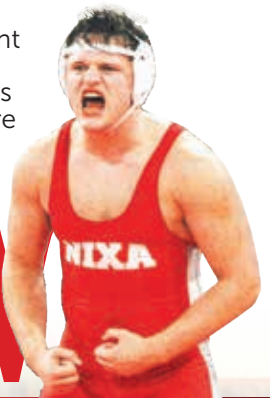


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THE NIXA CHRISTMAS PARADE entertained the masses and celebrated the season on a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon Dec. 5. See more photos from the Nixa Christmas Parade on Page 2.
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Green Bridge will be replaced



GREEN BRIDGE carries Smyrna Road over the Finley River northeast of Ozark. The bridge was originally built in 1912, and was last refurbished in 2017.

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The Christian County Commission announced some early progress on the Green Bridge replacement project. Green Bridge carries Smyrna Road over the Finley River at a point northeast of Ozark. The through truss bridge is 280 feet long, 11 feet wide, and has a 14-foot-9.6-inch vertical clearance. As of 2017, its average daily traffic count was 300 vehicles. Earlier this fall, the Christian County Highway Department presented three possible alignment scenario options at an open house and through a public survey. After gathering input from the public on the three possible construction and alignment options for a new bridge, the choice presented as "Option 1" has been selected. The new bridge structure will be located just west of the current bridge, with approaches on either end designed to form a gentle sweeping curve, carrying drivers from one side of the river to the other.

SEE **GREEN BRIDGE** page 4

Unemployment rate drops

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Christian County and the rest of Missouri continues to experience a tight labor market combined with a low unemployment rate. The labor market presents a challenge for businesses large and small, as explored in University of Missouri Extension's "Missouri Economy Indicators" for November 2021, and the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center jobs report for October 2021. University of Missouri Assistant Extension Professor Alan Spell found that for every 10 job openings, there are six job seekers. "The 0.6 ratio suggests a tight labor market, and it mirrors the situation Missouri's economy experienced just a few years earlier," Spell wrote. "Although it generally follows U.S. trends, Missouri has experienced a tighter labor market than the nation since 2015."

The Missouri Jobs Report revealed that some of the business sectors that were hardest hit by the public health concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic have been the most dynamic in their recovery. MERIC data shows that 44,957 members of Christian County's 45,980-person labor force are employed, putting the October 2021 unemployment rate at 2.2 percent for Christian County. That means 1,023 people were unemployed. Across Missouri, goods-producing industries gained 1,700 jobs over the month. Manufacturing gained 3,200 jobs, concentrated in durable goods. Service-providing

industries gained 1,800 jobs between September and October 2021, with increases in professional and business services (+2,800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,800 jobs); and education and health services (+100 jobs). Government employment showed no change over the month. The leisure and hospitality sector suffered the greatest drop in unemployment in the spring and summer of 2020. Those employment markets have recovered, but many restaurants and attractions in Christian County and beyond are looking for workers. This sector of the state economy also reported the largest year-over-year increase in hourly earnings, according to Spell's report. "Tighter labor markets can lead employers to raise wages. Average hourly earnings, therefore, provide one timely measure to gauge trends in private-sector worker pay," Spell wrote. At \$16.41 per hour, Missouri's average hourly wage in the hospitality and leisure sector lags behind the national average of \$18.63 per hour, in spite of a 12.7 percent increase in hourly wage earnings. The average hourly earnings among all private sector workers in Missouri is \$27.59, up 4.2 percent year-over-year. Data from MERIC derived from the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, shows that the average wage for an employee of a privately-owned company or a public sector worker in Christian County

SEE **UNEMPLOYMENT** page 4



THE GRINCH, a cave-dwelling, ill-tempered creature from a Dr. Seuss book, rides aboard a parade float with some of Christian County's public officeholders from the Republican Party in the Sparta Christmas Parade on Dec. 4. See more photos from the Sparta Christmas Parade on Page 3.

The Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE lined the streets of Nixa as temperatures reached 70 degrees during the 2021 Nixa Christmas Parade. The route began on North Street.



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THE NIXA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS march along North Street, celebrating the season and the Eagles.



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SANTA CLAUS AND MRS. CLAUS ride in a float near the end of the 2021 Nixa Christmas Parade. The Clauses visited with Nixa children and families before returning to the North Pole in preparation for Dec. 25.



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CC RHYTHM, a group of percussionists from the CC Links organization, played holiday songs while riding on a parade float.



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OZZY THE EAGLE, the mascot of Ozarks Technical Community College, represented Christian County's Richwood Valley campus at the Nixa Christmas Parade.



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THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIONS CLUB members wave to spectators.



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NIXA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL COACH JAY OSBORNE was selected as the grand marshal of the 2021 Nixa Christmas Parade.



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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN MISSOURI ELECTRIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE celebrated their game by showing off their boards in the Nixa Christmas Parade. The group plays its games in Nixa, with playoffs set to begin in January.

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SASQUATCH made an appearance in the Nixa Christmas Parade, riding aboard a float with some Boy Scouts.

