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TWO SCOOPS FOR 200 YEARS



Members of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce hosted an ice cream social on Tuesday, Aug. 10, next to the Sue Ross Arts Center to celebrate Missouri's bicentennial. Towns across the state hosted similar ice cream socials to commemorate Missouri's statehood, which happened on Aug. 10, 1821. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

Kirksville R-III schools not planning on masking requirement

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The Kirksville R-III School District is not planning to mandate mask usage by students and staff this school year.

That message was made available earlier this summer, but re-affirmed during a discussion Wednesday as part of a school board meeting.

Superintendent Robert Webb said he was worn out about making decisions that he wasn't an expert in over the last 18 months, with that stress ramping up again as school resumes in two weeks. He said local health care experts should make those decisions instead.

"I don't want to be in the position any longer of having to determine what's best," Webb said. "The health department, the health professionals who are responsible for knowing that information should be the ones who are making these kinds of calls. That's my belief. ... My responsibilities are about the educational and total well-being of the kids here.

"The things that we know that we can do that help, we should try. I also believe that there are conditions, situations and choices that parents deserve to make. So for the idea of mandating a mask right now, I don't believe I would do it. The board can direct me to have that done. I believe that the health department, if they feel it is such a risk, they should be the ones mandating that (masks) be

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Health department encouraging masks, social distancing

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The Adair County Health Department is encouraging residents to wear masks and keep social distance indoors again as COVID-19 cases pick up in the county.

The health department reported 20 new cases on Wednesday, with 125 active cases in the county. There have been 2,924 reported cases in Adair County.

As part of Wednesday's release, the department attributes the spike from July and onward to the delta variant of the virus.

"The case numbers continue to rise quickly in Adair County, keeping us in the COVID19 high-risk category," said Jim LeBaron, Adair County Health Department administrator, in the release. "We're also seeing much higher numbers of children under the age of 12 who are being infected with the virus. They're too young for any of the current vaccines, so our high numbers are putting them at risk.

"To stop the rapid spread of the Delta variant here, we're all going to have to do two things," LeBaron said. "First, get vaccinated if you have not

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Business leaders talk vaccine plans, employee pushback

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Area business leaders met Tuesday to discuss what is being done locally to boost the vaccination rate, and K-REDI talked Tuesday about where businesses are at.

Thirty-four percent of Adair County residents have been fully vaccinated, according to the state's monitoring website. The Kirksville City Council is planning a campaign of some kind to boost the vaccination rate, and K-REDI talked Tuesday about where businesses are at.

K-REDI Executive Director Carolyn Chrisman said she has reached out to some of the area's larger employers. Of those she talked to, those businesses estimated between 20-30 percent of their employees have been vaccinated, with one estimating as high as 65 percent. Many of those businesses offered on-site vaccinations or provided information on where employees could receive them. She said one has offered one sick day as an incentive to employees who get vaccinated.

Chrisman said she didn't know of any local businesses that mandate employees getting one.

Reasons for not getting vaccinated varied from not trusting it to not being available to get it, or not being able to take time off for potential side effects.

Thom Bahr, the plant manager at Hollister in Kirksville, said FDA approval could trigger people to get vaccinated. The FDA is expected to give that approval in the coming weeks.

"When I talk with the folks at my team here that I know who have not been vaccinated, who share that information, the majority of them — whether they're using it as a scapegoat or whatever — is that they don't trust it because it hasn't gotten full FDA approval," Bahr said. "So if we have FDA approval and then ask for a local campaign with doctors, that could help."

Bahr said his plant lags behind Hollister's other locations regarding vaccination rates.

"From a Hollister standpoint, with six manufacturing facilities around the

world and two (distribution centers) and our corporate office, we are by far the lowest, as far as vaccine rate. By far," Bahr said.

During Wednesday's Kirksville R-III School Board meeting, Superintendent Robert Webb said he was told the district could mandate employees get vaccinated. According to a survey he started earlier this week, about 70 percent of the faculty there have been vaccinated already. But if the district mandated getting a COVID-19 vaccine, he questioned what pushback there would be, and what effect there would be on employees leaving because of it.

Andy Schwend, K-REDI's vice president and the chief strategy officer at Preferred Family Health, has heard similar resistance from staff members there.

"We have a number of staff who have reached out and said, 'If you mandate, I'm leaving.' Big percentage of staff," said Schwend during K-REDI's meeting.

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Missourians eligible for Medicaid under expansion can now apply

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Missourians who qualify for Medicaid benefits and services under the program's expansion can now begin applying, Gov. Mike Parson's office said Wednesday.

The announcement comes the day after a Cole County circuit judge ruled that the state could not deny or restrict those eligible under the Missouri constitution, following the orders of a unanimous state Supreme Court decision.

"My administration is always going to follow the law and yesterday's court order is no exception," Parson said.

Under expansion of MO HealthNet, the state's low-income health care program, Missourians ages 19-65 earning

up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line — less than \$17,774 annually per individual or \$37,570 for a four-person family — are now eligible. Those seeking to apply can do so on the Department of Social Services' website, myDSS.mo.gov .

The department still has "administrative hurdles" to overcome, the governor's office said, the primary one being money.

The state legislature did not include funding for the expanded population in the annual budget it delivered to Parson earlier this year. The department will move forward on expansion regardless, Parson's office said.

"We will continue to work with the General Assembly and DSS to chart a path forward to comply with the court

order and keep the MO HealthNet program solvent," Parson said.

That path could include the dilution of the Medicaid money pool, resulting in those eligible receiving less money each, or calling a special session to add money to the annual state budget. Several Democrats have called for the latter, arguing that the state's budget surplus means the money exists to fully fund expansion.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Missouri pays for ten percent of the state's Medicaid funding; 90 percent is paid for with federal government dollars.

The department is also facing limited staffing, according to the governor's office, and will re-assign employees from other roles to process MO HealthNet applications "until the necessary funds

can be appropriated."

DSS will also need to update its technology and software to account for expansion — which the department estimates could take up to two months. Any medical costs racked up by those eligible for the program between their application and when they're officially enrolled "may be reimbursed at a later date," according to Parson's office.

In a trial court hearing last week, Solicitor General John Sauer asked for more time for the state to prepare for enrollment and to hold another hearing in the future.

Attorney Chuck Hatfield, representing three women suing the state, said the state should not be "entitled to another two months of not complying with the law."

Blunt, Hawley split on final infrastructure package vote

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Missouri's U.S. senators took opposite sides on the trillion-dollar infrastructure package passed by the chamber Tuesday.

Roy Blunt, the Show-Me State's senior senator, joined 18 other Republicans Tuesday in passing the \$1.2 trillion proposal, which has been the subject of months-long negotiations between the GOP and Democratic leadership in the Senate and White House. Sen. Josh Hawley, who is also a Republican but has been frequently critical of the package, voted against it.



Missouri Sens. Josh Hawley, left, and Roy Blunt. NEWS-LEADER FILE PHOTOS

Part of a Republican group that often met with President Joe Biden's administration to discuss the deal, Blunt indicated in May he was willing to work on a compromise. But he was wary of Democratic efforts to speed up the negotiation process, and consistently urged the two sides to come to a mutual understanding of the issue.

"Our biggest gap is defining what infrastructure is," Blunt told Fox News in May.

The White House and its Democratic allies in Congress have consistently argued that "infrastructure" includes funding for programs and services to curb climate change, a characterization Blunt and Republicans have disputed.

