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Armory resolution could come next year

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The long-term ownership of the Rieger Armory continues to be in legislative limbo.

As part of a meeting Tuesday between state and local officials, the armory was a discussed topic.

As far back as 2016, the state has looked for a local entity to take control of the facility since it no longer needs to use it as an actual armory. The original agreement from more than 70 years ago says if the state no longer maintained an armory on the property, then it reverts to the school district.

So legislation has been proposed several times to finally have the state divested from the facility, including earlier this year by District 3 Rep. Danny Busick. Though he was told three times that his bill was about to hit the floor for discussion, it never did.

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State reps outline priorities for next legislative session

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State representatives have a lot on their plate for the next legislative session.

As part of a meeting with local leaders and boards, the representatives that oversee Kirksville and Adair County were in town Tuesday. There, State Senator Cindy O’Laughlin, and Representatives Danny Busick and Greg Sharpe spoke during a lengthy meeting with local entities.

There will be additional Daily Express articles coming from that meeting, but this one centers on what those politicians are focused on for the next legislative session.

Cindy O’Laughlin

As the chair of the Senate Education Committee, O’Laughlin’s focus remains on state classrooms.

She said reading and math scores are low across the state, even declining before the pandemic disrupted many facets of education. So addressing that issue is a priority of hers next year. She said she spoke with senators around the end of the most recent session to find some common ground on the subject that they can work with. She sponsored a literacy bill this past session, Senate Bill 54, that went nowhere. She said she plans to pre-file legislation to address intervention policies.

“We want to try to establish a baseline,” O’Laughlin said. “If your reading outcomes are above a certain level, great, we’re not talking to you. If they’re not above that level and you need help in that area, here are some

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A sign in front of the Chariton Valley Association's office at 1905 S. High Street in Kirksville, saying the association is looking for workers. AUSTIN MILLER

Politicians, employers look at causes for labor shortage

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The ongoing labor shortage in the country continues to be felt in Kirksville.

In a meeting between state and local leaders earlier this week, addressing that was a significant portion of the discussion.

Roughly 4.3 million Americans quit their jobs in August, with 10.4 million openings across the country.

“This really is a crisis of the day, not finding people to work,” said State Sen. Cindy O’Laughlin. “I’m trying, in my own mind, to decide where are those people? This sort of came along with COVID, I think, but where are they now? Are they sitting at home on unemployment? I’m assuming that but I don’t know.”

For Adair County and Missouri, the number of people on unemployment benefits is at the lowest level since the pandemic began. Adair County’s unemployment rate for Sept. 2021 was 2.5 percent, the lowest since Oct. 2019. And Missouri was at 3.8 percent, the lowest since Feb. 2020 (3.5 percent).

The state ended several assistance programs over the summer, including the \$300 weekly federal unemployment supplement. While the number of people on unemployment has dropped, it’s hard to say if reducing those benefits has spurred job growth in the state because there are still “help

wanted” signs prevalent in Kirksville and around the country, and the unemployment rate only tracks people looking for work.

So what’s happening? The pandemic has taken labor issues present before the pandemic and magnified them, along with adding some new ones.

Wages

Pay is one crucial factor. Crystal Amini-Rad, the executive director of Adair County SB40, spoke about staffing issues with direct support professionals (DSPs) who work and care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The average hourly rate in Missouri for those workers is \$12.

For an already tough line of work, it’s hard to keep people around for that pay.

“The individuals that we’re working with as DSPs, 20 percent of them live in poverty,” Amini-Rad said. “So if they can be incentivized to stay at home and be financially better off, they’re going to. Chariton Valley, last month, increased their starting wage to \$15 an hour, which is still not competitive with some of our local employers. The way that they pay for that was to take dollars out of their reserves, which is an unfortunate situation for them and a high risk for them. It’s not sustainable and they could put themselves in financial jeopardy.”

This summer, Gov. Mike Parson

signed legislation that increased disability provider’s rates, but Amini-Rad said that continues to be a Band-Aid on a larger wound.

Hospitals, nursing homes and schools all feel the stress of under-support, and that grows as each link in the chain weakens.

The Kirksville R-III School District is fully staffed for teachers, though some have been hired outside of their certification areas. But across the state, there is a major need for teachers. In Kirksville, substitutes and paraprofessionals have been the biggest need. Those are areas with consistent turnover. This year, the district raised rates for all paraprofessionals and support staff members, which vary across the district’s pay scale. And substitute pay was increased to \$14 an hour/\$98 a day.

“And we still can’t compete ... with even some of the local food service because \$15 is more enticing now,” said Kirksville Superintendent Robert Webb. “They don’t think about long-term retirement benefits, which we are also obligated to pay and is great.”

Burn out

Low wages are a key part of people changing jobs, but that is also factored with burn out. Combine low pay with not-ideal working conditions, harassment from the public and supervisors, and safety concerns about working

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Council, health department talk about services, state restrictions

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Historically, the Kirksville City Council and Adair County Health Department’s Board of Trustees haven’t spent much time together.

Continuing to work through the COVID-19 pandemic, those entities have learned enhanced co-operation and strategizing would be beneficial for all. So both groups met Monday evening to discuss what needs there currently are and what future items need to be addressed.

Resuming services

Getting operations back to normal has been a big focus of the health department in recent weeks. COVID-19 vaccine drives and flu shot clinics have

been happening, but getting some more basic services back has been key. Providing birth and death certificates, WIC programs, blood draws and other essential services are available once again.

“Instead of (putting in) new programs, we’re trying to put in place what we had before COVID,” said Jim LeBaron, the health department administrator. “... We’re trying to get our legs under us right now, getting the clinic back to where it was.”

But staff can only do so much when pulled in different directions. As COVID-19 cases have dropped in recent weeks, with 31 active cases as of Monday, they can spend more time on more usual resources.

Future guidelines/state health issues

City councilmember John Gardner asked if the health department has looked into creating a manual for pandemic preparations in the future, a guiding document that would have mitigation strategy thresholds for certain data points. The board said it is working on that, but said new state laws have hampered what they are able to do.

Over the summer, Gov. Mike Parson signed legislation that reduced health department powers.

Under the law, health orders issued during a state of emergency cannot last for more than 30 days within a 180 day period; orders issued outside of a state of emergency can last only 21 days within a 180 day period.

Local governments, such as city councils or commissions, can extend or

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of the things we think would help, and here is money if you're going to have to implement something that you're not already doing."

She said she expects that to be one of the first bills to come out of the education committee next year.

O'Laughlin also spoke on the teacher shortage across the state, looking at ways Missouri can recruit and retain quality educators. She mentioned Truman as a great resource to help alleviate that issue. She hopes there are ways for Truman to grow and become a primary university for training teachers, then having them stay in the area.

Danny Busick

A member of the House Transportation Committee, that's where a bulk of Busick's priorities are for the coming term. Addressing issues with deteriorating rural roads is a key part of that.

"We all know that transportation in rural areas has just been ignored for too long," Busick said. "Our roads in rural areas are just in bad shape. ... I really want to push MoDOT to understand that they need to start spending funds up here, get our roads back in shape before they worry about Branson or St. Louis or Kansas City."

He said he is concerned with the state of Highway 6 as construction begins on the East Locust Creek Reservoir



Daily Express side-by-side images of Cindy O'Laughlin, Greg Sharpe and Danny Busick. DAILY EXPRESS

near Milan. Once that lake is completed, the expectation is that many more vehicles will be driving on that road.

"I think it's going to become dangerous, and right now is the time to fix it — not wait until there's hundreds of cars going to that lake," Busick said. "Right now's the time to fix it, let's get ahead of that project."

Busick authored HB 1032 earlier this year, which sought to have the state finally overturn its ownership of Rieger Armory. As promising as he thought that legislation was, it stalled and went nowhere. So getting that across the finish line is a priority for him next year.

And Busick spoke about wanting to get "back to normal" in daily life and changes he'd like to see made for the state unemployment system.

"I don't know if we'll ever go completely back to normal, but we really need to get life back to normal," Busick said. "We can tell by this pandemic that

the vaccine isn't going to get us out of it. It's not working that well. (It's) something we're gonna have to learn to live with and try to deal with in a common-sense way."

"Something we really need to do for these businesses is to figure out a different way to do our workers unemployment," Busick said. "When there's so many signs out there (saying) 'We're hiring,' we don't need to be paying unemployment. We just really don't need to be, at least at the level we're paying it. I think we need to reconsider how we pay unemployment, to give businesses like we have locally a chance to compete with unemployment. We've made it too attractive to stay at home."

Greg Sharpe

Sharpe echoed some of the sentiments expressed by O'Laughlin on education and Busick on transportation.

Sharpe is also on the House Transportation Committee, so rural roads was a topic he emphasized on Tuesday. With agriculture policy also being an area he focuses on, Sharpe merged those two ideas.

He said weather conditions and truck usage are factors the state does not currently use when looking at road repairs. So rural roads with frequent semi and tractor activity need to be looked at more closely since those vehicles are harsh on pavement.

Getting funds to areas that have gone overlooked — whether that's education, agriculture or transportation — there is work to be done.

"We're expecting a lot of service, but at times we don't really want to pay for it, or divert the resources to take care of it," Sharpe said. "That's one quarrel I've had with state government. We've been in kind of a time warp on funding certain things."

Sharpe also touched on bringing a beef processing plant to his district. He said that could wind up in Macon, but the final landing place will be determined by market factors.

He, like his colleagues, also expects the upcoming session to less-than-ideal as state politicians campaign and grandstand for openings up the political ladder. Several politicians are running for Roy Blunt's seat in the U.S. Senate, which then creates other openings in Jefferson City. That could make passing legislation tough to do.

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“It just seemed like — I haven’t found out that anyone tried to stop it, but it just didn’t seem like someone looked at it to go through,” Busick said Tuesday.

