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The City of Buffalo, Missouri is hereby giving notice to the qualified voters of the City of Buffalo, in Dallas County, Missouri, that the regular election of said City will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to vote on the following:

- One Alderman for Ward 1 for a term of two years.
- One Alderman for Ward 2 for a term of two years.

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Mark Piper has won
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Autism is not a disability . . . It's a different ability



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Artwork by Romey Cox brought high dollars at The Show Me Romey Foundation Gala and Auction on Nov. 18. The art piece at top titled 'Animal Kingdom' went to the highest bidder at \$1,300. Romey made the bird art with air-dry clay. The live and silent auction brought a grand total of \$51,500 for the foundation. The photo at right shows the artist with her mother, Casey Cox. ARTWORK PHOTOS BY CAMERON HOLCOMB

Show Me Romey Foundation tackles the stigma of autism

By CAMERON HOLCOMB
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On Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, a new, Dallas county non-profit organization held their first ever event. The Show Me Romey Foundation, hosted a live and silent auction at the Univer-

sity Plaza Convention Center in Springfield. This event pulled over 200 people from all over the Dallas county area as well as surrounding communities.

The Show Me Romey Foundation is a family oriented organization looking to help not only children affected by autism but their families as well. Autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) affects 1 in 35 children across the U.S. The costs to help raise a child affected by autism is four to six times greater than a child without, across

Show Me Romey Foundation will be hosting their next event at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at the Skyline Gymnasium in Urbana. Dr. Temple Grandin will be the guest speaker. This event is open to anyone wanting to attend with a donation amount of any facet.

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Christmas window contest to be judged Dec. 7

The Buffalo Downtown Association will be having the annual Christmas business decorating contest. There will be two categories. The first is a window and inside display and the second category is storefront and lawn display. Both categories will have a 1st and 2nd place prize. First place in each category will receive a \$100 gift card and the second-place winners in both categories will receive a \$25 gift card. The judging will take place on December 7th at 6:00 pm. The winners will be announced at the Buffalo Christmas Parade on the 9th of December.

Any questions you can contact Devona Allen at Nimmo Insurance at 417-345-2103.



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Side by Side Cruise to be Dec. 9

OACAC and Toys for Tots invite everyone to enjoy the fun and spread the holiday cheer by participating in the 1st Annual Dallas County SxS Christmas Cruise on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023.

Participants are encouraged to decorate and light up their side by side to enter for a trophy and prize for the top three best Christmas decorated side by sides.

This promoted event will start the cruise at 6 p.m. at Grace Church, 1652 S. Ash Street, and will follow a route that will pass both care centers, the schools, the food pantries and around town. Parking and registration opens at 5 p.m. at Grace Church.

There is a \$10 cash entry fee per SxS with proceeds going to OACAC's Cancer Support Program. Also it is requested that each side by side have two unwrapped new toys, two Christmas cards (for each of the nursing homes) and two food items (for the food pantries) to drop off at designated drop off stops. Bring the kids and candy to toss to the crowd at this family friendly fund raising event.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Kathy Banks at 417-345-7964 or email kbanks@oac.ac.



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Full House, Full Stomach, Full Heart

Submitted by
Diana Arendt

Thanksgiving Day was a beautiful day in Buffalo, and it was more than just the weather. The YMCA was bustling with busy people and smiling faces. This is the 22nd year that Dallas County Habitat for Humanity has organized a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community. The food for the meal was funded by local businesses and individuals. A variety of desserts were donated by the community. The meal was cooked and served by 55 volunteers, who believed the true meaning of Thanksgiving is in the giving.

Over 500 turkey meals were served, about half were enjoyed inside the YMCA facility. The rest were picked up in an efficient drive-thru line organized by the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse. Other volunteers delivered 60-plus meals to those with mobility issues. Habitat would like to thank all volunteers. A special thanks goes out to Doug Cornwell for volunteering his time and vehicle to do extra deliveries this year.



Dan Crawford, Glenda Crawford, Chelsea Kirchberg and Lisle Berry served drinks with a big smile. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Lisa Calise, Andrea Gann and Suzanne Laudenbach shared a laugh, or maybe two or three, in the kitchen.



Setting up for the Thanksgiving dinner from left, Shawn Berry, Jeff Atteberry, Bill Spears and Leroy Laudenbach.



Good food and smiling faces were abundant at the YMCA on Thanksgiving Day.




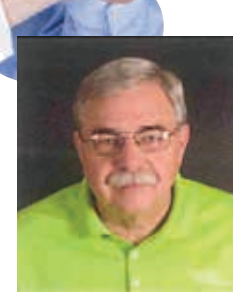
KayLyn and Tracie Johnson helped by making sure all the deliveries got a homemade roll.



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DCR-1 School board

The Dallas County R-1 Board of Education held their monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023. The following items were discussed and voted on.

- 1). Changed the December board meeting date to Monday, Dec. 18 (normal date would have been Christmas Day).
- 2). Approved Surplus from Buffalo High School and Dallas County Technical Center.

3). Approved enhanced building access controls to be installed by C&C Group. This project is 100% reimbursed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) safety grant we received earlier this year.

4). Approved the copier paper bid from Contract Paper Group.
The board then moved to convene into Executive session.

Buffalo Christmas Parade Dec. 9, registration deadline Dec. 1

The Buffalo Christmas Parade, hosted by the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 10 a.m. on December 9, 2023.

This year's theme is "Holiday Winter Wishes." The registration deadline for the Christmas parade is Friday, December 1st.

Online registration for the Christmas Parade will be on the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce website: <https://buffaloareachamber.org/christmas-parade> There is a \$10 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded; prize amounts will depend on the number of entries.

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ROMEY

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medical bills as well as the therapy sessions needed. The Show Me Romey foundation looks to help families know that they are enough. This organization looks to ignite autism awareness in order to help educate the public, the families affected, and those who are suffering themselves. Without autism awareness and education, the goal of overall autism acceptance cannot be reached. They are looking to open the doors to have conversations and be accepting of these children. "Show Me Romey Foundation is dedicated to providing education, support, and resources to autistic children and their families. Our mission is to ignite acceptance in our community and empower autistic children and their families to know that they are enough!"

Founder Casey Cox had this to say about their view for the future, "The Show Me Romey Foundation's overall goal is to build a center in Urbana, that will be inclusive for special needs children and help bring relief and hope to the families affected in rural communities. We also intend to help families with needs such as emergency sensory packs that are unique to those on the spectrum such as sensory headphones, fidget toys, art supplies, and a weighted blanket to name a few." Casey is a mother of three. Her middle child Romey is on the spectrum and the namesake of the organization. The Cox family knew that what their child was dealing with was not abnormal for families to go through and found a way to help. With the start of this foundation they look to create a "judgment free" and "meltdown" welcome place for the children and families to gather.

Show Me Romey intends to have an annual gala event where they will continue to auction off artwork created by Romey, as well as artwork from other chil-



Founder Casey Cox shares her heartfelt story behind the launch of Show Me Romey and the goals and aspirations she has for this foundation moving forward.



Zach Cox joins the fun and auctions off a pair of longhorns that his daughter Romey had painted. The horns went for \$3,100. PHOTOS BY CAMERON HOLCOMB



Co-Founders Zach and Casey Cox have three children and their middle child, Romey, has autism.

dren with autism. Romey herself is a lover of air-dry clay works and created multiple displays, working diligently to make each piece perfect, that sold at this auction. Casey says on their website, "Children with autism are very special and deserve

more. I hope with this foundation, we are able to make a movement with awareness and bring hope and relief to parents in our community."

Show Me Romey will be hosting their next event on Tuesday January 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.



The Board of Directors hand selected by Casey and Zach Cox help to ensure the mission is always kept in front of them and on the right track. Pictured are, from left: Tasha Romine, Jenny Conley, Ashley Berry, Zach Cox, D'Ann Hawkins, Brooke Wolse, Dawn Frentzel and Dr. Oren Cox.

at the Skyline Gymnasium in Urbana, where they will have Dr. Temple Grandin as a guest speaker. This event is open to anyone wanting to attend with a donation amount of any facet.

If you would like to know more about this amazing organiza-

tion helping families in our local community, check them out on their website showmeromey.org, where you can learn about their story, how to donate, and how the organization will continue to help the people nearest to them that need all the help they can get!

Urbana Christmas parade is December 2

The Urbana Christmas Parade and Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2. The parade will start at 1 p.m., and the bazaar is at the Urbana First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's parade theme is "Christmas Music Through the De-

cadés." The line up starts at 11 a.m. in the old Hubert's Ford parking lot. Judging of parade entries starts at noon.

Ashley Berry will emcee the parade. She will have just returned from announcing the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade again.

Louie from Springfield

Cardinals will be on site, as will Kettle Treats and Poppy's Red Ring BBQ. Several vendors are scheduled to be at the bazaar. And what would a Christmas parade be without Santa and Mrs Claus? They will be there along with other "SPECIAL Guests."

Bring your holiday spirit and your sweet tooth.

ELECTION

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- One Alderman for Ward 3 for a term of one year.
- One Alderman for Ward 3 for a term of two years.

Anyone wishing to file for one of these offices may do so at City Hall (115 S.

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OBITUARIES

Andy Ray Berry

Oct. 21, 1957 – Nov. 10, 2023

Andy Ray Berry, age 66, of Conway, Missouri, entered into rest on Friday, November 10, 2023, at his home.



Andy was born on October 21, 1957, in Independence, Missouri to the late Viril and Ann (Divine) Berry. Growing up in Tunas, Andy enjoyed fishing and hunting on the Niangua River. On April 5, 1980, Andy was united in marriage to Cheryl Killian. Together they farmed dairy cattle for a period and then beef cattle. Andy enjoyed being on the farm. He was very proud of the farm that he worked so hard to have. On the farm, Andy continued his joy of hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed playing with the many farm dogs. On and off the farm, Andy was a heavy machine operator for over 30 years.

Above all, Andy loved his family. He was a devoted husband, proud father, and sup-

portive grandpa. He loved going to watch his grandchildren play various sports.

Andy was preceded by his parents, Ann and Viril Berry, brother Jim Berry, brothers-in-law Blaine Killian, Ray Killian, Tommy Killian, and Daryl Killian, sisters-in-law Charlotte Killian, and Peggy Rogers. He is survived by his wife Cheryl Killian, children Freddie Saunders and husband Mike, Ashley Vaughan and husband David, Lyndsea Mason and husband Kylin, grandchildren Jordon, Makayla, Tyler, Ryan, Hattie, and Ace, siblings Charlie and Alicia Berry, Dale Berry, Nancy and Andy Bishop, brother-in-law Stanley Killian, and Sister-in-law Judy Killian, as well as numerous extended family members and beloved friends.

Memorial visitation was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

James "Jay" Charles Dill, Jr.

Oct. 20, 1958 – Nov. 20, 2023

James "Jay" Charles Dill, Jr. 65, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away Monday, November 20, 2023 at his home.



Jay was born October 20, 1958 in Kansas City, MO, the son of James Charles Dill and Shirley (VanGilder) Dill. He grew up primarily in Buffalo, MO.

Jay graduated from Holden, MO High School in 1976 and attended State Fair Community College. He later earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Rockhurst University in Kansas City. He was a Master Electrician and proud member of I.B.E.W. Local #124 in Kansas City for 33 years before retiring. Jay was saved at a young age and was a life-long member of the Baptist Church. He was a member of Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge #446 in Kansas City, MO.

Jay was an adoring father and was so proud that his daughter, Sarah, recently earned her RN. He was the best papa to his grandsons; he will be missed every day.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Charles Dill. He is survived by daughter Sarah Dill; his mother Shirley Dill, Peculiar, MO; a sister, Susan LuJean Dill, Kansas City, MO; and two grandchildren Wolfe Thomas and John Louie.

Services are pending.

Andy Ray Berry

Conway

Born: October 21, 1957

Died: November 10, 2023

Services: A memorial visitation was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

James "Jay" Charles Dill, Jr.

Kansas City, Mo.

Born: October 20, 1958

Died: November 20, 2023

Services are pending.

Edna Pearl Lear

Urbana

Born: January 26, 1934

Died: November 16, 2023

Cremation rites were accorded under the care of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

Fern Roselle (Baker) Patten

Buffalo

Born: April 9, 1935

Died: November 23, 2023

Services: Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

State of Missouri vs. Alexander Christian Tate

Alexander Christian Tate, Buffalo, born in 1998, was charged by Dallas County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan D. Barker in Dallas County Circuit Court with the class D felony of unlawful possession of a firearm, the class B misdemeanor of failure to register motor vehicle and the class D misdemeanor of failure to maintain financial responsibility on or about July 21, 2023. His bond was set at \$2,500.

According to his probable cause statement, Officer Darren Cheek of the Buffalo City Police Department said that at 2:41 p.m. on July 21, 2023, he was on patrol within the city of Buffalo. He was conducting stationary radar checks on S. Locust Street when he observed a 2006 Silver Volkswagen Jetta traveling northbound operating at 42 mph in a 25 mph speed limit zone. He

conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the intersection of Locust and Oakridge Drive. The sole occupant of the vehicle was the driver, Alexander Tate, who advised Cheek there was a firearm in the vehicle. Cheek reported that he observed what appeared to be a stock of a shotgun in the trunk of the vehicle. The back seat was laid down making the firearm visible and accessible fo Tate. Cheek advised Tate to not be reaching behind the seat and asked him for his driver's license. Tate said he didn't have his license on him but could provide his information. Cheek advised Tate of his expired license plates. Tate said the car belonged to his friend and he just got the title. He also did not have proof of insurance.

Cheek then had Central Dispatch run a M.U.L.E.S. check on Tate's information

and the Missouri plates. Dispatch advised that Tate did have a valid class F license with the Intelligence fusion system showing his status as disqualified, which indicated him as a multi-state offender and convicted felon. Tate is prohibited from possessing a firearm. Dispatch also advised that the Missouri plates checked back to a Pontiac passenger car with plates expiring April 2023.

Tate was taken into custody, and Cheek did a pre-tow inventory of the vehicle. He collected the 870 Remington 20 gauge shotgun and nine 20 gauge shotgun shells inside the vehicle.

It was discovered Tate had a criminal history from the states of Texas and Missouri.

Anyone accused of a crime is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Woman injured in wreck on Thanksgiving Day

Woman suffers minor injuries in a one vehicle crash near Preston

An Urbana woman was injured Wednesday, Nov. 22, in a one-vehicle crash south of Preston, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Riley Volcko, 20, Urbana, was northbound on Mo. Route D two miles south of Preston at 12:29 p.m., when the 2005 Chevrolet Malibu she was driving, ran off the right side of the roadway, overcorrected, ran off right side again, striking an embankment and

overturning. Volcko was transported by ambulance to CMH Hospital in Bolivar and suffered minor injuries. She was wearing a safety belt. The Malibu was damaged extensively. The wreck was investigated by Trooper M. Murrill.

Two vehicles are involved in crash on Hwy. 65

A southbound 2020 Nissan Rogue driven by Peggy R. Johnson, 69, Urbana, stopped to make a left turn off Hwy. 65 into a private drive in Urbana when she was struck in the rear by pickup truck. The

2012 Chevrolet pickup was driven by Benjamin R. Hart, 20, Cross Timbers.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol report stated the wreck happened at about 8:38 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24. Johnson suffered minor injuries and was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Johnson was wearing a seat belt; Hart was not.