A push for bipartisan support resulted in a compromise, cutting the bill's initial \$2 trillion goal set by Biden early on to \$1.2 trillion total. It contains \$550 billion in new federal spending — including \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major projects, \$65 billion for expanded broadband internet access, \$65 billion for electric grid repairs and \$55 billion for water system repairs and projects.

"As a national transportation hub, Missouri is among the states that will benefit the most from the targeted investments in this bipartisan infrastructure bill," Blunt said in a statement following the final vote Tuesday. "Location is one of our greatest competitive ad-

vantages in Missouri. The investments in this bill will help us maintain that advantage and improve the quality of life for families, businesses, and farmers."

The bill also includes some funding for electric vehicle charging stations, though far less than what Biden's administration originally sought.

Hawley, Missouri's junior senator, was consistently opposed to the deal, voting "no" to both advance the bill and pass it and posting criticism on Twitter. He linked to a Wall Street Journal editorial that claimed the bill was a "major down payment on President Biden's Green New Deal," a climate-centric framework that Hawley and many Republicans oppose.

Democrats, for their part, still intend to move forward with climate change legislation on their own. Congressional party leaders on Monday released an outline for \$3.5 trillion in spending focused primarily on fighting climate change and expanding social services and programs.

That measure, unlikely to earn support from any Republicans, is expected to pass through a process known as reconciliation, in which the majority party is able to pass legislation with a simple majority, rather than 60 total votes. Democrats hold 50 seats in the Senate and the tie-breaking vote in Vice President Kamala Harris.

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According to reporting by the Springfield News-Leader, a group of Republican senators sent a letter last week to Gov. Mike Parson, urging him to call a special session to pass legislation preventing employers from mandating the vaccine, "whether they be from the public or the private sector." There hasn't been any indication that Parson will do that, but he has encouraged Missourians to get vaccinated.

"I think the reality is we have to face the fact that there is going to be a certain segment of the population that's not going to take this vaccine," Parson said in an interview with St. Louis Public Radio . "For me, I believe the vaccine works. I don't know what the outcome of the vaccine is going to be in three or four years from now. Nobody does. But I think for the time we're in right now, if we're going to save lives, I think the vaccine is definitely the way to do it."

A survey done by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry found 83 percent of employers are "encouraging their staff members to get vaccinated."

Roughly 42.3 percent of Missouri residents are fully vaccinated. Seventy percent of adults in America have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Daniel Mehan, CEO of the chamber, said in a response to those senators that vac-

cination is "the key to Missouri's economic recovery."

"The Missouri Chamber stands against attempts to place reckless new restrictions on the state's business community," said Mehan. "Employers have long had the ability to mandate vaccinations and the Missouri Chamber believes all employers should continue to have this right when it comes to the COVID-19 vaccine."

When the vaccines started to roll out last year, K-REDI had local health experts talk about the benefits of getting one. That appears similar to what Mayor Zac Burden proposed at a City Council meeting two weeks ago. With cases rising and the vaccination rate plateauing, he wants to have medical leaders talking about the benefits of getting vaccinated.

Along with that, members of K-REDI's board said hammering down where people can get them is another top priority. Some members said people have told them they don't know where vaccines are available.

With schools opening in the next few weeks and vaccines potentially getting full FDA approval around September, a key inflection point nears. So a city-wide campaign seems likely to coincide with that.

"We want businesses to stay open," Chrisman said. "We've got students coming back and we want them to be part of our community and our economy to keep moving along."

Kirksville Public Schools

Back to School Information

First Day of School Grades PK-12: Tuesday, August 24, 2021

School Starting Times

Primary Grades K-2	8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Elementary Grades 3-5	8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Middle School Grades 6-8	7:43 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
High School & Technical Center	7:47 a.m. – 2:48 p.m.

NEW STUDENTS TO THE DISTRICT

New Kindergarten through 12th grade students to the Kirksville School District should register online by going to www.kirksville.k12.mo.us. On the Parents & Students menu, choose Enrollment and click KVR-III K-12 Registration. To enroll you must provide school records (if applicable), birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, and complete the online registration process.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER (ECLC)

Preschool Preview-	Thursday, August 19th 2021	5:00 p.m.-6:30p.m.
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This is a great opportunity for students to meet their teachers, drop off school supplies and fill/out drop off back to-school paperwork. Parents may also bring necessary medications to the nurse.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, GRADES K-2

Classroom assignments will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, August 13th at 3:30 PM. If you prefer the teacher to mail or email the classroom assignments, please contact the Primary School to let them know. All students and parents are invited to stop by to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies during our KPS Sneak-A-Peek on August 23rd

Kindergarten - First Grade - Second Grade: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m..

All students can come at any time between that two hour block. Parking will be available in the west parking lot. Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 24th. We can't wait to see you!

RAY MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES 3-5

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to announce that students and parents are invited to our RME Meet and Greet on Monday, August 23 from 1:00-3:00. All grade levels are welcome at all times. Please stop by and meet your teachers, see your classroom, and drop off your school supplies. We look forward to seeing you!

WILLIAM MATTHEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8

Students can pick up schedules, find your lockers, and locate your classes between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

8th Grade: Tuesday, August 17th

7th Grade: Wednesday, August 18th

6th Grade: Monday, August 23rd

6th-grade orientation will take place on Monday, August 23rd from 5:30-7:00. 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: additional time to pick up schedules and find lockers (light refreshments available)

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. everyone will meet in the Lecture Room for a middle school overview and then parents/guardians and students will meet with their 6th-grade team of teachers.

Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to attend together. 7th and 8th grade students new to the district are welcome to attend as well.

Contact the middle school office at 660-665-3793 to schedule an alternate time to pick up schedules if needed. We look forward to seeing you soon!

KIRKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12

- Upon registering with the district, new students will need to call the high school to schedule an appointment with a counselor in order to select classes. Please call 660-665-4631.
- Freshman and new students can meet with Student Ambassadors Thursday, August 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a tour of the school or to ask questions.
- School pictures are scheduled on the following dates prior to school starting: Senior pictures are on August 19th and August 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Seniors will be able to order graduation supplies during this time also. Junior pictures are on August 20th from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 (noon). Sophomore pictures are on August 20th from 12:00 (noon) – 2:00 p.m. Freshman pictures are on August 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon). All pictures are being taken in the cafeteria.
- Pictures for Seniors have to be taken by the school photographer. This picture will be used for the class composite and yearbook. Details of dress requirements are listed in the senior letter that has been mailed home.
- Seniors may order graduation supplies on Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th during Senior pictures.
- Juniors and Sophomores interested in ordering a class ring may do so on Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Students can pick up class schedules when they come for school pictures.
- This year High School students are to bring their own refillable water bottles.

KIRKSVILLE AREA TECHNICAL CENTER

- Adult student enrollment deadline is August 13th.
- First Day of all other classes is August 24th.

