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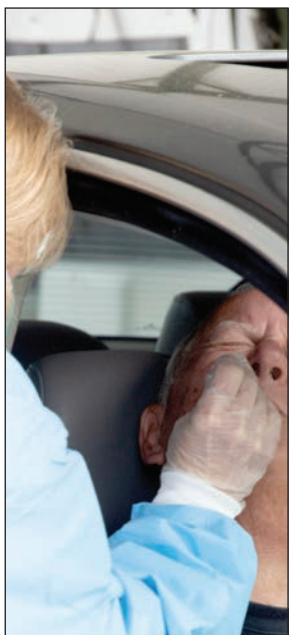
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Survey results

At its Jan. 5 meeting, Perryville's Board of Aldermen got its first glimpse of the 2020 citywide survey, which was conducted in the fall. The story in this week's edition is a summary of the findings. This is the third time Perryville has used ETC Institute to conduct a survey. More than 600 individuals responded. The full report was more than 150 pages. **2**



Year-in-review

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Calleigh's Fight: When you wish upon a star...

Cairns family embarks on Disney journey

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Earlier this month, a sendoff was held in Altenburg for Calleigh Cairns. The family was the recipient of a Dream Factory trip to Disney World. Despite the overcast conditions and rain, a parade was held as a way for the community to provide well wishes to the family as it embarks on what could be a final outing together.

In October 2020, the family got devastating news regarding Calleigh's situation.

"We found out Calleigh's tumor was growing again and we knew that time may be short," said Calleigh's mother, Chris Cairns, in a Dec. 22 interview. "The Make A Wish people had mentioned Dream Factory, which was interesting



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/JUSTIN HOTOP
Joined by Minnie and Mickey Mouse, Chris Cairns holds daughter Calleigh and waves to greeters during a drive-through sendoff for the Cairns family by Altenburg Public School Jan. 1.

because Laura Glick who works with them had already contacted my husband, who grew up with her."

The family began working through Dream Factory in the fall.

Later this month, the Cairns crew - all eight family members - are traveling to Florida.

Prior to the start of the pandemic last spring, the family was in the process

of putting together a trip request through the Make A Wish Foundation.

"Originally, the hospital in St. Louis, they gave us paperwork for 'Make A Wish' which we filled out, and that

was all before Covid started."

However, once they started getting everything together, Make-A-Wish was not the thing that they needed to do.

In January 2020, a baseball-sized tumor was found in Calleigh's brain. She underwent surgery to remove the tumor Jan. 13, 2020 and was later diagnosed with a rare type of brain cancer called embryonal tumor and multilayer rosettes.

"At the moment, Calleigh is feeling better, but the cancer is terminal," according to a Dream Factory press release from Dec. 18, 2020 from Justin Winkler. "Symptoms are expected to resume as the tumor grows."

"The entire family is going to the four Disney theme parks for a week," Chris Cairns said. "We'll get to go to all four Disney parks and we'll have a day kind of off where we'll be able to spend some time at

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Legion Lake bike trail proposal presented to Commissioners

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Are bike trails a future improvement at the county-maintained Legion Lake?

A recent consultant's study shows more than four miles of mountain bike trails surrounding the lake and the Perry County Board of Commissioners was given a glimpse in late December.

Brett Shoffner out of Kansas City came down to

do an assessment and his documentation was part of a study presented by Trish Erzfeld of Perry County Heritage Tourism which laid out plans the proposed bike or hiking trails.

Shoffner, of Nomad Trails Development LLC, performed a site visit at Legion Lake in Perryville Dec. 8 through a request from Erzfeld.

"The purpose of the site

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
This aerial shot prepared by a consultant from Nomad Trails is from a recent presentation to the Perry County Board of Commissioners and shows the proposed bike/hiking trails at Legion Lake.



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/DANIEL WINNINGHAM
Officials were sworn into office Dec. 31 by County Clerk Jared Kutz. From left, are, County Surveyor Tim Baer, Public Administrator Tammy Tarrillion, County Assessor Charlie Triller, County Coroner Bill Bohnert, District 1 commissioner Jay Wengert, District 2 commissioner Keith Hoehn and Perry County Sheriff Gary Schaaf.

Ready to serve: Hoehn begins term

By Daniel Winningham
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On New Year's Eve, new associate District No. 2 Commissioner Keith Hoehn and other county officials were formally sworn into office by Perry County Clerk Jared Kutz in the courtroom at the county courthouse.

His first day on the job was Jan. 1, 2021 but since surviving a seven-way primary battle in August and a two-man race in the general election, not a whole lot has changed in the past two

months.

"It's not really going to be that much different," Hoehn said. "I've been here since after the election. (Commissioners) Mike (Sauer) and Jay (Wengert) both wanted me here basically to get ready to go when the day came (to start)."

And that's just what's he's been doing.

Outgoing commissioner Jim Sutterer did his best to help get Hoehn up to speed.

"I've been with Jim (Sutterer) a bunch of places," Hoehn said. "We were over

at Grand Tower, Illinois the other day to check out a couple of miles of road."

For the next few weeks, the main topic of discussion will be finalizing a new county budget.

"We're getting the county's budget lined up for the year, getting that kind of stuff lined up."

For many residents, resolving the Covid-19 crisis is another top priority.

"Obviously, the Covid stuff is a key thing, trying to get that all figured out with

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PCMH welcomes first 2021 baby



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Perry County Memorial Hospital welcomed its first baby into the world in 2021. Lester and Amber (Watkins) Lohman of Ellis Grove Ill. announce the birth of their daughter Harper Ann Lohman. She was born 7:47 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Perry County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are John and Chris Watkins of Ellis Grove, Ill. Maternal great-grandparent is Carol Bodeker of Ellis Grove, Ill. Paternal grandparent is Betty Braun of Sparta, Ill. Paternal great-grandparent is Wilma Lohman of Chester.

Businesses, workers affected by rise in minimum wage

By Justin Hotop
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A new year will see some changes in the state as Missouri has mandated a rise in minimum wage that went into effective on Jan. 1. The minimum wage has increased from \$9.45 in 2020, to \$10.30 this year.

Director of Perry County Economic Development Authority Scott Sattler mentioned during the Board of Aldermen meeting in December that the rise in minimum will put a strain on local small businesses. He reasserted that position this month.

"Small businesses have limited profit and things like that," Sattler said. "You add additional rise in minimum wage, especially during this Covid time, it makes it especially tough for our small businesses in the area."

This is the third consecutive year that the minimum wage has increased and it will do so on a yearly basis until 2023 when the hourly minimum will eventually be \$12.00.

Matt Kohm, the owner of Perryville Market, can foresee exactly what will happen in the future as the minimum wage keeps increasing.

"It happens every time that the minimum wage goes up," Kohm said. "Everything else goes up. It's one of those things where you may see the price of groceries go up, and the price of milk goes up. We've been seeing it with the Covid pandemic, the milk supplier closed down and they had to find one that was farther away. They raised prices. That same thing will happen with the minimum wage as prices for the vendors and workers go up, so will the

products."