Christian Co. judge appointed to higher court

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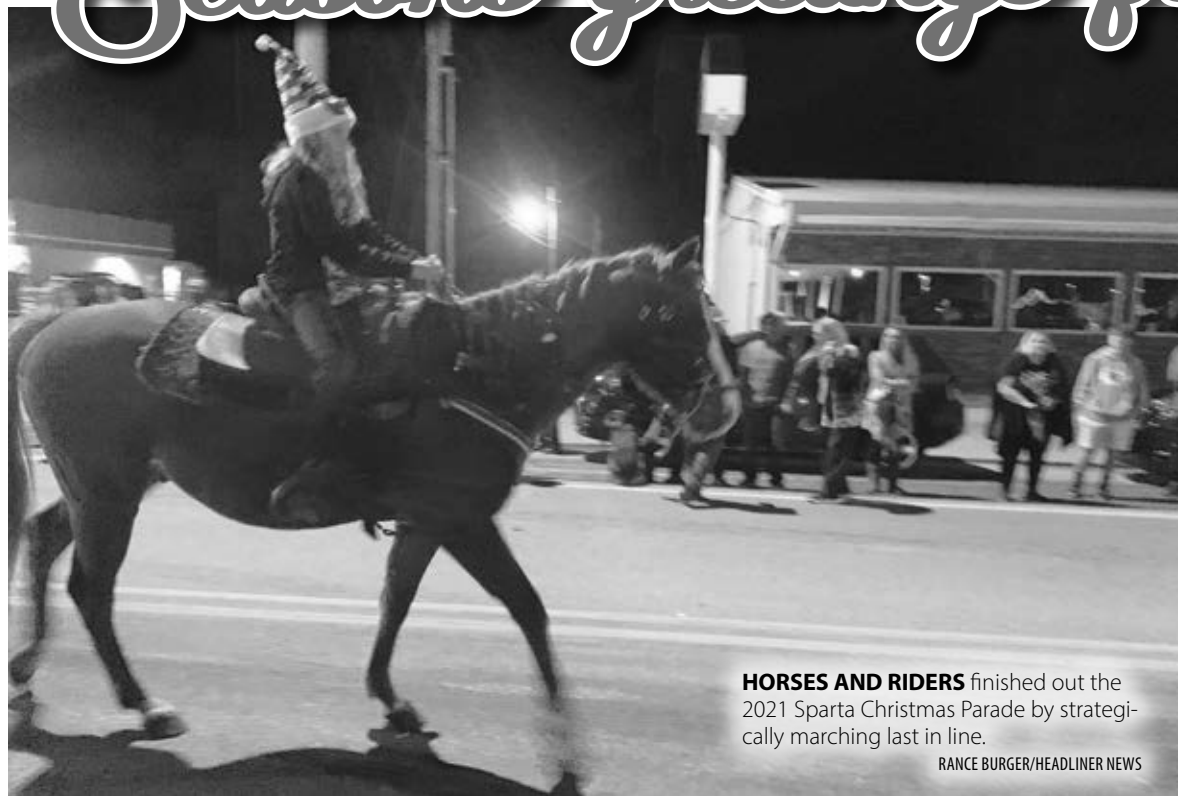
Christian County Circuit Judge Jennifer Growcock has been appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District. Gov. Mike Parson announced the appointment on Dec. 3. Growcock will succeed Judge Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer, who retired in October. Judge Growcock has served as circuit judge since Jan. 1, 2017. In addition to presiding over multiple out-of-county cases, she currently handles one-half of all felony criminal cases and circuit civil cases for Christian County, plus about 20 percent of

the court's domestic cases. Prior to going on the bench, Growcock was a shareholder with the law firm Polsinelli, P.C. in Springfield and Kansas City from 2010-2016, and an associate attorney with the law firm Husch Blackwell from 2004-2010. Judge Growcock earned her Bachelor of Arts in English with minors in political science and psychology from the University of Iowa. She received a juris doctorate from the University Of Nebraska College of Law. Growcock is active in Christian County as a member of the Ozark Rotary Club, and both the Nixa and Springfield chambers of commerce.

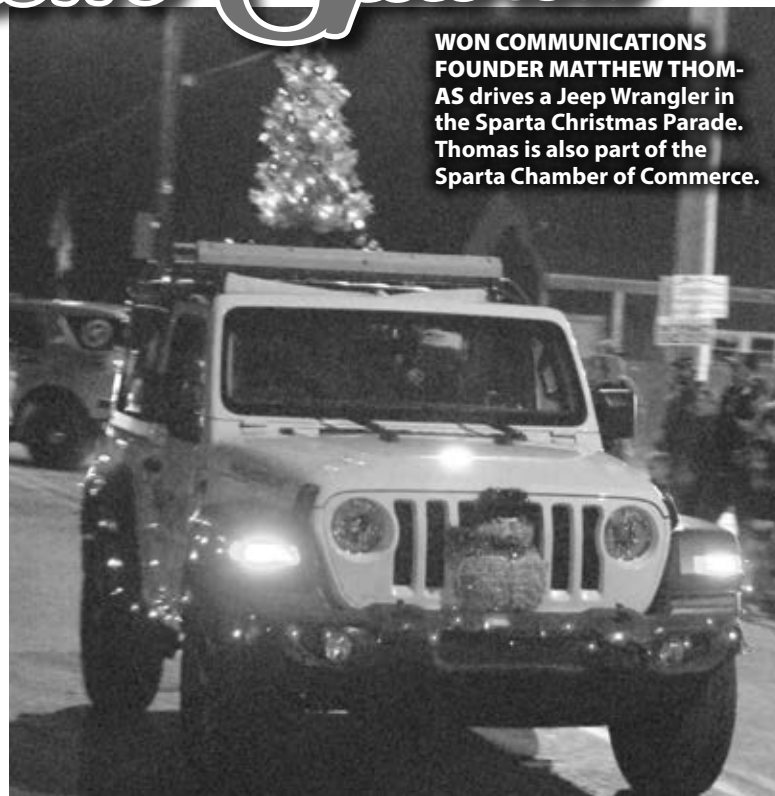


CHRISTIAN COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE JENNIFER GROWCOCK (right) with Presiding Commissioner Ralph Phillips.

Seasons greetings from Sparta



HORSES AND RIDERS finished out the 2021 Sparta Christmas Parade by strategically marching last in line.
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WON COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDER MATTHEW THOMAS drives a Jeep Wrangler in the Sparta Christmas Parade. Thomas is also part of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce.



MULENBURG RACERS had three quarter midget race cars in the Sparta Christmas Parade. Members of the Mullenburg family have represented Sparta in different auto racing disciplines for generations.



A LITTLE RED CORVETTE rolls east on Main Street in Sparta as people line the street to watch.



AT RIGHT: A SAXOPHONE PLAYER in the Sparta High School marching band strung lights around his instrument.



