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EXTERNAL SENDER

March 9, 2021

VIA Email

Hart Wood
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Wood,

The Missouri Senate is in receipt of your payment. Attached to this email are the files responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Adriane D. Crouse
Secretary of the Senate

From: Custodian <Custodian@senate.mo.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:16 AM
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March 2, 2021

VIA Email

Hart Wood
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Wood,

The Missouri Senate does have records responsive to your request. No records have been closed. Please see the attached invoice.

Sincerely,

Adriane D. Crouse
Secretary of the Senate

From: Custodian <Custodian@senate.mo.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:47 PM
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March 1, 2021

VIA Email

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1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
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Dear Mr. Wood,

The Missouri Senate has records responsive to your request. These records must be reviewed to determine whether the records are open records. This review should be completed by Friday, March 5, 2021. Upon completion of this review an invoice will be sent to you. Once the invoice is paid in full the files will be transmitted to you.

Sincerely,

Adriane D. Crouse
Secretary of the Senate

From: Custodian <Custodian@senate.mo.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:50 PM
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Subject: RE: Sunshine Law Request (MO-SEN-21-0268)

February 26, 2021

VIA Email

Hart Wood
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Dear Mr. Wood,

As custodian of records for the Missouri Senate, I am responding to your request for all email communications (including emails, emails attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations and calendar invitation attachments) sent by State Senator Dan Hegeman from August 1, 2019 through February 4, 2020. In accordance with the provisions of Section 610.023, RSMo, I am responding to your request within three business days. Due to the time consuming legislative activities of the Missouri Senate a determination has yet to be made as to whether the Missouri Senate has records responsive to your request.

Senate staff is working to determine whether the Missouri Senate has records responsive to your request. By Monday, March 1, 2021 I will provide you a definitive answer as to senate staff's determination.

Sincerely,

Adriane D. Crouse
Secretary of the Senate

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
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Dear Custodian of Records:

Please find attached a request for records under the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,

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Sunshine Law Request: MO-SEN-21-0268

From: [Anne Herschel](#)
To: [Courtesy Resolution](#)
Subject: Hegeman - Generic Resolution
Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 4:40:01 PM
Attachments: [Sav_page 1 Color.pdf](#)
[Sav_page 2 Opinion.pdf](#)

Abby / Samantha,

Senator Hegeman is going to present this to the Speckman's. I don't know if you can incorporate anything from page 2 'Ponder the Thought'....let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!!

Anne Herschel

Office of Senator Dan Hegeman
12th District
Missouri State Capitol, Room 332
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Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable. ~Wendy Wasserstein



Photo

An archive photo from September 2018 of Savannah Mayor Don Dillman enjoying ice cream with Taylor Duncan of Waynesville, Mo. as a part of her project learning more about the state of Missouri. Mayor Dillman passed away last week at the age of 73. PHOTO BY HAYLEY BRETZ

Savannah Mayor Don Dillman passes away

BY MARSHALL WHITE

The Savannah Reporter

Savannah got the news Saturday, about the unexpected passing of their beloved Mayor Donald Dillman, 73. The Mayor had served three terms on the Savannah City Council and this was his second term as Savannah's Mayor since moving to Savannah in 1982. Dillman had been awarded a lifetime membership in the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce where he'd served as a past President and board member.

"He was dedicated to the city," said Bruce Lundy, Savannah's City Administrator.

"He'd come in at least four days a week to see me and keep up on the latest goings and comings of city business," Lundy told *The Savannah Reporter*. "He understood the differences between what the public was dealing with and what city employees had to deal with and that made all the difference in the world," the city administrator said.

"It's just so hard to believe he's gone," said Beth Kar, the

Savannah city clerk. "He'd been in on Tuesday, Jan. 14, to sign a proclamation and seemed so vibrant."

"Perhaps he was so vibrant because he was such a positive person who tried not to look at things in a negative way," she said.

"He just wanted to make Savannah a better place," Kar said.

If Dillman was in City Hall, he and Lundy would often put a caller on the speaker phone so

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Speckman to step down as Publisher

A change in ownership will result in a change in the publisher of *The Savannah Reporter*. Leslie Speckman will publish her last paper on January 30th, 2020 as the paper is to transfer ownership that day.

Leslie Speckman had never put a newspaper together. Her husband Guy and their business partners Dwyane and Cindy Williams had purchased *The Savannah Reporter* in October of 2001. After a month of attempting to operate the paper as absentee owners, it was clear that was not going to work. They convinced Leslie to give up her job at Ingersoll Insurance and "see what she could do" at the newspaper they had just bought.

It's hard to explain, but the newspaper is a community institution, but not a public enterprise. Any owner is simply a caretaker until the next owner. You have to make money, but you have to report the news. Often the news conflicts with making money. Leslie found a way.