Even now, COVID-19 is still affecting his ability to keep the shelves full.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Perryville Police Department has released its latest report of incidents and arrests:

Incidents include:

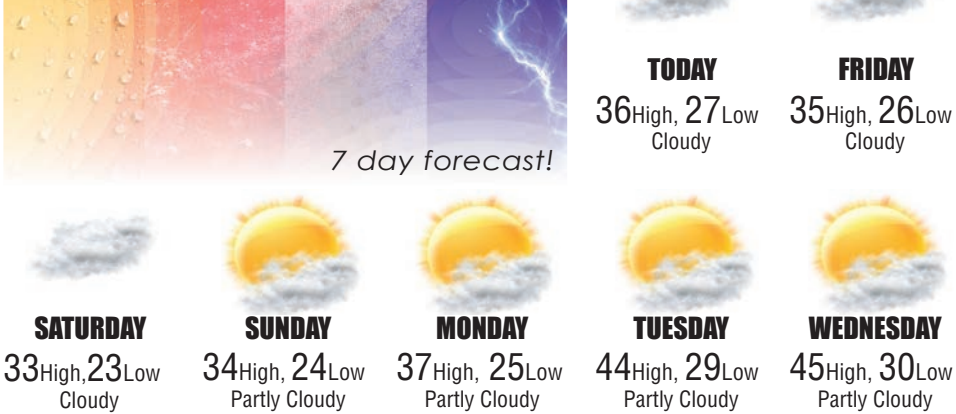
- Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on Dec. 26 in reference to a reported stealing incident at 1106 Lottes Boulevard.
- Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on Dec. 29 in reference to a reported stealing incident at Walmart.
- Officers responded to 601 S. Perryville Blvd. on Jan. 2 in reference to a reported theft of a vehicle.

Among those arrested were:

- Santos Hernandez, 35, Perryville by officers on Dec. 25 on charges of leaving the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, no valid drivers license, no vehicle/trailer registration following a report of a vehicle accident on Edgemont Boulevard.
- Shane C. Sharp, 34, Perryville by officers on Jan. 1 on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop on Progress Drive.
- Vivian C. Smith, 42, Perryville by officers on Jan. 3 on charges of driving while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop on Main Street.

Arrest does not imply guilt

Perry County Weather Cast



Participants finish ham radio class

R-M staff

Dec. 22 marked the final day of the HAM radio course that started last spring organized by the Perry County Sheriff's Office.

"We had a sizeable class when we started," said Perry County Sheriff Gary J. Schaaf. "But a few weeks into the class COVID 19 hit and we had to put the course off until the country could get a handle on it and determine what was safe to do. We were able to pick up where we left off this fall, but attendance was down."

Four people who started the course in the spring completed it and three of those tested and passed their Technician level test. Those people will soon be in the Federal Communications Commission database as licensed HAM radio operators at the Technician level.

In addition to those taking the Technician level test, three people also took and passed the General level test, which allows more privileges on the HF bands.

"HAM radio can be a rewarding hobby, and a great learning experience" said Sheriff Schaaf. "It can help you in emergencies, and you can help your community at the same time. In

addition, it's a great way to keep in touch with family and friends on a regular basis."

The Sheriff wanted to thank the Perryville Police Department for the use of their training room, and to

the instructor, Barry Doyle, for volunteering his time to teach the course. Those wanting to learn how to get involved in HAM radio are encouraged to contact Sheriff Schaaf at the Perry County Sheriff's Office.

Latest survey findings show citizen satisfaction

By Daniel Winningham
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Tuesday evening the Perryville Board of Aldermen was presented with the findings from a survey conducted this fall by ETC Institute of Olathe, Kans.

It's the third time this company has collected the opinions and feedback from residents as surveys were also done in 2010 and 2015.

"I think the overall scoring and how we rank and compare with other communities is pretty remarkable," Buerck said. "Being able to benchmark our efforts here locally with what's happening in the region and country is very important. It allows us to continue to bring the service our citizens have come to deserve and expect."

"We wanted to get a baseline and know how the citizens we serve wanted us to proceed," Buerck said of the initial survey.

"The board has found it valuable enough to do every five years," Buerck noted.

The city takes much of the feedback received into future planning. One such example is with parks and recreation.



"A reason they've improved to the degree they have is because we've moved forward with this survey," Buerck said.

Robert Heacock of ETC Institute provided a few of the survey highlights at Tuesday's meeting.

The city of Perryville was rated above the U.S. average in 56 of 57 areas and was rated above the Missouri and Kansas regional average in 55 of 57 areas.

The quality of fire service (94 percent), how easy city officials were to contact (93 percent) and as a place to live (91 percent), more than 90 percent

of respondents replied with four or five on a five-point scale with five representing "excellent."

As a place to raise children (89 percent) and as a place to retire (79 percent) both received high marks and saw increases from the 2015 results.

The survey could be completed with a sampling instead of surveying all residents, Buerck said.

"The mayor and the board have always wanted to give all residents a chance to respond," he said.

The group wanted to get 400 responses. This time, there were 646 results.

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Calleigh

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the beach or whatever we want to do.”

The family is flying to Orlando and the sendoff parade, which occurred New Year’s Day, is taking the place of a party.

“Usually, they do a big party or reveal to let them know that they’re getting their wish, with Covid it’s just too difficult to get everyone together,” Chris Cairns said. “This was their idea of how to do that and invite anyone who wanted to come and kind of wish her well and send her off.”

The pandemic has impacted the Cairns’ family get-together plans around the holidays, according to C. Cairns.

“Normally, every year we go see my mom for Thanksgiving,” she said. “This year, we did not because of Covid. We had to be more careful than most people because we do have someone in the house who is immuno-compromised. Christmas will be the same way. It’ll be just our little family together. Usually, we do that here with my husband’s family.”

In addition to Chris and Nathan, the entire family consists of Bailey, 21; Keith, 17; Cameron, 15; Lilly, 13; Molly, 7; and Calleigh, 3.

Calleigh isn’t the first Cairn daughter to be diagnosed with cancer.

“When Cameron was little, when she was 6, she had kidney cancer. She had to have a football sized tumor and her kidney taken.”

The family at the time took a trip to Disney World through the Make A Wish Foundation nearly a decade ago.

Chris admitted that she and her husband made the choice on a potential visit to Florida.

“With Calleigh being only 3, it seemed like the best thing for her because she loves all the Disney stuff,” Cairns said. “We, as parents, decided for her because she didn’t know what we were asking when we tried to talk to her about it. We had presented this to Make A Wish back in March, then when I talked to Dream Factory in October, I presented the same thing to them.”

“(She’s) really not (that into) the princesses,” Chris said. “But she does like the original Disney characters like Minnie Mouse, Mickey Mouse, Daisy Duck, Donald Duck, Pluto, Goofy, she knows all of them.”

While Disney has been making movies since the 1930s, Cairns admitted Calleigh is more into a few of the more recent Disney offerings.

“When it comes to favorites, the three that she’s watched the most are Toy

Story 4, Finding Nemo and Zootopia. She really likes animals, a lot.”

Calleigh also has a really artistic side, especially painting, and just loves spending time outdoors, Cairns said.

“She loves to paint, any kind of art. She’s not big into coloring so much but painting is a lot of fun for her. She’s an outside kid. She likes being outside and playing, swinging, being on her bike and using chalk on the sidewalk. She just really, really loves being outside. She’s been that way forever. When she was smaller she always tried to get outside. It didn’t matter if it was snowing or if it was 90 degrees.”

As the trip approached, the family took all of the measures it could to stay safe around Christmas and New Year’s.

“We’re just keeping everyone here so that we know we’re not exposed to anything outside of our home.”

“Calleigh loved all our friends driving by and yelling her name and looking at all the balloons and signs,” Chris Cairns said. “But Mickey and Minnie were definitely her highlights. She kept going back to them and said she would see them again when we got to Disney World.”

To read more about Calleigh’s story, visit Calleigh’s Fight at Facebook. For those interested in supporting the family, search Team Calleigh Cairns at gofundme.com.

Proposal

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visit was to determine if the parkland surrounding Legion Lake was suitable for multi-purpose trail development, hiking, trail running and mountain biking,” according to Shoffner’s assessment. “Specifically, we were asked to focus on provoking opportunities for Missouri NICA training and race facilities for middle school and high school mountain bike teams.”

“This is mountain biking,” Erzfeld told commissioners at a Dec. 28 meeting. “It can also be used for hiking. We’re proposing a multi-purpose trail. These trails will be used for multiple level of difficulty. You’ll have beginners, you’ll have intermediate and then you have advanced.”

