



## Hyatt will recommend 5-day week to school board

Gainesville school superintendent Dr. Jeff Hyatt will recommend to the Gainesville R-V School Board next week that the district continue on a five-day-a-week schedule in the 2019-2020 school year.

In December, Hyatt asked the board to consider a four-day school week, starting in fall 2019. A five-day calendar was also prepared for the next school year. The school got 500 responses to a survey that was sent home about the proposed change. Hyatt said 68 percent were in favor of the four-day week, 15 percent were undecided and 15 percent said no.

But Hyatt told the *Times* last week, "After much consideration and research, and after taking everything into account, at this point, I will be recommending the five-day calendar to the board for at least for another year."

What Hyatt called the "new-and-improved" calendar will have a traditional Monday-through-Friday week but will also include several four-day weekends. Those weekends are set to occur over Labor Day and Hootin an Hollarin in September, during parent teacher conferences in October, Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in January, Presidents Day in February, and Good Friday/Easter in April. Students will have a full week off for Thanksgiving and for spring break in March. The proposed calendar has the next school year starting on Tuesday, Aug. 13, and ending on May 8, 2020.

"At this point, that adds up to 1,092 hours, and we are required to have 1,044,"

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## Presidents Day closures

Banks, post offices and most government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for the Presidents Day holiday. The Gainesville License Office, The Center and Gainesville City Hall will be closed.

The Ozark County Volunteer Library and most businesses, including the *Times*, will be open.



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Another week, another house fire

# Early-morning fire destroys family's Tecumseh home



Firefighters with Tecumseh, Caulfield, Lick Creek, Bakersfield, Dora and Howell Rural VFDs responded to a home fire around 3 a.m. Monday at Dub and Crystal Williams' home on Highway 160 in Tecumseh. Several departments brought tankers and pumpers to provide water for the firefighting efforts. Firefighters also used a portable pump to pull water from the Williams' backyard swimming pool and transfer it to the trucks so the equipment could stay at the scene continuously instead of having to shuttle back and forth to get water.



Dub and Crystal Williams

By Jessi Dreckman, jessi@ozarkcountytimes.com

Flames from Dub and Crystal Williams' house on Highway 160 in Tecumseh burned relentlessly in the dark, early-morning hours Monday despite the steady shower of rain falling from the sky and a swarm of volunteer firefighters doing their best to suppress it.

The Williams family lost their home and almost all of their belongings to the blaze, but thanks to the family's fire alarms, Crystal, who was home alone at the time, escaped the burning home safely. Dub, a boilermaker, was away for work, and Dub and Crystal's two daughters, 11-year-old Lily and 14-year-old Kaylin, were spending the night with a family friend Sunday because Crystal had to be at work early Monday.

"You wouldn't think it would have burned like it did with all the rain," Nathanael Winrod, Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department chief, told the *Times* Monday. "But it was burning good when we got there, and it was a really tough one to put out. The rain didn't seem to have any effect on it at all."

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# American Legion honors Lester White for his many years of baseball coaching

By Sue Ann Jones  
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Howards Ridge native Lester White worked construction throughout most of his adult life, but his greatest legacy isn't in the structures he's helped build. It's the young men whose lives he has touched – through baseball.

Recognizing his efforts, the American Legion Baseball Department of Arkansas last month named him to its Meritorious Award Hall of Fame. The honor, presented Jan. 19 in Little Rock, honors White's "many years of coaching and service as State Chairman."

The Hall of Fame recognition comes 10 years after the city of Mountain Home, Arkansas, where White coaches, proclaimed June 12, 2009, as "Lester White Day," acknowledging White's coaching of "the Mountain Home Lockerroom American Legion Baseball Triple A team since 1983" and his "fundraising efforts and establishing financial assistance to enable players to receive baseball scholarships."

In 2013, Mountain Home named the baseball field where the American Legion teams play "Lester White Field." The proclamation announcing the naming of the field said, "During the past 30 years, more than 150 young men coached by Lester White have gone on to play college baseball, and at least four have played professional baseball."

Some of White's former American Legion team members are currently playing college baseball at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, South Dakota University in Aberdeen, Arkansas Tech in Russellville and Williams Baptist University in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

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Lester White shows the certificate that accompanied his January induction into the American Legion's Arkansas Baseball Hall of Fame. When Mountain Home, Arkansas, named its baseball field for White in 2013, the declaration noted that "more than 150 young men coached by Lester White have gone on to play college baseball and at least 4 have played professional baseball."

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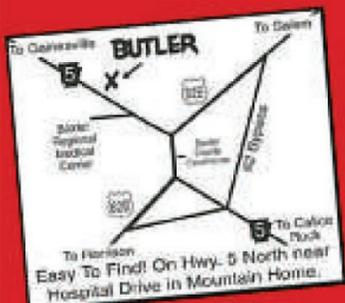
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## Women's Center gift

The Pointer, Blackburn and Brown law firm recently contributed to the Ozarks Medical Center Foundation's "Building the Future" campaign benefiting the West Plains hospital's Women's Center expansion. With offices based in Gainesville, Mountain Grove and Ava, the law firm's gift recognizes the impact the expansion will have on West Plains and the surrounding area. Organizers say the project will expand the hospital to connect to the nearby Shaw Building, allowing many of the hospital's providers to be housed in a single state-of-the-art Women's Center facility. Pictured, from left: attorneys Jessica Blackburn, David Pointer and Joshua Brown with Carol Silvey, vice president for advancement with the OMC Foundation. For more information about the foundation and its projects, call 417-853-5200.

## Commissioners review topics from recent state meeting

At its Monday meeting, the Ozark County Commissioners discussed the 2019 County Commissioners Association of Missouri meeting they attended last week in Columbia.

One of the conference topics focused on local use taxes for online purchases. Currently, Ozark County does not collect tax on online purchases, but, according to Presiding Commissioner John Turner, some Missouri counties, including Howell and Texas, have passed legislation that allows them to do so. However, voters in some other counties have rejected the measures, Turner said. "We'll have to study on it," he said, indicating that the issue might be considered for the November ballot. Turner also said state legislation has been introduced that might make it possible for Missouri counties to collect the tax without putting it before local voters.

Other topics addressed at the conference included new resources from the state for indigent burials, updates on implementing the recently passed medical marijuana legislation, and reimbursements from the state for prisoner boarding.

Western District Commissioner Greg Donley said the county is looking for a temporary worker to run a mini-excavator and drive a dump truck. The applicant must have a CDL and must have been unemployed for seven weeks prior to starting. The job opening is part of a Missouri Workforce Development project to clean up damage from the 2017 flood. For details, check the "employment" section of the classified advertising section of this week's Times.

Before Monday's meeting adjourned, Turner cautioned Ozark Countians to "turn around, don't drown" during high water, which he expected because, he said, "I think it's going to rain all day."

Next week's meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, due to the courthouse being closed Monday in observance of Presidents Day.

## MSU-WP's Howerton makes third presentation Feb. 20 at Ozark County Historium

By Janet Taber, Special to the Times

For anyone who is intrigued with the culture and history of the Ozarks region, next week's visitor to the Ozark County Historium will be of interest. At 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, Dr. Phillip Howerton will be speaking about his newest publication, *The Literature of the Ozarks: An Anthology*.

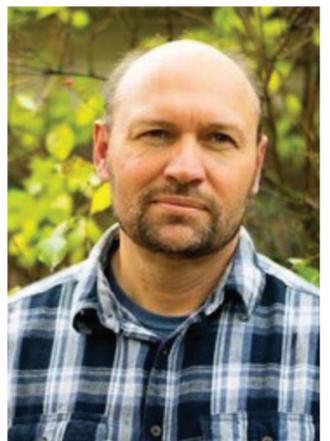
To say that Howerton's collection is varied might be an understatement, for some of the works included in it are selections by an Osage priest, a native-born farm wife, a Pulitzer-prize winning poet and several African-American writers. The selections span more than 200 years and are a result of extensive research carried out when Howerton was preparing his doctoral thesis at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Actually, Dr. Howerton is no stranger to variety. Teacher, factory worker, poet, truck driver, editor – not many men can lay claim to being all of the above. But Howerton, currently professor of English at Missouri State University-West Plains, has filled all those roles in his life, and a few more as well. His wide range of life experiences have given him insight into many layers of society that make up the region that we call home.

In cooperation with Dr. Brooks Blevins at MSU-Springfield, Howerton compiled his new anthology as part of the Ozarks Studies series; Blevins spoke at the Historium last fall about the publication of his own latest volume, *A History of the Ozarks: The Old Ozarks*.

Howerton's visit to the Historium will be his third; his earlier visits focused on poetry he wrote himself, including selections from his popular *The History of Tree Roots*. He has been invited to hold book signings in libraries in Poplar Bluff and Farmington, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and other towns in the region, as well.

Dr. Phillip Howerton's presentation is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served, so participants are encouraged to arrive early to be assured of a chair. The Historium is on the west side of the square in downtown Gainesville. For more information, call 417-679-2400, or email [ozarkcol@ozarkcountyhistory.org](mailto:ozarkcol@ozarkcountyhistory.org).



Dr. Phillip Howerton

## Tecumseh VFD chili cook-off begins at noon Saturday

The Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department will host its second annual chili cook-off from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Tecumseh Community Building on Highway 160 east of Lake Norfolk. Judges will be Ozark County Sheriff Darrin Reed, Ozark County Presiding Commissioner John Turner and 2018 Ozark County Citizens of the Year Wayne and Doris Sayles.

Those planning to enter the cook-off are asked to call 284-1606 to let organizers know what's being entered. The chili should be brought to the community building in a Crock-pot no later than 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The event is a fundraiser for Tecumseh VFD. The cost for those participating in the tasting and voting will be \$7 for adult, \$3 for children.



## Johnnalee Suter celebrates 84th birthday

Johnnalee Suter celebrated her 84th birthday Friday at The Center, sharing a decorated cake delivered by her cousin, Lyle Mishler of Springfield. Other family members who joined the celebration included her sons (above) Kent, left, and Mark Suter, as well as granddaughter Kursten Hamm and her husband Brad and son Colt, and Johnnalee's brother-in-law, Bill Suter. Her actual birthday was Wednesday, Feb. 6. (Photos courtesy Kris Luebbert.)



## Opal Bearden to celebrate upcoming 90th birthday

Opal Bearden will celebrate her 90th birthday from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at a gathering hosted by her family at the First Christian Church in Gainesville.

She was born Feb. 21, 1929, in West Frankfort, Illinois, the oldest of William and Hattie McCollum's five children. In 1947, Opal married Bill Bearden when they were both 18. Their first son was born a year later, in 1948. Soon afterward, they moved to San Diego, California, where Bill worked as a carpet layer and Opal enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom for their growing family, which by 1955 included another son and a daughter.

When their youngest child, Sue, was in high school, Opal went back to school at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California, outside San Diego. She became a licensed vocational nurse and worked the "graveyard shift" (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) in the intensive care unit at Paradise Valley Hospital until about 1983, when she developed back problems and became disabled.

As a youngster, Bill had been fascinated by pilots who had come to his hometown, offering rides for those who bought war bonds. He earned his own pilot's license a few years later, in 1948. In the early 1980s, he became an FAA examiner and opened a flight school. Opal and their children later joined him in working there, contributing to the success of the business.

Soon after her husband's death in 1998, Opal moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Todd Herring, and in 2004, they moved together to Ozark County, where, after a short time of "retirement," the Harnings opened H&W Automotive with their son, Jimmy Wynn and his wife Liz.