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obituaries & death notices

Lavena Murrell

Nov. 6, 1934-Nov. 29, 2021

A memorial service has been arranged in Lavena's honor and will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. at Adams Funeral Home Nixa. A time of visitation will be held starting at 10 a.m. until service time.

Burial will follow at Richwood Cemetery, under the direction of Adams Funeral Home, Nixa.

Lavena Flo Avery Forgey Murrell passed away Nov. 29, 2021, at 87 after a long battle with COPD. She never gave up trying to get better, because she loved so many people and life.

At barely 15 years, old she married Burel Forgey. They had two children, Doug and Jennifer. They were the perfect parents.



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Dad died young and left Mom a very young widow. She went on to marry Harry Murrell, and then Charlie Wheeler and was still looking for the next one. She loved to dance! So she is finally dancing again in heaven.

Lavena was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Esther Avery Peters, two grandchildren, Justin and Breana and three spouses.

She is survived by Doug and Judy Forgey, Jennifer and John Lampe, Grandchildren Heather and Vance Jenkins, Hunter and Summer Lampe and Heath Lampe, eleven Great Grandchildren and six Great Great Grandchildren.

Robert (Bob) Jackson

April 29, 1940-Nov. 29, 2021

Funeral services for Bob were Monday, Dec. 6, at Barnes Family Funeral Home, Ozark. Burial with full military honors followed at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield. Online condolences may be shared at <http://www.barnesfamilyfunerals.com>.

Robert (Bob) Jackson, 81, of Galena passed away peacefully Monday afternoon, Nov. 29, 2021, at his home with his family and loved ones by his side. He was born in Thomas-ton, Alabama, April 29, 1940, the son of Ben Jackson and Marion (Adair) Jackson. He was united in marriage to Betty Lowe on Nov. 2, 1962. They were blessed with a son, John Robert Jackson on Aug. 12, 1963, and a daughter, Janet Lee Jackson on April 28, 1965.

Bob was a strong, hardworking man who provided well for his family and loved them dearly. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin. Bob proudly served in the United States Army with three tours in Germany for 10 and a half years total, and one year in Vietnam and other additional duty stations. In 1969, he retired after 22 years of service. Bob moved to Granite City, Illinois, home of his wife, and went to work at GC Steel, and later retired after 22 dedicated years.

During his years in Illinois, Bob

loved riding his Harley motorcycles while he and Betty toured and finished visiting all 50 States. While living in Germany, they traveled to 14 different countries. After they both retired, they moved to Galena on Table Rock Lake, meeting many new friends. They enjoyed fishing, boating, cruising on the lake, and enjoyed watching their children and grandchildren ride on the WaveRunners.



Barnes Family Funeral Home
Ozark, MO
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Bob was preceded in death by his father, Ben Jackson, his mother, Marion Jackson Carr and a granddaughter, Dakota, wife of Keith Gamblin, currently in the United States Navy.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Betty; son John Jackson Sr and fiancée Barb Massey of Galena; daughter Janet Eck and husband Mark of Collinsville, Illinois; three grandchildren John Jackson Jr, of Galena, Mason and Travis Eck of Collinsville, Illinois; brother Samuel Jackson of Crestview, Florida; sister Joy Higgins and husband John of Galena. Many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and a special cousin/sister Pat Hanshaw.

Bob will be dearly missed by family and friends including all the military friends he made over the years. His memory will live on forever in the hearts he has touched.

Russell Getman

Clarkesville, Georgia

Age: 59
Born: Aug. 7, 1962
Died: Nov. 26, 2021
Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Schupbach Cemetery in Chestnutridge. Arrangements are under the care of Barnes Family Funeral Home, Ozark.

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Mary Virginia Blume

Ozark
Age: 77
Born: Jan. 16, 1944
Died: Dec. 5, 2021

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Weaver Cemetery, Ozark, under the direction of Adams Funeral Home, Ozark, with Pastor Ed Keithly officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Eastland Baptist Church Missions Fund, 1835 S. 129th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74108. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Eastland Baptist Church in Tulsa.

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Louise Moore

April 7, 1935-Dec. 5, 2021

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, at Adams Funeral Home, Nixa. Visitation will from 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, Ardis "Louise" Stewart Moore, loving wife and mother, passed away at the age of 86.

Louise was born on April 7, 1935, in Galena to Maynard "Firpo" and Ardis Stewart. She graduated from Galena High School in 1953 and married Winfield Moore soon afterward on May 29, 1953, in Harrison, Arkansas. Together, they raised three children, Teresa, Brenda and Scott. Louise was active in

the Galena community and in her children's lives.

She was a skilled seamstress and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Howard "Gene" and Maynard Stewart; one sister, Norma Stewart Jones. She

leaves behind a loving husband Winfield Lowell Moore; three children and their spouses, Teresa and Lea Flatness, Brenda and Randy Bowling, and Scott and Kathy Moore; 7 grandchildren, Brandi Bowling, Stewart Flatness, Kyle Bowling, Berea Flatness Moss and spouse Philip Moss, Lanae Flatness, Clayton and Ad-dison Moore.



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For the Headliner News

Having a library card is powerful. It's your pass to learning and exploration, with access to books, audio-books, movies, WiFi hotspots, musical instruments, craft and yoga classes and much, much more. Each year, the Christian County Library collaborates with the teachers and librarians in schools all across the county to host a library card drive.

This time of year is when we want to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Our goal? By the end of the drive, there will be a library card in every Christian County student's hand.

Throughout the month of October, library card applications were delivered to school teachers and librarians, and then the completed applications were collected for processing. Having an accurate count of completed applications is an important part of the process, because the school with the highest percentage of students registered for a library card is awarded a \$200 check, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, to purchase new books and materials.

Which school had the highest percentage for 2021? Ozark High School! Thanks to the efforts of Librarian



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LIBRARY CARD DRIVE — Pictured, from left to right, Christian County Library Outreach Manager Scott Villarreal, Ozark High School Librarian Amanda Smith, Friends of the Library Treasurer Julia Taylor and Friends of the Library President Dave Carmichael.