The Rogue was totaled and the Chevy pickup suffered extensive damage, and both were towed from the scene. Trooper R.E. Douthett covered the crash.

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Historical Society to hold Christmas party and officer election Dec. 9

The Dallas County Historical Society is open each first and third Thursday of each month all year long for research unless the weather is bad. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The business meeting and programs are the third Saturday of the month March through November. The December meeting is on the second Saturday of the month since the third Saturday is near Christmas. Saturday the 9th will be the December meeting with election of officers and a Christmas party. Visitors are welcome. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. following the parade.

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PUBLIC RECORD

ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit court of Dallas County, associate division, met during the week of November 17-22, 2023, with 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.

Misdemeanors

Fines listed do not include court costs.
 Patrick T. Garrison, Bolivar, speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50.
 Honnalee N. Hunt, Buffalo, speeding 1-5 mph over limit, fine \$50.50.
 Dylan R. Kaiser, Boonville, speeding 16-19 mph over limit, fine \$100.50.
 Andrew R. McElroy, Elkland, failed to display plates on

motor vehicle/trailer, fine \$50.50.
 Juan M. Nunez Pacheco, Clovis, N.M., speeding 20-25 mph over limit, fine \$155.50.
 Ajay K. Regan, Springfield, speeding 20-25 mph over limit, fine \$155.50.
 Gracie J. Schwarz, Nixa, speeding 11-15 mph over limit, fine \$70.50.
Civil Proceedings
 First National Bank of Omaha, Omaha, Neb., plain-

tiff, vs. Roger Blevins, Buffalo, defendant. Judgement entered in the Circuit Court of Dallas County.
 Discover Bank, New Albany, Ohio, plaintiff, vs. Catherine I. Whitman, Buffalo, defendant. Judgement in favor of plaintiff against defendant and has been entered in the Circuit Court of Dallas County.
Marriages
 November 20, 2023, Christopher Del Vanover, 30, Buffalo, to Kimberly Ann Mc-

Donell, 36, Buffalo.
Land Transfers
 The Rickey Floyd and Marsha D. Floyd Trust to Scott D. And Tiffany M. Hill, northeast of Fair Grove.
 Jack W. McNish to Connie J. Foster and Carrie Foster, northwest of Long Lane.
 Mamie M. Nealon Trust to Meagan Loyd, city of Urbana.
 Sandra Lee McFaul to Jack W. McNish, city of Buffalo.
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pany to Gerald and Jennifer Sutton, city of Buffalo.
 Larry C. And Debra L. Jarvis and Lucy Mae Jarvis Trust to Jeremy C. And Megan E. Jarvis, southeast of Plad.
 Glen S. And Connie L. Jackson to William R. And Joyce A. Cahow, southeast of Buffalo.
 Ella Louise Franklin to Dylan Mountain, city of Buffalo.
 Joe W. Dill to Jason and Denee Blake and Bradley Joe Schofield, north of March.

State of Missouri vs. Travis Wade Tosh

Travis Wade Tosh, Halfway, born in 1967, was charged by Dallas County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan D. Barker in Dallas County Circuit Court with two counts of the felony of failing to register as a sex offender on or between May 18, 2023 and August 18, 2023. His bond was set at \$100,000.
 According to his probable cause statement, Sgt. C. Carriger of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office said that on August 16, 2023, he was advised that a registered sexual offender was living and working or volunteering his time at the Endeavor House in Buffalo, Dallas County. Carriger was advised that the subject was using the name of Travis Wade while his legal name was Travis Wade Tosh.
 Carriger said he located a sex offender registration out of Polk County Missouri for Travis Wade Tosh dated June 7, 2023 and signed by Tosh. Tosh listed that he was unemployed with no volunteering status listed and that he lived at an address in Halfway. Tosh signed the sex offender registration and on the signature page line three read as follows, "I understand that I shall register in person, within three business days, each time I change my name, residence, employment (including status as a volunteer or intern), student status or termination to any of the items

listed in this subsection.
 Carriger reported that he and Sheriff Scott Rice located Tosh at the Endeavor House location where he was reported to be volunteering and living. Tosh was taken to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, advised of his Miranda warning and questioned regarding the allegations. Tosh admitted to staying overnight on an average of 10 night per month for the twelve months. Tosh also admitted that he has been volunteering at the Endeavor House but he doesn't get paid for th work he does there. Tosh admitted to not using his full name," said the report, "and only using Travis Wade so the his past record would be known to others.
 Tosh has previous convictions within Taney County, Missouri, for failing to register as a sexual offender. He admitted that was due to a residency violation that is similar to the residency violation in his investigation.
 Carriger reported that Tosh is required to register as a sexual offender due to being convicted of multiple counts of possession of child pornography on Feb. 6, 2006 in Jackson County, Missouri. The victims listed in those cases were all under the age of seventeen.
Anyone accused of a crime is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

State of Missouri vs. Ladonna Sue Barker State of Missouri vs. Jason Arnold Guehrer

Ladonna Sue Barker, Lebanon, born in 1979, and Jason Arnold Guehrer, Waynesville, born in 1981, were each charged by Dallas County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan D. Barker in Dallas County Circuit Court with the class D felony of burglary in the second degree, the class D felony of stealing and the class E felony of property damage in the first degree on or about August 31, 2023. Their bonds were set at \$40,000 each.
 According to his probable cause statement, Deputy B. Stewart of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office said that at approximately 5:31 a.m. on August 31, 2023, he was on patrol in Dallas County when he was dispatched to a building within the Wilson township of Dallas County in reference to an active burglary. While en route, Stewart was informed by dispatch that the reporting party was

following the suspects as they traveled into Laclede County. He was then notified that the Laclede County Sheriff's Office had the subjects stopped and in custody.
 Stewart reported that upon speaking to the owner, he stated multiple copper wires were torn from the ceiling and walls. The owner of the building advised the doors and windows were locked and secured before the incident took place. He later filled out a statement form and estimated the damage and wire at about \$5,000. After searching the outside area of the store, Stewart located a large blue tub containing multiple large amounts of copper wire and Copper piping that was cut from within the building along with wire cutters.
 Stewart spoke with suspect number one, (Ladonna Sue Barker), read her Miranda rights, and she agreed to speak with him. He asked her what she was

doing at the building and she stated she and the male suspect who was a later identified as suspect number 2 (Jason Arnold Guehrer) were behind it making out. Chief Deputy Garner asked how the blue tub of copper wire got out of the building and she stated she didn't know.
 Stewart said he collected Barker's shoe and compared the shoe to the footprint on the door and backroom kitchen. The shoes and footprints appeared to be an identical match.
 Laclede County deputies later arrived with Guehrer. He was read his Miranda rights and he agreed to speak with Stewart. Guehrer stated he and Ladonna were parked behind the building about to have sex when a vehicle pulled up. He said Ladonna got scared it was her ex-boyfriend so they left.
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State of Missouri vs. Marissa Ann Phares

Marissa Ann Phares, Elkland, born in 1996, was charged by Dallas County Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan D. Barker in Dallas County Circuit Court with the class E felony of driving without a valid license and the class D misdemeanor of failure to maintain financial responsibility on or about July 13, 2023. Her bond was set at \$10,000.
 According to his probable

cause statement, Officer Darren Cheek of the Buffalo City Police Department reported, that at 11:45 a.m. on July 13, 2023, he was on routine patrol within the city of Buffalo when he observed a blue 2009 Chevy pickup bearing Missouri plates of 1CGH09 traveling west on W. Main Street. He said he recognized the vehicle from surveillance footage from a storage unit burglary provided by My

Place Storage. He followed the truck and noticed the truck was missing a rear license plate. The pickup turned right on to N. Locust, failing to use a turn signal. The truck then turned right on to Franklin Street, again failing to use a turn signal. The driver failed to use a turn signal again as it abruptly turned right on to Walnut Street. The pickup then came to a stop in the middle of the street and parked. Cheek

said he activated his emergency lights and pulled behind the vehicle to perform a traffic stop for the violations he had observed. While stopped behind the vehicle, Cheek observed the driver and a passenger attempt to switch positions, but failed to accomplish the change in time.
 Upon contact with the driver Marissa Phares, Cheek requested a copy of the vehicle's insurance information. Pares

advised the vehicle was not insured. Cheek had dispatch do a M.U.L.E.S. check which revealed Phares was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license and her current operator status being revoked. She had offenses for driving without a driver's license in Henry, Polk and Dallas counties.
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A TALE OR TWO

Passing the Torch



A Mother's Day celebration at my folk's house. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Here is a note I am passing along to my family. "TO MY WONDERFUL FAMILY

With Bob and Carol Ann's help, we moved into this house on March 1, 1977. By December of that year, we had enough of the house completed that I felt we could host the Thomas Christmas gathering.

"Mom and Daddy were no longer together, so she needed a place to celebrate. About a week prior to the 25th, we all gathered here for lunch. Ham, Mom's potato salad, my butterhorn rolls, gallons and gallons of sweet tea, Dazel's mac and cheese, Jana's cheese ball, Charlene's deviled eggs, vegetable plate and her cherry cheesecake, Connie's salads, Carol Ann's pecan pie, plus other things rounded out the meal.

"When Mom was with us, we exchanged gifts. She was determined to continue this tradition. The last few years, Charlene did the shopping for Mom, for the little kids only. Of course, we got Mom gifts to open.

"Photos galore. Oh, the changes. As the years flew by, the little kids grew up, and the older folks passed away.

"So, after nearly 45 years, it is time for me to retire. I want everyone to know that I love you dearly, and I have enjoyed my time during your visits.

"The Thomas cousins get together once a month at the Fair Grove Senior Center. We are given the side room where we can all sit together. Oh, the fun stories that are told, the laughter, the smiles and hugs. If you would like to join us, we'd truly enjoy your company.

"I'll miss you, but it is time to pass the torch to someone else."

Thanksgiving, Christmas



MARILYN SMITH
COLUMNIST

and Easter are my favorite holidays. I love the gatherings with family and friends.

I've written before about the meals eaten at my grandma Belva Thomas' house. She was a fantastic cook. The trouble with her meals, it was not unusual for her to start cooking after everybody arrived. The result—we didn't get to eat until around 2:00.

With four sons, plus their families, Belva's house was full to overflowing. Especially after she moved into the little house located behind the Fair Grove School. It was small. But she invited all of us, and we had a good time.

She could whip up a coconut cream pie in the blink of an eye. The same goes for her Boston cream pie, which was actually a cake. A two-layer cake she sliced in half, with pudding and sliced bananas slathered between the layers. All this was served warm. It was delicious.

Belva had long, slender fingers that she cupped in such a way that they were her measuring cups. So many hands-full of this and so many hands-full of that. I don't remember her actually measuring anything; with a measuring cup, that is.

Interspersed with Belva hosting the gatherings, was meals at my folk's house. Oh, what fun we at those family dinners.

After Terry and I were married, we had to share our events equally between both families. I do remember that first Smith Thanksgiving. We lived in a little rent house, located on West College, in Springfield. It had a large dining room.

I followed my mother's directions on how to bake the turkey—"be sure to get it salty enough," she said. Believe me, I did. The broth was so salty I couldn't use it for the dressing. I had to go to the store and get a chicken so I could use the broth. Everything turned out to be good, much to my relief.

Another meal I fixed them while living in that little rent house was cashew and sweet and sour chicken. It was all very good, but it just about worked me to death.

My mother-in-law and my dad were sticklers for holidays to be celebrated on the correct day. Thanksgiving on that Thursday, at noon, every year. Christmas at the Smith house, that morning at 8:00; even when our children were babies. We were to arrive at that ungodly hour, open presents, eat breakfast, stay until noon, eat lunch, then head home for a couple of hours, then be at my dad's house at 3:00. Let me tell you, we were worn to a frazzle when we got home.

That's when I declared I'm going to accommodate our children's schedules. Whatever time is convenient for them, that is when we can have our celebrations.

Last year, due to Terry's illness and eventual passing, we didn't celebrate Thanksgiving, and our Christmas was celebrated Dec. 3rd. Terry was able to enjoy the day. I'm truly thankful for the 53 years we had together. They were good!

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President Kennedy is assassinated

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

NOV. 28, 1963

Bill C. Cox, radarman third class in the Navy, was serving aboard the destroyer USS Perkins. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed by an assassin. Almost with the speed of light, by television, by radio, by wire and by print, news spread around the world that the president was dead. He was the fourth U.S. president to die a martyr's death. The oath of office was administered to President Lyndon B. Johnson only minutes after Kennedy's death. The Missouri State Highway Commission gave tentative approval to location plans for a 2-mile-long section of U.S. 65 in Dallas and Greene counties. Nyberg Pharmacy installed a refrigerated candy case to prevent chocolates and other candies from melting. Area deaths: Sarah Garrison Harmon, Anna McCall Reser, John Pitts, Elmer Allen Sheridan, infant Gregory Lee Oakes, Douglas Lee Pitts and Nell M. (Dorman) Jones.

NOV. 29, 1973

Miss Merry Christmas candidates for Buffalo included Pam Gower, freshman; Sandra Righter, sophomore; Cheryl Clayton, junior; and Lois Ernster, senior. Most of Missouri's counties were able to turn over to the State Highway Department one road that was currently county-maintained. The roads were to be taken into the state system one at a time over a period of 10 years. Buffalo football players named to the All-Conference team included Steve Ownby, Rick Davis, Charles Gann, Mark Gronniger, Dan Crawford, John Crawford, Dan Bower, Lee Price and Bert Dunham. Missouri pickup truck owners were to be issued license plates under a new system, effective Jan. 1. Daniel Earl Shewmaker, 13, received the Eagle Scout award. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scott, Tunas, were to observe their 50th wedding anniversary.

Judy Southard was named Miss Farmers Insurance Group of Buffalo. Area deaths: Wilma Burg, Mae Viola Tracy, infant Deedra Ann Barclay, Wilodean Walker Landry, Arvil Raymond Crain, Elsie Anderson, Julia Alice Guthrie, Vivian Clarence White, Nancy Emmaline Fugate and Joseph Edgar Phifer.

DEC. 1, 1983

Incorporation proceedings were under way for the Dallas County Humane Society, which was organized in October by a group of residents. Skyline graduate Army Sgt. Kenyon W. Merriott, Urbana, was one of the first servicemen of the 82nd Division to land on the island of Grenada in the recent fighting. He also served in both Bright Star operations in 1981 and 1982 in Egypt. C&H Country Closet was to open on the Buffalo square. The proprietresses were Janice Chapman and Sharon Hagan. Lee Berry, a Dallas County native who was one of the last of the old-time tie rafters on the Niangua River, turned 102. A house behind the Foose store south of Buffalo was destroyed by fire. Renters Jeff Lilley and Jerry Dutcher were away. Area deaths: Dorothy J. Macy, Nellie Smith Carter, Lyndon T. Nunn, John Willoughby, Myron Lee Hill, Helen Lee McDowell, Ara Lavern Brundridge and Marjorie Hodges.

DEC. 1, 1993

Five months after his murder in a random drive-by shooting, Randy Simonis, a former Dallas Countian and a career sailor in the Navy, was honored in a military ceremony at the Fleet Training Center in San Diego. Showing at Buffalo Twin Cinema: "Demolition Man," "The Beverly Hillsbillies" and "Rudy." Area deaths: Betty Lou Collar, Wilbur Duane Engelhardt, Geneva Rose Arnold and Timothy R. Anderson.