Opal volunteered at the Ozark County Volunteer Library and Senior Center for several years – until she broke her hip. She is also a breast cancer survivor.

Today, Opal's oldest son Dale lives in Sedrowooley, Washington, with his wife, Roxanne. Her middle son, Don, died in 1999. She also has seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and she's eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great-great-grandbaby in September.

She enjoys being involved in the activities of the First Christian Church and looks forward to greeting friends and family members there at her 90th birthday celebration. Family members ask that no gifts be brought, but greeting cards are especially welcome. Those who aren't able to attend may send cards to Opal at 1321 State Highway 5, Gainesville, MO 65655.



Opal Bearden celebrates her 90th birthday next week.



Opal McCollum Bearden, left, with her sister Joyce, during their toddler years.

## Wasola VFD hosts supper with live music

The Wasola Volunteer Fire Department will host a chili and soup fundraiser supper beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the firehouse on Highway 5 about 12 miles north of Gainesville.

Backyard Bluegrass will provide live music.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children age 6 to 12. Children age 5 and younger are free. Proceeds from the event will benefit the WVFD, including efforts to renovate the department's building.

Everyone is invited.

## OCHD purchases building for food pantry

The Ozark County Health Department has purchased a building from Rick and Paula Hopper on Highway 160 west of the Gainesville business area that will be renovated to serve as the new home of the Ozark County Food Pantry.

Parking lot improvements and renovation of the building, which is located just below the Ozark County Sheriff's Office, are expected to begin in the next several months, according to an OCHD announcement. The building was purchased using funding through a Community Development Block Grant, the announcement says.

OCHD is required to commit to the CDBG project a cash match of \$10,000 for the renovation and improvements cost. A commitment of a \$1,500 in-kind match for administrative services was pledged as well. "We will need to raise the cash match for this project," the OCHD announcement said.

For more information about helping with this effort, contact OCHD administrator Rhonda Suter at 417-679-3334.

Susan Shipley is helping organize the fundraising efforts and has qualified for assistance from a Thrivent Action Team, which provides up to \$250 in funds to purchase items to organize fundraising support. Watch the *Times* for news of upcoming fundraising efforts.

The renovated building will provide "a better environment" for the food pantry and its volunteers," the OCHD announcement says. It's also expected that the new location on Highway 160 will provide "better visibility for those needing help with food."

## Six elected, re-elected to Extension Council

During the recently completed Ozark County Extension Council election, Bill Cockrum was re-elected to represent District 1-west, and Joe Uchtman was re-elected to represent District 2-east for their second, two-year term. Allen Douglas, Dan Noah, Tate Stehle and T. J. Lewis were elected to serve through February 2021.

T.J. Lewis is returning to the Extension Council after a seven-year intermission. He previously served as an appointed member representing the Ozark County Commissioners in 2012.

The newly elected and re-elected members join these members who are currently serving: Robert Edwards, Stacy Hamblton, Lindsay Collins, Marlin Wallace, R.J. Moyers, Noel Luna, Randy Riffey and Gary Collins.

The election was held Jan. 12-19 at 15 locations throughout Ozark County. A total of 159 ballots were cast: 55 from the west district and 90 from the east district. Six digital ballots were cast, and eight ballots were "spoiled" or marked improperly. Those who participated in digital polling, launched this year in Ozark County, found it convenient for casting votes and also for collecting the electronic ballots, an Extension staff member said.

A total of 12 candidates agreed to serve as candidates in the election.

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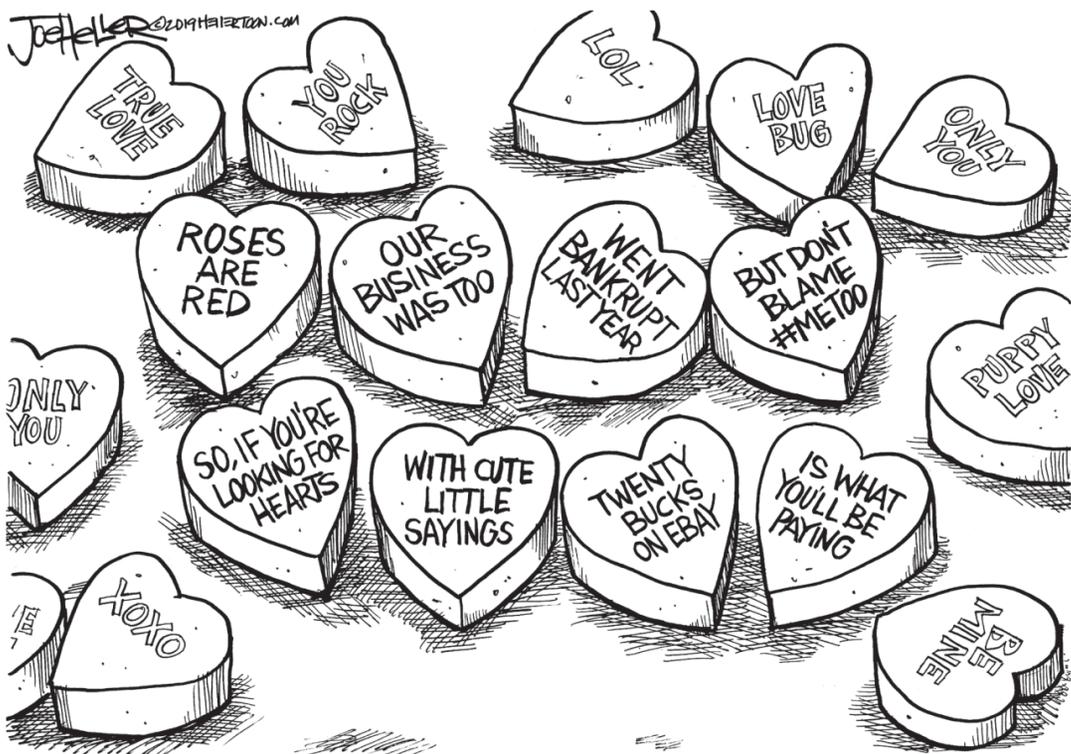
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# OPINION



## Please share your opinion on pending HB 188 and HB 445

Since the first day of session I have found several co-legislators who have a connection to the 155th District. One of them is Curtis Trent, a fellow legislator representing the 133 District and a former Ava Bear. Curtis was a student when I worked with the Ava Schools. Even though I know I was not directly responsible for his success, it is with great pride that I watch Curtis speak on the House floor and work with committee members.

We have had a busy week in Jefferson City. Several bills are making their way through the process. To access the full text of the bills mentioned in my weekly report please visit <https://house.mo.gov/LegislationSP.aspx?focusedID=Bill List>.

This week I am highlighting HB 188 and HB 445.

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (HB 188) has received first-round approval. Known as the Narcotics Control Act, the bill would create a prescription drug monitoring program to allow medical providers to spot any concerning trends in their patients' narcotics history. The sponsor said that giving providers a tool to spot abuse as well as protect patients from unsafe combinations of prescriptions is necessary.

A common concern for opponents of the bill is data privacy. In response, supporters say the bill contains protections to ensure data is encrypted so that private information remains private. They note that the program is protected by federal HIPAA law, just as all other electronic medical records are, and these records haven't been breached since they came into existence in the 1930s. Supporters also point out that a monitoring program will not allow anyone to be authorized to see medical data who isn't already authorized.

As Missouri is the only state that does not currently use a prescription monitoring system and since this bill has been introduced several times but has not been signed into law, it's important that I hear constituents' opinions on HB 188. The bill now requires another vote in the House before moving to the Senate.

In addition, the House gave approval last week to the Good Government Bill, HB 445. The bill would require local government officials to abide by many of the same ethical standards that apply to lawmakers and statewide officials. State officials have a \$5 limit on lobbyist gifts, a two-year waiting period before they can become lobbyists and limits on the campaign donations they can receive. Local officials currently do not have similar requirements in place in state law. Here in the 155th District, we passed the Clean Missouri Act, which mirrors these standards.

Again, I would love to hear your thoughts regarding HB 445. The bill now heads to the Senate for discussion.

I have been working with the Women Legislators of Missouri, a bi-partisan organization that works to provide opportunities for young women who plan to continue their education. Annually, the Women Legislators award scholarships and host an evening reception honoring seniors who receive the scholarships from the eight Congressional Districts of Missouri. The scholarship program provides financial assistance to young women based on leadership, academics and community service. Candidates must fill out an application and submit a 500-word essay answering the question, "If you were a state legislator, what would you hope to accomplish and why?"

I am honored to be a member of this great organization as well as serving as co-chair of the scholarship committee. I will be providing additional information regarding this opportunity in future reports.

It is always a joy to hear from the wonderful people back home. It is an honor, a privilege, to be of service to and represent the 155th District. Contact me at 573-751-2042 or [karla.eslinger@house.mo.gov](mailto:karla.eslinger@house.mo.gov).



**Karla Eslinger**  
155th Missouri House District Representative

## This year's 'unusual' legislation

The 2019 legislative session is in full swing, with more than 400 bills and resolutions already submitted in the Senate alone. Well over 1,000 pieces of legislation are moving through the House of Representatives. I expect almost 3,000 separate measures will be introduced before this session ends in May. It's a lot to take in.



**Sen. Mike Cunningham**  
33rd Senate District

This is my 14th year in the Missouri General Assembly. In that time, I've probably seen 40,000 bills. One thing I've learned is that it's hard to look at a pile of bills at the beginning of the session and predict what will finally pass. Sometimes, really important bills don't make it while others that don't seem so critical fly through the process.

The legislature will take up many important issues this year. We'll also deal with a number of things that affect only a few people or, perhaps, a certain industry or group. Every bill is important to somebody, though.

I thought it might be interesting to look at some of the more unusual measures the Senate will consider this year. Some of these will make headlines. Others, you'll probably never hear about. Here are just a few that caught my attention.

Senate Bill 322 would raise the admission price to Missouri casinos by \$1. The extra money would pay to move the Steamboat Arabia museum from Kansas City to the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City.

Senate Bill 210 designates the pawpaw tree as the official fruit tree of Missouri.

An 18-year-old stock clerk would be allowed to haul cases of beer from the delivery truck into the store so long as the delivery driver, who's at least 21, keeps an eye on him, thanks to Senate Bill 329.

You'll be able to give a handout to homeless people with your smart phone if Senate Bill 152 reaches the governor's desk. Signs placed near places where panhandlers congregate will tell people how to text a \$1 donation to a fund that pays for services for the homeless.

You might get fewer annoying robo calls if Senate Bill 144 becomes law. That measure bans "spoofing."

Senate Bill 186 allows platooning, which the bill describes as "a group of individual motor vehicles utilizing vehicle-to-vehicle communications to travel in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds." Vehicles within the platoon will be able to tailgate with impunity.

Two measures, Senate Bill 59 and Senate Bill 171, establish "no excuse" absentee voting. You won't need a reason to vote early.

If you're over 75 years old, you won't have to worry about jury duty if Senate Bill 297 passes. You'll be excused.

You wouldn't think we would need to pass a law to allow people to do good deeds, but Senate Bill 3 provides immunity for people who mow grass or remove trash and debris from abandoned property. If this bill passes, volunteers could paint over graffiti without worrying about being sued.

These are just a few of the hundreds of bills the Senate will look at in 2019. If you'd like to see all the bills before the Senate, they're posted online at <https://www.senate.mo.gov/legislation>. You can read the full text of every bill and see how it's moving along in the process.