Mayor Zac Burden asked why the bill was held up.

“What stopped it? We had sponsors on it. Why didn’t it come to the floor for a vote?” Burden said.

Busick, along with District 4 Rep. Greg Sharpe and State Senator Cindy O’Laughlin, said state Republican leadership pushed its own legislation while other bills were left alone. One of those was the new state gas tax, which took effect this month and was authored by Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz.

“Me and Greg kind of feel like our leadership let us down last year in some ways,” Busick said. “Their priorities got met, but some other people’s priorities didn’t get met. I hope that’ll change this year.”

Busick said he plans to pre-file his bill again for the next session.

While the legislative process was held up, the City of Kirksville entered into a multi-year lease with the state for the building. That lease started in March and runs until June 30, 2025. The lease costs the city \$1 per year and the city covers the utilities for the property. Recently, the Parks and Recreation Department became the body tasked with overseeing renting of the building for meetings and events.

The armory hosted the first induction ceremony for the Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame on Oct. 1. Busick at-

tended that event and said Tuesday that he’d like to have that hall of fame located or displayed in some way at the armory. John J. Sastry, the chair of the hall of fame, expressed the same interest last year.

At that ceremony, City Manager Mari Macomber and Mayor Zac Burden spoke with Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe about how the state continues to stall on conveying the land. Burden said he felt Kehoe was passionate about seeing the matter resolved soon. And Macomber said she has been talking with Kehoe’s staff, wondering why the state even needs to approve the land conveyance since there was an agreement already in place between the state and the school district. She said they have been researching the process.

The school district doesn’t have a need for the building, which Kirksville

R-III Superintendent Robert Webb reaffirmed on Tuesday.

“I like the idea of the armory being what it is, and being able to still be a community facility,” Webb said. “I think that’s where the board’s interest is. We don’t really feel we should manage it because of its size and utility to the district. But we also recognize that there’s power in being able to leverage it for the good of the community. That’s part of the conversation we’ve been having with the city and that partnership.”

The city remains interested in the facility. Back when it was constructed during the New Deal, the city contributed funds to the project, so there is a historical stake for the city in it.

And as Burden has emphasized on several occasions, the outside of the building also says “community center.” The city is keen to have it be one.

Labor

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during a pandemic, and people look for change. Why should someone do triple the work for the same pay?

“I left my position with the Chariton Valley Association 25 years ago because I was working two or three shifts after I fulfilled my executive director role,” Amini-Rad said. “That was 25 years ago. I come back into this field and I find the same exact DSP crisis going on that was there when I left, and the same reason for why I left. I couldn’t raise my kids under those circumstances.”

Why would a food service worker want to work in a cramped space during a pandemic? Why would retail workers want to be harassed by customers? Why would teachers want to deal with some of those same issues combined?

“This is my 35th year in education. I’ve never seen anything like the pressure on teachers,” Webb said. “That’s why people don’t want to teach. They want to teach — they don’t want to have to be the (overarching) person for the kids all the time.”

Officials at the Adair County Health Department have been gracious to retain staff members over the last two years, as they have all dealt with the above issues. With them, a duty to uphold public health has kept them there.

“I will say that in all the years that I’ve

worked with the health department, this is probably the most challenging thing I’ve ever encountered,” said Lori Guffey, clinic supervisor at the health department. “We need everyone’s support. There’s so many people that I’ve talked on the phone to in the past two years, and I have just stressed to them, ‘I’m just here doing my job.’ I’m trying to do my job. Public health is very dear to me. We want to help the people — anybody, we want to help them. Through all of this, we just need support.”

State support

Health care and education are the two largest employment industries in northeast Missouri, and both depend on state funding. Many industries try to get their bites of the apple to improve their situations.

One of the largest problems facing the health department is the lack of those state funds. Jim LeBaron, administrator for the Adair County Health Department, said Missouri spends \$7 per person on public health expenditures. He listed neighboring states, with Iowa at \$85 per person, Arkansas at \$46 per person, Nebraska at \$41 per person, Illinois at \$33 per person, and Kansas at \$15 per person.

With additional state funding, LeBaron said the department would be able to hire more staff and increase the services it offers.

“I think there’s a lot more of that that

we could be doing in our community, and it takes (full-time employees),” LeBaron said. “We run the health department right now with 15 people. That sounds like a lot, but it’s really not when you consider all those services we try to do in the clinic.”

“When you put all those different pieces of the puzzle together, we just sort of get by right now with our building in serving the public. But there’s other things that we could be doing, like other clinics, as far as wellness and things like that. And we simply don’t have the resources to do that.”

The school district is in the same boat, as neighboring states offer higher salaries for teachers.

“In my opinion, that is the biggest issue we have facing us,” Webb said. “I don’t know that there’s any state regulation that can save us, but providing some of the resources that are going to be long term.”

“The long-term sustainability will depend on those additional, either local or state, significant dollars. Teacher salaries in Kirksville are the highest in this area. Go to Iowa, we don’t compete. Go to Arkansas, we don’t compete. Go to Illinois, we don’t compete. It’s a problem.”

And for state unemployment benefits, only three states (Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota) had those expanded weekly benefits exceed average weekly wages.

Where does it go from here?

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end those health orders with a majority vote, or a two-thirds majority vote when the order is issued outside a state of emergency. Health officials must provide a report explaining the need for a 30-day extension before a vote is called.

It also prevented cities and counties that receive public funds from requiring proof of vaccination. Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has been suing cities and school districts over their imposed mask mandates. He joined a case Monday against the Jefferson City Department of Health and its quarantine policy for students. In a news release accompanying that move, Schmitt said, “From the beginning, I’ve fought these petty tyrants who only seek to exert power and control, and I will continue that fight.”

“The current political guidance has taken away a lot of authority from the health department,” said health department board member Brenda Higgins. “The power that has always been in the hands of the health department is really restrictive right now. It’s a different ballgame than it has ever been for health department’s in the state of Missouri.”

“The thing that amazes me is that we have retained staff during a time where staff were belittled, they were cursed at, they were threatened, they were sometimes afraid to walk out to their car in the evenings,” Higgins said. “But they stuck with it and they stayed with us. That’s just incredible. As a board member, we’re so appreciative of our staff.”

LeBaron spoke about how health departments have had certain powers in place for many decades. And as long as they are mitigating disease and illness effectively, no one worried about it. But that changed with COVID-19. And declining state dollars makes the situation tougher.

“Public health has had these authorities and abilities given to them by the state to do certain activities. The problem is there’s never been enough funding to do it at the scale that maybe it should have been done,” said board member Robin Darr. “Then COVID hits, and it’s like, ‘Health departments are supposed to have all the answers.’ Well, if we’d been funded at a level where we could have maybe prepared for some-

thing like that — not that anyone could have envisioned what happened. ... We have all these rights and responsibilities but no money.”

Communications/rebuilding public trust

One seemingly easy partnership that was discussed was working together to share accurate information regarding health initiatives with the public. The health department quickly hired a public information officer at the start of the pandemic, who issues almost daily updates for case totals and vaccine opportunities. But over time and with declining numbers, those daily updates are likely less effective. So when larger news items — such as the upcoming availability for kids between 5-II to get COVID-19 vaccines — happens, it misses people numb to the daily updates, said Mayor Zac Burden.

“I worry that some of these larger things, when they come out, maybe get drowned in the sea of the daily reports,” Burden said.

So having a unified groundswell of information from the city and health department could break through that.

Burden also talked about how the health department — and even the city council — can work to rebuild trust within the community after the last two years of divisiveness and hostility.

“Are you all envisioning any plans on how to rebuild some of that trust and connection? Because so much of this is about COVID, but so much is about the next thing,” Burden said. “Masks were the tricky thing for this one, but what’s the tricky thing for the next one? And if we don’t mandate, how do we convince?”

LeBaron said nothing directly on that topic has been discussed. Rather, he felt continuing to offer quality service and reminding people what the health department offers, can do that.

“What we try to do is to gain trust from the public by giving them good services,” LeBaron said. “I know it sounds kind of corny, but if someone can get that birth or death certificate, get their blood drawn, get their kid vaccinated (against) COVID, get them a flu shot, and on and on and on. People don’t think about the health department unless they need something, right? So we just have to do a really, really good job with that.”

Burden also emphasized the need of

talking with the state legislators that serve the city and county.

“We need to look at how we talk with our legislators about these things,” Burden said. “Because erosion of trust happens at a lot of different levels, and when we can’t have our legislators trusting the work we’re doing, that’s tricky and difficult as well.”

“In order for us to do our jobs well, we have to have the trust of the public. And we need the support of our legislators in order to make that be effective.”

Potential emergency shelter

LeBaron said the health department has had preliminary discussions on building an emergency shelter next to its headquarters on Jamison Street. Should a disaster strike Kirksville, the shelter would be a place for people to stay. And the department plans for it to also be used as a training space for staff and to host its vaccine clinics.

For the initial mass COVID-19 vaccination events, the health department

did those at the NEMO Fairgrounds and The Crossing church. Mass flu shot drives have also been done at the fairgrounds. But it would be a logistical boost if the department could do those events at home.

LeBaron said the health department is looking at what funding there would be between state and federal dollars. With numerous grants available, now is the time to proceed, LeBaron said.

City Manager Mari Macomber floated the idea of the city’s Emergency Operations Center being housed in the basement of the planned shelter. Currently, the EOC is cramped into the basement of the police station. The city had hoped to relocate it to the Rieger Armory, but with the long-term ownership of that facility in question, the city is reluctant to invest too many resources into it. Relocating the EOC to the Economic Development building has also been discussed. But maybe the city can find a long-term home for the EOC at this planned emergency shelter.



