successor Trustee By: Rodney H. Nichols, Vice President 2144 E. Republic Rd., Suite B300 Springfield, MO 65804 Phone: (417) 888-1000 2-12 4tc 3-4

IN THE 27th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI

Judge Jerry Rellihan Case Number: 20SR-AC00015 Plaintiff: Jacob Hudgens vs. Defendant: Joel Walters, Director, MO DOR and DAVID BIERS Nature of Suit: Petition and Affidavit for Motor Vehicle Title

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to David Biers, unknown address, Buffalo, MO 65622.

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the circuit court of St. Clair, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is petition and affidavit for motor vehicle title and which affects the following described property: 1994 GMC truck, VIN# 1GTHC33K1RJ754699.

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff are Dan K. Purdy, Post Office Box 462, Osceola, Missouri 64776.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after February 14, 2020, judgement by default will be entered against you. (S E A L)

Karen Hubbard Clerk Dates February 7, 2020. 2-12 4tc 3-4

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, DALLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of Viola Mae Miller Deceased Estate Number 20DA-PR00003

NOTICE OF LETTERS

2019 Financial Recapitulation Dallas County Library District

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total Revenues 2019: \$206,438.64

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total Expenditures: \$155,835.58

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Available Funds December 31, 2018: \$260,882.01

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total Receipts: \$467,320.65

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Cash Available December 31, 2019: \$311,485.07

Limited Access Accounts: Stephenson Perpetual, access to interest only \$50,000.00 Reserve & Emergency Maintenance Funds \$247,999.60 Building Fund \$36,498.49

I, Debra Woodyard, Director of the Dallas County Library District, Designated to prepare the Financial Statement Required by Section 50-800 RSMO. Hereby certify that I have diligently checked the records of said Library Funds and that the foregoing is a complete and correct statement of every item of information required in said section for the year ending December 31, 2019.

Case No. 20DA-CC00002 NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION To: Defendant Donald J. Cowin (Deceased) His Estate, Unknown Descendants, Heirs, Beneficiaries, Successors, and Assigns: You are hereby notified that an

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DALLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of: ALIA EMMALYNE ALLISON Minor Estate No. 19DA-PR00030 ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN GUARDIANSHIP ACTION

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by Deed of Trust executed by Kevin J. Moore, dated May 19, 2018, and recorded in Book 2018, at Page 1132, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dallas County, Missouri at Buffalo, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 5, 2020, AT 1:00 P.M. at the north front door of the Dallas County Courthouse located at 108 S. Maple Street, Buffalo, Dallas County, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

ALL THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT 4 OF THE NORTHEAST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST, IN DALLAS COUNTY, MISSOURI,

RECAPITULATION DALLAS COUNTY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Table with 6 columns: FUND, BEGINNING BALANCE, RECEIPTS, TOTAL RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, ENDING BALANCE. Totals: \$1,146,154.76

I, Stephanie Hendricks, Clerk of the Dallas County Commission, State of Missouri, and ex-officio designated to prepare the financial statement required by Section 50.800 RSMo., do hereby certify that I have diligently checked the record of the county and that the above and foregoing is a complete and correct statement of every item of information required by Section 50.800 RSMo., for the year ending December 31, 2019, and especially have I checked every receipt from every source whatsoever and every disbursement of expenditure of every kind and to whom and for what each disbursement or expenditure was made and that each receipt or revenue and disbursement or expenditure is accurately shown.

SEAL Stephanie Hendricks Dallas County Clerk 3-Feb-20

Special prayer requests are for Craig Nelson, Peggy Mackie, Herb Garrison, Cody Dorman, Zoey and Isaac Elliott, Cruz Marton, Phyllis Benedict, Walt Patterson, Lacey Wedderburn and Heather Kellison. Ongoing prayers are for Joe and Dicie Burgess, Jim Brown,

Carl Bailey, Tawnya Edge, Dan Blankenship, Larry and Barb Robertson, Judy Epperson, Lawrence Green, Cheryl Stidham, Kathy Bandel, Eli Applegate, Rochelle Gray, Bob Whaley, Kay Fulcher, Rod Summers and family, Mary West, Valorie Beck, Linda Bricker,

Lindsay Pearson and all travelers. Military men and women: Austin Slisz, Adam Mankey, Nick Trueman, T.J. Henry, Shane Hoover, Gearr Sission, J.C. Scott, Adam Mayard, Paul Bancroft, Billy Wells, Bill Zoller, Curtiss Oller,

Jessica Galloway, Tylor Brown, Joe Fitzgerald, Andy Martinez, Isaac Bailey, Alex Cooper, Walter Reynolds, Jonathan Ingram, John Haas, Scott Schlup, Jeremy Short, Jackie L. Harris, Wayne Sperko Jr., and all the other servicemen and servicewomen.



