

THE WHITE PAGES

CAPITOL REPORT

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019



Senator Bill White, Rep. Cody Smith, R-Carthage, and Gov. Mike Parson meet at the Shoal Creek Bridge site in Joplin.

On Sept. 24, the governor visited two bridges in Newton and Jasper County that will be replaced through a funding plan approved by the Legislature. The governor's visit highlighted the General Asembly's commitment to investing in Missouri's transportation infrastructure. Both bridges are used daily by Missourians and numerous out-of-state motorists, which further emphasizes the importance of maintaining our state's roads and bridges.

During the governor's tour, I was able to join him at the Shoal Creek Bridge in Joplin that runs eastbound over Interstate 44 at MM 5 and at the Route 66 Fly Over Bridge that runs eastbound over I-44 at MM 15. Due to their central location on I-44, I am glad to see these bridges included in the list of the 250 bridges that will be repaired or replaced throughout the state. The combined costs to repair both bridges is approximately \$3.2 million. I believe this commitment to our state's transportation infrastructure illustrates how the General Assembly is working to make sure Missouri is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

NOTABLE EVENTS



On Sept. 11, Sen. Bill White received the Business Champion Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Earlier this month, I was recognized as a business champion by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This designation recognizes lawmakers who

supported legislation during the 2019 legislative session that aimed to grow our state's economy and worked to make Missouri a more competitive place for new and existing businesses. During the 2019 legislative session, there were several pieces of legislation that were signed into law that will strengthen our state's workforce, improve our infrastructure and make Missouri a more attractive place to do business by reforming our state's legal climate. I was honored to be recognized for my work on these important policies.

During the annual Judicial Conference of Missouri Awards ceremony, I was recognized for my legislative service to the citizens of the 32nd Senatorial District, as well as my



On Sept. 19, Sen. Bill White was recognized by Missouri's Chief Justice Judge George W. Draper III at the annual Judicial Conference Awards Ceremony.

participation in the Missouri Bar and Judicial Conference by Chief Justice George Draper of the Missouri Supreme Court. As an attorney, I take pride in understanding how our state's laws affect the people I represent as a senator, and those I have worked with throughout my career. I was honored to be recognized during this ceremony, and I look forward to continue working with the Missouri Bar as we strive to ensure that our state laws are a reflection of the morals and values of all Missourians.

CONSTITUENTS IN THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT



On Sept. 6, Sen. Bill White was honored to recognize Sister Joan Schwager during a surprise celebration marking her 50 years of service with the Sisters of Mercy Convent. Currently, Schwager teaches religion at St. Mary's Elementary and St. Peter's Middle School in Joplin.



On Sept. 21, Sen. Bill White presented Nathan and Amy McDonald, owners/operators of Route 66 Drive-In Theatre in Carthage, a resolution commemorating the theatre's 70th anniversary.



On Sept. 17, Sen. Bill White presented a resolution to Crowder Industries of Neosho as they celebrated their 50th year in business.



Senator Bill White attended a breakfast hosted by the Carl Junction Chamber of Commerce.



On Sept. 6, Sen Bill White attended the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce's Morning Brew event that was hosted at the Arc of Ozarks in Springfield.

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