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Welcome to *MCTA eNews* - your quarterly snapshot of the latest association news and information to enjoy, share, and use!

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Fall 2018

MCTA Conference To Cause A Stampede

Ok, maybe not a real stampede. But saddle up. It's conference time. MCTA's 2018 Annual Conference opens

1:00pm sharp this coming Monday, September 24th at the Hilton Branson Convention Center. The Hilton amenities are many, and it's a certainty MCTA members will enjoy the warm, inviting atmosphere of the hotel and convention space (we're

going to make the atmos-



phere even warmer by wearing our green shirts the first day of the conference). And conference programming won't disappoint either. MCTA President Rick Renno (Benton) said, "We really spent time exploring what topics to cover this year, making sure we picked ones everyone is going to find useful when they return home after the conference." Between informational piec-

es on TIFs, retirement benefits, PACARS, and treasurer-related legislation, we'll enjoy the entertaining presentations of our own Justin Hill (Greene). Interestingly, of his past and present presentations at MCTA conferences, Justin said,



"One of my favorite things to do is laugh. When you make me laugh, you have given me a great gift. Jesus said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. I hope I can give that gift to

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Message from MAC President Becky Schofield

I look forward to seeing everyone next week, and I'll give a full overview of the efforts and accomplishments of Missouri Association of Counties (MAC). I was able to go to Washington D.C. twice this year (in January and then again in March). In January, I was there for about forty-seven hours. But it was a great meeting. I met so many peo-



ple from across the nation. As usual, my favorite part of any meeting is networking with other county officials. In March, the conference was five days of non-stop, but productive, meetings. We also spent two days at the Capitol meeting with our U.S. Senators and Representatives. We had many speakers from the President's Cabinet as

well. Unfortunately, with the loss of my father, I did not get to go to the Nashville conference. My presidency has been challenging yet rewarding, and I look forward to sharing my thoughts with you next week and getting useful feedback from my fellow MCTA members.





"One of my favorite things to do is laugh. When you make me laugh, you have given me a great gift."

-Justin Hill
(Greene County)



Annual Conference (continued)

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my friends at the conference. If I'm not funny, I hope they will laugh anyway so at least I receive the blessing one gets when they think they have given someone a gift." And between Justin's programs there'll be breakout sessions on topics like unclaimed funds, depositary agreements, school revolving fund, tax surplus redemption and interest allocation. And if that's not enough, we're getting a CERF update from our own Jim Platt (Bates) and we're going to hear from a staunch MCTA supporter, Sen. Sandy Crawford (28th). Oh, and don't forget MAC's General Counsel/Humorist Travis Elliot. See the complete annual conference schedule included in this newsletter on page 8.



You'll also be able to enjoy some competitive bidding in MCTA's annual conference auction organized by Kathy

Kiddoo (Scotland), you might win the door prize of dinner for two aboard the Showboat Branson Belle, or you might be able to talk Rick

Renno into hopping atop a horse at our annual banquet held this year at the Dixie Stampede (dinner and show). For those who've been MCTA members for years, you already know and appreciate the inviting, supportive atmosphere of our conferences, and the delight in meeting with fellow treasurers who have become friends through the years. And for newer MCTA members, they, too, will experience the pleasure of being part of a happy, helpful group of fellow county treasurers. See you Monday in Branson!

Profile: Nodaway County's Marilyn Jenkins

Years serving as County Treasurer: Nine years.

How I came to run for office: My predecessor, Mary Noel, came to me in the Assessor's Office where I was working and asked me to come work for her and to consider taking her place upon her retirement.

What I like most about being a treasurer is: I am honored by the county voters to be entrusted with the care of Nodaway County funds.

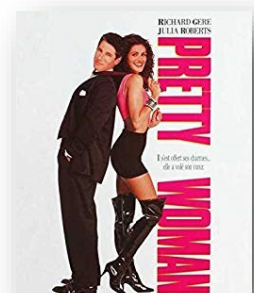
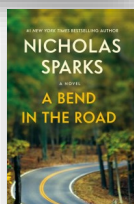
Most difficult thing about being a treasurer is: Due to the lack of communication, finding where the funds received are to be receipted!

Away from office, my favorite pastime is: Spending time with my family...grandkids are the highlight of my life.

My favorite movie is: Pretty Woman.

My favorite book is: I love all books! But Nicholas Sparks is my favorite author!

Something most people don't know about me is: My youngest son and I started college at the same time!