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SUGAR SKULLS

for *Dia* de los *Muertos*

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The Day of the Dead is almost here and one of its most beloved symbols is the sugar skull. These colorful designs are represented in everything from candy and jewelry to tattoos and face paint. • The roots of Dia de los Muertos go back some 3,000 years. This Mexican holiday, observed Nov. 1-2, is a joyful celebration of the lives of family and friends who have passed away. Traditions like traveling to burial grounds, cooking food, decorating graves and hosting gatherings are among the many ways people honor Dia de los Muertos. • Over the years, the rituals have been adopted and adapted by cultures around the world. Here's everything to know about what sugar skulls signify and how to make your own.

What is a sugar skull?

According to mexicansugarskull.com, a website that sells handmade Day of the Dead crafts and promotes the holiday's rituals, sugar skulls – calaveras de azúcar in Spanish – are traditional folk art from southern Mexico.

They are used as symbols to remember a person who has passed. Sugar skulls are made of a granulated white sugar mixture that's pressed into skull-shaped molds and then decorated.

What is the meaning behind the sugar skull?

Each sugar skull represents a departed loved one and is usually placed on an altar – an ofrenda – or even a gravestone as an offering to the spirit of the dead. Sugar skulls are often decorated with the person's name.

"It's the act of creating something dedicated to the memory of a person or even a pet, someone or something that you love and miss, that helps you revive their spirit," said Michele Delgado, a computer science teacher at Carl Hayden Community High School in Phoenix and sugar skull maker. "When you lose people that you love, those moments that you have with them are when they were alive, so it's important to enjoy those."

Delgado, who teaches her students how to make sugar skulls to honor their heroes, family members, public figures and events, says making sugar skulls is a great way to bring people together.

"It's a great community activity, family and friends getting together to dedicate (sugar skulls) to what they are seeking to remember and honor," she said.

Can you eat sugar skulls?

While sugar skulls with their colorful designs may seem enticing to eat, Delgado said they are more folk art than a sweet treat.

"There's nothing inside them that would actually hurt you," Delgado said. "But it would give you a stomach ache if you ate them. It's all sugar and meringue. Those designs are really hard to digest. Sugar skulls are only air dried and meringue comes from egg whites. They are more for decoration on ofrendas."

And not everything on a sugar skull is edible.



Day of the Dead festivals feature food, merchandise, jewelry, arts and crafts. ARIZONA REPUBLIC PHOTOS



Sugar skulls – calaveras de azúcar in Spanish – are traditional folk art from southern Mexico.

MexicanSugarSkull.com notes that sugar skulls are commonly decorated with sequins, colored foils, feathers, beads and glitter.

How to make a sugar skull

You can find detailed instructions on many websites, including art-is-fun.com. That website says there is one crucial measurement for mixing sugar skull ingredients: For every cup of sugar, use one teaspoon of meringue powder and one teaspoon of water. You'll need about two cups of sugar to make a large skull and about one cup to make a medium skull.

What you will need:

Fine granulated sugar

Powdered sugar (to make the royal icing to join skull halves and decorate them)

Food coloring for the royal icing

Water

Meringue powder (available at grocery and big-box stores like Target or Walmart, online vendors and craft stores like Michaels)

Sugar skull molds (available at grocery and big-box retailers, online vendors and craft stores)

Parchment paper

Pieces of cardboard

Here are directions from art-is-fun.com on how to make sugar skulls:

Mix together sugar, meringue powder and water until the mixture is wet and compact.

Fill your skull mold firmly with the mixture and press down. Fill both the front and back of the skull molds. Make sure the sugar mixture is flat and you eliminate any excess sugar that is overflowing the mold.

Place filled molds on top of parchment paper and cardboard and carefully lift the molds off. Each mold should come off right away.

If the sugar sticks to the mold, your mixture is too wet. If this happens, restart by taking the sugar out of the mold and adding more dry granulated sugar.

Let the skulls dry on the parchment and cardboard for at least 12 hours. Halfway through the drying process turn each piece over so the back can dry.

Make a batch of royal icing.

Once your sugar skull is dry, put a thin layer of royal icing on the flat parts of the skull, press the front and back halves together and let the whole skull dry for one hour. When the skull is completely dry, it's ready to decorate with royal icing and any embellishments you like.

How to draw a sugar skull

Want to draw a sugar skull instead? Visit design.tutsplus.com for a full tutorial on how to draw a sugar skull from scratch.



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Jeanne Phillips

Dirty shoes create a stink in clean home

Dear Abby: I've been with my wonderful husband for 15 years. I currently work from home with our small children, ages 4 and 1. I have a "no shoes in the house" policy (always have), but my husband prefers to wear shoes in the house. We have bought numerous pairs of sneakers to be used as inside shoes, but he often wears them outside to mow the grass or run to the gas station.

I do my best to ignore when he leaves dusty boot prints on the floors, but every now and then I call him out on it. When I do, my request is met with rage. He later calms down and apologizes with the excuse, "I just don't like being told not to wear my shoes in the house."

It's a 15-year-old problem that's not going away and I just don't know who is right. My husband feels his shoes are clean. I struggle to keep my home clean because my little ones are running around. His disregard seems so disrespectful. He's overall not a disrespectful person. I'd love an unbiased expert opinion on what's what.

— Barefoot in Montana

Dear Barefoot: Your "wonderful" husband may not be a disrespectful person overall, but in this case, he is being self-centered. With a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old crawling around and playing on the floor, he should be more considerate because there is no telling what he's tracking in from that run to the gas station. I assume that the dusty footprints are something you are in charge of cleaning up. Perhaps that's a chore he should assume if changing his shoes is too big an inconvenience for him. He may be a prince in other areas of your marriage, but in this one he is acting like a rebellious teenager.

P.S. I wonder if keeping a supply of disposable shoe covers by the door for him to slip on might mitigate the problem. Who knows?

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Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Hiring a professional pet-sitter

Dear Readers: If you are going to be away from home for a business trip or vacation and can't find a friend to care for your pets, you have another option. You can hire a professional sitter to pet-sit in your home. Here's what you should do.

1. Find and contact a bonded pet-sitting service, which will be licensed, insured and offer references. Talk to customers who have used the services.

2. The service will offer to charge by the day or by the visit.

3. The service will continue your dog's regular routine.

4. To locate a sitter, contact your vet or local pet shop. You also can look online.

— Heloise

Dear Readers: Does your carpet need refreshing? To deodorize, sprinkle baking soda on the carpet and let it set for about 10 minutes. Then vacuum up. Are your drains stinky? To get rid of the odor, pour ½ cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1 cup of vinegar. Allow it to sit for 15 minutes. Run hot water down the drain to wash out residue. Then run cold water for at least 1 minute. Don't use this method after using commercial drain cleaners.

Baking soda is an essential household staple with many uses around the house. And because it's an inexpensive product, it also saves you money. For more helpful hints about baking soda, order my six-page Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To freshen up your dog's bedding, sprinkle baking soda over it in between washings.

— Heloise

Dear Readers: To clean a cotton, washable baseball cap (not a vintage or wool one), try this easy way to remove the grime and sweat. Attach or clip the cap to the top rack of the dishwasher and wash on the warm cycle, without dishes. Take out the damp cap. To dry, drape it over a large coffee can to hold the shape and let it air dry.

— Heloise

Dear Readers: If you fly an American flag at your home, check it often for damage, because it can get whipped around in the rain and wind. It also collects dirt and debris. Here's how to clean it. If it's a newer flag that's nylon, cotton or acetate, hand-wash it in cool water with a gentle detergent, rinse well and lie flat to dry. But if you have an older flag that might be valuable, dry-clean it.

— Heloise

Parson, Schmitt position Missouri against Biden vaccine mandates

Galen Bacharier
Springfield News-Leader
USA TODAY NETWORK

Missouri's top officials are pushing back against federal COVID-19 vaccine requirements, with an executive order and possible litigation aimed at resisting the Democratic White House on the issue of mandates.

Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican, issued an executive order Thursday banning state government agencies from requiring workers to comply with federal requirements if they have religious or medical exemptions, as well as prohibiting those agencies from penalizing workers or businesses that don't comply due to exemptions.

The order is largely symbolic at the moment, as the existing mandate from the Biden administration applies to federal employees and contractors and will have little impact on state workers. Exceptions for religion and medical conditions are already included in the federal mandate, which takes effect Nov. 22 for federal workers and Dec. 8 for contractors.

The White House has also indicated it will order all private sector businesses with over 100 employees to require vaccination, though the exact timeline on that mandate is not known.

"In the state of Missouri, public health decisions are left to the people to either make their own personal decisions or speak through their elected representatives in the General Assembly," Parson said. "The Biden administration's vaccine mandates undermine and deny Missourians' right to make personal health decisions and to speak through their elected representatives."

Parson's executive order comes the day after Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, a Republican who is running for U.S. Senate, said he would sue over the forthcoming order requiring federal contractors to get vaccinated, calling it "blatant, frightening federal overreach."

In his order, Parson ordered all divisions of state government to "cooperate fully and timely" with Schmitt's office on any future litigation. The two have been among the most vocal opponents of the Biden administration's COVID-19 response and vaccine actions.

"The governor's executive order appears carefully crafted to do absolutely nothing — except promote the attorney general's latest frivolous lawsuit at taxpayer expense," said House Minority Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat. "If these two put as much energy into fighting the pandemic as they do into fight-



Gov. Mike Parson issued an executive order against the Biden administration's vaccine mandate for federal employees and contractors Thursday.

NATHAN PAPES/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

ing those fighting the pandemic, Missouri would be in a much stronger position."

Missouri joins several other states — Alabama, Arizona, Florida and Texas — in publicly resisting the federal mandates, which have become a divisive political issue among top elected officials.

Republicans across the state criticized the orders when President Joe Biden first introduced them in September and several conservative lawmakers asked Parson to call a special session to ban mandates for the private sector; he declined to do so. Those lawmakers later joined with an organization opposing workplace mandates to hold a protest inside the Missouri State Capitol.