MARILYN SMITH — A TALE OR TWO

Their little sister?

On a recent "Waltons" rerun, Jim Bob, the Waltons' youngest son, was being teased by his siblings about his not being their brother. Not looking like a Walton was one of their teasing points. Elizabeth even surveyed the kids at school, asking them if they thought Jim Bob looked like a Walton. He did feel different, he said. All the teasing made him wonder if he really wasn't a Walton, that they had taken in a stray.



Smith

He even went up into the attic to find photos, and there weren't very many of him. Then while talking to John Boy, he wondered if there was any proof — birth records and so forth. Sure, John Boy said, so they took off to the courthouse. The ledger they were shown listed Jim Bob being born on such and such a day, along with another boy who died at birth. Jim Bob had a twin.

According to the Internet, "The Waltons" is an American television series created by Earl Hammer Jr., based on his book "Spencer's Mountain" and a 1963 film of the same name, about a family in rural Virginia during the Great Depression and World War II. The television movie "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story" was broadcast on Dec. 19, 1971. Based on its success, the CBS television network ordered one season of episodes based on the same characters, and that became the television series "The Waltons." Beginning in September 1972, the series subsequently aired on CBS for nine seasons. After the series was canceled by CBS in 1981, NBC aired three television movie sequels in 1982, with three more in the 1990s on CBS.

My siblings also teased me about not being their little sister. They told me I was found in the alley behind my grandmother's house, on Sherman Street. I even wrote a poem about it, titled "Little Sister."



My sister, Carol Ann.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
Marilyn (flower girl) and Jimmy (ring bearer) Thomas, at Ray and Pauline Thomas' wedding.

Her explanation did not jive,
With what my siblings told,
They said she'd say I was her girl,
Her little girl to hold.

This stunt they pulled dragged on for weeks,
I'd laugh and then I'd cry.
They finally said, "Oh, well, we guess,
We'll own up to our lie."

There's other stunts my siblings pulled,
Mean stunts they always waged,
I fell for them, they knew I would,
But wised up as I aged.

Apparently from stories I've heard, it is not uncommon for older siblings to tease their little brothers and sisters about being found down by the river, or under an old cedar tree, or in an alley, like my siblings said. Being the youngest of five children, made me sluff off teasing down through the years.

One older fellow truly enjoyed teasing me. Then one day he asked, "Does my teasing you make you mad?" My goodness no, I told him. I would think you were mad at me if you didn't tease me. This made him smile.

Owen, our grandson, is an only child. I told him a story about a brother that was teasing his little brother, making him cry. To this, Owen said, "And that's why I'm glad I'm an only child."

I believe I would have missed out on a lot of fun if I was an only child. Also, what on earth would I have to write about? And after looking at the photos I'm sharing today, I'm pretty certain I'm one of the Thomas kids!

It's funny now when I look back,
On things they did with glee,
How they told me I wasn't theirs,
Their sister, that would be.

They said Grams found me in a box,
In her back alleyway,
Some great big guy, with great big ears,
Tossed me as if a stray,

Grams brought me in and gave me milk,
Then thought, "What shall I do?
Rene's kids would like this little girl,
That end I will peruse."

Your hair is dark, and ours, quite blond,
You're cute we all can see,
We are quite plain, and ugly too;
Our sis, how could this be?

I cried, "I am, oh yes I am,
Your little sister too.
Mom, is it true, was I thrown out,
And ended up with you?"

With a big grin, my momma said,
"Now, don't you take to heart
What these mean kids are telling you,
You've been ours from the start."



My brother Jerry.



My brother Joe Wayne.



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Central States Insurance Specialists Dallas County Diary

Fire in Buffalo destroys mother and son's home

This week in Dallas County history as recorded in the Buffalo Reflex.

Feb. 11, 1960

The Preston-Urbana units of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 55 made phenomenal advancements and continued to do so. It was the "Golden Jubilee" year for scouting in the U.S. The event was being celebrated throughout the country through projects and activities. The grand finale was a National Jubilee held in Colorado.

Showing at the Buffalo Theatre were "Tarzan the Ape Man" and "The Big Circus."

Area deaths included Mrs. E.C. Sechler, Arthur Burgett, Rebecca B. Hale, Walter S. Kelso, Martha V. Williams, Ora B. Cowlshaw, Mrs. Frances McDaniel and Henry and Martha Smith.

Feb. 12, 1970

High schools served by the Southwest Electric Cooperative were being contacted to lay plans for the youth tour to Washington, D.C. contest for high school juniors. The juniors were selected through an essay contest. Each school conducted its own contest and selected a boy and a girl to represent them.

