

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 bridge, with approaches on either end designed to form a gentle sweeping curve, carrying drivers from one side of the river to the other.

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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.

Unemployment rate drops

SPORTS Heavyweight Charles Speake wins in a pressure cooker.

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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.

Jniversity of Missou ri 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 iobs 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 Christi County and beyond are looking for workers. This sector of the state economy also reported the largest year-overyear 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.

Åt \$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

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More sights of the Nixa Christmas Parade. Page 2



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Students do math problems for Honor Flight. Page 9



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RANCE BURGER/HEADLINER NEWS THE NIXA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS march along North Street, celebrating the season and



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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.



RANCE BURGER/HEADLINER NEWS CC RHYTHM, a group of percussionists from the CC Links organization, played holi-



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RANCE BURGER/HEADLINER NEWS **NIXA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL COACH JAY** $\begin{picture}(60,0) \put(0,0){\line(1,0){100}} \put(0,0){\line(1,0){100$ grand marshal of the 2021 Nixa Christmas Parade.



OZZY THE EAGLE, the mascot of Ozarks Technical Community College, represented Christian Coun-

ty's Richwood Valley campus at the Nixa Christmas Parad

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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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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

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



CHRISTIAN COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE JENNIFER GROWCOCK (right) with Presiding Commission-





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

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







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Burlison aims to shift burden on 'Stand Your Ground' law

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State Sen. Eric Burlison, R-Battlefield, pre-filed legislation he believes will strengthen Missouri's "Stand Your Ground" law if passed.

Senate Bill 666 would modify provisions to Missouri statute 563.031, a law that governs use of force in defense of persons. The law states, "A person may, subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section, use physical force upon another person when and to the extent he or she reasonably believes such force to be necessary to defend himself or herself or a third person from what he or she reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of unlawful force by such other person," with a key exception.

The exception is that the actor was the initial aggressor, as defined by law, with some exceptions.

For a self-defense claim to stand up in court, the defendant needs to prove that self-defense was necessary as defined by state law.

'The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of justification under this section," the statute reads.

Senate Bill 666 provides that there "shall be a presumption of reasonableness" that a defendant accused of using deadly force against another person.

'Sadly, we have recently watched the justice system be used as a weapon against law-abiding citizens for simply defending themselves. No

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Green Bridge

This plan also includes a modifi-

cation to the intersection of Hawkins

Road and Greenbridge Road, which

ing to the Christian County Highway

Our engineering team at Great River

gather valuable insights from nearby residents and engage in some very

productive conversation," Beadles

said. "I believe it's important to re-

mind our citizens that we are only at

the beginning of an extensive project

A project of this nature involves

several steps between planning and

construction. The completion date for

According to BridgeHunter.com, a

national authority on bridge invento-

ry in the United States, Green Bridge

was built in 1912 by the Canton

It was rehabilitated in 2004 and

Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio.

The 109-year-old Green Bridge

dition, with serious superstructure

problems. The bridge's substructure,

the part of the bridge below the road

On a scale of 1-100, Green Bridge

scored a 16.9 sufficiency rating at last

surface that bears the most weight, was rated "fair" at last inspection, and

the deck condition is good.

bridge is rated to be in poor con-

a new Green Bridge may be years in

completion, such as right-oi-way acquisition, structure design and

and I have had an opportunity to

"We were very happy with the public input we've gotten on this project.

creates an alignment intended to improve safety and visibility, accord-

Administrator Miranda Beadles.



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A provision in this bill also

states the defendant can

raise a claim of self-defense

during a pre-trial hearing in

either a criminal or civil case,

shifting the burden of proof

to the state prosecutor or to

the civil plaintiff seeking to

begin pre-filing legislation

for the upcoming legislation

This marks the second

year for Burlison to carry

in the Missouri Senate. In

2021, he was the sponsor

Preservation Act (SAPA),

by Gov. Mike Parson on

June 14, and took effect

in August. SAPA declares

government to restrict or

prohibit the manufactur-

ing, ownership or use of

firearms in Missouri that

"exceed the powers granted

A RENDERING shows how a new bridge would carry Smyrna Road over the Finley River

actions by the federal

laws, rules, orders or other

which was signed into law

of the Second Amendment

key firearms legislation

Each year, lawmakers may

overcome the immunity.

session on Dec. 1.

STATE SEN. ERIC BURLISON, R-Battlefield, jogs down North Street on Dec. 5, in the Nixa Christmas Parade. Burlison is preparing for his third year in the Missouri Senate.

one should have their lives ruined like what has happened to Kyle Rittenhouse," Burlison said. "As elected officials, the safety and security of our constituents should always be one of our top priorities. I am committed to doing everything I can to ensure Missourians have the ability to protect themselves and their families when they are threatened with physical harm."

Under current law, the burden falls on the defendant to prove he or she reasonably believed physical or deadly force was necessary to protect himself/herself or

a third person. This legislation provides immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for a person who uses or threatens to use physical or deadly force in self-defense, unless that force was used against a law enforcement officer in the course of their official duties.

tatives, where it passed by a vote of 111-42.

"This bill is the strongest bill in the United States that will hold our Second Amendment, and make sure that it isn't infringed upon," Taylor said at a celebration of SAPA's passage held in Ozark on May 17, 2021.

to the federal government

State Rep. Jered Taylor,

R-Republic, carried the bill

through its final hours in the

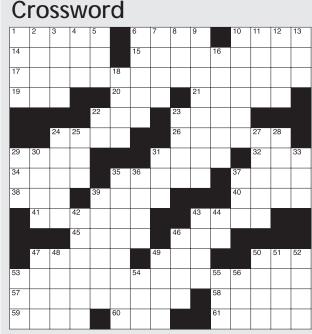
Missouri House of Represen-

except to the extent they are necessary," to be null.

On Aug. 18, the U.S. Justice Department filed a statement of interest in a lawsuit that says SAPA should be declared unconstitutional, and that the court should issue an injunction barring the law from being enforced in Missouri. As reported by Sarah N. Lynch from Reuters, the Justice Department filing reads, in part, "HB85 is legally invalid. Under the United States Constitution's Supremacy Clause, the State of Missouri has no power to nullify federal laws.

The city of St. Louis and St. Louis County are the plaintiffs in the suit against the State of Missouri and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt. The suit was filed in Cole County on June 21, just a week after Parson signed the bill. A Cole County judge sided with SAPA, allowing the bill to pass into law.

St. Louis' lawsuit was appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court, but the state's high court has yet to take up



CLUES DOWN

2. Right away

3. Comedian Carvey

4. Egyptian unit of

5. A Brit's mother

7. One who speaks

6. Tropical tree

8. NHL legend

12. Wimbledon

16. Mistakes

13. Teletypewriter

18. Whale ship cap-

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. One and only

27. Fencing swords

30. Refuse of grapes

9. Vacation spots

10. Military personnel

11. Shakira's don't lie

1. Quarrels

weight

Gaelic

Bobby

champ

tain

22. Thus

28. Taxis

29. Basics

dynasty

ingredient

(abbr.)

31. Go quickly

35. Most open

36. Popular soap

37. US time zone

39. Items of food

42. Backbones

43. Infrequent

44. Blood type

songwriter

48. Pike

46. "Let It Snow!"

47. Dutch colonist

49. Egyptian sun god

50. A cardinal is one

51. From a distance

52. Bolivian river

53. N. American

33. French ballet

CLUES ACROSS

1. Polish city

6. Very eager

10. Identifies a specific person or thing 14. Tennis great Naomi

15. One concerned by professional advancement

17. PGA Championship reward 19. A fashionable

hotel

20. Norse mythology afterlife location

21. Stood up 22. Car mechanics

group 23. Weather fore-

casters use it (abbr.)

