

## POLICE REPORTS

**Tuesday's calls for service:** Fraud reports were taken in the 1200 block of W. Stadium and the 2700 block of St. Louis Road.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of E. Miller.

Accidents with property damage were reported at W. Truman and S. Country Club and the 300 block of Stadium.

Theft reports were taken at 12 Jackson, the 1000 block of Big Horn, the 2100 block of Schotthill Woods Dr. and the 700 block of W. Stadium.

Domestic violence was reported in the 500 block of E. Capitol and the 2300 block of Gray Fox Terrace.

Trespassing was reported in the 1100 block of Linden Court.

Property destruction was reported in the 800 block of Broadway and the 800 block of Cardinal.

A weapons offense was reported in the 1500 block of Missouri.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of Ventura.

## SHERIFF REPORTS

**Tuesday's calls for service:**

Theft reports were taken in the 5300 block of Smith Street in Russellville, 9000 block of Stage Coach, 1000 block of Big Horn, 5800 block of Business 50 West and the 2100 block of Schotthill Woods Dr.

Property destruction was reported in the 6400 block of Route W in Wardsville

An accident with property damage was reported in the 8300 block of Route W.

Domestic violence was reported in the 4800 block of Scruggs Station.

## BIRTHS

A son was born Oct. 13 to Todd and Susan Hoffmann, Henley, at Capital Region Medical Center.

A son was born Oct. 14 to Curtis and Cassie Meloway, Jefferson City, at St. Mary's Health Center.

A daughter was born Oct. 20 to Billy LaRue and Mary Medina, Jefferson City, at Capital Region Medical Center.

A daughter was born Oct. 20 to Justin and Brenda Murray, Linn, at St. Mary's Health Center.

A son was born Oct. 21 to Bart and Mandee Carney, Jefferson City, at St. Mary's Health Center.

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## OBITUARIES

### MOFFETT

Alice M. Moffett, age 56, passed away on Monday, October 20, 2008, in Tulsa, Okla.

Alice was born on August 22, 1952, in Clifton Hill, Mo., to Harlan G. Moffett and Leota N. Singleton Moffett.

She moved to Pawnee from Jefferson City, Mo. in April of 2003. She was affiliated with the First Christian Church of Pawnee. She worked for Capital Projects in Jefferson City, Mo. for 30 years, and was a member of the First Christian Church in Jefferson City for 40 years. She was a longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and the American Legion in Jefferson City. She was a very loving person and loved everybody she met.

She is survived by: her father, Harlan G. Moffett of Pawnee, Okla.; two brothers, Leonard Moffett of Cabool, Mo. and Leslie Moffett and his wife Karen of Fla.; one sister, Linda Britt and husband, Jerry of Pawnee, Okla.; four nieces, Patsy Heusted of Marshall, Mo., Rene Sexton of Moberly, Mo., Mary Moffett of Moberly, Mo., Judy Moffett of Moberly, Mo.; four nephews, Eric Sinden of Tulsa, Okla., George Moffett of Moberly, Mo., Ezra and Tom Britt of Pawnee, Okla.; plus a number of other relatives and many friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her mother, Leota Moffett in 1995, and her sister, Lenora Sue Moffett in 1951.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2008, Prairie Hill Cemetery, Prairie Hill, Mo.

Memorial may be made to Special Olympics Mo., State Headquarters, 520 Dix Rd., Suite C, Jefferson City, Mo., 65109.

### BOPP

Gary L. Bopp, age 69, of Eldon, Mo., passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2008, in Jefferson City, Mo.

His survivors include: his wife, Faye Bopp of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kim Bopp of Eldon, Mo.; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Brian Hibdon of Lake Ozark, Mo.; four grandchildren, Cody Robinett, Chastity Bopp, Dalton Bopp, Kyle Bopp; one sister, Doris Syman of Reston, Va.; and one brother, Norvall Bopp of Jefferson City, Mo.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 25, at Phillips Funeral Home from 12 - 2 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Private interment will be held at a later date at Eugene Cemetery.