Showing at the Buffalo Theatre were "Naked Angels" and "The Valley of Gwangi."

Area deaths included Nora M. Lindsey, Robert E. Cox, Ervin J. Meyer, Lillie M. Faulkner, Glen Moulder, Alvin P. Williams, Bert T. Harris, William H. Beck and Francis D. Bramwell.

Feb. 14, 1980

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported the Jan. 1 inventory of all cattle and calves in the U.S. was virtually unchanged from Jan. 1, 1979. The inventory showed about 111 million head, almost the same as 1979. This figure was down about 5 percent from Jan. 1, 1978, and about 20 million below the high years of 1973 and 1974. The fact that 1980's inventory was about stable with a year prior broke a four-year downward trend that marked the most massive cattle liquidation in the nation's history.

Area deaths included Vernon D. Stoddard, Claude Glanville, Ray Webster, Rosa S. Burns, Mary L. Sinclair, Gretelle B. Lightfoot, Clifford J. Carlson, John T. Neal and Ella P. Green.

Feb. 14, 1990

Construction of a \$3.3 million sewer system for the city of Fair Grove was projected to begin. Mayor Jim Booth said the plant would be just northeast of the city limits; however, the city would not purchase the land until engineering designs were completed. Hood-Rich Architects and Consulting Engineers finished designs for the system, which included 25,000 feet of sewer lines, a lift station, an oxidation ditch and disinfection tools.

Area deaths included Flora West, Bessie E. Balch, Irene E. McCool, William F. Durrington, Harold Lusk, Lincoln E. Nichols and John R. Hosier.

Feb. 16, 2000

A single mother and her 14-year-old adopted son lost their home and all their belongings in a fire. A fire at the north edge of Buffalo on U.S. 65 destroyed the home of Rebecca Cline and her son Brian, an eighth-grader. For the better part of two days, nearly three dozen firefighters from four departments battled the blaze that ultimately claimed the residence formerly known as the Vivian Lemons house. The mother and son escaped uninjured.

Area deaths included Willa J. Usery, Wayne Nicholas, David E. Atkisson, Irma B. Welker, Carrie P. Hoover, Homer H. Jackson and Glenn A. Maulin.

Feb. 10, 2010

A log house on Thomasville Road, purported to be the oldest "livable" house in Dallas County, was destroyed by a fire. Ike Ikerd, assistant chief of the Buffalo Rural Fire Department, said the department answered the call shortly after 1 p.m. at the house, which was about one mile west of U.S. 65 on Thomasville Road in the Thomasville area. Ikerd was the one who informed the Buffalo Reflex that "the story goes" that the house is the oldest home in the county currently occupied. He said, "You could see that every log was notched with an ax." It was owned by Mike Hamilton, whose grandmother once lived in the house.

Area deaths included Oval M. Howerton, Robert F. Dryer, Edward L. Tucker, Eva M. Looney, Betty Burton, Nellie C. Fisher and John B. Dampier.

Local Missouri Lottery winners for January are announced

Missouri Lottery players took home more than \$72.2 million in prizes during the month of January. Of the total \$72.2 million awarded, more than \$9 million was prizes of \$1,000 or more.

Prizes of \$1,000 or more paid in January include the following local residents:

- \$5,000 Scratchers winners: Makayla Marcum, Buffalo; and Betty Peterson, Buffalo.
- \$1,003 Scratchers winner: Randy Williams, Fair Grove.
- \$1,000 Scratchers winners: Sue Ellen Kelly, Buffalo; Michael Miller, Buffalo; Kathy Todd, Cross Timbers; Daniel Cowin, Fair Grove; William Deroover, Halfway; and Aleha Overcast, Pleasant Hope.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Thursday, February 13, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 14, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Friday, February 14, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Saturday, February 15, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Sunday, February 16, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Table of TV schedules for Monday, February 17, 2020. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, EI, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREENFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHT, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

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TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Television schedule grid for Tuesday, February 18, 2020, listing various channels and programs like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, BET, CNN, Disney, ESPN, FX, History, Lifetime, MTV, Nick, and Showtime.



