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Cars pass by construction on East Sunshine Street on Aug 16, 2021. Missouri's roads, bridges, water systems and other infrastructure priorities are expected to receive over \$9 billion as part of the federal infrastructure package awaiting a final vote in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Covid cases on the rise

Adair County surpasses 3,000 COVID cases, reports 28th death

Daily Express staff

The Adair County Health Department reported the county's 28th COVID-related death on Monday, along with at least 20 new cases each day this week.

A 51-year-old female admitted to Northeast Regional Medical Center (NRMHC) on Aug. 6 died on Aug. 15. Her death brings the total known among county residents to 28.

Twenty-four cases were reported Monday and 26 cases were added on Tuesday and Wednesday. The county's total case count stands at 3,023 with 119 active cases.

Adair County has administered more than 18,057 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, as of Aug. 17, according to data from the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services.

That's up 1.71% from the previous week's tally of 17,754 COVID-19 doses administered.

In Adair County, 35% of people living in Adair County are fully vaccinated as of Aug. 17. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers someone fully vaccinated two weeks after they've been given a single-dose shot (Johnson & Johnson) or a second shot (either Pfizer or Moderna).

Missouri reported 731,097 total cases of coronavirus, an increase of 3% from the week before.

The five areas with the highest percentage of their population fully vaccinated in Missouri as of Aug. 17 are Boone County (49%), Joplin (49%), St. Charles County (48%), St. Louis County (47%) and Franklin County (44%).

State will get \$9B – where will it go?

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Missouri is expected to receive more than \$9 billion in federal infrastructure funding over the next five years, part of the trillion-dollar bipartisan package that has been the center of debate and policymaking in Congress for months.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which received the endorsement of the White House and bipartisan approval in the Senate, is awaiting approval from the House of Representatives. If it becomes law, Missouri and the other 49 states will see significant cash infusions to repair

and develop roads, bridges, water systems and more over the next five years.

The federal dollars will be valuable in the Show-Me State's mission to upgrade its infrastructure, which the American Society of Civil Engineers graded as a C- in a 2018 report — unchanged from its 2013 grade. That pursuit is shared by Gov. Mike Parson, who has pushed for legislators to pass infrastructure improvements during his time in office. Earlier this year, he signed into law the first statewide gas tax increase since 1996, with revenue from the tax going toward road and bridge repairs.

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Council approves E-911 grant application, tax levy decrease, Rieger Armory rates

Austin Miller

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With nearly a month until their next meeting in September due to Labor Day, here is a rundown on some of the important items discussed and passed at Monday's City Council meeting.

Those include applying for an upgrade at the E-911 Center, a tax levy decrease, and usage rates for the Rieger Armory.

E-911 system upgrade

The city is applying for a Community Development Block Grant to replace an outdated system at the E-911 Center. The City Council approved that application

during its meeting on Monday night.

The total cost of the new system is \$609,603.18, which is the exact amount the city is applying for with the grant. There are five major systems used at the E-911 Center, with this grant looking to replace two and add one more.

Systems being replaced include the 911 line, which takes emergency and non-emergency calls and interfaces with radio dispatches.

Jon Cook, Kirksville's Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, said it is an urgent need to replace the system. He said there was a system failure in January. Some workarounds have been found but the manufacturer has been unable to fix the problem. And it's an obsolete system, so they need to be replaced anyway, Cook said.



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The new system would allow for improved geo-location and data services, along with a service where residents could text 911. Citizens could submit pictures and videos, which would help communications with hearing- and

speech-impaired residents.

"These are the last two systems downstairs that don't meet all future requirements for 911," Cook said during the

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Crisis in Afghanistan

What Missouri politicians are saying about Taliban takeover. **2A**

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Walsh’s husband dies after COVID-19 battle

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Steve Walsh, the husband of State Rep. Sara Walsh and spokesman for U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, has died following a battle with COVID-19, Sara Walsh announced early Thursday morning. He was 63.

"It saddens my heart to share that this morning my best friend and beloved husband Steve Walsh was welcomed to Heaven's glory into the arms of Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior," Sara Walsh tweeted.

Arrangements are pending, she said. "Thank you to everyone who has lifted us up in prayer," she wrote.

"I am saddened at the loss of Steve Walsh, who served my office and Missouri's Fourth District admirably for the past decade," Hartzler wrote in a statement Thursday. "Since day one, Steve has been a key member of my team, serving previously as Press Secretary before his current role as Field Representative.

"We loved Steve for his enormous heart, passion for life, and the joy he brought to everyone who was lucky enough to meet him. His love of God and his beautiful wife, Sara, was undeniable. Steve will be sorely missed, but his memory will live on with those who were blessed to know him.

"I ask that the Walsh family be given privacy during this difficult time."

An outpouring of support on social media followed Sara Walsh's announcement.

"I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my friend," State Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden tweeted. "Steve was a great guy — always quick to bring humor and optimism to any situation. He had a heart for people and for this state."

"Steve Walsh was a true professional, an incredibly kind man of strong faith, and he was our friend," Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe tweeted. "@ClaudiaLKehoe & I extend our heartfelt condolences to @SaraForMissouri. She is hurting. We are hurting. We will miss him greatly, but knowing he is in Heaven provides us comfort."

Gov. Mike Parson held a moment of



State Rep. Sara Walsh, R-Ashland, and her husband, Steve, contracted COVID-19. Steve has died after battling the virus, Sara Walsh shared on social media Thursday morning. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

silence Thursday for the Walsh family while speaking at the Governor's Ham Breakfast at the State Fair in Sedalia.

After working more than 25 years in media, Steve Walsh made a career transition into political communications in 2010.

Sara Walsh on Aug. 3 asked for community prayers as both she and her husband battled COVID-19.

She posted on Facebook at that time: "Friends, please pray for my precious husband Steve Walsh. He is very sick and is in the hospital. We serve a miracle working God and tonight please help me get prayers lifted up for Steve's healing and recovery.

"Steve is my sweet love and my best friend in the whole world."

An Ashland Republican running for Hartzler's seat in Congress, Sara Walsh said last week she had mostly recovered from the virus, though Steve remained hospitalized.

The couple did not get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Missouri politicians speak on Afghanistan

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A number of Missouri political leaders weighed in after Afghanistan's government fell Sunday, with Taliban fighters gaining control of the capital city Kabul and U.S. forces scrambling to withdraw from the country and end a war that spanned two decades.

The Afghan collapse — which President Joe Biden said Monday happened "more quickly than we had anticipated" — led to a rapid evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul and pandemonium at the city's main airport, where at least seven people have died, according to the Associated Press. Biden said he stood "squarely behind" his decision to evacuate U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

Reaction from Missouri officials to the events varied. Several prominent Republican leaders in the state were brisk in pointing the blame at the Biden administration, criticizing the execution of a U.S. withdrawal plan that had taken years to play out; another disagreed with the decision to withdraw; and a Marine veteran running for U.S. Senate as a Democrat decried the entirety of politics surrounding America's longest war.

Sen. Roy Blunt, a Republican who has served on both House and Senate intelligence committees, said in a statement Monday he believed the U.S. withdrawal "will prove to be a major mistake."

"The catastrophe that has unfolded in Afghanistan was an unforced error," Blunt said. "We are now faced with a devastating collapse of our intelligence gathering capabilities while terrorists regain a foothold to launch attacks against the United States and our allies. The U.S. could have maintained a limited presence that provided stability in Afghanistan and protected our national security interests."

Missouri's senior senator, who is not running for re-election next year, stopped short of criticizing the Biden administration specifically for the withdrawal, rather urging them to evacuate the U.S.' Afghan allies.

"The most important thing President Biden and his administration have to do now is get the Afghan people who stood by our side to safety," Blunt said. "They risked their lives for our country and we cannot abandon them. Failing to provide for their safety will be something our country regrets for a long time."

The Departments of State and Defense promised in a Sunday statement they would fly thousands of U.S. citizens, local embassy staff and "particularly vulnerable Afghan nationals" out of the country, according to the Associated Press.

The majority of elected Missouri Republicans opted to focus their criticism on the Biden administration, including junior U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley, who called the withdrawal "a disastrous display of incompetence that has provoked a humanitarian crisis" in a Monday statement.

"(Biden) and his administration failed to adequately prepare, failed to safeguard Americans and those who have helped us, drastically underestimated the speed with which the Taliban would overrun Kabul and other parts of the country," Hawley said, "and have generally shown themselves unable to fulfill their commitment to an orderly withdrawal."

Hawley was supportive of the Trump administration's withdrawal plan last year, writing to then-acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller and asking him to "stand with President Trump and bring our troops home as expeditiously as possible."

Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican and Army veteran, also directed blame to the White House, calling its actions "gross negligence" and "shameful."

"I find the manner in which this withdrawal is occurring — and the resulting resurgence of the Taliban — dishonors the decades-long service and sacrifice of our military members who have defended American freedom," Parson wrote on Twitter on Monday.

Members of Missouri's House delegation also spoke on the situation. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, a Republican who represents central and western Missouri and is running for U.S. Senate, criticized the Biden administration for what she called a "bungled and failed withdrawal" in a statement Sunday. She also focused on Afghan women, who she said would see "their advances crushed" under Taliban governance.

Rep. Billy Long, southwest Missouri's Republican congressman also running for Senate, wrote on Twitter Monday that "Biden is nowhere to be found," prior to the president's speech in Washington, D.C. Several prominent Democrats, past and hopeful future officeholders alike, also spoke on the subject. Jason Kander, former Missouri secretary of state and 2016 U.S. Senate candidate, posted a response to Hawley's statements past and present.

"Every elected official worrying more about how the situation in Afghanistan affects their political fortunes than about how they can help those on the ground can kindly go f— themselves," wrote Kander, a veteran who serves as president for the non-profit Veterans Community Project.

Stephen Webber, a Marine Corps veteran and former Missouri Democratic Party chair, urged the U.S. to bring Afghan refugees to St. Louis. Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas said the city would "proudly accept refugees from Afghanistan who have served bravely by our side over the past generation."

A Democrat running for U.S. Senate, Lucas Kunce, called the withdrawal "inevitable" in a Sunday statement and condemned the war entirely. Kunce served with the Marines for 13 years, including two deployments to Afghanistan.

"For 19 years, politicians in both parties lied to America," Kunce said. "They lied about the mission. They lied about the so-called progress. They spent trillions sending people like me to fight and die on a doomed mission to build up someone else's country because they thought it made them look strong. And today, that strongman façade has crumbled, only to reveal two decades of failed political and military leadership."

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A U.S. Chinook helicopter flies over the city of Kabul on Aug. 15, 2021. Political leaders in Missouri weighed in following the fall of Afghanistan's government to the Taliban, levying criticisms ranging from the Biden administration, U.S. foreign policymaking and the 20-year war as a whole. RAHMAT GUL, AP

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Prosecutors: Pair in prison but innocent of murders

Missouri laws hinder efforts to overturn their convictions

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The Missouri authorities who convicted an 18-year-old man in a 1978 Kansas City triple murder say they know he's not guilty. And in a 1994 St. Louis murder, local officials have known since at least 2019 that misconduct sent another young man to prison.