The proposed trail improvements call for five trails, two training “track” areas, plus updated bridges and signage at a cost of better than \$266,362.

The initial plan presented to commissioners calls for:

- Inner Loop Trail – 1.9 miles (or 10,032 linear feet), \$50,160;
- Outer Loop – 2.6 miles (or 13,728 linear feet), \$68,640;
- Beginner flow – 0.3 miles (1,584 linear feet), \$11,880;
- Intermediate flow – 0.24 miles (1,320 linear feet), \$13,200;

•Advanced flow – 0.2 miles (1,056 linear feet), \$15,840;

•Skills track – 7,500 square feet, an estimated 75 foot by 1000 foot area, \$22,500;

•Pump track – 12,000 square feet, 100 foot by 120 foot area, \$36,000;

•Bridges (with handrails) – 500 square feet, \$22,400; and,

•Signage – \$3,842.

Erzfeld spoke about a proposed “dirt pump track” as well as the bridges.

“This is a great place for kids to start their skills training,” she said. “The skills track would have minor obstacles for kids to practice on.” The plan calls for 10 bridges incorporated throughout the trail, five-feet in width, with curving. “This is all natural,” Erzfeld said. “It’s made out of dirt, stone and wood. We really don’t want to be up there when it’s too damp and wet and rutting up everything.”

“The maintenance we figure is about every two years,” Erzfeld said. “They can come back and do it. Anybody with some tarps, a flat shovel and a little bit of anger management can beat out a trail and put it back together.”

Hard surface tracks involve little to no maintenance, Erzfeld noted, but are estimated to be about three times the cost.

A lot of the preparation that we’re going through and preparing is so that it’s NICA approved, Erzfeld said.

“That’s for National Inter-scholastic Cycling Association,” she said. “This organization deals with kids sixth through 12th grade. They build teams and compete.

The association’s goals promote a strong mind, strong bodies and strong communities through cycling, Erzfeld said.

“It’s got a lot of potential about bringing in tourism, stuff like that,” District 2 Associate Commissioner Jim Sutterer said.

“It’s maximizing everything you guys have out there in a natural state and it’s bringing in tourism,” Erzfeld said.

“One of the big things is the co-existence of what’s already there with this particular deal,” said Perry County

Clerk Jared Kutz. “The coolest thing is from an aesthetic standpoint you really don’t know it’s there.”

The proposed pump track and skills area would be an added feature.

“This is the first time that any kind of conversation has been had about utilizing the full 40-plus acres of this property,” Kutz said.

In her discussion with other cyclists about the proposal, Erzfeld noted many would enjoy utilizing the pump track area.

“Most of them are going to come back to the hub, and just like a kid at a sliding park they’re going to go down and come back up...they could spend hours doing that, if you give them something cool to do,” Erzfeld said.

“For the most part, it’s not going to be any different than it is now on a daily basis,” Kutz said.

A possible grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources could fund a significant portion of the cost, but this would need a 20 percent match, Erzfeld said.

The project has an estimated of \$266,362, and support from the commission is something that could be a consideration during the budget approval later this month.

Not figured into the initial project cost is a pavilion with a few picnic tables plus a restroom.

“I think the next step is to talk to veterans groups (about this),” Kutz said, referring to those involved with AmVets and American Legion and others involved with veterans concerns. “This has a lot more legs or feet to it than the disc golf...That methodology has worked out well. It’s the respectful thing to do.”

At the conclusion of Erzfeld’s presentation, presiding commissioner Mike Sauer said he wanted to have county surveyor Tim Baer to look at the bike trail plans.

Kutz remains optimistic the trails could get constructed shortly after the county is notified of whether or not it will receive grant funding.

“I would expect upon notification of the grant status we would work diligently to get the project rolling as quickly as possible,” Kutz said.

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LeRoy W. Hoehn

CROSSTOWN



LeRoy Hoehn

LeRoy Walter Hoehn, 83, of Crosstown passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 at Perry County Memorial Hospital in Perryville.

He was born February 20, 1937 in Menfro to Walter A. and Erna A. (Hopfer) Hoehn. He and Arlene Ruby Dreyer were married August 31, 1957 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna. She survives in Crosstown.

LeRoy was baptized in the Lord at Point Rest Lutheran Church in Menfro. He was a member and former Elder at Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown. He was a dairy, cattle

and crop farmer for many years. LeRoy loved his family, enjoyed the hard work with his dairy cows and was deeply devoted to his Lord. Other survivors include two sons, Rick (Mary) Hoehn, Terry (Missy) Hoehn all of Crosstown; two daughters, Gwendy (Mike) Hadler of Crosstown, Cheryl (John) Hagan of Perryville; one sister, Dorothy (Gene) Schuessler of Cape Girardeau; one sister-in-law, Joan Hoehn of Crosstown; 13 grandchildren, Joseph (Erin) Hoehn, Kristal (Michael) Mayor, Ryan (Amy) Hoehn, Stephanie (Wade) Weibrecht, Jackie (Robert) Huey, Angela Hoehn and special friend Dakota Zoellner, Jennifer (Chris) Hoell, Brian (Lindsey) Hadler, Kent (Katie) Hadler, Kirk (Mary) Hadler, Danielle (Ryan) Verseman, Jeremy (Chelsea) Hagan, Natalie (Ross) Moldenhauer; 24 great-grandchildren and expecting two more in May.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Calvin Hoehn; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 and on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. Funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown with the Rev. Roger Abernathy officiating.

Burial will be at Point Rest Lutheran Cemetery in Menfro. Memorial contributions may be given to Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Linderer

SAINTE GENEVIEVE



Dorothy Linderer

Dorothy Marie Linderer, 89, of Sainte Genevieve died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at Ste. Gen. Co. Memorial Hospital in Sainte Genevieve.

She was born September 25, 1931 in St. Mary. She married to James W. Linderer Sr. on April 14, 1958

Dorothy will be remembered as a kind and loving soul. She grew up on a big farm in St. Mary, and was country through and through. Her love for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren was evident in her face with visits from them all. Dorothy's first love was country music with

songs especially from Loretta Lynn. She played in a country band and loved singing and playing guitar. Dorothy spent the last five years of her life at the Ste. Genevieve Care Center where she sang karaoke for all the other residents. She will be fondly remembered for her cooking. Her specialties included milk soup and blackberry dumplings. "Grandma Dot" will be missed by so many and will never be forgotten in our hearts.

She is survived By four sons, James W. Linderer, Jr. of Sainte Genevieve, Daniel Linderer of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Michael Linderer of Sainte Genevieve, Terry Lee Gillis of Sainte Genevieve; two daughters, Virginia (William) Weber of Sainte Genevieve, Dianne (Wayne) Roth of Sainte Genevieve; brother, Leonard (Gladys) Moll of Saint Mary. Grandchildren, Adam, Jade, Matthew, Nick, Sarah, Kyle, Brad, Tyler, Kelsey, Rachel, Katie; Great Grandchildren, Chandra, Kayla, Caleb, Azlyn, Rose, Jackson, Braxton, Tarek, Rhett, Logan

She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Linderer, Sr.; Father, Simon Moll; mother, Hazel (Miller) Moll; brother, Roy Lee Moll; sister, Leola Bruckerhoff

Visitation will be at Basler Funeral Home in Sainte Genevieve on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 from 9-11 am Service will be at Basler Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 at 11 am. The clergy will be Rev. James Schaefer Masks required for services. Burial will be at Valle Spring Cemetery in Sainte Genevieve. Memorials can be made to your charity of choice.

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Ida Berkbuegler

Ida Mae Berkbuegler, 92, of Brewer passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 at Perry County Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 16, 1928 in Perry County, Missouri to William Bernie and Mary Magdalena (Mattingly) Mattingly.