As of Thursday, 49.3 percent of Missouri's population has been completely vaccinated, according to state data; it ranks below the U.S. state average of 58.26 percent, according to Johns Hopkins University.

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Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Sparks, Emma Mae	-	-	26-Oct	Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home

* Additional information in display obituaries

Obituaries appear in print and online at legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress

Emma Mae Sparks

Emma formerly of Ewing Missouri died peacefully in her sleep on October 26, 2021 and went to be with her lord and savior.

Emma was born on October 2, 1932 in Quincy, Illinois. Beloved wife to James J. Sparks on August 9, 1953 to which they had 4 sons. Emma worked for several years at the Quincy Paper Box and Motorola plant in Quincy, Il and the United State Bank of Ewing, MO until her retirement in 1994. After retirement her love of children was so great that she became part of the foster grandparent program in Lewis Co-C1 school district in Ewing, Missouri for 20 years. In her free time, she served on Heartland Resource Board and Foster Grandparent Advisory Board.

Emma was a loving mother to her 4 sons: Dr. James J. Sparks Jr. (Holly) of Yankton, SD, Dr. Robert W. Sparks (Dolores) of Kirksville, MO, the late Brian H. Sparks (Emerson, MO) and Steven W. Sparks (Jeanine) of Wright City, MO. Emma was also the loving grandmother to 8 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 4 step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Brian H. Sparks and Parents (Lester and Edna Clause); two sisters (Margaret and Virginia) and one brother (William); 2 brothers-in-law and 2 sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2021 with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Kirksville.

Pall Bearers will be Jeremy Sparks, Andrew Sparks, Ben Sparks, Aaron Sparks, Travis Sparks, Wiley Sparks II. Honorary Pall Bearers will be Daniel McCollum, Curtis Schmidt.

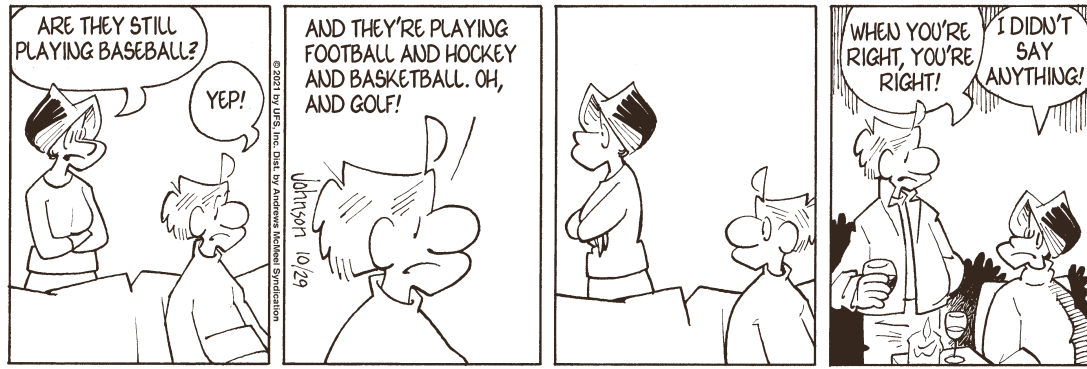
Memorials are suggested to the Church or Charity of the Donor's choice.

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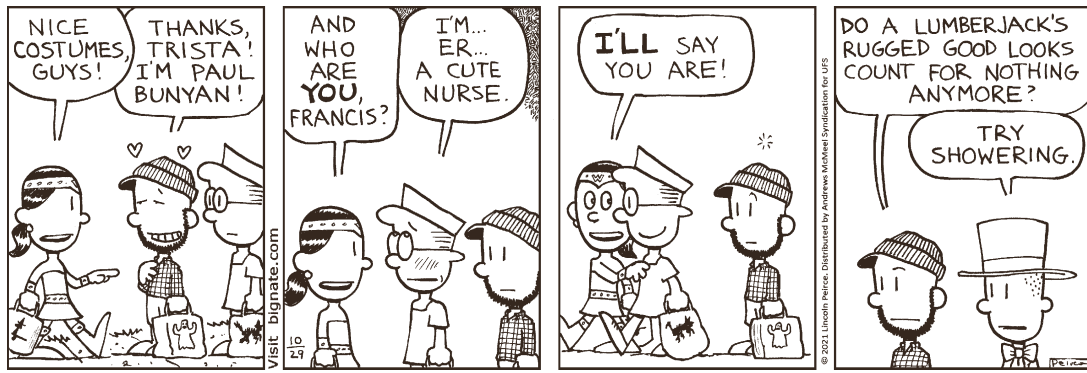


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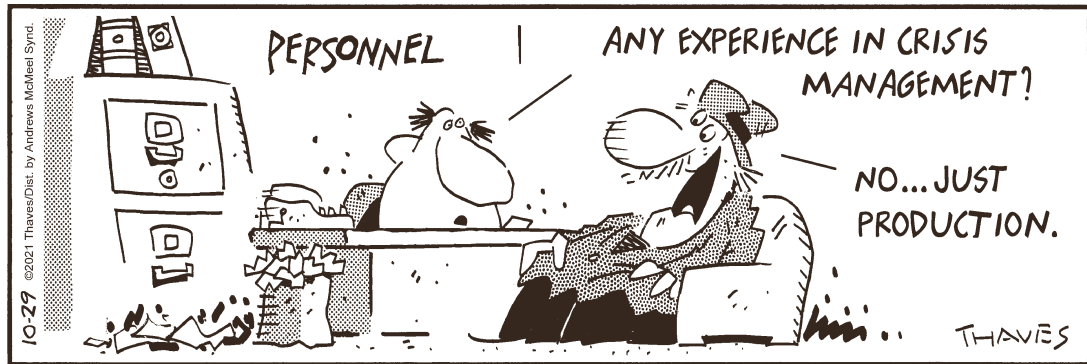
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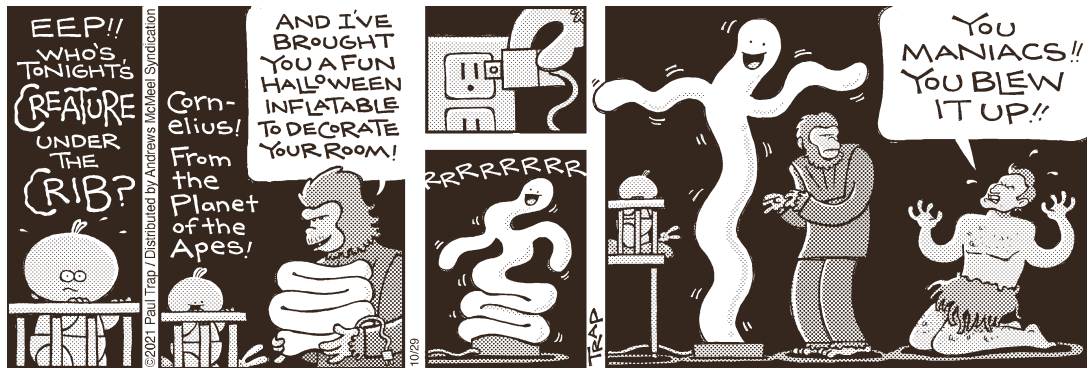
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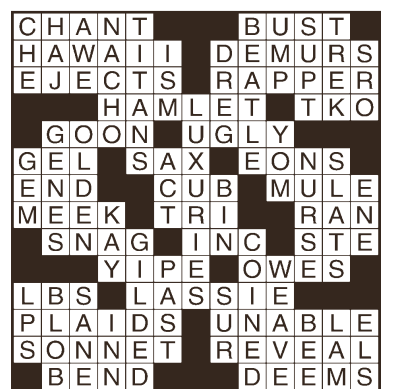
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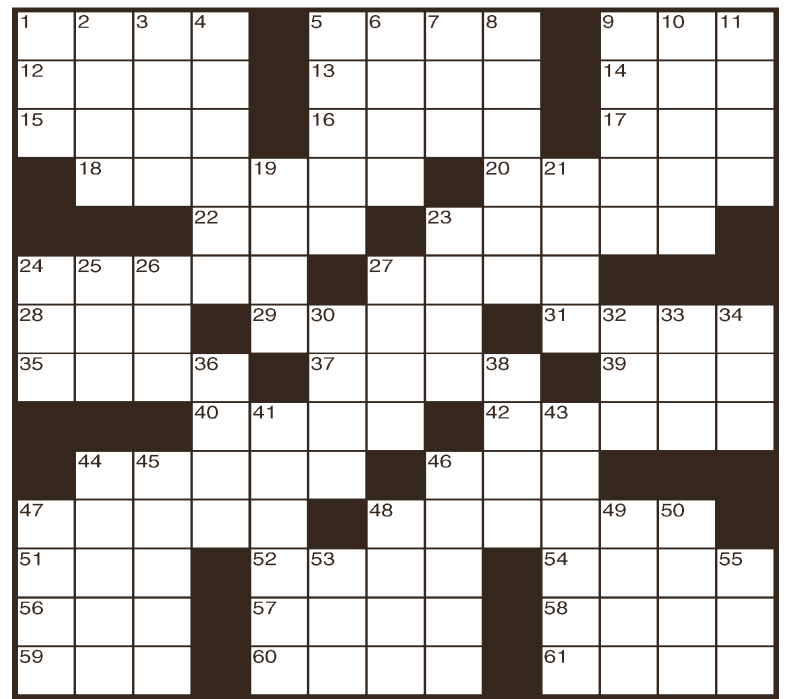
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 5 Skyrocket
 9 Bilko's rank
 12 Provo's place
 13 Napoleon's island
 14 Water, on the Seine
 15 Old ruler of Venice
 16 Mr. Armstrong
 17 Do some tape editing
 18 Fake
 20 Public persona
 22 IRS employee
 23 Tableau
 24 Close-fitting
 27 Convene
 28 Large vase
 29 Whitish gem
 31 "Born Free" star
 35 Stare at
 37 Speck on a globe
 39 Caveman from Moo
 40 Removes, as branches
- DOWN**
 1 Malicious gossip
 2 Surmounting
 3 Dust collectors
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 5 "The Prisoner of —"
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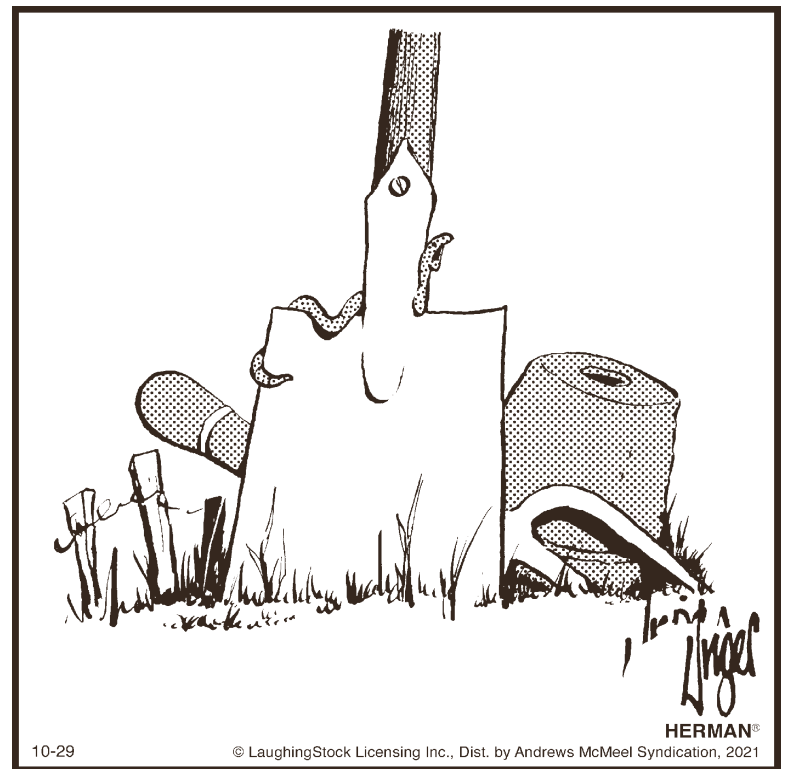