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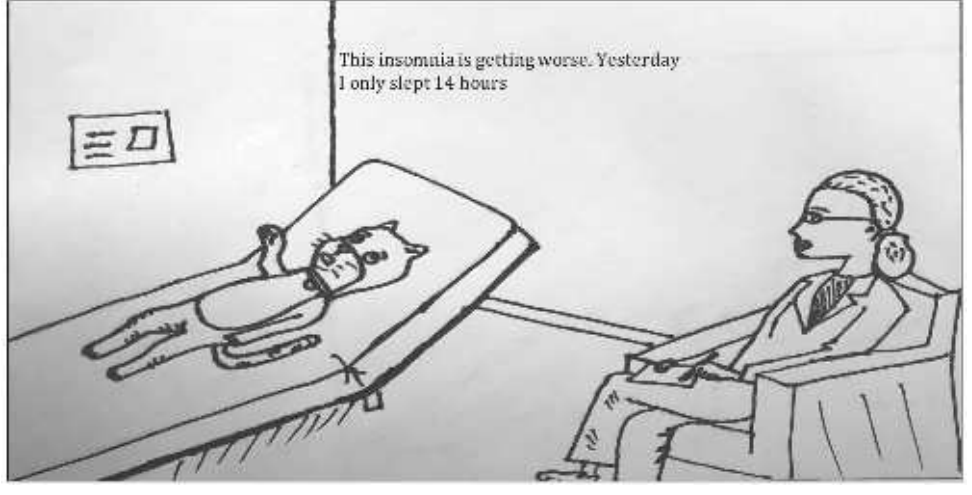
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Modifications can make driving safer for seniors

Driving provides an almost unrivaled level of independence. The ability to travel beyond a neighborhood or even one's hometown without a chaperone is probably what excites new drivers so much and makes them eager to get their licenses and cars. Senior drivers also might define their independence by their ability to drive. Few things diminish senior dignity and independence faster than losing the ability to drive. Despite popular misconceptions, seniors are some of the safest drivers around. The experts at Hartford Auto Insurance indicate that the number of crashes involving older drivers actually decreases as age increases. It's the risk factors such as medical conditions, medication usage and reduced physical function that increase the risk for crashes and injuries involving older drivers. Thanks to technology and some other well-designed devices, seniors might be able to continue driving longer than the aging drivers of years past. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a nonprofit research and education association, says roughly 90 percent of seniors don't take advantage of simple, often inexpensive features that can greatly improve safety and extend their time behind the wheel. Here are some considerations. Cushions and seat pads: Cushions do more than just alleviate hip and back pain while sitting. Cushions and pads can raise drivers up and improve their line of sight over the dashboard. Swivel pads can make it easier to enter and exit the car, as well. Adaptive cruise control: This feature can adjust speed automatically to maintain a consistent space between vehicles. Adaptive headlights: These headlights, also known as steerable headlights, can improve visibility by changing the direction of the light beam with the movement of the steering wheel. Pedal extenders: Extenders help short drivers reach the pedals while maintaining a safe distance from the steering wheel and potential airbag deployment. Hand controls: Whether one has sensory changes in the feet from surgery or a medical condition, adaptive hand controls can move the "pedals" up to the steering column. Blind spot warning and other sensors: Today's cars can be equipped with any number of sensors that can detect oncoming traffic, cars to the left or right of the vehicle, items or cars behind the vehicle when reversing, and even if the vehicle has drifted out of the lane. These are all great safety features for any driver but might be especially helpful to seniors. Parking assist: Parking assist technology can steer the vehicle into a space with little input from the driver. Voice control: Avoiding distractions and keeping hands on the wheel are enhanced by voice controls, which can be set up to do things such as turn on the radio or adjust climate control. Convex mirrors: Special mirrors increase the field of vision. Seniors have many tools available to make driving safer and more comfortable, which can prolong their years behind the wheel.

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Downtown association to meet 5 p.m. on Feb. 19. The Buffalo Downtown Association is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Nimmo Insurance on the Buffalo square. Anyone interested in promoting and developing business in the downtown area is welcome to attend.

Offices to be closed for Presidents Day. Offices closed for Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 17, will include the following: federal, state, county and city offices, the U.S. Post Office, Buffalo License Office, Dallas County Health Department, Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, Dallas County Library and Fair Grove Branch Library. Offices will reopen at their regular times Tuesday, Feb. 18.

We Support Our Local Churches And Their Special Events

- Mission Chapel: Friday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Party, 7 p.m., RSVP to attend or help. Prairie Chapel: Saturday, Feb. 15, Women's Brunch, 10 a.m. to noon; all women and girls are welcome to attend. Guest speaker is Michele Odell from Spirit FM Sounds of Glory. A love offering will be taken. RSVP requested by Feb. 7; call (417) 326-9405.

Brain Twisters

CLUES ACROSS 1. Small deer 4. Khoikhoi peoples 9. South African statesman 14. Keyboard key 15. Remove 16. A conspicuous constellation 17. Data executive 18. Retired NASCAR driver 20. Tightens 22. A picture of the Virgin Mary 23. "The Mission" actor Jeremy 24. Confidently 28. More (Spanish) 29. Sports highlight show (abbr.) 30. Hand out cards 31. Distinctive Asian antelope 33. Arabic greeting 37. Of I 38. Hip hop trio 39. Meat roll 41. One's mother (Brit.) 42. ___-GYN 43. Belgian city 44. Plucks 46. Leak slowly 49. Denotes a particular region 50. General's assistant (abbr.) 51. Divides 55. Kid 58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium 59. Engaged in conflict 60. Former CBS sportscaster 64. Characterized by unity 65. Working-class 66. Corners 67. ___ de plume 68. Influential French artist 69. "Very" in musical terms 70. Financial account

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 70 indicating starting points for clues.