She and George Edward Berkbuegler were married Nov. 8, 1947.

They were married 60 years. He preceded her in death Sept. 8, 2008.

Ida Mae worked in housekeeping at Perry County Memorial Hospital for 25 years. Ida Mae was a lifetime member of Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer and a member of Blessed Sacrament Sodality.

She loved cleaning and to cook and bake for her family.

Survivors include seven children; Sandra (Eldon) Valero of Perryville, Larry (Debby) Berkbuegler of Cape Girardeau, Ronald (Barbara) Berkbuegler of Perryville, Linda Berkbuegler of Perryville, Debra (Michael) Nadeau of Perryville, Terry (Tina) Berkbuegler of Perryville and Carla (Danny) Crump of Scott City. 10 grandchildren, Paula (Jay) Lottes and Kimberly (Dean) Hoff, Amy (Tom) Jansen and Chad Berkbuegler, Nicholas (Stacey) Berkbuegler and Kyle Berkbuegler, Michael and Kevin Nadeau, Carrie Berkbuegler and Jason (Kelsey) Berkbuegler.

10 great-grandchildren, Brett and Brooke Lottes, Lexi and Jack Jansen, Shelbi and Kelsi Berkbuegler, and Lane and Evan Berkbuegler, Peyton Hoff and Rowan Berkbuegler. Two sisters, Velda Schremp of Perryville and Carroll Versemann of Perryville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, George Edward Berkbuegler; one great-granddaughter Abigail Jansen, two brothers, Donald J. "Donnie" Mattingly and Marvin Mattingly; and one sister, Vera Zoellner.

Services will be private for immediate family only due to Covid. Masks are required.

Visitation was Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer.

Funeral Mass was Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer with the Rev. Joe Geders C.M. officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James A. Kiefer

PERRYVILLE

James A Kiefer, 73, of Perryville, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 at Southeast Memorial hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Visitation was Jan. 3, 2021 and Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral services was Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home with the Pastor James Kiefer Jr. officiating.

Burial will be at St. James Catholic Cemetery in Crosstown. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Carl C. Pingel

PERRYVILLE



Carl Pingel

Carl Calvin Pingel, 66, of Perryville passed away Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield.

He was bom Jan. 11, 1954 in Perryville to Gilbert A. and Irma B. (Thieret) Pingel.

He and Alisa G. Wright were married March 17, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church in Perryville.

Carl was a US Navy Veteran of the Vietnam Era.

He was service technician for Hobart Restaurant Equipment for over 40 years.

He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Perryville, American Legion Post 133, and was a very active member of the Perry County Republican Club.

Carl loved being with his family and was very patriotic. He was very faithful to his family and friends and willing to help anyone.

Carl allowed God to use him as a vessel in which God flowed through to touch others and make their lives better.

Survivors include four daughters, Jennifer (Kirt) Ruehling of Oak Ridge, Ashley (Thomas) Schlitt of Wildwood, Courtney (Dustin) Peer of Perryville and Megan Boyer of Fredericktown; two brothers, Harold (Stella) Pingel of Wildwood and Gerald Pingel of Perryville; two sisters, Helen (Thomas) Gibbar and Virginia (Felix 'Pat') Bucek of Arlington, Texas; eight grandchildren, Ethan, Madyson and Caleb Ruehling, Emerson and Hannah Schlitt, Ashka and Ryker Peer, and Silas Joshua Robert Boyer.

He was preceded in death by parents, one infant child, one son-in-law Joshua R. Boyer, one niece and godchild Kacey Berkbuegler.

Visitation was Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 and 6:30 a.m until time of service Thursday Jan. 7, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville. Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home with the Rev. Christopher Seah officiating. Burial will be at Home Cemetery in Perryville. Military graveside honors by US Naval Team & American Legion Post 133.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Daniel J. Gotto

PERRYVILLE



Daniel Gotto

Daniel J. Gotto, 64, of Perryville passed away at his residence, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 after a years-long battle with Glioblastoma brain cancer.

He was born March 27, 1956 in East St. Louis, the sixth of seven boys to Leon J. and Fayola (Turley) Gotto.

Dan was a retired well driller, mechanic, musician and business owner who loved spending time with his family, eating out on Friday nights and tending to his cattle. He was a life-long learner, a jack-of-all-trades, and master of many who enjoyed watching NFL football, old Westerns and The Three Stooges. He was a skilled woodworker who gifted his loved ones with handcrafted pieces they will treasure for generations to come.

He and Angela (Kempfer) were married in Perry County on Sept. 20, 1974. She survives in Perryville.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include daughter, Amanda (Tobey) Layton of Perryville, and son Jesidiah (Blaine) Gotto of Jackson; sister-in-law Mary Leah Gotto of Fultz, Ill.; brothers, Leslie (Pam) Gotto of Kearny, Ariz., Lindell (Marcia) Gotto of Chebanse, Ill., David Gotto of Columbia, Ill., Leon P. (Debbie) Gotto of Perryville, and Wayne (Sharon) Gotto of Perryville; Grandchildren, Jessalyn Layton, Ethan (Faith) Layton and Hannah Layton all of Perryville, and Carly Gotto of Cape Girardeau, Stuart and Augustus "Gus" Gotto of Jackson; great-grandson, Gib Layton of Perryville; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and oldest brother, Lonnie Gotto of Fultz, Ill.

Visitation was at Ford and Young Funeral Home in Perryville on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 and Wednesday, Jan. 6. Funeral Service was Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Chapman officiating. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to for family use or to Crown Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Dan Gotto please visit our Sympathy Store.

Ina J. Kahmke

AUXVASSE



Ina Kahmke

Ina June Kahmke, 99, of Auxvasse passed away on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at King's Daughters Home in Mexico, Missouri.

She was born on July 5, 1921 in Swaledale, Iowa, the daughter of the late Jessie and Mildred (Hudson) Henderson.

She was married on June 29, 1940 in Charleston, Missouri to Marvin "Joe" Kahmke, who preceded her in death on September 29, 1976.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Kondracki (Bruce) of Chesterfield, and Jean Smithee (Wilmon) of Auxvasse; grandchildren, Michael Bell, Steven and Sara Kondracki, and Heather Brown (Dale) and Ashley McGlynn (Jason); great-grandchildren, Abigail, Dale Alan, Olivia, and Johnathan Brown, and Ronan and Harper McGlynn; along with one brother, Bert Henderson of Wichita, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and five brothers, Madison, Ray, Charles, Francis, and Lawrence.

Ina graduated from Perryville High School in 1939. She worked for a number of companies over the years and retired from McDonnell Douglas. A strong work ethic was one of her most valuable characteristics, as well as with being willing to take on challenges. Her children told her God put her on Earth as a "Born to be babysitter." She took care of four generations of children from her younger brothers to her great-grandchildren. She has many skills such as sewing, gardening, quilting, machine knitting, and being a great cook.

She was thoughtful to other people, many times putting them ahead of herself. Family and faith were the center of her life. She will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at Home Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial donations may be made in Ina's honor to The King's Daughters Home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.maupinfuneralhome.com.

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Thomas S. Brewer

PERRYVILLE



Thomas Brewer

Thomas S. Brewer, 76, of Perryville passed away Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at Missouri Baptist Hospital.

He was born April 20, 1944 in Perryville to Jesse and Edna Iceal (Mowry) Brewer.

He and Artie Brewer were married April 10, 1998 in Cape Girardeau.

Thomas retired from Chrysler. He was a member of the Catholic Faith, American Legion and River Hills Eagles in Perryville. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran .



Survivors include two sons, David (Matthew Franhzen) Dior of Columbus, Geo., Thomas (Fiancee Elizabeth Buerck) Brewer of Greentown, Ind.; three Daughters, Lisa (Greg) Smith of Perryville, Lynette (Mark) Berkbuegler of Perryville, Julie (Fiance Jon Lanier) Brown of Perryville; step-son, Allen Zoellner of Friedheim; two step-daughters, Wanda (Dana) Spurlock of Jonesboro, Ill., Trudy (Fred) Wright of Perryville; brother, George Brewer of Perryville; five sisters, Marie Johnson of Carrollton, Mildred Hayes, Ruby Kluender, Jane Brewer, and Velda Brewer of all of Perryville; 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 13 step grandchildren and 15 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Craig Brewer; sister, Irene Bollinger and brother, Glen Brewer.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 and from 6:30 - 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville with Brother Charlie Mangels officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville with military graveside service provided by the American Legion and US Army. Memorial contributions may be given to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Charles E. Coffelt

PERRYVILLE



Charles Coffelt

Charles Eugene Coffelt, 66, of Perryville passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 at his residence in Perryville.

He was born July 22, 1954 in Perryville to Eugene and Ruth Ann (Hudson) Coffelt. He and Connie M. Rose Coffelt were married Dec. 29, 2009 in Perryville. She survives in Perryville. Charles was

an airplane mechanic for Saberliner. Survivors

include one son, Ben (Jessica) Coffelt of Perryville; two daughters, Jessica (Mark) King of Perryville and Allison (Jake) Patrick of Jefferson City; one sister, Loraine Pabst; 11 grandchildren, Courtney and Nickolas King, Bradley, Brandon, Brett, Julia and Josie Coffelt, Hudson, Dawson, Carson and Jameson Patrick.

He was preceded in death by parents and sister Lois Coffelt.

Visitation was Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given for family use. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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God let Enoch stay with him in His House when he was tired. God helps us in many ways that we are not aware of.

walked with God.” One of these days there will be more “missing persons” bulletins than the world has ever known. Millions of men, women, and children suddenly

will be missing – In the church world, we call that the “rapture” — God will have taken us into heaven. The persons in that great company of missing persons will be those who,

like Enoch, have walked with God. They will be Christians who, while living in the world, did not love the things of the world, but loved God. Believers who kept in step with Him obeying His Word to the best of their ability will be among the missing.

Make sure you will be in that great company of missing persons by walking with God today and every day hereafter, no matter how long we may live.

Perhaps the main thing is to not be worried, fearful, or stressed out about all that is going on around us. Through faith, we know God is still in control of the results of all these things.

Walking with God is a good resolution to make; if you are still in the attitude to make new resolutions.

How do you walk with God? Simple: love one another, do good, keep believing. This is Jesus’ commandment. See you in church.

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A rich and satisfying life has impact

In October 2020, the Wheatley Institution released a comprehensive study of 16,474 individuals titled, “Religion in the Home.”

The study was conducted in 11 countries, located in North and South America, Europe and Australia. The report focused on how practicing one’s faith can dramatically impact believers’ lives.

The report contrasted the lives of those who are very secular, with those who are most serious about faith. In this study, the word “secular” describes individuals who over the course of a year never attend a worship service, nor engage in private spiritual practices, like reading Scripture or praying. It compared them with those who are most serious about their faith, meaning they attend a religious service at least weekly and engaged in daily study and prayer as a family. Should you want to explore the study in more depth the full report is available at <https://wheatley.byu.edu/religion-in-the-home>. The research found those



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Studies show that an active faith life gives those people more of a sense of purpose in life.

most “serious” about their faith are roughly four times more likely to feel their lives have meaning and purpose than those who are “secular.” It also demonstrated that those who are most faithful in practicing their faith are significantly happier than their “secular” counterparts. For example, women in relationships where both partners are deeply committed to regularly practicing their faith are twice as likely to feel emotionally close to their partner. Similar results were found for deeply religious couples when it came to making joint decisions and managing their money. Perhaps most surprising, they also enjoyed

significantly higher levels of sexual satisfaction in their relationships. I am not surprised those with little or no faith find life less meaningful, but I am sorry their lives are less fulfilling. There are real-life implications when we adopt a worldview in which God either does not exist or is irrelevant. The Wheatley report confirms those who do not include God in their lives are measurably less happy and less fulfilled. Jesus made this statement about the impact of including God in our lives when he said, “...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (John 10:10, NLT) The Wheatley study appears to

confirm Jesus’ words. Those who practice their faith most faithfully tend to live more meaningful, happy, and better adjusted lives. I have been a pastor for 40 years and know not every person of faith is consistently happy, and not all believers are well adjusted. However, according to Jesus, this scholarly study, and my own personal experience, there is a clear and observable connection between faith and “a rich and satisfying life.”

During four decades as a pastor, Tim Richards has served five churches, three in rural Missouri and two in St. Louis. He may be reached by email at iamtimrichards@yahoo.com.

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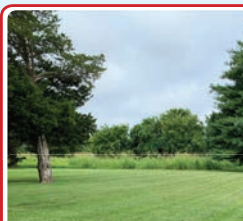
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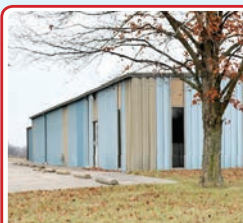
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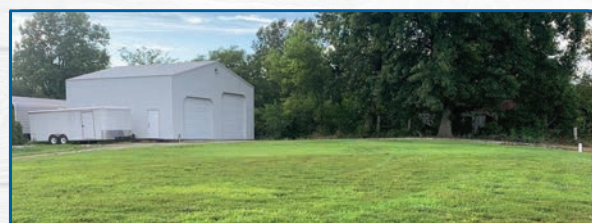
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ACROSS

1. Reporter’s query
4. Tuna or trout
8. Traded for cash
12. Balloon input
13. Poker word
14. Wind instrument
15. Small spots
17. Hydrant or extinguisher
18. Nasty look
19. Diner
20. Facts
23. Shade of blue
25. Outfit
27. “_____ on a Grecian Urn”
28. Smear
31. Brook’s sound
33. Plot
35. Clumsy person
36. Coloring material
38. “_____ from the Crypt”
39. Actor Richard _____
41. Let off steam
42. Hazy
46. Drake or stag
48. Borrowed money
49. Huge
53. Singing voice
54. Merely
55. Timespan
56. Gnat, for one
57. Honey and spelling
58. Butterfly catcher’s need

DOWN

1. “I _____ a Teenage Zombie”
2. In style
3. Valuable mineral
4. Phony
5. Opening
6. Sound system
7. “_____ So Shy”
8. Couch
9. Newspaper item
10. Wisdom
11. Forest animal
16. Assert as fact
19. Vote into office
20. Dealer’s vehicle
21. Greenish blue
22. Grass
24. Product pitches
26. Chubby
28. Remove from print
29. Blessing response
30. Most suitable
32. Kind of bread
34. Shelter
37. White fur for royal robes
40. Bird of prey
42. Affront
43. Spy
44. Horse feed
45. Half hitch, e.g.
47. Deposits
49. Lump
50. Five and five
51. Fierce anger
52. Puma, e.g.

12.31.20 - PUZZLE SOLUTION

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3	4	6	8	5	2	7	1	9
7	9	1	2	8	4	5	6	3
5	6	8	9	7	3	1	2	4
4	2	3	6	1	5	8	9	7
8	3	2	4	6	1	9	7	5
9	1	4	5	2	7	6	3	8
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Last Weeks Answers

GUESS WHO?

I am an athlete born in New York on February 17, 1963. Due to my moderate height, I didn't make the varsity squad in high school. But that didn't stop me from going on to be one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Answer: Michael Jordan

Hoehn

FROM PAGE 1
what we’re going to do with the health department,” Hoehn said. “We are working to make sure we’re all on the same page with them.”