BUS REGISTRATION

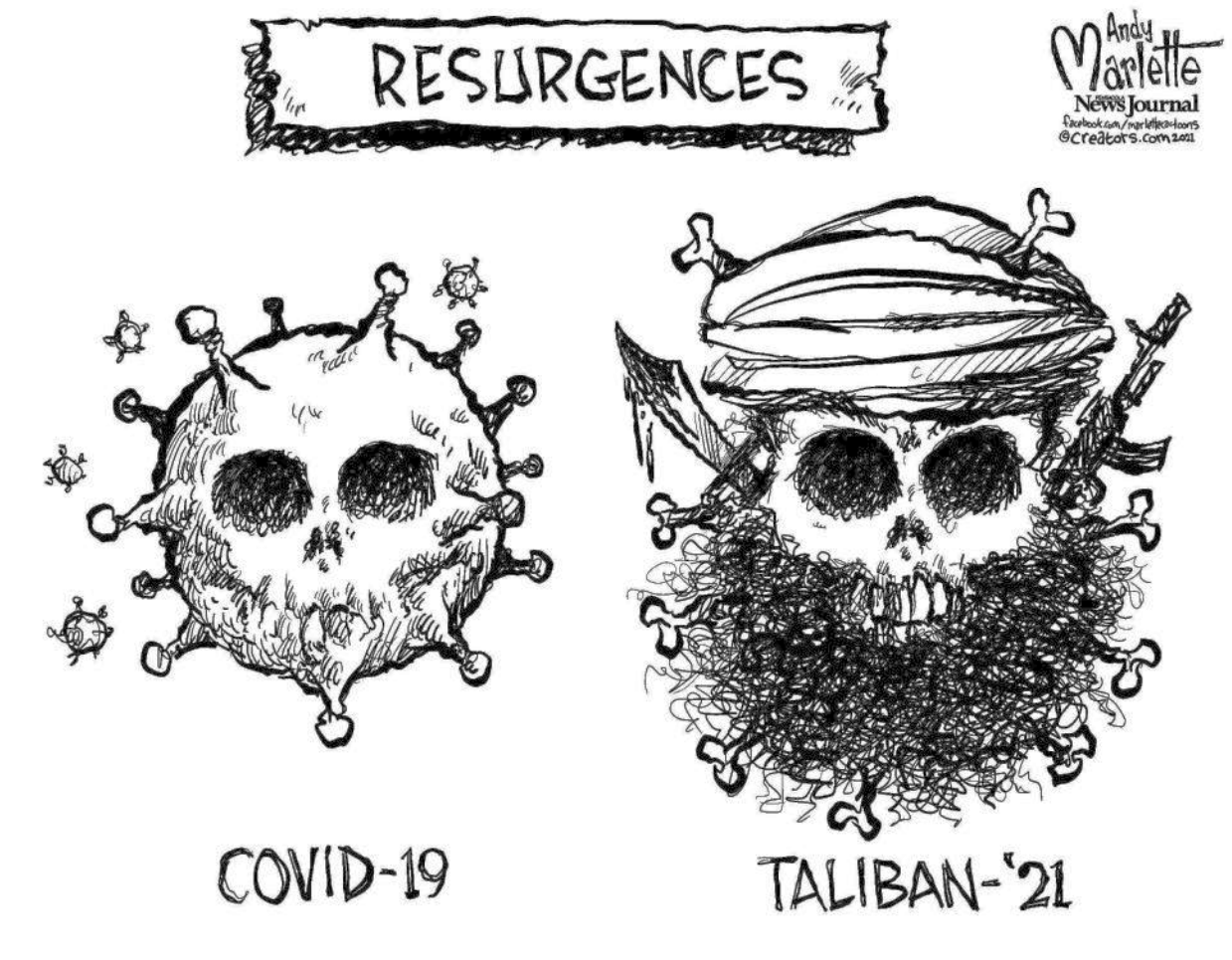
If your child rode the bus last year, you will be automatically enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. New students to the district or students who have moved since the end of the 2020-2021 school year need to register at the Transportation Office located at 1901 E. Hamilton. New registrations can be taken by phone by calling (660) 626-1444.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- School lunch and breakfast will be FREE again this year for grades K-12.
- Please review the student insurance information at <http://markel.sevencorners.com/>. A direct link has been established under Parent Resources on the district website at www.kirksville.k12.mo.us.

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OPINION



Construction workers raise wood framing in a new housing development. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Could California make it cheaper to build and buy houses? Yes. Here’s how to do it.



Your Turn
Patrick Kennedy and Darren Suen
Guest columnists

As anyone who has tried to buy a home in the past year knows all too well, California’s housing costs are soaring. The primary reason is basic economics – there is a strong demand for housing and a limited supply because not enough homes have been built over the past two decades to meet that demand.

But a recent study has made it clear that increasingly high fees charged to builders by cities, counties and special districts, and ultimately paid for by homebuyers, is a major cost factor as well, and one that can be addressed.

As elected officials working to add to our communities’ housing supply and to improve affordability, we urge city councils, school boards and boards of supervisors around the state to ensure that their fees are appropriately scaled so that it’s easier, not harder, for families to buy – and homebuilders to provide – the new homes our state so badly needs.

Builders have reported for years that high fees have been a problem in many coastal areas. But a recent report prepared for the North State Building Industry Association shows that the total fee burden in our area now averages an astonishing \$95,000 for each new homebuyer.

Some of these fees pay for essential items — basic infrastructure like roads, water treatment, schools or parks. However, the study revealed that similar communities in the Central Valley and the Inland Empire region of Southern California — areas similar in nature and lifestyle to Sacramento — see much lower fees than Sacramento for these same amenities.

The fees in those two regions average a full \$40,000 per home lower than what Sacramento homebuyers generally pay. These findings clearly show that fees hurt the region’s affordability and put homeownership out of reach for thousands of area families.

In our region, every \$1,000 increase in price prevents 936 families from affording an average home. That translates to some 37,000 local families who are being priced out from buying a new home right now.

The fees affect affordability for middle-income homebuyers as well as low-income families looking

for government-sponsored housing options. Affordable-housing builders must pay fees as well. And when middle-income families cannot afford a new home, it prevents them from moving out of their condos or smaller homes, creating gridlock and blocking opportunities for poorer families wishing to climb the homeownership ladder.

Eliminating the additional \$40,000 in government fees would save the average homeowner \$175 per month, \$2,000 per year and an incredible \$60,000 more over the course of a 30-year mortgage.

The study was conducted by Economic and Planning Systems, a firm that provides expertise on real estate and land use for public- and private-sector clients across the country. It recommends that local jurisdictions cut fees to spur more homebuilding to boost supply; reduce or remove unnecessary amenities to bring fees down; and use local funds for larger amenities that benefit entire communities.

Local governments throughout the state can examine how Lodi, Clovis, Riverside and Ontario have been able to keep fees so much lower than Sacramento before they approve new fees.

The Legislature is considering Assembly Bill 602 to standardize local fee calculations and to create greater accountability and transparency in fee calculations and payment methods. This legislation should be passed, but with additional provisions so that local governments may reduce and eliminate unnecessary fees.

Also, because some fees are the result of state mandates for goals such as better water quality or helping fund affordable housing, other methods to fund these essential needs should continue to be explored to reduce the burden on the next generation of homeowners.

As discussions around a bipartisan federal infrastructure package and state budget talks continue, members of Congress and state legislators should be open to working further with local governments. Allocating funds to support broad societal benefits like parks, water and sewer infrastructure improvements and affordable housing would help ensure equity of these needs throughout the state.

Bringing housing demand and production into better balance would help improve affordability, but so would reducing costs to produce housing. And we know that is possible.

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Sexual assault: 5 things to know as your daughters head to college

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Special to USA TODAY

It’s the call every parent dreads. It usually begins with “Mom, there’s something I need to tell you.” What follows is an often disjointed account of sexual assault. What many parents need to know: Victims can find telling them as traumatic as the assault itself. I’ve spent a lifetime working with college students and studying violence against women. Here’s how you can help them avoid, and recover from, campus sexual assault.

First, get your head out of the sand. The odds of a girl being sexually assaulted while at college can be higher than the odds of getting into the school in the first place. The most common time is between freshman orientation and Thanksgiving. Girls (I call them that because that’s what they call themselves), as well as TGQN students – transgender, nonbinary/genderqueer, questioning, or not listed – are the primary victims.