Within six months the new ownership direction began to take shape. The "new" *Savannah Reporter* was introduced. It included a bold new masthead

and first color editions in the 125+ year history of the publication. Opinion columns were added that sparked some outrage, laughter and anger and the news became a bit more edgy focused on city government and school news. Leslie managed all of the community reaction. "I wasn't sure of what to do, but I

knew how to work," said Speckman, when asked to look back on her tenure. "I waitressed with my grandmother at the Tic Tok Restaurant when I was young. She taught me to connect with customers and that's what I started to do."

A new *Savannah Reporter* was introduced when the color

edition was printed, and copies were given away on a Wednesday morning on the square and in the school drop off lines throughout the county. It was the "start" of the new normal.

She learned to do the books, the billing, sell the ads and put the paper together. Lots of people helped her learn. The Speck-

mans took sole ownership of the paper in 2007.

"The most difficult part of the newspaper is that you never get a week off. In 19 years, we've only been out of town on a Tuesday one time and that was a disaster. The employee we left in charge, quit while we were on a cruise ship. Guy's mother had to come up and help get a paper together," said Speckman. "That cured us of going out of town on Tuesdays."

"Leslie has been the secret to this business," indicated her husband. "I get attention because of the opinion column, but Leslie has been the boots on the ground person that gets it done each week. She's the one that has navigated each and every crisis that is the newspaper business. Her work ethic and ability to work with the community is what made this work, nothing else."

Speckman deferred to her employees. "I counted up that we've had over 40 employees in 19 years. Some didn't work out, but most were great people that helped us so much. We were

blessed to have so many great employees."

The business has been a family affair over the years. "Our kids used to put the inserts in and both of them have had stints of delivering the paper. Jared has written sports for the last few years and that has been a huge help. Our kids and the Williams

Rosenauers to purchase *The Savannah Reporter*

A longtime Savannah and Andrew County resident and his son will take ownership of *The Savannah Reporter* at the end of January.

Ken and Brent Rosenauer are excited at the prospect of carrying on the proud legacy of *The Reporter*, becoming only the seventh owners of the paper in its 143 years of publication.

"This is a dream come true," Ken said. "Not only buying the newspaper but also working with my son, Brent."

Readers may recall that Ken served two terms as Savannah Mayor and four terms on the Savannah R-3 School Board. In the 80s he served on the An-

drew County Health Board for a couple of terms. He is currently a member of the Rolling Hills Library Board.

He retired from Missouri Western State University in 2013, where he worked 34 years as a Professor of Journalism and English. In 2014, he became pastor at Amazonia United Methodist Church, and in 2018 also began pastoring at Helena United Methodist Church.

Brent is a 2014 graduate of Savannah High School and a 2017 graduate of Missouri Western State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Convergent Media. He completed internships at the *Platte County Citizen* and KQTV.

Since then, he has worked as a server at several St. Joseph restaurants.

"The Savannah community shaped me to be the man that I've become," Brent noted. "I'm overjoyed with the opportunity to tell the on-going story of Savannah and Andrew County."

He added, "There's no one I'd rather share that challenge with than my dad."

Ken explained that he sees *The Reporter* as much more than a business — though it certainly is first and foremost a business. In fact, it is the oldest continuously operating business in Andrew County.

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Andrew County has a 2020 budget

BY MARSHALL WHITE

The Savannah Reporter

Following a 20-minute-public meeting, attended by no one other than office holders and department heads, the three Andrew County Commissioners adopted a revised \$10.2 million budget for this calendar year.

"I'm glad to get this done so we can start paying bills again," said Bob Caldwell, the Presiding Commissioner.

Sarah Miller, the County Clerk, had been working with her staff, department heads and office holders on the 2020 budget for the last month and prepared a \$10.3 million budget. The commissioners made the final cuts in the Sheriff's Department budget only approving the purchase of one new vehicle in 2020. They said Bryan Atkins, the sheriff, could purchase additional vehicles if he found the money within his budget.

The commissioners focused on employee raises and new computers and software pro-

grams in the budget. During a salary commission meeting in the fall, the commissioners and all elected office holders agreed to have no raises for themselves. The consensus at that meeting was to bring employee salaries up above minimum wage.

"We needed to remain competitive in order to attract and keep good employees," said Fritz Hegeman, the Eastern District Commissioner.

"The salaries for some deputy sheriffs were so low they were qualifying for the food stamp program," Atkins had said. After completing training deputies could go to Buchanan or Platte counties and get a \$5,000 plus raise to do the same job. The sheriff noted this was placing him in a position of having to fill vacancies virtually all the time.

The three county commissioners urged staff to work during the year to keep expenses low and try to come in under budget.