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 51 Hither and —
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 54 Smear
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 58 Active volcano
 59 Work by Keats
 60 Poet's black
 61 "Kapow!"
- 9 Four-door model
 10 Estimate
 11 TV, slangily
 19 Capable of (2 wds.)
 21 Give out sparingly
 23 Broker's advice
 24 Pull hard
 25 Retiree's kitty
 26 Econ. indicator
 27 Bulk
 30 Plumbing piece
 32 Badminton stroke
 33 Old French coin
- 34 Simian
 36 He directed Marlon
 38 Blarney stone site
 41 Gasoline rating
 43 Humidity problem
 44 Boastful
 45 Ms. Zellweger
 46 Chipmunk snack
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 48 Sandwich cookie
 49 Promise
 50 Ocean fish
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"One ... small ... step for worms ..."

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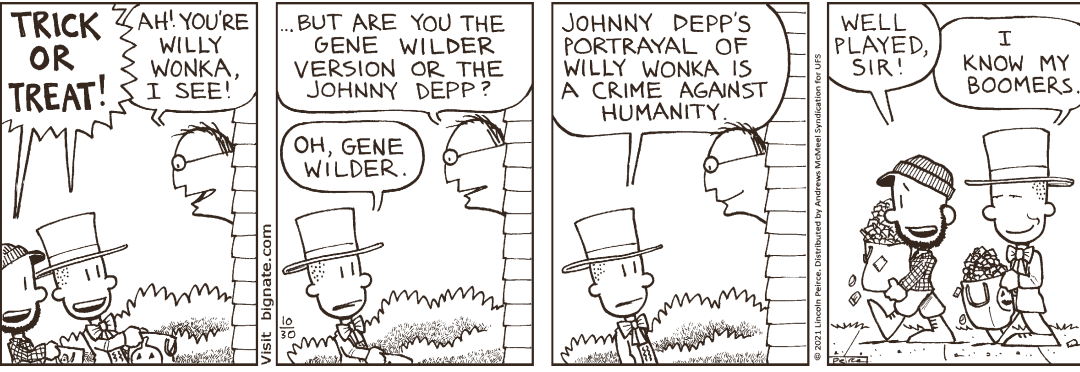
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): An upbeat attitude will attract attention. Stand up and be counted, and you'll receive information and alternatives that will fit into your plans. ☆☆☆☆
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Stretching your budget to accommodate someone will lead to stress. Put money in a safe place, and offer solutions to anyone who wants you to spend it unnecessarily. ☆☆
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): A small change will help you succeed. Mix business with pleasure, and you will gain trust, respect and the opportunity to try something new and exciting. ☆☆☆☆
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Problems will crop up at home if you cannot agree. Be willing to compromise in order to avoid an argument that brings negative results and overall bad feelings. ☆☆☆
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Make a move or change for the right reason. Refuse to let your emotions take over. Don't feel the need to follow someone else when you have plans that will benefit you more. ☆☆☆
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trust your instincts. Someone will mislead you if given a chance. An insincere gesture of friendliness will throw you off guard, putting you in a vulnerable position. ☆☆☆
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reach out to someone you enjoy working alongside, and together you will get things done quickly and have time to do something you can enjoy together. ☆☆☆☆
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change of plans will leave you in limbo. Pick up where you left off, and continue in a direction that engages your mind and encourages you to make improvements. ☆☆
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen and you will find out something that will expand your mind and interest in using your knowledge and skills to improve your chance to advance. ☆☆☆☆
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Decide the best way to put what you discover to good use. A suggestion will encourage you to make a personal alteration that will give you a new lease on life. ☆☆☆
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have more to offer than you realize. Stop being noncommittal. Decide, then follow through with your plans. ☆☆☆
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everyone will abide by the rules. Refuse to let someone take advantage of you. Put your time and energy into something that will help you get ahead. ☆☆☆

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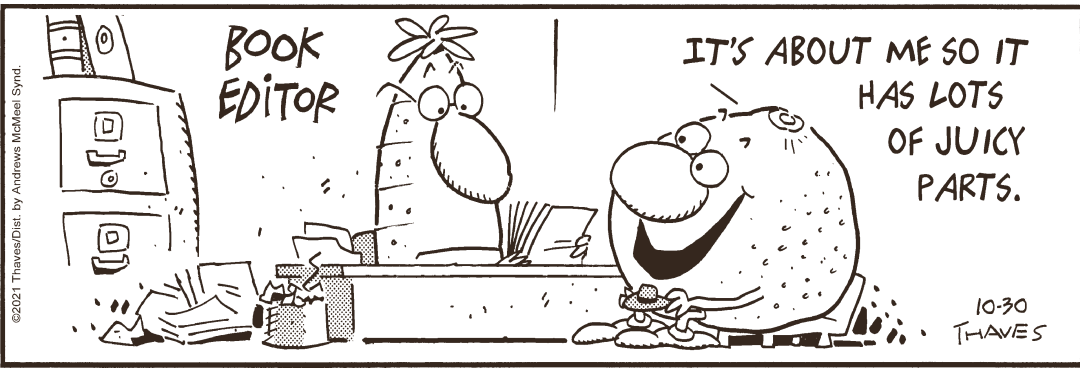
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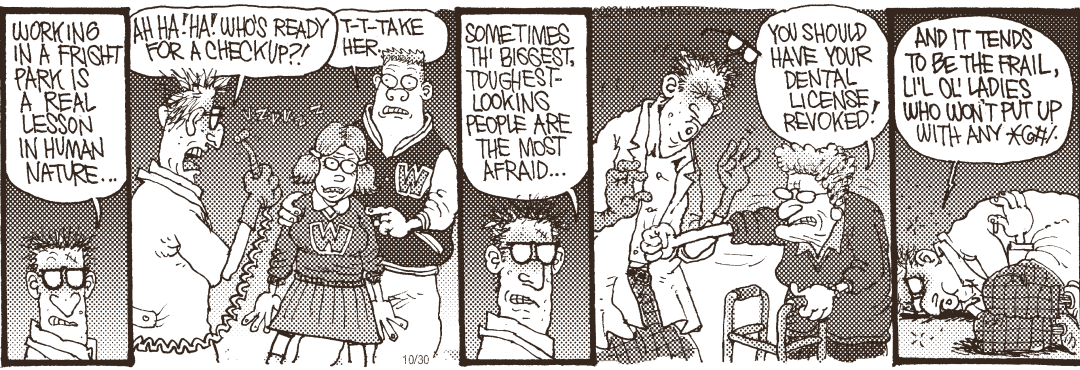
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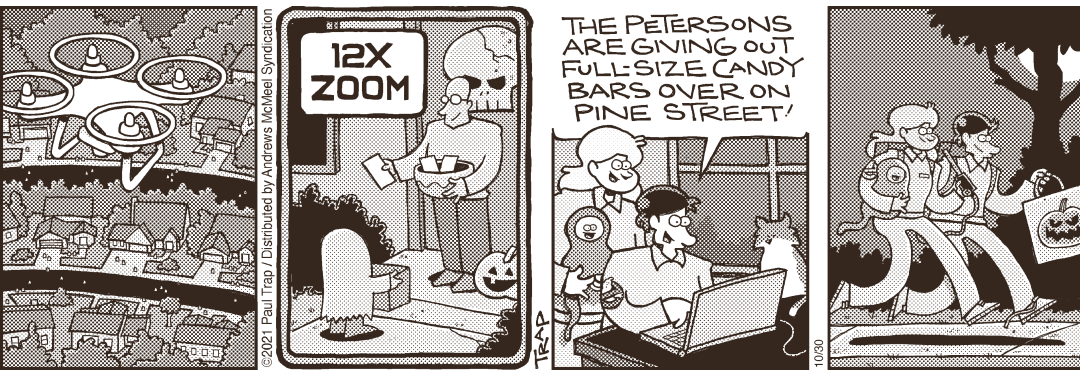
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 - 18 Blunder
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 - 22 Improved the highway
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 - 28 Bumps into
 - 29 Proposal
 - 33 Roots
 - 35 Where Anna met a king
 - 36 Trucker's rig
 - 37 Breakfast nook
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- 42 Home, in the phone book
 - 43 Opposed
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 - 49 Night hunter
 - 50 Getaway
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 - 63 Metro haze

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Movie spoof
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- 37 Ms. Landers
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"I think you're reeling them in too slow."