If you would like to arrange a visit, or if you ever have any questions, please contact my Capitol office at 573-751-1882.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks to Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Dept.

On Saturday afternoon Feb. 2, an accidental fire broke out on my farm in Ozark County. I called 911, and the Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department was on the scene within 14 to 15 minutes. The volunteers immediately went to work, each one knowing exactly what to do to bring the fire under control.

The men were amazing to watch. What great teamwork! I am so thankful and grateful we have people who are willing to do such a great service to our community. I have supported our local fire department by paying my membership dues over the years. Never did I think I would ever need their services! When I heard the sirens coming, I was so relieved because the fire was within 200 yards of my neighbor's house.

All of our local volunteer fire departments need to be financially supported. If you are not a member of your local fire department, I urge you to join. Now.

Pay your membership dues and do anything you can to support them. If you ever need them, you will be very proud you did so.

Thanks again to the volunteers with the Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department. May God bless you.

Leroy Jones  
West Plains

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## CORRECTION

In the Jan. 23 edition of the *Times*, Mike Smith's name was inadvertently left off the list of candidates running in the April 2 election for two positions coming open on the Dora school board. Other candidates are Tim Masters, Dan Hurd, Dustin Howard and incumbents Jeff Strong and Lynda Smith.

In last week's *Times* the story about Ozark County's 2019 budget highlights included 2019 figures for the

Ozark County Assessor's Office but not the comparable numbers for 2018. The assessor's 2019 budget estimates are shown here, with the 2018 figures in parentheses:

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## Teacher Placement Day is March 1 in WP

The annual Teacher Placement Day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in Gohn Hall, 603 W. Main Street, on the Missouri State University-West Plains campus.

The event, hosted by the MSU Teacher Education Completion Program, is for students who are in their final semester of an education program and also for education program graduates. They can meet with administrators from school districts in Howell, Douglass, Oregon, Ozark, Texas, Shannon and Wright counties in Missouri about teaching positions in those districts. Administrators from districts in north-central Arkansas also will be on hand to meet with prospective teachers.

Mock interviews will be conducted from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

This is a free event open to MSU education program students and graduates, as well as students and graduates of education programs at other area institutions.

For more information or to preregister a school district, call 417-255-7784 or email [SheriMayfield@MissouriState.edu](mailto:SheriMayfield@MissouriState.edu).

## Creative Valentine's boxes



Charlotte Goodman, left, a second grader at Gainesville Elementary, and her sister Clara, a fourth grader, decorated Valentine's Day boxes with their mother Amanda Goodman last week. Charlotte chose a Harry Potter theme for her first-ever Valentine's Day box while Clara designed her box after the TV show *Stranger Things*.



Whitley Tetrick, a third grader at Gainesville Elementary, decorated this unicorn-themed Valentine's Day box in preparation for her class party.

## Ozark Countians graduate from ASU

Four Ozark Countians were awarded diplomas from the Arkansas State University during the 2018 fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 8 in the First National Bank Arena on the ASU campus in Jonesboro.

Ericka Jeanne Armstrong of Wasola graduated with a specialist's degree in educational leadership.

These students were awarded associate of applied science degrees in nursing: Dalton J. Nash of Gainesville, Tori Ann Myers of Theodosia and Sara Jo Suter of Thornfield.

## Needmore church hosts April 12-13 women's conference

"This Is My Story" will be the theme of a women's conference to be held at Needmore Church of God near Dora on Friday and Saturday, April 12-13.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Friday with a concert by The Elmores; the group will also lead the worship during the Saturday event. TV news anchor and journalist Sara Forhertz will be the keynote speaker on Saturday, which also will feature a presentation by Cabool-based On Time Ministries, which provides recovery assistance for women who have been rescued from human trafficking and the sex trade.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this event in our area," said planning team leader Debbie Strong. "We have chosen the theme 'This Is My Story' with the idea that each of us has a story and we are continuing to write that story throughout our lives."

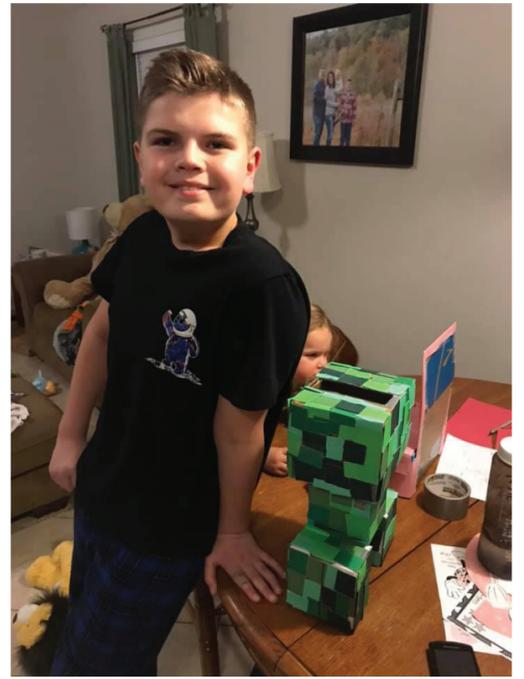
Several people will share their stories in person and by video during the event.

The \$25 conference fee includes intermission snacks during the Friday night concert, a Saturday morning continental-style breakfast and Saturday lunch. T-shirts may be ordered at an additional cost.

For more information or to register, call Needmore pastor Betty Stanley, 417-284-3366.



Ezra Yarger, a preschooler at Mark Twain Elementary, decorated this beauty shop vanity Valentine's Day box for her upcoming party.



Zeke Yarger, a fifth grader at Mark Twain Elementary, decorated his Valentine's Day box like the Creeper character from Minecraft.



Friends Tate Uchtman, left, and Evan Jenkins, both sixth graders at Gainesville Elementary, designed their Valentine's Day boxes in the spirit of their favorite football team, the Kansas City Chiefs.

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## Luna to speak at Feb. 16 prayer brunch

This month's Ozark County Ladies Prayer Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Gainesville Church of Christ on Highway 160 east of Gainesville. Barbara Luna will be speaking about "Keeping your faith through this game of life."

Organizers said, "We invite everyone to attend, and we will be blessed if you do. We are praying for good weather."

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Plenty of financial information is out there, so the more Americans can learn, the better. Building financial knowledge, getting started early and seeking help when needed will help make personal money management doable and position individuals for long-term success.

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# TIMES PAST compiled by Mary Ruth Luna Sparks



This photo, which originally accompanied a story about Ozarks theaters in the *West Plains Gazette*, shows the "Famous Talkie Tent Show" that Forrest and Oneta Glass took to a Bakersfield Fourth of July celebration in 1939. In the early 1940s, World War II created shortages of gasoline and tires, limiting the circuit the Glasses could travel with their "Talkie Tent." As a result, they reportedly set up permanent theaters in both Bakersfield and Dora. The Bakersfield theater, which they called the Glass Theatre, was sold when Forrest died in 1958. This photo is reprinted from the February 2019 edition of the *Old Mill Run*, where it accompanies a story titled "Bakersfield's long movie history." The *Old Mill Run* is available for purchase at the Historium.



## New agency owner

Dale Sanders, left, has acquired the American Family Insurance agency from Jamie Loge. The agency will continue operating on the south side of the square in Gainesville with Stacy Runion, center, as customer service representative and Brett Gage as the agency sales specialist. This is Sanders' second American Family agency; he has owned an American Family agency in Branson for 27 years. Raised in Kisse Mills, Sanders is a graduate of College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout. He was a high school basketball coach before leaving teaching to move into the insurance business. He and his wife, Shelly, have three grown children and four grandchildren. Sanders and his brother, Doug, have a beef cattle operation in Taney County. He said the company offered him the opportunity to take over the Gainesville agency because of his background and his experience with the farm community. Loge, who had operated an agency in Ava, acquired the Gainesville agency three years ago from Marlin Wallace.

### Ozark County Times Feb. 14, 1919

Mammoth – Melven Pettyjohn has been plowing for Jim McGinnis John Hayes and Birt Miller baled hay at Geo Dye's this week.

Geo. Dye suffered a severe attack of toothache Sunday evening. W. R. Mullins, Roy, Harry, Lou and Roy Crawford and Misses Chloe and Opal Robins were in attendance.

Thornfield – The school is unusually well attended for the winter months and is progressing nicely under the management of Miss August Krider.

A week or so ago, the stork visited the home of Johnie Burden and left a fine baby girl, and later left one at the home of Will Jennings.

### Feb. 14, 1930

Lilly Ridge – The telephone boys are at work here now.

Mae Reynolds, Ruth, Edith and Linnie Crawford visited Mrs. Ed Clark at Gainesville Saturday morning.

Several of the women attended the quilting party given by Mrs. Becky Crawford Tuesday.

### Feb. 17, 1944

New Harmony – The pond diggers were in our neighborhood last week. Those having ponds dug were: L. S. Cockrum, Paris Sims, Newt Martin, Alva McDonald, John Flack and Allan and Don MacAllaster. They are getting ready for water when it comes.

Mrs. L. S. Cockrum has 800 eggs set, 400 to hatch next Sunday and 400 two weeks later. They are for Scott Price. We know where to go

for fried chicken.

### Feb. 13, 1964

Mrs. Roy Lister is among a large number of Ozark countians confined to their homes with the mumps.

Dawt – Ranck [the writer's husband] gave up on trapping bobcats. Using cracklins for bait, he caught Gather Runion's dog. Using a dry set, he caught Isom Corp's dog, Toby. At 3 a.m. Isom and Jerry had to get up and remove the trap. Toby bit both of them.

Little Carla Hunt has been staying with her grandmother, Fanny Hunt.

Seven Gainesville students have been named to the regional honors band and honors choir ...

The students are Debbie King, Kathy Blackburn and Mike Tankersley, chorus; Debbie Landers, Janet Ebrite, Phyllis James and Angela Wallace, band. Jim Heiskell, music instructor at Gainesville, will accompany the group ... to the Evangel College gymnasium in Springfield.

### Feb. 13, 1969

The Gainesville city council set March 15 as the deadline for the purchase of city stickers for cars, pickups and trucks owned by all Gainesville residents.

The stickers cost \$3 and are on sale at the vehicle license bureau across from the post office. The stickers have as decoration Cedar Pete ... and identify Gainesville as the Home of Hootin an Hollarin.

The Gainesville Bulldogs won their third second-place trophy this season by losing to the Mansfield Lions 64-38 in the final game of the Ava Tournament

Saturday night....

GHS cheerleaders won first place at the tournament and were awarded bracelets as prizes.

### Feb. 16, 1994

Four young children suffered either smoke inhalation or burns in a Tuesday afternoon fire at the Westridge Apartments in Gainesville.

According to firefighters on the scene, four children were taken to the Gainesville Clinic for observation. At least two of the four were to be treated for minor to moderate burns.... The apartment, which was being rented by Tammy Thompson, was considered a total loss.... The children ... were all reported playing in the bedroom where firefighters suspect the fire started.

The Lutie Indians, led by standout Jack Coons, sit atop the team-scoring category in the Ozarks.

According to figures compiled by the *Springfield News-Leader*, Lutie is first in the Ozarks in average points per game with an average of 85.1 points scored per game....

Coons also leads the Ozarks in individual scoring with an average of 24.4 points per game.... Coons' high game of the season was one where he scored 36 points....