### COSGROVE

Serena Mary Cosgrove, age 91, of New Bloomfield, died Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City.

She was born July 1, 1917, in Boston, Mass., the daughter of the late Thomas and Mabel (Berry) Warburton. She married Leonard Cosgrove, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, Thomas Jameson of Braintree, Mass., William Jameson of Newport, Vt. and Lee Cosgrove of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; four daughters, Serena McKenney of Sanborn, N.H., Phyllis Jameson of Weymouth, Mass., Barbara Wagner of Franklin, Mass. and Edna Hinkle of New Bloomfield; 17 grandchildren including Kim Abbott of New Bloomfield, Kelly Hinkle of Jefferson City, Justin Hinkle of Kansas City and Kaitlin Hinkle of New Bloomfield; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 24, at the Debo Funeral Home in Holts Summit, with Rev. Rick Hopkins officiating. Burial will follow in Summit Memorial Park Cemetery.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.debofuneralhome.com](http://www.debofuneralhome.com)



### LOW

Robert Low, age 88, of California, Mo., passed away Monday, October 20, 2008, at Moniteau Care Center, California, Mo.

Survivors include: three brothers, Harry Low Jr. of California, Mo., Gerald Low of Stanhope, N.J., and William Low of Orlando, Fla.; and two sisters, Catherine Krewenka of California, Mo. and Charlotte Pearson of Clifton, N.J.

Graveside services and burial will be Thursday, October 23, at 10 a.m. at California City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Moniteau Care Center Residents Fund, 200 South Gerhart Road, California, MO 65018.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services.



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Joseph Augusta, left, and his daughter, Haleigh, play together with Joseph Augusta Sr., right, at Algoa Correctional Center in the 4H Life program. The Living Interactive Family Education program teaches family support skills to the parents behind bars and assists with family activities during visits. Below, Joseph and Haleigh use a plastic knife and spoon to open a pumpkin and count the seeds

## Family focus

### Algoa program teaches inmates parenting skills

#### Participants and family members take part in activities

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A gray environment, guards and confinement fill the days of inmates at Algoa Correctional Center. But once a month crayons spill from cartons and laughter lightens the mood at the prison.

Four-year-old Haleigh Augusta rushes to a soda machine — quarters jingling in hand — to get a soda for her, her grandfather and most importantly her "Daddy," Joseph Augusta.

When little Haleigh spots her father across the visiting room, her eyes light up. Her blonde hair streams behind her as she jumps into his arms while her grandfather, Joseph Augusta Sr., looks on.

"She has always been a daddy's girl," her grandfather comments.

Joseph Augusta is just one of the fathers enrolled in 4-H Life — Living Interactive Family Education — the University of Missouri has been allowed to bring to correctional facilities in Jefferson City, Farmington, Potosi and Vandalia.

The program began in Potosi in 1999 and at Algoa in 2006.

Nikki Nesselhauf, facilitator of the 4-H Life program and employee of the University of Missouri Extension, said the program is clearly geared toward one type of inmate.

"We want the men in the program that are very focused on their family and their children," she said. "In this program, at this facility, we are aiming for the fact that these are guys who are getting ready to go home."

Nesselhauf said the point and mission of the program is simple — to allow the parents to have an active role in their child's life and be prepared for parenthood in society.

"Our point here is that you have to show your kids that just because you are gone for a



year, or however long, that you do not stop loving them," Nesselhauf said.

"As soon as I found out about this program I signed up," the younger Augusta said. "She is my child, and I want her to know I love her no matter what."

As the 4-H group stands to say the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge, their small corner of the visiting room transforms into more of a community meeting than a visit at a minimum security prison.

"We hope this encourages them to join other 4-H activities," Nesselhauf said.

Having more freedoms than a traditional visit allows the men and their families to take part in activities and to visit with other families.