DEC. 3, 2003

Denelle Spear, editor of the Buffalo Reflex for one year, was named editor/general manager. Keepers of the Colony, a feral cat rescue program headed by Judy Jurgens, received a \$5,000 grant. The Fair Grove Farmers' Market received second place in the AgriMissouri Farmers' Market Excellence Award Contest. Dallas County native Judy Kallenbach was retiring after 25 years at the Bolivar Herald-Free Press. Aven and Bernadine Cozad, Buffalo, were to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Stillwater Road bridge had a lot of meaning to Dean Rhoten, whose dad brought the bridge's steel beams to the county. Deaths: Anna Lisa Kane, Paula Jeanette Fletcher, Thora Clovilee Voorhees, Willa Nadine Canon and Jack Lee Rauh.

NOV. 27, 2013

Ruth Richardson was the new administrator of Engles Senior Center in Buffalo. Shannon Rae Smith, 31, Springfield, formerly of Buffalo, was charged with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident after the vehicle she was allegedly operating was party to an accident that killed bicyclist Zachary Gibson, 23, Springfield. Frankie and Paula Phillips, Buffalo, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Area deaths: Herman Lawrence "Larry" Von Sande Sr., John Michael Williams and Gladys Mae Mullinix.

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DCR-1 District joins Mid-Lakes Conference in 2024-2025

Submitted by Tim Ryan
DCR-1 superintendent

The Dallas County R-I School District (Buffalo High School and Buffalo Prairie Middle School) is joining the Mid-Lakes Conference (MLC) for student activities beginning in the 2024-2025 School Year.

The Mid-Lakes Conference includes Clever, Fair Grove, Forsyth, Hollister, Reeds Spring, Springfield Catholic, and Strafford schools. The district is currently aligned with the Ozark Highland Conference (OHC) which is made up of Butler, Eldorado Springs, Sherwood, Versailles, and Warsaw schools. DCR1 has enjoyed six years of working with the OHC schools.

This conference alignment and competition has benefited our district. The district is joining the MLC for two primary reasons. First, the average travel distance to MLC schools is

thirty minutes less than to the OHC schools. This time represents 30 minutes longer students can remain in classes in the afternoon and 30 minutes they could be home each evening after the competition. The average travel time to OHC schools is one hour and twenty-two minutes, and the average travel time to MLC schools is fifty three minutes.

The other reason for this change is that all of the districts in the MLC are closer to our own district enrollment of around 1,800 students. The smallest MLC district is between 1,200 and 1,300 students and the largest is just over 1800 students. In our current conference the smallest district has 800 students enrolled and we are the largest district by over 300 students. We believe this new conference alignment will be a positive experience for our students and will be an exceptional conference fit for many years to come.

Missouri students invited to participate in No MOre Trash! contest

Trash-can-decorating contest runs through March 15

The Missouri Department of Transportation invites Missouri students in grades K-12 to help fight litter in Missouri – and to have creative and educational fun – by participating in the 2024 “Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter-Free” trash-can-decorating contest. The contest is part of MoDOT’s annual “No MOre Trash!” statewide litter campaign, which is held in April.

The contest encourages school-aged kids to join in the fight against litter by decorating a large trash can with the “No MOre Trash!” logo and a litter prevention message using a variety of creative materials. Schools, or home school programs, may submit one trash can entry in each competition category: grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 – and new this year is grades 9-12. Entries are judged based on creativity, adherence to the contest rules and effective use of the theme and logo.

First-place winners from each competition category receive \$200 awarded to the sponsoring schools. All first-place winners are then eligible for a grand prize of \$600 and a trophy awarded to the sponsoring school.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Participating school groups must submit a completed entry form online with up to three photos and a release form by March 15. Contest rules, entry forms, release forms, logos, past winners and educational information can be found at modot.org/trash-can-contest.

Pictures with Santa at Mallory Dec. 16

Mallory PTO is hosting pictures with Santa from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 16 at Mallory Elementary. Sage Photography will be set up in the library taking photos with Santa. There will be milk and cookies in the cafeteria along with some coloring pages and a station to write your wishlist to Santa. There is a \$5 entry fee at the door.

Cookie Crawl and Bake off Dec. 8

Join the Cookie Crawl and Bake off from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 8 in Downtown Buffalo. You’ll start at Market 116 to grab a bag, a map, and a punch card. Entrance fee covers your bag and punch card and is \$5, you will also receive a \$5 gift card to Market 116 in your bag. This enters you into the Cookie Crawl, then you can begin the crawl journey.

Stop in at the local businesses around the square and they will hand you a cookie and punch your card. Some businesses will be open for business

or tours along with their cookie contribution, others will give you a cookie and wish you a Merry Christmas!

You will end your crawl back at Market 116 where your filled up punch card enters you into a drawing for a \$100 Market 116 Gift Card (More prizes to be announced). Once you’re back at the store visit our classroom to be the judge for a Cookie Bake Off. You will also receive a bonus entry in the giveaway if you are wearing an ugly Christmas sweater or shirt.

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VOL. 11 BLOOMFIELD, MO., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1861

The small town of Bloomfield, Missouri was a busy place during the Civil War. Union and Confederate forces exchanged control of the town over twenty times between November 1861 and September 1864. On November 9, 1861, under orders from Brigadier General Ulysses Grant, soldiers of the 11th, 18th and 29th Illinois Regiments set up camp in the town. About ten of the three thousand troops had backgrounds in the newspaper business. They requisitioned the printing press of the *Bloomfield Herald* and created the first newspaper for soldiers, by soldiers, which they called *The Stars and Stripes*. Today, the Stars and Stripes Museum/Library Association is in Bloomfield and has the original 1861 issue on display.

Stars and Stripes newspaper made its next appearance during World War I. General John J. Pershing wanted a newspaper written by servicemen for the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) of the United States Army in Europe. Seventy-one eight-page weekly editions were published between February 8, 1918 and June 13, 1919. The newspaper's mission was to strengthen the morale of the troops and to promote unity within the American forces, which were spread far and wide across the Western Front. The newspaper, which sold out its first edition of a thousand copies, was popular with soldiers. Many of the reporters and illustrators were veterans of the newspaper business or took the skills they had developed into the business upon their return from duty. *Stars and Stripes* may have been designated as the “official newspaper of the AEF,” but from the start operated under the principles of the First Amendment. This complete editorial independence earned the respect and confidence of the soldiers it served.

Stars and Stripes began being published again during World War II. As before, the staff was composed of veteran reporters or some who would return to become important journalists. With U.S. forces spread across many different operating theaters during World War II, dozens of editions of the newspaper were printed. At one time, there were as many as 25 publishing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. Some of these were assembled and printed very close to the different fronts in order to get the latest information to the most troops.

World War II ended but it was decided that *Stars and Stripes* would continue as long as troops were stationed abroad. The newspaper has been published continuously in Europe since 1942 and in the Pacific since 1945. Today, Stars and Stripes maintains news bureaus around the world including Europe, Pacific and the Middle East to provide first-hand reporting on events. Reporters have been with troops in Korea, Vietnam, throughout the Cold War, in Kosovo and Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries. On any given day, the total average daily audience for *Stars and Stripes* news and information can exceed 1.0 million.

This unique newspaper began in Missouri. Learn more about its roots at the National Stars and Stripes Museum and Library, www.starsandstripesmuseumlibrary.org, in Bloomfield. This non-profit educational institution is dedicated to collecting, documenting, and preserving materials related to the creation and continued history of the *Stars and Stripes* military newspaper. The museum and library seek to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the newspaper's role in American and world history.

Newspaper Connections: *Stars and Stripes* newspaper operates under the principles of the First Amendment. Reimagine it being written by people not operating under “freedom of press.”

Artful Saturday' Dec. 2 at Fair Grove Branch Library

Tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Artful Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Fair Grove Branch Library, 81 S. Orchard Blvd.


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Fair Grove boys have great talent, high expectations

By Paul Campbell
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Fair Grove's boys basketball team is expected to be greatly improved over last year's team that finished 13-9 overall and tied for first place in the Mid-Lakes Conference with a 3-1 record.

The versatile Jaxon Rowden was the only senior on the team last year, so the Eagles have four returning starters. Therefore Fair Grove has talent, experience and depth.

"We have a very experienced group returning, and they understand our program's expectations and standards," said Coach Bryan Tucker, in his third year at the helm. "We know we need to focus on getting stops, rebounding and taking care of the basketball for us to be successful."



Coach Bryan Tucker

It may take the Eagles a while to get in the groove since several football players have had only one day of practice before playing in the Clever Tournament this week.

One player who has been able to practice is 6-7 senior Tyler Barnett, a rebounding machine who brought down seven boards and tallied nearly 11 points per game last year. He was selected second team All-Conference.

One of the football players, Bryden Baxter, a 6-1 junior, was the team's leading scorer last year with 13 points per contest, along with nearly six rebounds and two assists. He was named first team All-Conference and All-District.

Also back is another football player, Spenser Seiger, a 6-3 junior who averaged nearly nine points and five boards per game. Seiger also had 2.8 assists per contest, and he was selected second team All-Conference and All-District.

Fair Grove's fourth returning starter is 6-2 senior Blake Winterberg, and his brother, 6-3 junior Kyle Winterberg was one of then first subs into the game.

As mentioned, Fair Grove has good depth, with five quality players to round out the varsity roster.

Nolen Geitz is a 6-5 junior who averaged nearly three rebounds per game, and Sam Kennard is a 6-3 junior who averaged 2.4 boards.

"Sam will give us more perimeter shooting," Tucker said. "He was a leader on the junior varsity last year and has continued to improve his overall game and athleticism. He will provide us with depth as well."

Kellen Lair, a 5-10 junior, is a tremendous athlete and All-State football player that will give the team more speed as a defender.

"He has incredible quickness and instincts to make plays anywhere on the floor," Tucker said. "His shooting has really improved, and I cannot wait to see how he helps our team. He is a multi-sport athlete that is willing to take on any challenge thrown his way."

Brock Boatwright is a 5-10 junior who played in only eight varsity games last year. However, in the last few games his playing time increased significantly.

"Brock can shoot the ball well from the outside and is always in the right position defensively to help our overall team defense," Tucker said. "He is a tough kid who is always willing to take a charge."

A 6-0 freshman who could see varsity time is Gavin Thomason.

"He is a great athlete that can handle it as well as shoot it," Tucker said. "For his age he is very strong and has a body that will fit in at the varsity level."

Tucker emphasized that the team played good defense last year, and that will need to happen again to be successful.

"We want to play with a little more pace this season due to our depth being such a strong asset," Tucker said. "The Mid-Lakes will be a very competitive conference. We hope to be playing our best basketball when our conference schedule begins and especially when the district tournament begins."

The Eagles are opening their season this week in the Clever Tournament, and they were scheduled to play Clever last night (Tuesday) in pool play. They will face Rush HJomeschool Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Fair Grove also will play sometime on Saturday, depending on how it finishes in its pool.

Following the tournament, the Eagles will play home games against Marshfield on Dec. 8 and Ash Grove on Dec. 15.

Sophomores to dominate Bison boys basketball team

By Paul Campbell
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Although six Buffalo seniors graduated from a boys basketball team that finished 7-10 overall and 3-5 in the Ozark Highlands Conference, there is no need to panic.

The school's sophomore class is one of the best in many years and several of the sophs played a lot of varsity ball last year. There will no doubt be challenges and growing pains, but the Bison should be interesting to watch.

There is only one senior and no juniors on the team, who have varsity experience, so the sophomores will carry the day for the next three years.

The only senior is Carson Shepperly, a 5-9 guard who has started some games during the past couple of years.

"Carson has an incredible basketball IQ and will provide great leadership to the



Coach Kyle Gawlowski

younger players," said Kyle Gawlowski, an alumnus who is in his eighth season as head coach. "This summer he has shown that he is capable of being a strong point presence who can step out and stretch the defense and provide a calming presence for our underclassmen."

Among returnees, Blair Abraham is a 6-6 sophomore who began to play well the second half of the season. He finished with six points and 5.6 rebounds per contest. He will be trying to fill the shoes of three-year starter Joseph Horinek, who averaged 12 points,

11 boards and five blocked shots per game.

"He is capable of being a three-level scorer who is able to use his height advantage to dictate the game around him both ends of the floor," Gawlowski said. "He has incredible potential as he continues to work and mature."

A team needs people who can shoot the ball well, and one of them is Abraham. Another is 6-0 sophomore Braden McGregor, who averaged only four points per game last year, but scored in double figures a few times. He is a gym rat who is dedicated and never wants to leave the gym.

"His athleticism and strength greatly improved over the summer," Gawlowski said. "We are expecting Braden to be a dynamic two-way player who is capable of putting up points in bunches and frustrating the other team's best perimeter scorer." Matthew Skinner, a 5-9 sophomore,

is an old-school, blue-collar type player "who wants to spend the entire game being as physical as possible," according to Gawlowski.

"His toughness and physicality are going to make a lot of guards uncomfortable all game long," the coach said. Skinner also has an attacking style on the offensive end.

Buffalo starts out with some pretty good size with Abraham at 6-6, but 6-3 sophomore Dalton Bennett also adds to that strength. Bennett is an athletic forward who uses his height to finish in traffic and does a great job of using the hustle to disrupt on the defensive end.

"He has done a great job in the weight room and will use his new strength to be a strong post presence for us who is capable of stepping out to the perimeter to handle the ball," Gawlowski said.

Isaiah Mueller is a 5-9 junior who has no varsity experience. Gawlowski said

Mueller is a good defender who has the potential to be a good outside shooter and perimeter ball handler.

"We are excited to see what he can bring to us on the varsity level," he said.

Landon Mota is a 5-8 sophomore who transferred from Springfield Hillcrest.

"Landon is a speedy guard with a great pull-up jumper," Gawlowski said. "His physicality and quick hands will give us another defender to pressure the other team."

Two freshmen may see some varsity time, including 5-10 Isaiah Young, who was the starting quarterback in football until he was injured in the eighth game of the season. It is uncertain when one will be able to play.

"Isaiah is an incredible athlete and uses his strength and athleticism far beyond what the usual freshman is capable of," Gawlowski said.

Brandon McGregor, at 6-0, improved a lot in the summer against vari-

ty-caliber opponents.

"As he adjusts to the physicality of the high school level, he will provide a solid ball handling presence and be a smart role player who can fill in at many different positions," Gawlowski said.

The Bison open their season this week in the Strafford Tournament where they are seeded seventh. They were scheduled to play second-seeded Sparta last night (Tuesday). If Buffalo won its opener, it will advance to the semifinals Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and if they lost they will move to the consolation bracket and play Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The Bison will play Saturday either in the seventh-place game at 11 a.m., the fifth-place game at 12:30 p.m., the third-place game at 2 p.m. or the championship game at 3:30 p.m.

Following the tournament the Bison will play at Eldon and at Skyline Dec. 12. Their first home game will be Dec. 14 against Lamar.

Buffalo and Skyline change conferences Buffalo to MLC, Skyline to SWC

Many colleges have switched conferences in the past few years, and Missouri high schools have followed suit.

The Mid-Lakes Conference added three teams starting next year with Reeds Spring, Hollister and Springfield Catholic joining the group. The new lineup starts with the 2024-25 school year. That gave the conference eight teams, which is ideal, but it didn't last very long.