"Printing expenses can be significantly reduced if office

holders get bids from the Missouri Department of Corrections facility in Cameron," said Cindy Esely, the County Treasurer. She noted the annual mailing for her office had been costing around \$300 to print, but by using Corrections the bill was reduced to \$80 and the quality was as good or better.

The budget does reflect how the county continues to face rising costs for law enforcement, the three commissioners said.

A legislative change created by the Missouri Supreme Court now requires the county prosecutor to handle municipal cases. This meant the county had to approve a new full-time position for the Andrew County Prosecutor's office. The increasing case load could mean in the next year or two voters will have to consider making the prosecutor a full-time job instead of part-time.

The recent Missouri Supreme Court decision to not enforce the collection of county board bills

for prisoners saw a \$50,000 cut in receipts for the Sheriff's Department. The sheriff projects the loss will grow to \$100,000 in 2020.

Atkins cited an example of the problem for *The Savannah Reporter*. He said he has a woman who's spent the last year in jail and now has a \$15,000 board bill. She has a \$20,000 cash bond, which will be refunded to her and because of the court decision he can't touch it. So the \$15,000 bill will be unpaid. He can file a civil lawsuit for the collection of the debt, but doubts the woman will have any assets to pay the bill. About the only thing he'll be able to attach will be any state tax refund she might be getting.

One of the items not funded in the 2020 budget was money for creating a courthouse security system. The commissioners have been seeing more and more counties creating and improving courthouse security as serious incidents are growing

around the nation. The commissioners did approve the cost for intruder training, which will be a beginning. They said they will be looking at the possibility of adding panic buttons. But somewhere down the road they hope funds will be available to purchase a proper metal detector and at least two full-time employee positions to man the equipment.

On the good side the \$400,000 projected increase in revenue is based on population growth in Andrew County.

"Especially along the U.S. Highway 169 corridor," Hegeman said. Hegeman, Esely and Phil Rogers, the County Collector, cited the Avenue City R-9 School District as a location where there is ongoing population growth.

They may have to begin thinking about building a high school in the coming years, Rogers and Esely suggested.

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kids were part of that "new paper" giveaway. Those were fun times."

The Speckmans are excited for new adventures. "Both our kids live in Kansas City and we will probably relocate that direction eventually. We have other business interests that will keep us busy," indicated Leslie. "The Rosenauers are the perfect new owners. We had out of town people interested, but are glad the Rosenauers stepped forward, continuing local ownership. They have far more experience

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Superintendent's contract extended

BY MARSHALL WHITE

The Savannah Reporter

During the January meeting of the Savannah R-III School Board members completed a quarterly evaluation of Dr. Eric Kurre, the district superintendent.

Board members commended the superintendent on his communication skills, knowledge of the district and his abilities to keep the board informed. Board members approved a one-year extension of Kurre's contract. The contract extension covers the 2022 through 2023 school year.

Kurre told *The Savannah Reporter* he's pleased with the evaluation and extension."



OPINION

Ponder The Thought



GUY SPECKMAN

@Gspeak

Awkward separations,

Well, this is awkward. Looks like we are breaking up. Really, it's not you. We've just grown apart. That's all. We're both good people, just looking for other things in life. At least we don't have kids together, the divorce should be simple. No assets, no kids, Judge Ordnung should be able to rule on my unfitness as your column writer in a short court session and you'll be free to read other columns, guilt free. Spread your wings and fly.

Assuming things don't go haywire. Assuming something dramatic doesn't happen, this is my next to last column in this newspaper. Any longtime reader will know not to expect much from my last column. I've always said I'd like to end this column in Forrest Gump fashion and that's what you should expect.

Can we agree that we had a good time? Lots of laughs. Cried a little, loved a little, flashed a little anger from time to time. This little space has had an impact; good to some, bad to others. I get it. I've had the time of my life, but it's time to move on. I hope you understand, and I hope you know your readership has been meaningful to me. All a writer wants is a reader and you gave that to me. Thank you.

But, let's remember, you didn't stop at this spot to get sentimental today. If you read the front page and the first stanza of this column and already throwing a party of celebration about my exit plans, congrats to you, we both feel victorious.

Honestly, I was praying that our ownership would end before Savannah hired another football coach. I'm not sure I can cover another coaching hiring and eventual exit. We've covered 6 "culture changes" for Savannah football in 18 years. If you are bad at math, that is a coach every 3 years. I heard they have convened a football coach hiring committee, because for the better part of two (or twenty) decades, they always form a committee. I will slowly bang my head on my desk; nothing to see here. I did peek at the job description. It appears they are hiring a nuclear physicist/football coach based on the extensive job description. I found it interesting contrast to read the football job opening and then compare to the volleyball job opening. Go look for yourself, very different expectations and qualifications; kind of flies in the face of those that advocate that schools treat sports equally.