Both are innocent, according to local prosecutors. Other people have confessed to the two slayings. But Kevin Strickland, convicted of the 1978 crime, and Lamar Johnson, convicted in 1995, remain in prison.

Two cases on opposite ends of Missouri have this in common: State laws denying local prosecutors the right to vacate convictions have trumped evidence of the men's innocence. The two are also caught up in a politically charged fight pitting a tough-on-crime state attorney general, running for U.S. Senate, against Democratic prosecutors in Kansas City and St. Louis, who admit their offices got the cases wrong.

Republican Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt submitted legal filings against both Strickland's and Johnson's release.

His office contends that the lone witness to the killing of which Strickland, now 62, was convicted was forced to recant, before the witness's 2015 death. The attorney general's office also maintains Johnson, now 49, could have walked 3 miles to kill his friend and then walked back to his home in about five minutes.

Officials in Schmitt's office declined to comment on the cases for this article because of ongoing litigation.

Strickland has been in prison for 43 years; Johnson for 26. But Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker and St. Louis city attorney Kimberly Gardner are hoping they can get help in freeing the men from a new Missouri law giving local prosecutors more say in circuit courts to overturn convictions based on a miscarriage of justice.

Schmitt can still intervene in such cases under the law, and he is. But for Baker and Gardner, when the new law takes effect Aug. 28, it will be a new avenue to right past wrongs.

"I don't know of other attorneys general in other states that have decided to take this kind of position," said Baker, who says her office wrongly convicted Strickland and has been fighting for his release since May. "I think we stand alone."

Strickland and Johnson are not alone, however, in being convicted of crimes that later evidence found they did not commit.

Since 1989, at least 2,839 people have been exonerated of crimes ranging from sexual assault to murder. Together, those exonerated people spent more than 25,250 years in prison before they were freed.

The most recent high-profile case was this summer, when Curtis Crosland of Philadelphia was released after serving more than 30 years behind bars for murder. Crosland was convicted solely on witness statements that were later recanted.

Samuel Gross, the semi-retired law professor at the University of Michigan who founded the National Registry of Exonerations, estimated the actual number of wrongfully convicted people in the United States to be "at least 100 times greater than the number of exonerations."

Missouri 'is an outlier' in its



FILE- In this Nov. 5, 2019 file photo, Kevin Strickland is pictured in an interview room at Western Missouri Correctional Center in Cameron, Mo. The Missouri Attorney General's office says the longtime inmate is guilty of killing three people in Kansas City in 1978. In a motion filed Monday, July 12, 2021, Assistant Attorney General Andrew Clarke asked a judge to deny a petition seeking to exonerate Strickland and free him from prison. (James Wooldridge/The Kansas City Star via AP, File) AP

approach to justice

Even with the prosecutors saying Strickland and Johnson are innocent, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson, also a Republican, did not include them on his August pardon list.

"It's pretty easy on the outside to say 'Hey, he's innocent.' I don't know whether he's innocent or not. I don't," Parson said when asked about Strickland's case in June by Kansas City's NBC station.

The predicament Strickland and Johnson face is not new in Missouri, which advocates have criticized in investigations and editorials for its particularly strict adherence to statute over facts.

"It is an outlier," Gross said of Missouri.

In 2003, then-Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon, a Democrat, had his assistant attorney general, Frank Jung, tell a state Supreme Court justice that case finality outweighed evidence of innocence in the case of Joseph Amrine.

That was a death penalty case involving a 1985 murder of an inmate in which witnesses against Amrine were offered protective custody and reduced charges in exchange for their help to convict Amrine, but later recanted their statements.

Despite the evidence, Nixon and his office pressed to set an execution date. Weighing that case, a justice asked Jung, "Even if we find that Mr. Amrine is actually innocent, he should be executed?"

Jung responded: "That is correct, your honor."

"Why should people trust a system when even the state itself, the prosecutor, says 'This person is wrongly imprisoned,' and then another part of the state uses the system to block it," said Maurice Possley, senior researcher at the national registry. "That can't be justice. That has to be politics... To me it's criminal in itself."

Baker, the prosecutor in Strickland's case, agrees.

"Maybe everything is political," she said. "Masks have become political, the pandemic is political, but this shouldn't be. We need to push back on that. It's wrong, and sometimes things are wrong

— so wrong that they have outcomes that are just too harmful to the practice of prosecution, the seeking of truth and justice."

In Amrine's case, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that there was "clear and convincing evidence of actual innocence that undermines confidence" in Amrine's conviction, and he was freed later that year.

But he was lucky, according to Tricia Rojo Bushnell, executive director of the Midwest Innocence Project.

Years later, in 2016, the Court of Appeals for Missouri's Western District ruled that innocence alone is not grounds for exoneration without some accompanying constitutional violation — or in Amrine's case, a death sentence.

Missouri's Constitution simply wouldn't allow for it.

'Kevin Strickland wasn't at that house'

Strickland was 18 and a high school dropout who wanted to join the military when he was first tried in 1979. That trial ended with a hung jury, the lone holdout being a woman who voted for an acquittal. She was the panel's only Black member.

A prosecutor at the time allegedly walked to the defense table to warn that the outcome would be different at a retrial. Two months later, Strickland was found guilty, this time by an all-white jury. He was given a life term without the possibility of parole for 50 years.

Cynthia Douglas, then 20, was the only witness who picked out Strickland as one of the four assailants after her sister's boyfriend suggested he could have been the young, short man who waved a shotgun at the scene where three people — two men and a woman, all in their 20s — were killed.

Douglas, who was injured in the shooting, sat in the very back of the courtroom that year when Vincent Bell and Kilm Adkins pleaded guilty to the killings that April night in a Kansas City bungalow.

In his plea, Bell said: "I'm telling you the truth. Kevin Strickland wasn't at that house."

Strickland did have an alibi for the night of April 25, 1978, according to Bak-

er's office. He was home with his brother, chatting on the phone with his girlfriend and watching television.

Soon after the Bell guilty plea, Douglas began having doubts about her memory of that night, and she began telling anyone and everyone, including prosecutors, that she was mistaken, according to Baker.

She knew her testimony was the single piece of evidence that sent Strickland to prison. Without it, there is no case against him, Baker said.

In February of 2009, Douglas, then Cynthia Richardson and working for the county's Family Court Services' accounting department, wrote to the Midwest Innocence Project.

Her short email carried the subject line "Wrongfully charged," and it read: "I am seeking info on how to help someone that was wrongfully accused, this incident happened back in 1978, I was the only eyewitness and things were not clear back then, but now I know more and would like to help this person if I can."

The Innocence Project, founded in 2001, estimates "there are roughly 2,000-7,000 people in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska that are locked behind bars this very moment for crimes they did not commit."

It is a lot of cases, and Strickland's wasn't taken up by the organization until 2018, according to Bushnell, who started at the Innocence Project in 2013.

Since then, Strickland's attorneys — backed by Baker, Jackson County's presiding judge, federal prosecutors, the city's mayor and the attorneys who originally won Strickland's conviction — took his case to the Missouri Supreme Court.

The state's high court declined to hear the case in June.

Bushnell and her team refiled the case in DeKalb County, Missouri, where he is locked up at Western Missouri Correctional Center.

An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for November. Baker could file a motion to exonerate Strickland in Kansas City once the new law takes effect Aug. 28, she said. In the meantime, other discovery filings are being made in DeKalb.

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Dear Adair County Citizen:

Our Covid-19 cases continue to rise in Adair County as we approach the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The Adair County Health Department needs your help and consideration to properly mitigate the highly transmissible Delta variant in our county. Based on our current surveillance and contact tracing we are strongly recommending the following for all Adair County citizens:


1. Use masks indoors including all schools, businesses, and public places.
2. Get vaccinated if you are 12 years of age or older.
3. Get a booster vaccination when they become available.
4. Avoid gathering with other people whenever possible.
5. Get tested for Covid-19 if you think you have been exposed to this virus.
6. Wash your hands often and disinfect whenever possible.
7. As with any virus or other disease, please stay home from work and school if you are sick.
8. Consider not traveling until the number Covid-19 positive cases improves.
9. Consider a "layered approach" to mitigate this virus using the above recommendations. Taking just one action is not enough to stop the spread. Layering all these strategies is necessary at this time.
10. Please contact others if you are a positive case for Covid-19 or a close contact to a positive contact. This is particularly important for schools and employers.

The Adair County Health Department will continue to do contact tracing for households including dorms, apartments, and congregate living spaces where people live in shared spaces. We will isolate positive household cases for 10 days. We will quarantine for 10 days close household contacts who may contract the virus within that time period. We will notify all schools in Adair County whenever we encounter a student's positive case or if a student is a close contact as identified through our household contact tracing process.

The Adair County Health Department is available to answer questions you may have. Our website also has information about the vaccine and mitigation strategies <https://adair.lphamo.org>.

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OPINION

We have to put an end to the forever wars

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As a veteran of the “Global War on Terror,” my heart broke for the people of Afghanistan. This past weekend likely represents an end of that country’s democratic experiment, and what comes next is uncertain. But as I watched the fall of Kabul in tweets and news reports, saw people frantically clamoring for whatever aid they can find and whatever way out they can secure, I reflected upon the work I’ve done in trying to end America’s forever wars.

I fought this war for 10 years and I know we could have stayed in Afghanistan another 10 years, another 20, we could have stayed until the stars died and it would change nothing. Our attempts to build western-style statehood in Afghanistan resulted in a Potemkin army, Potemkin security forces, and a Potemkin state. The Taliban takeover was, as a result, *inevitable*.

But more to the point, this was never a war that could be won. Even as we fought it, we weren’t sure what the goal was. I grew up a lot the day I realized that we were there because we as a nation lashed out in anger and pain, and we’ve been stuck ever since. Ending this cycle of violence, a direct result of our tenuous occupation of that country, is the right thing to do.

After the president’s speech on the matter, I am now hopeful that vulnerable Afghans will not be left behind, that interpreters and others who assisted us in trying to build a new Afghanistan, will be safe, and that diplomacy will be our favored tool of a new, comprehensive, people-centered and prevention-oriented foreign policy going forward.

Moreover, we should learn the right lessons from this horrible weekend. Let us remember the grind of the last 20 years, and how quickly it came tumbling down, the next time cynical politicians tell us they can achieve regime change. And let us not fool ourselves into thinking that the effect of our wars overseas don’t have an effect here at home!

When we invest in these wars, by giving inconceivable amounts of money to military contractors and weapons developers, we destroy communities of color overseas, and force them into the purposefully Byzantine process of seeking asylum or immigrating; and then we turn out our pockets to our own citizens of color because we spend three-fourths of our federal budget on war.

Let’s face it: These wars perpetuate injustice, justify a surveillance state with a nebulous enemy against whom victory is impossible, and give budgetary cause to oppress people both at home and abroad in the name of white supremacy. It’s time to end the forever wars.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kirksville school mask policy

Every day it becomes more clearly evident that the current Covid virus contagion primarily infects those in our midst who remain unvaccinated. A large segment of that vulnerable population consists of children younger than twelve years old. These children occupy their unprotected position through no fault of their own, but simply because Covid vaccines are not approved for their use, not yet.