Skyline, seeing three more teams with much larger enrollments join the league, decided to drop out and join the Southwest Conference.

Within a few days, Buffalo left the Ozark Highlands Conference and joined the Mid-Lakes, giving that conference eight teams again.

Skyline was already the smallest school in the Mid-Lakes, so officials sought to be in a conference where the Tigers could be more competitive.

Athletic director Jim Brown issued the following statement:

"We are very appreciative of our long-time membership in the Mid-Lakes Conference and still have good relationships with Clever, Fair Grove, Forsyth, and Strafford, but with especially the addition of three new schools, that conference has simply outgrown us over the past several years. While our enrollment numbers have decreased in the past five to seven years, all those other schools in close proximity of Springfield and Branson have continued to grow in enrollment.

"We will fall somewhere right in the middle of the pack, enrollment-wise, with

the Southwest Conference schools. We look forward to rekindling our relationship with several former MLC members which are now SWC schools (Ash Grove, Marionville, Pleasant Hope, Stockton) and to developing new relationships with Diamond, Lockwood, Miller, Pierce City and Sarcouxie."

Buffalo is changing conferences for two primary reasons, according to a press release issued by the school district. First, the average travel distance to MLC schools is 30 minutes less than to the current Ozark Highlands Conference schools. It's a long way to Butler, Sherwood and Versailles in particular.

"This time represents 30 minutes longer students can remain in classes in the afternoon and 30 minutes they could be home after the competition," according to the press release.

It points out that the average travel time to OHC schools is one hour and 22 minutes while the average to MLC schools will be 53 minutes.

The other reason for the change is that all the districts in the MLC are closer to Buffalo's enrollment of around 1,800 students.

"In our current conference the smallest district has 800 students enrolled and Buffalo is the largest district by more than 300 students, the release stated. "We believe this new conference alignment will be a positive experience for our students and will be an exceptional conference fit for many years to come."

The six years in the Ozark Highlands Conference benefited Buffalo greatly because it was able

to get out of the Central Ozarks Conference, which featured much larger schools.

Former Buffalo activities

director Tom Stokes played a major role in founding the OHC, which this year increased from five to six teams due to the addition

of Versailles.

To illustrate how conference changes have changed the landscape, the new Mid-Lakes Con-

ference will include only two schools — Fair Grove and Strafford — that were members of the MLC seven years ago."

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Bison boys '64,'65 teams to be honored

Buffalo boys' 1964 and 1965 state champion teams will be honored by the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The teams also will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Bison's home game vs. Lamar.

Skyline boys should show Improvement this year

By Paul Campbell
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Tommy Egan

Skyline's boys basketball team finished with an uncharacteristic 4-24 record last year, but things look somewhat better this season.

"We will be pretty young, but at the same time we have more returning varsity experience than we had last year," said Coach Tommy Egan, in his seventh year as the Tigers' head coach. "We had far too many live turnovers last season and we did not force many turnovers on the defensive end. This will have to improve if we want to take a step forward."

AJ Dampier, whom Egan calls a tremendous leader, is the only senior on the team, and he averaged 6.5 points per game last year.

"He has taken on the role as the guy who will guard the other team's best player and can help provide scoring and playmaking ability," Egan said.

Skyline's leading scorer last year was Aiden

Meade, a 5-7 guard who averaged just under 14 points per game. And he is only a sophomore this year.

"We put a ton on Aiden's shoulders last season as a freshman and will be expecting even more out of him this year," Egan said.

Aside from being an outstanding shooter, Meade provided good ball handling and was one of the team's best defenders. Meade was named honorable mention All-Conference and All-District.

Also back is 6-0 junior Tyler Henry, who missed his freshman season due to an injury, but was a starter last year.

"He is a smart, hard-nosed competitor, and we really feel he is going to make huge strides in his play this year," Egan said. He averaged four rebounds per contest last year.

Jayden Moppin, a 6-1 junior, provides toughness to the team.

"He has the ability to be one of our better post defenders and is one of the best rebounders on the team," Egan said.

Camden West, a 6-0 junior, showed some signs of providing some scoring last year.

"With improved defense and ball handling he should be in the mix for more varsity minutes this year," Egan said.

Paxton Foster is a 6-0 sophomore who was able to get some varsity minutes as a freshman.

"He had a really good summer, and we are excited to see that transfer over in his second year," Egan said.

Twin brothers Carter Milbern, a 6-3 junior, and Conner Milbern, a 6-2 junior, are "team-first guys," according

to Egan.

"Carter is our best rim protector and will provide depth in the post position, and Conner is a good shooter who has really improved in the other aspects of his game," Egan said.

Carter King, a 5-10 freshman who was the quarterback on the football team this year, is described by Egan as "a true point guard that looks to fill a much-needed void."

"He is very talented and as he begins to understand the constant effort that is required at the varsity level, he will have the chance to have a solid high school career," Egan said.

One major concern for the Tigers is rebounding.

"We will not be very big, so team rebounding will be extremely important," Egan said. "To a man, I think every single person in our program was disappointed in how last season turned out and wants to get back to a high standard."

He added: "So far this

group has really shown a willingness to put in the work it takes to get back to the program we want to be. We have a long road ahead of us, but this is a hard working, motivated and enjoyable group to be around, and we are all ready for the season to get started."

As usual, the Tigers are opening their season this week in the Warsaw Tournament. The seventh-seeded Tigers were scheduled to play second-seeded Cole Camp last night (Tuesday) in the opening round. If Skyline won, the Tigers will play in the semifinals Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If they lost, they will move to the consolation bracket and play Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The fifth-place game will be played Saturday at 3 p.m., followed by the third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship game at 6 p.m.

Following the tournament, the Tigers will play at home against Wheatland Dec. 8 and Buffalo Dec. 12.

Skyline girls pound Butler 76-17 in opener

Top-seeded Skyline girls rolled past eighth-seeded Butler 75-17 in the opening round of the Warsaw Tournament Monday. This also was Skyline's first game of the year.

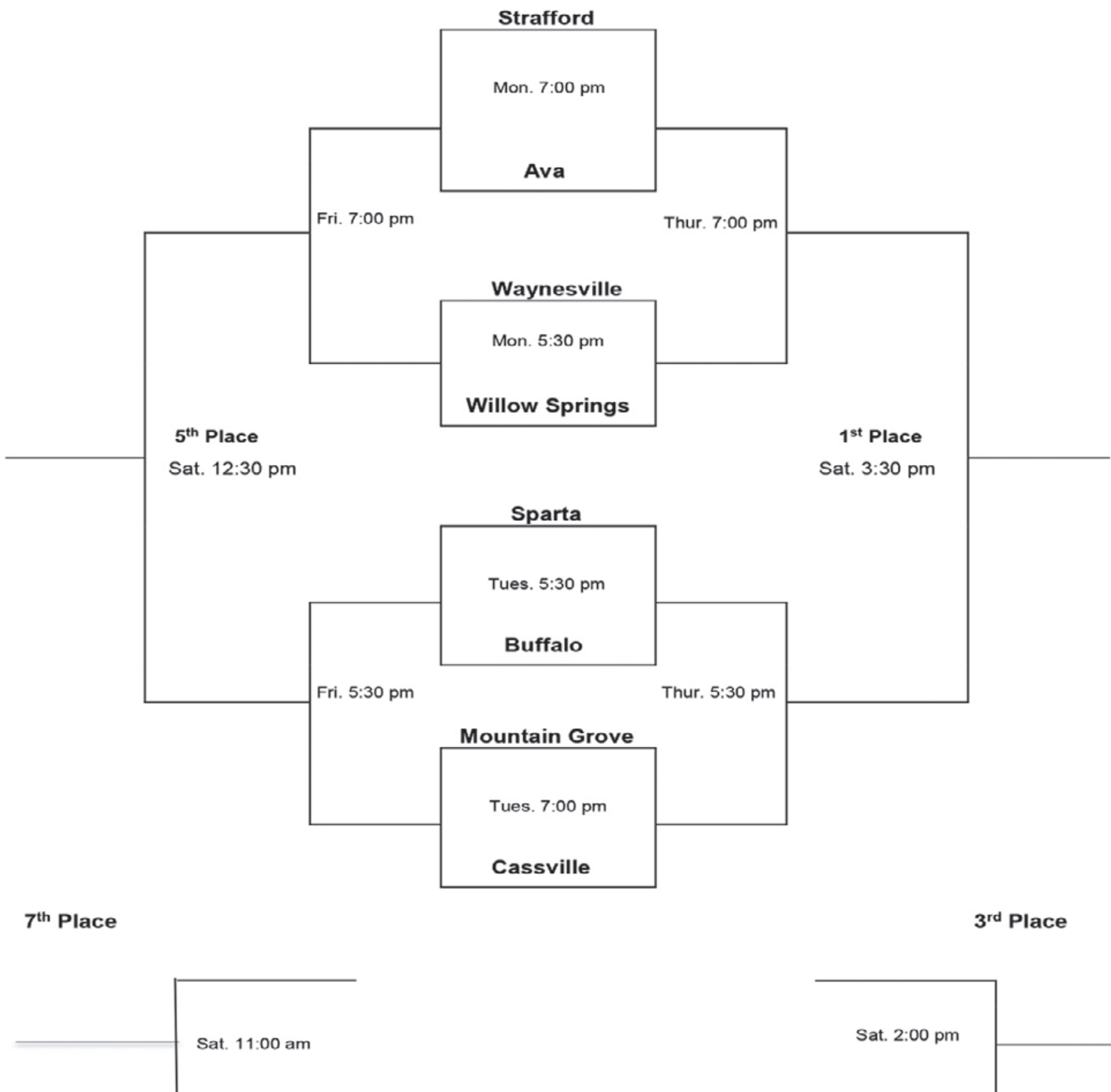
Ashlen Garrett led the way with 24 points and Kenzi Cheek added 13 as 10 different players scored. Autumn Baldwin tallied nine points, followed by Shelby Redd eight, Ashton Cooley eight and Jayln Barb six.

Sadie Redd, Jenna Hunt, Riley James and Cela Anderson each scored two points.

The Lady Tigers will play in the semifinals tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of fourth-seeded Weaubleau vs. fifth-seeded Cole Camp.

If they win Wednesday they will play for the championship Friday at 8 p.m. if they lose they will play for third place Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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Fair Grove's football season ends with 51-26 loss to Valle



Kellen Lair (86) scored two touchdowns against Valle Catholic and he scored a phenomenal 50 TDs in 13 games. REFLEX PHOTOS BY MELISSA GREEN

Eagles finish with 12-1 record

Fair Grove's football season ended with a loss to Valle Catholic 51-26 Saturday after trailing just 22-13 at the half. Valle Catholic is one game away from winning its 17th state championship. It will face another perennial champion, however, in the Class 2 state championship game this week — Lamar.

"This is the best football team I have coached," said Bill Voorhis, who just finished his 10th season at the school. "We are only one of two Fair Grove teams to win 12 games." The Eagles have won 11 games three times since Voorhis has been there.

Fair Grove didn't have as many penalties as in previous games, and its only turnover was a "pick six" when a Valle player intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown.

"That was a terrible play call on my part," he said.

Quarterback Spensar Seiger completed 15 of 27 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns and ran the ball 15 times for 86 yards.

Kellen Lair carried the ball 10 times for 90 yards and caught five passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns. For the season Lair has rushed for 37 touchdowns, caught 10 TD passes



Brock Bruner (44) and Seth Hardison gang up on a Valle Catholic player in the Class 2 state semifinals game.

and returned three kickoffs to the end zone. That's a total of 50 touchdowns in 13 games.

Gavin Thomason caught five passes for 69 yards. Carson

Krider was three for 61 yards and a TD, and Brock Bruner caught one pass for 59 yards and a touchdown.

Fair Grove will have its top

skill people back next year, including Lair, Seiger and Bryden Baxter. Thomason also is only a freshman this year.

Rebuilding the line will be a

challenge next year as center Jaren Robinson is the only returning offensive lineman. Six of 11 players on the defensive unit will be returning.

Fair Grove Girls Basketball



Cam Hart plays tough defense against Fatima in the Lady Eagles' first game of the year. Fair Grove won 81-58, then defeated Ava 75-8 in the opening game of the Fair Grove Tournament. We hope to have stats for next week's issue. REFLEX PHOTOS BY MELISSA GREEN



Ashton Bell goes up for a shot against Fatima. Fair Grove won 84-58 in its opening game of the season.



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Meet Florence

By STEVE JOHNSON
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Florence (Perdue) Evans had her 96th birthday last week, the day before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22). Just before her birthday, she had some visitors from Dallas County. Gale Lilley and Jeannie Cook from the Dallas County Historical Society made a trip to the Kansas City area to visit with the former Dallas County resident.

For someone who's been around for nearly a century, she has a lot of history she can share.

Florence's father, Loyd (Basil) Perdue was born in 1893 in Ohio and traveled by covered wagon with his father, grandfather and uncles in 1899 to the town of Huron in Polk County, Missouri. Those wagon bows are proudly displayed at the Dallas County Historical Society.

After her father and mother, Lola, married they went to Colorado. Basil did his military service from 1918-1919. After he got out of the service, they moved to the panhandle of Oklahoma near Woodward, and the 160 acres became theirs after homesteading on it for five years during the early 1920s. They traded the 160 acres in Oklahoma for 40 acres near Buffalo and moved to their new Dallas County home in 1925.

Florence (Perdue) Evans was born on November 11, 1927 in Dallas County about two years after her parents moved from Oklahoma to Missouri. She grew up on the family farm between Redtop and Foose and attended school at Church Grove (Foose) from first through the eighth grade. Then she went to Buffalo High School, where she graduated in 1945.

Florence's dad owned and operated a station-store combination that had two gas pumps. When Florence had to pump the gas for customers, often she would pump it too hard and the gasoline would overflow the glass bowl that sat on top of the pump. The station was one mile south of Foose and eight miles south of Buffalo. Basil built a croquet court, basketball court and a baseball diamond for everyone to come play. He sold the station in 1945 to Dave Patterson.

Florence fondly remembered her 16th birthday, "It was a gay party given by my parents in 1944 with six birthday cakes . . . three of which were Angle Food."

She also recalled New Years Eve as they welcomed 1947.

"It was a party that me and my best friends went to our first basketball game at the high school and then we all enjoyed sandwiches and Cokes at Mary Virginia Holt's home," Florence relates with a twinkle in her eyes. Her love of Coca-Cola continues to this day.

Florence attended



Florence Evans showcases the the quilt of a million and a quarter stitches her mother, Lola Perdue, put together in 18 months. It now calls the Northward Historical Society & Museum in Bolivar home. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Springfield Teacher's College (now Missouri State University) in 1945 and was asked to teach at Gladly Springs near Foose.

On February 8, 1947, Florence Perdue married Bob Evans in Harrison, Arkansas. She moved to Salida, Calif. to live with his parents since Bob had been drafted in January 1946. Once Bob was out of the service, they lived in Modesto, Calif. Times were so tough, there was no work so some friends told them there was plenty of work in Kansas City. Bob started work at Vendo, a company that developed and maintained the earliest forms of vending machine technology. He worked there for a while and then started working at Chevrolet until the plant closed in 1988. It was here at the Leeds Assembly plant factory that produced A-bodies and J-bodies.