Just FYI, me praying for something is the equivalent of "wishing in one hand and crapping in the other," I honestly hope God is worried about more than who owns *The Savannah Reporter* and who writes in this space, but I'm not good at religion, so maybe He is involved.

Speaking of religion related matters, it appears that Hell has frozen over. The Chiefs are headed to the Super Bowl. I honestly doubted it would happen in my lifetime.

I'm no travel agent, so please consult a professional, but I did view an "official" NFL trip to see the Super Bowl. For the bargain price of \$7,545 you can fly to Miami on the day of the game, get loaded on a bus and transported to the stadium and then get back on the bus after the game and fly home. What the heck could go wrong? Honestly, who doesn't have \$30,180 tucked away for a special day to take the family to the Super Bowl?

In addition to not being a travel agent, I am also not a money manager, but I gotta believe most of them would agree that spending \$7,545 per person for a one-day trip would not be a wise investment, but you do you, I have a rule of not counting other people's money.

I'd probably be considering that Super Bowl trip if I had paid off my Royals World Series tickets from 2014 and 2015 yet. Gonna have to see if the teams I cheer for can space out their success over a greater period of time in the future, the problem is my future has a limited shelf life as well.

The paper business changed for us personally in 2014. My mother died unexpectedly and beyond the typical mother and grandmother roles in our life, she was a big part of our newspaper world. She looked forward to proofing our front page and liked bitching about our reporters that used too many or not enough commas. In her memory, I've kept a comma in my column title since her passing. Just like many of you have been through, her death set off a series of events that took their toll. It left my stepfather alone and partly dependent on us for help over the next couple of years, until his passing. It changed the entire dynamic of what we knew as family and made getting a newspaper out a little more difficult. We spent lots of time running between Savannah, Plattsburg and the hospital he preferred in Liberty. He liked Leslie better than me and so she was often doing a paper on Monday and Tuesday and then running off to help the remainder of the week. I guess it's simply an example of life happens to all of us at some point or another and rearranges our priorities.

The reason I bring this up is that this space will soon be filled by a different writer that will most assuredly have different view of the world. But I always remember a column that Ken Rosenauer wrote about taking ice cream cones to his elderly mother and how she en-

joyed his ice cream visits. I remember reading that and thinking of the day that I'd be able to do the same for my mother. In my mind I could see myself stopping in some small patio home in St. Joseph or somewhere close and say hello, maybe with some DQ in tow.

That moment never came for me, but it's a good lesson that you can learn a little from everyone. We spend too much time reading points of view that are only consistent with our own. A little of this and a little of that might help all of us in the long run.

Anyway, group hug on the square on Thursday the 30th, 5 PM, Pizza Shoppe, you're all welcome. Beer and wine available and encouraged in excess. No funny stuff when we hug.

Guy Speckman probably can't be reached.

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Capitol Report By Dan Hegeman

SENATOR DAN HEGEMAN

Embracing Priorities for a Stronger State

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the governor laid out his legislative priorities for the coming year. A lot of what he would like to see done would be of great benefit to northwest Missouri, and I applaud him for having the foresight into the needs of rural Missouri.

Most people are familiar with the annual State of the State Address that is given before a joint session of the Missouri General Assembly. This is the governor's opportunity to present his legislative priorities to lawmakers and the citizens of our state. Much like last year, he talked a lot about the need to improve Missouri's infrastructure, which means more than just fixing potholes and looking at big-picture needs for Interstate 70. It also means improving broadband Internet throughout our state, which is crucial for the 12th Senatorial District.

Expanding rural broadband throughout our state is one of my top priorities, and it is an issue I have worked on throughout my career in the Missouri Senate. Unfortunately, the biggest hang-up on this is paying for it. As chairman of the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee, I know this challenge all too well. We have to find better ways to make these improvements, without bankrupting our state, and this is exactly what the governor wants. I am very excited to take on this challenge as we move through the first month of the 2020 legislative session.

Speaking of the Appropriations Committee, we have already begun working on the state budget for Fiscal Year 2021. It is imperative for us to craft a balanced budget, and always keep in mind those services that are vital to everyone in this state. This is what we will be doing between now and May 8, and I am happy to be a part of it.

As always, please feel free to call, email or write with your ideas or concerns. My Capitol office number is (573) 751-1415, my email is dan.hegeman@senate.mo.gov and my mailing address is Room 332, State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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To: [Courtesy Resolution](#)
Subject: Hegeman Resolution - Retirement
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:19:23 AM

Happy Monday Ladies Abby & Samantha....thank you!