Hoehn defeated six other candidates - four with Perryville addresses and two with Frohna residences in the rescheduled August primary - then garnered nearly twice as many votes as challenger Ronald “Rocky” Schumer in the general election.

For him, the process of campaigning was drawn out and time-consuming.

“It was very tiresome and grueling on the campaign,” Hoehn said. “It was a lot of

time.”

In a typical year, there may have been more debates and public forums. Last year, there was just Republican debate prior to the primary at the gaming center plus a Chamber-sponsored coffee connections event at the Catalyst Center.

“You couldn’t really do rallies,” Hoehn said. “You could not get anything going until they started opening places back up again. You’re sitting there ordering stuff and all you could really do was put yard signs out until June.”

Door hangers were an option but Hoehn didn’t do that until closer to the general election.

“I waited until they started opening things up more,” he

said.

Hoehn does not think a mask requirement in the county is on the horizon, though he understands those who feel the need to wear one.

“I don’t think there is going to be a mandate of any kind,” Hoehn said. “I think it’s going to be like it is now. If you feel safe wearing one, wear it. If not, then don’t (wear one).”

“Small businesses would never survive another shut-down,” Hoehn said. “I think honesty, it’s just going to be by our word. We were approached by a lot of them over the course of this pandemic. They have our trust that we’re going to do everything we can not to shut them down again.”

Wage


FROM PAGE 1

“People complain that we are missing some things but it’s tough to keep up even

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JANUARY

2 Ken Baer announces intent to seek re-election

Perryville Mayor Ken Baer announced plans to seek re-election.

“Plain and simple, I just decided to continue to serve the people of Perryville,” Baer said.

Baer, first elected to office in 2014, ousted incumbent candidate Debbie Gahan.

“We’ve done some really good things over the years,” Baer said, adding updated infrastructure was the reason he initially ran and that work on water, sewer and wastewater improvements are a few of the city’s accomplishments in his tenure.

9 Sheriff issues warning on recreational marijuana

Recreational marijuana may be legal in Illinois, but Perry County Sheriff Gary Schaaf has a bit of advice for those who wish to take advantage.

“It’s not legal in Missouri,” Schaaf said. “And that goes for Illinois residents. You can’t come to Missouri with it, no matter where you live.”

Possession and consumption of recreational marijuana became legal in Illinois on Jan. 1. After the first five days, the Illinois Department of Federal and Professional Regulation reported that statewide sales totaled \$10,830,667.91 resulting from 271,169 transactions at dispensaries across the state.

Four of those Illinois dispensaries are located within two hours’ drive of Perry County — in Anna, Marion, Harrisburg and Sauget.

The Chester Bridge in northern Perry County is the only Mississippi River crossing between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau and is part of the easiest route to at least two of those cities.

“We don’t have any plans yet to set up roadblocks or any of that kind of stuff,” Schaaf said, “but we are in that area quite a bit. If we see you acting like you were impaired, then we’ll probably stop you and check to see if you’re too impaired to drive. And if you’re drunk, you’ll get a DWI. If you’re using something else, well, you will probably be charged with that.”

Schaaf said that he fully expects people to test the law, especially with dispensaries located so close.

“Just based on the general information that you can buy legally over there now, I would suspect that some probably will go over there and buy it and come back with it,” Schaaf said. “But you’re in Missouri now.”

23 ‘Catalyst Center’ offers space, business resources

It was announced in mid-January 2020 that residents would have a new place to do business, along with many of the resources to do it better.

The Catalyst Center for Business is the culmination of a project spearheaded by Perry County Economic Development director Scott Sattler, one he hopes will have a big impact on Perry County.

“There has been a group working on it for probably two years, a shared workspace,” Sattler said. “This partnership with the Buchheits creating the America’s Tractor Museum, they had the space available and I talked about renting it.”

The building which houses the Catalyst Center — and the forthcoming America’s Tractor Museum — is located at 508 N. Main St. in Perryville. In the past, the large brick warehouse served many functions, from storage for a local construction company to a truck yard for local industry.

FEBRUARY

6 Standing room only: Crematory discussion draws dozens

It was standing room only during Tuesday’s Perryville Board of Aldermen meeting as more than 50 area residents gathered for a public meeting at City Hall.

The board scheduled the meeting to give residents the chance to speak their piece regarding a request from Tim and Angie Brewer, owners of Brewer Monument Co., for a special-use permit to install a crematory retort on their property located at 111 S. West St.

The meeting was scheduled in the wake of a January decision by the city’s Planning & Zoning Commission.



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/ROBERT COX
Perry County Economic Development director Scott Sattler stands outside the Catalyst Center for Business, located at 508 N. Main St. in Perryville.

MARCH

12 2018 SHS graduate lives out dream on Jeopardy!

Londyn Lorenz, a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, has always been curious and inquisitive. So much so, that she explained that her father sometimes became fed up with all the questions.

“My dad forced me to watch ‘Jeopardy!’ so that I would leave him alone and stop asking him about so much stuff,” Lorenz said.

From the first time watching, Lorenz became hooked on the show and it had always been a dream of hers to be on it one day.

She finally got her chance.

Lorenz, an international studies major, made the cut and was one of 15 students to compete in the Jeopardy College Championships when filming took place in February.

“To be able to be on the show is just crazy to me,” Lorenz said.

19 Covid-19 concerns close local schools

All schools in Perry County made the decision this week to shut their doors in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

St. Vincent de Paul schools in Perryville were first to make the announcement March 15, followed by Perry County School District on Monday. Immanuel Lutheran in Perryville, United in Christ Lutheran in Frohna and Altenburg Public School soon followed suit. As of Tuesday evening, Saxony Lutheran High School in Jackson had not reached a decision on the matter, but one is expected later this week.

“This precautionary closure complies with the president’s request that all Americans practice social distancing and the CDC recommendation to limit crowds to under 50 people, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19,” PCSD superintendent Andy Comstock wrote in a letter emailed to district parents.

At St. Vincent, which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade, the decision to close came from a higher authority.

On Sunday, the Archdiocese of St. Louis announced via Twitter that it was closing all archdiocesan elementary and high

schools — including all grades pre-K through 12 — beginning Wednesday, March 18, a list of schools that includes St. Vincent.

According to Comstock, PCSD — the largest school district in the county — typically has more than 2,700 people on campus on a daily basis, with as many as 750 students in crowded hallways at the same time.

26 Hospital opens Covid-19 testing clinic

Perry County Memorial Hospital opened a testing clinic and the Perry County Health Department Director continued efforts of contact tracing investigations as the COVID-19 began encroaching in the area.

26 Commission issues shelter-in-place advisory

The Perry County Commission issued an advisory calling on all county residents to “shelter in place” in response to news of a second confirmed case of COVID-19 in the county, in addition to the possibility of several more in coming days.

“With our county’s second confirmed COVID-19 case just yesterday, the county commission is now advising all residents of Perry County, with the exception of critical infrastructure employees, to shelter in place for their protection,” said presiding commissioner Mike Sauer in a video statement broadcast on social media. “In fact, this simple action will help protect our entire community.”

APRIL

16 Tourism hit hard by virus

With everyone encouraged to limit themselves to essential trips and to avoid social gatherings, the tourism industry — which includes everything from hotels to restaurants, as well as attractions — across the state has taken a huge hit.

In Perry County, the situation is no different.

“I know our hotels are hurting,” said Perry County Heritage Tourism director Trish Erzfeld. “That’s just a given, statewide. They say they are being impacted severely on the travel restraints that are happening. Obviously, our restaurants are in dire need too. When you look at all of our restaurants and our local shops and our hotels, they’re all very vital to our state and local economic impact, so we can see with their closures and their low attendance, we know that that it’s going to be hard for us, tourism-wise.”

30 Health department hosts Covid-19 testing clinic

The Perry County Health Department hosted free COVID-19 testing April 27 and 28, and despite serving fewer county residents than they hoped for, county health officials were pleased with how everything turned out.