Florence remembered

a high school class reunion in 1955 where eleven of her classmates were reunited in the old Buffalo High School cafeteria. She also recalled she and her mother visiting Grandpa Ed Lilly when Grandma Sally Lilly died. Grandpa was known for being a "Crackshot" with a gun. He would use a .22 instead of a shotgun to go quail hunting. He could shoot the inside of a Phillips 66 oil can right through the circles of the 66.

When Florence was reunited with Gale Lilly after nearly 80 years, they shared memories of their childhood. She reminded Gale that his cousin bought her old bicycle with new tires for \$12.45 in November 1945. They both had a good laugh when she expressed, "I sure wish I had that bike, it'd be worth a fortune now."

The visitors had a good time listening to Florence as she took



A class photo from Gladly Springs School 1945-46 when Florence (Perdue) Evans was the teacher.



Florence Evans is a big Kansas City Chiefs and a Coca-Cola fan.

Gale Lilly, left, visited Florence Evans at her home in Kansas City area this month.

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The dragons. have come for Christmas at Maddux's lighted trail.



Santa and his reindeer arrive in a van at Maddux's Lighted Christmas trail.



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Q & A

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What three words best describe you?
Adventurous, daring and stubborn.

Do you collect anything? (What and what got you started)
Shed Antlers. I'm an avid hunter.

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I absolutely love the desert. While I wouldn't want to live there, I do love going to hunt and vacation.

What do you think would be an amazing adventure to go on?

Sheep hunt in the Northwest Territories.

What is something that really annoys you?

Being late.

What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Moving to Alaska without knowing anyone there.

Name three of your favorite movies?

"Top Gun," "The Cowboys and "Tombstone."

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

Joe Rogan or Elon Musk.

What's one thing you're glad you tried, but wouldn't do it again?

Owning chicken barns.

Do you have any pets? What's their name and breed?

Two Blue Heelers named Jessie and Sheriff, an Australian Shepard named Elisha and Nutmeg, the greatest barn cat of all time.

What is your favorite food?

Steak and green chili stew.

You would like to learn to ----?

Speak Spanish fluently.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

The computer systems.

What junk food couldn't you live without?

Pizza.

If you could have personally witnessed anything that has happened and that you weren't present at, what would you want to have seen?

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If people came with warning labels, what would yours say?

Not politically correct!

What did you have for breakfast this morning?

A protein shake.

Where would you like to travel that you have never been?

Africa.

What one thing, that you do not own, would really like to own? Why?

A Toyota Land Cruiser, to take on hunting adventures.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

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Pomme De Terre Fishing Report

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Lake Conditions

Lake Level: 838.08, 48-53 degrees.

Water condition: The lake is currently .92 of a foot low, down slightly from a week ago. They are discharging 50 cfs, this will keep the lake level stable. The water clarity in the main lake has 3-4 feet of visibility, the upper ends of the lake are stained with some visibility.

Crappie

Action: Good.
Pattern: The crappie fishing is good; however the fish are scattered. Keep searching until you find the crappie and then the bite is very good. Standing timber in 6-40 feet of water has been good. Most of the crappie are 4-20 feet deep and are getting aggressive. Cast your jig past the tree, let it fall and slowly reel it back. The crappie are beginning to congregate more and are getting ready for the winter pattern.

Brush piles in 15-20 feet of water have been good. The crappie are hanging in the top of the brush, cast your jig, let it fall the top of the pile and slowly reel

back. The crappie have been coming out of the top of the brush to hit the jig.

Lures: Crappie Slammers split tail shad, straight tail shad or shimmer stix. In the main lake area natural colors are the best – blue crystal, toothpaste pearl, the natural, sunset pearl & smoke purple. In the upper ends a dark color with chartreuse has been best on cloudy and dark days – pink lemonade, midnight chartreuse, on bright days natural colors are doing well.

Bass

Action: Fair to Good.
Pattern: They can still be caught on the fall pattern, however, start looking at transition areas (especially the ends of bluffs, they are starting to move down the bluff some). If you try shallow and aren't having any luck look deeper. The bite is getting better every week. Shallow running crankbaits, jack hammers, spinnerbaits, chatter baits, etc. are working well. The jig bite is picking back up. Use the wind to your advantage.

Lures: Square bill crank baits, jack hammers, Ned rig, Neko rig, finesse worms, and jigs are proving to be the best option.

MDC reports 193,669 deer harvested during November portion of firearms deer season

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that deer hunters in Missouri harvested 193,669 deer during the November portion of firearms deer season, Nov. 11-21. Of the 193,669 deer harvested, 105,614 were antlered bucks, 16,081 were button bucks, and 71,974 were does.

Top harvest counties were Franklin with 4,289 deer harvested, Texas with 4,208, and Howell with 3,749. For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/.

This year's harvest total was 3% lower than last year and 2% higher than the previous five-year average. For more harvest information from past years, visit mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries.

New CWD Portion in Management Zone Counties: Deer hunting continues in Missouri with the new CWD firearms portion

running Nov. 22-26 in CWD Management Zone counties. Hunters will be able to use any unfilled firearms deer hunting permits during the CWD portion and must abide by the statewide limit of one antlered deer during the firearms deer season, all portions combined. Hunters must also abide by county-specific firearms antlerless permit numbers. CWD testing is not required during the CWD portion, but voluntary CWD testing is available.

Archery deer hunting resumes Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2024. The late youth portion runs Nov. 24-26. The late antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 2-10 in open counties and the alternative methods portion will occur Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024.

Get more information on Missouri deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where hunting permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer.

Community Fly Tying Demonstration at Bennett Spring State Park

Join park volunteers Danny Goldsmith and Donald Ohler at 9 a.m. at the Bennett Spring Church of God annex building for a community fly tying demonstration on December 6, 13, 20, and 27. This program will provide instruction on tying a basic fishing fly and will give participants an opportunity to visit, share stories and see the art of fly tying. The demonstration is presented by the Friends of Bennett Spring State Park and is open to all ages. The church annex building is located directly across from the park office, behind the park restaurant at 26332 Highway 64A outside of Lebanon.

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Harbinger of winter—the Junco

By Francis Skalicky
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“**H**arbinger of winter” is a term that has a more somber feel to it than its warm-weather counterpart – “harbinger of spring.” However, one marker of seasonal change – the arrival of dark-eyed juncos – is a well-known sign post of winter that makes everyone smile.

Whether you're an avid birder or someone who only notices nature on a casual basis, it's hard not to break into a grin when you see a group of these small slate-colored birds flit, dart, and dance about your yard in winter. Known as “snowbirds” because they appear here in Missouri and over much of the U.S. in winter, they were popular winter visitors long before singer Anne Murray vaulted the bird into national prominence with her 1970 hit “Snowbird.”

Dark-eyed juncos usually arrive in Missouri sometimes in November and stay until early or mid-spring. If not for their antics, it'd be relatively easy for the casual nature observer to overlook them: Their usual color pattern is dark to medium dark gray on the back, head and sides which is contrasted with a white belly and a few white outer tail feathers. There are several sub-species of the dark-eyed junco that appear across the U.S. The bulk of the bird's courtship, breeding, nesting and brood-rearing activities occur in Canada and Alaska, although it should be noted some juncos are year-round residents of some mountainous areas of the U.S.

Dark-eyed juncos are one of the most common birds found in North America. Biologists estimate their population to be approximately 630 million. In summer, they breed and nest in coniferous and mixed forests.



Dark-eyed junco March, 1999. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

When they come here in winter, they can be found in a variety of habitats ranging from rural areas to suburban yards and parks. One reason they've earned the term snowbird is because their return to these parts signals the return of cold, snowy weather. It's also thought the “snowbird” nickname is attached to their color pattern: Their white-belly coloring underneath a dark gray back denotes a “gray skies above, snow below” scenario.

The further south you go, the more female juncos you'll find in winter. Up to 70 percent of the juncos that winter in the southern half of the U.S. are females. Males tend to stay farther north in order to shorten their spring migration and, thus, gain the advantage of arriving first at prime breeding territories.

Here in Missouri, the majority of juncos are sighted at or near bird-feeding stations. The antics they're known for have the appearance of frivolous play, but experts believe they're actually social hierarchy actions. In some cases it may be males asserting dominance over females; in other cases it may be

older birds asserting their authority over younger birds. Sometimes, two dominant birds will face each other, extend their necks and repeatedly raise and lower their bills as if in a dance, but these actions rarely end in a fight.

Seeds and insects form the bulk of a junco's diet. They are primarily ground feeders. In this region in winter, they're frequently seen on the ground under or near bird-feeding stations. Black oil sunflower seeds, millet, cracked corn, and safflower seeds are among the food items that can be scattered on the ground to attract juncos. They will also be seen scratching in leaf litter and pine needles for seeds and insects. A source of fresh, clean water offered at or near ground level should also be part of any purposeful efforts to attract juncos.

More information about juncos and other birds that can be found in Missouri in winter, and at other times of year, can be found at mdc.mo.gov

Francis Skalicky is the media specialist for the Missouri Department of Conservation's Southwest Region. For more information about conservation issues, call 417-895-6880.

MDC reminds hunters and others to be careful with campfires

MDC reminds hunters and others in the outdoors to be careful with campfires and other sources of fire that could cause a wildfire.

With ongoing drought conditions continuing around much of the state and many of Missouri's 450,000+ deer hunters hitting the woods and making deer camps over the coming weeks, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds everyone to be extra careful with campfires and other sources of outdoor fire that could cause a wildfire.

MAKING A CAMPFIRE:

Clear a generous zone around fire rings. Store unused firewood a good distance from a campfire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid to start a fire. Keep campfires small and controllable. Keep fire-extinguishing materials close, such as a rake, shovel, and bucket of water. Extinguish campfires each night and make sure coals are cold before leaving camp, even if it's just for a few moments.

DRIVING OFF ROAD:

Wildfires can start when dry fuel, such as grass, comes in contact with



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catalytic converters and exhausts. Think twice before driving into and across a grassy field. Never park over tall, dry grass or piles of leaves that can touch the underside of a vehicle. When driving vehicles off road, regularly inspect the undercarriage to ensure that fuel and brake lines are intact, and no oil leaks are apparent. Always carry an approved fire extinguisher on vehicles that are used off road. Check for the presence of spark arresters

on ATV exhausts.

CALL FOR HELP:

Call 911 at the first sign of a fire getting out of control.

REPORT FOREST ARSON:

Wildfires are sometimes set by vandals. Help stop arson by calling 800-392-1111 and reporting any potential arson activities. Callers will remain anonymous, and rewards are possible.

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EnJOYable JOURNEY

Handwritten letters versus emails

I've written about my passion for letter writing and my new hobby with postcard exchanges worldwide. But did you know that there is a holiday to celebrate the art of writing a letter?

National Letter Writing Day falls on Dec. 7. In 2005, the United States Postal Service started the memorable holiday to encourage people to rediscover the joy of putting pen to paper and connecting with friends and family.

When more families mailed Christmas cards, I looked forward to the yearly family newsletters from friends across the United States.

Most of my friends wrote the good, bad and ugly-keeping it real. They did not paint an unrealistic state of affairs to impress.

Today, many people post good things on social media or email to make an impression. No one's life is perfect. I want

to read accurate social media posts without all the filters and fake eyelashes.

But the family newsletters of years past included every broken bone, illness, divorce, job status, engagements, anniversaries, vacation stories and birthdays. Some years, the Beamer Christmas letter was more ugly than good. Then, the following year, we might have an extensive list of wins and celebrations.

Locally, Dallas County Technical School students have adopted pen pals from local senior care centers during Community Service Day. I'm betting that some students didn't know the function of a stamp.

A few years ago, the Reflex had an intern who was asked to walk to the post office and buy stamps. The intern needed to learn what a stamp's function included, with no idea a stamp was payment for the mailing service.



JOY BEAMER
SENIOR STAFF

The art of writing a letter by hand is nostalgic. These students may never receive a personal note before. Junk mail doesn't count as letter writing. And heaven's sake, does anyone remember how to write a thank-you note?

Youth can type an email or text lickety-split. However, the art of writing an actual letter on stationery with an ink pen is unheard of. In fact, many cannot write in cursive because some schools don't

teach cursive or limited training.

Nothing is like receiving a letter written personally by the sender. Letters are a thoughtful form of communication that gives a nice feeling and warm fuzzies.

Plus, future generations will discover that letter in a treasured keepsake box. Long-lost love letters, greetings, and stories from friends are treasured memories.

Writing letters has therapeutic benefits because the writer is using self-expression. Writing allows us to express how we feel and, in turn, has psychological, mental and physical health benefits.

When you write a letter, you interact with someone else, sharing your thoughts and feelings. Connection is essential to the human experiences.

Letter writing benefits include the following:

- Clarity about how you feel.
- Release negative feelings

or thoughts.

- Share gratitude and positive feelings toward a person or circumstance.

- Meaningful conversation with a loved one.

- Expressing how much you think about someone.

- Words are preserved when expressing thoughts.

I challenge the readers to write one letter this week and send it by Dec. 7. Struggling to decide who to scribe a letter to? Consider a spouse, a lover, a family, a politician, a soldier, a student, an older person or a letter to the editor of the Buffalo Reflex.

Put down technology and celebrate the day with an old-fashioned letter for one day.

Joy Beamer is retired from the Buffalo Reflex. National Letter Writing Day, Dec. 7, celebrates the art of writing letters. Need someone to write to? Please send a letter to her at the Buffalo Reflex, P.O. Box 770, Buffalo, MO 65622. She writes back.

CONTRIBUTED COLUMN

It all started when he hit me back

When I was a youngster — probably nine or 10 years old — every once in a great while I would pick on my oldest brother. This was not only a physical attack, but also general harassment, if you can imagine an upright citizen like myself doing such a thing.

This was all very foolish since Sam was eight years older than me (and still is) and a lot bigger. I was never really a threat to him as he handled me easily and did anything he wanted. This included various wrestling-like holds that rendered me totally helpless.

Sam was always mild-mannered and had a great sense of humor, so when my mother intervened he joked, "It all started when he hit me back." Looking back, he may have been actually trying to keep me out of further trouble. Most likely, though, he was just being funny as he was prone to do.

His statement has always stayed with me, however, especially when I think of Israel. To me, "It all started when he hit me back" describes Israel in a nutshell, and that's no joke.

Most of the people in the world seem to believe that a war in the Mideast never starts with an attack on Israel, but when Israel "hits back."

Launch 1,600 rockets into Israel in one day? No problem. Use the cement that Israel has given to them to build tunnels into Israel instead of houses, that's okay, too. Suicide bombers — that's a minor deal.

But when Israel has the gall to retaliate, a fast condemnation of Israel comes from the United Nations. Let's face it, about the only thing the UN is good at these days is condemning Israel.

Can anyone name something else?

On Oct. 7 the worst attack on Jews since the Holocaust occurred when Hamas launched all-out war on Israel, killing more than 1,400 people and taking approximately 250 hostages, including some Americans.

This was a well-planned attack, and so was the propaganda war that immediately followed across the world. Anti-Israel and pro-Palestine protests popped up simultaneously. These included protests on some of our "elite" university campuses by supposedly educated students. They, along with the know-nothing members of the Democrat Party's "squad," and even many elements of the U.S. press, began calling for a cease fire, which was totally insane.

All of these people were actually supporting a group of people who chopped off babies' heads, raped women and executed parents in front of their small children. They then often took the children hostage.

The classic case is the three-year-old girl who witnessed the murder of her parents and remains a hostage today.