Anne Herschel
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12th District
Missouri State Capitol, Room 332
(573) 751-1415

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From: mwinter@swllc.us.com <mwinter@swllc.us.com>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 4:10 PM
To: D12Web <D12Web@senate.mo.gov>
Subject: COURTESY RESOLUTION REQUEST - RETIREMENT

Sponsor's name as it should appear on resolution: Senator Dan Hegeman

District No.: 12

Phone No.: 751-1415

Use signature on file: YES

Number of parchments:

Framed: YES / NO

Requestor Information:

Name: Mike Winter

Address: 109A East High Street

City: Jefferson City State: MO Zip: 65101

Phone: 57634-5444

Email: mwinter@swllc.us.com

Honoree Information:

Date resolution needed: 02/1/2020

Name of retiree: Bryan Cox

City of residence: Washinton D. C

Current place of employment: American Council of Life Insurers

Date of retirement: December 1, 2019

Current position: Regional Vice President

Previous position(s):

Years of service at current place of employment: Approximately 22 years (1997-2019)

Special duties, assignments or accomplishments: Worked with life insurance companies operating in Missouri. Represented ACLI on behalf of its member companies companies in various other states and at national organizations.

Former place of employment: Kansas City Life Insurance

Position(s) held: Assistant Vice President, Governement Affairs

Number of years: 21 years (1976-1997)

Community service, memberships: PAST AND CURRENT ACTIVITES Board Chair and Elder, Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, MO Chairman, Executive Committee, Life Insurance Association of Missouri Director, Missouri Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Missouri Chamber of Commerce – Citizenship Responsibility Council Director, American Cancer Society – Kansas City Unit Director, Westport Ballet Theater – Kansas City, MO Former Director, Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, Roc Rock Port, MO Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack 1867 McLean, VA Church School Teacher, Trinity United Methodist Church, McLean, VA

Names of family members and their relationship to honoree: son of Senator Hardin Cox and Virginia Cox. Hardin Cox Served in the MO House for 10 years(1965-75) and 8 years in the Senate(1975-83). Married to Rita Romine of Kansas Cty. Father of Eve Cox and Hardin Cox III.

Other pertinent information: Born in Maryville, MO Jan. 3, 1953 Raised in Rock Port, MO

EDUCATION

Graduated Rock Port High School, 1971

Eagle Scout, Troop 59, Rock Port, MO

Graduated The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1975

Chairman of Executive Dinner Series, Wharton Finance Society

Charter Member, Penn in Public Service

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Mailing instructions: Please give to Mike Winter for handling

From: [Anne Herschel](#)
To: [Samantha Ruether](#)
Subject: RE: Hegeman Resolution - Retirement
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:33:00 AM

Hi Samantha,

No problem, I understand. I'll let the resolution requester know.

Anne Herschel
Office of Senator Dan Hegeman
12th District
Missouri State Capitol, Room 332
(573) 751-1415

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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Anne Herschel <anne.herschel@senate.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: Hegeman Resolution - Retirement

Hi Anne,

We cannot do resolutions for non-Missouri residents. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Thanks,
Samantha Ruether
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Previous position(s):

Years of service at current place of employment: Approximately 22 years (1997-2019)

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Former place of employment: Kansas City Life Insurance

Position(s) held: Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs

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Other pertinent information: Born in Maryville, MO Jan. 3, 1953 Raised in Rock Port, MO

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Graduated Rock Port High School, 1971

Eagle Scout, Troop 59, Rock Port, MO

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An archive photo from September 2018 of Savannah Mayor Don Dillman enjoying ice cream with Taylor Duncan of Waynesville, Mo. as a part of her project learning more about the state of Missouri. Mayor Dillman passed away last week at the age of 73. PHOTO BY HAYLEY BRETZ

Savannah Mayor Don Dillman passes away

BY MARSHALL WHITE

The Savannah Reporter
Savannah got the news Saturday, about the unexpected passing of their beloved Mayor Donald Dillman, 73. The Mayor had served three terms on the Savannah City Council and this was his second term as Savannah's Mayor since moving to Savannah in 1982. Dillman had been awarded a lifetime membership in the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce where he'd served as a past President and board member.

"He was dedicated to the city," said Bruce Lundy, Savannah's City Administrator.

"He'd come in at least four days a week to see me and keep up on the latest goings and comings of city business," Lundy told *The Savannah Reporter*. "He understood the differences between what the public was dealing with and what city employees had to deal with and that made all the difference in the world," the city administrator said.

"It's just so hard to believe he's gone," said Beth Kar, the

Savannah city clerk. "He'd been in on Tuesday, Jan. 14, to sign a proclamation and seemed so vibrant."

"Perhaps he was so vibrant because he was such a positive person who tried not to look at things in a negative way," she said.

"He just wanted to make Savannah a better place," Kar said.

If Dillman was in City Hall, he and Lundy would often put a caller on the speaker phone so

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Speckman to step down as Publisher

A change in ownership will result in a change in the publisher of *The Savannah Reporter*. Leslie Speckman will publish her last paper on January 30th, 2020 as the paper is to transfer ownership that day.

