



# THE WHITE PAGES

## CAPITOL REPORT

WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2019

### LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS IN THE STATE CAPITOL

Over the course of the past 10 weeks, my colleagues and I in the Missouri Senate have reviewed numerous legislative proposals, including some that required lengthy debate and deliberation.

This week marks the beginning of the Legislature’s spring break, which means the Missouri General Assembly will take time to recharge and gear up for the last half of the 2019 legislative session.

After spring break, the Legislature will begin

working on our only constitutional responsibility, passing a balanced state operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. As we review each state department’s request, it is important that we make sure they are efficiently and effectively spending our tax dollars, especially when it comes to funding our states infrastructure needs.

With the failure of Proposition D last November, there have been numerous proposals discussed in the State Capitol on how to fund our state’s infrastructure needs. It’s no secret, Missouri’s roads and bridges are below adequate and are in need of repair. As our state budget continues to grow, I believe we must make fiscally responsible decisions when it comes to addressing this issue. I look forward to a productive dialogue on this issue, with the hope of finding a funding solution to our transportation



*Congratulations to Erika Miller, a 12th grader from Joplin, whose artwork has been chosen to represent Senate District 32 in the Senate parking garage hallway throughout the remainder of the 2019 legislative session.*

infrastructure needs.

### YOUTH ART MONTH

On March 11, 2019, several area youth were recognized for their artistic talent during the Missouri Senate’s annual Youth Art Month awards ceremony.

Erika Miller, a high school senior from Joplin, won first place in our district. As a result, her artwork was selected to be featured in the Senate Art Exhibit for the remainder of the year.

Hadley Zoromski, a student at Columbian Elementary School in Carthage, was awarded the Junior Legislator Award for participating in the Youth Art Month contest.



*Senator Bill White presents Hadley Zoromski, a student at Columbian Elementary School in Carthage, with the Junior Legislator Artist Award for participating in the Youth Art Month contest and having her artwork displayed in the State Capitol for Youth Art Month.*

It was truly an honor to meet Hadley and her family.

The Senate Art Exhibit was established in 2014 as a joint effort between the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education and the Missouri Art Education Association. The exhibit showcases fine arts programs from all 34 Missouri Senatorial Districts.

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# CONSTITUENT VISITS TO THE CAPITOL



*Jim and Sharon Gray, the grandparents of Tyler Gray, stopped by to visit Sen. Bill White.*



*Tom and Brenda Geeding traveled to Jefferson City to tour the State Capitol and visit with Sen. Bill White.*



*Patricia Woods of Joplin and Angela Hass of Carthage are both educators from the Carthage School District.*



*On March 12, several cadet members from the Joplin JROTC Program, along with their sponsor, Sgt. (Ret.) Richard Banks, were presented a Senate Resolution in recognition of the JROTC celebrating their 100 Year Anniversary.*

*From left to right: Kelsey Williams, Tanner Marshall, Benjamin Watkins, Ryan Byers, Briana Windle, Shelby Wagner and Rodledge Johannes.*



*2019 Fire Fighters Annual Recognition Ceremony  
From left to right: Mark Cannon, training chief; Joshua Jones; Sen. Bill White; Jim Furgerson, fire chief; and Justin Slates. Jones and Slates performed during the Color Guard Ceremony.*



*Randy Alsup of Joplin and Mark Francis of Webb City, representatives from the Joplin Health and Rehabilitation Center visit with Sen. Bill White.*



*Gina Rodriguez, Newton County treasurer and Denise Rohr, Jasper County treasurer, participated in the County Treasurers Advocacy Day.*



*On March 12, 2019, Krista Stark and Sherry Buchanan, along with other area Democratic women leaders who attended Women in Blue Day at the State Capitol.*



*On March 8, Sen. Bill White visited students at Carthage Technical Center.*



*Joplin Emergency Management Services  
From left to right: Chief Jason Smith, Erin Rust, David Demery and Sen. Bill White.*

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