Amanda Smith, the Ozark Tigers will carry this distinction until next October, when the next library card drive begins.

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If you live, own property or attend school in Christian County, you're eligible for a free Christian County library card. Don't miss out on all the library opportunities for the entire family. Need a library card? Stop by any community library branch today—it takes only a few minutes.

Experience the Nativity

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"Experience the Nativity," a display of more than 250 Nativity sets, is happening at Ozark Christian Church on select dates during December.

Church member Diane Colburn is sharing her collection of Nativity sets from around the world. They range from antique, porcelain and musical to wooden, ornate and children's Nativity scenes. The free display spills over from the church fellowship hall into the hallways and the sanctuary, and includes a few of



NATIVITY SETS of all types are on display at Ozark Christian Church, located at 1200 East McCracken Road, from now until Dec. 29.



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NATIVITY SCENES, like the seven-piece set shown here, take their inspiration from accounts of the birth of Jesus found in the Bible in the books of Matthew and Luke.

the church's own sets.

Register for a Nativity set giveaway while enjoying "Experience the Nativity." The event is open to the community Dec. 8, 11 and 29, from 5-8 p.m., and December 8, 15, 19 and 22, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.ozarkchristianchurch.net>, or call (417) 581-6796.

OZARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBER DIANE COBURN shared her collection of Nativity sets for a display at the church through the month of December.



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Missouri health director wanted to appeal judge's COVID ruling, AG Schmitt refused

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The Missouri Independent

Attorney General Eric Schmitt will not appeal a consequential court ruling that strips powers from local health departments, despite a request from Missouri's state health director to do so.

In an email to The Independent, Schmitt's spokesman said the attorney general's office notified the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) of its decision.

"We have informed DHSS that we will not appeal or take any further action in this case, and that they should begin enforcement efforts immediately," said Chris Nuelle, spokesman for the attorney general's office.

Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for DHSS, confirmed the attorney general's decision Thursday, adding that "there are no plans to use internal or outside counsel" in order to pursue an appeal.

In a Nov. 23 call with local public health departments across the state, Adam Crumbliss, the director of DHSS' division of community and public health, said DHSS Director Donald Kauerauf had requested the ruling be appealed. Cox said Thursday that the department's general counsel made the request to the attorney general's office on Kauerauf's behalf.

"One other piece of news that I will share, is that the director did let me know just now that he has made a formal request to the state attorneys general to appeal the ruling in the litigation that Judge Green ruled on today," Crumbliss said on the call, a recording of which was obtained by The Independent. "And so I do anticipate we will see further activity on that front."

The ruling found that health orders intended to stop the spread of COVID-19 violated the Missouri Constitution. Cole County Circuit Judge Daniel Green declared certain rules "null and void."

However, a week later, Kauerauf indicated Schmitt's office still had



MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC SCHMITT.

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not told the state health department whether it intended to appeal.

"Although media reports indicate that the Attorney General's Office will not seek an appeal in this case, we are still waiting for confirmation of that fact directly," Kauerauf wrote in a Tuesday letter to public health department administrators, which was obtained by The Independent.

During the pandemic, Schmitt, who is running for U.S. Senate, has sued cities, counties and school districts over COVID mitigation measures they enacted, such as mask mandates.

Former Missouri Supreme Court Judge Michael Wolff said Thursday that Schmitt's conflict of interest in the case — pointing to his other lawsuits against mask mandates in schools — calls into question whether or not he should have been the attorney to defend DHSS in the first place.

"Lawsuits are legitimate because they have adversaries," he said. "It appears that there's no adversary here because the attorney general agrees with the decision."

Chuck Hatfield, an attorney who

previously served in the attorney general's office under Democrat Jay Nixon, said it would be "extremely unusual" for the attorney general's office to go against the wishes of a client, in this case DHSS, the state agency it represented in the lawsuit.

"The idea that the attorney general can just go in personally, and because of his own personal feelings, stop appeals and dictate policy — if you allow that to happen, you basically have an attorney general running the entire state," Hatfield said. "And that's never how it's worked before, and it's not how it should work."

Previous administrations have wrestled with the same issue, Hatfield said, and typically the attorney general's office will allow state agencies or officials to hire outside counsel to represent them instead.

It's something Schmitt's office has done before. In an ongoing lawsuit between state Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Schmitt backed out of the case, citing an undisclosed conflict of interest.

Instead, both sides of that lawsuit

are being represented by private attorneys at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$800 an hour. Hatfield is representing Fitzpatrick's office in that lawsuit.

Neither Nuelle nor Cox clarified on Thursday whether DHSS has been given permission to use counsel outside the attorney general's office.

Nuelle said that by law decisions about litigation strategy are exclusively within the attorney general office's authority and, "DHSS cannot proceed with an appeal without our approval."

Hatfield said in this instance, perhaps a third party could also attempt to intervene in the lawsuit and file an appeal.

The ruling issued by Green late last month has already caused a wave of uncertainty as the state health department and local officials parse through what it means.

St. Louis County Executive Sam Page insisted Monday that the county's mask order remains in effect, even as he said he would ask council members to approve a new one and written notices of the mandate were removed from the county's website, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

On the Nov. 23 call, one local health administrator asked Crumbliss if the ruling applied to the local authorities' response to COVID-19 or for all communicable diseases.

"I think it's exactly the right question," Crumbliss said. "Based on the ruling that Judge Green has issued, is that limited specifically to COVID or is that the broader powers of public health? And all I can tell you right now is I don't know the answer to that question."

In Kauerauf's letter on Nov. 30, he stated that DHSS is still reviewing and assessing the impact that the ruling has on "future public health activities as well as its relationship with LPHAs" and recommended that health departments consult with legal counsel on what it may mean for them.

On the call, Kathryn Magers, administrator for Schuyler County

Health Department in northeast Missouri, expressed concern about the ruling. She didn't understand what part of the state statutes were unconstitutional, and what the ruling meant for how they'll be able to combat and prevent other communicable diseases in the future.

