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MCTA Welcomes New Treasurers with...Training!

MCTA rang in the New Year with eleven newly-elected county treasurers. In wel-

coming the new treasurers, MCTA reached out with its newly -minted Mentorship Program to offer assistance and



and duties as she can, and she still helps me with all sorts of other questions and

problems."
MCTA
President
Steve
Cheslik is
pleased
with the
early mentoring re-

sults, saying, "It is off to a great start, and several new treasurers have already told me how helpful their mentor has been."

Besides the mentor pairing effort, a New Treasurers' Training is being offered to give a sound overview of the issues and responsibilities new treasurers are likely to encounter early on in their new positions.

New Treasurers' Training will be held 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28 in Jefferson City in the Truman Office Building, Room 494. A complimentary lunch will be provided for all who attend. Training topics will include, among other topics, special funds, bank bids, unclaimed fees, bond forfeitures, Chapter 54 overview, media, state vendor payments, and monthly turnovers. Contact Steve Cheslik at 816.380.8105 for any questions.



To meet the newest County Treasurers, see page 8.

Senator Emery Files 10-day Affidavit Bill

Treasurers filing for reelection and candidates intending to file for such office – heads up! The new state law requiring candidates for treasurer or collector-treasurer to provide proof of bondability to the local election

authority (County Clerk)
upon filing may be
yet amended to
allow such proof
to be provided
within 10 business days. Although some
County Clerks

have issued related press releases in advance of

filing periods, the current requirement that the affidavit from a surety company be provided at the time of filing has caused

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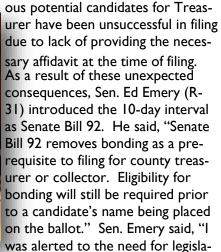
Sen. Ed Emery (R-31)

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unexpected difficulties for some. Numer-



tion after a highly qualified constituent attempted to file on the last day of the filing period and was barred due to cur-

rent law which requires bonding before filing."

Still, there is no shortage of people opposed to establishing a 10-day interval primarily because such opponents believe any truly competent candidate for county elected office should be familiar with the laws and responsibilities of that office. Opponents also point to the vetting responsibility these bonding requirements and now, possibly, a 10-day interval, are placing on local election officials.

MCTA e-News will continue to follow SB92. For the text of the bill, go to moga.mo.gov and click on Bill Search.

Profile: Jasper County's Denise Rohr



Years serving as County Treasurer: "I have served as Jasper County Treasurer for 2 years of my first elected term."

How I came to run for office: "I came to run for the office because I was working for retired Treasurer Jeannie Wells when she announced her retirement. I knew it was time to step up to the plate and utilize the political skills I had along with the knowledge of County Government. I had worked for Jasper County for 23 years."

What I like most about being a treasurer: "I like being Treasurer because I enjoy implementing and maintaining the highest level of procedures that is best for this office. I also enjoy working for the people of Jasper County."

Most difficult thing about being a treasurer: "The most difficult thing so far is being 'the new kid on the block." That stigma seems to get better each day which makes my job much easier."

Favorite politician: "I do not have a favorite politician as I have learned a lot from several on all levels of Government."

My favorite pastime is: "Away from the office I enjoy all summer outdoor activities: The lake, BBQ's, gardening, etc."

Favorite book: "My favorite book and the one I remember most was Helen Keller's Biography."

My family: "I have one daughter, 2 grandkids and a son-in-law who reside in Jasper County."



The Brunnerts
Christmas 2014
(Daughter Samantha & family)

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Soapbox...a MCTA forum for friendly views and opinions... This issue: What are your goals for 2015?



Vonna Jones
Polk County



Kristen Burkemper Lincoln County



Krista Bruno
Macon County

The year 2014 ended with a lot of stress in the Polk County Treasurer's office due to getting a new computer and new software system in the middle of November. I have been assured that I will love the new software once I get familiar with it. I am just now getting past the "hate" stage, and looking forward to being in "love" with it soon. I would highly recommend that you NEVER have a software conversion in the months of November and December!

With the retirement of our Presiding Commission, I am also looking forward to working our new commissioner and helping him with his new position as much as possible. We are very blessed in Polk County in the fact that our county officials all work very well together, and we don't have to deal with a lot of the issues other counties are dealing with

My goals for 2015 are to get better organized, especially at home. It's just too easy for me to add things to a stack, rather than take the time to put it where it really belongs.