“Everything went very smoothly,” said health department director Sylvia Forester.

The department received 400 test kits from the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for the event, which was held at City Park in Perryville.

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Perry County School District #32 Superintendent Andy Comstock, center, guides students in the right direction at Perryville Primary Center.

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MAY

4 Health department officials urge caution

By any measure, Perry County has been lucky in its dealings with the COVID-19 pandemic.

A big part of the reason for that, say Perry County health officials, was the county's swift response after the first positive case was identified in the county on March 22.

"The health department knew right away when our first cases started to come in that we were up for a challenge," Forster said. "We were able to work with local leaders to create a plan to prevent a bad situation from turning worse. We continue to work with them and are continuing to monitor the public health of the county."

"Perry County took swift action at the beginning, and we are now able to see how well it worked. At our worst, we were tied with Jackson County, Mo., with the highest ratio of positive cases per capita."



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/BETH DURREMAN

The Rev. Thomas Handrick presents Saxony Lutheran High School senior Ashley Weinhold with a yard sign recognizing her as a member of the Class of 2020. Handrick presented similar signs and a letter to all Saxony seniors from Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties. Handrick taught many of them during his time as the seventh-grade religion teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School in Perryville.

JUNE

4 Turnout small, but election goes smoothly

Logistically speaking, Perry County Clerk Jared Kutz was pleased with the June 2 election proceedings.

"It worked out really well," Kutz said. "And there were no lines. Processing went past. Every precinct reported that it was a positive experience and the voters were very accommodated and just went with the flow for the most part."



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/ROBERT COX

Kristi Nanney, a registered nurse with Perry County Memorial Hospital, on Tuesday transfers a sample swab to a specimen bag held by LPN Amber Brink at the hospital's new acute respiratory infection clinic in Perryville.

That's important, Kutz said, for a number of reasons.

Originally scheduled for the first Tuesday in April, Tuesday's general municipal election was postponed until Tuesday because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, certain precincts were consolidated and others relocated in an effort to better ensure the health and safety of the election judges, especially those who fall into the at-risk category for contracting the novel coronavirus. The changes affected approximately 5,000 of Perry County's registered voters.

JULY

2 Local events called off amidst health advisory

Several community events have been canceled in the wake of a public advisory issued June 30 by the Perry County Health Department regarding a recent spike in cases of COVID-19.

The advisory, issued via the health department's Facebook page, advised county residents that the department was "strongly discouraging" attendance at any large social gatherings and "strongly encouraging" people to instead spend time within their own family household unit.

"Perry County is currently ranked in the top 10 counties in the state of Missouri for the highest number positive cases of COVID-19 per capita," said health department director Sylvia Forester.

AUGUST

6 That's not fair: directors cancel East Perry Fair

For the first time since 1945, the "Best Little Fair in the Land" was canceled.

The East Perry Community Fair board of directors made the official announcement Friday morning, sharing a news release on the fair's Facebook page.

"The Board of Directors of the East Perry Community Fair has canceled the 2020 fair scheduled for Sept. 25-26," the statement reads. "Because of the high costs that are involved to provide traffic control, parking, transportation, sanitation, security, and medical services for our fairgoers, a large crowd is required to enable the fair to have the financial resources to put on the event each year."

Fair committee spokesman Fred Eggers told the Republic-Monitor in early August that the decision wasn't an easy one, but was made in the interest of public health in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had met with the county health department a week ago," Eggers said, "and then the board met [Wednesday] night with a few others that aren't on the board but are associated, including one person who has a really good medical background, and then the decision was made not to have a fair this year."

6 Schaaf wins eighth term as sheriff

A little more than a third of registered Perry County voters took part in an Aug. 4 primary. "My prediction was not terribly far off," Kutz said Tuesday. "I said 37 percent and we're at 36.14 with 4,592 votes cast. It was kind of what we expected to hit at the precinct level as far as turnout goes."

At the top of the list was Perry County Sheriff, where incumbent Gary Schaaf defeated challenger Teresa (Cox) Worthington in a landslide, earning 70.45 percent — or 2,877 — of the 4,084 votes cast in the race. Worthington finished with 1,207 votes.

Schaaf, a veteran law enforcement officer and former Perryville Police Chief, has held the office for 28 years and will begin his eighth term in January.

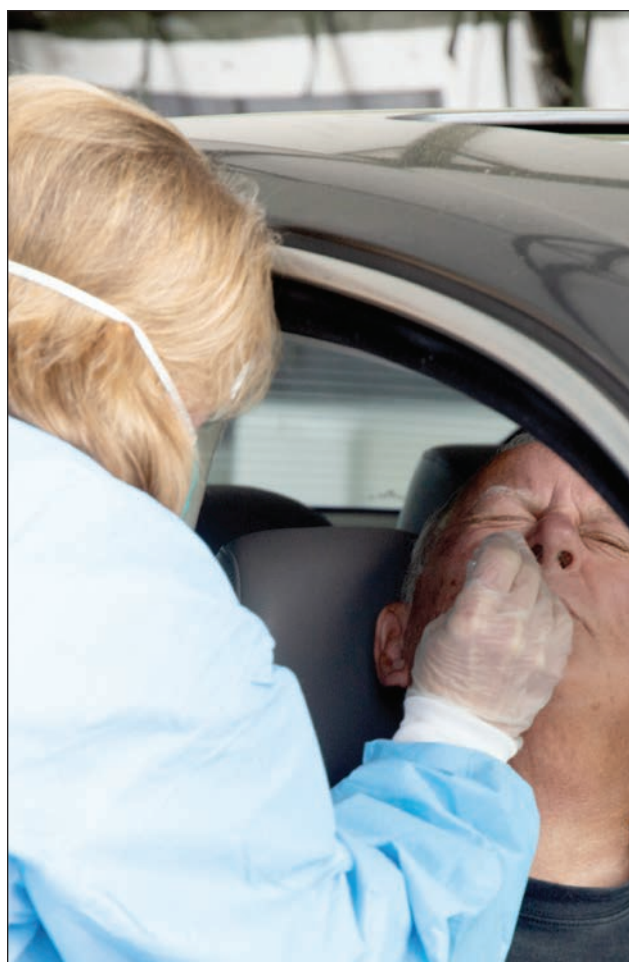
"I feel pretty good about that," Schaaf said Tuesday. "I'm glad that people gave me the chance to do it again. I hope to continue earning their trust and continue to do the job we've been doing."

Worthington, 45, a former Perryville Police detective and sheriff's deputy who now serves as a school resource officer for the Perry County School District, said she knew the campaign would be a challenge.

"I knew going it was going to be an uphill battle," Worthington said, "but I was doing what I felt I needed to do. I wish Sheriff Schaaf nothing but the best in the next four years."

Another race that was decided on Tuesday was Perry County public administrator, where incumbent Tammy Tarrillion defeated challenger Jennifer Freeman 2,610-1,384, claiming 65.35 percent of the vote.

Tarrillion, 58, has served as public administrator for 15 years, acting as an advocate for many disabled and elderly residents.



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Perry County Health Department nurse Sheila Hahs administers a COVID-19 test to Larry Derringer of Perryville during a free, drive-thru testing event in late April.

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The Association of the Miraculous Medal held its annual outdoor freelighting ceremony Dec. 6.

AUGUST

13 Community Foundation picks Humanitarian of Year

In recognition of Kenny Buchheit’s efforts in the community, the Perry County Community Foundation named him the 2020 Humanitarian of the Year on Saturday during the grand opening ceremony for the American Tractor Museum in Perryville.

“I was just really humbled,” Buchheit said of receiving the honor. “It’s a real surprise, and I don’t feel like I’m really worthy of such an award. There are so many people around that really do a lot of good things for everybody and they chose me. I don’t know exactly why.”