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Get moving. Make plans that challenge you physically and make you think about what you want to do moving forward. Make life, love and happiness your priorities. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Explore the possibilities, and consider what you want to pour your energy into before signing up for something that will eat up your time or money. ☆☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Gravitate toward people who share your beliefs and concerns, and participate in events that make a difference but don't jeopardize your health or put you in harm's way. ☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You may disagree with what others do or say, but you are better off not interfering if you want free rein to do as you please. Confrontation is a waste of time. ☆☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Speaking up will deter anyone from messing with you. Participate in something that puts a smile on your face, and make plans with someone you love to be around. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's up to you to initiate change. Consider what works for you, and research what's entailed. Leave no room for error or interference. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A step in a new direction will bring out the best in you. Explore the possibilities, and connect with people who make you think and encourage you to reach for the stars. ☆☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Revisit your options, and you'll gain perspective regarding the possibilities. Don't limit what you can do because someone discourages you. ☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Time spent with a friend or relative will be rewarding. The information you receive will encourage you to make a lifestyle change. ☆☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your cash in a safe place. Make changes at home that will lower your overhead. Plan for a better future by discarding things you no longer need. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keeping your financial and legal documents separate will save you from a situation that has the potential to leave you in a vulnerable position. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take charge, and don't let anyone get in your way. Resolve money, legal and medical matters by taking responsibility and making the necessary adjustments. ☆☆☆

SPORTS

Truman men's basketball starts season ranked 6th in country

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

After two years of surprising the country, the Truman men's basketball team is starting the 2021-22 season with plenty of recognition.

The Bulldogs were ranked sixth in the Division II preseason coaches poll, which was released this week. The Bulldogs were ranked as high as 2nd last season before their run to the Elite Eight.

Truman returns the bulk of last year's 20-3 squad, including returning All-American Cade McKnight. Coach Jeff Horner enters his fourth season in Kirksville.

Ranked No. 1 in the country is returning national champion Northwest Missouri State. Flagler, who eliminated Truman with a 70-69 win in the Elite Eight, is ranked No. 2. West Texas A&M, Colorado Mesa and Colorado School of Mines round out the other teams ahead of Truman.

No other Great Lakes Valley Conference team was ranked in the top 25, though Southern Indiana and Missouri-St. Louis received votes.

With non-conference games returning this season, the Bulldogs open the season on Nov. 12 against Cedarville in Quincy. Truman's first game at Pershing Arena will come on Dec. 2 against UMSL.

Truman hoops teams picked to have strong campaigns

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
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Great Lakes Valley Conference coaches revealed their crystal ball predictions on Thursday.

The preseason coaches poll was released for both the men's and women's seasons, with Truman's teams picked to have strong years.

The women's basketball team was projected to win the conference's Central Division, getting all four possible first-place votes. Missouri-St. Louis, Lindenwood, Maryville and Quincy round out the other Central teams in projected order.

Southern Indiana and Drury were picked to win the East and West Divisions.

Truman returns three All-GLVC players — Hannah Belanger, Katey Klucking and Ellie Weltha — to the court this year.

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Daily Express file photo of Kirksville's Owen Fraser. AUSTIN MILLER

Kirksville athletes make teams for all-conference football, volleyball

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Kirksville football and volleyball were represented well on their all-North Central Missouri Conference teams.

For football, Owen Fraser earned

double duty as a first-team all-conference offensive and defensive lineman. Randon Baumgartner (wide receiver), Raleigh McLain (kicker), Bryce Kertz (defensive lineman), John Behnen (linebacker) and Jaden Ballinger (defensive back) also made the first team.

On the second team was Ike Danielson (quarterback), Landon Yardley (running back), Kertz (offensive line-

man), Ballinger (offensive at-large), and Drew Chrisman (linebacker).

The Tigers went 4-1 in conference play, finishing second in the NCMC.

For the volleyball team, Corinne Vorkink and Malea Nelson were selected for the first team. Ellen McNeely was a second-team selection.

The Tigers went 6-2 in conference, finishing second.

Grand River, Lewis & Clark all-conference softball teams released

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Grand River Conference and Lewis & Clark Conference are the latest to join the fray of post-season softball awards. Both have released their all-conference softball squads for 2021.

In the GRC, Claire Tipton and Cady Pauley, senior pitchers from Putnam County and Milan, were unanimous first-team selections.

Putnam's Sam Daniels and Karlie Ingersoll were selected to the all-conference second team. Milan's Amy Pickering was an honorable mention.

For the Lewis & Clark Conference, Schuyler County's Kait Hatfield and Scotland County's Hanna Anders were first-team picks.

Knox County's Daniela Dooley and Jen Hinkle, Schuyler's Bailie Atkinson and Scotland's Hannah Feeney were second-team selections.

And Schuyler's MaKinley Aeschliman and Scotland's Baileigh Phillips made the all-conference team.



Daily Express file photo of Putnam County's Claire Tipton. AUSTIN MILLER

Former Mizzou athletic director Mike Alden looks back on 10 years since SEC jump

Eric Blum
Columbia Daily Tribune
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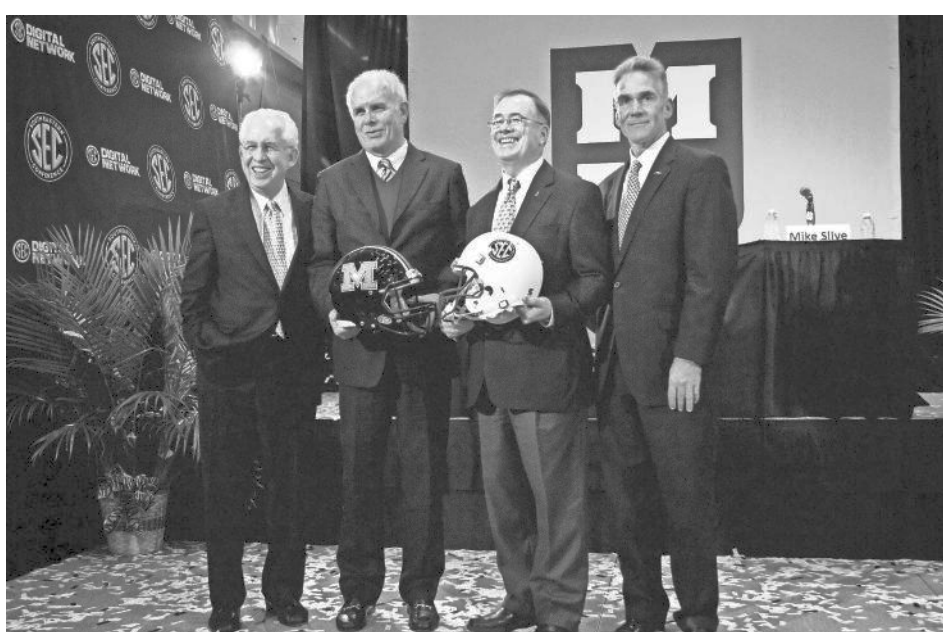
Missouri's hand was forced. The school's leadership a decade ago knew on the first Friday of September 2011 it was time to take irrevocable steps to look out for the future of the university.

The chain reaction felt needed, if not required, after one sentence uttered by then-University of Oklahoma President David Boren.

"I don't think OU is going to be a wall-flower when all is said and done," said Boren on Sept. 2, 2011, confidently asserting the Sooners' power, and likely not caring about ramifications for the other Big 12 Conference schools.

It'd had been a fluid few years in college athletics with conference realignment already in full gear by the time Missouri's hat had to be thrown in the ring.

The Big 12 was already on shaky ground with little confidence entering the 2010s to keep the long-standing



From left, Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive, University of Florida president Bernie Machen, University of Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton, and MU athletic director Mike Alden following the announcement that Missouri will join the Southeastern Conference effective July 1, 2012, with competition to begin in all sports for the 2012-13 academic year. PARKER ESHELMAN, AP

members of the league together.

Whatever miniscule hope Missouri had to fly the Big 12 flag was squashed in that 16-word sentence.

Missouri's leadership met the next day on the roof of the Memorial Stadium press box, as the Tigers hosted Miami (Ohio).

A quartet of former MU leadership, then-Director of Athletics Mike Alden, former Chancellor Brady Deaton, Interim UM System President Steve Owens and Interim General Counsel Phil Hoskins made the decision that day staying idle wasn't an option.

"It's still really fresh in my in my mind," Alden told the Tribune on Wednesday, dwelling on the decade since Missouri's move to the Southeastern Conference. "Certainly the color of my hair says it's been 10 years, I can see that as much grayer as I've become. But I think if you really reflect back on it, it seems still in a fresh sense, not that it's been 10 years. It just seems like, I don't

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What made it into Biden's proposed budget and what didn't

Ledyard King, Maureen Grope, Rebecca Morin, Bart Jansen and Rick Rouan USA TODAY NETWORK

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden delivered his latest offer to Congress on his plan to expand safety-net and climate change programs on Thursday, the result of months of talks with lawmakers to pare down his original proposal.