2015. Really? I thought 2013 went quickly, but 2014? Well...My Mother was right; the older one gets, the faster time

seems to pass. I turned 47 three days before Christmas. I seem to be saying that more and more....My Mother was right. I think that's when you know you've hit the 'seasoned' category...I'm more "old" than I am "young" stage. Or there are more years behind me than in front of me. Whatever it is...I have arrived and must say it's not bad at all. Instead of going into the true, but mundane goals for my office and myself, like implementing

but mundane goals for my office and myself, like implementing new financial software and learning a bunch of new Excel keyboard shortcuts; I'll pass on a few words that can really make 2015 count for all of us. Happy New Year, everyone!

Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech.

The goal is to bring out the best in others. Colossians 4:5-6 "The Message."

My most important goal for 2015 is to continue my existing good working relationships with all the elected officials and their staff within our county government. This has always been a goal and priority of mine every year but this year it is vital, as Macon County is gearing up to relocate all county offices to an off-site location and break ground on



our \$7.6 million project this Spring. In April of 2014, our

voters approved a bond issue to allow the County to complete Historic renovations to our existing Courthouse, add on to the existing Administrative building and to construct a new a Jail. Our existing Courthouse turns 150 years old this year and I am excited to be a part of this Historic process. I know that 2015 will prove to be challenging, but will be rewarding as well.

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Antioch Boers



Terrigan with sister Brylee



What a difference one year makes!!



Terrigan, 4 years old



Terrigan, 3 years old

Profile: Clark County's Roberta McAfee

Spend just a little time with Roberta McAfee and you'll find two things she enjoys endlessly – goats and grand-kids. Well, not in that

order. Roberta became Clark County Treasurer in

2001. But it wasn't that easy. She first campaigned in the 1998 election but los

1998 election but lost by a frustratingly small margin. She didn't give up. She came back two years later and won. What does she think of the job she fought so hard for? "It's a neat job to have," Roberta claimed. Though she did not have a background in accounting,

she enjoys working with numbers. Her county position is, "both frustrating and exciting," and she "is fascinated with seeing the budget come to life" each year. Her treasurer's job has brought her close to some very good friends,

and she has a strong working relationship with her fellow officeholders. And what else does she really appreciate about her office? "Being able to talk with adults." Let's explain. When Roberta took office she had three children, and her youngest was just starting kindergarten. Now you understand her quote! Now those kids are grown: Andrew is 26, Scott is 24, and Emily, that kindergartner, is 20 and set on attending veterinary school. Roberta's husband, Shawn, is plant manager for Henniges Automotive (they

manufacture auto mold stripping), and also is the minister of nearby Peaksville Christian Church. She says

her husband has a very compassionate heart and loves

people. And animals, too, apparently. That gets us to the goats.

In the northeast corner of Missouri, near Kahoka, quietly sits 140 acres on which the McAfees farm. In 2011, as a 4-H project for their daughter Emily, Roberta and Shawn purchased their first goat. Thus began their business, Antioch Boers. What are Boers? Developed in South Africa, the Boer goat is produced for meat, and its name, Boer, comes from the same Afrikaans (Dutch language of southern Africa) word for "farmer." And why name their business Antioch Boers? Their website, AntiochBoers.com, explains..."Antioch in Biblical times was the city where the followers of Christ were first referred to as Christians. It seemed natural to us to include Antioch in our herd name." The McAfee's farm raises top-quality Boer breeding stock sold nationally. The whole family is involved. And that gets us to Roberta's grandchildren.

Little Terrigan (5) and Brylee (3), who are sisters, enjoy goats as much as any in the family. Recently, Roberta told Terrigan as



they were driving, "Terrigan, we're going to go by some goats on the way home." "But Grammy," exclaimed Terrigan, "we can't go buy goats...we don't have the trailer!" A brief spelling lesson ensued. I asked Roberta to tickle our funny bones; she complied: Before Clark County's 1871 courthouse was replaced, it was her workplace. One day she headed to the restroom which, like many an old courthouse, was not on main floor, but either in the basement or upstairs. Once there, she turned on a light - something fell down behind the door...what was it? To her horror she found a bat. She ran downstairs, found a willing helper, donned weldinggloves and obtained Channellocks (really??). Her nervous Bat Patrol found the culprit hanging under the rim of the toilet. I asked Roberta what happened next. "Well, it took a sea cruise." Problem solved.