THANK-YOU NOTE. We would like to thank the Buffalo Rural firefighters, Buffalo City Fire and Rescue, first responders and all the other fire departments for all the kindness, love and support, and for the wonderful service you did for us during this time of sorrow. Thank you to Cody and the Meek's employees for your donations and help you gave us, and thank you to all who sent flowers and donations. The love we felt will never be forgotten. The family of Jamie George

THANK-YOU NOTE. Gary Turner and family want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, food, firewood and cards received during his hospital stay and since coming home. We still have a long road ahead, but just knowing what great friends and family we have makes it better. Thanks again, Gary and Janet Turner and family

LIBRARY LESSONS WORD SEARCH. Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards. Includes a list of words and a word scramble section.



Put the cellphone down and write a letter

BY DIXIE DOG

Dixie Dog here. I know it seems odd that a dog would write to the local Buffalo paper, but something has been bothering me: I feel really ignored when Mom is on the cellphone! She sits down in her rocking chair with a tiny square screen, sometimes with a cat in her lap, and she ignores me!

So, as odd as it seems, I recommend you folks put that constant distraction away and try writing letters! I have noticed when Mom is writing letters, she has her coffee at her desk or the kitchen table, maybe some graham crackers, and I can sit beside her, with her empty hand rubbing my ears. She asks me questions and tells me stuff she is going to write. I have observed the peace and pleasure she gets out of using her ink pens and fancy papers.

She has a worn-out-looking address book that she references to write on the envelopes, and she asks me which of the fancy stamps she should put on the letter ... like I really care, but she reasons out loud that the grandkids would like the frog stamps and the old friend in the care center would like the first moon landing stamps, since he was alive when that happened. Then she hands me a graham cracker.

I know Mom has a computer that she can use all her fingers to make words, and a machine that prints them out, and she does that crazy email thing, which causes her to focus on yet another screen (where the cats like to watch the little mouse thing move all over the place). But truly, her pleasure is in actually writing to other dogs who live with people, or her grand-dog who gets to play with her grandkids.

Mom must think of all kinds of things to write because she fills out sometimes four pages of what looks like scribbles to me, but she calls it "cursive" and says it is good for the grandkids to learn to read it. Then she laughs about some story she has told on me! I have a sense of humor, so I am fine with her writing to our old neighbor Jack, telling him about me getting chased by the rooster. I am sure when she is the only spellchecker (aside from that thick book full of all the words that humans use) that Mom doesn't worry about sentence structure, spelling or commas, even if she ordinarily calls herself a "grammar Nazi" and her friend Cookie Hawkins laughs with her in smiley faces on the cellphone.

Mom asks me if I want to go to the mailbox. Of course, I love that walk up there! I think there is a

trading kind of thing that happens because Mom puts her neatly scribbled envelopes in the box and then takes out a bunch of papers that she puts in the burn pile; well, except for the letters written by someone else! She reads them as she walks back to the house, sometimes laughing, sometimes crying, but then she sits down at home and reads them over and over, smiling and telling me about our old neighbors in Eldon and how they miss her, and that old dog, Ophelia, who died. Mom tells me about her. I don't think Ophelia dog was much of a writer.

Anyway, Mom is from a long line of letter writers, she tells me. She said it was a common thing to spend a bit of time on Sunday afternoons writing letters to the Canadian and Birch Tree grandparents. I never knew those people, but their letters were so important to Mom that she has saved them. They smell old.

What I really like is when Mom runs low on her fancy writing papers so she finds substitute foundations for her fancy ink pens to make those curvy marks. She uses old brown grocery bags, cut into some certain measurement that is marked on that paper cutting thing, and I can't get up to see what that is all about, but I think sometimes it isn't important to have a special size because she just tears the bags and writes on them. She also uses paper that is put under the fancy decorated tree which is only in the house for a few weeks in the winter. She is pretty inventive about paper, but I noticed she doesn't use the paper that she cleans up the cat yack with, something about it being too fuzzy.

Pencils work OK on most papers, she says, and her Granny always used a pencil. She said ballpoint pens were pretty new when she was a little girl! I think they taste horrible! Don't ask how I know that.