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SW District Meeting Features Sen. Sandy Crawford

By Vonna Jones (Polk County)



The SW District Meeting was held on June 13th at Church House Banquets in Halfway. We had 15 treasurers present, as well as Senator Sandy Crawford. Senator Crawford gave us an update on what took place in Jefferson City during this year's session. Our guest speaker was Kerrick Tweedy, from S.O.A.R. (Service Oriented Aviation Readiness). This organization was started in Polk County and operates at the Bolivar Municipal Airport. The primary purpose of S.O.A.R. is



S.O.A.R Founder and Ex. Dir. Kerrick Tweedy and Teresa Miller (Douglas)

the training and education of aviation mechanics and pilots for mission aviation. They provide training for students who

are getting the required education, training, and experience to serve in full-time missions as a mission pilot and/or mechanic. The highlight of the day was when Kerrick walked in, Teresa Miller (Douglas County) was very surprised and gave him a big hug (which surprised me!). Come to find out, they had gone to school together, and hadn't seen each other for several years. SW District's next meeting will be announced soon.



SE District Meeting at M Kay Supply

By Glenda Enderle (Scott County)



SE District Meeting met at 10:00 a.m. at M KAY's in Benton (Scott County). Those attending were Judy Thomas (St. Genevieve), Naomi Null (Bollinger), Steve Riley (New Madrid), Roger Hudson (Cape Girardeau), Carol Hale (Wayne), Kathy Schumer (Perry), Terry Slayton

(Ripley), Kerry Glore (St. Francois), Glenda Enderle (Scott), and Sandy Bryant Deputy Treasurer (Scott). Open discussions were held on TIFs and surplus proceedings along with assorted topics of interest, and how each county handled them.

We were blessed to have our Circuit Judge David Dolan and his wife Julie Dolan, Public Administrator, from Scott County to pay us a meet and greet. Lunch was served and we had cake and wished three of our ladies a Happy Retirement at the end of this term: Judy Thomas, Naomi Null, and Carol Hale.



Judy Thomas
Ste. Genevieve County



Naomi Null
Bollinger County



Carol Hale
Wayne County



Auditor Galloway Welcomes County Officials



Leaders and representatives from counties across Missouri attended State Auditor Nicole Galloway's County Government Day in Jefferson City on July 18, 2018. Treasurer Rick Renno of Benton County was asked to provide the introduction of Auditor Galloway. County Government Day was held for the first time last year, 2017, and, given the positive feedback that was received as a result, the decision was made to host another event. "I frequently meet with county officials throughout the state and am proud of our collaboration to better serve Missourians," Auditor

Galloway said. "County Government Day provides an opportunity for our office to provide valuable information on how to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of citizens. The fact that these county officials traveled to Jefferson City shows their commitment to that shared goal." The day-long training and conference included sessions focused on ways to identify, correct and prevent common issues in local government operations. One session covered common types of fraud, including ways to identify it and tips for working with law en-

forcement and the State Auditor's Office if fraud is suspected. Another session included a speaker from the Missouri Ethics Commission who focused on the laws regarding conflicts of interest.

Auditor Galloway, who previously served as a Boone County Treasurer, and a former MCTA member, discussed the importance of professionalism and transparency at all levels of government. The event included about leaders and representatives from more than 30 county governments across the state.



County Government Day Attendees focused on preventing and detecting issues at the local level

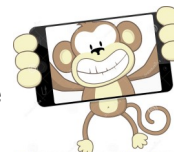


2019 MCTA Membership Directory To Get Facelift

After MCTA members return home from their annual conference in Branson, they might find themselves remembering a face but forgetting a name, or remembering a name but mixing it up with someone else's face. Or trying to decipher that fellow Treasurer's email address they scribbled in a

hurry. No problem! MCTA's ever useful Membership Directory will soon be getting a facelift. MCTA members will submit their own photos for the directory (so visit your local photography studio or take your smart

phone to a sunny spot) and proofs will be sent to everyone to verify mailing addresses, correct spelling of names, etc. You should see an email soon in your inbox so just follow instructions and before you know it the 2019 MCTA Membership Directory will be ready for use in your hands.





"This is the third year of our Silent Auction. Happy bidding!"

-Kathy Kiddoo

September is Here...Let the Bidding Begin!

By Kathy Kiddoo (Scotland County)



September is here! With only a few days before we all gather in Branson, I want to invite EVERYONE to participate in this year's Silent Auction. For our new Treasurers, we ask each County Treasurer to bring something to be auctioned off. It can be anything! Individual items related to seasons, holidays, or that #1 sports team! Or maybe a themed basket of coffee, a movie night, or special bev-

erages. Let's have some fun! **The following page in this newsletter is a bid sheet for your auction item.** If you would fill in the item description, the county donating, and the estimated value, it will make our process a little smoother for checking them in at the conference. To check in your auction items,



just look for the "Auction Room" next to the conference room and drop them off. We will tag them and set them up on the display tables for you. Extra bid sheets will be available. At the end of the auction, we ask that you have cash on hand or a check made payable to MCTA when picking up your winning purchase. Good

luck!