Protecting this group is of paramount importance for us as a community, but especially now, when students start returning to school. Interestingly, the CDC recently issued explicit guidance to safeguard the health of every individual in our school system, and that includes our youngest, least protected students.

Here’s the unvarnished advice: “Given new evidence of the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, CDC has updated the guidance for fully vaccinated people. The CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.”

To my knowledge, this advice has not sunk in yet with decision-makers in Kirksville’s public school system. The CDC safeguards are

particularly important for pupils at the Primary School, as well as Ray Miller Elementary School, in my view. Although too young for Covid vaccinations, these innocents will necessarily be placed in close, prolonged, indoor contact with teachers and staff who are perhaps vaccinated, but maybe not, perhaps wearing masks, but maybe not.

Whereas I’m not convinced the CDC guidance goes far enough in safeguarding children, I do strongly support adopting their loud and clear recommendation for “universal indoor masking” in our schools. Cutting corners with children’s health is simply inexcusable. We need to mandate universal mask-wearing here, and we need to do it now.

Submitted by Mark Laughlin, Kirksville



Mr. President, fire your national security adviser for Afghanistan debacle

The people, plans and processes the President has put in place to keep America safe are not working.

Brett Bruen
Special to USA TODAY

President Joe Biden needs to shake up his national security team.

The disaster that unfolded in Afghanistan is illustrative of other major issues at the White House. The people, plans and processes the president has put in place to keep America safe are not working.

Those he has chosen for key positions have repeatedly failed to challenge their own assumptions. It sadly led to the most unnecessarily embarrassing day in the history of the National Security Council.

The national security adviser has two jobs. As the name suggests, they are the last and ideally closest counselor to the president in the Situation Room.

Their second duty is to translate the commander in chief’s decisions and direction into practical policies. Sometimes that requires speaking truth to power. On all of these scores the current occupant of the office appears to have failed.

I served with Jake Sullivan in the Obama administration. He is extraordinarily bright and because of that, advanced at record speed as a staffer to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and later Vice President Joe Biden.

While he knows all the theories and academic arguments in foreign policy, his overseas experience is less robust. It can lead to the disconnect between ideas and implementation.

Yes, Biden wanted out of Afghanistan. It was on Sullivan to figure out how to achieve the president’s goal while ensuring we avoided potential pitfalls and problems. That’s clearly not what happened.

As we’ve all seen in recent days, the boss’ mind was made up. But, in a case like this, you absolutely have to find a way to manage up and explain the real risks to pursuing the preferred presidential path. Instead of just going along, the national security adviser needs to lay out safer options that could accomplish the same stated goals.

It’s not just on the decision to recklessly retreat from Afghanistan. The Biden administration has been stronger on slogans than substance when it comes to foreign policy. They promised America is back, but have disengaged in a surprising number of areas, from Cuba to Israel.

The last eight months have seen far too little attention paid to growing global threats. The White House has overemphasized the superficial and failed to make the necessary systematic changes after four destructive years of President Donald Trump.

Part of the problem has to do with personnel decisions. The White House has opted to pack political types into the most influential positions.

Indeed, there is only one career diplomat in a senior position on the National Security Council, the senior director for Africa. This is far fewer than under President Barack Obama. It means Sullivan and Biden are not getting advice from those with the most recent and relevant experience.

Things do not get much better at the State Department, where for the first time in a quarter century a current career diplomat is not in one of the top three jobs.

We can see the administration’s predilection for



Afghan nationals rushed to the Pakistan-Afghanistan border crossing point in Chaman on Sunday as the Taliban took control of Afghanistan after President Ashraf Ghani fled the country and conceded the insurgents had won the 20-year war. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

putting political appointees in national security positions in their choice of ambassadors. Biden has too often treated too many posts as political party favors, naming the well to do or well-connected to places like Turkey, where diplomatic experience is normally a prerequisite.

Those appointments across the national security structure are a reflection of the arrogance that has accompanied the arrival of this team. They came in largely ignoring the worries and warnings of institutional experts on several major international issues.

First, we saw the border and refugee policies run into avoidable ditches. The president rushed to change policies without adequately consulting the experts working in those areas.

In both cases, the administration had to quickly back track. But, not before losing valuable time and credibility. Serious questions were also raised about their handling of relations with places like Saudi Arabia and Russia, where Biden has promised principled change. Then came Afghanistan.

Yes, we were always going to pull out. It was a question of how and when. Both of those were decisions that Sullivan had to use his role to carefully guide.

Unfortunately, it seems he allowed the president’s push for an end to our involvement in the country ahead of Sept. 11 to drive the American timeline. That was a catastrophic error. Our people were unprepared. We failed to get them out of harm’s way. The Afghan government and military clearly were not ready either.

President Biden needs to fire his national security adviser and several other senior leaders who oversaw the botched execution of our withdrawal from Afghanistan. He has to restructure how and with whom he is making major foreign policy decisions, allowing for more input from career experts.

There should be absolutely no more donors appointed to represent us abroad. The stakes are just too high. Finally, there is an urgency to repairing the extensive damage done to our reputation and credibility on the world stage.

That’s going to require the president spending a lot more time than he has focused on global crises and listening to those who did not work on his campaign.

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Shooting your shot with the person you like



Dear Annie
Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I know this awesome guy. Let’s call him “Luke.” We’re both teens, and we see each other because our little sisters are best friends and our dads get along well. I really like Luke – a lot. He’s very polite, kind and funny. My problem is that I don’t know if he feels the same way about me. There are times when I could almost swear that our feelings are mutual, but then he says or does something that makes me feel unsure. I really don’t know what to think. Any advice that you have is appreciated.

– *Confused About Feelings*

Dear Confused: Shoot your shot! Ask him out. There’s a very good chance he feels just as you do. And if not, he’ll be flattered, and you can move on, knowing where you stand. Let us know how it goes.

Dear Annie: I enjoy reading your column every day and usually agree with your advice. However, I think you may have missed the mark with “Am I Petty,” who reconnected with her ex-husband and is now dating him again. He met a woman on a dating app while they were briefly broken up for three weeks. She stated that she was afraid to broach the subject with him because he gets very upset. That statement tells me that he may have been abusive and controlling in their relationship. Between the lines, I read that this man thinks only of himself and has come back to roost with a woman that he thinks will put up with him – again. You advised her to take a step back and consider whether the relationship was right for her. I think she should take that step, turn and run – not walk – in the opposite direction. She divorced him once and is asking for more heartache if she continues to let this man manipulate her.

– *Know the Type*

Dear Know the Type: I appreciate this insight, though I’m sorry you had occasion to gain it. It does sound as though “Am I Petty’s” husband is, at the very least, somewhat emotionally manipulative and engaging in gaslighting. Readers can learn more about this practice and how to combat it by visiting thehotline.org and searching entering “gaslighting.” into the site search bar.

Dear Annie: Regarding “Should I Let Go for My Own Sanity”: She’s in a crummy situation, to put it mildly, but maybe getting involved with some people who’d be a little more appreciative would make her feel better. Mentoring a student, reading to students, visiting with

elderly people, whatever she might like – she might get a little more appreciation and feel a little better. It doesn’t change the situation with her sons, but she might see that their opinions aren’t the only ones in the world. Just a suggestion.

– *Sue M.*

Dear Sue: And a very good one, at that. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from “Driving Me Crazy” regarding scaring passengers in her car. As I read the letter, I couldn’t help but immediately wonder if the letter writer is struggling with ADHD symptoms and could possibly be helped by seeing a doctor about the condition. As someone with ADHD, I know that reckless driving is a big symptom. Many, many people with ADHD report having similar issues with driving. For many people with ADHD, driving is extra dangerous, and I hope the letter writer will talk to her doctor. It’s worth a conversation if she hasn’t ever been diagnosed with ADHD.

– *Rhys*

Dear Rhys: I hadn’t considered the risks ADHD poses while driving. This is indeed worth a conversation with one’s doctor. Appreciate the tip.

Dear Annie: After my mother died, my father married a woman he found online. She only visited us once in person before she moved in and they got married. She wasn’t always the nicest, and honestly, I was scared of her. She’d even “jokingly” call me Cinderella when she wanted me to do tasks around the house for her. I was an adult in therapy before anyone told me this was emotional abuse. Thankfully, this woman is long gone from my life (and my father’s life).

I know people are only responsible for their own actions, but is it wrong of me to want an apology from my father? I’m still hurt that he never apologized for not protecting me more. I was a child, and he put this woman in a position of power over me. Should I ask for an apology? Should I let it go?

– *Still Hurting*

Dear Still Hurting: I’m sorry that you lived through that. It’s not wrong of you to want an apology from your father, but asking for one point-blank might not bring the satisfaction that you would hope: If he apologizes, you might feel he only did so because you asked him to. If he doesn’t, you’ll be angrier than ever. You absolutely should express to him how this hurt you. It might help to write your feelings down in letter format first so that you can make sure to cover everything. Remember that your father is flawed like all humans, and he may not react the way you’d like. But speaking your piece can bring some measure of peace.

Dear Annie: This is in response to “Vexed by the Ex Texts,” who didn’t like that her husband still regularly

spoke with his ex-wife. My husband and I are in our 70s, and we both have children from previous marriages. We both have a very friendly relationship with his ex-wife and her current husband. We socialize at family gatherings in celebration of our children’s accomplishments and our grandchildren’s. We are “friends” on Facebook. Our relationship with his ex has made it possible for our children to be friends, for his children not to have to decide who to spend time with and for family gatherings to be fun. Plus, we just enjoy being together. We feel blessed to know one another.

– *Blended Family*

Dear Blended: What a beautiful relationship. Thanks for your testimony to how we expand our hearts and worlds whenever we choose love over bitterness.

Dear Annie: You provided great advice to “Couple in a Conundrum,” who found themselves in a sticky situation when a friend confided in them regarding her credit card debt, which she was hiding from her spouse. I would also like to suggest this woman in secret debt look into Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace classes. This program provides excellent advice, and the couple who wrote to you could perhaps offer to pay for the friend and her spouse. This could provide real solutions for them to not just tackle one financial issue but also bring about substantive changes in how they deal with money and get a handle on their money issues.

– *Janet S.*

Dear Janet: Thanks for the tip. There are also free debt-management courses available online, including the free Alison.com class entitled Introduction to Managing Your Personal Finance Debts.

Dear Annie: My brothers tried to get me to give them my 401(k) retirement money – after they depleted their own by buying themselves new cars, “investment properties” and every new electronic toy that came out – under the guise of investing my retirement funds for me.

They are both divorced now and renting (one of them was homeless for a time). Once they understood I would not bail them out of their bad choices, I never heard from them; except when they asked our 92-year-old mother for her savings because she cannot say no.

– *Just Say No; I Am Not a Bank*

Dear Just Say No: You are right that it is OK to say no to people and maintain boundaries – even if it is with the people you love. But you might feel better if you showed your brothers a little compassion. It won’t cost you a dime, and it will make you feel good to open your heart – but not your wallet – to them.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Obituaries

TODAY’S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES				
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Atwell, Nancy Kay (Roberts)	51	Greentop, MO	15-Aug	Travis-Noe Funeral Home
* Additional information in display obituaries <i>Obituaries appear in print and online at legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress</i>				



Nancy Kay (Roberts) Atwell

GREENTOP - Nancy Kay (Roberts) Atwell, 51, of Greentop, Missouri, passed away Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

Nancy was born December 9, 1969 in Lancaster, Missouri, the daughter of Richard and Kathyln (Hart) Roberts.