24. Broken branch 26. Astronomy unit

29. East Asian nursemaid

31. "Airplane!"

32. Exclamation that denotes disgust

34. "Batman" villain 35. Downfalls

37. Philippine prov-

38. Once-vital TV

part

39. Valley

40. Tax

41. Classic Scorcese

43. Subway dwellers

45. Book part

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made from buckwheat

49. Swiss river

50. Founder of Ba-

53. Have surgery 57. Withdrawal from a larger entity

58. Lot's father

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Lemur

(abbr.) 54. River (Spanish)

student organization

55. Chinese life force

56. Chinese surname

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 7

Unemployment

The Canton Bridge Company is the

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again in 2017.

is \$17.55 per hour, which equates to about \$702 per week, assuming a 40-hour work week, or \$36,520 per year of gross income before taxes.

Spell warns in his report that higher wages don't necessarily mean better living or more financial security. Inflation may largely negate higher earnings for workers who fall below the state and local average for wages.

"Increased earnings benefit workers but are tempered by overall price increases that can reduce purchasing power. Depending on the measure, 2021 annualized inflation estimates range from 3 percent to 6 percent, which would largely offset earnings increases this year. Inflationary pressures are expected to lessen in 2022, but wage increases are likely to continue as employers seek to hold on to a tight supply of skilled workers," Spell wrote.

According to the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center, Missouri non-farm payroll employment increased from September 2021 to October 2021. In the same month,

the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point. Employment, seasonally adjusted, increased by 3,500 jobs over the month, with job gains in both goods-producing and service-providing industries. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in October 2021, down from 3.8 percent in September 2021.

Christian County had 118 unemployment claims in September 2021, putting the unemployment rate at 1.9 percent.

Recovery from COVID-19-related layoffs continued across Missouri over the past year, with an increase of 72,300 jobs from October 2020 to October 2021

Missouri's smoothed seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by onetenth of a percentage point in October 2021, dropping to 3.7 percent from the September 2021 rate of 3.8 percent. The October 2021 rate was 1.3 percentage points lower than

the October 2020 rate. A year ago, the state's seasonally adjusted rate was 5.0 percent. The national unemploy-

same company that built the original

Riverside Bridge, which is now an attraction at Bass Pro Shops' Finley

Farms in Ozark.

ment rate decreased from 4.8 percent in September 2021 to 4.6 percent in October 2021. The estimated number of unemployed Missourians was 114,556 in October 2021, down by 3,495 from September's 118,051 unemployed persons. Missouri's seasonally

adjusted non-farm payroll employment was 2,851,500 in October 2021, up by 3,500 from the revised September 2021 figure. The September 2021 total was revised upward by 2,000 from the preliminary estimate, producing a revised increase of 9,500 jobs from August 2021 to September 2021 and a revised increase of 72,800 jobs from September 2020 to September 2021.

Total payroll employment increased by 72,300 jobs from October 2020 to October 2021, reflecting the recovery from COVID-19 related job cuts last year.

Discouraged workers, especially those who have been out of a job for months, stop showing up in statewide and

countywide unemployment data. To meet the Bureau of Labor and Statistics definition, discouraged workers are not looking for meaningful employment, "specifically because they believed no jobs were available for them or there were none for which they would qualify."

Images of the selected layout plan may be viewed at the Christian Coun-

ty website. http://www.christian-

countymo.gov.

THE SUB-

STRUCTURE

is the part of

a truss bridge

that sits below

the deck. The

substructure

is responsible

for bearing

much of the

weight of the

vehicles that

cross a bridge

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Unemployment in Christian County

(Month, new unemployment filings, rate)

August 2021: 125, 2.6 July 2021: 213, 2.7 June 2021: 200, 3.7 May 2021: 282, 3.2 April 2021: 331, 2.8 Nov. 2020: 361, 2.9 May 2020: 1,209, 7.9 April 2020: 4,231, 8.9 Oct. 2019: 116, 2.0 Oct. 2018: 128, 1.8

Oct. 2017: 126, 1.7 Oct. 2016: 128, 3.4

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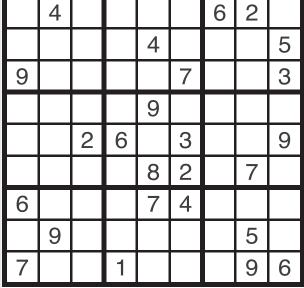
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numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



obituaries & death notices

Lavena Murrell

Nov. 6, 1934-Nov. 29, 2021

Funeral Home

Nixa Chapel 417-724-2400

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.

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 fi-

nally dancing again in heaven.

Lavena was preceded in death by her

parents, Ralph and Esther Avery Peters, two grandchildren, Justin and Breena 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 Grandchilden and six Great Great Grandchildren.

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Robert (Bob) Jackson

April 29, 1940-Nov. 29, 2021

Barnes Family

Funeral Home

Ozark, MO

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.

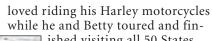
Online condolences may be shared at http://www.barnesfamilyfunerals.com.

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 Thomaston, Alabama, April 29, 1940, the son of Ben Jackson and Marion (Adair) Jackson. He was www.barnesfamilyfunerals.com 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



ished 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.

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 fiancee 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 Hanshew.

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.



Mary Virginia Blume 0zark

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.



Putting library cards in the hands of every student

CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF For the Headliner News

Having a library card is powerful. It's your pass to learning and exploration, with access to books, audiobooks, 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 wer ered 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



LIBRARY CARD DRIVE — Pictured, from left to right, Christian County Library Outreach 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. Become a lifelong learner with your

own library card. Public libraries provide educational resources and services for patrons of all ages. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps and technology classes to the expertise of staff members that care,

a library card is one of the most cost-effective ways to become a lifelong learner.

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.

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.

> seamstress and homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents; two

She was a skilled

brothers, Howard "Gene" and Maynard Stewart; **Funeral Home** one sister, Nixa Chapel 417-724-2400 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 Addison Moore.

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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 un-





SUBMITTED PHOTOS 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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Red Scare

COVID-19 isn't the only once-in-a-century event gripping the United States in 2021. We are also living in a reboot of the 1920s Red Scare.

A red scare is the promotion of widespread fear of the rise of communism or anarchism by a state. The First Red Scare occurred after World War I, when U.S. leaders, fresh off the nationalistic high of the war and a glimpse into Russian military capabilities, fueled the fires of agitation toward leftist ideals in American society.

Don't fret, dear reader, this column has not been written to stir the population of Christian County in the direction of a communist economy. We believe in working for what we earn and earning what we work for, just like you. What we want to point out is some of the trouble that comes from widespread fear founded on ideology rather than in action.

Tensions between China and Taiwan are raising the fear that China and the United States could become entangled in an armed conflict in Asia. A congressman with a house in Ozark wants more Americans to consider traveling to Taiwan for tour-

U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, R-Missouri, introduced the Taiwan Pre-clearance Act, which would affirm Taiwan's importance in the Indo-Pacific and require a report on establishing a Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Pre-clearance facility in Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport.

"Taiwan is a leading democracy, a vital partner of the United States, and the perfect place for America's first pre-clearance facility in the Indo-Pacific," said Senator Hawley. "The Taiwan Pre-clearance Act sets us on a path to establish just such a facility, which will not only benefit the American people, but also strengthen U.S.-Taiwan relations as we work together to maintain a free and open In-

Tension between the U.S. and China has been building for some time on several different fronts. Economic tensions between the two world powers have been simmering to a boil for years.

"We're not talking days, weeks, months, or even years, but literally decades that the United States has been turning a blind eye to the aggressive push for world domination from the Communist Chinese Party," U.S. Rep. Billy Long, R-Missouri said.

