

DEADLINES

FRIDAY 3 PM

- AGRI-BUSINESS
- ANNOUNCEMENT
- EMPLOYMENT
- GARAGE SALE
- MERCHANDISE
- REAL ESTATE RENTALS
- RECREATION
- SERVICES
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James Millsap
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Duncan Smith
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Ramona Lough & Alan Barlow
959 Covey Rd.
Mountain Grove
Monier Children Farm
(Off of Manier Drive in Hartville)
Kevin Vega
6364 Boyer Rd
Hartville, MO
Michelle Russell
5868 Highway 5
Hartville, MO
Hank Oldham
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Hartville, MO

No Trespassing 150

James Busta
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\$780 deposit)

Help Wanted

Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association (IECA)
has an opening for a
Full-Time Construction Foreman

This position is non-exempt and will located in Licking, Missouri. The primary job duties will be to supervise a work crew and provide direction in all aspects of building and maintaining electrical distribution system, to include both underground and overhead lines. The Construction Foreman is also responsible for training and instructing linemen to perform duties in a safe and efficient manner within acceptable operation standards.

Applicants are required to have a High School Diploma or equivalent, minimum of six years practical experience in line construction, maintenance, and operations. Prior employee supervision preferred.

Applicants selected must successfully complete a pre-employment drug screening, pre-employment background check, and a post-offer WorkSTEPS functional employment test. Must have a CDL class A driver license.

An application and complete job description can be found at www.ieca.coop under Employment Opportunities or picked up from the Licking district office, located at 102 Maple Ave., Licking, Missouri. To be considered, a completed application must be submitted to IECA before 5:00 pm, Monday, December 22, 2025.

IECA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability or protected veteran status. We are committed to providing a workplace free of any discrimination or harassment.



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Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association (IECA)
has an opening for a
Full-Time Lead Equipment Operator

This position is non-exempt and will be located in Licking Missouri.

The primary job duties will be to perform routine, entry-level duties related to the maintenance, construction, and service of right-of-way for power lines. Responsibilities are performed under direct supervision.

Applicants are required to have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must be able to operate daily heavy equipment, and tree trimming, including trucks, aerial lift trucks, trimmer, winch, tractor with bush hog, chain saw, pole pruner, and brush chipper. The lead will ensure all safety guidelines are followed including proper use of safety equipment including personal protective equipment (PPE).

Applicants selected must successfully complete a pre-employment drug screening, pre-employment background check, and a post-offer WorkSTEPS functional employment test. Must have a CDL class A driver license or be able to obtain one within 6 months of employment.

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Manes residents enjoy annual Christmas Parade



photos by Danielle Brown/ for the Wright County Journal

The Manes Christmas Parade featured several entries during the annual event held on Saturday, Dec. 6 along Highway 95.



TubaChristmas to carry on 139-year-old tradition

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY DR. DAVID BARBE

TubaChristmas to Carry On 139-year-old Brass Tradition

There will be a live performance of TubaChristmas music in the historic bandstand on the Mountain Grove square, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. An ensemble of low brass instruments (trombones, baritones, euphoniums and tubas) will play a selection of traditional Christmas hymns and songs. The performance will last about 30 minutes.

According to Wikipedia, the first TubaChristmas was organized by Harvey G. Phillips to honor his tuba teacher William Bell who was born on Christmas Day 1902, and was held Dec.

22, 1974, in the ice-skating rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City. TubaChristmas is held in cities worldwide celebrating those who play, teach, and compose music for instruments in the tuba family.

Mountain Grove has a long musical history beginning with a brass ensemble.

In 1885, a Professor Baker, who was to run a subscription school to replace the Old Academy also started “the Mountain Grove Brass Band, the first band in the town, which was ‘able to discourse excellent music greatly to the credit of all concerned.’”

This excerpt was taken from a Mountain Prospect news article dated May 14, 1886, and reports

the excitement and optimism the small community of Mountain Grove was experiencing as businesses began to establish themselves around the square after the civil war.

The best way to enjoy this live Christmas music is with family and friends. Bring your family (and your lawn chairs and blankets). The friends and the Christmas music are waiting for you. TubaChristmas is free and open to the public.

If you play a low brass instrument and you are interested in playing in the TubaChristmas ensemble, please contact David Barbe at 417-838-0311 or dbarbe_md@yahoo.com. Practice started on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2.

Meet the Authors session set for Mansfield Dec. 13

INFORMATION FROM EVENT ORGANIZERS AT MHS

The Mansfield Historical Society (MHS) will be hosting a “Meet the Authors” session from 2-5 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the Mansfield Area Historical Museum, which is located at 101 W. North St. in Mansfield.

Authors Kathy Short, Ann Duckworth and Vicki Blankenship will be autographing copies of the Historical Society’s new book, “To the Folks Back Home – Echoes of the Great War.”