Mom also gathers up walnut hulls after the squirrels have stomped all over them, and she boils them into an ink! She puts some vodka in it, but she never drinks it; something about the vodka preserving the walnut ink so it won't smell like rotten stuff. Oh, how I love to roll in rotten stuff! I think she has written about that, too!

Well, my point is that all you humans need to put cellphones away. Get out some fun paper, some silly colored ink pens, put some nice music on, and write to someone you love. Reconnect. Handwrite letters to each other! Be sure to have some graham crackers by your side for your own dog!

Editor's note: Dixie Dog's "mom" is Buffalo resident Mary Gainey.



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Dixie Dog

RADER

BY KATHRYN LANGDON

Another week of ice and snow, which gave the Conway School kids a two-day break. But I hear there might be more rain and snow on the way. Just so it doesn't snow 24 inches like it did one month in February. Don't know the year that happened.

Leona Medlock, Bertha Terry and Marjorie Welch were able to get to Morgan Store for their weekly Saturday lunch.

The Helping Hand Club didn't get any quilting done Wednesday because of the weather. The club might quilt an extra day, weather permitting, to catch up.

The Red Hats canceled their meal at Westside Cafe as some were not feeling well and some were not wanting to get out in the weather. We'll try to get to the cafe next month on March 6.

Nina Walke went to Cabot, Ark., with son Roger and fiancée Lori to see granddaughter Erika, husband Jacob, grandsons Joshua and Samuel, and also great-granddaughter, 2-month-old Charlotte.

Doyle and Betty Stokes visited Ryan and Danielle Stokes as they were having an open house birthday celebration on Feb. 5 for Chloe Shivers, who just turned 16. Lots of friends and family were there to help her celebrate. On Sunday, Doyle and Betty visited Barb in Webco. Also visiting were Sam, Stacy and Josh Wood from Jefferson City.

Those celebrating birthdays this week are Cooper Keesling, Connie Kays, Jackson Combs, Lessa Dirckland, Courtney Goss, Land Ginnings, Christina Mackey, Austin Rust and Daniel Strickland.

On Saturday, Larry and I attended the funeral service for my uncle Gene Dixon in Chesterfield. I saw a lot of family I hadn't seen for a while.

Prayers for all those with health issues, including Bill Stanley, Glenn Afford, Joe Nelson, Jane Stanley and for Kelly Staffstall.

The guest pastor at Immanuel in Rader was the Rev. Paul Peckman. He is retired after serving many years in Wisconsin. He and his wife, Gail, live in Nixa. The sermon text for the day was from Matthew 5:13-20, "Salty Christians."

Don't forget your sweetie as Valentine's Day is coming up this Friday, Feb. 14. The senior center at Conway will serve a valentine dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday evening. Wayne Cooper and friends will be the entertainment for the evening. Admission for adults is \$10 per person.

Also at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, Feb. 16, there will be a spaghetti dinner, including desserts. The donations from the dinner will go to Kelly Staffstall to help with medical expenses.

Blessings to all.

What are Valentines?

Valentines are gifts of love
And with the help
of God above
Love can change
the human race
And make this world
a better place —
For love dissolves
all hate and fear
And makes our vision
bright and clear
So we can see and
rise above
Our pettiness on
"wings of love."

Be kindly affectioned
one to another — Romans 12-10.

Smallmouth bass are a favorite among anglers

BY FRANCIS SKALICKY,
Missouri Department of Conservation

For a variety of reasons, smallmouth bass have earned a reputation that sets them apart from many other popular Ozarks game fish species.

People can learn more about how to catch this popular fish at a free Missouri Department of Conservation program, "Fishing Skills: Smallmouth Bass," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. People can register for this program at mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/Event-Details/171812.

Smallmouth belong to the sunfish family (family Centrarchidae) and are one of several species that comprise the group of fish known as black bass. The term "black bass" dates back to early chroniclers who used the name to distinguish these dark-backed fish with black markings from other bass that have silvery, lighter colors. (These other bass, in the fish family Moronidae, are called temperate or "true" bass and include species such as white bass and striped bass.)

One reason for the smallmouth's popularity is where it lives. Some are found in lakes, but smallmouth are best known as a stream fish. They're not just any stream fish, either. Smallmouth bass are known as hard-fighting, aggressive fish — traits that make them enjoyable for anglers to catch. Surveys show that, on average, anglers who enjoy fishing for smallmouth take an average of 10 smallmouth-focused fishing trips per year and catch seven smallmouth per trip.

Life isn't easy for smallmouth in a stream. Disease, difficulty finding food, floods, changing water temperatures, natural predators and angler harvest are all factors that impact a smallmouth's life expectancy. Studies show that in an Ozarks stream, it takes smallmouth bass five years to attain a length of 12 inches, seven years to attain a length of 15 inches and nine to 10 years to attain a length of 18 inches. At present, because of existing rates of mortality, few smallmouth live more than seven or eight years.