Leslie Speckman had never put a newspaper together. Her husband Guy and their business partners Dwyane and Cindy Williams had purchased *The Savannah Reporter* in October of 2001. After a month of attempting to operate the paper as absentee owners, it was clear that was not going to work. They convinced Leslie to give up her job at Ingersoll Insurance and "see what she could do" at the newspaper they had just bought.

It's hard to explain, but the newspaper is a community institution, but not a public enterprise. Any owner is simply a caretaker until the next owner. You have to make money, but you have to report the news. Often the news conflicts with making money. Leslie found a way.

Within six months the new ownership direction began to take shape. The "new" *Savannah Reporter* was introduced. It included a bold new masthead

and first color editions in the 125+ year history of the publication. Opinion columns were added that sparked some outrage, laughter and anger and the news became a bit more edgy focused on city government and school news. Leslie managed all of the community reaction. "I wasn't sure of what to do, but I

knew how to work," said Speckman, when asked to look back on her tenure. "I waitressed with my grandmother at the Tic Tok Restaurant when I was young. She taught me to connect with customers and that's what I started to do."

A new *Savannah Reporter* was introduced when the color

edition was printed, and copies were given away on a Wednesday morning on the square and in the school drop off lines throughout the county. It was the "start" of the new normal.

She learned to do the books, the billing, sell the ads and put the paper together. Lots of people helped her learn. The Speck-

mans took sole ownership of the paper in 2007.

"The most difficult part of the newspaper is that you never get a week off. In 19 years, we've only been out of town on a Tuesday one time and that was a disaster. The employee we left in charge, quit while we were on a cruise ship. Guy's mother had to come up and help get a paper together," said Speckman. "That cured us of going out of town on Tuesdays."

"Leslie has been the secret to this business," indicated her husband. "I get attention because of the opinion column, but Leslie has been the boots on the ground person that gets it done each week. She's the one that has navigated each and every crisis that is the newspaper business. Her work ethic and ability to work with the community is what made this work, nothing else."

Speckman deferred to her employees. "I counted up that we've had over 40 employees in 19 years. Some didn't work out, but most were great people that helped us so much. We were

blessed to have so many great employees."

The business has been a family affair over the years. "Our kids used to put the inserts in and both of them have had stints of delivering the paper. Jared has written sports for the last few years and that has been a huge help. Our kids and the Williams

Rosenauers to purchase *The Savannah Reporter*

A longtime Savannah and Andrew County resident and his son will take ownership of *The Savannah Reporter* at the end of January.

Ken and Brent Rosenauer are excited at the prospect of carrying on the proud legacy of *The Reporter*, becoming only the seventh owners of the paper in its 143 years of publication.

"This is a dream come true," Ken said. "Not only buying the newspaper but also working with my son, Brent."

Readers may recall that Ken served two terms as Savannah Mayor and four terms on the Savannah R-3 School Board. In the 80s he served on the An-

drew County Health Board for a couple of terms. He is currently a member of the Rolling Hills Library Board.

He retired from Missouri Western State University in 2013, where he worked 34 years as a Professor of Journalism and English. In 2014, he became pastor at Amazonia United Methodist Church, and in 2018 also began pastoring at Helena United Methodist Church.

Brent is a 2014 graduate of Savannah High School and a 2017 graduate of Missouri Western State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Convergent Media. He completed internships at the *Platte County Citizen* and KQTV.

Since then, he has worked as a server at several St. Joseph restaurants.

"The Savannah community shaped me to be the man that I've become," Brent noted. "I'm overjoyed with the opportunity to tell the on-going story of Savannah and Andrew County."

He added, "There's no one I'd rather share that challenge with than my dad."

Ken explained that he sees *The Reporter* as much more than a business — though it certainly is first and foremost a business. In fact, it is the oldest continuously operating business in Andrew County.

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Andrew County has a 2020 budget

BY MARSHALL WHITE
The Savannah Reporter

Following a 20-minute-public meeting, attended by no one other than office holders and department heads, the three Andrew County Commissioners adopted a revised \$10.2 million budget for this calendar year.

"I'm glad to get this done so we can start paying bills again," said Bob Caldwell, the Presiding Commissioner.

Sarah Miller, the County Clerk, had been working with her staff, department heads and office holders on the 2020 budget for the last month and prepared a \$10.3 million budget. The commissioners made the final cuts in the Sheriff's Department budget only approving the purchase of one new vehicle in 2020. They said Bryan Atkins, the sheriff, could purchase additional vehicles if he found the money within his budget.

The commissioners focused on employee raises and new computers and software pro-

grams in the budget. During a salary commission meeting in the fall, the commissioners and all elected office holders agreed to have no raises for themselves. The consensus at that meeting was to bring employee salaries up above minimum wage.

"We needed to remain competitive in order to attract and keep good employees," said Fritz Hegeman, the Eastern District Commissioner.