A 2019 survey of 181,752 students at 33 leading universities across the country found that 25.9% of undergraduate girls had experienced “nonconsensual penetration, attempted penetration, sexual touching by force, or inability to consent” since they enrolled. One-in-four odds are too big to ignore.

Second, the pandemic matters. In 2021, there will be essentially two classes of first-year students on campus: true freshman and those starting their second year after months of virtual instruction. The eagerness and anxiety that accompany going to college are sure to be more intense post-pandemic. Plus, after so much physical distancing, we all experience pent up longing for touch and intimacy.

What can be done? Changing the attitudes and behaviors of men and boys is what will reduce sexual assault. Easier said than done. So I shifted my focus on prevention and spoke with victims, their mothers and fathers and wrote a book. Their stories were heart rending.

Which brings us to point three: Amid gathering bug spray and laundry soap, take time to talk about sexual assault. If this conversation makes you uncomfortable now, imagine what it would be like to talk to her after a sexual assault. Bring it up today, even if you blush and bumble. Cite the risks of assault. Tell her you want to know if she were hurt. Commit to hanging in there with her no matter what. Ask what she thinks someone might want from a parent in that situation. The conversation, even if unsettling, will help her anticipate her own needs.

Fourth, forget rules. It won’t help to tell her not to go to parties, not to drink alcohol, to wear fingernail polish that changes color if her drink has been spiked. Save your breath. Most kids are so excited and relieved to finally be at college, they cut loose their first year. If she is assaulted after breaking one of your rules, she may experience shame and be reluctant to turn to you for help. Instead, try this: “If something happens to you, I don’t care if you broke a rule or did something that in hindsight seems stupid, I want to know.”

If there is one rule you can offer, it’s probably “pay attention to your gut.” Encourage her that if she feels uneasy in a situation, figure out a way to get help and get out, even if it means being rude, loud or forceful. Most campus sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows; it’s the boy next to her in physics, not a stranger who breaks into her dorm. We do such a good job training our girls to be polite that many victims worry about hurting the perpetrator’s feelings or creating a scene and override their accurate sense that they are in danger.

Fifth, if you do get that call: Listen, listen, listen. Parents typically ask questions trying to make sense of the shock. “A fraternity party? Were you drinking? You just met him? You went to his room alone?” To someone recently assaulted, this can feel judgmental and blaming. Another common, counterproductive response is to succumb to your understandable emotionality. Tears, anger and vows of revenge can overburden a victim when she needs all resources for herself.

Remember: You were not the one assaulted. That first conversation is likely to be a bit of a mess, and families figure out how to move on, but the process can be painful in unexpected ways. Victims report that the most helpful response is sympathy and calm reassurance: “I’m here for you.”

Getting help is important. Local and national resources such as RAINN and the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline can assist victims and parents. Campus staff and faculty who have been advocating for victims for years can be useful allies, and most colleges offer a wide range of free resources, from the chaplain’s office to counseling and psychological services to cultural centers.

More than 750,000 undergraduate girls who are enrolled full-time are projected to be sexually assaulted this year. If you’re among the parents who are told, don’t struggle in isolation. Find a safe place or person (not your child) for support and guidance. Take solace that seemingly fragile individuals and families can be remarkably strong. You all will grow.

Susan B. Sorenson is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and author of the new book “After Campus Sexual Assault: A Guide for Parents.”

Husband’s browser history upsets wife



Dear Annie
Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for five years. We have a beautiful daughter, and we’ve got a son on the way. But I keep finding my husband using dating websites and chatrooms for singles. When I ask him about it, he gets angry and says, “That’s from months ago!” But whenever I check the browser history, there are always more recently visited websites. He says that he never talks to anyone, just looks. How can I make him see that I love him and that those are not sites for married people? Should I just give up and end the marriage? I’m at a loss.

– *Taken for Granted*

Dear Taken: You don’t need to make him see that those sites aren’t for married people. He already knows. He just doesn’t care or is too addicted to the rush to stop. Whatever the case, his blatant disregard for your feelings is shocking, and the fact that he’s doing all this while you’re pregnant adds insult to injury. If you two are going to truly work through this, it will be with the help of a marriage counselor. If he refuses to go, then it might be time to start speaking discreetly with an attorney about your options.

Dear Annie: My son, “Rick,” and a former friend of his, “Cherie,” had a ba-

by together. I love Cherie and the baby so much, and I’m fortunate that I get to see my grandson every other week. My issue is, how do I introduce Cherie to family members who have never met her?

I’m also not sure how to introduce the woman whom Rick is currently dating. I really don’t care for her, but they live together. How should I introduce her to the family?

– *Mum Mom*

Dear Mum: Keep it simple. Introduce Cherie by name and as the mother of your grandson. Introduce Rick’s girlfriend as Rick’s girlfriend because that’s what she is, whether you like it or not.

Dear Annie: You have had several letters recently about people who drink too much. I have been doing some research on the subject since my niece died several weeks ago of organ failure after years of drinking. She would not take the advice of anyone, but now her problems are over.

The best thing I’ve found is some research done by William Porter, a British solicitor (lawyer) who quit drinking seven years ago. He has written several books on the subject of alcohol. His site is <http://www.alcoholexplained.com>. The first five chapters of his book “Alcohol Explained” can be read free online. Once you read what alcohol does to your brain, you will never touch it again. He has several other books and videos. All are very thought-provoking.

– *Carolyn A.*

Parents want kids under 12 vaccinated on the sly

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USA TODAY

Mimi Allen has two daughters, 14 and 10. She is raising them alone. They are her world.

So while the Phoenix financial adviser doesn’t usually go for rule-breaking, she recently decided to slip into a local pharmacy and get her younger daughter a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination, which is approved only for those 12 and older.

Allen told her immunocompromised daughter the plan, fibbed about her child’s age at the counter and walked out relieved.

“I’m a mother who needs to keep her children safe, and if the governor here had mandated masks in school I might have thought differently,” said Allen, 55, who declined to give her daughters’ names out of concern for any backlash. “I’m an ethical person. But after my daughters, my concern is me. If they get it and pass it on and I’m hospitalized or dead, my kids are in trouble.”

Allen’s quandary is shared by millions of Americans who, as schools go back in session, ponder the best way to keep their vaccine-ineligible young ones safe as the delta variant continues its rampage and some state leaders resist in-school mask mandates.

Having a child under 12 get the vaccine raises medical and ethical questions and can bring justifications that can range from understandable to specious. Among the former: Children with underlying conditions deserve a shot considering the alternative. The latter: With many people declining the vaccine one might as well use a dose, although doses are still needed for at-risk adult holdouts.

When asked their opinion, doctors and ethicists gave USA TODAY a unanimous verdict: Though the temptation is understandable, getting a child the COVID-19 vaccine introduces risks that may outweigh the benefits.

“I know there’s a lot of anxiety out there, but it really doesn’t justify going outside the lines,” said Dr. Sean O’Leary, an infectious diseases specialist at Children’s Hospital Colorado in Aurora. “The No. 1 issue with any vaccine is safety for the patient.”

O’Leary is a member of the Amer-

ican Academy of Pediatrics, whose CEO recently sent a letter to the Food and Drug Administration urging the agency to speed approval of vaccines for those under 12. Most experts predict that could come as early as this fall.

The urgency for full approval

The FDA is racing the clock on a few fronts. When it comes to adults, some Americans have said they will get a shot only when the agency gives full, versus just emergency, approval of the vaccines. The Biden administration has said that may happen next month.