Although the state-record smallmouth is 7 pounds, 2 ounces, it's uncommon for "smallies" to approach those sizes in Ozarks streams. (To further prove this point, it should be noted the above-

mentioned state-record smallmouth was caught at Stockton Lake, not in a stream.) Nonetheless, combine their fighting ability with good size potential, and it's easy to see why smallmouth are a prized catch for those who fish rivers and streams.

Another reason many anglers have a special affection for smallmouth stems from the habitat they represent — clear, pristine streams that have a steady flow of water. Smallmouth have little tolerance for siltation and turbidity and occur only in streams that maintain flow. For these reasons, non-anglers have an interest in smallmouth, too. The fish's preference for clear, clean water makes it a "canary in a coal mine" for those who study water quality in streams.

Unlike some other fish species, stocking doesn't seem to help smallmouth populations. Studies have shown that supplemental stocking of small, native smallmouth bass yields only a small increase in adult numbers. Alterations to available habitat are the prime reasons for decreasing smallmouth numbers, and adding more fish into poorer habitat rarely means more fish for the angler.

Smallmouth reside in a number of southern Missouri streams. Parts of some streams have been designated as smallmouth management areas by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Information about these areas can be found at mdc.mo.gov or in the free MDC publication "Smallmouth Bass and Goggle-Eye Special Management Areas," a free booklet that can be found at a number of MDC offices. People can also learn more about these areas, as well as smallmouth lure options, fishing strategies and smallmouth characteristics at the Feb. 20 program at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. The program will be given by MDC Fisheries biologists Ben Parnell and Dave Woods, and is open to all ages. The Springfield Conservation Nature Center is at 4601 S. Nature Center Way in Springfield.

Information about smallmouth bass and other sport fish species in Missouri can be found at mdc.mo.gov.

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Farm lease class will be held on Feb. 24 in Buffalo

There will be a Missouri farm lease program from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Dallas County Alumni Building, 205 S. Hickory St., Buffalo. The program will cover issues that include the following: when should a tenant pay part of the rent; how and when can a current lease be terminated; who pays for fertilizer or lime; and rental rates.

"Farm leases are a popular topic given current cash rent levels and volatile crop prices. Landlords and tenants need to understand the terms and expectations to develop a satisfactory agreement for both parties," said Darla Campbell, agriculture business specialist with University of Missouri Extension and one of the workshop presenters.

"There are many issues both farm landlords and tenants need to be aware of, and this program is designed to address these issues," Campbell said.

Topics that will be discussed during the class include the following: current cash rents and trends in Missouri; which items to discuss and include in a lease; terminating a farm lease — when and how to do it legally; recreational (hunting) leases — what landowners should be aware of; and livestock and crop share arrangements — keeping them fair for both sides.

MU Extension will teach the program. The instructors will include a team of agriculture business specialists, who have worked with both tenants and landlords for many years. The program will be presented by distance learning so the audience can see and interact with all the instructors, as well as the other sites.

Pre-registration is required by noon on Feb. 20. Contact the Dallas County MU Extension Center at (417) 345-7551 or tatore@missouri.edu for fee information or to register to attend. MU Extension programs are open to all interested people.

Learn all about hay at free MU Extension courses

Some farmers are buying additional supplements to offset lower-quality hay, and that could potentially be avoided if they would purchase a little higher-quality forage product. Winter forages, for most people, are often supplemented by hay and byproduct feeds.

Understanding how farmers purchase hay, how they treat and store hay, how they test hay and how hay is utilized by grazing animals is a real cost factor in operations.

Just how many bales are needed per cow to make it through the winter months? Most cattle will respond more favorably to quality growing conditions by rewarding farmers in areas such as higher conception rates, heavier birth weights and heavier weaning weights. When last checked, all three of these will return higher profits to farmers at market time.

High-quality hay might not be the only answer toward these goals, but it couldn't hurt. Farmers are invited to join the University of Missouri Extension as it looks at what quality hay can do for operations.

This course will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations. Contact information includes the following:

- Feb. 18: Polk County MU Extension office, Bolivar, (417) 326-4916.
- Feb. 20: Hickory County MU Extension office, Hermitage, (417) 745-6767.
- Feb. 24: Laclede County MU Extension office, Lebanon, (417) 532-7126.
- Feb. 27: Dallas County Alumni Building, Buffalo, (417) 345-7551.
- March 2: Camdenton County Chamber of Commerce, Camdenton, (573) 346-2644.
- March 4: Webster County MU Extension office, Marshfield, (417) 859-2044.