"The salaries for some deputy sheriffs were so low they were qualifying for the food stamp program," Atkins had said. After completing training deputies could go to Buchanan or Platte counties and get a \$5,000 plus raise to do the same job. The sheriff noted this was placing him in a position of having to fill vacancies virtually all the time.

The three county commissioners urged staff to work during the year to keep expenses low and try to come in under budget.

"Printing expenses can be significantly reduced if office

holders get bids from the Missouri Department of Corrections facility in Cameron," said Cindy Esely, the County Treasurer. She noted the annual mailing for her office had been costing around \$300 to print, but by using Corrections the bill was reduced to \$80 and the quality was as good or better.

The budget does reflect how the county continues to face rising costs for law enforcement, the three commissioners said.

A legislative change created by the Missouri Supreme Court now requires the county prosecutor to handle municipal cases. This meant the county had to approve a new full-time position for the Andrew County Prosecutor's office. The increasing case load could mean in the next year or two voters will have to consider making the prosecutor a full-time job instead of part-time.

The recent Missouri Supreme Court decision to not enforce the collection of county board bills

for prisoners saw a \$50,000 cut in receipts for the Sheriff's Department. The sheriff projects the loss will grow to \$100,000 in 2020.

Atkins cited an example of the problem for *The Savannah Reporter*. He said he has a woman who's spent the last year in jail and now has a \$15,000 board bill. She has a \$20,000 cash bond, which will be refunded to her and because of the court decision he can't touch it. So the \$15,000 bill will be unpaid. He can file a civil lawsuit for the collection of the debt, but doubts the woman will have any assets to pay the bill. About the only thing he'll be able to attach will be any state tax refund she might be getting.

One of the items not funded in the 2020 budget was money for creating a courthouse security system. The commissioners have been seeing more and more counties creating and improving courthouse security as serious incidents are growing

around the nation. The commissioners did approve the cost for intruder training, which will be a beginning. They said they will be looking at the possibility of adding panic buttons. But somewhere down the road they hope funds will be available to purchase a proper metal detector and at least two full-time employee positions to man the equipment.

On the good side the \$400,000 projected increase in revenue is based on population growth in Andrew County.

"Especially along the U.S. Highway 169 corridor," Hegeman said. Hegeman, Esely and Phil Rogers, the County Collector, cited the Avenue City R-9 School District as a location where there is ongoing population growth.

They may have to begin thinking about building a high school in the coming years, Rogers and Esely suggested.

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kids were part of that "new paper" giveaway. Those were fun times."

The Speckmans are excited for new adventures. "Both our kids live in Kansas City and we will probably relocate that direction eventually. We have other business interests that will keep us busy," indicated Leslie. "The Rosenauers are the perfect new owners. We had out of town people interested, but are glad the Rosenauers stepped forward, continuing local ownership. They have far more experience

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Superintendent's contract extended

BY MARSHALL WHITE

The Savannah Reporter

During the January meeting of the Savannah R-III School Board members completed a quarterly evaluation of Dr. Eric Kurre, the district superintendent.

Board members commended the superintendent on his communication skills, knowledge of the district and his abilities to keep the board informed. Board members approved a one-year extension of Kurre's contract. The contract extension covers the 2022 through 2023 school year.

Kurre told *The Savannah Reporter* he's pleased with the evaluation and extension."



OPINION

Ponder The Thought



GUY SPECKMAN



Awkward separations,

Well, this is awkward. Looks like we are breaking up. Really, it's not you. We've just grown apart. That's all. We're both good people, just looking for other things in life. At least we don't have kids together, the divorce should be simple. No assets, no kids, Judge Ordnung should be able to rule on my unfitness as your column writer in a short court session and you'll be free to read other columns, guilt free. Spread your wings and fly.

Assuming things don't go haywire. Assuming something dramatic doesn't happen, this is my next to last column in this newspaper. Any longtime reader will know not to expect much from my last column. I've always said I'd like to end this column in Forrest Gump fashion and that's what you should expect.

Can we agree that we had a good time? Lots of laughs. Cried a little, loved a little, flashed a little anger from time to time. This little space has had an impact; good to some, bad to others. I get it. I've had the time of my life, but it's time to move on. I hope you understand, and I hope you know your readership has been meaningful to me. All a writer wants is a reader and you gave that to me. Thank you.

But, let's remember, you didn't stop at this spot to get sentimental today. If you read the front page and the first stanza of this column and already throwing a party of celebration about my exit plans, congrats to you, we both feel victorious.