This book, which has been a years-long project, contains letters from area soldiers serving in World War I that were written to their families back home.

In addition, details of local and world happenings that were occurring at that time are recounted throughout.

Author Mike Cantrell will be conducting “A Storytime with the Author” and signing copies of his books, which include, “How Do Rainbows Grow?,” “Grandma’s Cloud Parade” and “Wendy Goes to Sky School.”

Books will be available for purchase during the event scheduled for 2-5 p.m.

TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME

Echoes of The Great War

Mansfield Area Historical Society

Saturday, December 13, 2025
@ Mansfield Area Historical Society & Museum
101 W North St. Mansfield, MO

It was called a world war, but its echoes reached even the smallest of towns.

MEET THE AUTHORS
2:00pm to 5:00 pm
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Saturday, December 13, 2025
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2:00PM UNTIL 5:00 PM

Join Us for Storytime with the Author
Michael Cantrell
Meet Michael and have your books signed.
Books will be available for purchase

NORWOOD R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances				
Governmental Funds - Modified Cash Basis				
Year Ended June 30, 2025				
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS COLLECTED:				
Local	\$1,400,076	412,516	27,277	1,839,868
County	53,278	20,997	-	74,275
State	238,128	2,242,756	-	2,480,884
Federal	141,063	377,989	-	519,052
Receipts Other Districts	22,153	170,270	-	192,423
Total Receipts Collected	1,854,698	3,224,527	27,277	5,106,502
DISBURSEMENTS				
Instruction	358,687	2,427,829	-	2,786,516
Attendance and guidance	882	141,730	-	142,612
Health services	44,609	59,536	-	104,145
Improvement of instruction	-	108,523	-	108,523
Professional development	19,188	-	-	19,188
Media services	682	44,500	-	45,182
General administration	240,611	198,799	-	439,410
Building level administration	72,236	131,898	-	204,134
Operation of plant	467,518	-	148,545	616,063
Security services	9,713	-	-	9,713
Pupil transportation	192,394	6,927	-	199,321
Food services	207,076	-	-	207,076
Othe support services	17,016	-	-	17,016
Central office support services	32,857	-	-	32,857
Community services	19,957	104,785	-	124,742
Total Disbursements	1,683,426	3,224,527	148,545	5,056,498
Receipts collected over (under) disbursements paid	171,272	-	(121,268)	50,004
Transfers in (out)	(183,672)	-	183,672	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,230,544	-	378,712	4,609,256
Fund balances, end of year	4,218,144	-	441,116	4,659,260

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Norwood R-I School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, 'which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, In all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Norwood R-I School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in the financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained In Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Norwood R-I School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is on acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Norwood R-I School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted In accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would Influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts of disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Norwood R-I School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Norwood R-I School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control matters that we identified during the audit.

Schultz, Wood & Rapp, P.C.
Springfield, MO
September 30, 2025

The complete audit report is available for inspection and examination, at the District administration offices, 675 Hawk St., Norwood, MO 65717.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above is a true correct statement of the Norwood R-I School District.

ATTEST

Hebbie Shelton
President, Board of Education

John Kelly
Secretary, Board of Education

Rhonda Coatsney
Treasurer, Board of Education

WRIGHT COUNTY LEGALS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Mountain Grove, Missouri is requesting qualifications for engineering services to address a wastewater treatment system that has exceeded its useful life expectancy. The engineering services required may include planning, design, and/or construction oversight of the project. Facility plans and engineering reports should adhere to 10 CSR 20-8.110 Engineering – Reports, Plans, and Specifications. Funding for the project is through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Financial Assistance Center.

Qualification information provided to the City of Mountain Grove shall include:

- A. The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to the type of services required (10 points);
- B. The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within the time limitations fixed for the completion of the project (10 points);
- C. The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules (10 points);
- D. The firm's proximity to and familiarity with the area in which the project is located (10 points); and
- E. The firm's professional experience in designing wastewater systems (10 points).

The above information should be submitted no later than December 22, 2025 to the attention of City Administrator, Dakota Bates at P.O. Box 351, Mountain Grove, MO 65711.

Evaluation Committee: An evaluation committee established by the City of Mountain Grove will review the Submission of Qualifications (SOQ) in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria set within this RFQ. The committee may ask the respondent to supplement their SOQ with additional information. The committee will consist of approximately 3 members from within and/or outside the city.

Selection Process: Once the city selects the most qualified firm based on the above qualification evaluation, an engineering agreement will be negotiated. The engineering agreement may include services other than planning, design, and/or construction

management including, but not limited to, assistance with securing project financing, assistance with attaining easements or real property, user rate analysis, geotechnical analysis, surveying, or other services as needed.