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Becky Schofield Jumps to MAC 3rd V. President

MCTA's own Becky Schofield (Dallas County) was recently elected 3rd Vice President of Missouri

Association of County's Board of Directors

Though the normal Executive Board path begins with Treasurer, with two vacancies in play Becky knew her breadth of MAC experience meant she needed to offer up her usefulness. With 6 years on MAC's Board and providing guidance by serving on MAC's Legislative

Committee, "I felt it was time for me to step up... other Board members approached me and encouraged me along the way," Becky said.

One of those supporters was Rodger Reedy, Benton County Assessor, who said about Becky, "I am extremely pleased that Becky was elected to MAC's

Board. She will bring a huge amount of legislative knowledge to the Board." He added, "Her professional and candid approach will make her a strong Board member."

Asked why her successful board campaign focused on 420 candy bars blazoned with "Elect Becky Schofield" stickers, Becky said, "I was thinking of something my local printer could do quickly!"

ly!"
"MAC is a useful tool for counties, and I really want to see us work together,"
Becky said. She emphasized, "MAC represents all association members, and I want to continue that tradition."



"The Missouri Assessors were proud to support Becky for MAC 3rd Vice President."

> -Rodger Reedy Benton County Assessor



"I encourage all Treasurers to be involved in MAC, which serves us all so well."

-Becky Schofield

Dallas County

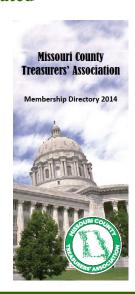
MCTA Membership Directory Being Renovated



"I think the MCTA directory is one of the most used items on my desk at work."

-Penny Henry Randolph County If you're wondering whether the new Treasurers elected in 2014 will magically appear in your MCTA Membership Directory, the answer is... yes! Well, not really. It'll take your input when you receive a *Directory Update Email* in February asking you to verify or update all of your contact information. And while you're at it you can change your directory photo if you like.

Mere months after last year's directory was mailed to MCTA members, something became obvious. "We realized with a number of members retiring that there would be gaps in the directory," said MCTA President Steve Cheslik. "So it was an easy decision to proceed with an update in early 2015," he added. So keep an eye open for that **Directory Update**Email in February...the correct spelling of your name is in the balance!



MCTA's Newest County Treasurers... Welcome!



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Message from President Cheslik

President's Message for Winter E-Newsletter: Greetings! I remember taking office as Cass County Treasurer in January of 2001 and thinking, "OK, when I started teaching middle school I3 years ago, I had several former teachers in mind that I admired and whom I wanted to emulate. So now that I am treasurer, who will be my model treasurer that shines the way?" Not personally knowing any treasurers (MCTA training was still several months away), I went to my Bible to find



the answer. Boy, was I taken aback when I read about the most famous treasurer in the history of the world- Judas Iscariot- betrayer of the Lord Jesus Christ!!! Obviously, Judas would be a good example of what to avoid... Judas loved money, and he was willing to betray his friend in order to procure the security he thought money would give him. He was serving himself, which in my opinion is a temptation we all must diligently resist. I found another scripture that shined the way for me as an elected official and applies in all of life... "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoys a blessed New Year!

Joey Gross (*Gasconade*) with new Treasurer Michael Feagan

Announcements

Rod O'Connor, Dade County Collector/Treasurer, is currently taking chemo treatments for stage IV kidney cancer after having surgery in August. Rod continues to

work in his office and on his farm, and looks and feels fine, with no negative side effects...and appreciates the thoughts and

prayers of his fellow MCTA members.

Former Iron County Treasurer Jack Adams is recovering from coronary bypass surgery. His condition continues to improve. Jack said, "I'm feeling a little better

each passing day, and am getting out and about more and more." He also said, "I appreciate the concern and the cards I have received from MCTA members—thank you." His

home address is 106 Fairlane Drive, Ironton, MO 63650; jackvivadams@yahoo.com.



Who Knew?

After 8 years as Gasconade County Treasurer, Joey Gross enjoyed his retirement party December 5, 2014, in the county courthouse. But did you know Joey has other talents than receipting money? He is...a winemaker! A sausage maker! And he is a basket weaver! Who knew?

Best to you in retirement... to Joey and to all the newlyretired Treasurers! Page 10 MCTA eNews

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