On August 5, 2009 in Plano, Iowa, Nancy was united in marriage to Jeff Atwell.

Nancy is survived by her husband Jeff Atwell of Greentop, MO; her father Richard (Kathy) Roberts of Kirksville, MO; one son, Craig (Stephanie) Parsons of Kirksville, MO; two daughters, Lorenda (Joe) Roberts of Kirksville, MO, and Amber (Aaron) Collis of Seymour, IA; one sister, Phylis Ann (Richard) Bowling of Glenwood, MO; her father and mother-in-law, Robert and Donna Atwell of Centerville, IA; six grandchildren, Emma, Kaci, Kinsley, Kolt, Payton, and Lincoln; two nieces, April (Amos) Frady and Courtney Hatfield; and two great-nephews, Ashten and Asa Frady.

Nancy was preceded in death by her mother, Kathyln Louise (Hart) Roberts.

Nancy resided most of her life in Schuyler County and was a graduate from Schuyler County High School with the Class of 1988. Nancy’s true passion in life was time spent with her family for they were her everything. She loved watching her grandchildren, attending their ball games, cooking, baking, and her dogs.

Nancy will be remembered for bringing joy where ever she was, for wanting to make everyone laugh, and for being the life of the party.

Public visitation will be held Sunday, August 22, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with a Memorial service to follow at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Donny Powell will officiate the service. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date at Maple Hills Cemetery in Kirksville.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Nancy may be made to the McKinney Bark Park and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Pandemic also changed how we care for pets

Dear Readers: During this difficult time, we had to change many of our shopping habits, and that’s true for how we cared for our pets. It was easier to have all kinds of goods delivered, including pet food. Now pet companies are offering subscription boxes of specific pet food for your pets that are delivered to your house. And on-demand pet grooming is growing. You can use an app to find a local, on-demand cat or dog groomer who will come to your doorstep. Check out these options. Your vet will be aware of these kinds of services, too.

– *Heloise*

Dear Heloise: I save the clear plastic sleeves that come with greeting cards. I cut one down to size and put my COVID vaccine card in it and taped it shut. The card is protected and can be easily updated if boosters are given.

– *Jean, via email*

Jean, that’s a good recycling hint, too. You also can make photocopies of your card to have on hand or in case you lose or damage the card. There are also COVID card protectors that you can buy.

– *Heloise*

Dear Readers: Often, we just rinse the pot out with water after we finish the coffee. But it also needs a thorough cleaning to remove oils or deposits on the sides or bottom of the pot. You should follow the directions in the booklet that comes with your pot. For most types, you can pour white household vinegar into the water well of the coffeemaker and then run the pot through a cycle. After that, run plain water through it several times to rinse out the vinegar. It should be clean and ready to use again.

Vinegar is a must-have in every home! There are so many ways it can be used for cleaning, deodorizing and cooking, so I’ve put together a six-page pamphlet full of vinegar uses that you can get by visiting www.Heloise.com or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To freshen your toilet bowl, pour in full-strength vinegar. Leave in for five minutes, scrub and then flush.

– *Heloise*

Dear Heloise: The entire length of the dryer vent hose needs to be cleaned out from time to time, usually with brushes on poles or on ropes, as lint buildup will be a danger there. We took the back off our dryer and were surprised to find plenty of lint there, too. It would be great if the manufacturers put in a few more filters so we could safely maintain our appliances ourselves.

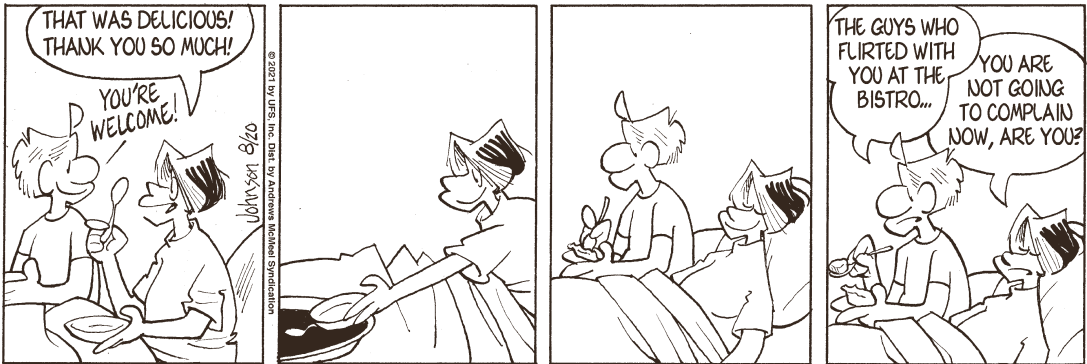
– *Kay, Port Charlotte, Fla.*

Kay, good advice. Clean the dryer lint screen after or before each load. This keeps the air flowing through the dryer. A buildup of lint can cause a fire hazard. Never run your dryer when you are not at home.

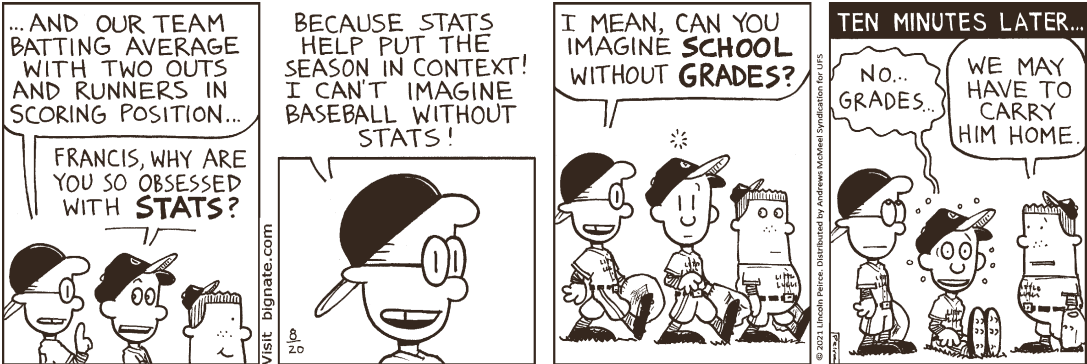
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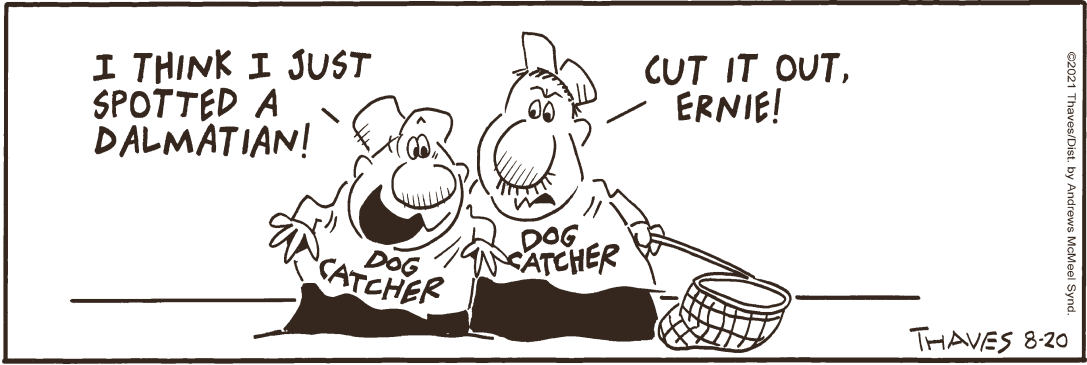
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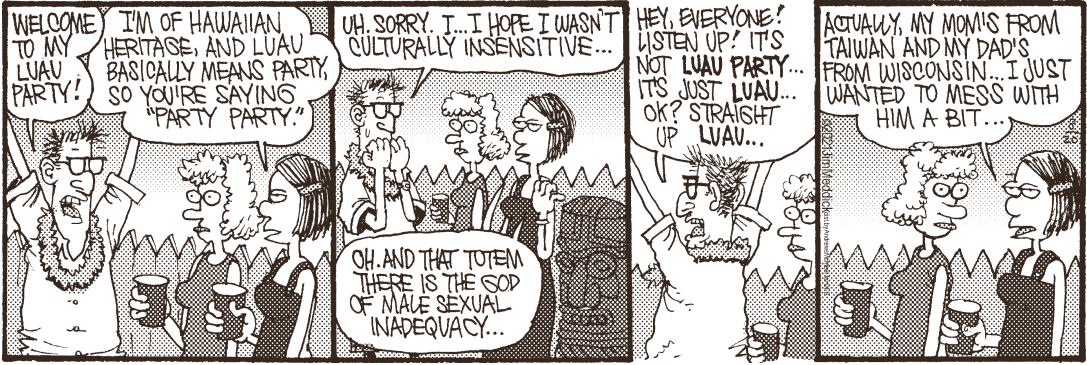
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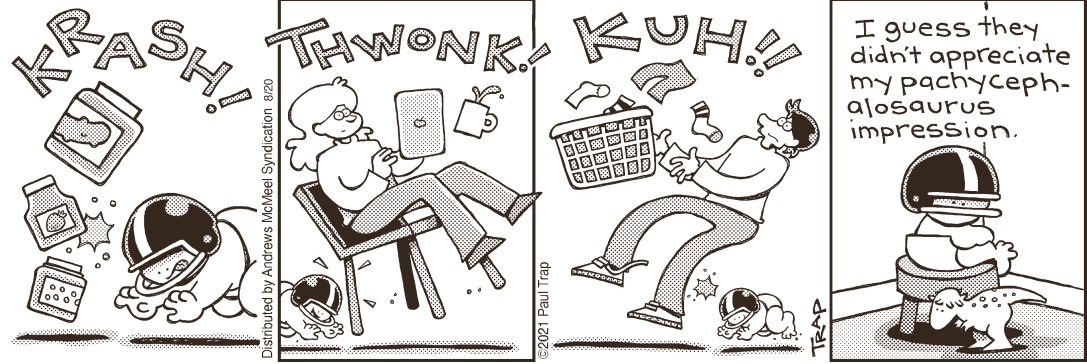
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Choose
4 Bath powder
8 Indentation
11 Royal address
12 Asian nanny
13 Galena
14 Lamb's alias
15 Mouth, in Baja
16 Competed in a race
17 Percussion instruments
19 Monster
21 Birthday count
22 Soggy
23 Giggle
26 Dalmatian, to a firefighter
29 Get wrong
30 Sour-tasting
32 Animal foot
34 Prefix for billion
36 Mild onion
38 School org.
39 Focus on (2 wds.)
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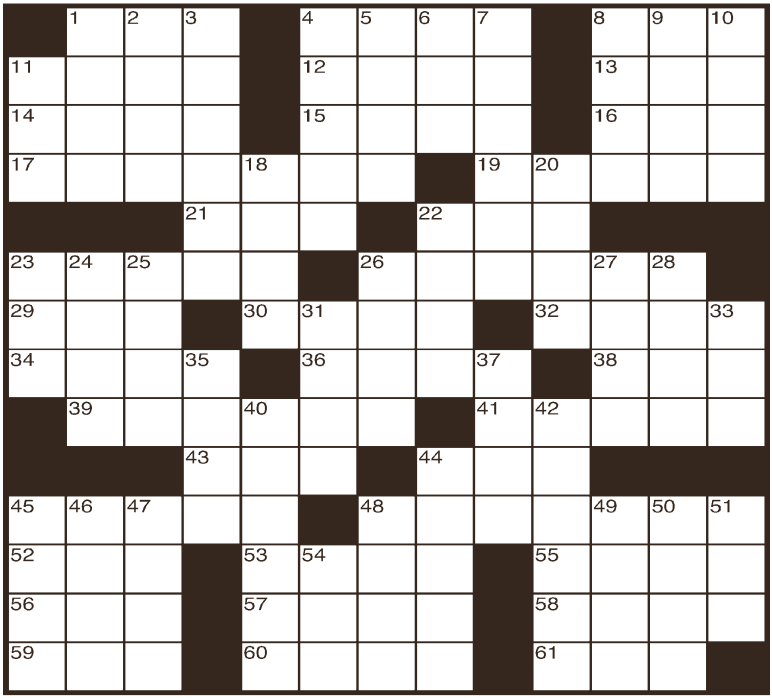
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1 Slick
2 Stiffly formal
3 Item to dunk (2 wds.)
4 Shelve indefinitely
5 Gen. — Halftrack
6 Resinous secretion
7 Rubs
8 Sponge feature