Nathan Halton, another Lutie stand-out, was also among the Ozarks scoring leaders. Halton ranked 10th in field goal percentage with a percentage of .573. Halton was also ranked 18th in rebounding with an average of 9.1 rebounds per game....

The Indians are 15-3 on the year and a perfect 4-0 in the Mark Twain Conference.

## THE CENTER

### Menus

Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to everyone. The cost is \$6 for those younger than 60; a \$3.50 donation is requested for those over 60. Call 679-4746 to order take-out for 25 cents more.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: crispy fish tacos, peppered corn, California-blend veggies, gooey butter cake. Thursday, Feb. 14: pork chops with cinnamon apples, rosemary roasted potatoes, green bean Almandine, hot rolls, red velvet cupcakes. Friday, Feb. 15: fried fish fillets, ham and beans, creamy cole slaw, buttered cornbread, strawberry delight cake. Monday, Feb. 18: Closed in observance of Presidents Day holiday. Tuesday, Feb. 19: beef tips over noodles, roasted Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, National Chocolate Chip Mint Brownie Day. Wednesday, Feb. 20: cashew chicken over steamed white rice, Oriental veggies, egg rolls, National Cherry Pie Day. Thursday, Feb. 21: BBQ meatloaf burgers with crispy fried onions, pasta salad, Brussels sprouts, ice cream sundaes.

### Activities

Wednesday, Feb. 13: board meeting 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14: Bingo 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15: arthritis exercise class 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18: Closed for Presidents Day holiday. Tuesday, Feb. 19: cards / dominoes 10 a.m., music jam session 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20: Belton hearing aid clinic 10 a.m. - noon; Grace foot clinic 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21: Bingo 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22: arthritis exercise class 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25: arthritis exercise class 1 p.m., Bingo 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26: cards / dominoes 10 a.m., music jam session 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28: Bingo 1 p.m.

### OATS

OATS transportation is available to the entire county and to anyone regardless of age, income, disability, race, gender, religion or national origin. If you don't see your area listed, call driver Angela Pleasant, 417-343-0573, for help arranging your ride. For rides from Bakersfield, Caulfield and Dora, call Jean Lawing, 284-7377; from Theodosia and Gainesville, call Mary Piepergerdes, 679-4142. To arrange rides to Springfield, call Lawing or Pleasant. For trips on Monday, call by Thursday of the previous week. For trips on Tuesday, call by the preceding Friday; for trips on Thursday, call by Tuesday. Please call between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. No scheduling is done on the weekend.

Fares have been implemented in 2019, ranging from \$5 to \$10. This is the OATS schedule for the rest of February:

Thursday, Feb. 14: East County to West Plains. Monday, Feb. 18: Office closed in observance of Presidents Day, no bus runs. Tuesday, Feb. 19: West County to Mountain Home, Arkansas. Thursday, Feb. 21: East County to West Plains. Tuesday, Feb. 26: The whole county comes to Gainesville. The Ozark County Food Pantry is open this day at a special time for OATS riders only. Thursday, Feb. 28: East County to West Plains.

## ZANONI by Colene Rose

There's no predicting the weather! However, if the saying is true, spring might not be far away. We saw a bunch of robins Saturday evening.

When we get some snow, Paul has to feed more hay. One good thing, the snow doesn't last long, but it spoils the cattle.

Paul and I made a trip to MFA in West Plains to get mineral tubs for the cattle.

Saturday afternoon I rode with him to see the cattle, and he put out salt.

February is little-calf month, so pastures will be checked closely every day.

Due to slick spots on the roads Sunday morning, church was called off at Smith Chapel.

Our prayers are with the sick folks.

Everyone have a good week and keep your feet dry.

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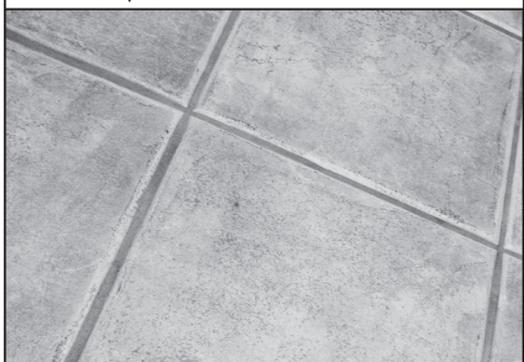
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## GHCC by Sherri Beasley

Hello from Gainesville Health Care Center. We have been busy getting ready for our Valentine's Day party. Edna Hannaford, Carol Lease and Sheila Dunn made cards to hand out at the party, Robin Strong decorated our front entry, and Jami Bridges decorated the dining room.

Later in the week, Carol, Sheila, Edna and Delphia Holmes helped Jami make Valentine's Day bags for the cards and candy everyone will get. Our king and queen will be crowned during the party so there is still time to stop by the front office and vote.

Our king contestants are Don Harden, David Peirce and C. L. Sapp. Our queen contestants are Sheila Dunn, Delphia Holmes and Ardith Reed.

Carol, Sheila and Edna had a great time playing bean bag toss. Delphia gave me a few hints on how to build another bean bag toss; we may have to try it out this summer.

John Wayne movies are always a hit. Jami popped some popcorn, and Dorcas Rackley, Edna, Sheila, Ida Mae Huse, LeRoy Porter, Betty Price, along with several other residents enjoyed watching "The Sons of Katie Elder."

We did a new craft where you make roses out of ribbons. Jami and Lizzie, Opal Huelsenbeck's daughter, helped Delphia, Ida Mae, Sheila, Edna, Carol and a couple other ladies make the roses.

They said the roses turned out just beautiful.

Debbie Cobb had Bible study with Carol, Edna and Sheila.

Vonetta Kelley, C.L., Edna and Sheila enjoyed a competitive game of dominoes.

We had a special guest. Allan Deyo joined us during lunch on Feb. 6. He played the most amazing songs while many residents sang along. We look forward to seeing him again next month.

Lessie Pierce enjoyed visiting with her son, Sid Pierce, and her daughter, Beth Pierce Baker.

Jewel Davis enjoyed a visit from her son, Ray Davis.

Keith and Deborah Coffey brought C. L.'s great-grandchildren by for a visit.

David Peirce celebrated his birthday on Feb. 3, and Calla Mathy celebrated her 99th birthday on Feb. 10. Calla had a big birthday party, surrounded by her family. I stopped in to wish her a happy birthday, and she told me and Lori VanEperen that she was still perfect, just like the good Lord made her.

January's safety drawing winners were Kellie Thomas, Carin Clift and Lynda Jennings.

Our January employees of the month were Lori VanEperen, CNA; Joyce Miller, laundry; and Shelly Curtis, dietary. We appreciate your dedication, hard work, positive attitudes, safe work habits and compassion for those you care for. We have such a great team.

# Annual catch-and-keep season at trout parks opens March 1

Friday, March 1, marks the opening of catch-and-keep trout fishing in Missouri at the state's four trout parks: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Licking, Roaring River State Park near Cassville and Maramec Spring Park near St. James. The catch-and-keep season at the trout parks runs through Oct. 31.

The Missouri Department of Conservation operates trout hatcheries at all four parks. To help predict angler turnout on opening day, hatchery staff rely on permit records going back more than 80 years.

With this year's opening day falling on a Friday, hatchery staff at Montauk, Bennett Spring and Roaring River expect as many as 2,300 anglers at each location. Maramec Spring staff are planning for a crowd of about 1,600.

Based on these predictions, hatchery staff will stock three rainbow trout per expected angler on opening day for a total of more than 21,000 fish, averaging around a foot in length. The hatcheries will also stock a mix of "lunkers" ranging from 3 to 10 pounds.

To fish in Missouri's trout parks, trout anglers will need a daily trout tag, which can only be purchased at each of the four trout parks. Missouri residents 16 through 64 and nonresidents 16 and older need a fishing permit in addition to the daily tag.

Missouri fishing permits are available from vendors around the state, online at [mdc.mo.gov/buypermits](http://mdc.mo.gov/buypermits) or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunting and MO Fishing.

MDC staff stock more than 800,000 trout annually at the state's four trout parks and approximately 1.5 million trout annually statewide. Trout anglers spend more than \$100 million each year in the Show-Me-State, which generates more than \$180 million in business activity, supports more than 2,300 jobs and creates more than \$70 million in wages, according to MDC. About 30 percent of Missouri trout anglers come from other states, so a substantial portion of trout fishing expenditures is "new money" for the state's economy.

For more information on trout fishing in Missouri, visit <http://bit.ly/1QJI6Nk>.  
MDC reminds trout anglers that, to prevent the spread of the invasive alga called didymo or "rock snot," the use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles of felt or matted or woven fibrous material is prohibited at all trout parks, trout streams, Lake Taneycomo, and buffer areas. Get more information at [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/protect-missouri-fishing/dont-spread-didymo](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/protect-missouri-fishing/dont-spread-didymo).

# Small farm conference is set for March 19-20 in West Plains

Area residents can learn how to contribute to their regional food supply using their own land resources by attending the fourth annual "Bringing Back the American Small Farm" conference March 19-20 at the West Plains Civic Center.

The event is hosted by Missouri State University-West Plains, the Ozark Farmers Agriculture Cooperative, the University of Missouri Extension and the city of West Plains. Conference activities will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Featured speakers at this year's event include Teddy Gentry, a cattle breeder and bassist of legendary country music group Alabama, and author and long-time farmer Ellen Polishuk.

Gentry, who developed his own breed of cattle, South Poll, in 1989, will share his wealth of firsthand knowledge on how to successfully adapt livestock to fit into the environment of an individual farm during his keynote address on the first day of the conference. Gentry also will lead a roundtable discussion with breeders and meet exclusively with area 4H and FFA members.

Polishuk, co-writer of the recently released book *Start Your Farm* and a writer for *Growing for Market* magazine, will discuss how to become a successful 21st century farmer, among other topics.

Officials with Lincoln University in Jefferson City will bring their Jesup Wagon 2.0 exhibit to the conference. The wagon is a modern day re-imagining of Dr. George Washington Carver's original educational horse-drawn wagon. It contains modern-day technological advancements designed to increase farm efficiency. It also highlights ergonomic tools that reduce the risk of injury that are available to today's farmers.

In addition, conference attendees can attend a variety of workshops that will teach them how to create income from small acreage, adapt their environment to be more productive, and contribute to their regional food supply.

"Whether that's a backyard garden area or 100 acres, the conference will provide the information they need to start producing local foods," organizers said.

Early bird registration is now open, and group rates are available. To register or for more information about the conference and presentations, visit [www.americansmallfarm.com/conference](http://www.americansmallfarm.com/conference) or call Patrice Jennings at 417-293-0590.

# SCHOOL WEEK

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Hyatt said, adding that the district calendar has 1,110 hours this year. This year's calendar had 167 days of classes; the 2019-20 calendar will have 162. "We'll meet every aspect of the state's new attendance and calendar requirements. Everything else basically stays the same. There will be no change in bus routes."

Hyatt said he would be bringing this proposed five-day calendar before the board at its Feb. 19 meeting. "I'm not sure it'll be approved, but I'm anticipating the board will make a decision," he said.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the meeting are asked to call the school and be added to the agenda. While that is the preferred procedure, it's not required because the meeting includes a public comment session, Hyatt said.

Hyatt's decision comes after it was announced in December that Gainesville was "considering" moving to a four-day school week for 2019-2020, following a growing trend of school districts, especially those in rural areas. Bakersfield is in its first year of operating on a four-day week. An opinion piece written by Bakersfield superintendent Dr. Amy Britt about that district's experience so far with the new four-day calendar was published in the Jan. 30 edition of the Times. Britt's summary was shared nearly 700 times when it was posted on the Ozark County Times Facebook page; most responses to the piece were positive.