Long wrote a column about his concern with Chinese and Russian oil and energy interests, and their impact on American energy, and it was full of rhetoric more suited for military conflict.

If the United States is to survive, we need to recognize the aggressive actions our enemies have taken to build up their militaries and respond in kind," Long wrote.

Long called an alliance between Russia and China "unprecedented," although the two nations have maintained reasonable diplomatic relations since the founding of the Russian Federation in 1991, and then the signing of the Treaty of Good-Neighborliness and Friendly Cooperation in 2001 (what a name for a treaty).

"President Vladimir Putin and president for life Xi Jinping want Americans fighting amongst ourselves so we'll be too distracted to notice what they're doing," Long wrote, and then called for the Biden administration to inject money and resources into military spending. "We must build up our own military, and President Biden must take swift and decisive actions to maintain our military superiority."

The call for military strength is part of any good red scare. Insert your favorite cliché about history

Rhetoric, when dropped on impressionable persons without proper context, can be very dangerous. It's words like "our enemies," and "respond in kind," that fuel acts of discrimination and even hate crimes against Asian Americans. China has sent some of its best and brightest dreamers to the United States for generations. They brought elements of their culture, and they also brought their abilities as doctors, engineers, professors and entrepreneurs. All around us, right here in Christian County, Chinese Americans are pursuing their American Dream, and many of them are succeeding and thriving. We should be celebrating them, not fearing them or discriminating against them.

President Joe Biden seems more apt to try diplomatic sanctions against China for economic, military and human rights reasons.

China and President Xi Jinping's government have drawn international criticism for sweeping down on pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, for its policies against a free Tibet and a free Taiwan, and for detaining and abusing more than a million Muslim Uyghurs in Xinjiang. The State Department, and the state department equivalents in several European countries have classified China's actions against Uyghur people as "genocide."

"We have serious concerns about the human rights abuses that we've seen," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said last month.

The modern red scare will take center stage in February, during the 2022 Winter Olympics. The United States announced it will diplomatically boycott the games, but that doesn't mean a large contingent of Americans will be absent in Beijing. A diplomatic boycott means no U.S. government officials or diplomats will attend, but that American athletes will still compete.

A full boycott was not expected. Escalating tensions on the economic and diplomatic fronts are certainly expected to continue.

-Rance Burger

Fiddling with statues while Rome burns

U.S. REP. BILLY LONG

We're not talking days, weeks, months, or even years but literally decades that the United States has been turning a blind eye to the aggressive push for world domination from the Communist Chinese Party (CCP). They haven't been subtle or sly about their approach either but more like 'here we come, and you can't stop us.' Then along came Russia, which recently shot down one of their own satellites which is more than concerning in its own right. And just this week we learned that Russia and China's militaries will be working together hand in glove. While we have been concerning ourselves with which pronoun or bathroom to use, folks that hate us have been concerning themselves with advanced military options. It is ironic that Xi is pronounced 'she' but I guarantee China's president for life Xi Jinping couldn't care less about pronouns. As it turns out, Russia and China don't care one thing about woke ideology, human rights or green new anything. They care about absolute power, being the world's superpower and controlling everything on every front. If the United States is to survive, we need to recognize the aggressive actions our enemies have taken to build up their militaries and respond in kind. On January 20, 2021, we were energy independent. Now you have to wonder if Russia will open the oil spigot when we or our allies need it. President Biden did tap our oil reserves this week

supply. Reread that last sentence. For 11 years I've been railing against China's aggression and have written numerous times about the dangers of the CCP's quest for world domination. They are currently trying to control the global supply of essential rare earth minerals and are solely responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic. While these both pose grave risks to the entire world, their military buildup is even more alarming.

releasing a massive two-and-a-half-day

President for life Xi Jinping yearns to be king of the world and no one is surprised that he has continued to build up China's military much like his predecessors. What is surprising is the hypersonic speed at which he has done so. Recently the CCP tested a prototype nuclear weapons system, the hypersonic missile. It sounds like something you would find only in a James Bond movie but sadly it is not. Traveling at nearly 5 times the speed of sound, these missiles are almost impossible to track down and destroy. If China were to launch a hypersonic nuclear warhead against the United States, we would be virtually defenseless. The Pentagon is working on technologies to defeat this evolving threat, but it will take a long time, time

we may not have thanks in large part

to the massive bureaucracy of red tape

hoops we must jump through. China

has also been creating mock American

aircraft carriers in the desert to practice

and represent serious new aggression by

the CCP and should serve as a warning

to the folks at the Pentagon, on Capitol

destroying. These actions up the ante

Hill and on Main Street USA. While China has been developing hypersonic missiles, Russia has been working on ways to destroy orbiting satellites. When they shot down their own satellite last week it created a massive debris field which endangered the lives of our astronauts on the International Space Station. While the technology has existed for a few years, including in the United States and China, this is the first time Russia has successfully destroyed a satellite. It represents a dramatic change in potential warfare. If Russia can shoot down one of their own satellites, what is stopping them from shooting down one or all of ours? If they were to do this, it would cripple the United States, both militarily and domestically. Think of how much we rely upon satellites for evsociety would look like if that all went the way of the dinosaurs tomorrow. Allowing Russia to shoot down our satellites would be devastating

beyond belief. You may think that counter-

ing aggression from China and Russia on their own is scary enough but wait until they partner together. As I mentioned earlier, just this week Russia and China announced a new military cooperation to counter American

dominance of the sky. Russia and China

are now flying joint patrol missions over the Sea of Japan and East China Sea in direct response to US bomber flights in the region. This unprecedented alliance is yet another sign of aggression by our enemies, and the United States cannot afford to sit idly by. The domestic debates our country is currently having pale in comparison to the military advancements of our enemies. President Vladimir Putin and president for life Xi Jinping want Americans fighting amongst ourselves so we'll be too distracted to notice what they're doing. Well, we've noticed, and now the only question is do we take decisive action, or do we fiddle while Rome burns? We must build up our own military, and President Biden must take swift and decisive actions to maintain our military

When the Soviets launched the Sputnik I satellite on Oct. 4, 1957, the United States sprang into action. We developed weapons and technologies to counter the Soviets in the event of a full-on war. These recent developments from China and Russia warrant the same innovative spirit. If we are going to remain the world's superpower, we must develop new technologies to prevent attacks from our enemies. We simply cannot allow China and Russia to beat us on this front because we are too worried about which statue to remove next.

The Great Ozarks Outdoors: What a great gift idea

eryday life, and then imagine what our

LARRY WHITELEY

For the Headliner News

Whether it's hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, biking, hiking or just sitting in our yards and watching wildlife, we all enjoy some aspect of Missouri wildlife and resources. That is exactly why buying a yearly gift membership to the Conservation Federation of Missouri for only \$35 is a great Christmas gift idea for anyone. The person you buy this gift for would love getting this gift

Their membership will keep them informed about the Missouri outdoors, its wildlife and all the outdoor opportunities that are available to them to enjoy. It will also help them stay aware of conservation issues that may nave an impact to Missouri's outdoor future as well as give them a voice in those decisions

With their gift membership they get a year's subscription (six issues a year) to the CFM magazine with great stories



on conservation, hunting, fishing and other outdoor interests. They will also get a CFM window decal, invitations to local chapters banquets and events, a bi-weekly e-newsletter, and access to the Legislative Action Center so they can stay up to date on everything going on in Jefferson City politics involving Missouri's outdoors.

CFM's mission is to ensure conservation of Missouri's wildlife and natural resources, and preservation of our state's rich outdoor heritage through advocacy, education and partnership. They are not affiliated with any gov ernment agency. CFM gets involved with all conservation issues not just hunting and fishing.