Carter County Considers Courthouse Options



As Carter County considers its options following the

devastating flood in 2017, what happens to its historic county seat of 82 years is in question. Much deliberation has taken place and, more recently, those discussions have turned heated. In short, efforts by the county to combine courthouse renovations with new construction of a jail and justice center has met with public concern and even opposition. And Velvet Ricker, County Treasurer, thinks the direction

of events is not headed in

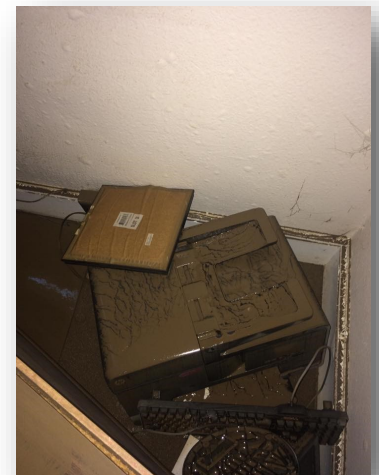
the right direction at this time. "Whatever option the county chooses, I am just ready for it to happen," Velvet said. The confusion over what will happen to the historic structure is mostly embedded in the question of funding and, particularly, how much funding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be providing for renovation and new construction. Although it was expected at one time that FEMA would pick up as much as 75% of the project costs, the fact that the courthouse sits in a floodplain apparently means no FEMA monies will be funding courthouse renovations. The question of funding, then, has perturbed many and has caused public discussions to be fraught with anxiety and doubt. Velvet commented, "We need to be able to move forward so this county can run more

efficiently and be a step closer to putting this flood behind us." Ever mindful of the need to work cooperatively with area citizens, Velvet added, "I would like it to be in a way that would make the citizens happy as we do work for them."

[This article includes information printed in the Current Local and the Daily American Republic]



Treasurer Velvet Ricker's soaked folders. Flood waters rose halfway up these office walls.



Printer, keyboard and wall picture left behind in the thick, stinky mud.



Silent Auction Bid Sheet

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Donor: _____

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MCTA 2018 Annual Conference Training Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 (GREEN SHIRT DAY!!)

11:30 REGISTRATION
 1:00 GOD BLESS AMERICA – HEATH RENNO
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CINDY ESELY
 INVOCATION – JUSTIN HILL
 WELCOME - BRANSON CHAMBER of COMMERCE AMBASSADOR
 DOOR PRIZE DRAWING - TICKETS FOR 2 ON THE BRANSON BELLE FOR TONIGHT! (MUST HAVE YOUR GREEN SHIRT ON TO WIN!)
 1:15 INTRODUCTION OF VENDORS – DENITA WILLIAMS
 1:30 TAX INCENTIVES EXPLAINED – TIF AND OTHER CONFUSING LETTERS AUDIT DIRECTOR – BOBBY SHOWERS
 2:20 BREAK
 2:30 JIM ELLISON – COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST – CERF
 3:00 ROBERT EASTBURN – RETIREMENT PLAN ADVISOR – EMPOWER RETIREMENT
 3:30 JACOB SHELLABARGER - PACARS – Prosecutors Retirement Changes
 4:00 BUSINESS MEETING/APPT. OF NOMINATING AND AUDIT COMMITTEES & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FUND COMMITTEE REPORT
 4:15 JUSTIN HILL – “HOW TO TELL A GOOD STORY”
 4:40 ADJOURN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

7:00 BREAKFAST
 8:00 Star Spangled Banner – HEATH RENNO
 8:10 WELCOME – INVOCATION – JUSTIN HILL
 8:15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – TERRY SLAYTON
 8:30 LORI MELTON — AUDIT MANAGER STATE AUDITOR’S OFFICE – AUDIT TOPICS
 9:30 EQUITY BANK – STACEY EIGHMEY - ACH LAWS AND SECURITY
 10:30 BREAK- SPONSORED BY **GILMORE & BELL**
 10:45 TRAVIS ELLIOT – MAC GENERAL COUNSEL - THE NEW OVERPLUS CHANGES AND OTHER CURRENT ISSUES
 12:00 LUNCH
 1:00 BETSY BYERS – MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION – AVOIDING PIT FALLS
 2:00 BREAK OUT SESSIONS (including school revolving fund, depository agreements, interest allocation, tax surplus redemption, unclaimed funds, recommended audit records, weekly reporting, and “You Won’t Believe This!”)
 4:00 BUSINESS MEETING
 2017 MINUTES – ELAINE GILLEY
 TREASURER’S REPORT – KAREN MATTHEWS
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT
 4:20 ADJOURN
 5:00 DIXIE STAMPEDE DINNER & SHOW (10-minute drive time)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