The Lutie school board has been "discussing" the possibility of a four-day week, said superintendent Scot Young, but no calendar change has been made. The Dora school district is in its second year of operating on what superintendent Steve Richards says is, in effect, a four-day week. It's not a formal four-day calendar, with every Monday off. Instead, it's similar to the calendar Hyatt is proposing with a four-day weekend most months plus a week off for Thanksgiving and spring break.

Although he didn't say so, one reason why Hyatt is recommending staying with the five-day calendar may be a concern that the calendar change might be a distraction, or even have an adverse effect, on the April 2 election, when the district has two funding propositions on the ballot. One asks voters to approve a 47-cent increase in the operating levy to pay for roof repairs, security and HVAC upgrades, a covered walkway between buildings and other improvements. The other is a \$1.9 million bond-issue proposal to pay for a new multipurpose gym.

Hyatt said the school calendar is usually approved at the March board meeting, but because it's "been discussed for a while now, I think the board will make the decision next week."

# Corps offers local residents free firewood permits

The Army Corps of Engineers Mountain Home (Arkansas) project office is issuing free firewood permits, for personal use, for about 80 acres adjoining Bull Shoals Lake. Permits are valid through March 31.

Trees were cut earlier as part of a timber stand improvement project. Permit holders will be allowed to remove downed hickory, ash, elm and cedar trees at Indian Point in the Price Place area, and at Strawberry Point across from Bull Shoals Lake boat dock in Arkansas. No standing trees can be cut. Individuals must have a permit before cutting/removal of any firewood from these areas, and selling of this firewood is strictly prohibited.

Permits may be picked up at the Corps of Engineers office, 324 West 7th St. in Mountain Home, or by contacting natural resource specialist Ty Fowler at 870-425-2700 ext. 1433.

# TOPS members mark January accomplishments

Reported by Joanne Krupp

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 4 p.m. every Monday in the Theodosia Village Hall on Highway 160 in Theodosia. Call TOPS leader Donna Anderson, 417-273-0027, for information about attending the next meeting.

Both men and women are welcome to join. We recently welcomed two new members, Roger Slayton and Kim Wilson.

Beverly McKenzie was the best weight loss winner for January; she was also one of the members who had no gains and won the Black Ink Award. The other two members were Marilyn Fulkerson and Roger Slayton.

Weekly weight loss awards went to Marilyn Fulkerson, Jan. 7; Roger Slayton, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21; and Jim Glynn, Jan. 28.

Other members who had weight losses for the month were Marilyn Fulkerson, Alice Morrison, Dian Sage and Joan Shutes.

KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) in status members are Margaret Jennings, Joanne Krupp and Kay Meyers. Joanne walked 44 1/2 miles and Kay walked 44 miles in January. Margaret Jennings, Kay Meyers and Joanne Krupp filled their 10-stamp postcard, keeping their weight steady.

Donna Anderson and Alice Morrison are celebrating 13-year TOPS anniversaries. Debbie Dodd is celebrating her four-year TOPS anniversary, and Kay Meyers is celebrating her 11-year TOPS anniversary.

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# RECORDS

## OBITUARIES

### Billie Mauler, 82

Funeral services for Billie Marie Friend Johnson Mauler, 82, were held Feb. 9, 2019, at Clinkingbeard Funeral Home in Gainesville with Jimmy Kyle officiating. Mrs. Mauler died Feb. 5.

She was born June 25, 1936, in Ocie, the daughter of Ted and Stella Wray Friend. On Aug. 11, 1956, she married Gene Johnson.

After Mr. Johnson's death in October 1978, she married Bernard Mauler on July 20, 1985, and they moved to Otis, Kansas, where they lived for 25 years before moving back to Missouri in 2010.

Mrs. Mauler was known as a godly woman who lived her whole life to go to heaven – and she got her wish. She loved reading her Bible every day. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and singing. She sang at 10 to 15 of the local churches. She wrote gospel songs and even had her own CD of them. She wrote a short story that was published in a book.

She loved her cat named Kitty. She was a member of the Y Church. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard Mauler; her sons, Larry Johnson and wife Janet, and David Johnson and wife Michele, all of Gainesville; stepson Michael Mauler of Great Bend, Kansas; stepdaughters Susan Grimes and husband Fred of Auburn, California, Sandra Kuhn and husband Jeff of California; grandchildren Hesston Johnson, Misti and Mason Eslinger, Laramie and Brianna Johnson, Zachary and Kari Johnson, Danielle and Reid Murphy, Michael Mauler II, Trenton Mauler, Hannah Grimes, Matthew Grimes and Tyler Kuhn; great-grandchildren Payton and Tate Eslinger, Landon Johnson, Kayleigh and Wyatt Johnson, Addilyn and Raiden Murphy, Michael Mauler III, Jaxson Mauler; and one sister, Ima Jo Boorman and husband Robert of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Gene Johnson.

Burial was in the Pontiac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pontiac Cemetery.

Arrangements by Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, Gainesville.



### Ray Coy Ingram, 75

A memorial service for Ray Coy Ingram, 75, of Ozark, was held Feb. 11, 2019, at Adams Funeral Home in Ozark. Mr. Ingram suddenly of an apparent heart attack on Feb. 8.

He was born Aug. 22, 1943, in Ozark County, the son of Hubert and Vetta Friend Ingram. After his 1962 graduation from Gainesville High School, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he worked at Coleman. In 1973, he was married, and 20 years later, he and his wife, Peggy, left Wichita and returned to Ozark County, where Mr. Ingram worked for the Lutie school district as maintenance supervisor and bus driver.

To be closer to family, the couple moved to Ozark in 2018.

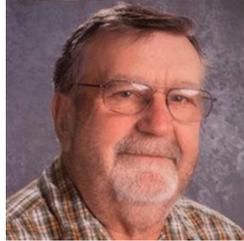
Mr. Ingram loved his family and enjoyed fishing, hunting and just being outdoors. He was known as someone who was easy to talk to and who never met a stranger.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; three children and their spouses, Michelle Medlin and husband Mike of Belle Plain, Kansas, Ty Ingram and wife Myka of Ozark, and Wendy Brungardt and husband Seth of Wichita; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Netta Schofield; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy and Larry Ingram; a sister, Verna May; and his parents.

Condolences may be expressed at adamsfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements by Adams Funeral Home, Ozark.



### Maxine 'Macky' Willbanks, 89

A memorial service for Vada Maxine "Macky" Willbanks, 89, of Gassville, Arkansas, was held Feb. 9, 2019, at Conner Family Funeral Home Chapel in Mountain Home, Arkansas, with Pastor Bill Hughes officiating. Mrs. Willbanks died Feb. 5 in Gassville.

She was born Aug. 24, 1929, in Pontiac, the daughter of Melvin and Jewel Jenkins Willbanks. In 1946, she married Robert Johnson, the love of her life. She was known for keeping such a clean house that visitors could eat off the floors. She enjoyed dancing, baking bread, drinking her coffee and eating spicy food.

She is survived by two sisters, Barbara Shaw of Conway, Arkansas, and Mary Rackley and husband Delbert of Rogersville; a brother, John Wilbanks and wife Sheril of Clinton; four grandsons, Steve Johnson of Mountain Home, Tony Johnson of Gainesville, Alan Johnson and wife Sheri of Licking and Barrett Johnson and wife Susan of North Pole, Alaska; six great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Robert Wilbanks; a sister, Norma Snelson; and a son, Alan Johnson.

Condolences may be expressed at connerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Conner Family Funeral Home, Mountain Home, directors.



### Galen W. Baker, 83

Arrangements are pending for Galen W. Baker, 83, of Gainesville, who died Jan. 31 at NHC Health Care in West Plains after a long illness.

He was born March 5, 1934, in Osceola, Iowa, the fourth of the eight children born to Rolla and Delia Baker. As an adult, he worked as a surveyor and design engineer for the highway division in California. After retiring he and his wife, Patricia, moved to Ozark County to be closer to his brothers, Herman Baker of Howards Ridge and Jake Baker, who lived in Mountain Home, Arkansas, at the time. He enjoyed fishing, and for a while he and his wife raised chickens and rabbits.

He is survived by five of his six children: Randy Baker and wife Elizabeth of Canyon Country, California, Michael Baker and wife Margaret and Christy Hampton, all of Denver, Colorado, Ken Baker and wife Ami of Round Mountain, Nevada, Galen Baker II and wife Kristy of Sacramento, California; six siblings: Herman Baker and Cheryl Loggins and husband Tom, all of Howards Ridge, Fern Erickson of Salome, Arizona, Beverly Sells of Burlington, Iowa, Jake Baker of Alma, Arkansas, and Joyce Marshall and husband Walter of Troy, Missouri; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives Josephine and Patricia; his sister Marna Adams; and his daughter, Kathleen Baker.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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### Feb. 4

11:26 a.m. – Blue Tahoe is reportedly driving fast on Highway 160 west from J Highway and failing to maintain lanes. OCSO, Missouri State Highway Patrol rendered assistance.

11:26 a.m. – Reporting party said a trailer on County Road 116 has a hole in one wall and looks like someone has been inside. Nothing was stolen that caller could tell. She wanted it on record.

1:36 p.m. – Troop G relayed a call from a subject who reported a blue-top/silver-bottom Mazda at the Gainesville Clinic. Caller told Troop G that the driver is 13 and is driving the car with two babies in it. OCSO rendered assistance.

2:14 p.m. – Medical: 70s-something female who had recent surgery needs to go to the hospital. Ozark County Ambulance and Dora VFD responded. Patient was transported to Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

3:45 p.m. – Motor vehicle accident report on Highway 5 south near Head Start. Single person involved. OCA and Timber Knob VFD responded. Patient was transported to BRMC.

4:51 p.m. – Brush fire with structure in danger on Misty Lane. Timber Knob VFD responded with Pontiac Price Place VFD and Lick Creek responding in mutual aid.

5:40 p.m. – Reporting party says her mailbox on DP Drive has been bent and damaged. Wanted it on record.

5:54 p.m. – Medical: 53-year-old male has left arm pain and high blood pressure. Gainesville VFD responded.

6:22 p.m. – Medical: female has head injury from metal shelf. Gainesville VFD was paged out. Patient will go to BRMC via private vehicle.

### Feb. 5

9:11 a.m. – Caller said she found Claymore and other ammunition in her garage on D Highway south. Officer spoke to caller; a disposal team will come from Jefferson City to dispose of ammo.

12:56 p.m. – Caller said the boyfriend is getting an ex parte order on a subject and wants her out of location on Highway 5. Officer called reporting party.

5:08 p.m. – Caller said a black Toyota Supra heading north on Highway 5 north near Wilson Industries is failing to maintain lanes. Referred call to MSHP. At 5:12 p.m. caller said driver had turned onto Highway Z.

7:05 p.m. – Stranded motorist in semi-truck is stopped in middle of road on J Highway south of Highway 160. MSHP and Lick Creek VFD responded. Gone on arrival.

10:01 p.m. – Taney County said a gold van with the wrong plates was heading eastbound into Ozark County. OCSO relayed the information to MSHP.