The City of Mountain Grove is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (11)-19-26-(12)-3-10-17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: **LINDA MARIE CARNAL** Disabled Case Number **25WR-PR00039** TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LINDA MARIE CARNAL A DISABLED PERSON:

On the 19TH day of NOVEMBER 2025, LESLEY DAREN CARNAL was appointed conservator of the estate of LINDA MARIE CARNAL a person found by the court to be disabled under the laws of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri. The address of the conservator is: 510 OLD HWY 5 PO BOX 261 MANSFIELD, MO 65704. All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred.

Date: November 21, 2025
Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/ Cassandra Griffin Court Clerk
Publication dates: NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 2025 (11)-26-(12)-3-10-17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: **MARY BELLE EDWARDS** Disabled Case Number **25WR-PR00042** TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARY BELLE EDWARDS** A DISABLED PERSON:

On the 19TH day of NOVEMBER 2025, JOY ANNE WINGENDER was appointed conservator of the estate of **MARY BELLE EDWARDS** a person found by the court to be disabled under the laws of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri. The address of the conservator is: 2054 E SHADY GLEN DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804. All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred.

Date: November 21, 2025
Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/ Cassandra Griffin Court Clerk
Publication dates: NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 2025 (11)-26-(12)-3-10-17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: **KLENN VAR RAWLINGS** Disabled Case Number **25WR-PR00040** TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KLENN VAR RAWLINGS, A DISABLED PERSON:

On the 28TH day of OCTOBER 2025, LINDSEY FLOWERS was appointed conservator of the estate of **KLENN VAR RAWLINGS** a person found by the court to be disabled under the laws of Missouri, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Wright County, Missouri. The address of the conservator is: 1575 HWY V HARTVILLE, MO 65667. All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred.

Date: November 18, 2025
Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/ Cassandra Griffin Court Clerk
Publication dates: NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 2025 (11)-26-(12)-3-10-17

Legal Notice
Opening day to file for April 7th, 2026, election for the position of board member for the Mountain Grove Special Road District is 8am, December 9th, 2025, and final closing day is 5pm December 30th, 2025. The position of board member for the Mountain Grove Special Road District is a three-year term. You must file at the Wright County Clerk's office at the Wright County Court House in Hartville, Mo. (12)-3-10

IN THE 44TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, WRIGHT COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

Case Number: **25WR-PR00045** In the Estate of BEVERLY A. MCDONALD, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration) **To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BEVERLY A. MCDONALD, Decedent:** On December 02, 2025, the last will of Decedent having been

admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of BEVERLY A. MCDONALD, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of WRIGHT COUNTY, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

REGINA JONES aka GINA JONES, PO BOX 41 HARTVILLE, MO 65667

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

SCOTT STINSON 317 W THIRD STREET, PO BOX 554 MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO 65711, 417-926-4151

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two

months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 11-OCT-2025

Date of first publication: December 10, 2025

Lori Jones, Circuit Clerk by: /s/ Cassandra Griffin Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that

the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court. (12)-10-17-24-31

Bids Notice

The Hartville R-II School District is accepting bids for the home residing at 625 W. Rolla Street, Hartville, MO 65667 for relocation purposes only. Anyone wishing to tour the property please contact the Central Office at 417-741-7676 to make arrangements. Sealed bids can be submitted to the Central Office as of this date thru December 15, 2025 at 6:30pm. Sealed Bids will be opened at the Board of Education meeting on 12/15/25 at 6:30pm. (12)-3-10

MOUNTAIN GROVE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT				
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances				
Governmental Funds - Modified Cash Basis				
Year Ended June 30, 2025				
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS COLLECTED:				
Local	\$5,322,183	2,304,504	203,612	7,830,299
County	271,766	109,200	-	380,966
State	2,486,300	6,203,887	-	8,690,187
Federal	1,174,873	2,308,804	261,577	3,745,254
Loan proceeds and other	-	-	801,235	801,235
Receipts Other Districts	-	242,074	-	242,074
Total Revenues Collected	9,255,122	11,168,469	1,266,424	21,690,015
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Instruction	1,685,182	8,575,371	6,350	10,266,903
Attendance and guidance	7,567	411,112	-	418,679
Health services	396,998	74,355	-	471,353
Improvement of instruction	22,100	192,378	-	214,478
Professional development	37,833	26,156	-	63,989
Media services	51,563	201,349	-	252,912
General administration	520,875	399,825	-	920,700
Building level administration	329,258	739,167	-	1,068,425
Fiscal services	151,772	-	-	151,772
Operation of plant	1,752,474	10,182	6,680	1,769,336
Security Services	57,368	-	-	57,368
Pupil transportation	916,253	56,631	57,553	1,030,437
Food services	700,935	32,908	14,500	748,343
Community services	107,520	449,035	-	556,555
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	1,306,643	1,306,643
Capital lease payments:	-	-	-	-
Principal	-	-	433,942	433,942
Interest	-	-	69,103	69,103
Other Fees	-	-	13,550	13,550
Total Disbursements	6,737,698	11,168,469	1,908,321	19,814,488
Receipts collected over (under) disbursements	2,517,424	-	(641,897)	1,875,527
Transfers in (out)	(753,111)	-	753,111	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	11,021,093	-	2,768,428	13,789,521
Fund balances, end of year	12,785,406	-	2,879,642	15,665,048
Independent Auditor's Report				
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements				
Opinions				
We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Mountain Grove R-III School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.				
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Mountain Grove R-III School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.				
Basis for Opinions				
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Mountain Grove R-III School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.				
Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements				
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Mountain Grove R-III School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.				
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements				
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.				
In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:				
- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.				
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.				
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Mountain Grove R-III School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.				
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.				
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Mountain Grove R-III School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.				
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.				
Schultz, Wood & Rapp, P.C. Springfield, MO October 31, 2025				
The complete audit report is available for inspection and examination, at the District administration offices, P.O. Box 806, Mountain Grove, MO 65711.				
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above is a true and correct statement of the Mountain Grove R-III School District.				