The nonprofit organization based in Jefferson City was formed in 1935 by sportsmen

from throughout the state. A year later, they succeeded in getting a constitutional amendment passed that resulted in the formation of the Missouri Department of Conservation. CFM has Missourians working to carefully manage the state's resources through partnerships, education and advocacy. It is our state's largest and most active conservation organization.

To purchase a gift membership go to http://www. confedmo.org or call (573) 634-2322. I'm betting you'll hear them say, "What a great gift idea!"

> **SOMETHING TO** THINK ABOUT

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."

—Albert Einstein

CHRISTMAS SQUIRREL

When I was a kid growing up on a farm south of Nixa, going out hunting for squirrels was something we always did on Christmas day. It also put extra food on the

table when kinfolk got there for Christmas dinner.

Squirrel hunting can still be a great Christmas day activity. It's a lot more fun than sitting around watching TV.

A FISHING BIRD Displaying a behavior

maybe learned by watching us humans, some species of heron use bait to catch fish. They land on a riverbank and toss an object into the water an insect, berry, twig, people food or even a fisherman's discarded fly. The heron waits until a hungry fish swims by, and then dives in and grabs the fish. Not all herons catch their fish this way, but those who do catch more fish than those who don't.

For more than 40 years, Nixa native Larry Whiteley has communicated about America through newspapers, magazines, blogs and a syndicated radio show heard in all 50 states and around the world by our military men and women on the American Forces Radio Network.

chadwickarea news

Most of us have tried to make the most of these beautiful December days. They don't happen every year. Each morning, I think what should be done before the next Missouri weather hits?

I enjoyed a short time at the arena to watch some young bulls out of the bucking pens. Also, my great grandson Caleb is getting in some bull fighting training. He looked really good in the arena to me.

When I drove up to the ranch, Treylyn and Allison were missing. It was no surprise to see them riding up on the horses a short time later.

There was a call from my grandson Colby on Thanksgiving with an update on his family. He always calls on holidays.

Sympathy goes to the family of Tom Rains, who passed away this past week. His services were Monday at 3 o'clock. Tom was in a serious accident several years ago when a truck ran over him. It seems he had had a lot of bad days since that accident. He must have been left on this earth for a reason. He graduated the same year that my

Kathy did.

We all thought so much of Tom. Joey and Trish came down Sunday to do some things for me. The big lights got put on the side of the barn, and they spent a couple of hours sorting and re-stacking fabric on my upstairs level. Every time I do that, I get tempted to make myself something to wear, and I don't need anything new. I just like to be creative at the sewing machine.

Margaret and I only lack a couple of hours finishing a quilt we started some time back. That should be done early in the morning.

The school Christmas program was Monday evening at 6:30. We had a farm meeting Tuesday morning, then the Chadwick PTO meeting is at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, and then a ballgame Tuesday night.

Our Kindergarten class will come

to my farm Wednesday morning for a run in the woods to get a Christmas tree for their classroom. I am hoping for a nice morning for us all to be out having fun. Bob and Rhonda will provide a hayride for the kids. Then we will have hot dogs for lunch. It is an outing we all look forward to every year.

My great granddaughter Treylyn will be in the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant at Bradleyville Thursday evening, and my great grandson Lance will play basketball. I hope to make it down to Bradleyville for that.

Here is hoping for a great week. You all stay well and happy for lots of getting ready for the holidays.



Marie Day

Marie is a lifelong Chadwick resident who has written a weekly column for the Headliner News for more than two

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INVITATION TO BID

Christian County Commission is accepting bids for ITB 2021-12 Big Tex Trailer with Installation Services. Send bids to the Commission Office located at 100 Church St. Room 100, Ozark, MO 65721 in an envelope clearly marked "ITB #2021-12 BID DOCUMENTS-DO NOT OPEN". Bids must be submitted no later than 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021. Bids will be opened promptly at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021. For questions contact Kim Hopkins-Will at 417-582-4309 or khopkins@christiancounty

NOTICE OF ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the policyholders meeting of the Old Missouri Mutual Insurance Company, Billings, Missouri, will be held at the company's home office, 118 SW Hwy 60, Billings, Mo, on January 25th, 2022, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M. The purpose for this meeting is for the perfect of the perfect of the section. this meeting is for the policyholders to approve all business and transactions conducted in the year 2021, and any other business that will come before the meeting.

Rusty Dunning Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Christian County is accepting proposals for Request for Qualifications for Architectural Design and Consulting Services. The RFQ may be downloaded by going to: https://www.christi ancountymo.gov/bidding-oppor tunities/. Send proposals to Christian County Resource Building, located at 1106 W. Resource Jackson Street, Ozark, MO. 65721 in an envelope clearly marked "Request for Qualifications - Sealed Qualifications Architectural Services - DO NOT OPEN". Bids must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. Questions call 417-582-4309 or email: Kim Hopkins-Will at khopkins@christian countymo.gov.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by Barbara A Tindle, Unmarried, dated January 7, 2016 and recorded on January 15, 2016 in Book 2016, Page 533, as Document No. 2016L00541, Office of Recorder of Deeds, Christian County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on January 3, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at 10:00AM, at the Christian County Courthouse, 110 W. Elm St., South door, Ozark, MO 65721-0278, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for

cash, the following real estate:
ALL OF LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK ONE (1), HILLIARD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NIXA, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI.

For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

S&W Foreclosure Corporation Successor Trustee

Pub Commences December 8,

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NOMINEES SELECTED FOR UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION COUNCIL **Christian County**

Citizens of voting age in Christian County, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 262-577, R.S. Mo. 1969, will have an opportunity to vote and elect members to the University of Missouri Extension Council in January. The elected and appointed members of the Extension Council will guide and direct Extension work within the county. There are two seats open for elective positions in District I East (which is the same as the general election Eastern District); and four seats open for elective positions in District II West (which is the same as the general election Western District).

The following candidates have been nominated for a term length of 2 years:

Shannon Eby - District I East Elise Crain - District I East

Additional nominations may be made by petition of 25 or more qualified voters residing within the district, filed with the Council within 20 days after the publication of this notice of election, pursuant to Missouri Statute (262.577). Due to the office Holiday schedule, the Council is extending this deadline to Monday, January 3, 2022 by 4 PM.

Residents of Christian County may vote for candidates that represent the Christian County geographic district in which they reside. Secure on-line voting will be conducted at

http://extension.missouri.edu/christian. Biographies candidate, and directions to the election website will be found at this site when voting goes live. The voting begins 12:01 AM Saturday, January 15 and runs until Friday, January 21, 2022 at

Paper ballots may also be cast in person. A ballot box for paper ballots will be available at the University of Missouri Extension office in Christian County (located at 4101 N. State Hwy NN, Suite 103, Ozark) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2022, and Extension office will be closed January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.)

Due to the possible disruption COVID-19 restrictions may cause for in-person voting, on-line voting is highly encouraged.

Eligible county residents who are unable to vote in Ozark or on-line may request a ballot be mailed to them by calling the Extension office at 417-581-3558. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by January 20, 2022 to be counted.

The University of Missouri Extension Council, Christian County

Court transfers effective Jan. 1

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Effective Jan. 1, 2022, Nixa Municipal Court will no longer be located at Nixa City Hall, rather, the court will be transferred to the 38th Circuit Court located on the square in Ozark. The same goes for the Ozark Municipal Court, which has been transferred to the 38th Circuit.

Anyone with a current outstanding case with the Ozark Municipal Court or Nixa Municipal Court should check Missouri Case.net (https://www. courts.mo.gov/casenet) to see the status of their case, and to get information on any upcoming hearings or filings due. You can search by case number or with the name of a party involved. Further questions regarding Nixa Municipal Court cases (including traffic tickets and municipal code violations) should be directed to Nixa Municipal Court located at Nixa City Hall (417-725-7130) through Dec. 31, 2021. Keep in mind, all city offices will be closed on Dec. 31.