### Feb. 6

2:27 a.m. – Caller said she and her husband had a physical altercation. Her husband left the residence. No ambulance is needed. Caller wants a restraining order to keep husband from coming back. She does not want to press charges for domestic assault but insisted on a restraining order. Caller became angry and hung up when she was told she would need to go to the courthouse to file for an ex parte. OCSO attempted to call her back. Reporting party said she had no time left on her phone and would

not give address. Dispatcher contacted officer to advise.

3:02 p.m. – Reporting party on Big Creek Cove said someone is in her home. She had heard walking on stairs. She contacted neighbor to come check the residence but still wants officer to respond. Officer found no signs of forced entry and no one else on the premises.

5:30 a.m. – Reporting party on HH Highway said her husband took her car and is with a male subject and they have drugs. OCSO rendered assistance.

8:29 a.m. – Reporting party on County Road 803A says his red Mustang was hit last night. OCSO rendered assistance.

8:58 a.m. – Caller on Kathlene Lane said a Remington 700 DSL 7mm rifle was taken from his home last night. Rifle was entered into MULES as stolen.

9:22 a.m. – Caller reported collision with animal on Highway 181 north of airport, causing front-bumper grill and front-end damage to 2006 Honda Odyssey. Wanted it on record for insurance purposes.

9:33 a.m. – Medical: unspecified circumstances. Bakersfield VFD responded for Howell County.

9:46 a.m. – 48-year-old male needs lift assistance on County Road 103. Caney Mountain VFD responded.

9:59 a.m. – Dollar General caller has photos of someone breaking into a locked dumpster. OCSO rendered assistance.

10:48 a.m. – Udall caller reported fraud incident. OCSO rendered assistance.

1:50 p.m. – Burglary reported on County Road 584. Report taken.

3:00 p.m. – Medical: 80-year-old female has leg infection. Dora VFD and OCA responded.

5:01 p.m. – Caller said a subject is sending threatening texts. OCSO advised caller to get ex parte.

8:27 p.m. – Medical: Female is choking. OCA responded. Patient was transported to BRMC.

### Feb. 7

7:15 a.m. – Caller said a subject is at a location off County Road 803A and will not get off the property. Handled by OCSO officer.

7:52 a.m. – Water is across road on Highway 101 just north of Bakersfield. OCSO called Dora; they will let West Plains know.

8:49 a.m. – Medical: 38-year-old female. Unknown circumstances. OCA responded. Patient was transported to Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

9:13 a.m. – Missouri Department of Transportation reports that T Highway at Mammoth is closed due to high water.

10:00 a.m. – Siren tests in Gainesville, Theodosia and Bakersfield were canceled due to area storms and low clouds.

10:50 a.m. – Caller said his wife had slapped him, took the baby and is walking down the road on County Road 196A. Wanted it on record.

3:33 p.m. – Medical: 29-year-old male is having chest pains. OCA and Caney Mountain VFD responded. Patient was transported to Ozarks Medical Center in West Plains.

5:58 p.m. – Two-vehicle accident near Dollar General. One vehicle has left the scene. Report taken.

6:51 p.m. – Juvenile situation reported. OCSO rendered assistance. Female has been found.

10:13 p.m. – Caller said he can hear neighbors fighting at Harlin Heights. OCSO rendered assistance.

10:16 p.m. – Suspicious incident: reporting party saw a man walking with a flash light in area of Evelyn Lane.

11:39 p.m. – OCSO

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## COURT RECORDS

The following criminal cases, traffic/municipal tickets and infractions were filed in Ozark County court between Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Monday, Feb. 4. All those charged are presumed innocent pending final court action.

**Jay T. Barnett**, Gassville, Arkansas, owner/operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered) and exceeding the posted speed limit by 20 to 25 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Cameron Lee Cofer**, Theodosia, owner/operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered) and failure to display plates on a motor vehicle or trailer - first offense. MSHP.

**Fernandez L. Gonzalez**, Miami, Missouri, owner/operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered) and exceeding posted speed limit by 1 to 5 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Latasha M. Benton**, Gainesville, owner/operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered) - first offense and exceeding posted speed limit by 11 to 15 miles per hour. MSHP.

**David J. Lipsmeyer**, Fayetteville, Arkansas, owner/operator of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility (motor vehicle required to be registered) - first offense and exceeding posted speed

limit by 11 to 15 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Johnny Potter**, Mountain Home, Arkansas, exceeded posted speed limit by 1 to 5 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Sydney Jo Cunningham**, Hollister, exceeded posted speed limit by 11 to 15 miles per hour and driver/front seat passenger failure to wear a properly fastened safety belt. MSHP.

**Jonathan David Mulford Jr.**, West Plains, exceeded posted speed limit by 1 to 5 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Kyle Hunter Hadley**, Pottersville, failure to display license plates on a motor vehicle or trailer. MSHP.

**Daniel Johnson**, Gainesville, exceeded posted speed limit by 16 to 19 miles per hour. OCSO.

**Rex Evans**, Mountain Home, Arkansas, exceeded posted speed limit by 11 to 15 miles per hour. OCSO.

**Charles Leon Souder**, Ava, two counts of trespassing. OCSO.

**Dakota L. Woodward**, Isabella, violation of order of protection for adult. OCSO.

**Katelyn A. Johnson**, Mountain Home, Arkansas, exceeded posted speed limit by 16 to 19 miles per hour. MSHP.

**Michelle Helena Walley**, Gainesville, operating a vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner, failure to register motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with vision reeducating material applied to the windshield or excess vision reducing material applied to a side window. MSHP.

# SCHOOL



Photos by Amy Ingalsbe

## Hunter Bentley and Makenzie Lester crowned at 2019 Bakersfield Homecoming

Members of the 2019 Bakersfield Homecoming royal court are, from left, front, crown bearer Kurt Watlington, freshman attendant Hannah Bean, sophomore attendant Grace Miller, junior attendant Erin Heavener, homecoming queen Makenzie Lester, queen candidates Cailey Beavers, Tiffany Daugherty and Kaitlyn Marsh, and flower girl Nautica Smith. Back row: Brady Jones, escort; Logan Scott, escort; Seth Ehrhart, escort; homecoming king Hunter Bentley, and king candidates Nathan Talley, Tyler Mahan and Tristan Morris. The Lions hosted Couch, and both the boys and girls teams won their contests. The boys varsity won 57-48, and the girls won 59-37. The Bakersfield teams now head to the Class 1 District 3 tournaments. The Bakersfield boys play Newburg at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, and the Lady Lions also take on Newburg at 2:45 p.m. that same day. Seeding for the girls tournament is Eminence, Koshkonong, Dora, Newburg, Bakersfield, Couch and Bunker. Seeding for the boys tournament is Dora, Eminence, Newburg, Winona, Koshkonong, Bakersfield, Bunker and Couch.



Hunter Bentley and Makenzie Lester



Photos by Misty Souder

## Garrett Souder and Brianna Wayman crowned at 2019 Lutie Homecoming

Members of the 2019 Lutie Homecoming royal court are, from left, (front) crown bearer Keith McCullough, and flower girl Nova Laird. Middle row: Madison Kennedy, Elizabeth Pansano, Hunter McCullough, homecoming queen Brianna Wayman, Lindsey Williams, Bailee Amos. Back row: Degan Chambers, Abraxas Collins, Alex Lubbers, homecoming king Garrett Souder, David Henderson and Cadan Billingsly. The Indians hosted Koshkonong, and the boys varsity team gave Lutie basketball fans a thrilling 57-55 victory. The Lutie Indians are hosting Norwood Thursday, Nov. 14, for senior night in the last game of their regular season before heading to Class 1 District 4 playoffs. The Indians will play Chadwick (14-10) at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Marshfield. Seeding for the tournament is Halfway, Chadwick, Bradleyville, Fair Play, Walnut Grove, Hurley, Lutie and Niangua.



Garrett Souder and Brianna Wayman

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OZARK COUNTY, MISSOURI CIRCUIT DIVISION**

GEORGE FRANCIS LEAF, Petitioner

vs.

AMANDA LEIGH LEAF, Respondent.

Case No. 19OZ-CC00009  
**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MISSOURI to: John Doe.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Third Party Custody has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Ozark, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a third-party custody proceeding.

The name of the minor child who is the subject of this action is Adyson Marie Haven Price, and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Christina Silvey Coleman, CSC LAW, LLC, P.O.Box 729, West Plains, Missouri, 65775, 417-255-2725.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 23rd day of January, 2019, judgement by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court this 15th day of January, 2019.

By: R. Craig Carter (176) 4t 1/23.30, 2/6, 13

**IN THE 44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, OZARK COUNTY, MISSOURI Probate Division**

Case Number: 19OZ-PR00005 In the Estate of HENRY DEGE, Deceased.

**Notice to Creditors (Small Estate)**

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of HENRY DEGE, Decedent.**

On Feb 04, 2019 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097. RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Ozark County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on 11-MAR-2018, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Ozark County, Missouri. Date of first publication is Feb 13, 2019.

/s/Jackie Jones Clerk

(180) 2t 2/13, 20

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF HIRAM J. TUCKER:**

The undersigned, Terry Duane Tucker and Sherri Lynn Hass, are acting as Successor Co-Trustees under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Successor Co-Trustees upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Successor Co-Trustees are: TERRY DUANE TUCKER, 560 Byhalia Creek Farm Road East, Byhalia, Mississippi 38611; and SHERRI LYNN HASS, 282 Haas Drive, Caulfield, Missouri 65626, and the attorney is Jacob Y. Garrett, for The Law Office of Jacob Y. Garrett, LLC, 202 Aid Avenue, West Plains, Missouri 65775.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of the aforesaid notice or be forever barred.

Date of Death: November 30, 2018  
Date of first Publication is: February 13, 2019

/s/ Terry Duane Tucker  
Terry Duane Tucker, Successor Co-Trustee Under The Revocable Living Trust Agreement of the Tucker Family Trust  
Dated July 31, 2014, as amended December 8, 2016

/s/ Sherri Lynn Hass  
Sherri Lynn Hass, Successor Co-Trustee Under The Revocable Living Trust Agreement of the Tucker Family Trust  
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# SHERIFF

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assisted MSHP with traffic stop.

## Feb. 8

7:40 a.m. - Reporting party gave a subject a car that is still titled in reporting party's name. The subject and her boyfriend got in a fight, and the boyfriend took the car. The subject asked reporting party to call OCSD and report that boyfriend stole the car. OCSD told reporting party she needs to come in and fill out report of car being stolen to get it entered into MULES. Update: Parties have been separated. Car was returned.

7:51 a.m. - Prisoner transport to Women's Eastern Reception and Diagnostic Correctional Center in Vandalia. Beginning mileage, 199,479; ending mileage 199,985.

11:55 a.m. - Disturbance: Someone is trying to get trailer without permission at a location on AA Highway. Officer spoke with reporting party on phone.

2:13 p.m. - Well-being / security check requested. Handled by officer.

4:20 p.m. - Brush fire reported on O Highway. Tecumseh VFD responded. Fire controlled at 5:16 p.m.

10:13 p.m. - Reporting party hit a dog in vehicle on County Road 555; impact

knocked a hole in vehicle's oil pan. MSHP rendered assistance.

## Feb. 9

6:14 a.m. - Security alarm activated at Catholic Church. Checked OK.

9:50 a.m. - Cows reported in roadway on P Highway near P-11. Theodosia Area VFD and animal owner contacted.

10:10 a.m. - Reporting party on Taylor Lane says mud has been slung all over the side of his mailbox, for-sale sign and approximately 25 feet across his driveway. Reporting party believes it was done by his mail carrier. He is emailing photos to OCSD officer with statement information.