43 Sports VIP
44 Genetic material
45 Outlaw pursuers
48 Kind of watch
52 Hwy.
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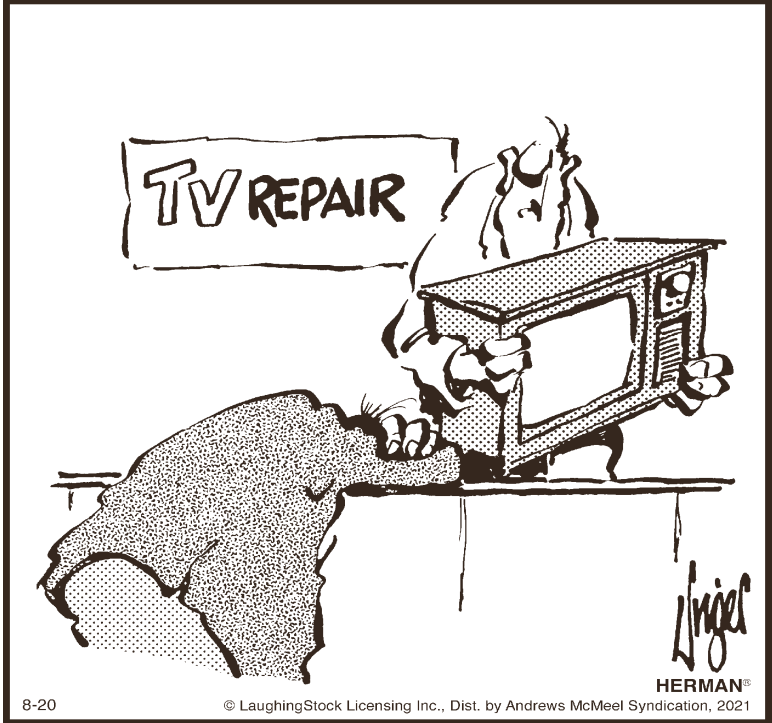
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"What are you crying for? I promise you'll have it back by tomorrow."

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Reach out to people who share your concerns, and you'll form a tight bond. Nurture a meaningful relationship by physically showing how much you care. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A discussion with someone in a superior position will help bring about positive change that will encourage new opportunities. Mix business with pleasure. ☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Use everything available to ensure you do the best job possible. Listen to suggestions and develop ideas that help you cover every potential problem that can surface. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A passionate approach to the responsibilities you take on will help you gain respect and encourage financial opportunities. Step outside your comfort zone. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Forge ahead. Engage in the physical aspect of your responsibilities, and you will feel productive and closer to reaching your goal. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Speak pointedly and you will resolve issues quickly, leaving more time to socialize and enjoy yourself with friends and relatives. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't settle for less than what you want and deserve. When one door closes, another will open. Be true to yourself, and go after what you want. ☆☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your life simple and meddlers at a distance. Look for the path that satisfies your needs and makes you feel good about where you put your time, money and help. ☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Act, and get things done on time. An opportunity to spend time with a friend or relative will lead to a reunion with someone you haven't seen for some time. ☆☆☆

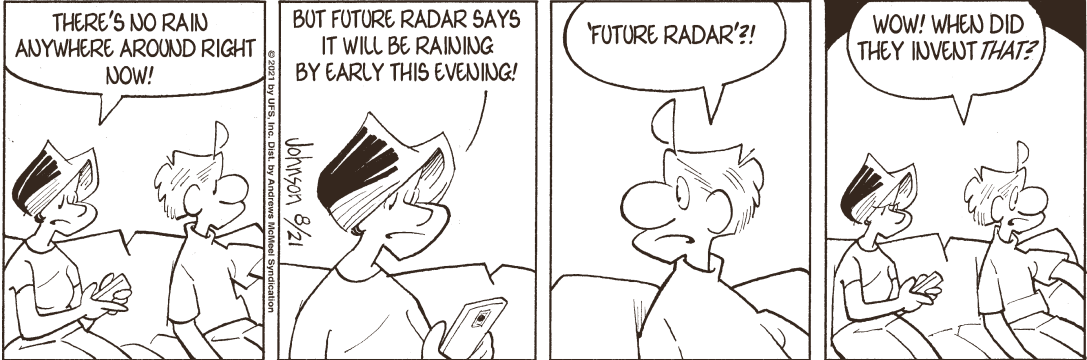
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take precautions to avoid injury or illness. Use your intelligence to ward off an argument. Make adjustments that help you save money. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think big, but don't go over budget. Pay more attention to how you look and feel by making nutritional habits and fitness routines priorities. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Look on the bright side — it will be easier to get things done and win favors from those who have something to contribute to your plan. ☆☆☆

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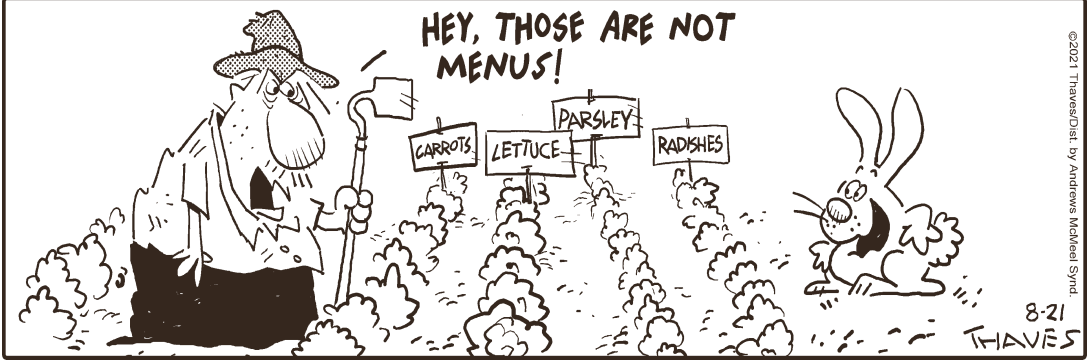
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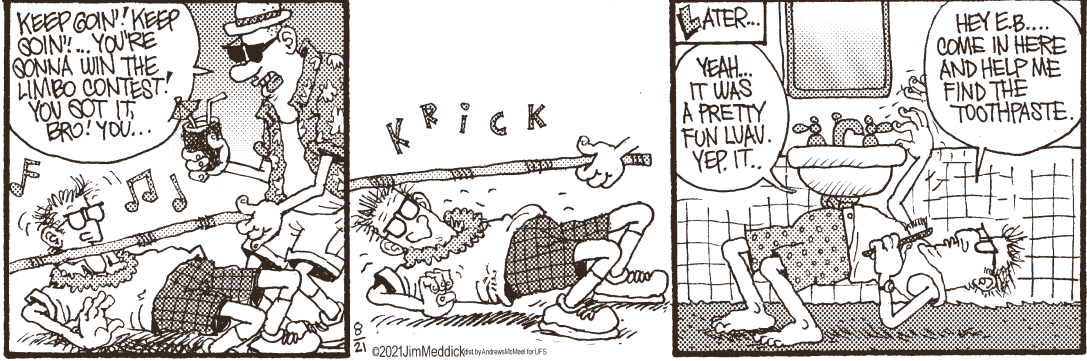
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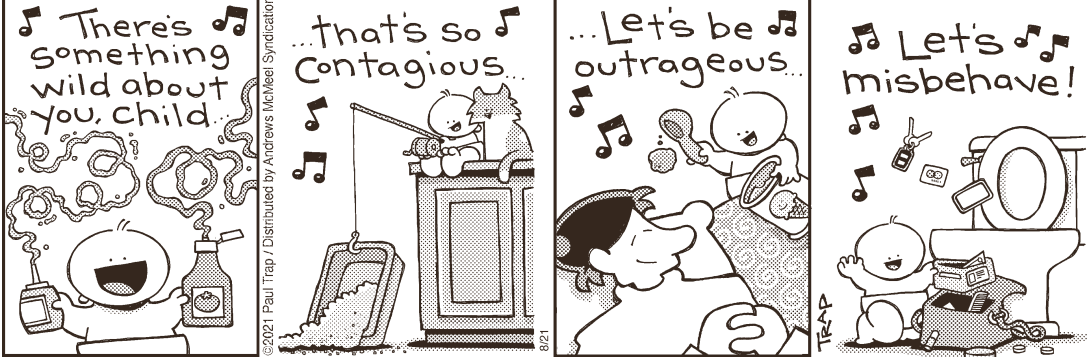
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Magnificence

5 Catch

9 Crow's cry

12 Locale

13 Mesa dweller

14 "— got it!"

15 Hindu princess

16 Betrayers

17 Tupac's genre

18 Pounced

20 Implied

22 Familiar digit

23 Palace dweller

24 Opposite of most

27 In fine fettle

28 1040 agcy.