"Our kids get to move around more than the kids here in a traditional visit," Nesselhauf said. "In a traditional visit, they just sit there, and I don't think the kids get the attention they crave from their loved one."

By carving decorative pumpkins, making scarecrow cookies and paper plate masks, the men were able to meet their objective for the month, creativity.

Each month, the offenders in the program choose a life lesson to focus on. The men also lead the activities.

"We have required meetings for the men, and we

decide the activities and set a theme of things they know their families need to address or would be helpful overall," Nesselhauf said.

Participants are recruited, but the offender must be major violation-free, not a sex offender and have a child or children (between the ages of 5-17) willing to participate.

"We don't really choose them though, they choose us. The men find out about the program through the other members," Nesselhauf said. "We do not want the men who just want to sit there or be in the program because it looks like fun. We want the men who are focused on their kids, and those are the guys we have now."

The number of families attending varies.

In April 2008, nine families attended, and in October two families attended.

"I do have six or seven guys who show up and do really well in the classes," Nesselhauf said. "But if their families can't get here because of gas prices or whatever ... the men have the skills, but they don't get to see their families during the program."

"It is the quality of their intent, not the quantity of guys in the program," Nesselhauf added. "If these are the guys who are kid-focused, then it is still a good program."

"We made a commitment. When we signed up for it, I asked my dad if he would be able to bring Haleigh each month. He said he would and we have been doing it. We wanted to do and do it right for all of us," the younger Augusta said.

For him, keeping in close contact with Haleigh and still being an active parent while he is incarcerated is important. They've been involved with the program for about seven months.

"I want to teach her things," Joseph Augusta said of his daughter. "She is our future."

## Lake Ozark teen hurt in one-car accident

A Lake Ozark teen was injured in a one-car accident at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday on Route Z, south of Bunker Road, in Miller County.

According to the Highway Patrol report, a 2001 Ford, driven southbound by Catherine A. McCarrick, 17, Lake Ozark, traveled off the left side of the road and struck a tree.

A passenger, Dymon M. Myers, 17, Lake Ozark, was by private vehicle to a physician. Both were wearing seat belts.

In other accidents:

- A Jefferson City woman was injured in a two-car accident at 10:05 a.m. Tuesday on Big Horn Drive at Horner Road, in Cole County.

The patrol reported a 2000 Chevrolet Impala, driven eastbound by Mildred Cain, 85, Jefferson City, was exiting U.S. 54 and failed to stop at a stop sign. Her vehicle was hit broadside by a 2005 Ford E250, driven southbound by Jason Z.

Jones, 32, Jefferson City.

Cain was taken to St. Mary's Health Center. She was listed in fair condition.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

- A Macks Creek man was injured in a one-car accident at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on Route O, south of U.S. 54, in Camden County.

According to the patrol report, a 1990 Chevrolet S10, driven southbound by Gregory W. Mastin, 33, Macks Creek, ran off the left side of the road, overcorrected, crossing Route O and ran off the right side of the road. The vehicle then struck an embankment and overturned, striking a fence.

Mastin was taken to Lake Regional Hospital, where he was treated and released.

He was wearing a seat belt.

- A Fulton man was injured in a one-vehicle accident at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday on Route C, north of Route T, in Audrain County.

The patrol reported a 2006 Ford F250, driven northbound by Edward K. Bright, 50, Fulton, left the right side of the road and overturned.

Bright was taken to University of Missouri-Columbia Hospital. No condition report was available.

He was wearing a seat belt.

- Two Camden County teens were injured in a one-car accident at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday on Valley Crest, west of Missouri 5, in Camden County.

The patrol reported a 1998 Saturn, driven westbound by Michelle L. Taplin, 17, Camden County, lost control in a curve, left the right side of the road and struck a tree.

Taplin and a passenger, Nicole A. Miller, 15, Camden County, were taken to Lake Regional Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Both were wearing seat belts.