10:20 a.m. - Stranded motorist on Highway 160. Tecumseh VFD rendered assistance.

10:31 a.m. - Power line is reportedly down on P Highway 1 mile south of Highway 160. Theodosia Area VFD responded. No power line is down, only a limb on a phone line. Phone company was contacted.

4:07 p.m. - Stranded motorist, car in highway on Tecumseh Curves. Handled by OCSD officer.

## Feb. 10

1:05 a.m. - Traffic stop, Lick Creek. Citation issued,

March 19 court date given.

8:18 a.m. - MOCARS says male subject in Gainesville is indicating he is suicidal and is wanting to voluntarily go to a rehab facility. OCSD officer spoke with the subject. He wants to go to a family member's home while awaiting information on rehab centers in Branson. Officer dropped subject off and gave him printed information about rehab. Unable to find a service to transport him there as he claims he is no longer feeling suicidal at this time.

11:24 a.m. - Reporting party on County Road 121 said a white German shepherd with black face killed 25 of his chickens three months ago, and today it has killed his two pigs. Officer spoke with reporting party.

9:29 p.m. - Lift assistance needed at Harlin Heights. Gainesville VFD responded.

## Feb. 11

2:49 and 2:51 a.m. - House fire reported on Highway 160. [Tecumseh], Lick Creek, Caulfield, Bakersfield and Dora VFDs responded. Howell-Oregon and Red Cross were notified.

2:58 a.m. - Tree is in roadway on O Highway. MoDOT, OCSD rendered assistance.

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Gainesville High School FBLA members who attended the District 14 Leadership Conference Friday, Feb. 1, on the Missouri State University-West Plains campus were, from left, (front) Abigail Milligan, Elli Amyx; (second row) Patience Naegle, Aubrey Turingan, Rithanne Doebler, Harlee Berning, Ezrieona McFall; (third row) Ashley Poe, Danielle Cummings, Madison Trivitt, Acacia Hutchings; (fourth row) Hallee Donley, Natalie Kiger, Blakely Morrison; (fifth row) Brianna Hoffman, Cheyanne Clinton, Katelyn Burke; (sixth row) Hannah Carter, Malakye Ray; (seventh row) Cooper High, Andrew Ball, Hunter Webb, Payton Lynne; (back row) Golda Biby, Dakota Rizza, Daniel Miller.

## GHS FBLA brings home 13 first-place wins at districts

The Gainesville High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America came away with numerous awards and honors at the District 14 Leadership Conference Feb. 1 on the Missouri State University - West Plains campus. The awards included 13 first place winners and 25 total winners in 29 different business-related events.

Those bringing home medals were:

**Abigail Milligan** – elected District 14 president; first place, parliamentary procedure

**Ben Pointer** – elected District 14 vice president of membership; first place, parliamentary procedure; third place, insurance and risk management

**Hunter Webb** – elected District 14 parliamentarian; first place, parliamentary procedure; wildcard, agribusiness; third place, advertising

**Daniel Miller** – first place, accounting I; fourth place intro to financial math; second place, management making decisions

**Eli Amyx** – first place,

securities & investments; second place, business communications; third place computer applications

**Blakely Morrison** – first place, future business leader

**Cooper High** – second place, organizational leadership; fourth place, personal finance; third place, emerging business issues

**Madison Trivitt** – first place, parliamentary procedure; wildcard, agribusiness

**Ruthanne Doebler** – first place, marketing; second place, business law

**Hannah Carter** – first place, journalism

**Parker Wise** – third place, intro to parliamentary procedure; third place, sports management

**Jaima DeVries** – third place, agribusiness; fifth place business calculations

**Hallee Donley** – first place, parliamentary procedure team; third place, intro to business; second place, intro to parliamentary procedure

**Cheyenne Clinton** – first place, intro to business presentation; third place, client service

**Elijah Howard** – first

place, intro to business presentation

**Payton Lynne** – third place, job interview

**Aubrey Turingan** – second place, management decision making

**Rose Scheider** – second place, healthcare administration; fifth place, organizational leadership

**Natalie Kiger** – first place, healthcare administration

**Ashley Poe** – fourth place, broadcast journalism

**Patience Naegle** – fourth place, broadcast journalism

**Dakota Rizza** – third place, political science; fifth place, public speaking

**Isaac Hartman** – third place, sports management

**Andrew Ball** – third place, emerging business issues

**Jaxon Britt** – third place, emerging business issues

Of the 25 winners, 18 will be advancing to compete at the state level during the Missouri FBLA State Leadership Conference will April 14-16 at JQH arena in Springfield.



### Masons' gift to Dora backpack program

Representatives of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge in Gainesville recently presented a check for \$550 to Dora Schools faculty members to support the school's backpack program, which provides weekend food for students in backpacks. Pictured, from left: lodge member Jim McConaughy, Masonic Home representative Bobby Grisham, Dora Middle School language arts teacher Ginny Robinson and Dora Elementary principal Brett Mitchell. Robert Burns Lodge earns money for the program through popcorn sales at school basketball games; the money raised is matched by Masonic Home of Missouri's Creating a Partnership program. Direct donations to the lodge are also doubled in the Masonic Home program. Make checks payable to Robert Burns Lodge and note "Creating a Partnership" on the memo line. Mail checks to the lodge, c/o Bobby Grisham, P.O. Box 223, Gainesville, MO 65655.



### Grant for walk-in freezer awarded

Gainesville Schools' food service director Cindy Potter recently submitted a successful grant application that resulted in \$21,400 being awarded for a new walk-in freezer by the back door of the high school cafeteria. Gainesville superintendent Dr. Jeff Hyatt said he is "very proud of the work Cindy does for the school district."

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### New RN

Caroline Hicks Cotner graduated in December with an associate of science degree in nursing from the Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences of Southwest Baptist University in Springfield. She now works as a registered nurse in the In-Patient Oncology Department at Cox South Hospital in Springfield. Cotner and her husband, Andrew, and their son, August, 2, live in Springfield. A 2013 graduate of Central High School in Springfield, she is the daughter of Dan and Teresa Johnson Hicks of Springfield and the granddaughter of Rex and Frances Johnson of Gainesville. She told the *Times* her desire to work in the oncology unit stemmed from watching "how much nurses helped" as her grandfather and father have battled cancer in recent years. She now plans to continue her education to earn a four-year bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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# Gainesville Bulldogs end season, head to districts

The Gainesville Bulldogs took on Hartville in the last regular game of the season Tuesday, Feb. 12, in front of a GHS home-court crowd. Results of the game were unavailable at press time.

The varsity team holds a 5-19 record, and the junior varsity record stands at 12-4.

The Bulldogs competed in the Sparta tournament Jan. 22-26, where, after falling to Fair Grove 74-29 and Sparta 57-46, they defeated Lighthouse Christian 70-60.

Jaxon Britt scored 16 points against Lighthouse Christian, followed by Bryce Hamblton with 13, Landry Jenkins with 10, Brett Evans and Jake Leeker with 9 each, Garrett Morgan 8, Cody Donley with 3 and Ethan Chapman with 2.

Hamblton led in rebounds with 9, followed by Jenkins with 5 and Evans and Leeker with 4 each.

Jaxon Britt was selected to the Sparta all-tournament team.

The Bulldogs traveled to Seymour Tuesday, Jan. 29, where the varsity lost 66-50

and the JV fell 55-25.

Britt led the scoring for the varsity with 24 points. Leeker led the scoring for the JV with 13.

On Jan. 31, the Bulldogs played a thriller against Morrisville, falling in overtime 65-62. Britt led the scoring for Gainesville with 23 points, followed by Hamblton with 15 and Evans and Jenkins with 6 each. The JV won 55-22, led by Leeker with 18 and Ben Pointer with 12. Other players scoring were Isaac Hartman and Landry Jenkins with 7 each, Aidan Murphy with 6, Dalton Howard 4 and Isaac Barnett with 1.

The Bulldogs traveled to Norwood Friday, Feb. 1, where the JV took a 50-41 win, led by Landry Jenkins with 21. The varsity boys lost 64-50. Britt led the varsity scoring with 16, followed by Morgan with 13 and Evans with 10. Morgan led in rebounds with 6. Chapman and Leeker led in assists with 3 each.

The Gainesville varsity boys hosted Fordland Tuesday, Feb. 5, and lost 91-61 to the Eagles. Players

scoring for Gainesville were Britt 22, Evans 11, Leeker 7, Jenkins 6, Morgan 5, Donley 4, Chapman 2 and Pointer 2.

The Bulldogs traveled to Dora to face the state-ranked Falcons in weather make-up games. The varsity lost 90-39. Gainesville was led by Britt with 12 and Evans with 10. The JV won their contest, 63-53, led by Leeker with 21. Others scoring were Hamblton 14, Jenkins 13, Wise 7, Petter 5 and Hartman 3.

The Bulldogs hosted Mansfield Friday, Feb. 8, and won 87-62, led by Britt with 23. Others scoring for Gainesville were Hamblton 12, Evans 7, Estes 6, Jenkins and Morgan 5 each, Chapman and Leeker 2 each.

The JV defeated Mansfield 59-44, led by Jenkins with 13 points.

Gainesville will take on first seed Mansfield (22-2) at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Hartville. Seeding for the tournament is Mansfield, Hartville, Seymour, Fordland, Conway, Norwood, Cabool and Gainesville.



Photo by Karla Smith

Dora's Mason Luna drives around a Neosho Wildcats defender during the Scoreboard Guy Shootout Saturday, Feb. 9, in Marshfield. The Falcons defeated the Class 4A team 79-63.

# Dora Falcons beat Clever, end regular season at 24-1

Currently ranked first in the state in Class 1 basketball, the Dora Falcons ended their regular season Monday, Feb. 11, with a home-court 92-71 thrashing of Class 3 Clever.

The Falcons were led by

Isaac Haney with 32 points, followed by Mason Luna with 23, Bryson Luna with 15, Waylon Masters with 12, Auston Luna with 8 and Jake Frieman with 2.

Dora begins district play at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16,

when they face Couch at Cabool.

Seeding for the Class 1 District 3 tournament is Dora, Eminence, Newburg, Winona, Koshkonong, Bakersfield, Bunker, Couch,

# Gainesville Lady Bulldogs beat Seymour, fall to Norwood

As the regular season nears an end, the Gainesville Lady Bulldogs added a win and a loss to their record, bringing it to 9-14.

The Gainesville girls traveled to Seymour on Thursday, Feb. 7, and defeated the Lady Tigers, 60-43.

Elizabeth Kinworthy had a great game, scoring 20 points and pulling down 17 rebounds to lead the way to

the win.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 40 percent from the field, compared to the Lady Pirates 26 percent.

Monday night, the Lady Bulldogs fell to Norwood's Lady Pirates in a heart-breaking close 52-47 game, but the Gainesville girls will have a chance for revenge in the first round of district play at Hartville. The Lady Bulldogs, seeded

in the number 5 spot, will take on fourth-seeded Norwood at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

Gainesville will host Conway Thursday, Feb. 14, in its last regular season game before beginning the Class 2 District 9 playoffs.

Seeding for the district tournament is as follows: Hartville, Fordland, Mansfield, Norwood, Gainesville, Conway, Cabool, Seymour.

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# BASEBALL

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Some of those who went on to play Major League Baseball include Derin McMains, who played shortstop for the San Francisco Giants, Tom Czanstkowski, who pitched for the Houston Astros and Brandon Love, who pitched for the Cincinnati Red Sox.