The plan would provide free preschool for more than 6 million children, expand Medicare coverage to cover hearing and raise Pell grants to help offset college tuition.

But it does not include several key programs Biden and congressional progressives have been pushing for such as free community college, paid family leave, and a mechanism that would have punished utilities for not converting to clean energy sources fast enough.

The framework also would impose a minimum 15% tax on corporations and new levies on high-earning Americans. It carries a \$1.75 Trillion price tag over 10 years – half the \$3.5 trillion expansion he first pitched.

Still, the president touted his "framework" as an important step that will help all corners of the economy while also confronting the looming threat of a warming planet.

"The Build Back Better Act will create millions of good-paying jobs, enable more Americans to join and remain in the labor force, spur long-term growth, reduce price pressures and set the United States on course to meet its clean energy ambitions," he said.

Here's a look at what's in Biden's latest proposal – and what got left out:

Health care

Medicare would cover hearing benefits and the government would help mil-

lions of lower- and middle-income people pay for private insurance, under the president's framework. That was an idea pushed by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who had also called for expanded dental and vision benefits. Those are not included.

The deal would also extend through 2025 the enhanced premium subsidies made available in the March coronavirus relief package for people who buy insurance on their own instead of getting it through an employer or the government. Subsidies became more generous for those who already qualified for assistance, lowering both premiums and deductibles. They were made newly available to people earning more than four times the federal poverty rate – about \$51,000 for a single person.

Private plans would become available without premiums to people living below the poverty line in the 12 states that have not expanded Medicaid through the 2010 Affordable Care Act. Those states are: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Calling it the biggest expansion of affordable health care coverage since the ACA, the White House said millions more people will gain health insurance under those private insurance provisions. But they last only through 2025 to keep down the overall cost of the package.

The framework does not include provisions to lower the cost of prescription drugs which has been fiercely fought by the pharmaceutical industry and was a top priority of progressives.

Climate

The proposal includes \$320 billion to

expand tax credits over the next decade for utility and residential clean energy, clean passenger and commercial vehicles, and clean energy manufacturing.

Embedded in the proposal is Biden's call for a massive expansion of electric vehicle charging stations and other infrastructure that would help de-carbonize the single largest sector of the economy contributing to global warming.

It also includes \$105 billion in "resilience" programs to ward off and prepare for extreme weather events such as wildfires and hurricanes made worse by climate change. And it creates a Civilian Climate Corps designed to deploy a force of young workers to help communities address the threat of climate change.

Also not included: A \$150 billion program central to climate change efforts that would have required electricity suppliers that do not transition fast enough to clean energy (4% increase per year) to pay a penalty. Haling from coal country, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.V., opposed the creation of the Clean Electricity Performance Program.

Immigration

The framework proposal includes \$100 billion for immigration reform and enhancements to the asylum process such as expanding legal representation for individuals and addressing processing backlogs.

However, details on a provision that would offer protection for undocumented immigrants have yet to be released. Senate Democrats are planning to present a plan to the Senate parliamentarian, a government official who determines whether policies qualify under reconciliation, a process Democrats are employing to pass the bill without Republican support.

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., said in an interview with Axios last week that a "Plan C" would likely be a parole option for about 8 million undocumented immigrants. Menendez said that it will allow those that meet certain requirements to work lawfully in the United States and protect them from deportation. The parole, which would last for five years and be able to be renewed for another five years, would also allow undocumented people to travel domestically and internationally, Menendez said.

Democrats have previously presented two other immigration proposals to the parliamentarian, who rejected both.

Education

Biden's framework includes provisions for both the youngest students and those seeking post-secondary education.

Under his plan, free universal preschool would be extended to all 3- and 4-year-olds, an expansion the Biden Administration says will include more than 6 million children. That program would be funded for six years under a \$400 billion line item that also includes money for expanded child care benefits.

The new framework does not include free community college, a 2020 Biden campaign promise that was part of earlier versions of the plan. Biden acknowledged last week during a televised town hall that free community college would not make the final cut as he and other Democrats negotiated over the final framework.

The proposal expands the maximum Pell grant for low-income students by \$550. For the 2021-22 academic year, Pell grants ranged from \$650 to \$6,495, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Preseason

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Truman, led by Theo Dean in is third year this winter, went 17-5 last season and finished second in the overall conference standings. The Bulldogs returned to the NCAA Tournament, picking up a win over Northwood to earn its first tournament win since 1999.

For the men's team, their projected finish was a tad surprising.

The Bulldogs — who are the only ranked team in the conference (6th) to start the year, and who returns four starters from an Elite Eight team — were picked to finish second in the GLVC's

Central Division, behind Missouri-St. Louis. UMSL received three first-place votes from the division coaches and Truman received two.

Lindenwood was projected to finish third, Quincy was projected for fourth, and Maryville was projected for fifth.

Southern Indiana and Drury were picked as the projected winners of the East and West Divisions, though Illinois-Springfield and Southwest Baptists picked up first-place votes in those divisions, respectively.

Truman won the GLVC's regular-season title last season but was upset in the first round of the conference tournament by Indianapolis. The Bulldogs went on to win a regional title and make the Elite Eight, finishing the season 20-3.



Daily Express file photo of Truman's Hannah Belanger. AUSTIN MILLER

Reflection

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want to say yesterday, but it seems like it's been more recently than that. So it's amazing to know that for a decade, we've been members, or at least we had declared that we'd be members of the SEC."

Wednesday marked the 10-year anniversary of the SEC accidentally announcing Missouri as the league's 14th full-time member with a late-night post thought to be private.

Thursday was 10 years since the Big 12 officially welcomed West Virginia to the league, with the league's release stating the intention for the 2012-13 season to move forward with 10 schools. Missouri wasn't listed.

Texas A&M, MU, Colorado and Nebraska were out with the Mountaineers and TCU coming in as replacements.

Missouri had been openly looking for a new home since that Sept. 3 meeting. By the time the official announcement was made on Nov. 6, 2011 of MU joining the SEC, it had long been thought to be making the switch.

Alden said the transition to investing in athletics and the overall university like a SEC school looked primarily into the first 3-5 years, not anything exact looking at 2021.

"That included fundraising, financial commitments, facility improvements, travel or recruiting bases because you need to expand your recruiting base to those markets and a number of other things," Alden said. "But it was really more from a transition standpoint. It was not looking 'OK, this is what we anticipate we're going to look like 10 years from now.'"

In present day, another round of conference realignment has been underway for three months, ever since Texas and Oklahoma's desires to join the SEC together became public knowledge in the middle of the league's football media days.



A University of Missouri football helmet is placed next to a Southeastern Conference helmet following the announcement that Missouri will join the Southeastern Conference effective July 1, 2012, with competition to begin in all sports for the 2012-13 academic year. PARKER ESHELMAN, AP

The timing gave MU head football coach Eli Drinkwitz the perfect comedic chance to say Missouri and Texas A&M were trailblazers for making the same move much earlier.

The Longhorns and Sooners are currently set to join the conference in 2025, but most believe the swap will take place earlier.

Oklahoma's departure leaves only four founding Big Eight Conference members left in the league — Kansas, Iowa State, Kansas State and Oklahoma State.

While Alden hasn't overseen MU athletics since 2015 — the school hired Desiree Reed-Francois in August as its third athletic director since Alden left his post — he believes the move to the SEC has been successful.

"I really take a look at this as being in athletics is one clearly important component of the institution," Alden said. "And athletics is what we center things around the SEC, I get that. But I think as

an institution and as a state, it hasn't only met expectations, it's exceeded those expectations. And the brand of Mizzou and the brand of the university has expanded greatly.

"... So if I look back on it 10 years ago and say 'As you look at it today, has this been a success for the University of Missouri?' I would say it has been a tremendous success from an exposure standpoint, from a level of awareness standpoint, for hopefully a collaboration standpoint, from research and other activities that take place on the academic side with our faculty."

One of the glamorous benefits of moving to the SEC was its tradition in football, which is the biggest needle-mover in college athletics when looking at individual school revenue.

Since 2006, only four FBS national championships haven't been awarded to an SEC school with Clemson winning a pair alongside Florida State and Ohio State each lifting a lone title.

"And then certainly from a revenue standpoint, my goodness, right," Alden said. "If you compare the annual revenue in athletics from league distributions, today. If you did the tenured timeline on that and put those numbers together, it is a significantly different amount of money that's been invested or contributed to Mizzou athletics from the SEC than what would've been had it have remained in the Big 12. So the data points there would be tremendous. They would have exceeded what our expectations were."

As Alden reflected on the 10-year anniversary of Missouri's official acceptance into the SEC, he removed himself to look broadly at the entire university.

He pointed to a town in each of the four corners of the Show-Me State — Tarkio, Memphis, Hayti and Joplin — as to how far-reaching the move to the SEC benefitted the Missouri community.

"I would say for the last several decades, if not more, that move for the institution was a transformational move," Alden said. "That would rank up there as one of the top things that I observed while I was here. But beyond that, if you take a look at the facility growth, the residence halls that we built on campus, the rec center, all those kinds of things, that's another transformational thing. We'd gone for years without addressing infrastructure needs that we needed on campus."

"And so you think about a couple of those things, those are critically important as an institution. But if you look to me, then what I would suggest that over the course of that time, it would certainly be one of those areas that I would take a lot of pride in, not for me, but for I think all of us in athletic because I think what we were doing is we were contributing something that was much greater than the athletic program."

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING(S) VIA WEBINAR AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Development Information	Development Type	Unit / Rent Information
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Missouri Housing Development Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm via Webinar. Please visit MHDC.com under Special Notices for registration information.