"It just seems like this has set us back 50 years," Magers said. "Once they do it for one thing, it will be something else the next time and something else the next time."

The ruling is not final until 30 days after it is issued, which would be Dec. 22, Kauerauf wrote in his letter. From there, DHSS would also have another 10 days to appeal.

"If no one does, the director's position will not be preserved," Hatfield said.

In his ruling, Green wrote that the regulations he deemed unconstitutional "create a system of statewide health governance that enables unelected officials to become accountable to no one," and said that DHSS unconstitutionally granted too much power to individual local health officials and directors.

"A health agency director with the authority to shut down a school or assembly wields incredible power to coerce his subjects into submission," Green wrote in his ruling.

In Missouri, local health departments for decades have been permitted to quarantine people in order to prevent the spread of a contagious disease and protect public health, or close schools in order to do so.

It's unclear how much of that authority health officials retain after Green's ruling, as Kauerauf noted in his letter that the ruling didn't address existing regulations to require isolation of patients or quarantine of contacts.

"It's a big deal," Hatfield said of Green's ruling. "It takes away a lot of authority that I think has been taken for granted in non-COVID situations."

The Independent's Rudi Keller contributed to this story.

Group hopes to amend Missouri constitution to enact ranked-choice voting

JASON HANCOCK

The Missouri Independent

An effort to do away with partisan primaries in Missouri and replace them with a "ranked choice" method got a big boost last week, receiving roughly \$670,000 from a Virginia-based nonprofit hoping to put the idea on the 2022 statewide ballot.

A group called Better Elections is pushing an initiative petition that would amend Missouri's constitution to allow all voters to vote for any candidate in a combined primary.

The four candidates in the primary with the most votes would advance to the general election, regardless of party. Then in the general election, voters would be allowed to rank those four candidates from first choice to last — or just vote for their first choice.

The change would apply to elections for statewide office, the Missouri General Assembly and U.S. Congress. Two versions of the initiative petition have been approved by the Secretary of State's Office to begin collecting signatures.

"Our proposal would free voters from the pressure to choose the 'lesser of

two evils,' allowing them a better opportunity to support the candidates they really believe in," said David Roland, an attorney and government transparency advocate helping lead the effort.

In addition to the ranked-choice system, the initiative petition would also ask voters to require all electronic voting machines be tested and certified before use; require a paper trail of individual votes in every election; and require that representatives of all political parties be present whenever paper ballots are counted or placed in storage.

A similar system was adopted in Alaska last year. A modified version of the plan, where the top two vote-getters in a primary face off in the general election regardless of party, was used for the first time earlier this year in St. Louis.

Similarly, 15 states now have open primaries, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. More have partially open primaries. The version used across California is known as a "jungle primary" — all



CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS wait to meet voters outside the polling place at First Baptist Church in Ozark on Aug. 4, 2020, the day of the 2020 primary election. Missouri's primary elections could change under the terms of an initiative petition to create a ranked choice system in 2022.

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candidates appear on the primary ballot and the top two finishers advance to the general, regardless of political party.

"I've long been frustrated that our current system seems to be increasing the polarization of Missouri politics and consistently generating nominees who

do not necessarily enjoy the support of a broad swath of this state's voters," Roland said.

Proponents of the idea have long argued that the ranked-choice method incentivizes strategic voting, where someone votes not for their preferred candidate but for someone

with a better chance of beating their least favorite candidate.

John Bowman, president of the St. Louis County NAACP, said the proposed constitutional amendment would give Missourians more power and make politicians more accountable to voters.

"Having more choices is good in every part of life, and we certainly need more of that in politics," he said. "It's time to take back control as voters."

Last week, Better Elections received a \$670,000 donation from Article IV, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit based in Virginia that purports to "further the common good and general welfare by educating the public about policies that implicate the democratic process, including electoral systems and redistricting, and to advocate for reform."

Because Article IV is a nonprofit, it is not required to disclose its donors.

Roland said the nonprofit works with grassroots efforts around the country to "identify and advance common-sense solutions to otherwise intractable problems."

"They have been an indispensable partner in our effort to improve the integrity of our elections by giving voters more power to choose who represents us in government," he said. "I am very hopeful that their support will help us get this issue on the ballot."

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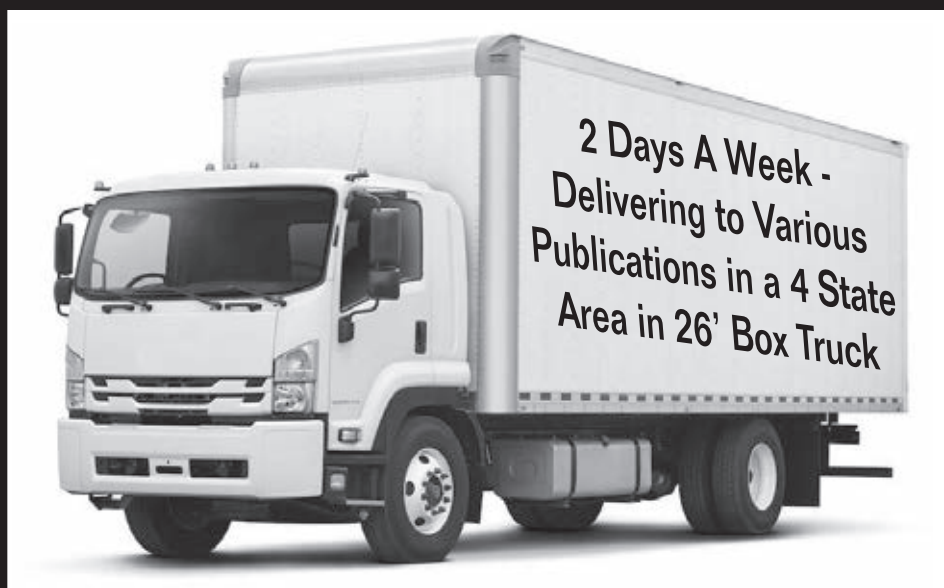
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Math problems for Honor Flight

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Spokane Middle School math instructor Michael Lewis and his students held an "equation boot camp" as a fundraiser for Honor Flight of the Ozarks.