The same people support Hamas' using civilians as human shields against attacks and setting up military operations in hospitals and schools.

This is all part of the political left's tendency to turn murderers and other criminals into victims, and make the victims the real culprits.

In contrast, Israel officials warned the Palestinians to get out of Gaza or they will be killed as the Israelis strive to get rid of Hamas once and for all so such a brutal attack won't happen again.

In the meantime, Israel, which is roughly the size of New Jersey, is surrounded by forces — financed by Iran — that not only hate them, but openly say they want to kill all of the Jews.

Incredibly, there are a lot of U.S. college professors and students who agree with these monsters. I've been aware of growing anti-semitism in America and across the globe, but am still shocked by the reaction to Hamas' invasions of Israel.

I am a strong believer in free speech, so the left-wingers have a right to be wrong and express their radical views. But donors also have the right to say "no" and parents have the right not to send their kids to those schools. I hope they will exercise those rights.



PAUL CAMPBELL
COLUMNIST

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Dad was a coon hunter

Dad was a coon hunter and I was the boy who tagged along behind him.

I always figured that made me a coon hunter, too; but it wasn't the same. I never went without him, not even after I had a tagalong of my own.

My earliest memories of hunting with Dad are when I was about 8 years old and following the dogs along Pickerel Creek near Republic. I don't recall actually seeing a coon, but I distinctly remember Dad hurling a stone across the creek and killing a snake on a warm night. I recall another time along that creek when he lost our dog and left his coat by the road, hoping to find Ol' Red sleeping on it the next morning.

He didn't come in that night, but I was the first to espy him several long days later, bounding across the tall grass outside our fence. I'm not sure how far he had to come, or how he found home, but it was a storybook reunion.

It was not until we moved to the farm at Elkland that I became a regular partner on Dad's hunts. Much of the time all we had to do was walk across the road into the neighbor's large woods leading down to the upper reaches of



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Greasy Creek. Other times we hauled the dogs to hunt along Jones Creek and in the wooded hills along the Niangua east of Hogeys. The Pomme de Terre near Fair Grove was another favorite haunt, but not nearly remote as the Niangua country in the 1960s.

As an adolescent I grew into more than a "tagalong," racing ahead of Dad when the dogs barked treed, often putting a light on the coon ahead of Dad. A few times I also might have been the subject of a Jerry Clower tale, climbing up with a stick to "poke him out, Jim."

Well into my teenage years coon and possum hides became my main source of Christmas money, and I learned to skin both as sim-

ply as pulling off a pair of gloves.

Dad never rewarded me or my brothers for milking the cows or cutting wood, but he always gave us our fair share when the hides were sold.

But it's not the scant income for hide sales I miss as much as my time with Dad. He remained a coon hunter as long as his legs would carry him into the timber and encroaching civilization left a few places to hunt. When I was news editor at the Bolivar newspaper in 1976-77 he even came with his hounds all the way from Elkland to hunt the hills around our house near Aldrich.

Dad was more than a coon hunter. He was a cattle and horse breeder, an avid fisherman, a lifelong farmer and a faithful husband to my mother. Most of all, though, he was Dad to four boys on some 40 acres of Dallas County, and I miss him still.

Dad left us on Dec. 1, 2005, still talking about woods he wanted to hunt. I'm sure he's following the hounds there now, just waiting for me to follow behind.

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THE ROCKWOOD FILES — THE GIFT OF TOUCH

How to be the best kind of noodle

More than 20 years ago, Tom gave me a gift certificate for an hour-long massage as an anniversary gift. I'd never had a professional massage before.

(Women don't count the one-handed massages men sometimes give while holding the remote with their other hand.)

I was intrigued but didn't know how to feel about it. A massage? The concept felt so far removed from my small-town upbringing. Who did I think I was? The Queen of Fancyland? One of the Real Housewives of Shallow County? If I got a massage, where would that kind of decadence lead? Peeled grapes and fur coats?

Curious and nervous, I scheduled the massage. But when the day came, I wondered if I had the nerve to stretch out mostly naked on a table and let a total stranger rub my back with warm oil.

As it turns out, I could, and I did. And it was glorious. Skilled hands unraveled the tense knots in my shoulders and sent my overactive mind into a floaty, peaceful place somewhere between awake and asleep. For the next decade or so, I got a massage when budget and time allowed and was always glad when I could.

But like most people, I didn't schedule appointments during the pandemic unless I had to. Then, two of our three kids started college, and massage money moved



GWEN ROCKWOOD
COLUMNIST

over while tuition took its place. I found a hundred other things I "needed" to do instead of getting a massage.

Then last week, after an idiotic attempt to rearrange furniture by myself, I felt a lightning bolt of pain shoot up my lower back. Even small movements triggered it. I tried lying flat on the floor. Taking ibuprofen. Ice and then heat. Stretching. Holding still. Whining. Self-pity. Nothing worked, and the chiropractor couldn't fit me in for two weeks.

Stubborn practicality had kept me off a massage table for years, but pain sent me skidding back as fast as I could get an appointment.

Most people agree that the right therapist makes all the difference, and the best ones take cues from their clients. So, a quiet client will usually get a quiet massage, which is the kind I like best because it gives my mind time to slow and settle. (I once had a chatty masseuse who boasted about her

knowledge of the human anatomy so much that she uttered the word "rectum" during my massage — a surefire way to make a client feel uptight and never come back.)

But a smart, skilled therapist is pure magic. Massage can sometimes be the best medicine, and the only side effect is a new appreciation for the power of touch. Even Mayo Clinic experts agree, saying massage therapy can decrease joint inflammation, muscle stiffness, and stress while improving sleep, circulation, and the body's immune response.

For me and my screaming back, it was transformative. I walked in there feeling like a stiff lasagna noodle with crimped, ruffled edges. But after the first 10 minutes of massage, I softened into a piece of languid linguini — smooth and even, warm and floating. The stress I'd stockpiled in my muscles began to work its way out as relief rushed in.

The experience reminded me of something I said in last week's column but often forget to apply to myself: "People are a good use of time," and you and I are people, too. We shouldn't always be last on our own list (or not even on it at all). Even during a hectic holiday season, I hope we all carve out some time to restore ourselves — body, mind, and soul.

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Fair Grove Senior Center Menu

November 30-December 01

Lunch served 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seniors 60 years old and older, suggested donation of \$3.50 per meal. Guests younger than 60, \$7 per meal.
 Thursday: Cordon bleu, dijon sauce, peas and carrots, seasoned rice pilaf, roll,

caramel apple cupcake.
 Friday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, cornbread, spinach, carrot cake.
 Every Monday: Majongg, 12:30 p.m.
 Every Tuesday: Bingo, Music jam, 4 p.m.
 Every Wednesday: Art class, 12:30 p.m.; Senior-cise, 1 p.m.

Members of Dallas County 4-H clubs receive recognition



For the second year in a row during the Missouri State Fair – Dallas County 4-H earned the most points in beef winning the 4-H beef sweepstakes award – this was out of all counties in the state who had 4-H beef livestock entries. Pictured are, from left: Harper Obley, Kassidie Eagleburger, Hailey Doehring, Brynlee Cobb, Haeden Whaley, Paeten Whaley and Ady Doehring. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Submitted by Velynda Cameron
 4-H youth development specialist

On Saturday evening, November 18, 2023, Clover Kids and 4-H members from Dallas County were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2023 4-H year.

Members were awarded project year pins for completing the 4-H year. Members who completed project report forms received project pins, medals and certificates ranked according to points earned. Clover Kids and 4-H members who met the criteria received a Super 4-H'er t-shirt.

Clover Kids and 4-H members receiving pins, certificates and medals were:

- Addison Brown – 3rd year Clover Kid pin and certificate; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Everly Obley – 2nd year Clover Kid pin and certificate; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Saydee Hardison – 1st year Clover Kid pin and certificate
- Andrew Ford – 5th year pin; project pin, silver medal and certificate in cat and photography; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Brynlee Cobb – 4th year pin; project pin, gold medal and certificate in beef; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Hailey Doehring – 5th year pin; project pin, silver medal and certificate in beef; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Kailey Doehring – 5th year pin; project pin, silver medal and certificate in beef; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Adylee Doehring – 2nd year pin; project pin, silver medal and certificate in beef; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Elliana Ford – 5th year pin; project pins, bronze medal and certificate in arts & crafts and public speaking and silver medal and certificate in sewing and dog; Super 4-H'er t-shirt



The Eagles 4-H Club received recognition for the hours of community service they completed in 2023. Pictured are, from left: Elliana Ford, club leader Cindy Anglen, Addison Brown, Holly Scurlock and Andrew Brown.

- Harper Obley – 2nd year pin; project pin, silver medal and certificate in beef; Super 4-H'er t-shirt
- Holly Scurlock – 1st year pin; project pin, bronze medal and certificate in arts & crafts, horse, photography, public speaking and sewing; Super 4-H'er t-shirt

For more information about 4-H, the largest youth organization in the world, contact Velynda Cameron University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth development specialist at 417-345-7551 or by email at cameronv@missouri.edu



4-H members present at Recognition Awards were, from left, front row: Addison Brown, Saydee Hardison; Ady Doehring; middle row: Holly Scurlock, Elliana Ford, Velynda Cameron (4-H youth specialist); back row: Andrew Ford, Kailey Doehring and Hailey Doehring.

COMMUNITY

Calendar

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OFFICIAL MEETINGS

- Buffalo Board of Aldermen**, 7 p.m. the second and last Monday, City Hall, Buffalo Municipal Building.
- Fair Grove Board of Aldermen**, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday (public forum) and fourth Tuesday (business meeting), City Hall.
- Urbana Board of Aldermen**, 7 p.m. second Wednesday and fourth Thursday, City Hall.
- Louisburg Board of Trustees and Council**, 6 p.m. first Tuesday, Louisburg Lions Club. Agenda will be posted the day before the meeting at the Lions Club and the post office. Public is invited.
- Dallas County Commission**, 8 a.m. to noon, Monday and Tuesday, in the office of the county commission. Call 417-345-2632.
- Dallas County 911 Board**, noon, fourth Monday, 911 Communication Center, 101 Deer Run Drive, Buffalo.
- Dallas County R-1 Board of Education**, 6:30 p.m. fourth Monday (third Monday in December), Administration Building.
- Fair Grove Board of Education**, 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday, Fair Grove School.
- Fair Grove Water Supply**, 7 p.m. second Monday, water supply office.
- Hickory County R-1 (Skyline) Board of Education**, 7 p.m. third Wednesday, Skyline School.
- Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce**, noon, first Wednesday, Buffalo Municipal Building on the square.
- Habitat for Humanity — Dallas County Affiliate**, 6 p.m. third Tuesday, 622 N. Maple St., Buffalo. Call 417-345-5086.
- Montgomery Senior Center**, open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Lunch served 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Social activities with peers and educational information. Meals on Wheels available for the homebound. 417-345-8277.
- Macks Creek Housing Inc.**, 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday, Macks Creek City Hall. Visitors welcome.

ADDITION/ABUSE

- Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday, Calvary Chapel Church, 26 Oak Ridge Road, Buffalo (north door). Call Jessica, 816-457-7848, or Michael, 417-210-9402.
- Buffalo Serenity Center**, 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- COPE**, services for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, 24-hour hotline 417-532-2885 or 877-275-0930.
- House of Hope Support Group**, survivors of domestic and sexual violence, 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Thursday. Child care provided. Call for address, 417-383-5023.
- NA**, 7 p.m. Wednesday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Grace Community, 1652 S. Ash St., Buffalo.
- Narcotics Anonymous**, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, 102 N. Poplar St., Buffalo. Call Crystal B., 417-288-8673, or Jonnie R., 417-307-7568.
- PAL — Parents of Addicted Loved Ones**, support group, 6 p.m. first and third Sunday, Legacy Baptist Church, north door, fellowship hall, 417-922-0330.
- The First Step Victim Services of Dallas County**, domestic violence support group, 6-7:30 p.m. third Thursday, Zoom meeting. Call 417-313-4148 or email tfsdallasco@gmail.com.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Buffalo Area Kiwanis**, noon, second and fourth Thursday, Hip Pocket Pizza, Buffalo.
- Buffalo Lions Club**, noon, second Wednesday, Sharpe Motors, 846 S. Ash St., Buffalo.
- Buffalo Rotary Club**, noon, Tuesday, Espresso Co. No. 825.
- Fair Grove Lions Club**, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday, Lions Club building.
- Long Lane Lions Club**, 7 p.m. first Tuesday, Long Lane Park building.
- Louisburg Lions Club**, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, Louisburg Lions community building.

FIRE/EMERGENCY

- American Red Cross**, Julie Stolting, disaster program specialist, 417-832-9500, ext. 3112.
- Buffalo City Fire Department**, 6 p.m. third Tuesday at the station.
- Buffalo Rural Fire Department**, board and firefighters' meeting, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday.
- Southern Dallas County Fire Department**, board meeting, 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday, at the fire station.
- Long Lane Fire Department**, 8 p.m. last Monday at firehouse.
- Louisburg Community Fire Protective Association**, board meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday, fire station 1; annual business meeting, 7 p.m. third Thursday of June. For information, call 417-752-3700.
- Dallas County Sheriff's Posse**, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday, Dallas County Courthouse.
- Tunas Volunteer Fire Department**, board meeting, 6:30 p.m. second Monday, firehouse.
- Urbana Rural Fire Department**, 7 p.m. third Monday, fire department community room.
- Windysville Volunteer Fire Department**, 7 p.m. last Thursday at the fire station. Visitors welcome.

HEALTH

- Cancer Support Group**, for women, 11:30 a.m. second Thursday. For information, call Kim McKee, 417-326-7648. For men, 11:30 a.m. third Monday. Call Robert McMillan, 417-328-7907, or Steve Keller, 417-328-6358. Groups meet at Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center at CMH, Bolivar.
- TOPS Chapter 974**, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, every Thursday, Grace Community Church, 1652 S. Ash St., Buffalo. Weigh-in is 5:15-5:50, meeting at 6 p.m. Call Karen, 417-383-8118, or Laurel, 417-777-1114.
- TOPS Chapter 1069**, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Halfway, Thursday, weigh time 5:15-6:05 p.m. Meeting time is 6:15 p.m. Halfway Lions Club building. Elsie, 417-445-2465, or Rosie, 417-445-2331.

VETERANS/MILITARY

- American Legion Post 19 and Auxiliary**, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday, Legion Hall, Buffalo. Jim Henry, commander; Don Evans, adjutant; Albert Kerns, chaplain.

- American Legion Heinline-Hanks Post 38**, 6:30 p.m. first Monday, Legion Hall, Fair Grove. Ronnie Chism, commander; Marcia A. Henderson, adjutant.
- Buffalo AMVETS Post 117**, 1 p.m. second Sunday. 417-345-5528.
- Disabled American Veterans**, 7 p.m. first Tuesday, Red Austin Parkway. Office hours for claims are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1100 N. Maple St., Buffalo. Office hours also are 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Macks Creek Senior Center.
- Meyongo Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution**, 1 p.m. every second Saturday, September to June, at DAV Hall, Buffalo.
- Missouri Veterans Commission**, office hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed noon to 1 p.m. 417-895-6532. mvc.dps.mo.gov.
- VFW Post 4080**, second Thursday at VFW Hall, 419 S. Locust St., Buffalo; 417-599-6133 and on Facebook.

