

In less than two weeks, Missouri voters will be asked to approve Prop D, a gasoline tax increase that is estimated to generate millions of new dollars for the maintenance of the state's roads and bridges.

If approved, the gas tax, which is now 17 cents per gallon, will increase by 2 cents per year over the next four years, maxing out at 27 cents per gallon in 2022.

Although this is the first time the gas tax question is being put directly before the voters, the idea is by no means new.

In fact, legislation suggesting the same type of increase was filed this year in the General Assembly by Republican State Sen. Dave Schatz of Sullivan.

"It's basically our bill," Schatz said. "The

one thing different this time is w a governor and lieutenant govern are on board. They are traveling th promoting this. We've not seen that past."

Senate Bill 734 had many of th provisions and also had the caveat o wide voter approval. The bill was



### Good Listeners

Several children listened to stories at the St. Clair Library read by Children's Programmer Alesia Cullen Thursday morning, Oct. 18. The children also played a game, sang songs and participated in a craft. Story time is every Thursday starting at 11 a.m.

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# McCaskill: Negative Campaign

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If you are sick of seeing negative political ads, you aren't alone. Sen. Claire McCaskill says she is disappointed the tone of her race against Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley has turned so ugly and she is trying to focus on the real issues and

her record.

The two-term incumbent Democrat made a campaign stop in Washington Tuesday afternoon, visiting with about 50 supporters at the Bryan Haynes Art Gallery.

McCaskill focused her stump

speech on health care but also touched on dark money, workers' rights and warned voters not to believe everything they are seeing in campaign commercials from her opponent.

"The advertising is false," Mc-

Caskill said. "I (Hawley) has number of fals

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