White says he loves hearing from former players, who are now “college graduates, lawyers, teachers, principals, coaches ... you name it.”

Another accomplishment White, now 72, is proud of is his record of coaching 1,590 consecutive games without missing a single one. And then there are the 979 total wins his teams have won, including the Arkansas state championship in 1997.

White’s own baseball-playing days began during his childhood days in Howards Ridge, where he lived with his parents, the late Pete and Lorene White, and four sisters (now Bev Uchtman of Tecumseh, Linda Watson of Howards Ridge and Barbara White of Yellville, Arkansas; a fourth sister, Edna Uchtman, died in 2015).

He jokes that someone who had lunch with him once asked him why he eats so fast. “I said, ‘I grew up with four older sisters. If I didn’t eat fast, I didn’t eat!’” he said.

“Growing up, we had a team with a lot of the Howards Ridge boys,” White said, listing Johnny and Eddie Baxter, Bob Robbins, Jimmy Joe Blackburn and Junior and Harlin Trivitt as some of his teammates.

The team played at a local site they called “Brush Stadium,” White said, laughing. His dad made arrangements for the team to play other teams from Bakersfield, West Plains, and Salem and Flippin, Arkansas, among other places.

White played baseball for coach Bruce Brock at Gainesville High School, where he graduated in 1964. He was a walk-on at Arkansas Technical University in Russellville, but his baseball playing ended when he hurt his knee in a scrimmage. After a year at Arkansas Tech, White moved on to a career in construction, but for a couple of years, 1967-69, he played semi-pro baseball with the Springfield Giants, a team that played and practiced nights and weekends after its team members completed their regular jobs away from the baseball diamond.

In 1981, he married Roberta Willard in Mountain Home. They have one son, Barry White, who lives in Georgia with his wife, Tracy, and kids Lauren, Alix and Ashleigh.

In 1982, while the family lived back in Howards Ridge, White began coaching Babe Ruth Baseball, a league for 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds, in Mountain Home. His son Barry played on one of his teams. Later, White would also coach two of his nephews: Wes Uchtman in 1991 and 1992, and Lyle Uchtman in 1993, ’94 and ’95. White says both nephews were talented players who helped their teams win.

“In 1984, they gave me the job of coaching American Legion ball for 16- through 19-year-olds,” he said. It’s a job he’s continued for more than 30 years now. Most of the American Legion team members are juniors or seniors in high school, where they also play for their school teams during the school year. Some team members may have finished their freshman year of college.

Two 18-man Mountain Home teams operate in the American Legion’s Mountain Home system. White coaches the Lockerroom team (sponsored by the Lockerroom sporting good store). The other, younger, team is the Alley White Post 5 American Legion team.

Baseball players from all over the area converge on Mountain Home for the tryouts, which this year will begin at “high noon on May 18-19,” White said. Rosters are announced at the end of the weekend, and a week later, on May 25, a big BBQ and baked-goods auction fundraiser event is held. White said usually 200 racks of ribs are sold as part of the fundraiser. The younger team plays an inner-squad game that day, and the Lockerroom team plays alumni players to start the season.

During June, the Lockerroom team competes against teams from throughout the area, including such places Branson and Charleston, Missouri, Rogersville and Paragould, Arkansas, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The American Legion tournament bracket starts in early July and includes district, state, regional and national competitions, culminating in the American Legion World Series.

Boys interested in playing with the American Legion teams in Mountain Home can contact White at 870-421-2006 or LesterWhite@suddenlink.net.

# HOUSE FIRE

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Everything was normal when Crystal went to sleep Sunday night but she awoke around 2:50 a.m. to the screeching sound of the fire alarms inside the home. She ran out of her bedroom, saw flames in the living room and rushed to get out of the house. Once outside, she dialed 911 and told an Ozark County dispatcher the home was on fire.

## A hard fire to fight

Tecumseh VFD was dispatched, and Winrod, who was already awake with a sick daughter, hurried out of his family’s house and headed to the Williams home. Other Tecumseh VFD firefighters, awakened by their radios, suited up and headed toward the Williams house too. The dispatcher also toned out Caulfield, Lick Creek, Bakersfield, Dora and Howell Rural VFDs, and soon several firefighters were in route to provide mutual aid in fighting the blaze. When the firefighters arrived on scene, the front two rooms of the home were burning extensively, and the front porch roof had begun to collapse. Flames licked the home’s outer roof.

About 15 volunteer firefighters responded from the six departments, along with two tankers from Rural Howell VFD, one tanker from Dora, a pumper from Bakersfield and Tecumseh’s own pumper and tanker. The firefighters quickly used a portable pump to draw water from the family’s backyard swimming pool into the trucks to be used on the fire.

“It really helped us a lot in our shuttling [water],” Winrod said. But even with the extensive number of trucks, the additional water and several volunteer firefighters doing their best to put the fire out, the home was completely destroyed. A small laundry/utility room on the back of the house is all that’s left standing, and it is heavily damaged. The family’s truck also sustained some damage but is still drivable.

Two elements of the Williams house caused extra difficulty in controlling the blaze, Winrod said. The older home was built with a lot of wood – mostly solid oak boards – and the roof consisted of a layer of shingles covered with metal.

“Old oak boards take a lot of fire to burn,” said Winrod, who co-owns a general contractor business, Winrod Brothers Construction, with his brother Jonathan. “Newer homes are usually built with a lot of pine and pressboard, which burns up a lot faster. The oak burns a lot slower, but at the same time it makes a lot of fuel too.”

Winrod said the roof’s asphalt shingles were sandwiched between wood decking underneath and the metal roofing on top, which made it incredibly difficult to get to and extinguish the blaze. Firefighters hit the roof from both sides, but the shingles, sandwiched between the two protective layers, continued to smolder.

Winrod said it’s difficult to determine exactly what caused the house fire, because the home was so extensively damaged. Firefighters on scene discussed possible causes, but they were unable to pinpoint a definite reason. By the way the outside of the home was burning, Winrod said it makes him think it could have been some type of electrical issue coming from the front room and/or front area of the home’s attic.

## Known for giving back

Crystal Williams and her daughters are known for their kindness and giving spirit, community members said. Crystal is very active with school events at Bakersfield, where Lily and Kaylin attend classes. She was an active part of the recent Freiman benefit auction, which raised \$32,000 for Kim and Jake Freiman, the wife and son of Luke Freiman, a Caulfield-area neighbor who was killed in a car crash.

“[Crystal] is such a sweetheart. She was one of the first ones to message me to help with the auction,” Freiman benefit organizer Monica Summers told the *Times*. “She helped set up the tables and volunteered to be a cashier at the event. She is a huge supporter of the community and is in charge of the booster club at Bakersfield school. She’s always looking for ways to help the school raise money. We just adore her.”

Winrod said Crystal is also a familiar face to their department after she helped during the historic flood in 2017, working as a volunteer handing out emergency items to people at the firehouse and helping cook meals for volunteers and others.

“It’s really sad to see someone lose all their stuff like that,” Winrod said. “Especially someone who has helped the community like she has.”

When contacted by the *Times* Monday, Crystal said their family has been touched by the generosity the community has shown them in their time of need. She said a few hours after the fire the family had already been offered a safe and warm place to stay.

“Today has been a very emotional day, but being surrounded by family and amazing friends has made it easier to deal with,” Crystal posted on Facebook Monday night. “I can’t even begin to express how thankful we are to everyone who was at the house early this morning in the cold rain and to everyone who has reached out and called and sent messages to us today... we appreciate each and every one of you. We are truly blessed to live in such an amazing community.”



Times photos / Jenny Yarger

The Heriford Store in Thornfield closed Feb. 5, leaving the community without a grocery / convenience store for the first time in more than 100 years. The store building and a nearby home, owned by Juanita and Kenny Heriford, is for sale.

# Heriford Store closes in Thornfield

By Sue Ann Jones, sueann@ozarkcountytimes.com

For the first time in more than 100 years, there’s no grocery / convenience store in Thornfield, following the closing of the Heriford Store on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Juanita Heriford, who bought the store on Highways 95 and JJ 12 years ago with her husband, Kenny, said Monday it was a hard decision, but operating the business was just no longer feasible.

She already misses visiting with her former customers. “There are some really good people down there,” she said. The building and a nearby house where the Herifords’ granddaughter lives is now for sale, listed with United Country Realty.

The store building was built in 1968 by the late Hervil Gaudling and his wife, Virginia Heriford Gaudling. A few years earlier, the Gaudlings had bought from Chet and Toni Watson the store across the street. But soon they opted to move from that store building into a new building they constructed on the opposite side of Highway 95. Chester Lyday, then the carpentry instructor at Gainesville High School, laid the concrete blocks for the building.

After five or six years, the Gaudlings sold the store to Virginia’s brother and his wife, John and Barbara Heriford. Greg Donley, now the Ozark County western district commissioner, leased the store for a while. Finally, it was sold to John Heriford’s distant cousin, Kenny Heriford and his wife Juanita, who has operated the store in recent years with her granddaughter. Kenny Heriford also has an excavating business.

Closing the store is another step in the commercial decline of Thornfield, which was “once a booming little town with two grocery stores and a filling station,” Juanita said. In last week’s *Times Past* section, the *Times* published a photo of the Thornfield store operated in the early 1900s by the late James and Ida Kyle. The July 25, 2018, *Times Past* section featured a photo of another Thornfield store that was operated from the 1930s until 1956 by the late Elmer Delp.

Other Thornfield businesses through the years have included a cafe, a tire shop and even a car dealership. Greg Donley recalled Monday that for a while it was even possible to purchase a new Chevrolet from Arthur Viles’ Thornfield business – although mostly he bought old taxis and repainted them to sell, Donley said.

Now the Donley Feed Mill and a seasonal tackle shop, Otter Kreek, are the last businesses left, except for the post office. The Thornfield School, with its 50-some elementary students, is just up the hill.

For the last 12 years, six days a week, Juanita has awakened around 5 a.m. She would drive from the Herifords’ home near Romance, arriving at the store in Thornfield by 6 a.m. and opening for business by 6:30. “Wade Turner was there every morning for breakfast,” she said, “and a lot of the guys from the feed mill would eat lunch at the store.” She made them sandwiches and served Hunt Brothers pizza.

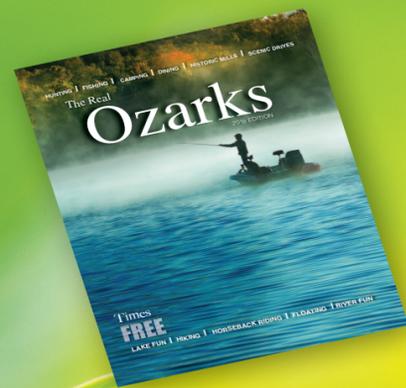
To help ease their lunchtime hunger pangs, she’s told the feed mill guys she’ll bring them a Crockpot of chili this Friday.

During the winter, the Heriford store closed at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. on weekends. In summer, it stayed open until 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays to accommodate the “lake traffic.”

“Those 12- and 13-hour days can get really long,” Juanita said.

She acknowledged that the decision to close the store was a sad one – not only for the Herifords but also for their customers. “I was down there today,” she said Monday, “and as I was leaving, H.K. Gaudling – his dad built the store originally – stopped by and said, ‘It’s not too late to change your mind!’ I just smiled.”

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