YOUTH

- AWANA Club**, ages 4 years to eighth grade, and youth group for high school, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bible Baptist Church, corner of Dallas and Locust streets.
- 4-H Clubs and meetings**, The Beef Kids 4-H Club (Conway), The Eagles 4-H Club (Long Lane). For more information call the Dallas County Extension office at (417) 345-7551.

OTHER MEETINGS

- Bison Pride Band PTO**, 6 p.m. second Monday, Buffalo High School band room.
- Bikers Against Child Abuse**, 866-71-ABUSE; bacausa.com; Top of the Ozarks, P.O. Box 14, Conway, MO 65632; 417-241-8405.
- Buffalo Area Business Networking Group**, 8 a.m. Thursday, Espresso Co. 825. Call 314-913-5688.
- Buffalo Downtown Marketplace**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. second Saturday of month, Buffalo square, seasonal.
- Buffalo Saddle Club**, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday, saddle club arena.
- Business 911 Speaker Series**, noon, third Thursday, DC R-1 Administration Building, Buffalo. GRO.Business911.org.
- Buffalo Garden Club**, 1 p.m. fourth Thursday at various locations. No meetings November or December. For meeting location, call Janet Wood, 417-345-2111.
- Dallas County Historical Society**, 1 p.m. third Thursday, Dallas County Museum. Seasonal.
- Dallas County Fair Board**, 7:30 p.m. third Monday. For info or meeting location, call 417-345-2958.
- Dallas County Democrat Committee**, 6 p.m. first Monday, Time Out Cafe.
- Dallas County Republican Committee**, typically meets 7 p.m. third Thursday in election years. In non-election years, meets quarterly. Call Travis Elliott, 417-210-7294, for meeting dates, time and location.

- Dallas County Area Retired School Employees Association**, 10 a.m. fourth Thursday. Call Cay Sergeant, 417-445-2522, for location. No meetings July or August.
- Dallas County R-1 Schools Parents as Teachers**, 417-345-2350.
- Dallas County R-1 Schools Homeless Coordinators**, 417-345-2222; Teresa Coltrin, middle and high school social worker, ext. 2035. teresa.coltrin@bisonpride.org.
- Dallas County Resource Group**, 11 a.m. third Thursday, Dallas County Alumni Building. All groups welcome to participate and share events and services offered for Dallas County residents.

- DIVAS Women's Professional Development**, 8-9 a.m. last Wednesday, Buffalo Family Event Center, watch Facebook page. Joy Beamer, 417-733-2576.
- Fair Grove Historical and Preservation Society**, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday, Fair Grove Fire Department community room.
- Faith Connection**, 4th Wednesday of each month at JEMS Restaurant.
- Foster Parent Support Group**, third Tuesday, 6 p.m. dinner and 6:30 p.m. meeting, child care provided, Grace Community, 1652 S. Ash St., Buffalo.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles**, Aerie 4010, 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, clubhouse. Ladies auxiliary, 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, the new Eagles Lodge.

- Friends of the Dallas County Library**, meeting and book discussion, 2 p.m. first Monday, 211 W. Main St., Buffalo, house next to the library. Call Dallas County Library, 417-345-2647.
- Missouri Right to Life — Buffalo Chapter**, first Saturday. Hope Stubbs, chairwoman, 417-770-2446.
- Riddick Lodge No. 361**, AF&AM, 7:30 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Masonic Hall, West Main Street, Buffalo.
- Southwest Center for Independent Living**, Springfield. 800-676-7245; swcil.org.
- University of Missouri Extension**, West Central Region, 417-345-7551. extension.missouri.edu/dallas.
- Wood Carving Group**, Our Savior Lutheran. Call Peggy Suski, 417-733-4507.

- Dallas County Health Department**, hours: 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (except holidays). dallas-countyhealth.com.

- Board of Trustees** meets 6 p.m. first Tuesday. Adult and children's immunizations, WIC, Women's Wellness Clinic, by appointment only; birth control consultation/ options; STD testing; food/septic permits and inspections; bacteriological water testing; birth/death certificates; blood pressure screening; limited laboratory testing and services; emergency planning/disease surveillance. Fees charged for certain services. All services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis. Environmental services: On-site septic permits, well water testing kits.

- OATS Inc.**, Dallas County. To schedule an OATS bus ride, call 417-887-9272 or toll-free 800-770-6287. Call 24 hours in advance. Call to have services explained. OATS is a general public transportation provider. For a schedule, go to oatstransit.org.

- Submit calendar items to the Buffalo Reflex by noon**, Monday, the week of publication. Call 417-345-2224, email news@buffaloreflex.com or mail info to Community Calendar, Buffalo Reflex, P.O. Box 770, Buffalo, MO 65622.

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NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Jeopardy!', 'Survivor', 'The Amazing Race', etc.

THURSDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'The Golden Bachelor', 'Ghosts', 'Ghosts UK', etc.

FRIDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'College Football: Pac-12 Championship', 'The Price Is Right', etc.

SATURDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 2, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'College Football: Texas Tech vs Oklahoma', 'Reindeer in Here', etc.

SUNDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'The Santa Clause', 'Yellowstone', 'Sunday Night Football', etc.

MONDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 4, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Monday Night Football: Cincinnati vs Jacksonville', 'Price Is Right', etc.

New Books at the Dallas County Library

The Proof of the Pudding by Rhys Bowen

Lady Georgiana Rannoch awaiting the birth of her baby, throws her first house party to show off her new chef, Pierre. Sir Mortimer Mordred—famous author of creepy Gothic horror novels—is one of the guests.

banquet several of the guests become sick. And one dies, apparently poisoned by berries from the garden.

Inheritance by Nora Roberts

Graphic designer Sonya MacTavish is stunned to learn that her late father had a twin he never knew about—and that her newly discovered uncle, Collin Poole, has left her almost everything he owned, including a majestic Victorian house on the Maine coast, which the will stipulates she must live in for

at least three years. Trey, the young lawyer who greets her at the sprawling cliff-top manor, acknowledges that yes, the place is haunted...but just a little. Sure enough, Sonya finds objects moved and music playing out of nowhere.

There should have been eight by Nalini Singh

They met when they were teenagers. Now they're adults, and time has been kind to some and unkind to others—none more so than to Bea, the one they lost

nine long years ago. They've gathered to reminisce at Bea's family's estate, a once-glorious mansion straight out of a gothic novel. But when they are snowed in, there's nowhere left to hide from their shared history. And before the weekend is through, the truth will be unleashed—no matter the cost. . . .

The Edge by David Baldacci

When CIA operative Jenny Silkwell is murdered, and her laptop and phone that were full of state secrets are missing,

countless operatives' lives are in danger. Ex-Army Ranger Travis Devine is sent in by the U.S. government. Devine's analytical mind makes him particularly well-suited for complex, high-stakes tasks. Taking down the world's largest financial conspiracy proved his value, and in comparison, this case looks straightforward. Except small towns hold secrets and Devine finds himself an outsider.

For a complete list of titles go to our online catalog at dallas-countylibrary.missouri.org

Extension offering December programs

The Dallas County MU Extension will offer the following programs during the month of December:

- December 13: Bee Keeping, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Dallas County Alumni Building, 205 S. Hickory Street, Buffalo; no charge.

“Basic Beekeeping for Beginners” focuses on getting started in the world of honeybees.

- December 18: Field to Freezer class, 6:30 p.m.; First Christian Church, 502 N. Maple Street, Buffalo; \$20.00 per person, registration deadline December 17.

Learn how to make summer sausage with your deer harvest. Learn how to score antlers using Pope & Young and Boone & Crocket methods.

- January 12: Coun-

try Cured Ham Class, 3 sessions offered, (3:30 — 4:30 p.m., 5 — 6 p.m. and 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.) Buffalo High School Ag Room, Dallas County Tech Center, 500 W. Main Street, Buffalo; \$65.00 per person, must be paid by registration deadline of December 17.

Please call the office 417-345-7551, to register for any of the classes offered.

Also, due to courthouse construction, we are now located in the Dallas County Annex Building, 108 S. Cedar St. Buffalo. Our office hours remain Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can be reached by phone at 417-345-7551. Please leave a detailed message if you call, including your phone number.

Unlocking the mystery of Missouri farmland values

Buyers paid more for Missouri farmland in 2023, according to the annual Missouri Farmland Values Opinion Survey from University of Missouri Extension.

More than 300 responses were collected from Missouri lenders, farmers, rural appraisers and others familiar with Missouri land values in October 2023. Survey respondents gave estimates of land values for three classes of cropland and pastureland (good, average, poor), irrigated cropland, timberland and hunting/recreational land.

Values for cropland, pasture, timber and hunting/recreational land all increased from 2022 to 2023, according to survey results. Hunting/recreation land had the largest statewide increase of value at 14%, followed by “average” and “poor” pastureland, both with 11% increases from 2022.

This year’s respondents reported the statewide average of “good” non-irrigated cropland at \$8,631 per acre, a \$313 (4%) increase from 2022. The statewide average of irrigated cropland was estimated at \$9,678 per acre, a \$534 (6%) increase from 2022.

“Survey results from 2023 suggest that land values tend to be highest in the state’s urban areas and lowest in the south-central region,” said Juo-Han Tsay, MU Extension assistant professor and survey organizer. “Our results also indicate that, although cropland values increased in 2023, the percentage change was less pronounced than the 31% increase reported in our 2021-2022 survey.”

Respondents indicated rising interest rates applied downward pressure to farmland values; limited land available for sale and strong

investor demand were indicated as factors pushing up the price of land in Missouri.

“Looking ahead, our survey respondents forecast land prices to increase in 2024,” said Tsay. “Interestingly, urban land prices are expected to increase the least, while land values in the west region of Missouri are estimated to increase anywhere from 11% to 14% next year.”

The Missouri Farmland Values Opinion Survey offers insights to landowners, potential buyers and others involved in the agricultural industry. Because no government or public agencies in Missouri require the reporting of land sale transactions, it can be challenging to understand current prices and forward-looking projections for the state’s farmland values.

“The insights from our annual Missouri Farmland Values Opinion Survey are critical for a variety of programs and stakeholders, and we are excited to keep collecting responses each year,” said Ryan Milhollin, MU Extension agricultural economist. “Data from the annual Missouri Farmland Values Opinion Survey supplements state-level estimates published by USDA and can give stakeholders more clarity into the uniqueness of land value trends across Missouri.”

For more Missouri Farmland Value Opinion Survey results, including regional breakdowns and results from previous years, visit muext.us/LandValues.

The Agricultural Business and Policy Extension group works for Missourians in a range of ways including providing resources and tools to strengthen on-farm business decisions. Learn more and find downloadable resources at muext.us/AgBusiness.

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Bulls: 100.00-118.50.



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Broomsedge is Not a Quality Grass or Hay Crop for Cattle

By Terry Halleran
Regional Agronomy Field Specialist
University of Missouri Extension

“As I drive to work this time of year, especially prior to the winter grazing season and after a major drought, I can easily see the invasion is on.”

Broomsedge is an indicator plant, meaning it is a symptom of a larger problem. That problem is typically poor fertility. Usually, this warm season grass thrives in areas where phosphorus is low, or where the soil is so acidic that phosphorus is tied up and cannot be used by the plant. You may have heard that broomsedge means the soil needs liming. That may be part of the problem but most likely it needs fertility too. I get it, fertilizer is expensive, but so is feed this year.

Big round bales of mature broomsedge are not quality protein sources and offer little in the field of nutritional value. That being said, it really does not offer much as a filler because cattle will not eat it unless their bellies are empty, and it is the only thing they have available. In this situation, cattle will be losing weight from lack of a quality nutritional source unless supplementary grain and/or by-product are feed as well. Broomsedge does not work as a stockpiled forage like tall fescue. Cows nursing calves will produce less milk; thus, calves will not be growing and/or gaining as well. Purchasing this type of forage is truly wasted dollars from your operation no matter how cheap the bales are.

Even if the nutritional value was great, it would not matter since livestock do not usually consume mature broomsedge. This plant is just in the way and takes the place of more desirable grasses and legumes, controlling it is necessary.

Using Broomsedge to carry your cows is a losing proposition. Especially when trying to feed big round bales, as many that sell them, will price them like quality hay due to the drought. Do not let someone tell you it beats a snowbank... If you are using it for bedding, that might be different as some cows might pick through it but not much. Brood cows will drop weight unless you provide expensive feed grains and/or by-products. As quoted from the October 29th, 2022 Buffalo Livestock Auction Facility weekly report, “As we move into winter, many poor/thin flesh animals are moving. Lots of these cows have zero value to the human food chain!” Thus, prices will be very low for these animals if they are brought to the sale barn in lean conditions, you might be disappointed.

Liming is often the first step in correcting the conditions that support broomsedge. That may be true since lime is added to correct the acidity of the soil and make phosphorus and other nutrients more available. However, since the problem could also be related to the soil being deficient in phosphorus to begin with, a soil test should be done before lime or fertilizer is added.

Unfortunately, adding lime or phosphorus doesn’t mean all the broomsedge will be gone next year. Fertilizer and lime do not kill the broomsedge, but instead creates an environment that is more favorable to desirable grasses such as tall fescue and orchardgrass.

Of all the soil tests received over the years in my office, dealing with pasture and/or hay fields, Phosphorus was the number one nutrient least likely to be available in sufficient amounts for obtainable production. This becomes a limiting factor in production, as the soil is

not balanced.

Often fields are stripped of their mineral nutrients due to repeated yearly haying; thus, removing the nutrients from the field as you remove the forage to be fed in other locations. I find this to be a common practice on rented ground or ground that is mowed, raked, and baled as an aesthetic practice for free hay to the custom operator. In either case, fertility is never applied to replace the nutrients being removed. Broomsedge is a perennial and cannot be mowed, burnt, or bushhogged away.

Grazing is another management problem often associated with broomsedge. First and foremost, broomsedge is not a quality grass, however, in late spring/early summer when it reaches heights of six to ten inches cattle will eat limited amounts. Often when cattle overgraze early cool season pastures, broomsedge steps in as a warm season plant and crowds out other wanted forage species.

Fields do not normally become heavily infested overnight and will not be cured overnight. In one experimental study in Missouri, it took 4-5 years for broomsedge to be nearly eliminated through proper fertilization based on soil tests. Patience is required, but changes to fertility and grazing management will eventually be rewarded by a better stand of forage and a decrease of broomsedge and other weeds.

Choosing to do nothing about broomsedge only allows it to take control of your forage land. This in turn means less pasture to graze and more feed to be purchased. Or maybe you will just have to cut your cow herd to meet the current production level at hand; thus, decreasing your next year’s calf crop. Either way you are losing potential profit. Just a thought.

Free Zoom Session Offered on Funding for Small and Beginning Farmers

Small and beginning farmers and ranchers can learn about funding for climate-smart fieldscapes through a Dec. 12 webinar from University of Missouri Extension. The program runs 6-8 p.m.

Climate-smart fieldscapes use regenerative agriculture practices for small-scale and urban farms. Practices include provid-

ing habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects, use of no-till or strip-till specialty crop production, mulching, fencing and cover crops.