And for kids, delaying even emergency approval raises the stakes as hospitals increasingly see younger unvaccinated patients. Last week saw the largest leap since the pandemic began of pediatric COVID-19 cases, about 72,000 from 39,000 the previous week, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Doctors in hard-hit states such as Kentucky and Texas report that some children are being put on ventilators.

So there’s little surprise some parents are mulling taking matters into their own hands and jumping the line.

Dr. Peter Hotez of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has “sympathy for parents just trying to make the best decisions they can based on many government leaders who are unwilling to protect them.” Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has banned mask mandates, a decision that is being challenged in court and defied by a number of school districts.

But Hotez believes the answer isn’t to sneak younger kids in for a shot. Rather, he urges parents to put their anger and frustration into fighting for mask mandates while the FDA continues its research.

“The FDA is working as expeditiously as possible, but the reason we’re conservative with kids is because if you get things wrong, the stakes are higher,” said Hotez, who also is co-director of the Center for Vaccine Development at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston.

Dr. Stuart Finder, director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles, seconds that note of caution.

Second drowning of summer reported at Forest Lake

Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

A 64-year-old man drowned Monday at Forest Lake.

According to a news release from the Kirksville Police Department, central dispatch received a call at 1:44 p.m. about a male missing from a boat and a female being pulled into the caller’s boat from the water.

A 67-year-old female was rescued by the bystanders. At the time the re-

lease was issued the man has not yet been recovered. Water rescue personnel are still on-scene searching for him. Names have been withheld until family has been notified.

An initial investigation says the two subjects were swimming off a boat they were on, with no other subjects on the boat.

This is the second drowning death at Forest Lake this summer. Nathan Stafford, 32, of Kirksville, drowned at the lake on July 14.

Obituaries

TODAY’S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES				
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Campbell, Carl Wayne	91	La Plata	07-Aug	Travis Funeral Chapel
*Franke, Dorothy Jean	97	Novelty	11-Aug	Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home
* Additional information in display obituaries <i>Obituaries appear in print and online at legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress</i>				



Dorothy Jean Franke

NOVELTY - Dorothy Jean Franke, age 97, of Novelty, MO, passed away Wednesday, August 11, 2021, in Columbia, MO. She was born July 5, 1924, in Kirksville, MO, the daughter of Willard Sampson and Opal Alice Browning Wilgus. She was united in marriage to John Ray Franke on March 4, 1945, and he preceded her in death on February 16, 1992. Dorothy was also preceded by her parents.

Surviving are two sons, J.W. (Becky) Franke of Novelty, MO, and Stan R. (Myrna) Franke of Novelty, MO, grandchildren Sherri (John) Potter of Lee’s Summit, MO, Mark (Molly) Franke of Ottumwa, IA, Brent (Shelli) Franke of Weldon Springs, MO, David (Misty) Franke of Moberly, MO, John McFarland of Bay Point, CA, Amy DeAnn (Bob) Bacon of Brookline, MA, Christa Leigh (Eric) Harland of Bixby, OK, Alicia Jean (Ray) Bacon of Bethel, MO, great grandchildren, Adelyn, Benton and Cayson Potter, Avery, Hayden and Emily Franke, Luke and Lily Franke, Alex, Will and Sadie Franke, Dominic Taylor, Bree, Andrew and Bella Bacon, Bo, Ty and Oz Bacon, and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy graduated from Novelty High School. She and her husband were engaged in farming in the Novelty community all their lives. She was an active member of the Novelty Christian Church and was a faithful reader of her Bible every day. She also taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible school. Dorothy enjoyed flowers and cooking and was well known for her chocolate chip cookies.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, August 14, 2021, in the Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Edina, MO. Minister Paul Milliken will officiate the services. Burial will be in the Novelty Cemetery. Musical selections will be What A Friend We Have In Jesus and In The Garden.

Casket bearers will be Mark Franke, Brent Franke, Benton Potter, David Franke, Ray Bacon and Eric Harland. Honorary bearers will be Mike Franke, Rex Franke, Curtis Franke, Karl Franke and Kent Franke.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 10 a.m. till time of services at 11 a.m. in the Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Edina, MO.

Memorials are suggested to the Novelty Christian Church or Novelty Cemetery. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Edina, MO 63537.



Carl Wayne Campbell

LA PLATA - Carl Wayne Campbell, age 91 of La Plata, Missouri, passed away Saturday, August 7, 2021 at his son’s home in Hartsburg, Missouri.

Born November 11, 1929 in Derby, Iowa, he was the son of Arthur and Catheryn (Gartin) Campbell. On August 21, 1953 in Nashua, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Mariellen Weathers who preceded him in death on June 7, 2021.

Also preceding him in death are his parents; one son, Kenneth Wayne Campbell; two brothers, Frank and Richard Campbell; and one sister, Mildred Swanson.

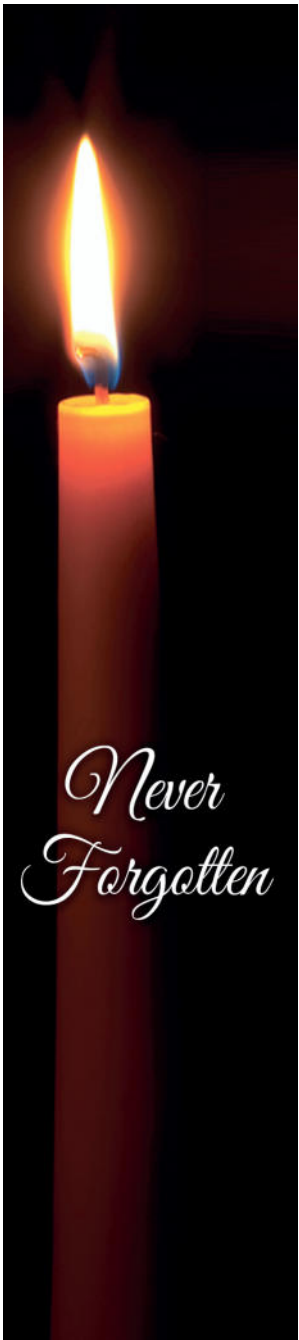
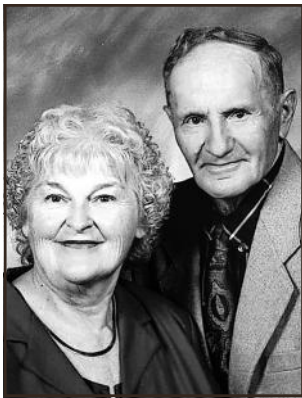
Surviving are two sons, Ronald (Brenda) Campbell of Hartsburg, Missouri and James (Karla) Campbell of Baldwin City, Kansas; one daughter, Cindy L. (Randy) Reittinger of Nauvoo, Illinois; five grandchildren, Matthew L. Campbell, Charles M. Campbell, Seth A. Campbell, Israel J. Campbell, and Aaron D. Beeson; four great grandchildren, Kandice Lyttle, Logan Campbell, Simon Campbell, and Adahlayah Beeson; and several step-grandchildren.

Carl was a 1948 graduate of Cambria High School in Cambria, Iowa. He served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1949. In 1973 he moved to La Plata from Green Castle, Missouri. Carl was a union bricklayer, working on many different jobs in northern Missouri. He was a member of the La Plata Baptist Church. Carl enjoyed playing and listening to bluegrass music with his family.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Sharon Cemetery in Wayne County, Iowa.