During the virtual public hearing, MHDC staff will describe the development(s) and accept and record public comments. Any interested party may register for the hearing to participate and submit written comments. The public may also submit written comments directly to Missouri Housing Development Commission, 920 Main Street, Suite 1400, Kansas City, MO 64105. All public comments must be received by November 19, 2021, in order to be considered.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JAMES D. FARLEY, Decedent:

On October 21, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of JAMES D. FARLEY, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The names, addresses of the co-personal representatives are:
Jaseta K. Buckallew, 19056 Rocking Chair Drive, Lancaster, MO 63548
Julie F. Poe, 28591 D&D Ridge Drive, Downing, MO 63536

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
Sherry Darling, 24672 Linn Creek Trail, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-488-5830

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: May 21, 2021
Date of first publication: October 30, 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.

Publication Dates: October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2021

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Scott E Hale and Jennifer Hale, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Scott E Hale and Jennifer Hale, husband and wife dated July 10, 2020 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1096, Page 452 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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In the Estate of ROGER C BRIDIS, Deceased.		

Notice to Creditors
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROGER C BRIDIS, Decedent.

On October 13, 2021 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent, who died on November 13, 2020, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

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Sweet season

Halloween is all about the candy

Lisa Sullivan USA TODAY NETWORK

For some Halloween is about the scares. For others, it's about wearing creative costumes or putting up elaborate decorations. But who are you kidding? It's all about the candy. Halloween wasn't always an excuse to grab handfuls of fun-size Snickers bars. When trick-or-treaters headed out in the early part of the 20th century, they came home with coins, toys, fruit and nuts. Store-bought candy became the treat of choice in the 1950s, because it was cheaper and easier than other alternatives. Here's your guide to the sweet side of Halloween.

Tops in treats

The most sought-after items to bring home are Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Skittles, M&Ms, Snickers and Starburst, according to Candy.Store.com, a company that delivers bulk candy to retailers and distributors across the United States. Rounding out the top 10 are candy corn (more on that later), Hot Tamales, Tootsie Pops, Sour Patch Kids and Hershey Bars.

State by state

The favorites vary according to where you live. Folks in Connecticut like Almond Joy. Butterfinger reigns in South Carolina and Wisconsin. Dubble Bubble gum is big in Montana. Louisiana goes for Lemonheads, Georgia is hooked on Swedish Fish and Jolly Ranchers are tops in New Mexico and Arkansas. To see what rates in your state, check out candystore.com/blog/facts-trivia/halloween-candy-map-popular.

Destined for the trash

If you're not trying to make friends, hand out black licorice, Good & Plenty, Tootsie Rolls, Mary Janes, Wax Coke Bottles, Necco Wafers, Smarties, Peanut Butter kisses (not associated with Reese's), Circus Peanuts and the biggest loser: candy corn, according to Candy.Store.com.

Kernel of controversy

There is not much middle ground when you talk about candy corn. You either love them or hate them. First produced in the late 1880s by Wunderlee Candy Company, they were called Chicken Feed, [Readersdigest.com](https://www.readersdigest.com) reports. In 2019, 9 billion pieces were produced, so someone is buying them.

Big business

Candy sales aren't kids' stuff: Americans spent \$2.1 billion on Halloween candy in 2020, slightly behind Easter at \$2.4 billion. But

more Halloween candy is sold, because Easter items tend to be more expensive. The COVID-19 pandemic was a boon to the candy industry, with chocolate sales hitting a record \$27 billion in 2020. Nothing beats chocolate for stressed-out people stuck at home, [CandyIndustry.com](https://www.candyindustry.com) says.

Is last year's candy still good?

Even treats languishing from last year are mostly good, thanks to high levels of sugar, which is a preservative, and low levels of moisture. Jelly beans and hard candies, such as lollipops, last up to a year, but milk chocolate only lasts eight to 10 months and caramel about six to nine months. Dark chocolate, however, is good for about two years.

Fun-size feud

Those cute little bars once ended up in court. Curtiss Candy Company, maker of Baby Ruth and Butterfinger bars, had pioneered the concept of "junior" bars in the

1930s, [Tedium.com](https://www.tedium.com) reports. Then in 1968, Mars, the family-owned maker of M&Ms and Snickers, started marketing smaller bars as "fun-size." When Curtiss started making its own "fun-size" bars three years later, Mars sued them and lost. It turned a third company actually owned the trademark to "fun-size." Mars solved that problem by purchasing that third company along with the trademark. Despite that, Mars was unable to prevent others from marketing fun-size treats.

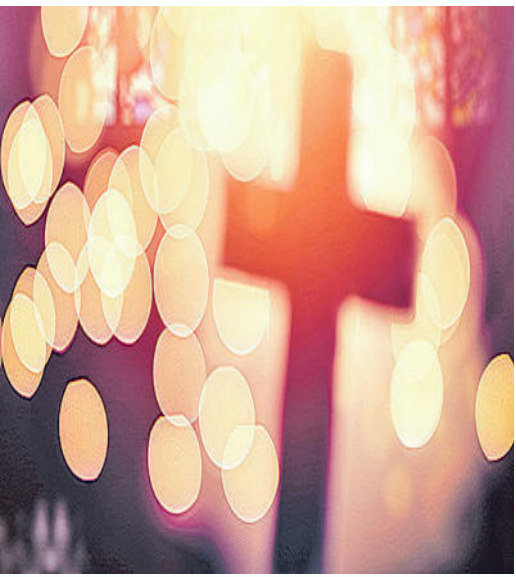
Calorie counters

Halloween may not be the best time to be counting calories but if you are, the average Halloween haul has between 3,500 and 7,000 calories, according to the Donna Arnett, head of the department of epidemiology at the University of Alabama. To work it off, a 100-pound kid would have to walk 44 hours or play basketball for 14.5 hours.

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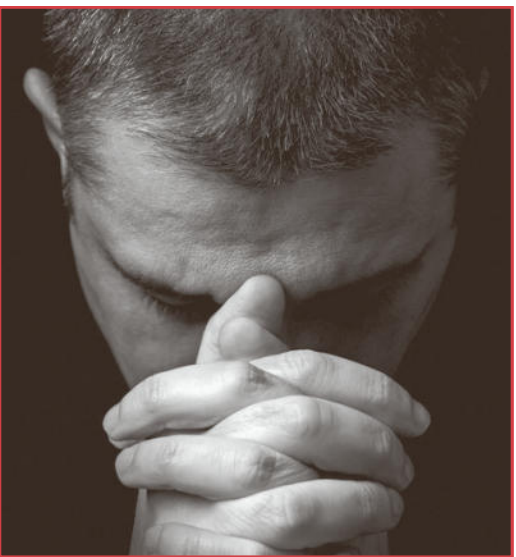
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First Presbyterian Church (USA)
201 S. High at McPherson
Comunion 1st Sunday
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

Kirksville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

First Baptist Church
207 E. Washington
Jason Marlin, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz 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 Rodgerson
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Preaching
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God
2900 S. Halliburton
Chad Earhart
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 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 a.m. 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 Jordan, 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
KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com
www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

First United Methodist Church
300 E. Washington
Rev. Scott Beard, Pastor
8:15 a.m. Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 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 School
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Fellowship Baptist Church
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbck@sbcglobal.net
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

Yarrow Methodist Church
Highway N., Yarrow
Guest Pastors
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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.

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

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

First Christian 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

Trinity Episcopal Church
124 N. Mulanix
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Curtis Denney, 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.

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
Linnie Johnson, 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. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Full Gospel Church
404 North Elson
Ola 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. Morning Worship
Christ's Family Church
531 N. Baltimore
Glenn Berry, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
www.cfkvmo.com • cfkvm@gmail.com

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
660-323-5305

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
6:00 pm Evening Worship
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA
http://laplatafb.org/
Email: laplatafb@gmail.com

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
Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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 Iammatteo-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

Cornerstone Community Church
Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404 N. Elson
9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults

Locust Hill Community Church
Rt. 1, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



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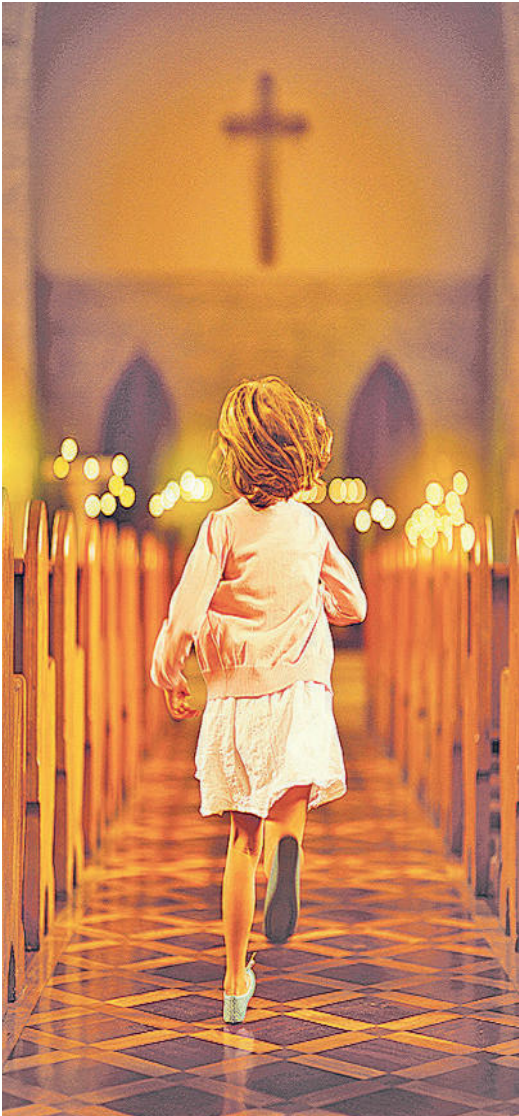
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