Over the course of the fundraising event, Dr. Lewis' seventh and eighth grade students solved more than 8,800 math equations. Seventh graders improved their problem solving skills by an average of 2.73 grade levels, while eighth graders gained an average of 3.13 levels. Lewis reported that 22 students rose out of the "boot camp" to reach the rank of "lieutenant" or better on the special scale he devised to track student improvement from the previous year.

As a group, they raised \$1,361.50 for Honor Flight of the Ozarks, an organization that takes veterans on one-day trips to Washington, D.C. to tour war memorials and other important sites related to American military service.



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EQUATION BOOT CAMP -- Pictured, from left to right, first row: Sasha Mendeleyev, Sarah Essick, Chezney Lee, Saige Watkins, second row: Kate-Lynne Hensley, Jackson Carroll, third row: Patrick Rose, Cayleigh Gideon, Lilyan Carr, Collin Rogge, fourth row: Ella Christenson, Marley Stahl, Masen Gainer, Isaiah Verge, fifth row: Haylie Sowers, Jesse Baxter, Sophia Rose, sixth row: Linzy Colera, Maddie Hard-ee, Maddie Teague and Journey Rogers.

Nixa gets grant for canoes

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The city of Nixa received \$2,400 from the Nixa Community Foundation to purchase two new canoes for river cleanup efforts.

Trash and debris that find its way into waterways can harm wildlife, make recreation unsafe and even contaminate drinking water. For more than 20 years, a stream team made up of Nixa city employees has worked to complete two river cleanup events each year. During these events, canoes are loaded with trash and debris found in local waterways, like the James Rivers or the Finley River. In July 2021, approximately 600 pounds of trash, including 13 tires, was collected during a 4.5-mile float down the Finley River.

There are more than 6,000 stream teams in Missouri, with roughly 5,000 active teams. Nixa's stream team is No. 282, making it one of the oldest active members of the Missouri Stream Team program.

"The team's mission is to promote water quality and make the Finley and James River clean and safe for the public's enjoyment and to help make drinking water safer," said Danny Newell, City of Nixa public works inspector and Nixa's stream team coordinator. "Though we are just one stream team, we believe we are making a positive impact on the water quality in the entire southwest Missouri Ozarks region."

Prior to the grant award, Nixa's stream team used 10 canoes, which have been in service for more than 20 years. The grant will allow the stream team to purchase two high-quality canoes at \$1,200 each.

Nixa Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Nixa through resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership. Nixa Community Foundation has distributed more than \$2.8 million to the Nixa community, creating partnerships that foster growth. The funding will help achieve the Nixa Community Foundation's mission by cleaning Nixa's waterways to enhance quality of life for residents.

Elks evening of recognition

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In November, Christian County Elks Lodge No. 2777 hosted An Evening of Recognition. Two Eagle Scouts, Gavin Reese and Ethan Frye from Troop 201, were honored with multiple recognition certificates for their dedication to scouting.

As a partnership, the scouts have

managed multiple projects around the Christian County Elks Lodge, from enhancing the outdoor firepit area to helping with a retaining wall and fence.

When attempting to reach the highest rank in boy scouts, Eagle Scout candidate will make a formal presentation to the Lodge outlining their project proposal. If approved, the Elks then donate to the project. After dinner, the

Christian County Elks presented Elks Eagle Scout Achievement Certificates by scout leader and Elks Loyal Knight Michael Sweet. Then, Missouri Elks President Elect Steve Green presented Eagle Scout Achievement Certificates from Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills.

Scout leader and Elk Jason Factor pinned each Eagle Scout with Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Feather. To round out the honors, State

Rep. Tricia Derges, R-Nixa, presented Reese and Frye with a State of Missouri Resolution recognizing their achievements. Topping off the evening, Derges presented Past Elks State President Tom Shelton with a State of Missouri Community Lifetime Achievement Resolution for his contribution to the community through his involvement and service with the Elks.



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PAST ELKS STATE PRESIDENT TOM SHELTON (left) received a Missouri House of Representatives resolution from State Rep. Tricia Derges, R-Nixa.



EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED -- Pictures, from left to right, Missouri Elks President-Elect Steve Green, Ethan Frye, State Rep. Tricia Derges, Gavin Reese, and Exalted Ruler of Elks Mike Klinger.

PCCC gifts record \$1,007,211 million to 52 children's charities

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A record \$1.007 million was gifted to 52 Ozarks children's charities on Nov. 30, marking a banner year for the PGA Korn Ferry Tour's Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, a professional golf tournament and charity event held annually at Highland Springs Country Club.

"What a year. We are so happy for our charities, and we cannot thank local businesses and individuals enough for throwing their support to them," Tournament Executive Director Jerold Andrews said during the annual Celebration of Sharing presented by The McQueary Family, held at Highland Springs. "In 2014, we set a goal to gift \$1 million, which had never been done in one year, and the community rallied around that effort. Every year since has been a success, and this year is even more incredible, considering the challenges of the pandemic."



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GOLF FOR GOOD CAUSES — Several Christian County not-for-profit groups benefitted from the 2021 Price Cutter Charity Championship at Highland Springs. Pictured, from left, Dogwood Rance CEO Dana Lopez, Freedom's Rest Associate Executive Director Kristen Haseltine and Children's Smile Center Administrator Carrie Burke.

Specifically, the tournament gifted \$1,007,211 on Tuesday. Since John Q. Hammons founded the tournament in 1990, a total of \$18,380,274 has been distributed

to charities in southwest Missouri. The 2021 funding amount is more than the previous record set in 2014.

Nearly 93 percent of the overall

total—or \$17,085,352—has been gifted since Price Cutter Supermarkets started its involvement. Price Cutter has been a presenting or title sponsor the past 23 years. Dr Pepper has been on board as a key sponsor for 18 years.