29 Hula- —

31 Efficient

35 Wonka's creator

37 Optimum

39 Dawn goddess

40 Virtuosos

42 Dispute

44 In a tedious manner

46 Dik-dik cousin

47 Honking bird

48 Sydney native

51 Cause a blister

52 Crashed down

54 Beauty parlor sound

56 Purpose

57 River duck

58 Neutral shade

59 Bunk

60 Boys

61 Later on

DOWN

1 Golf term

2 Like some exams

3 Food list

4 Makes a portrait

5 Mid-afternoon

6 Line on a map

7 Talented

8 Revolver

9 About that time

10 Be of benefit

11 Sobbed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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19 Barbarian

21 "The Mammoth Hunters" heroine

23 Gym iterations

24 Kitchen topper

25 Pitcher's stat

26 Volcanic dust

27 Heartaches

30 Submit

32 Canine command

33 Gehrig or Rawls

34 Compass pt.

36 Sets down

38 Gets some sun

41 Chin features

43 Winter apple

44 Extinguish

45 In judge's garb

46 Shore birds

47 Chuck wagon offering

48 Actor Cumming

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50 Blarney stone locale

53 Want ad letters

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“We’ll have to eat in the kitchen. Your dinner’s stuck to the stove.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Explore what’s available to you. Socialize with people you find interesting and informative. Focus on physical strength and loved ones. Romance is in the stars. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Just say no. Refuse to be lumped into someone’s cause or dreams. Figure out what makes you happy, and follow through with plans that excite you. ☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Choose to stick close to home and to develop a routine that can lead to new opportunities. Learn from life experience. Romance is encouraged. ☆☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Dedicate time to what’s important to you. Make domestic changes, and take time to learn and explore new interests. Be receptive to new beginnings. ☆☆☆

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you overdo it, you will fall short when time and effort are most needed. Be smart, think outside the box and eliminate what isn’t required. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for something you enjoy doing. Share your ideas, and strive to do something that will make you feel good about yourself. Romance is on the rise. ☆☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Taking the helm and trying to make a difference is honorable, but don’t let anyone take advantage of your kindness. Be creative and think matters through. ☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments are a waste of time. Focus more on what you can do to satisfy your needs and to be the best that you can be. ☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take better care of yourself. Don’t attend an event that may be a health risk. Discipline will help you overcome indulgence. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Send the right message. Don’t mince words or leave any stone unturned. Stay focused and shoot for the stars. It’s up to you to take responsibility for your actions. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to a simple lifestyle. Choose budget-friendly entertainment, and align yourself with people who share your concerns, likes and dislikes. ☆☆☆

SPORTS

Versatility creates potential for Knox softball

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Lauren Dale looks out on the softball field in Edina, she sees potential. For the former Knox County star, now in her second season as head coach, she sees success on the horizon. But it's a matter of when. With plenty of young girls ready to hit the diamond this fall, Dale expects some pains early in the season. But once the team comes together, she envisions a team hitting its stride at the end of the year. "We're going to go through a growing process early, but I think we saw that last year, too," Dale said. "We went through a growing process but were

playing our best ball at the end of the season. That's ultimately what matters." Last season, Knox's first and last games of the year show the growth the team had. The Eagles opened the season with a 9-0 loss to Canton, the reigning state runner-up in Class 1. The Eagles saw the Tigers again in districts, putting up a tougher fight in a 6-3 loss and ending the year with an 11-13 record. The Eagles bring a good group back into 2021, but losing shortstop Riley Strange is a big hit to the lineup. Dale expects sophomore Brianna Miller, who spent last season at second base, to slide over to short. And then there's junior Jen Hinkle,

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Knox County's Jen Hinkle gets set to field a groundball during practice on Monday, Aug. 16.

AUSTIN MILLER

KNOX COUNTY FOOTBALL



Knox County football coach Bruce Vannoy talks with his team during a preseason practice. AUSTIN MILLER

Eagles confident with speed in 8-man move

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It's a new day in Knox County this fall as the Eagles join the ranks of 8-man football in 2021. That's a move that not only better suits the team's numbers, but fits the current makeup of the team. In 8-man football, speed is the hot commodity. Sure, the field is smaller, but fast guys put up points quickly. To instill that mindset, coach Bruce Vannoy emphasizes speed in everything the team

does. Whether that's a drill, getting dressed or getting reset after each play, time is of the essence. With a returning burner like receiver/defensive back Branson Miller, and athletes like Jacob Becker and Austin Jansen, who composed half of a state champion 4x400m relay team this past spring, the Eagles can fly. "I love 8-man. It's a lot of fun, it's face-paced and just a lot of open-field tackling, which isn't going to be easy," said junior Rylan Roberts. "If we can control the offense and defense, we can do work."

Roberts is the one tasked with facilitating the team's offensive weapons, stepping in as the new quarterback. Miller played QB fairly frequently in the past three years when Conner Hayes dealt with injuries, so Miller was the planned heir apparent for this season. But Vannoy worked some magic this summer and persuaded Roberts to hit the field. Roberts did play in middle school, so he's not totally green to the sport. As a standout baseball player for the

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Macon football betting on deadly offense

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There's one word on the lips of Macon's offensive players this preseason. Deadly. The Tigers think they have the makings of an exceptional offense this fall. But as the Tigers also admit, there's a ton of work to make that fantasy football come to life. The biggest part of that is refining coach Jameson Allen's up-tempo offense. Allen made the team play fast last year, but there's another level to reach in his second year. "We're trying to get the defense out of sync so we can do what we do," Allen said. "We're going to pick the tempo up a little bit more to get in a good play, to wear the defense out. We want to score in bunches. "I think it can be deadly. Once we really start to understand everybody's role, it can be really deadly," Allen said. "We've got a lot of really good skill guys and our offensive line is getting better."

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Macon football coach Jameson Allen talks with his players during a preseason practice. AUSTIN MILLER

Macon softball brings most of its lineup back from big season

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The Macon softball team surprised itself last season. A 15-5 campaign. The program's first Clarence Cannon Conference title in 18 years. A high district seeding in Class 3's likely toughest district. Few if any Tigerettes expected that run last year. "Every team out here wants to win state. ... Last year, I'm not sure that they believed they could get there," said coach Lea Ann Hamlin. "As we progressed along, I don't think there was even a thought of winning conference. Then, all of a sudden, it was like, 'We can do this. We can come together.'"

So now, with the Tigerettes bringing just about everyone back from last season, the expectations are high in the City of Maples. "It definitely puts a bit of a higher standard on us," said senior center fielder Jaley Hayes. "Because we're not necessarily expected to win it again, but to compete well in that conference." "I think it just pushes the girls to work harder every day at practice because they know that they want conference, they want districts. For everyone to hold us to that high standard, we have to perform well," said senior shortstop Lexi Miller. First baseman Kate Hawkins is the biggest piece Macon has to replace this fall, but with nearly a whole lineup full

of seniors, they should get that done. Along with Miller and Hayes, who hit .437 and .302, the Tigerettes have six returning starters who hit over .300 last year. That's a lot of pop for one lineup. And there's plenty of great defense to go along with that offense in Macon. Hayes is one of the top defensive outfielders in the area, Miller is as good as it gets at shortstop, and senior infielder Emma Bruno can play almost any position and get outs. And after being the team's primary pitcher for two years, Brooke Weimer will be even better as a junior. Even with those great upperclassmen around, Hamlin is also a big fan of her younger players. No matter how the

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Macon's Jaley Hayes throws the ball in after making a catch along the fence during a practice on Aug. 17.

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Once they gel, it can be really fun to watch.”

Junior MyKel Linear steps into his first full season as the Tigers’ quarterback. He took the reins of that position last year and had no plans of letting them go this summer. Through camps and seven-on-seven work, Linear’s arm and accuracy have taken big strides. Allen is excited to roll with his quarterback.

“He’s the perfect guy for this system,” Allen said. “That’s kind of why I came here. I saw him and I saw what his capabilities were — that was kind of a selling point for me because it fits what I do offensively. ... He’s the perfect spread quarterback. He’s got legs, he can throw the ball, we just have to get him mentally in a spot to make great decisions. Then we’re off and running.”

Along with Linear, the Tigers bring most of their offensive playmakers back. Running back Trevin Shrum returns, highlight-reel receiver Chrisjen Riekeberg is back for a senior campaign, and Allen feels the line is coming together to create for those guys. Riekeberg hauled in 30 passes for 505 yards and two scores last fall. Those numbers should jump up this season.

Those are also big names to watch on defense, as well. With Riekeberg, Linear and others at defensive back, Allen likes his unit as one of the best in the state. And with Shrum leading the linebackers and Dalton Cashatt doing damage upfront, Allen expects his defense to be more technically sound.

If the defense limits other teams, then the offense goes back to work to put them away.

This time last year, Allen was taking over as head coach after not having any



Macon junior quarterback MyKel Linear winds up for a throw during practice drills on Tuesday, Aug. 17. AUSTIN MILLER

summer work due to the pandemic. He was building an airplane in the air once August rolled around last year, trying to learn his players and install his plays. Having a summer has him and the Tigers starting this season in a better spot. That’s another reason why he’s so giddy about his team and offense this year.

And after a 3-5 season, the Tigers are a bit under the radar. Allen is happy to start the year that way, then winning

and bringing Macon back to prominence.

After one bad practice early in the preseason, the team captains got together to talk about what went wrong. Since then, the team has been humming along and putting good practices together. And Allen is getting close to his desired speed of play.

“We watch film every day to see what it’s supposed to look like. We’re getting

close to that. We’re running, we’re running, we’re running and I believe if we get going, we can be deadly,” Linear said.

“We can be the fastest in the state if we want to. We return all of our skill players from last year. After that first year in the system, we understand it better, know where we all need to be, and are all on the same page. So it can be really deadly.”

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Eagles, Roberts has the arm. He’s adjusting to the speed of the game since he knows he has to get rid of the ball quickly since, unlike in baseball, he’ll get run over if he doesn’t. And he likes his arsenal of weapons to choose from.

“That makes me very excited, and me and (Miller) have a relationship that we’ve built this summer,” Roberts said. “I know when he’s ready for it. I feel like if I just throw it up, he’s gonna jump up and catch it.”

Vannoy’s sweet-talking has worked well in the past. He convinced Carter Marble to come out last season as a junior, who then turned in an 82-tackle season in his inaugural football campaign. The Eagles would benefit from a similar debut at quarterback.

Aside from Roberts, Knox returns most of its offense from last year. Junior Keaton Strange returns at running back, and Miller will get touches back there in two-back sets. And four returning linemen — Robert Dooley, Elijah Ward, Holden Goucher and Braxton McCurren

— are upfront. Vannoy doesn’t plan on running many four-lineman sets, but he has depth there to use. He also hopes to use a tight end more, which can be a major weapon in 8-man if the right guy is there. Tanner Gillaspay spent some time there last fall and Marble could also wind up at tight end.

Many of those same offenders will be crucial on defense, too, but Vannoy plans to not have so many guys playing both ends. But right now, getting the eight best guys on the field at one time is his priority.

“There’s a lot of guys going both ways right now, but the difference is — on offense, I’d say there are three positions, and four positions on defense where we could make a change and there wouldn’t be much difference,” Vannoy said. “We’ll definitely rotate and try to keep guys fresh.”

Knox attended an 8-man summer camp a few weeks ago, seeing perennial powerhouses like Stanberry, King City and North Andrew. That was their best look yet of how they stack in the 8-man ranks. With what Vannoy saw then, he thinks his team can step in and compete well in this first year. One potential secret weapon is Becker, who, standing at



Knox County running back Branson Miller breaks a run during offensive drills on Monday, Aug. 16. AUSTIN MILLER

6-foot-4, will be a factor at receiver or in the secondary. He was a late addition to the team last fall, so he didn’t play last season. Vannoy said he hauled in several big-time catches at that camp.

“To get on the field and see those teams, see where we match up, was huge for us,” Vannoy said. “We held our

own. Obviously, it wasn’t perfect, but offensively we moved the ball and scored a bit. I was most impressed with our defense. We were able to fly around and hold teams to modest gains or no gains.

“I’m excited about our defense. Ultimately, that’s going to be the make or break for us when it comes to having a good season or a bad one,” Vannoy said. “Most teams can score. It comes down to: What can you hold them to?”