Effective Jan. 1, such questions regarding any outstanding Nixa Municipal Court or Ozark Municipal Court cases or tickets should be directed to the 38th Circuit Court Clerk's office, located at 110 W. Elm, Room 202 in Ozark (417-582-5120).

The final Nixa Municipal Court date held at Nixa City Hall was on Nov. 18, and all pending Nixa Municipal Court cases have been reset to March 10, or later, in Ozark.

In Nixa, the change of court location was decided on Sept. 13, when the Nixa City Council passed an ordinance transferring the Nixa Municipal Court to the 38th Judicial Circuit Court. The Ozark Board of Aldermen passed a similar ordinance of transfer.

The cities of Nixa and Ozark have entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the 38th Judicial Circuit regarding the transfer and storage of municipal court files and the funding and hiring of an additional court clerk through the end of 2022. The transfer of the court is anticipated to present some cost savings to the city governments, while reducing the cities' liability and satisfying state court standards, which had recently been changed in such a way to encourage court consolidation at the county level.

local churches

ASSEMBLY OF GOD First Assembly of God 706 Glossip Ave., Highlandville (417) 443-6217 Pastor: Joe Contreras

• James River Assembly of 6100 N. 19th St., Ozark (417) 581-5433

 Nixa Assembly of God 113 Mt. Vernon St., Nixa (417) 725-3075

 Ozark Assembly of God 1602 W. South St., Ozark (417) 581-6445 Hope of Sparta

6778 Highway 14, Sparta (417) 988-0944 Pastor: Michael Hamilton Clever First Assembly of

111 N. Public Ave., Clever Pastor: Bruce Baker

BAPTIST Calvary Baptist Church of

206 E. Smalley St., Nixa (417) 725-3023

 Crossroads Baptist Church 423 South St., Nixa

(417) 725-9383 • Fairview Baptist Church 271 Mountainview Dr.,

Sparta • First Baptist Church of Billings

406 NE Pine St., Billings MO 65610 Pastor: Bob Long Sunday school - 8:45 a.m. Sunday service - 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening service - 6

. Wednesday Prayer service - 7 p.m.

 First Baptist Church of Clever 105 S. Kennedy, Clever (417) 743-2541 Pastor: Brian Jump

• First Baptist of Chadwick 123 S. Rose Ave., Chadwick (417) 538-2492

• First Baptist Church of Nixa 601 Wasson, Nixa (417) 725-3867

• First Baptist Church of

1400 W. Jackson St., Ozark (417) 581-2484

• First Baptist Church of Sparta 330 Millbrooke, Sparta www.spartafirstbaptist.org

(417) 634-0141 • Fremont Hills Baptist 4375 N. Fremont, Ozark

(417) 581-7424 • Garrison Baptist Church state Route 125 between Chadwick and Bradleyville Pastor: James Orick

• First Central Baptist Church 794 Hopkins Road,

Highlandville (417) 443-2615 Hopedale Baptist Church 5370 N. state Route NN,

Ozark (417) 581-3836 • Immanuel Baptist Church

P.O. Box 14, Nixa (417) 848-2992 Living Waters

Community Church 825 N. Main St., Nixa (417) 724-8336

• Mentor Baptist Church 5735 Farm Road 193, Rogersville

Pastor: Ray Lassley

• New Hope Baptist Church 960 state Route JJ, Sparta

(417) 581-3800, • Highlandville First Baptist Corner of 160 & EE,

Highlandville (417) 443-3334; (417) 224-3523 Pastor: Leslie Day

• Nixa General Baptist 1011 N. Main St., Nixa

(417) 725-0656 • North Nixa Baptist Church

1730 N. state Route CC, (417) 725-5355

• One Accord Free Will Baptist Church 209 Village Center, Nixa (417) 872-6532

Pastor: Bill Gilkerson • Ozark Baptist Temple 1530 N. 18th St., Ozark (417) 581-2730 Pastor: Ed Keithley

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 Ozark General Baptist Church 1201 W. South St., Ozark (417) 581-3383 Pastor: Allen Maples

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(417) 860-2868 • Smyrna Baptist Church 3401 Smyrna Road, Ozark (417) 294-4348

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• Spokane First Baptist Church South of Spokane Post Office (417) 587-3384

FULL GOSPEL Pastor: Randy Harwood

• Hilltop Full Gospel Church • The Bridge Church North of Reeds Spring Junc-308 W. Mt. Vernon, Nixa tion; (417) 272-1314 (417) 724-1443 Pastors: Harold and Georgia www.thebridgenixa.org Tennison, (417) 634-4207

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• Faith Bible Fellowship of

Meets at Nixa Senior Center

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Catholic Church

(417) 581-6328

844 S. Gregg Road, Nixa

• St. Joseph the Worker

• St. Joseph Catholic

Billings; (417) 744-2490

1796 state Route NN, Ozark

320 Northwest Washington,

CHRISTIAN

• Church at Finley Crossings

380 E. state Route CC, Suite

A101, Nixa; (417) 724-2232

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Carpenter and Mitchell,

• Nixa Christian Church

400 Northview Road, Nixa

• Ozark Christian Church

1200 E. McCracken, Ozark

ozarkchristianchurch.net

Road; (417) 485-2608

Pastor: Rev. Tommy Goode

• Selmore Christian Church

South of Ozark on Selmore

• Sparta Christian Church

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(417) 634-5487

(417) 581-1059

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388 Highlandville Road,

Highlandville; (417) 569-

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Pastor: James Eakins • Clever Full Gospel Church state Route K and Kennedy (417) 619-4890 Pastor: Dan McCabe

• First Oldfield Full Gospel 2656 state Route 125 South, Oldfield

INTERDENOMINATIONAL People of the Holy God Church 345 Highlandville Road (417) 576-7381

LUTHERAN Open Arms Lutheran Fellowship of Ozark www.openarmsozark.org (417) 582-0067 Pastor Jim Bartok

jimlbartok@gmail.com Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 815 E. Plainview Road,

Springfield; (417) 881-0833 Redeemer Lutheran Church 911 W. Mt. Vernon, Nixa (417) 725-4288

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Methodist Church 460 Aldersgate Drive, Nixa (417) 725-4949

 Cassidy United Methodist Church 5151 N. Fremont, Nixa Pastor: Steven Mitchell

(417) 582-3632 www.cassidyumc.net Ozark United Methodist Church 2850 state Route 14 E.,

Ozark (417) 581-6853 www.ozarkumc.org • Clever United Methodist

Kennedy and Carpenter streets, Clever Pastor: Kirby Holbrook (417) 942-7098 www.cleverumc.org

NAZARENE Nixa Church of the Nazarene

306 W. Northview Road, Nixa (417) 725-4224 Ozark First Church of the

Nazarene 500 E. Highview, Ozark (417) 485-2738

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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



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MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC SCHMITT.

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 attornev 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 law suit.

"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

The Independent's Rudi Keller contributed to this story.

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

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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 lections is pushing an ini tiative 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 matified 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.

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 disincentivizes 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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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.



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 Hardee, Maddie Teague and Journey Rogers.

Elks evening of recognition

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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.

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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

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.



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.

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.

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 ty 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 Jerald 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

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

"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 charitable giving within th 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.PE. 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.



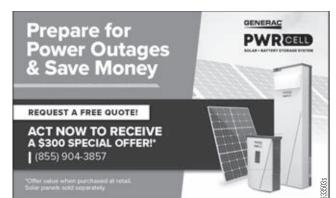
Junior high honor band

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 Peeples, Keziah Lopez, Addison Love, Levi Gant, Ryleigh Berryessa and Joey Todd.