Honestly, I was praying that our ownership would end before Savannah hired another football coach. I'm not sure I can cover another coaching hiring and eventual exit. We've covered 6 "culture changes" for Savannah football in 18 years. If you are bad at math, that is a coach every 3 years. I heard they have convened a football coach hiring committee, because for the better part of two (or twenty) decades, they always form a committee. I will slowly bang my head on my desk; nothing to see here. I did peek at the job description. It appears they are hiring a nuclear physicist/football coach based on the extensive job description. I found it interesting contrast to read the football job opening and then compare to the volleyball job opening. Go look for yourself, very different expectations and qualifications; kind of flies in the face of those that advocate that schools treat sports equally.

Just FYI, me praying for something is the equivalent of "wishing in one hand and crapping in the other," I honestly hope God is worried about more than who owns *The Savannah Reporter* and who writes in this space, but I'm not good at religion, so maybe He is involved.

Speaking of religion related matters, it appears that Hell has frozen over. The Chiefs are headed to the Super Bowl. I honestly doubted it would happen in my lifetime.

I'm no travel agent, so please consult a professional, but I did view an "official" NFL trip to see the Super Bowl. For the bargain price of \$7,545 you can fly to Miami on the day of the game, get loaded on a bus and transported to the stadium and then get back on the bus after the game and fly home. What the heck could go wrong? Honestly, who doesn't have \$30,180 tucked away for a special day to take the family to the Super Bowl?

In addition to not being a travel agent, I am also not a money manager, but I gotta believe most of them would agree that spending \$7,545 per person for a one-day trip would not be a wise investment, but you do you, I have a rule of not counting other people's money.

I'd probably be considering that Super Bowl trip if I had paid off my Royals World Series tickets from 2014 and 2015 yet. Gonna have to see if the teams I cheer for can space out their success over a greater period of time in the future, the problem is my future has a limited shelf life as well.

The paper business changed for us personally in 2014. My mother died unexpectedly and beyond the typical mother and grandmother roles in our life, she was a big part of our newspaper world. She looked forward to proofing our front page and liked bitching about our reporters that used too many or not enough commas. In her memory, I've kept a comma in my column title since her passing. Just like many of you have been through, her death set off a series of events that took their toll. It left my stepfather alone and partly dependent on us for help over the next couple of years, until his passing. It changed the entire dynamic of what we knew as family and made getting a newspaper out a little more difficult. We spent lots of time running between Savannah, Plattsburg and the hospital he preferred in Liberty. He liked Leslie better than me and so she was often doing a paper on Monday and Tuesday and then running off to help the remainder of the week. I guess it's simply an example of life happens to all of us at some point or another and rearranges our priorities.

The reason I bring this up is that this space will soon be filled by a different writer that will most assuredly have different view of the world. But I always remember a column that Ken Rosenauer wrote about taking ice cream cones to his elderly mother and how she en-

joyed his ice cream visits. I remember reading that and thinking of the day that I'd be able to do the same for my mother. In my mind I could see myself stopping in some small patio home in St. Joseph or somewhere close and say hello, maybe with some DQ in tow.

That moment never came for me, but it's a good lesson that you can learn a little from everyone. We spend too much time reading points of view that are only consistent with our own. A little of this and a little of that might help all of us in the long run.

Anyway, group hug on the square on Thursday the 30th, 5 PM, Pizza Shoppe, you're all welcome. Beer and wine available and encouraged in excess. No funny stuff when we hug.

Guy Speckman probably can't be reached.

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Capitol Report By
Dan Hegeman
 SENATOR DAN HEGEMAN

Embracing Priorities for a Stronger State

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the governor laid out his legislative priorities for the coming year. A lot of what he would like to see done would be of great benefit to northwest Missouri, and I applaud him for having the foresight into the needs of rural Missouri.

Most people are familiar with the annual State of the State Address that is given before a joint session of the Missouri General Assembly. This is the governor's opportunity to present his legislative priorities to lawmakers and the citizens of our state. Much like last year, he talked a lot about the need to improve Missouri's infrastructure, which means more than just fixing potholes and looking at big-picture needs for Interstate 70. It also means improving broadband Internet throughout our state, which is crucial for the 12th Senatorial District.

Expanding rural broadband throughout our state is one of my top priorities, and it is an issue I have worked on throughout my career in the Missouri Senate. Unfortunately, the biggest hang-up on this is paying for it. As chairman of the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee, I know this challenge all too well. We have to find better ways to make these improvements, without bankrupting our state, and this is exactly what the governor wants. I am very excited to take on this challenge as we move through the first month of the 2020 legislative session.

Speaking of the Appropriations Committee, we have already begun working on the state budget for Fiscal Year 2021. It is imperative for us to craft a balanced budget, and always keep in mind those services that are vital to everyone in this state. This is what we will be doing between now and May 8, and I am happy to be a part of it.

As always, please feel free to call, email or write with your ideas or concerns. My Capitol office number is (573) 751-1415, my email is dan.hegeman@senate.mo.gov and my mailing address is Room 332, State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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