THE CHAMPION NEWS

By Wilda Moses
In Champion on Wednesday, Cheryl and Carissa joined the jam with fiddle, mandolin and sweet harmonies. “Er long, in came Kaitlyn McConnell with a pie and her “Ozarks Pie Project Diary.” Then Skyline Superintendent Donnie Luna arrived on his lunch break. What a treat to introduce those two. Something good is liable to come from it. Good music and pleasant visiting with Linda, Cactus Mike and Fox Creek farmers made a good day. Thursday marked another good day when the Vanzant jam bunch sang that Birthday song to David Richardson--just a kid. Hired to do the announcing / commenting on the Winterfest festivities in Mountain Grove, he talked for six hours. While we did not get to hear him out in Champion, we heard that all the festivi-

ties were delightful, gala, rememberable.
Around 40 people enjoyed the “Friendsgiving” potluck Saturday in Champion. The tables were full to overflowing with every savory holiday dish imaginable. Old friends and new ones had the chance to connect, reconnect and catch up, defining the best part of community.
We remembered Pearl Harbor Sunday. There are still people around who were alive when that attack happened. Most of us were not, but it is part of our history not to be forgotten. A guy named S. Kierkegaard said, “Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.” Looking forward to some good things: Happy birthday on the 8th to John W. who sings that song about “Rainbow Stew.” Elizabeth Raelyn Johnson, a Kindergarten

student at Skyline, and Skyline Nurse Aid Karen Tamblyn have December 9th for their birthdays. That is also the day to celebrate Champion Richard Johnston, our esteemed retired blacksmith. On the 10th of the month two fifth grade students, Levi Hall and Westin Nava, share their birthday with third grader Annabelle Thompson. We remember Paul Uhlmann on the 11th. He rode thousands of miles on horseback and ate many meals out of a saddlebag. The 12th is for Loretta Upshaw, lovely daughter of The General himself, and Ilene Woods, marathon racer and great grandmother of Champion barrel racer, Blaine Denlow among others. Eighth grader Kennedy Hinote will have a birthday party on the 13th. That will be a Saturday, always a good party day in Champion—Looking on the bright side!

NORWOOD GLEANINGS

By Cindy Sullivan
Howdy, Cold weather yuk! But praise God no ice yet. That's the way I gotta look at it and spring will be here before we know it.
If you're wondering what is being built across from Dollar General, Ron Felker's business, Felker Overhead Door Company, is building their business building there.
Congrats to Truman and Payton (Drake) Hosiner on another girl born Nov. 25, Audrey Danielle.
Nancy Smith sold her home and acreage to Don Kelly. I just wanna say thank you Nancy for all you've done in our community and school.
Red's Pizza monthly

singing will be Dec. 27 from 6-8 p.m. with my brother, Tim Bruffett, me, and my daughter, Annie Sullivan.
You won't wanna miss it cause it may be the alpha and omega. LOL!
Liberty Faith Church is giving away a free food basket Dec. 20 from 9-11 a.m. at Liberty Faith, located at 147 E. Jackson St., Norwood.
Stone Crop Acres is a family-owned farm in Macomb bringing joy year round adventures to the community.
Winter fire pits, walk through adventures, light tunnels..gonna have fun for all ages and all seasons! Every Friday and

Saturday until Dec. 20. Just east of the four-way and outer road.
Santa's Workshop on Dec. 14 from 1-5 p.m. at the Ronnie Atchison Pavilion. Stop in and shop after church on your way home. It's hosted by the Betterment Club.
Union Grove Church will have a Christmas play on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Kids play only.
They always have a good one. Wish I could go, but have plans already.
Thought: Because of massive Christmas deliveries, FedEx and UPS have joined forces and are now Fed-Up.
Until next time, God bless our little town.