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Eagles triumph in opener versus Bentonville West

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Perhaps one day when Jaret Nelson is in an MLB locker room, he can pass the time during a rain delay by pulling out his phone and showing his teammates a video of a certain dunk of his from way back in December of 2021.

'Hey, I used to hoop a little bit back in the day," Nelson said, while happily obliging with a one-liner during a starry glimpse into his crystal ball.

Nelson will certainly be able to show he had some hops as a teen. The prized catching prospect who doubles as a power forward sent Nixa fans home absolutely delighted with an alley-oop dunk to put a capper on the Eagles' 67-63 season-opening win over Bentonville West on Friday.

With Nixa leading 63-60 and :55 to play, Nelson caught a pass from Kael Combs with his arms fully extended above his head at the bottom, right corner of the backboard and proceeded to soar to the rim for a memorable slam.

Jaws dropped everywhere, including his own. "I'll be honest, I didn't know

I could dunk like that," Nelson said. "But we found out I could tonight. Maybe a little adrenaline helped.'

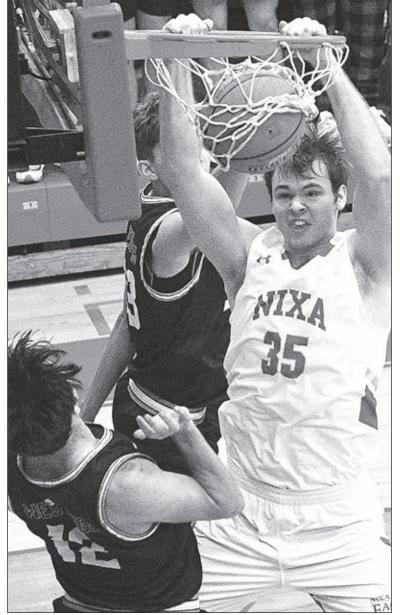
"I knew he could finish and I knew he would dunk it, with the adrenaline rushing," Combs said.

As Nelson trotted downcourt following his dunk, he soaked in the moment by staring intently at the crazed reaction of his buddies in Nixa's student section.

'I was looking at my boys in the front row getting hyped, I loved it," Nelson said. "From my point of view, it's special when I'm cheering them on when they're on the football field. So, I hope this feels the same way for them."

Nelson's dunk was set up by a wild sequence in which West forced a Nixa turnover, but promptly gave the ball right back to the Eagles. Colin Ruffin converted his steal into a pass downcourt to Combs, who then found Nelson.

'I thought Kael was going to take his kid to the basket, but then he lobbed the ball to me,"



NIXA'S COLTEN BERRY duns over Bentonville West players.

Nelson said.

Combs took his defender to the hoop more often than not. He was the difference-maker and a great go-to option while scoring 21 of his 23 points over the final three quarters.

The Eagles essentially at times cleared the court for Combs to go one-on-one.

"I think my teammates saw I was getting to the basket, so they kind of opened it up and let me go to work," he said. "It wasn't designed, it was just that I was hot and scoring at will."

"If Kael really wanted to, he could score any time he wants to, I really believe that," Nelson said.

"He can create," coach Jay Osborne said. "When he can create, we're a lot better team.'

Combs. who still is only a junior, indeed is in his element with the ball in his hands in open space.

"I want to attack first and if someone is open, pitch it out. But I'm looking to attack first," he said. "I try to keep a clear mind and let my game do the work. Everything is instincts. If (the

> Other teams are going to have good pressure like that and

we need to handle the pressure. It was good to see that,

get used to it and know what

when we go into other games

"We got a little scared,

freaked out and went too

fast," Riott said. "Once we

slowed things down, we got

have to get used to the press,

so it was a great experience.'

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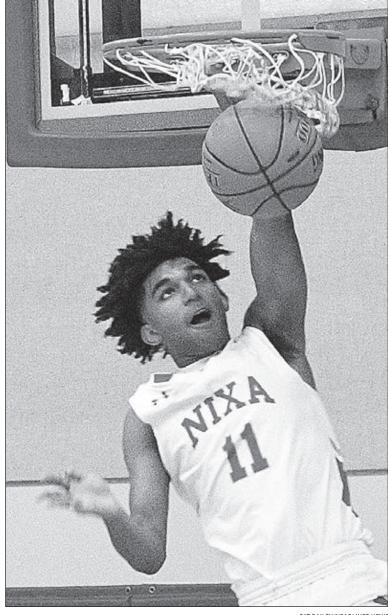
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NIXA'S KAEL COMBS dunks versus Bentonville West on Friday.

defender) plays me flat, I'll go to my strong side. If they play me one up, I'll attack the top foot. I always have a counter move to go to."

Combs gave Nixa the lead for good with a steal and a dunk to make it 59-58 with 3:15 remaining.

West spotted the Eagles an 18-9 lead, but caught Nixa by netting 10 3-pointers.

They're a really good team and it was a high-intensity game," Combs said. "They had played six games, so they were warmed up.

This shows where our team is at and that we're going to hustle."

"That's a quality opponent," Osborne said. "They defended well and have shooters everywhere. I liked our passion. We had moments in which we looked really good and moments in which we looked like we needed we work.

"We've got to keep our 'bigs' out of foul trouble," he added. Nelson and center Colton Berry were mired in foul trouble, before both scored four points in the

fourth quarter.

Conway continues to show she's learned lessons well

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Macie Conway was feeling a bit bittersweet while thinking about her final season-opening game as a prep Thursday. "It's kind of sad, but I'm excit-

ed. This is a great team to end with," she said.

Come game time, Conway was her usual ultra-composed self on her way to a 25-point effort in Nixa's 69-46 triumph over Columbia Battle.

Conway

Whether she's rolling while on a hot streak or mired in a rare slump, it's been by design Conway rarely shows emotions over a course of a game.

"My parents have preached body language to me since I was very young," Conway said. "That's been the number one thing, no matter what, over points, defense or anything. Body language, body language, body language. I've taken that to heart. When I watch other people play, that's the number one thing I notice.

"In basketball, you need have a short memory," she added. "Let it go and go on to the next play, always.'

Conway's step-father, Wade Lawrence, played high school ball at Sikeston and junior college

"My basketball up-bringing is from him," she said. "That's where my basketball roots came from. He's pretty much taught me everything I know."

It fits Conway's personality to appear cool, calm and collected. Even in her younger days, she was never one to throw a temper tantrum.

'I was more expressive about (officiating) calls, like you are when you are younger," she said. "The older I've gotten, the more I control my emotions. But I've never been super emotional. I'm pretty monotone."

Likewise, Nixa was consistent in its play and enjoyed a comfortable lead versus Battle throughout the night.

Backing up Conway were Norah Clark with 14 points and Ali Kamies with 13.

"We have some things to clean up," Conway said. "But we have all the talent. We can go as far as we want to go, if we don't get in the way of

ourselves."

Leigh leads Spokane to runner-up finish

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MARIONVILLE — With Spokane featuring a new doesn't include a senior, sophomore guard Ricky Riott has a good idea what a scouting report on the Owls is going to include.

"A lot of people are going to

press us," Riott said. Spokane indeed was vulnerable against Southwest's full-court pressure Thursday. But the Owls eventually solved the press and picked

up a 54-39 victory. Spokane committed just one turnover over the final 11 minutes to make it to the Marionville Tournament championship game for the third straight season.

The Owls nearly blew a 28-15 halftime lead by turning the ball over six times in the first four-plus minutes of the third quarter. Southwest pulled to within six points, 33-27.

Spokane coach Terry Writer called two timeouts in the first three minutes of the second half.

'We got too excited and we were playing the game too fast," guard Jace Leigh said. "A lot of times, it's better for us to slow the game down and get the ball where we need to.

best," Speake said. "It was awesome. It was louder than it usually is in here.

on the mat as an Eagle. He transferred to Nixa last summer from Carl Junction. He needed only 29 seconds to record a pin.