"Price Cutter and all its employee owners are proud to be involved in such an incredible event," said Rob Marsh, Vice President for Price Cutter Supermarkets. "We have been blessed all 23 years to be able to help each one of these local children's charities. We love how the money stays local and changes the lives of so many. We thank everyone for their hard work and participation. This is proof of where you shop truly matters."

Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin attended the ceremony at Highland Springs. The Korn Ferry Tour is the uppermost tier American developmental tour for the PGA Tour. At the end of each season, the top 25 players on the Korn Ferry Tour are awarded PGA Tour cards for the next year.

"As one of our original tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour, the Price Cutter Charity Championship has set the standard for 32 years and continues to raise the bar in many facets, most notably in their passion and commitment to charitable giving within the Springfield community," Baldwin said. "We are grateful for the tournament team's hard work and dedication to making a positive impact, and I can't wait to be back in Springfield in July 2022."

Charities of interest to Christian County include Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) of southwest Missouri, Children's Smile Center, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Convoy of Hope, Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, Dogwood Ranch, Fordland Clinic, Freedom's Rest Family Crisis Center, the H.O.P.E. Foundation, Honor Flight of the Ozarks, National Alliance on Mental Illness of southwest Missouri, Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks and Special Olympics Missouri, among others.



Junior high honor band

Seventh and eighth grade musicians from the Ozark School District played in the Junior High District Honor Band on Nov. 13. Students worked and rehearsed all day alongside students from other schools, and then performed for family and friends that evening. Pictured, from left to right, front row: Kinsly Houseman, Carolynne Wilson, Ryan Hamilton, Oliver Bonucchi, Abigail Harmon, Madison Nickel, Chloe Groenenboom, Merrick Gibson, Noah Goffeney, Ryan McGonigal, back row: Josie Mills, Annalee Glaser, Seth Peoples, Keziah Lopez, Addison Love, Levi Gant, Ryleigh Berryessa and Joey Todd.

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Easley, Combs unanimous All-COC First-Team choices

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Jace Easley got word of recognition he received on the football field over the weekend as he was preparing for a basketball game and later that day, he announced his plans to play college soccer. What else to expect from the ultra-versatile Ozark senior? Easley has been named to the All-COC First Team as a defensive back and what's more, he



EASLEY

is a unanimous first-teamer. "The unanimous selection, I don't know what to say other than I'm flattered. I wasn't expecting it, honestly," Easley said. "I was expecting some sort of an all-conference award, but wasn't expecting to be that high because there are some very good players around, and I didn't play

some of the season at defensive back. I'm very excited, it's an honor." Easley is Ozark's lone first-teamer. Nixa's first-teamers include defensive end John Gholson, wide receiver Kael Combs, offensive lineman Thomas Schulte and outside linebacker Ty Hartman. Combs is also a unanimous selection. As Easley mentioned, he did not start the season at defensive back. As Ozark's starting quarterback entering the season, the



COMBS

Tigers didn't want to risk him being injured on the defensive side of the ball. By Week Three, he was seeing time at running back and cornerback and by Week Four that's where he was put, along with spot duty at wide receiver and his regular jobs as a place-kicker, punt returner and kick returner.

Easley's stats line includes 10-of-20 passing for 272 yards, 62 rushes for 313 yards, 19 receptions for 386 yards, 26.5 tackles and three interceptions. "This football season was like a roller coaster for me," Easley said. "I was doing different things every single week. I'd go into the next week and not know what position I would be playing for that game. I was all over the place and it was a lot of fun.

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Lafferty has Sparta on the rise

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LAFFERTY

Jacob Lafferty has put himself on track to join his cousin, Dakota Lafferty, in Sparta's 1,000-point club for basketball scoring as soon as the late stages in his sophomore season, or early in his junior year.

He put up a double-double more nights than not last season, while earning an All-SWCL Second Team selection. Lafferty averaged 17.3 points and 11 rebounds a game as a freshman.

"I felt I did good for my first year as a post," Jacob Lafferty said. "This year, I'm trying to open up my game."

Lafferty flourished after learning to limit his foul count. The 6-foot-5 center had to make a concentrated adjustment to the heightened attention big men receive from officials.

"I was fouling out left and right at the beginning of the season," Lafferty said. "I wasn't smart with my fouls. At the end of the season, though, I was getting smarter with everything. I was watching my hands and jumping up straight without fouling. My defense has gotten a lot better."

Sparta boys basketball coach Deric Link is enjoying seeing Lafferty's progress.

"Jake has improved a ton," Link said. "He loves the game, works hard and is a tremendous competitor."

Lafferty and the Trojans are among the area teams expected to make the biggest jump this season. Sparta, which was 6-17 last season, is fresh from a third-place finish at the Stafford Tournament.

The Trojans took a 2-2 record into their matchup Tuesday with Chadwick. The Trojans downed the Cardinals 37-27 Saturday in the third-place game at the Stafford Tournament.

"We've gotten a lot better, I mean a lot better," Lafferty said. "It's going to be a fun year."

POPULAR POLKA DOTS



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OZARK'S TYLER HARMON AND COLTON BALLARD show off the Tigers' choice of polka dots shoes this season.

Tigers among hoopsters making fashion statement

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Generation Xers or even yesteryear's generation surely never imagined a basketball world in which players would proudly fashion polka dot shoes.

But suddenly, polka dots are all the craze on the hardwood. With the Brooklyn Nets' James Harden endorsing the Adidas Harden Vol. 5 polka-dotted shoe, a trend was set.

"The world never lets us down with surprises," Ozark boys basketball coach Mark Schweitzer

deadpanned about the dots. Ozark's boys basketball team and Nixa's girls basketball team are both sporting polka dots on their kicks. Expect more teams to do the same.

Schweitzer was all but shocked when his six seniors presented him their choice of sneakers to don this winter.