This is a free course offered through MU Extension. Call ahead so MU Extension can get a count for handout materials.

41st Polar Bear Run is set for Feb. 22 in Bolivar

Runners are invited to Bolivar's 41st annual Polar Bear Run. The event is the longest-standing continuous road race in southwest Missouri. The race, which features both a 10K and 5K run, starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Southwest Baptist University Student Union in Bolivar.

Registration is now open at ActNowRacing.com. The entry fee for the 10K is \$40 pre-registration or \$45 on the day of the race, and the 5K is \$30 pre-registration or \$35 on the day of the race.

The Polar Bear Run is open to all runners — families, children, recreational runners and serious runners. This race is part of The Winter Triple Crown.

Runners who register by Feb. 14 will receive a sweatshirt, and all runners will be given a Bolivar welcome bag that includes items from merchants in town.

The Bolivar Running Club is hosting the race, and the event sponsor is The Marketing Bunch. The race's proceeds will benefit the Bolivar High School cross country program.

"We are very excited to be hosting this longtime area running event. It has been a tradition in the Ozarks for 40 years," race coordinator Ron Bandy said. "Our plan is to continue this tradition and continue to grow the race. We hope you can fit this race into your schedule."

For more information, contact Ron Bandy at rbandy@bolivarschools.org or by calling (417) 343-8687.

Missouri Department of Revenue accepting e-filed state tax returns

The Missouri Department of Revenue started accepting electronically filed state tax returns for tax year 2019 on Jan. 27, the same day the Internal Revenue Service began accepting federal tax returns for individual filers. As Missourians prepare to file their tax returns, the department is reminding customers of some best practices and available resources that can help ensure a smooth tax season.

Review important individual income tax changes effective for the 2019 tax year. Refer to the department's "What's New?" resource for details about changes to the Missouri standard deduction, the federal tax deduction and more.

File electronically and use direct deposit. E-filing is a fast, accurate and secure way to file a return. The department has received more than 3.1 million returns for the 2018 tax year. Of those, 86.5 percent were e-filed, and 13.5 percent were filed using a paper return. Individuals who e-file can have their refund deposited directly into their bank account and generally receive their refund faster than those who file using a paper return.

Many Missourians might qualify for free e-filing services through the Free File Alliance, which allows eligible taxpayers to file their federal and state income tax returns using approved software. For more information, go to the IRS Free File website or the department's "Online Filing" resource page.

Double-check your paper return. Before submitting a paper return to the department, make sure it is signed, all math computations are correct and all necessary documentation is included. Also, use the correct post office box when mailing the return. For individuals with a balance due, send the return and check to Missouri Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 329, Jefferson City, MO 65105-0329. For individuals who are due a refund or owe nothing, send the return to Missouri Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 500, Jefferson City, MO 65105-0500.

Missouri tax forms for the 2019 tax year and prior years are available on the department's website. All forms and corresponding instructions can be printed directly from the website. Electronic

forms print with a 2-D barcode that helps speed up processing.

Review tax credit guidelines and attach all required documentation. Individuals who are eligible for a tax credit must complete and attach Form MO-TC to their return. All supporting documentation or required forms, schedules, certifications, etc., must also be included with their Form MO-TC and return. Go to the department's "Miscellaneous Tax Credits" page for additional information.

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim gives credit to certain senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals for a portion of the real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year. Individuals who rent from a facility that does not pay property taxes are not eligible for a Property Tax Credit.

Review and update the Employee's Withholding Certificate (Form MO W-4), if applicable. Following significant tax changes at the federal level, the department updated and simplified the MO W-4 at the start of 2019. Employees can complete a "Paycheck Checkup" using the department's withholding calculator to determine if their employer is withholding their preferred amount from their paycheck. The department strongly encourages all employees to review their federal and state withholdings annually and whenever a major life change has occurred.

Use the department's online services and resources.

- The department's Tax Return Status Tracker allows customers to enroll in automatic text and email alerts that are sent each time the status of their return is updated. Customers need their Social Security number, filing status and anticipated refund or balance due to enroll and must re-enroll each year.

- Get answers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by reviewing the Personal Tax FAQs or with the help of the department's new chatbot, DORA, a virtual assistant programmed to respond to common taxation, motor vehicle and driver licensing questions.

- Email questions to income@dor.mo.gov. **Ask questions in person or by phone.**

- Taxpayer Assistance Offices are available in six locations throughout the state. As services vary by location, customers are encouraged to review the list of offered services before visiting. Note that individual income tax preparation services are not available.

- Assistance with individual income tax preparation might be available from a volunteer program in the area. Check these resources for additional information: IRS Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers, University of Missouri Extension Taxpayer Education and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

- Customers can reach the department's Taxation Division at (573) 751-3505 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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