With the change, Knox’s schedule is much different from previous years. The rivalry game with Scotland is gone, as are clashes with other Lewis & Clark Conference or area foes like Fayette, Milan and Marceline.

But the Eagles get to play Schuyler County again — twice — and North Shelby. Though this year’s schedule features a couple of treks across the state and some schools the Edina faithful won’t be familiar with, those are key games for the Eagles.

“We’re really excited about those, to see those teams again. We hate to lose Scotland — we love that game and I think that they did, too,” Vannoy said. “But we go back and get two older, way back-type rivals and we’re excited about it.”

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previous season went, Hamlin leaves every position open when starting each year, making everyone earn spots. With the Tigerettes returning most of their starting lineup — and them all focused on surpassing last year’s success — Hamlin hasn’t had a hard time piecing that lineup together.

She thinks some of the younger players can succeed if given the chance, but with so many talented veterans, it’s tough for them to see the field.

“It’s a great problem to have,” Hamlin said. “It creates an atmosphere of competition, so, as a coach, you have to be careful that you select the right one. But they know me well enough that if they start having slumps or other things go-

ing on, there’s a chance they will be replaced and have to fight their way back in. So that’s just how it works.”

Hamlin took over as coach on an interim basis last year but had that tag removed this season. This is her second season back in Macon after a previous stint with the program.

Being familiar with the area and the conference, starting last season with wins against Centralia and Monroe City were big for how she measured where the team was at. She saw more out of the Tigerettes than than they gave themselves credit for. So with so many experienced players back from a big season, the whole group is focused on an even better campaign this fall.

“We’ve played together for years and I just think that us being together for this last year, we’re going to work together really well to be a strong softball team,” Miller said.



Macon’s Emma Bruno fields a ground ball during practice on Aug. 17. AUSTIN MILLER

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who brings her .440 average, 22 RBI and 23 stolen bases back from last year. Hinkle spent most of last season behind the plate, but also played third base. A solid defensive catcher, though Dale thinks her athleticism could be better utilized at other positions sometimes. Strange made a similar move as a junior, switching from catcher to shortstop.

Dale thinks most of her players will

fluctuate positions, having enough versatility to maneuver as needed.

“Knowing I can put them anywhere, that gives the entire team a little sigh of relief,” Dale said. “... So knowing we can use our two pitchers and be confident in the defense behind them at any time, it gives the entire team a different feel out there. They trust each other and they have fun out there, and that’s a big thing for them.”

Senior Daniela Dooley should inherit most of the pitching duties this season. She also has sophomore Agnes Reel as a partner in the circle. Dale also likes what

Reel can bring on the offensive side this fall. Reel batted leadoff to start last season, and with hindsight, Dale thinks that was too big of a spot for her as a freshman. Once Reel moved down in the lineup, her bat came alive. So Dale looks to move Reel higher in the lineup this year, now with the confidence to spark the offense.

After some interference from Mother Nature during the team’s first week of practice, the Eagles are having a strong second week. Great attitudes have been the biggest part of that.

“The kids are still here and they’re

showing up with good attitudes,” Dale said. “Give me someone with a good attitude and we’re going to have a good season. They make the most of their time here, and that’s all I can ask for.”

Dale also feels more rounded as a coach in her second campaign. She learned a lot last year in her first season as the head coach. She feels she has a better grasp on keeping expectations high and when to be serious, while also making sure the players are having fun.

“A huge part of it is the kids, and knowing them, how to work with them and how they work best,” Dale said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Freshmen to watch in 2021

Hank Kurz Jr.
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Ga’Quincy McKinstry not only arrived at defending national champion and preseason No. 1 Alabama with a reputation as a lockdown cornerback, but also with a nickname: Kool-Aid.

It’s even how he’s listed on the Crimson Tide roster.

McKinstry is just one example of blue-chip high school standouts who arrived on campus – many last spring – with accolades and expectations to match.

Defensive end Jack Sawyer is at Ohio State and already tooling around Columbus in a loaded Chevy pickup he got as part of an endorsement deal from actor Mark Wahlberg’s Chevrolet dealership.

And Sawyer, regarded as the top recruit in Ohio, hasn’t played a snap in a live game in well over a year after sitting out last season because of the pandemic.

Here are just some of the freshmen facing high expectations to watch in 2021:

GA’QUINCY MCKINSTRY, CB, No. 1 ALABAMA: McKinstry may be too talented to keep off the field for a defense replacing first-round NFL draft pick Patrick Surtain II. “Kool-Aid” (he just struck an endorsement deal with the beverage maker) is 6-foot-1 and 180 pounds and will likely compete for early playing time with no real experienced starting cornerback listed opposite of Josh Jobe. He also practiced with the Southeastern Conference champion basketball team some last season after enrolling early and planned to play both sports.

“He is what we thought he was, but I thought he was more physical,” defensive coordinator Pete Golding said. “I think with any freshmen that’s very talented – and Kool Aid is no exception – is still the same thing of the consistency.”

JACK SAWYER, DE, No. 4 OHIO STATE: Rated by some as the top high school football player in the country, and that’s even though he sat out his



Georgia wide receiver Adonai Mitchell catches a touchdown pass during the spring game in Athens, Ga. CURTIS COMPTON/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION VIA AP

senior season in the Columbus suburb of Pickerington because of the pandemic. Committed to the Buckeyes during his sophomore season, Sawyer is a 6-foot-5 pass rusher who has added 30 pounds since arriving on campus, defensive line coach Larry Johnson said.

“Expectations are very high because he’s a local guy, but I think he still has to get on the field and play,” Johnson said. “He hasn’t played football in almost a year and a half now, and spring football doesn’t really count.”

WILL SHIPLEY, RB, No. 3 CLEMSON: The 5-foot-11, 200-pound five star from Waddington, North Carolina, might already be the fastest guy on a team loaded with fast guys. He could eventually assume a role similar to that

of Travis Etienne, the ACC player of the year in 2018 and 2019. Shipley has to climb because the Tigers have depth, but could move up quickly.

ADONAI MITCHELL, WR, No. 5 GEORGIA: He made a splash with seven catches for 105 yards and a touchdown in Georgia’s spring game. With the Bulldogs facing questions at receiver, he could get a real shot early because some ahead of him on the depth chart are nursing injuries. LSU transfer Arik Gilbert, a former tight end, is not currently with the team.

TROY FRANKLIN, WR, No. 11 OREGON: Arrived in time for spring practice with the intention of changing the run-first culture for which the Ducks are known, and began making inroads on

that quest right away. Had four catches for 93 yards in the spring game, and was cited by coach Mario Cristobal for looking like a veteran by the time fall camp opened. At 6-foot-2 and 170 pounds, he appears to be in line for a starting spot on the outside on a team loaded with freshmen talent.

KOREY FOREMAN, DE, No. 15 USC: At 6-foot-4 and 265 pounds, he’s known as a pass rusher first, but also works well in the running game. The former California prep star can beat a defender with quickness or power. Will have much to learn at the college level, but could make an impact right away being used as a designated pass rusher whose primary role is to get to the QB.



Trevor Bauer has been on paid leave since July 2 after signing a three-year, \$102 million contract in February. DARREN YAMASHITA/USA TODAY SPORTS

Bauer has restraining order rescinded by judge

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LOS ANGELES – A Los Angeles judge on Thursday ruled in favor of Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer, rescinding a restraining order that had been in force against him since late June after a woman accused him of assaulting her in his home this year.

The decision came after more than nine hours of testimony by the accuser in a court hearing to determine whether the restraining order was warranted based on the evidence. In denying the order, Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman said that according to the 27-year-old San Diego woman’s testimony, Bauer followed her boundaries when she set them, and he couldn’t know the boundaries she didn’t express to him.

“We consider in a sexual encounter that when a woman says no she should be believed,” Gould-Saltman said, “so what should we do when she says yes?”

Bauer did not testify at the hearing as the judge ruled he did not have to take the stand. The judge asked Bauer if

he intended to invoke the Fifth Amendment. “Yes, your Honor,” he said.

Bauer is in limbo on two other fronts: ● Pasadena police have been investigating the matter after the accuser said he choked her unconscious during two sexual encounters at his home in April and May and then punched her during the second encounter.

● Major League Baseball is investigating and could discipline him. Bauer has been on paid leave since July 2.

The woman testified this week that she sought a restraining order in late June because she feared what Bauer might do after he learned she went to the hospital with injuries after the second sexual encounter. The court granted her request for the restraining order on a temporary basis until the evidence could be weighed by a judge.

Bauer has not been arrested or charged. His representatives have said his relations with the woman were consensual and that she is motivated to gain a monetary settlement.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Driver Corey LaJoie will miss Sunday’s Cup Series race at Michigan because of NASCAR’s COVID-19 protocols. RICH BARNES/USA TODAY SPORTS

NASCAR’s COVID-19 protocols sideline LaJoie for Michigan

Jenna Fryer
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Corey LaJoie will miss Sunday’s race at Michigan because of NASCAR’s COVID-19 protocols.

LaJoie posted “Protocols” on Twitter in what appeared to be clarification that he has not tested positive for COVID-19 and was missing the race because of NASCAR’s pandemic rules. Spire Motorsports said Thursday that Josh Berry will replace LaJoie in the No. 7 Chevrolet.

LaJoie has one top-10 finish this season and is 29th in the Cup Series standings.

Berry, meanwhile, was announced as a full-time Xfinity Series driver next season for JR Motorsports. The 30-year-old has run a limited schedule with JRM this year and scored his first career victory at Martinsville in April. He was scheduled to replace Michael Annett at Michigan in Saturday’s Xfinity race.

Berry has one career Cup start, earlier this season for Spire at Dover.

NASCAR this week tightened its protocols on the advice of its consulting physicians as cases of COVID-19 have spiked across the country. Only essential personnel are permitted to travel to the track, guest access was cut in the garage and on the starting grid, and masks are now mandatory in all indoor spaces.

Drivers are prohibited from visiting suites and their movement routes will be adjusted to avoid casual interactions with fans. The honorary pace car driver, guest pace car rides and grand marshal car passengers have all been suspended.

NASCAR was one of the first major sports to resume competition last year at the start of the pandemic and its tight protocols made it the first sport to complete a full season. The protocols were eased beginning in May, but mandatory mask wearing was reinstated earlier this month.