"This is the first year I relented on having a team shoe. I did not make them get a team shoe," he said. "I told them they could get anything they wanted. They still wanted a team shoe and they picked polka dots."

Schweitzer didn't understand his players' fascination with polka

dots, but stuck to his word and let their decision stand.

"My wife will tell you fashion is one thing I don't know much about," he said. "I don't care what kind of shoes they wear, as long as they play hard in them."

The Tigers didn't initially plan on polka dots. The Tigers wanted something with the school's primary color.

"We had to find red shoes and when you look, you can't really find many plain red shoes," senior guard Tyler Harmon said. "Our polka dots were a byproduct of trying to find red shoes."

"(Senior guard) Kannon Little found the polka dot shoes and we

decided to go with them," senior guard Colton Ballard said.

The Tigers feature black polka dots on both their white and red shoes.

Going with polka dots wasn't a decision they took lightly or made in haste.

"We loved the polka dot shoes immediately," Ballard said. "But we talked for a week, maybe two weeks, about it. We decided to go with the polka dots because we love the way they look."

"They're a statement, that's for sure," Harmon said. "I like them a lot. I'm starting to see a lot of players wear them at the college level."

Speake responds to pressure with heroic victory

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A condensed setting of the high school commons area instead of a gymnasium for Nixa's season-opening duals Friday made for anything but a ho-hum opening night of wrestling for the Eagles. A boisterous crowd at overflow capacity, along with a 22-point Nixa comeback for a win, led to an absolutely electric atmosphere.

With people seemingly everywhere he looked, the Eagles' Charles Speake couldn't even find his mother to celebrate his win at 285 pounds.

"Ask her what a takedown is and she has no idea. She just cheers when everybody else does," Speake said. "But she's a big wrestling fan when it comes to me."

Speake made himself a favorite for all Nixa fans by pulling out at an 8-4 triumph that capped a furious rally in the Eagles' 37-34 victory versus Farmington.

Coach Dustin Martin's Eagles won the final five matches to come back from a 34-12 deficit and win the match. The teams were tied at 34-all to set up a showdown between Speake and Farmington's Peyton Simily.

"I had a feeling it would come down to me or (220-pounder) John Ghol-

son)," Speake said. "Everybody finished warmups and then it was just me. There was so much pressure. I was sitting back watching John's match and thinking, 'Everyone is going to have their eyes on me and my entire team is going to have all their hopes on me to win this.' There was so much riding on it."

"I didn't let anybody down and most importantly, I didn't let myself down," he added.

"A dual never comes down to one kid, but sometimes it looks like it does," Martin said. "Credit to Charles, he worked hard in the off-season and has developed into a strong leader on our team. He went out and got the job done."

Speake broke a 2-all tie with an escape at the start of the third period and even after feeling he had reached a wall physically, finished the match strong.

"I used my adrenaline to get those first couple points. But I felt (exhausted) at the end of the second period," Speake said. "I was moving around trying to get feeling back in my body. I kept seeing the two big 34s (for team scores) on the TV screens. I knew I had to do something."

"(The escape) was such a relief. With that putting me in the lead, I knew I just had to not mess up."

Speake took pride that his conditioning stood out.

"My cardio was better than his. That's something I really strive to have," he said. "The easiest way to win a match is being able to last longer."

Nixa rallied from being down 34-12, thanks to pins from Cole Crahan (170 pounds), Brennan Carey (195 pounds) and Gholson and a 17-5 win by majority decision by Avry Rutherford (182 pounds).

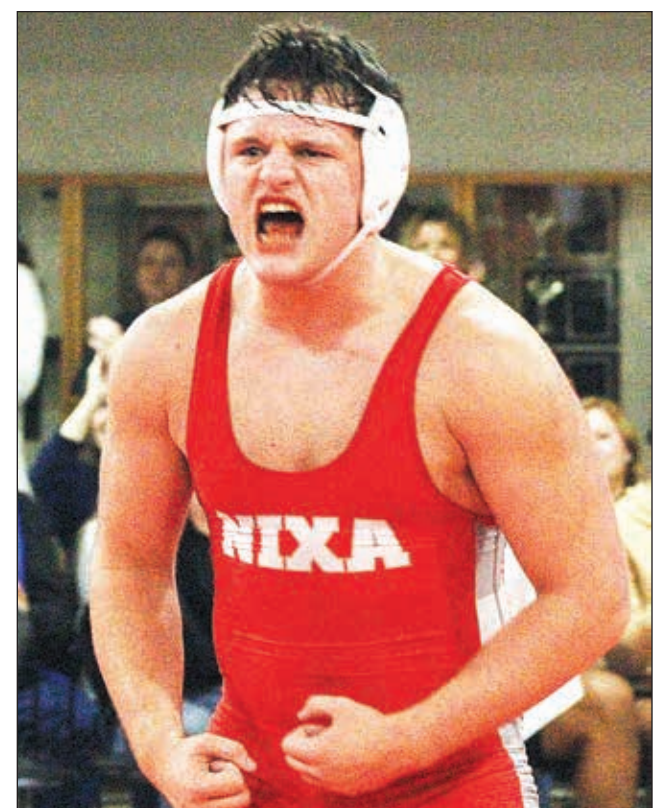
Earlier, Zan Fugitt (126) and Aidan Ward (138) both won by fall.

A premier match saw Farmington's Blake Cook edge Nixa's Peyton Moore 9-6 at 132. Cook was a Class 3 132 state runner-up last season and Moore was third in Class 4 at 120.

Nixa later went on to beat Rogersville 60-16.

The duals were the first Nixa has held in the commons, normally the school's cafeteria. Wrestlers, coaches and fans approved of the setting wholeheartedly.

"We've had mats in here before, but never for a dual," Martin said. "I've been in wrestling for 30 years and seen some neat environments. You can get creative. I sent an email to our parents today and told them that if this was a flop, we would never do it again, but I think it went really well."



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NIXA'S CHARLES SPEAKE celebrates his victory at 285 pounds versus Farmington on Friday.

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