7:00 BREAKFAST – SIGN IN
 8:00 WELCOME/INVOCATION – JUSTIN HILL
 8:15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – KIM LYNE
 8:25 ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINISH SILENT AUCTION
 8:30 FRED DREILING & BECKY SCHOFIELD – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
 8:45 JUSTIN HILL – “I’VE BEEN EVERYWHERE”
 9:00 BREAK - SPONSORED BY **COMPUTER INFORMATION CONCEPTS**
 9:15 Sandy Crawford – MO State Senator 28th District
 Outstanding Senator Recipient 2018
 10:00 JIM PLATT- CERF REPRESENTATIVE – UPDATE
 10:15 BUSINESS MEETING
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 INTRODUCTION OF 2018-2019 MCTA OFFICERS AND BOARD
 RECOGNITION OF RETIRING TREASURERS
 11:15 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES
 12:00 ADJOURN



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Interview with Jennifer Heidenwith (Putnam County)

She had been content as a Deputy County Clerk since 2003. Then, Putnam County did away with eleven township collector positions and things began to change. Fortunately, Jennifer Heidenwith, Putnam County Collector/Treasurer, has a history of adapting to change. It wasn't that far in the past that she'd



attended Truman State University before it was Truman, and her mind was set on being a math teacher. But barely passing college calculus even with the

assistance of a tutor alerted her to the need to adapt. So she pivoted to a degree that has proven very useful...accounting.

After college, Jennifer saw an advertisement for the Deputy County Clerk position. At the time, she was substituting as a teacher and was told she was qualified for the position. But with her children in school just two blocks from the courthouse, she saw another opportunity to adapt her family to the local landscape and accepted the county's job offer and life moved conveniently forward.

When Putnam County (along with all other counties) abolished Township Collectors in 2006, former MCTA member and County Collector/Treasurer Sharon Thompson Parks arranged with the Commissioners for Jennifer to be

"transferred" into the newly-created position of Deputy County Collector/Treasurer. Soon, Jennifer was able to focus her energies on the kinds of office tasks she enjoyed. And when her boss, Sharon, decided to retire, Jennifer remembers thinking she was perfectly happy in her deputy's position. But then losing her mother to cancer coupled with the same medical diagnosis clouding her father's future, Jennifer's world began to shift.

And when one of the candidates to replace Karen indicated no intention of focusing full time on the Collector/Treasurer office, Jennifer decided the office needed her own guidance and skill set.

Asked what it was like to win the campaign election but not

she's been blessed with her granddaughter, Ashtyn. Adapting continues to be part of Jennifer's journey. Her childhood church closed after declining membership and Jennifer was fortunate to find a new church home in the Unionville United Methodist Church in neighboring Unionville, Iowa. Jennifer enjoys her free moments

with walking and wide-ranging reading including authors Joanne Fluke, Nicholas Sparks, and Max Lucado. And



her gardening provides many hours of labor followed by much understandable pride.



have her parents with whom to celebrate her victory, Jennifer said, "It was heartbreaking, but it was God's plan." With her work as Collector/Treasurer and helping her children reach adulthood, life fell into place. Those children are now grown (her oldest, Cyle, followed by Ashley, and Charlie), and



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Message from President Renno



Dear Fellow Treasurers:

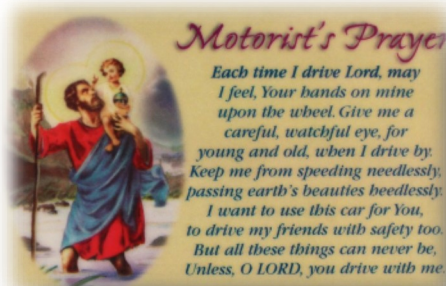
I hope that you are all having an enjoyable summer with both family and friends. For those of you that are out on the campaign trail, I hope that you are enjoying getting back out among your constituents and reminding them just why they put you in office for the first time.

I have been working diligently on obtaining what I hope will be an informative Fall Training Conference. I have tried to work around somewhat of a theme of "communication". I feel that the secret to success many times is through adequate communication. Whether that communication is with the employees in your office, for those with that luxury, concerning how you want your office to operate. The communication between you and your commissioners and other office holders and perhaps the most useful communication, that between you and other County Treasurers.

I do feel that our email chain is one of the most useful tools that has been added to our arsenal since taking office some 16 years ago. The instant communication between all of us concerning current issues or sometimes just educating newer treasurers about issues that they may be facing for the first time.

So keep up the good work and let's keep our lines of communication open throughout our organization. I look forward to seeing us all gathered together this fall in Branson!

-Rick



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