27 Students return to campus at PCSD No. 32

In-person classes resumed at Perry County School District Aug. 26, and as the sun came up, thousands of students flooded the campus, where they were asked to adapt to unfamiliar public health protocols, including health screenings, face coverings and social distancing.

For the most part, said district superintendent Andy Comstock, things went well.

“It was great to welcome students back to campus today. Our morning went very smoothly; our students were well-prepared and had their masks, supplies and water bottles,” Comstock said. “We’re so grateful for the support our parents and community have provided to make it possible to start school on campus. We saw lots of happy faces as they reconnected with their teachers and friends.”

SEPTEMBER

3 Perry County deputy receives international honor

A Perry County sheriff’s deputy was one of two Missouri law enforcement officers to receive international honors for their efforts in crisis intervention.

Det. Cpl. Jason Klaus, 44, of Frohna — who also serves as the Missouri State Crisis Intervention Team coordinator — was named as one of the recipients of the 2020 Michael Woody/Michele Saunders CIT Coordinator of the Year Award, along with Cpl. Leann Robertson of the Rolla Police Department, who was named First Responder of the Year.



REPUBLIC-MONITOR/ROBERT COX
Kenny Buchheit (left) and his wife, Rhonda, accept a \$1,000 check in early August from Perry County Community Foundation president Angela Swan (center).

“I’ve had the opportunity to be the Missouri state CIT coordinator for two years now,” Klaus said. “We’re really proud of the work we’re doing, and I appreciate the recognition, but there’s a lot more work that needs to be done.”

OCTOBER

8 City of Perryville seeks input through surveys

Perryville residents who wish to weigh in on future city projects should watch their mailboxes in the early part of October.

The city began mailing its 2020 Perryville Community Survey to the city’s more than 3,600 households near the start of the

SUBMITTED PHOTO
State representatives Rick Francis (left) and Dale Wright (right) present Perry County Sheriff’s Office Det. Cpl. Jason Klaus with a House Resolution recognizing him for his efforts as the state’s Crisis Intervention Team coordinator.

month, according to city administrator Brent Buerck.

The purpose of the survey, Buerck said, is “to get feedback directly from the people we serve regarding the job we are doing.”

“We know we are not perfect but we want to be and this feedback only makes us better,” Buerck said. “It also helps determine the direction of our city as far as ballot initiatives, capital improvements, service delivery, and so on.”

This is the third time the city has distributed a survey, with the first coming in 2010 and another in 2015. Buerck said both were instrumental in helping city leaders lay out their five-year plans.

NOVEMBER

5 Voter turnout at 72.65 percent in general election

Perry County voters turned out in record numbers Tuesday, topping 70 percent, fueled by the presidential race between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden, along with a hotly contested gubernatorial race and, locally, a two-person tilt for an open seat on the county commission.

All told, 9,468 of Perry County’s 13,033 registered voters — 72.65 percent — cast a ballot in most, if not every contested race.

In the only contested local race, Republican Keith Hoehn topped Ronald “Rocky” Schumer for the District 2 county commission seat that will be vacated by retiring Associate Commissioner Jim Sutterer, finishing with 3,035 votes while Schumer, who ran as an independent, ended with 1,545.

“I did not expect that, but I’ll sure take it,” Hoehn said. “It’s no secret that Perry County is a Republican county. I just thank everybody [that voted for me]. It’s been one heck of a journey, I’ll tell you that.”

DECEMBER

3 City, county discussing joint justice center project

The Perry County Commission and the City of Perryville are in the midst of talks regarding the possible construction of a combined “justice center” in Perryville.

The proposed project — which would carry a \$15-17 million price tag and possibly open in the next three years — would address a number of needs, ranging from a desperately needed new jail facility and sheriff’s office to scattered emergency 911 services as well as a number of security and logistics concerns involved with transporting prisoners for court appearances.

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JANUARY
16 Brune signs with SEMO soccer

Saxony Lutheran senior Emma Brune has been going to Southeast Missouri State soccer games for as long as she can remember.

Next fall, she will be able to put on a jersey herself. The Crusader midfielder officially signed her letter of intent to play soccer at Southeast Missouri State University in January. Brune has quite the list of accomplishments when it comes to her time as a Lady Crusader.

Among other honors, Brune has been named the Missouri State High School Soccer Coaches Association Class 1 Player of the Year for the last three seasons. She is the only girls player to be named Player of the Year three times. Brune scored 35 goals and dished out 14 assists in her final season as a Crusader.

FEBRUARY
24 Lady Pirates claim first JCAA title since 2013

Perryville senior Katie Winschel scored the go-ahead basket with seven seconds remaining to defeat Windsor 45-43 to claim the Lady Pirates first conference title since 2013. “It’s definitely exciting,” Fulton said. “I’m happy for the girls because it’s something they have worked very hard for and something they deserved. When you look at the win and the title in general, this is all about the girls.”

27 Brune sets school scoring record

While history was made on a team basis as Saxony Lutheran moved on to the district final in search of its eighth straight basketball district title, an individual milestone was also reached.

Saxony senior Emma Brune set the all-time school record

for career points in the contest as Saxony defeated Fredericktown 66-35 in the Class 3, District 2 tournament.

Brune scored the basket in the second quarter passing Brianna Mueller’s record of 1,819 points in the process. Brune ended her career with 1,902 points.

MARCH
5 Saxony girls win eighth straight district title

Saxony was able to fend off multiple rallies as the top seed Crusaders edged second seed West County 64-52 in the Class 3, District 2 title game in Fredericktown to win the program’s eighth straight title.

Saxony was led by a pair of seniors as Emma Brune led all scorers with 25 points and Olivia Spanley added 19 of her own.

“It never gets old for me,” Saxony coach Sam Sides said.

19 Schools pause spring sports

St. Vincent schools closed and hoped to resume on April 6 at the earliest due to the COVID-19 pandemic

The school closure also affected the spring sport teams as they were not able to practice, or play games until April.

Perryville took a similar approach to their spring sports as well.

All Pirate athletics were suspended until April 5. This includes no practices off campus as a team and all facilities such as gyms were closed during that time.

Spring sports across the state would be shut down entirely in early April.

OCTOBER
22 PHS softball wins district title

To some degree, last year’s district championship still weighed heavily on the mind of Perryville softball coach

Dustin Wengert. That was clearly evident as he yelled to his team as they went out to the field for the final half inning that his team still needed three more outs despite a sizable lead.

“It certainly wasn’t over at that point,” Wengert said. “We were here last year and watched it slip away.”

Perryville left no doubt this season.

The Pirates scored five runs in the second inning and rode that momentum to a 9-1 victory over Lutheran South in the Class 3, District 1 championship game on Thursday in the Perryville City Park.

The title is the second for the program in the last three seasons.

29 Saxony volleyball claims first district title

The Crusaders rallied from a rough first set to take down St. Vincent in four sets, 19-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-22 in the Class 2, District 3 title game to claim the program’s first district championship. Saxony Lutheran was knocking on the door the past few seasons, falling in the district title game in the three previous years.

Saxony Lutheran was led by Lauren Barnes with 16 kills, while Abbi Thomason chipped in 12.

NOVEMBER
12 SV girls earn best finish at state in team history

The St. Vincent girls cross country team made the most of their time at the Class 1 state meet at Gans Creek in Columbia. The Lady Indians finished fifth as a team, which is the best finish for the girls program at the state level in any class.

The Lady Indians had two runners finish inside the top 30 as Anna Schwartz and Genevieve Lipe finished with the exact same time, 22:53.80, good enough for 29th and 30th place respectively.

Gabrielle Gremaud finished in 24:07.10, good enough for 60th while Cailyn Prost earned 66th place overall with a time of 24:19. Katelyn Sutterer finished in 24:45.

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