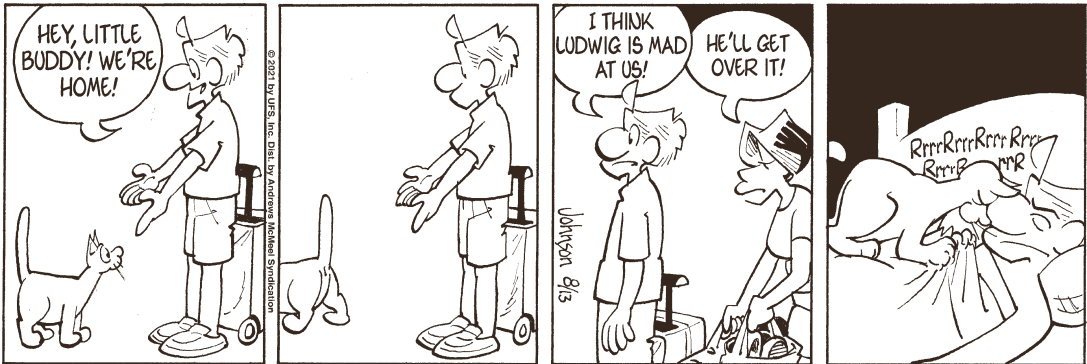
A “Celebration of Life” for Carl and Mariellen will be Sunday, August 22, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Silver Rails Event Center in La Plata, Missouri.

Memorials in memory of Carl and Mariellen may be made to Hospice Compassus or to Sharon Cemetery. They may be sent to or left at Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.

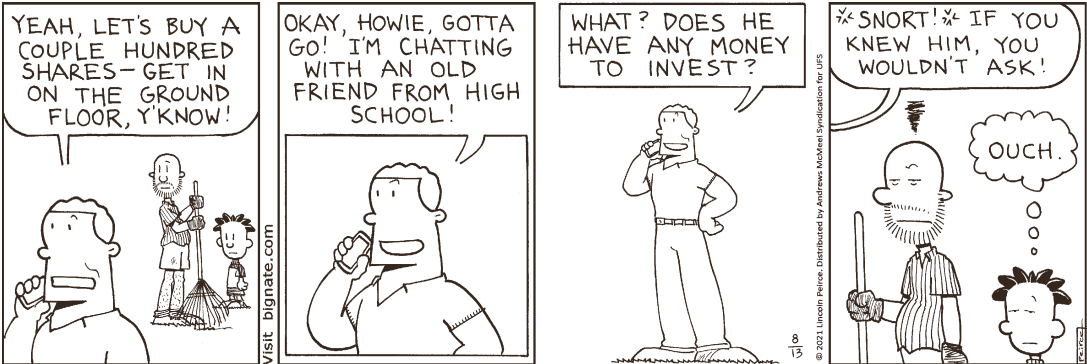


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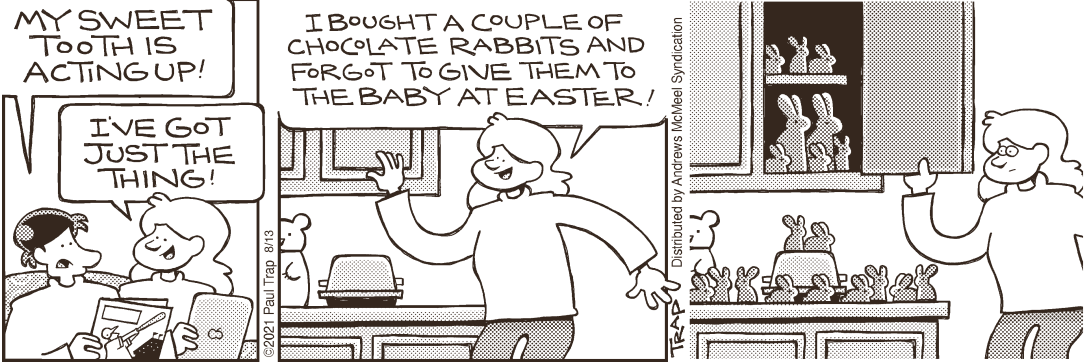
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Shake a finger

4 Sable or mink

7 First-magnitude star

11 Kimono sash

12 Go without grub

13 No future

14 Diminish

15 Medicinal plant

16 Orpheus' harp

17 Sponsorship

19 Sheathed with metal

20 Face or amble lead-in

21 CEO degree

22 Cowboy's ride

25 Rumors, often

28 Bravo, in Barcelona

29 Small brook

31 Scotland Yard div.

33 — kwon do

34 Satisfy fully

36 England's Isle of —

37 Red-faced

40 Soup server

42 “— a Rebel”

43 Zippy the Pinhead's word

44 Gets in debt

46 La Scala production

49 Shangri-la

50 One-liner

52 Hearty laugh

54 Deceitful one

55 Zoo denizens

56 Memorable time

57 Pitch-dark

58 Geol. formations

59 Respond

DOWN

1 Melancholy

2 Mr. Eban

3 Mocking comment

4 Exam option

5 Canteen initials

6 I-70

7 Lavish country homes

8 “Orinoco Flow” singer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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“It’s really stuck. Do you think you’ll be able to play it like that?”

HOROSCOPE BY EUGENIA LAST

Aries (March 21-April 19): Distance yourself from anyone who stifles you. Focus on what’s important to you and the changes you can make if you put more effort into your plans. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Uncertainty will lead to inconsistency. Evaluate the past and present, and rely on your experience to help you put your energy where it will bring the highest return. ☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A change in how or where you work will be met with pros and cons. Consider your options, and decide to do what makes you feel happy and healthy. ☆☆☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Ask trusted allies, relatives or an expert before you jump into something that can eat your savings or lead you down the wrong path. When in doubt, say no. ☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Work with people who share your objective and concerns. You’ll accomplish more if you are open to suggestions and sharing the work and the benefits that unfold. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take an energetic approach to life. Participate in challenges that require physical and mental agility, and play to win. Thrive on positive change. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make plans to socialize with people who spark your imagination and open your mind to new and exciting options. Look at change as growth. Embrace life. ☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ask for help if you need it, and you’ll be surprised by a response you receive from someone you least expect. Charm will go a long way in professional situations. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ask questions, and verify the information you receive. Look for opportunities that will help you save money. Avoid taking a risk that can lead to injury or illness. ☆☆☆

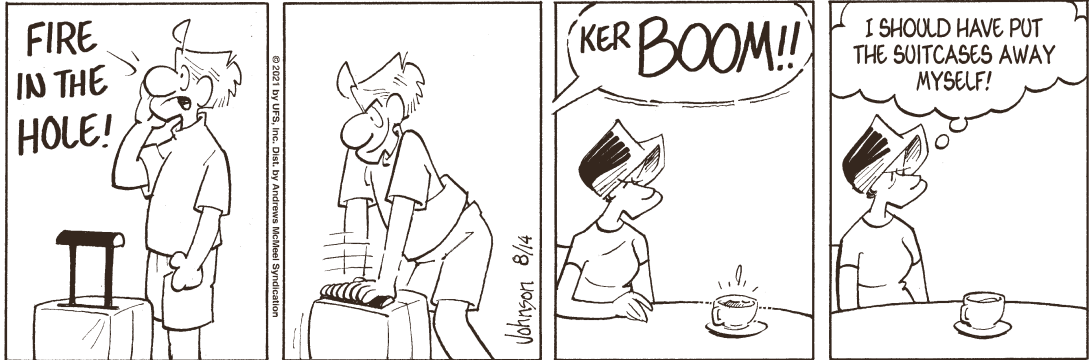
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Control your emotions when dealing with money, health or contractual matters. If you overreact or take on too much, it will be difficult to reverse the consequences. ☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’ll have a healthy attitude and an open mind. What you discover will help you handle your finances better and improve a meaningful relationship. ☆☆☆☆☆