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SPOKANE'S JD TATE scores two of his 17 points Thursday.

Speake

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"All the lunch tables are hidden, I don't know where they're at. The energy was really high and it was very loud. You couldn't have scripted it any better. What a fun way to break in

the commons."

lead the Owls.

nament Team.

"I loved it, this was the

For Carey, it was his debut

"We already had pretty

good upper weights and he has added to our depth there," Martin said. "He's going to be a big part of our future."

Carey's past saw him have Carl Junction state champion Jesse Cassatt as a practice partner. Now, he's working alongside Gholson, a third-place finisher at State last season.

"All last year Jesse was my drill partner. It was a very competitive year with him. Jesse very much made me better," Carey said. "There are more guys to be competitive with here. John is really good. He's heavier so it makes some of my matches a little lighter. Coach also pushes me hard in the practice room."







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Tigers 'popped in the mouth' by No. 1 Liberty

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Whatley felt Ozark got a feel for the COC wars that await the Tigers by matching up with Liberty in the Republic Tournament championship game Saturday.

Ozark bowed to the Bluejays, ranked No. 1 in Class 6, by a 70-62 count. The Tigers trailed by 17 points at halftime.

'They came out and popped us in the mouth," Whatley said. "We've got to be ready to be the more physical team every night. Nixa will play that physical caliber of a game and Republic is usually very

physical with us, too." "We're not used to that level of physicality away from the ball in our offense," Ozark coach Mark Schweitzer said. "When you're getting bumped and have a guy in your hip pocket trailing you, there's a whole domino effect and you need to be sharp. We needed to be sharper. We came out and had a little bit of the yips on layups. We



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OZARK'S ETHAN WHATLEY looks for a lane to the bucket against Liberty on Saturday

missed some easy buckets." The Tigers were up 9-8, before Liberty broke away thanks to a 28-point sec-

ond quarter. Ozark took some consolation in outscoring Liberty 37-28 in the second half.

"We got better in the second half," Schweitzer said. "Away from the ball and on

cuts, we had to kick it up a notch. We had to adjust.

Graydon Miller began to establish himself at both ends of the court. He scored eight points.

"Graydon is starting to come on,"Schweitzer said. "He hasn't played much basketball. He has just played school ball, he's

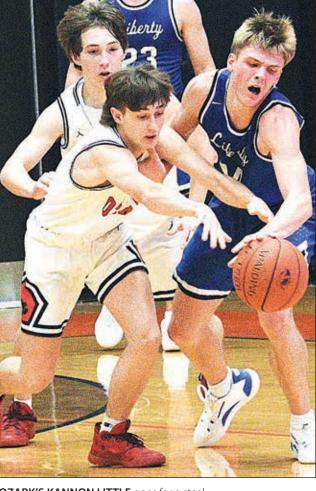
never played AAU. He plays baseball all summer. So, he's learning on the fly and he'll be fine. His defense made great strides these last two games. That's what I had been on him about. I'm not worried about his shots. They're going to fall."

Whatley had nine of his 17 points in the fourth quarter.

"You've got to be proud of our effort in the second half," Whatley said. "We didn't keep letting them beat us down. That was big for us. This was an awesome opportunity to put ourselves on the map. If we would have played the whole game like we did in the second half, we would have competed with them.'

"By no means are we a team that can't compete at this level," Schweitzer said. "We know we can, at least we better know we can. The kids better believe we can. We'll remind them that we believe in them whole-heartedly, that we can compete against Class 6 top-echelon talent."

Ozark (3-1) won in the semifinal round 49-45 against Park Hill South.



OZARK'S KANNON LITTLE goes for a steal

Ballard, Ozark win Republic Tournament opener

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REPUBLIC — Colton Ballard is being rewarded for the response he had to receiving limited minutes last season.

With his work ethic never wavering, Ballard is getting all the minutes he could ask for this time around. He fulfilled the rapidly-growing confidence Ozark coach Mark Schweitzer has him in by producing a career-high 15 points in the Tigers' 62-47 win over Lincoln Prep at the Republic Tournament on Thursday.

'Colton was in competition last year with some senior guards and I didn't give him the nod as much as he would have liked," Schweitzer said. "A lot of kids would duck their head and think I had it in for them. Every bit of success he has as a true testament to him getting mentally tougher, sticking in there and working

All-COC

"If I could go back, there

would be a few minor things

added. "But you can't take it

back. I was proud of myself."

football and soccer at the

Easley briefly played both

start of his junior year, before

grudgingly giving up soccer.

He's continued to play club

his soccer career at Drury. A

anxious to tap further into his

potential after he completes

"Club season for soccer

is starting, so we are having

practices twice a week now

his senior season playing

basketball.

soccer and will continue

projected left-back, he's

I would do differently," he

in the off-season. He's geared up for his senior year. He's proven he can play and he's

"At first, I didn't like it that

Ballard was on the floor

"That shows my confi-"He has no reason to doubt

"It means a lot to me that he has trust in me,"

Ballard started strong and finished well. He hit a pair of 3-pointers in the first quarter and added a three-point play and two free throws in the fourth quarter.

The three-point play came

here to stay."

much," Ballard said of being a seldom-used backup last season. "But we were a guardheavy team. I kept working, kept taking everything (the coaches) gave me and made it a positive to try to grow my game."

for the entire fourth quarter Thursday.

dence in him is growing and hopefully that grows his confidence," Schweitzer said. himself."

Ballard said.

and we will have our spring season and summer to play," Easley said. "I've never been touchdowns. focused solely on soccer. I'm looking forward to sticking

what I can do with it." Gholson is a repeat first-teamer. He played all along the defensive line as a senior, while seeing the most time at end. He was fourth among the Eagles with 94 tackles that included four tackles for a loss and two

with one sport and seeing

quarterback sacks. Hartman's first year as a starting linebacker saw him collect 99 tackles, three TFLs, two interceptions and 1.5 sacks.

Combs' first season on the gridiron at the high school level saw him set school

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OZARK'S COLTON BALLARD AND TYLER HARMON reach for a loose ball against Lincoln Prep at

the Republic Tournament on Thursday. after Ozark's Ethan Whatley was whistled for his fourth foul with 5:04 to play and Lincoln cut the Tigers' lead to seven points. Ballard didn't hesitate on his way to finishing over a Lincoln defender on a fast break.

"When I caught the ball,

records with 44 receptions for 842 yards and 11

Combs, who was also an All-COC First-Team selection in basketball as a sophomore last winter, has been a college prospect on the hardwood since he was a freshman. But he is open-minded about playing football in college.

"My family has talked about me getting looks and if I wanted to play football in college," Combs said. "But it's not something we have totally talked about, yet."

Schulte anchored an offensive line that allowed Nixa to put up record-setting passing numbers and have five running backs rush for

200 yards or more. Carthage running back Luke Gall is the Offensive Player of The Year. Gall, who doubles as a linebacker, and Carthage defensive end Micah Lindsey, are co-DefenI thought I saw a trailer. But there wasn't a trailer," Ballard said "I saw (the defender) was backed off a bit and was giving me a lane, so I attacked. He tried to take a charge and I finished the best I could.'

"Colton has gotten so

Nixa's second-team selections are inside linebacker Jaden Aven, quarterback Connor Knatcal, defensive back Cody Breeden and kicker Kaleb James.

Aven was arguably Nixa's MVP. He had a team-high 139 tackles, with four TFLs and three sacks. He filled in at running back and rushed for 297 yards, as well as throwing the game-winning touchdown pass in the Backyard Brawl.

Breeden was second among the Eagles with 100 tackles and had three picks.