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Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21AR-PR00086 In the Estate of MARY L ANDERSON, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY L ANDERSON, Decedent: On July 29, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY L ANDERSON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:

Martha Dyer, 18388 State Hwy 149, Green Castle, MO 63544 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Joshua E. Deleeuw, 210 N. Elson, Suite A, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-4617.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21AR-PR00058 In the Estate of JAMES CLYDE BEALS SR, Deceased. Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JAMES CLYDE BEALS SR, Decedent: On July 30, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of JAMES CLYDE BEALS SR, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is: Annette Mary Beals, 605 Northeast 5Th Street, Grimes IA 50111. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address, and phone number is: Jessica Rooks, 2424 S. Franklin, Suite A, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-627-3369 The personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is: Jessica Rooks, 2424 S. Franklin, Suite A, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-627-3369. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: April 13, 2021 Date of first publication: August 7, 2021 Linda Decker Adair County Circuit Clerk Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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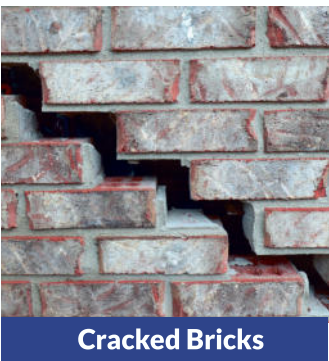
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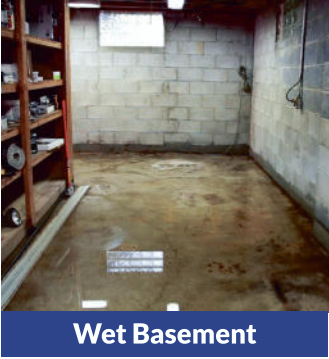
IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21AR-PR00088 In the Estate of BONNIE STEWART, Deceased. Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BONNIE STEWART, Decedent: On July 30, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of BONNIE STEWART, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: Angela Stewart, 41 North Broadview Court, Apt. B, Columbia, MO 65201 The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Lisa C. Machicao, 6731 W. 121st Street, Suite 219, Overland Park, KS 66209, 913-312-5604 All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: November 17, 2020 Date of first publication: August 7, 2021 Linda Decker Adair County Circuit Clerk Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.



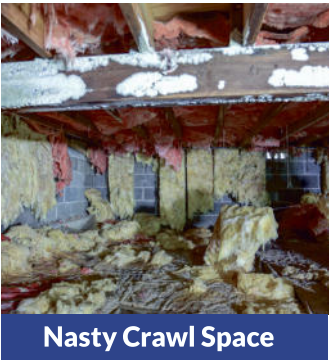
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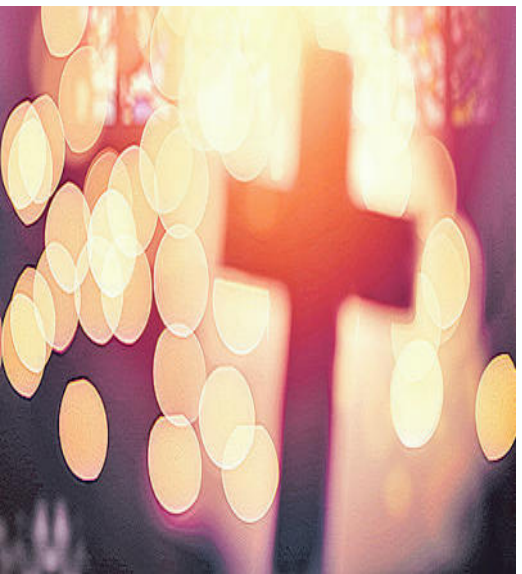
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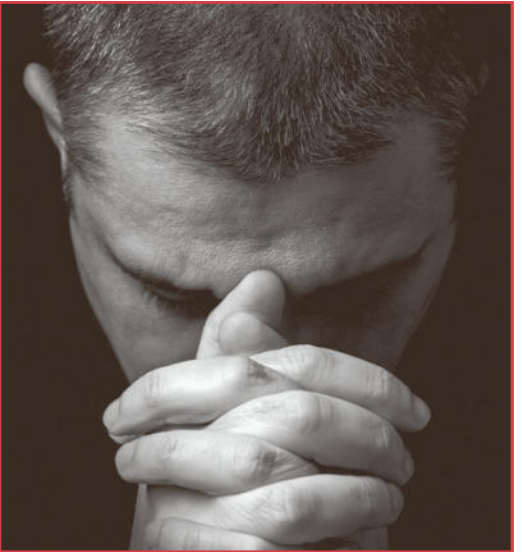
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David Lukelahr, Pastor
8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE
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9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirksville.org

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton
Pastor, Steven Nelson
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship/Youth
www.hamiltonstreet.org

Rehoboth Baptist Church
100 Pfeiffer Rd.
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
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First Presbyterian Church (USA)
201 S. High at McPherson
Communion 1st Sunday
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship
Kirksville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship
www.kirksvillechurchofchrist.org

First Baptist Church
207 E. Washington
Jason Marlin, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship & Kids Worship
firstbaptistkirksville.com

Faith United Methodist Church
1602 E. Illinois
Pastor: H.R. Rogers
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Southside Baptist Church
1010 W. Burton
Pastor: Aaron Rodgers

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com
Kirksville Nazarene Church
2302 N. Lincoln Road
Michael Askew, Lead Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Route 65 (Children's Church)
www.kvnazarene.org

Central Church of Christ
2010 S. Halliburton
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship Service
Faith Baptist Church
502 N. Florence
Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Worship

The Crossing Church
810 E. Shepherd Ave.
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service
www.thecrossing.net
Grace Community Bible Church
1501 E. Northtown Rd.
Benjamin Jorden, Pastor
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America
9:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups
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First United Methodist Church
300 E. Washington
Rev. Scott Beard, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
www.firstumckirksville.org
Pure Air Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
TBA Bible Study

Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way
Pastor: Rob Linhart
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Service **Novinger United Methodist Church** Pastor Raymond Magruder
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. Bible Study **Fellowship Baptist Church** 1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbck@sbcglobal.net
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

Yarrow Methodist Church
Highway N., Yarrow
Pastor David Stuckey
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. **Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Catholic Newman Center
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday
7:00 a.m. Monday
9:00 a.m. Wednesday
Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville
Alan Coonfield, Pastor
Every Sunday Evening
5:5-3:30 p.m. Bible Study
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service **Sugar Creek Baptist Church**
5 mi South on Hwy 3
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church
2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, ministeServices on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10:30 a.m. Song Service
11:00 a.m. Preaching
Lighthouse of Love Brashear, Mo
Pastor, John Bowen
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Meadow Brook Christian Church 602 E. Washington
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo.
7:30 a.m. Sunday
Life Church of Kirksville
112 W. Potter
Jeremy Pingle, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

Community Presbyterian Church
210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo
Rev. John Becker, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
Grace Fellowship Church
1501 S. Baird St., Kirksville
Pastor, Brian Carter
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Countryside Christian Church
S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills
Preacher, Harold R. Engel
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet
www.countrysidekv.com

Gifford Christian Church
Minister: Darren Potter
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Lake Road Chapel
22963 Potter Trail
Pastors: Charles Leiter, Richard Ochs, Mason Vann, Garrett Holthaus
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service
www.lakeroadchapel.org

Church of God (Holiness)
1601 N. Elson
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
New Hope Evangelical Church
620 Steer Creek Way
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Darrell Draper, Pastor
660-341-0000
Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

First Assembly of God
2401 S. High
Jeff Arp, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
(Communion First Sunday of the Month)
6:30 p.m. Evening Praise
www.KirksvilleFirst.com
First Liberty Full Gospel
1302 E. Filmore
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Novinger Baptist Church
Highway 6 & 149
Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Church (Disciples of Christ)
High & Harrison
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
2000 E. Normal
Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services
Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services
Cornerstone Church
1702 E. Elson
Pastor Jeremy Broach
9:00 a.m. Bible Study One19
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
660-956-4480

Trinity Episcopal Church
124 N. Mulanix
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Seventh Day Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Dale Fuhrmeister Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

United Methodist Church
Brashear Charge, Brashear
Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday
Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Illinois Bend Community Church
Highway 3
Pastor Terry Hunsaker
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
660-349-0052

Baring Community Church
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Community Christian Church of Downing
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Willow Bend Church
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New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship
Greentop Community Church
Highway K, Greentop, Mo.
Pastor: Carro Davenport
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Trinity United Fellowship Church
Pastor: Lorne Arber
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Lancaster United Methodist Church
Pastor: H. R. Rogers
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Shekinah Mennonite Church
15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville
John Mark Miller, Pastor
Roger Berry
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church
12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T Marvin Cross, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Lancaster Baptist Church
Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster
Mark Drummond, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Grace Bible Baptist Church
Greencastle, Mo.
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Service **Winigan Christian Church** Ryan Crist, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
First Baptist Church
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Fairview Baptist Church
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening
Bible Missionary Church
508 S. Main St.
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Full Gospel Church
404 North Elson
Dia York, Pastor
2:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Saturday Afternoon Service
LaPlata Christian Church
Scott McNay, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
Christ's Family Church
531 N. Baltimore
Glenn Berry, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
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Queen City Christian Church
Queen City, Mo.
Bud Cornwell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour
United Pentecostal Church 1502 E. Northtown Road
David E. Brown, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship
Brashear Community Bible Church
Donny Powell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
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First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
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Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.
Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Worthington Baptist Church
Worthington, Mo.
Roger Busnell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
The Salvation Army
1004 W. Gardner
Lt Brian and Amanda Hoscheit, Pastors
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Free Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Queen City First Baptist Church
6th at Washington St.
Robert Smith, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O
Pastor, Bill Iammateo-Code
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study
Colony Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship
Locust Hill Community Church
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
New Harmony Free Will Baptist
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Word Alive! Family Church Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church
Schuyler County Church of Faith
Highway 136 East, Lancaster
Sonny Smyser, Pastor
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon
Gospel Outreach Church
209 W. Washington
Norman Keller, Pastor
Gonda Manning, Co pastor
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services
7:00 p.m. Sunday Services
Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.
Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Worship
Downing Christian Church
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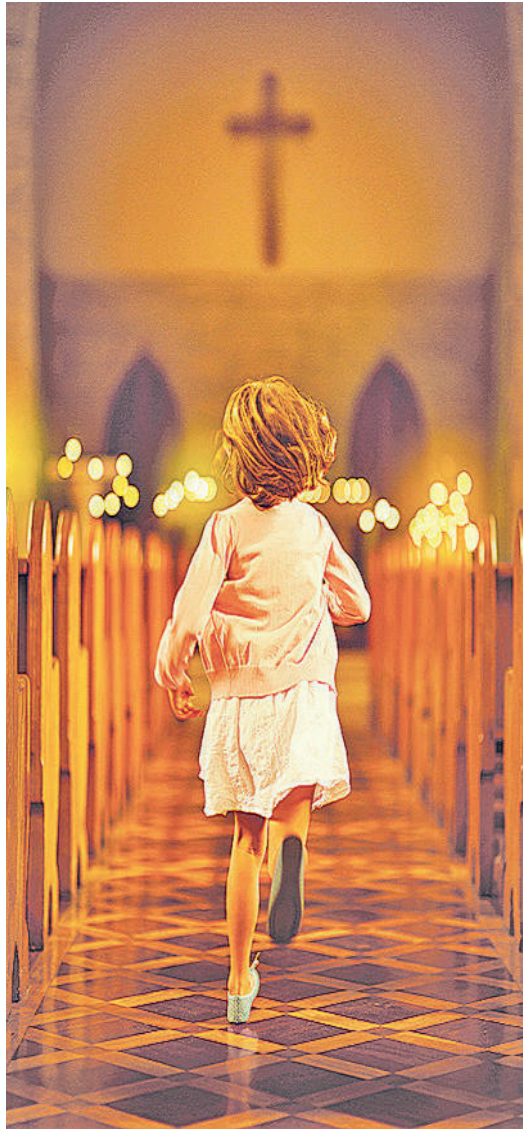
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