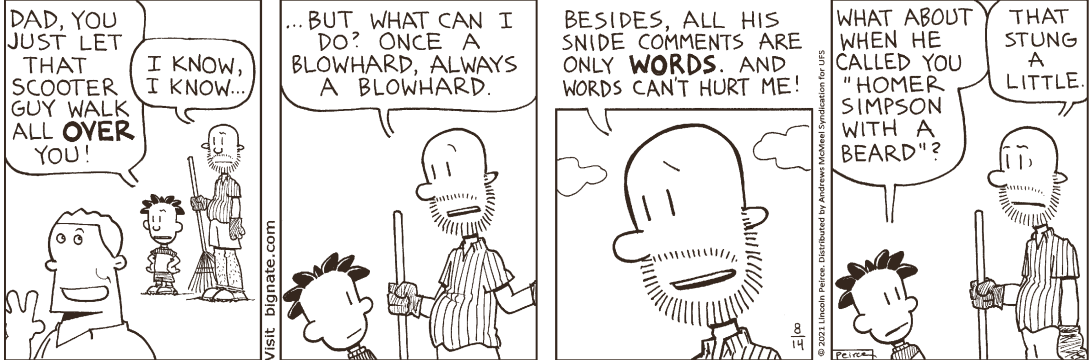
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): What you achieve will leave a lasting impression on someone. Let your intentions be known, and you’ll be able to make plans that will result in a positive change. ☆☆☆☆☆

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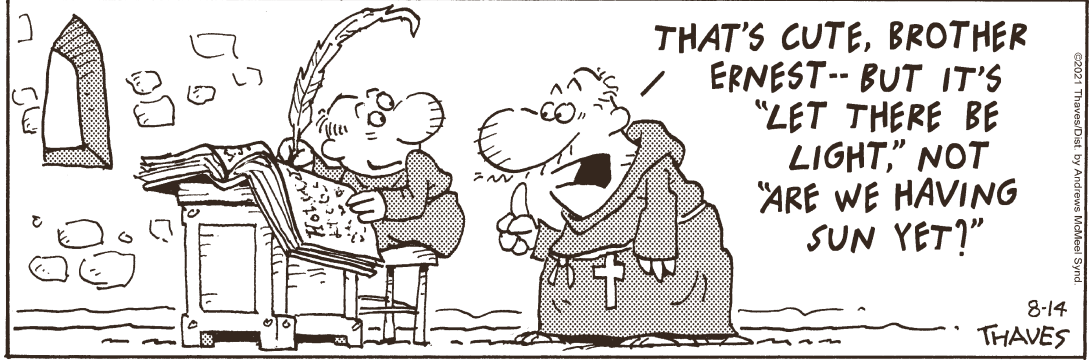
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Popular hemline

5 Brownish fruit

8 Aptitude

12 Psyche's suitor

13 Cash sub.

14 Foray

15 Many parents

16 Hosp. personnel

17 Moon and sun, in verse

18 Person, place or thing

20 Serapes

22 Always, to Poe

24 Feminine principle

25 Feudal tenant

28 Played charades

32 Give a hand to

33 Thump

35 Bronte heroine

36 Serving of mashed potatoes
- DOWN
- 1 Glove sz.

2 Persia, today

3 Extinct bird

38 Slight

40 Muscle spasm

41 Fable author

43 Tactless

45 Candle drippings

47 Caustic solution

48 Bank worker

51 Munro's pen name

54 Bump or knot

55 — de plume

57 Trilled

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60 Giants hero of yore

61 Famed lava spewer

62 Moistens

63 Carson City loc.

64 Ricky Ricardo

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4 Gushes forth

5 Fragrant tree

6 Charged particles

7 Sentimental

8 Chocolate goody

9 Viscount's superior

10 Pen points

11 NFL scores

19 Plover's dwelling

21 Intend

23 Bleacher shouts

25 Foul

26 Fuss

27 Gill

29 Legend

30 Buffalo's lake

31 Winter mo.

32 Muslim honorific

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50 By heart

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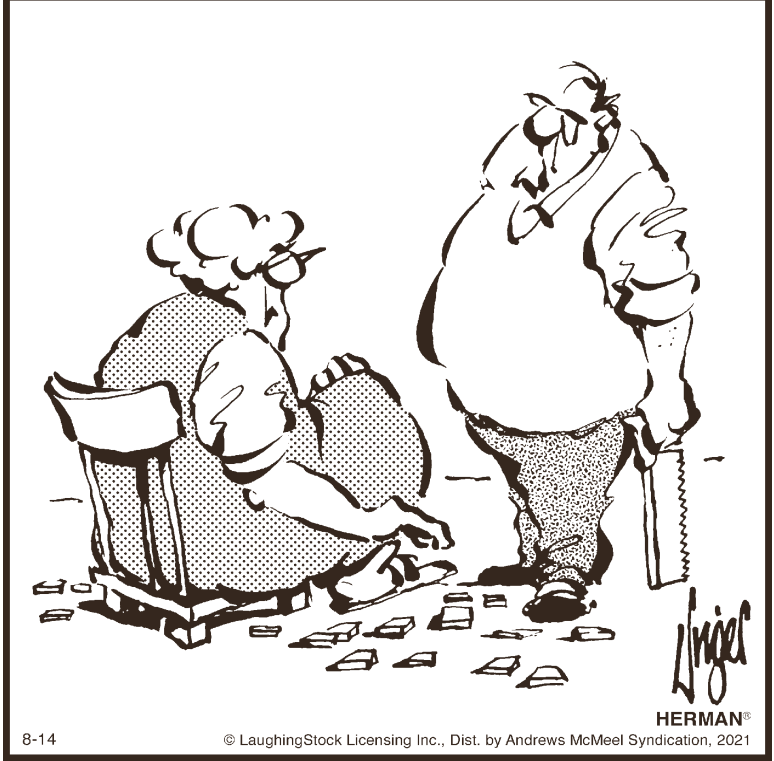
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“It’s still wobbling.”

HOROSCOPE BY EUGENIA LAST

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may want to get the approval of someone you love and respect before you say yes to something or someone. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll be jumpy when it comes to emotional matters. Stay calm. Be rational and willing to participate in an open discussion. ☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Taking a chance to earn your living or maintain a healthy reputation will leave you in a difficult position. Protect against mental, physical or financial risk. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Put on your thinking cap, and you'll come up with a plan that will help you turn a negative into a positive. Don't suppress your creativity. Romance is encouraged. ☆☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen carefully. Recognize when someone is exaggerating or promising the impossible. Refuse to let your emotions take over or cause you to neglect your responsibilities. ☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll navigate your way through life with ease. Put force behind your words, and follow through with your plans. Love is on the rise. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make plans to do something that brings out the best in you. A healthy challenge will encourage you to make a positive change. Step into the limelight. ☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sharing your feelings will make a difference to the dynamics of a relationship. Procrastinating will leave you in a no-win situation. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen and learn before you make a change. It's important to understand what's possible before you reveal your next move. ☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Holding back your feelings won't solve problems. Step up and say what's on your mind, and good things will transpire. Romance will be the key to someone's heart. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Indulgent behavior will stand between you and success. Look at the big picture, and mull over how best to make the most of your day without disrupting relationships. ☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll get help if you ask. Pay attention to loved ones, and it will bring you closer together. A kind gesture, a little romance or a compliment will set the mood. ☆☆☆☆

ENTERTAINMENT

Adam Duritz. PHOTO BY MARK SELIGER; ILLUSTRATION BY AIDREY TATE/USA TODAY NETWORK; AND GETTY IMAGES



Counting Crows’ frontman writes new suite for band

ADAM DURITZ

Ed Masley Arizona Republic | USA TODAY NETWORK

Adam Duritz was visiting a friend’s farm in the west of England when he got the sudden urge to play piano.