Knatcal shattered numerous school records while competing 121-of-220 passes for 1,810 yards and 24 touchdowns.

James made both of his field-goal attempts and converted on 46-of-49 extra-point tries.

Ozark's second-team selections are offensive lineman Brian Bullard and defensive

much better," swingman Tyler Harmon said. "He's improved so much and is going to be a great asset.'

Ballard, Hamon and Kannon Little combined to go 7-for-7 at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

Whatley's foul trouble fac-

lineman Luke Hulse.

Hulse, a senior noseguard, had 28 tackles, including two sacks and two TFLs. Third-team honors for

Ozark went to defensive back Garrett Ballard, running back Jake Beets and wideout Jace Whatley.
Ballard led the Tigers with

81.5 tackles and five interceptions, Beets topped Ozark with 603 yards rushing and Whatley had a team-high 21 catches for 458 yards.

Nixa's third-teams are offensive lineman Garrett Davidson, defensive lineman Avry Rutherford and running back Spencer Ward.

Rutherford led the Eagles with six TFLs and had 64 tackles and Ward had a teamhigh 651 yards rushing.

All-COC First-Team

Offense

Linemen — Garrett Lilinkamp, Carthage; Dontrell Holt, Joplin; Brady

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win the game," Schweitzer said. "We're sneaky in terms of athleticism. We may not look all that athletic. But we've got some kids who can jump, we have some length and my kids play hard."

tored in him not scoring over

the final eight minutes, after

Whatley's early hot hand

and repeated second-chance

"We rebounded well from

all positions, I think it helped

he had 19 points through

points by Ozark kept the

three quarters.

Tigers in control.

"We're under-sized. We don't have a 6-foot-10 guy who is going to average 20 rebounds. So, we all have to box out and crash," Harmon said. "(Coaches) are preaching in practices for us to find a body and box out. If we get rebounds, we're going to be off to the races. We're a scrappy team. We play for each other and we'll die for each other."

as Schulte, Nixa; Trysten Hart, Republic

Running backs — Luke Gall, Carthage; Cade Wilson, Webb City; Connor Sandridge, Republic

Wide receivers — Kael Combs, Nixa; Hudson Moore, Carthage; Terrance Gibson, Joplin

Tight end — Tyler Willis, Carthage

Quarterback—Always Wright, Joplin Athlete — Caden Ka-bance, Carthage

Kicker — Joseph Ipsen, Joplin

Gall, Carthage **Defense Linemen** — Micah Lindsey,

Player of the Year — Luke

Carthage; Donovahn Watkins, Joplin; John Gholson, Nixa; Max Williams, Carthage

Inside linebackers — Luke Gall, Carthage; Cooper Crouch, Webb City, Draven

VanGilder, Joplin Outside linebackers — Zach Lansford, Carthage; Ty Hartman, Nixa

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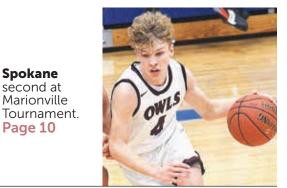
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Easley, Combs unanimous All-COC First-Team choices

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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

mous selection, I don't know what to say other than I'm flattered. I wasn't expecting it, honestly,' Easley said. "I

is a unanimous

"The unani-

first-teamer.

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

Spokane second at Marionville

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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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patd@ccheadliner.com 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

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 ford 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 Strafford Tournament.

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

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Tigers among hoopsters making fashion statement

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eneration Xers or even yesteryear's generation surely never imagined a basketball world in which players 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 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 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 Llittle 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.

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

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

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 Gholson)," 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.

something I really strive to have," he said. "The easiest way to win a match is being able to last longer."

Nixa rallled 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.

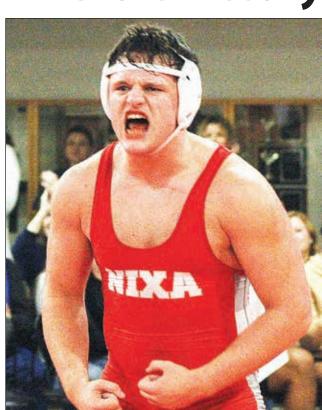
A premier match saw Farmington's Blake Cook edge Nixa's Peyton Moore 9-6 at 132. Cook was a Class 3 132 state runner-up last season and Moore was third in Class 4 at 120.

Nixa later went on to beat Rogers-

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

approved of the setting whole-heartedly. "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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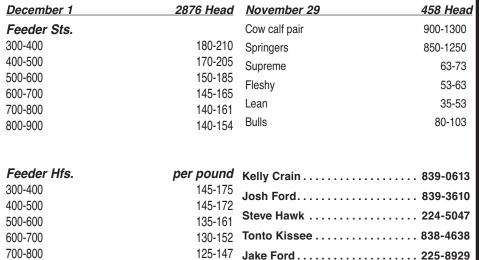
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2-Absolute Real Estate & Estate

10:00 A.M. * Saturday, December 11th, * 1:00 P.M.

Location #1: 34 Carter Lane, Galena Mo. 65656 * 10:00 AM <u>Directions:</u> From the Square take Maple St. 3 blocks south then right on 9th. st. to Carter Ln.

Location #2: Camp Yocum Rd., Galena Mo. 65656 * 1:00 PM <u>Directions:</u> At Jct. Hwy 413 & Camp Clark Hill Rd, take Camp Clark Hill Rd. north 1 ¼ mi.

then right on Camp Yocum Rd. ¼ mi. to Property. *Watch for Signs* Location #1: 10:00 AM Real Estate & Personal Property, 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath (fixer upper) home on 2 Lots. 1100+ Sq. Ft.

Home, 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Attached 1 Car Garage, Fenced in back yard. Galena Schools

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3pt. Cherry Picker; 3pt. 5ft Angle Blade; 3pt. 5ft Brush Hog; 3pt. 4ft Brush Hog; 18ft. 16'+ 2' Dovetail Flatbed Utility Trailer (Heavy Built, Needs Floor); Misc. Scrap Metal;

<u>Tools - Bikes - Parts - Guns - Misc.</u> (225) Never Used 8ft. Landscape Timbers; Miller Roughneck 2E Portable Welder/Generator; 16 Spd. Benchtop Drill Press; Fuller 5" Vise Stack-On Mechanics Toolbox; Lot misc. Hand & Mechanics Tools; Lot Lawn & Garden Tools; Electric Chainsaw Sharpener (New); 15 Location #2: 1:00 PM Real Estate 5 Acres all Timber with River View, Camp Yocum Road splits property.

Gallon ATV Sprayer (New); 1967 I.H. Scout Fender, Grill, Transfer Case; 12 Winch; High Wheel Push Mower; Old Craftsman Riding Mower & MTD Tiller; Lot misc. Shop & Garage Related Items; Shimano Mongoose Mountain Bike; Murray Mountain Bike; Winchester model 60 .22 single shot; Wards model 30 12ga. Pump Shotgun; Few Old Shotgun Shell Boxes; Antique - Collectible (Dug Up) Anasazi Indian Corrugated Bowl; (2) Pcs. Early Indian Pottery; Old Bostrum & Brady #2 Transit & Stand; Lodge 3 Notch Chicken Fryer w/ Drip Lid; Few Older Kitchen Collectibles; Oil Lamps; 1911 Winslow Az. Calendar; Few Older Books incl. 1930's Motor Show, 50's & 60's Motor Repair Manuals, Tractor Books etc... Few Comic Books; Galvanized Wash Tubs; Vogelzang Cast Iron Boxwood Stove (New); Misc. Antiques & Collectibles;

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2:00 P.M. * Saturday December 11th,* 2:00 P.M.

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Truck, Tractor, Tools: 2002 Chevy Z71 4WD 435,826 miles. M.F. 150

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