In order to apply for these programs, a farm number with USDA Farm Service Agency is required. It may take several weeks for you to receive a farm number so you may want to start this process im-

mediately. You can find your local county FSA office and start your farm number process at <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

This webinar will provide an overview of funding opportunities for urban and small scale farms, offered through MU’s Center for Regenerative Agriculture and USDA-NRCS. Funding opportunities include a \$10,000 payment

for implementation and maintenance of climate-smart practices (over a 3-year contract), as well as Natural Resource conservation Services EQIP cost share programs designed for small farms. An optional short presentation on using cover crops in vegetable production systems will follow the funding opportunities presentation.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Dec. 11, 2023.

You will receive an email the morning of Dec. 12, 2023 with the zoom link to attend the webinar that evening.

To register, go to <http://muext.us/FSM>. for more information or questions, contact Debi Kelly, KellyD@missouri.edu (opens in new window), 636-797-5391

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Buffalo Reflex readers,

November is National Adoption Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the vital role we play in the lives of young people navigating the child welfare system. This year's theme, "Empowering Youth: Finding Points of Connection," resonates deeply with us at the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (CMFCAA). It underscores the importance of empowering youth, particularly those transitioning out of foster care, to lead in making decisions that shape their futures.

At CMFCAA, we understand that for many teens in the child welfare system, especially those aging out, the journey toward independence can be daunting. Developing their identity, learning life skills, and planning for the future are challenges they often face alone. This is where our Community Connections Youth Project (CCYP) steps in, offering a guiding light to these young adults.

Our CCYP program is specifically designed for individuals aged 17-26 who are currently in foster care or have aged out. We recognize the myriad of decisions and challenges they face – from learning to live independently, finding employment, managing finances, to securing housing. Our approach is unique because our CCYP specialists are foster care alumni themselves. They possess not just the professional expertise but also the personal understanding and compassion needed to guide and support these young adults.

As we observe this special month, we also approach the holiday season – a time of giving and reflection. There are many worthy charitable organizations in our community. Should you choose to extend your year-end generosity to us or to any other local organization dedicated to enhancing our community, we extend our deepest gratitude.

The unwavering generosity of our community consistently brings light and hope, transforming the holiday season into a period of renewal and promising futures. Rest assured, we at CMFCAA remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering vital services and support to kinship, foster, and adoptive children, youth, and families throughout Central Missouri.

Sincerely,
DeAnna Alonso
 Founder/President, Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association

There's a whole lot of shakin' goin' on in Missouri pecan trees

Pecan trees are shaking and shimmying as growers harvest pecans in Missouri, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Michele Warmund.

During harvest, mechanical shakers are clamped around the trunk of pecan trees. They generate a vigorous vibration that causes the pecans to drop from the tree. After harvest, nuts are sorted from debris and allowed to dry for about two to three weeks to a kernel moisture of about 4%. In-shell pecans can be mechanically dried on a large scale. For small-scale drying, nuts can be hung in heavy-duty open-weave mesh bags or spread out on wire racks.

After drying, in-shell pecans can be refrigerated for up to four months or frozen for long-term storage.

In Missouri, native pecan trees are usually found in well-drained, fertile soils along rivers and streams and in deep upland soils in the river hills. However, growers typically use improved pecan cultivars due to their larger kernel size. Recommended cultivars for Missouri are northern types, which are adapted to a shorter growing season and lower winter temperatures. Despite their relatively small nut size (100 to 180



Pecans are swept and vacuumed up by a machine or a specialized attachment after being shaken from the tree. PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELE WARMUND.

nuts per pound), the northern pecan kernels are sweet and flavorful.

Pollen shed from male catkins and receptivity of female flowers do not coincide within the same pecan tree. Cultivars that have catkins that shed pollen before the female flower parts are receptive are classified as protandrous or type I. Some of

the more widely available protandrous cultivars are "Hark," "Gardner," "Liberty," "Major," "Pawnee," "Shepherd," "Thayer" and "Yates 68."

Protogynous or type II cultivars develop female flowers that are receptive before pollen is shed. "Earlton," "Kanza," "Lakota" and "Oswego" are protogynous cultivars. For adequate cross-pollination, a protandrous cultivar is planted within 250 feet of a protogynous cultivar. For recommended cultivars by region and their nut characteristics download the MU Extension publication "Growing Pecans in Missouri" at <https://extension.missouri.edu/af1002>.

Because pecan trees grow 70-100 feet tall and 25-75 feet wide at maturity, they are most often grown on large acreages. In addition to pecan scab disease, pecan nut casebearer, hickory shuckworm, pecan weevil, fall webworm and walnut caterpillar can be problematic. Fortunately, there are several commercial pecan orchards located in Missouri, especially in Bates, Vernon and Chariton counties, where pecans can be purchased and enjoyed fresh or as an ingredient in many tasty dishes and confections.

THANK YOU

The Dallas County Cattlemen would like to thank everyone that attended our annual meeting held on November 14.

A special thanks to Jake and Ruby Hostetler and Aaron and Gloria Miller and all the ladies for the wonderful meal that was prepared.

Also thanks to the membership for bringing a dish to share.

We want to thank S&T Feed,

O'Bannon Bank, Pam Naylor and the Hostetlers and Millers for the door prizes that were donated.

The new officers for year 2024 will be Jame Henderson for President, Pam Naylor for Vice President, Lynette Miller for Secretary — Treasurer, Jim Rhodes and Dawn Spencer for State Directors with Jake Hostetler, Aaron Miller, Andy McCorkill, John Crawford, Greg Whip-

ple, Jeff Eagleburger, Steve Spencer and Staurt Dill on the board.

We had about 140 in attendance and our speaker was Brant Mettler from Corteva who talked about weed control.

Our next meeting will be January 9 and will be a BQA training.

Thank you,
Dallas County Cattlemen,
 Lynette Miller, secretary

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 U.S. 65 and Mill Street, 417-345-6487. Rev. Keith D. Pyles. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, youth, CIA (Christians in Action) for ages 6-11, and Rainbows (ages 3-5), 7 p.m.

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 Two miles east of Mo. 64 and Route K. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO
 Mo. 32 and Locust. 417-345-7123. Jerry Bone, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship and children's church, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. AWANA (ages 3-sixth grade) and teen youth group, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; adult Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday. Transportation provided in town. Handicap accessible. Nursery available. www.BibleBaptistOfBuffalo.org.

CALVARY CHAPEL
 26 Oak Ridge Road, Buffalo. 417-345-6418. Mark Elliott, lead pastor; Brandon Mankey, executive pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study for all ages and Adventure Club for preschoolers and children, 7 p.m.

CEDAR RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST
 Route P, three miles north of Long Lane. Pastor Shane Shockley. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, youth meeting and worship, 7 p.m. Handicap accessible.

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST
 Off Route M, at Charity. Pastor Wayne Vest. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.; preaching 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday.

CHERRY GROVE BAPTIST
 Four miles north of Mo. 64 and 73. Pastor John Stewart. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO
 1006 W. Main. Southern Baptist. 417-345-7210. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, Children in Action, Mission Friends, 7 p.m.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
 653 E. Main, Buffalo. 417-345-7452 or 417-993-4970. Pastor Brad Duff. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST
 Two miles east of Charity on Route M. Pastor Thomas Clemmons. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

HARMONY SOUTHERN BAPTIST
 Phillipsburg on Route B. Pastor John Cook, 417-322-2861 Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

HOPEWELL FREE WILL BAPTIST
 North of Tunas on Mo. 73. Rev. Tony Butcher, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m. First Wednesday, 7 p.m., Women Active for Christ.

LEGACY BAPTIST
 1935 S. Ash St., Buffalo. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Cannell.

LOUISBURG FIRST BAPTIST
 240 State Highway 64. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MISSION CHAPEL BAPTIST
 Two miles south on Mo. 38 just across the Dallas-Webster line. Southern Baptist. Pastor Freddy Brinkley. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m., for all ages, Mission Friends, Girls and Boys in Action and Youth Group. Mountain Movers, 6 p.m. the third Friday. Women's Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

MOUNT OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
 Three miles east on Route 0 off U.S. 65 (follow signs). Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Fifth Sunday morning services only.

MOUNT PLEASANT SOUTHERN BAPTIST
 Route H, southeast of Buffalo. Pastor Richard Waters. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 6 p.m.

NORTH MOUNT PLEASANT MISSIONARY BAPTIST
 Three miles east of Buffalo on Mo. 32, turn on Route H to Navy Road. Bro. Doyle Mayfield, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday night services, first and fourth Sundays.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST
 752 State Hwy. 64, Buffalo. Pastor Robert Baker. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Future Hope (ages 4-high school), and prayer and Bible study, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
 Mo. 32, three miles east of Long Lane. Pastors, Elder R. Hugh Sears, 417-869-1666, and Elder Herb Cupit, 417-532-7237. Sunday singing, 10:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.; the first and third Sunday, morning and afternoon with a lunch; second Sunday, morning only with a lunch.

OLIVE POINT SOUTHERN BAPTIST
 Three miles south of Preston behind Skyline School. Pastor Terry Gentry Jr., 417-993-5740. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

PISGAH BAPTIST
 Long Lane. Pastor Bill Autry. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:50 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday, Bible study, youth and children, 6:30 p.m.

PLAD SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
 One-half mile east of the fire tower at Mo. 64 and Plad Road. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 580 State Road T, Tunas. Pastor Terry Harris. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6 p.m.

PLEASANT RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST
 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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OSCEOLA, MO

As I am relocating, we will sell the following 5 Tracts of Real Estate at Smith's Restaurant in Collins, MO located at the Northeast corner of Highway 13 & Highway 54 on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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LOCATED AT: 8575 SW 53 PRIVATE RD | OSCEOLA, MO AND 785 SW HIGHWAY 54 | OSCEOLA, MO.
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TRACT 2
 Selling 63 m/l acres with electric, well and RV hookup. Features 2 acres of newly established elderberry, a greenhouse and storage shed. 75% timber cover with pond, trails throughout and abundant wildlife.

TRACT 3
 Selling 20 m/l acres with Highway 54 frontage, well and electric. Multiple secluded build sites with high appeal. Includes an older modular home and a shed.

TRACT 4
 Selling 13 m/l acres on Highway 54, 60% timber cover. Ideal for building, with an attractive setting. Perfect addition to Tract 3.

TRACT 5
 Selling 6 m/l acres located at 785 SW Highway 54 Collins, MO. Formerly the Quilt Shop with nearly 5,000 sq ft of commercial space. Ideal for a commercial business with easy access for semi-traffic. Includes several small buildings and a modular home located on the North end of the property. Ideal for income producing or residence.



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HALFWAY, MO

Due to my health we will sell the following Automobiles, Trailers, Tractor's, Equipment, Tools, Parts, Household and Misc. From Halfway, Mo. Go South 3 1/4 Miles on H Hwy, to the Junction of H & YY Highway to the Auction on

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MOTOR HOME-CAMPER TRAILER • 1999 Windsor Monaco 38' Motor Home W/Diesel Motor, 58,072 Miles, 15' Slideout, Rollout Awnings, Kitchen W/ Stove, New Refrigerator, Bathroom, Good Condition • 1991 Carrite Model 2905 5th Wheel 28' Camper Trailer Roll Out Awnings

AUTOMOBILES-TRAILERS • 1989 Ford Bronco XLT, 2nd Owner 60,995 Miles, 2.9 Motor, Automatic Transmission, PW, PL, Grill Guard • 1985 Ford F-250 XLT Lariat Pickup, 53,000 Miles, 460 V-8 • Motor, Grill Guard • 1998 Ford Mustang Convertible V-6 3.8 Motor, Automatic Transmission • 1986 Ford F-250 Pickup, 4X4 V-8 460 Motor 4 Speed Trans, Flatbed (been sitting not running) • 1985 Ford F-150 XLT 302 Motor, Automatic Transmission, 52,400 miles (not running) • 1992 Ford F-250 Ext. Cab XLT Pickup 275,000 Miles • 1984 Ford F150 6cyl. Motor, Automatic Transmission • 1990 Ford Cargo 8000 Diesel Truck • 1982 Ford Dually Pickup W/Flatbed, V-8 Motor (not running) • 1992 Chevy Suburban 2500, V-8 Motor, 4 Speed Transmission • 2005 Ford SEL 4 Door AWD SUV 200,000 Miles • 1993 International Dump Truck 13' Bed (not running) • 1974 Chevy C-60 Dump Truck (not running) • 42' Semi Box Trailer • 22' Tandem Axle Flatbed Trailer • 10' HD Truck Flatbed W/12V Winch W/Tool Boxes • 2 Wheel Car Dolly

FORKLIFTS-TRACTORS-SKID STEER • Clark C-500 Propane 4500lb Forklift • U-Haul FG-25 Yam 2500lb Gas Forklift • Clark Clipper 2000lb Gas Forklift • Liftall 5000 Forklift (not running) • Hyster Model H60H Forklift (not running) • Clark Clipper Forklift (not running) • Terex PT-100 Forestry Skid Steer W/New Motor (Under Rebuild Now), Rubber Tracks, W/Bucket • 4 Ford 8 & 9-N Tractors (2 Running, 2 Not Running) • 3 Sets of Extra Forklift Forks

CAR LIFT-TOOLS • Bendpak 4 Post Electric/Hyd 14,000 Lb. Car Lift • Matco Special Edition 22 Drawer Tool Box 5' Long, 4' Tall, 2' Deep • Coats Model 50X-AF-2 Rim Clamp X Series Tire Changer • Lincoln SP170T Arc Welder 220v W/Bottle & Cart • Lincoln 225 Welder • Act. Torch Set W/Small Bottles • Landa Diesel PHW 2-1100 Pressure Washer • Miller Trailblazer 302 11,000 Watt Generator • Craftsman 10hp 5600 watt Generator • Porta Cable 80 Gallon 7 1/2 hp 220v Upright Air Compressor • 400amp Fleet Battery Charger • Cherry Picker • Motor Stand • Bearing Press • Parts Washer • 4 Ton Floor Jack • Floor Jacks & Jack Stands • Floor & Bench Model Drill Press's • 12 Ton Press • Hitachi Chop Saw • Grizzly Sand Blaster Cabinet • Snap on Tool Cart • 4-3' X 8' HD Metal Tables on Wheels • 8' HD Shop Bench • Large Lot of Misc. Wrench's, Socket Sets & Misc. Hand Tools (Snap on, Craftsman & Others) • Lot of Misc. Hand Power Tools • 3/4 Drive Socket Set • Lot of Vise Grips • Lot of Air Tools • Air Hose Reel • Double Stone Grinder • Bench Vise's • Stihl TS420 Concrete Saw • Log Chains • Chain Boomers • Large Lot of Ratchet Straps • Air Hoses • 42" Shop Fan on Wheels • 2 Wheel Alum. Dolly

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HOUSEHOLD • Kitchen Aid Side by Side Refrigerator/Freezer • Frigidaire Med. Upright Freezer • Frigidaire Refrigerator • 30" Kenmore Electric Range • 2 Sets Whirlpool Automatic Washer & Dryer • 36" & 31" Vizio TV's • TV Stand • Leather Sectional W/Dual Electric Recliners • 3 Cushion Leather Couch • Full size Hollywood Bed • Chest Drawers • Glass Fronted Cabinet • Hand Made 2 Door 8 Gun Cabinet (Nice) • 3 Bar Stools • Kitchen Table W/4 Chairs • Metal Patio Set W/4 Chairs • Pots, Pans & Dishes • Nice Clean Furniture • Child's Ford Metal Model 7740 Pedal Tractor • Approx. 25 Boxes of unseen Household Misc.

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

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