“I hadn’t written in a long time,” he recalls. “So I rented a keyboard. A friend of mine drove it down from London, and I started playing a little bit. A couple days later, I wrote the song ‘The Tall Grass.’”

The next day, he was messing with “The Tall Grass” just to see if it was really done when he started experimenting with singing the final lyrics over different chords.

That’s when he found himself singing a line that wasn’t in the song.

“Bobby was a kid from ‘round the town.”
At first, he thought, “Well, maybe it’s a longer song,” like a “Palisades Park,” the eight-minute epic that opened what was then the latest Counting Crows release, 2014’s “Somewhere Under Wonderland.”

It wasn’t long before he realized that the bit about the kid from ‘round the town wasn’t part of “The Tall Grass” at all. It was the first line of a new song.

Duritz began to see a bigger picture for the album

“But I couldn’t help thinking how cool it sounded flowing right out of ‘The Tall Grass,’” Duritz says.

“I was just like, ‘That is *magic*.’ I thought, ‘What if I wrote a bunch of songs where the ending of one is the beginning of the next and they flow like one long song?’ And immediately, I was just feverishly excited about that idea.”

That’s how Duritz came to write the aptly titled “Butter Miracle Suite One” in which the songs do flow into each other like the second side of “Abbey Road” or the suite that end Bruce Springsteen’s “The Wild, the Innocent & the E Street Shuffle.”

Counting Crows’ tour starts Aug. 7 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The band is scheduled to play Phoenix’s Arizona Federal Theatre on Sept. 12.

The first two songs of “Butter Miracle Suite One” were written on that English farm in August 2019. Back on the farm two months later, he wrote what he believed to be the next two movements in his suite, “Angel of 14th Street” and “Monday School.”

But he was certain “Monday School” reminded him of something else.

“I kept feeling it was something I had accidentally stolen,” he recalls.

He sent the four songs off to their producer, Brian

Deck, who loved the idea of the suite.

So Duritz asked, “What about ‘Monday School?’”

Deck said he really liked that song and found it very catchy. Duritz asked “Is it reminding you of anything? Like, I don’t know, Elvis Costello?”

Deck replied “Oh, yeah, it’s ‘Miracle Man,’” referring to the second song on “My Aim is True.”

So Duritz tossed that song and wrote what he believes to be a better song to take its place and bring the suite a climactic finish, “Bobby and the Rat-Kings.”

‘Butter Miracle Suite One’ is not a concept record

There are two things Duritz says he’s always envied in other performers. One is the ability to get an entire audience to sing along to every word.

“I’ve always wished I wrote things that were more like that,” he says. “The other thing is I want to see people in the audience air-guitaring sometimes. But I don’t write things that are that way either.”

“Bobby and the Rat-Kings” is the sound of Duritz trying to do both those things at once coming out of the ending of “Angel of 14th Street,” which has a huge ending.

“So I wanted to crash down into something with big, Who-like power chords,” Duritz recalls.

“But my attempt to make power chords sound like the Who ends up sounding like something off ‘The Wild, the Innocent & the E Street Shuffle’ in some ways. It does not sound like a Who song. But those power chords are killing it, I have to say.”

Despite the songs on “Butter Miracle” all flowing like a suite, it’s not a concept record.

“There’s not really an attempt to have a plotline that runs through them,” Duritz says. “I was more trying to visit my various impressions and feelings about different things.”

There is, however, one recurring character named Bobby who appears in “Elevator Boots” and “Bobby & the Rat-Kings,” two songs that involve a character’s relationship with music. But as Duritz says, they look at that relationship from two distinct perspectives.

“Elevator Boots” is sung from the perspective of a traveling musician for whom people, places and towns are very temporary, fading in and out, with music as the only constant in his life.

In “Bobby & the Rat-Kings,” that same fictional band is a device with which to touch on how important Duritz feels it’s been to have these bands that just meant everything to him as emotional touch-

stones providing the soundtrack to key moments in his life.

‘I composed it to work a certain way’

Duritz has felt pretty good about every record Counting Crows have ever made, from “August and Everything After,” the multiplatinum debut that spawned the breakthrough singles “Mr. Jones,” “Round Here” and “Rain King,” to “Somewhere Under Wonderland.”

By that point in the process, Duritz says, “they’re always right where I want them to be.”

But this time, Duritz says he felt especially ecstatic.

“I didn’t really know if it was gonna work until we finished it, mixed the last song and clipped them together,” Duritz says. “I composed it to work a certain way. I conceived it to work a certain way. We played it with that in mind. But I didn’t really know until I heard it at the end, because there was no way to hear it ahead of time and see whether it really worked.”

Hearing the assembled pieces play out as a single piece of music, Duritz says, “may have been the most satisfying moment in my career.”

Now that “Butter Miracle Suite One” is out there and he’s heading out like Bobby & the Rat-Kings to promote it, Duritz says the plan is to perform the suite in its entirety, assuming all goes well at rehearsals before the tour launches.

“One of the exciting things is usually at this point, you don’t have any new surprises left for you as a musician,” Duritz says.

“But we still have this unexplored experience ahead of us, of playing these songs as a whole. We didn’t record them by playing them as 18 minutes straight. We would record each song and go into the first verse of the next song. Then we’d stop. Because we wanted to make sure the transitions were there. But we didn’t play it all together.”

No sooner had they finished piecing it together in the studio than someone asked him “Do you think you’ll do another one?”

As Duritz recalls that conversation, “I thought ... ‘Yeah!’”

In fact, he spent another month this summer on that same farm in the west of England working on another four-song suite.

So what exactly is a butter miracle?

“Oh, I’m not gonna tell you,” Duritz replies, with a laugh.

SPORTS

QB battle, positions to fill: Here’s where Kirksville football stands in preseason

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

The team might have some question marks to start the year, but Kirksville football coach Kevin Krietemeyer is confident this season ends with an exclamation point.

Kirksville went 6-5 last year in Krietemeyer’s first campaign, the program’s first winning season since 2013, and picked up a district win for the second straight year. Though the Tigers have a lot of holes to fill from last year, Krietemeyer speaks highly of what this team can accomplish.

“Obviously, we lost a great, talented group of seniors, but I think this year’s group of kids is ready to take the next step in competing for a district championship and a conference championship,” Krietemeyer said. “We’ve talked to them and we’re telling them right now that this team can, athletically, do those things. The offensive line has to come around, defense has to be tough, special teams has to be crisp and clean, ... but our expectation is, when we go into Hannibal, we’re playing for the conference championship. And we expect to see them again Week 13 for a district championship.”

Kirksville’s secondary and receiving corps was wiped out with graduations. Usually, those units feature the same guys, so many of the same names are in the mix at both spots. Guys like John Behnen, Jalen Kent, Drew Chrisman, Kendrick Hartman, and Cristian Mendez are newcomers who will wind up somewhere. Krietemeyer’s hope is that they won’t have too many of those Tigers playing both sides of the ball. If some are strictly receivers and some are strictly defensive backs, that’s the ideal scenario.

The team’s defense is a big focus of Krietemeyer this season. He brought in Mason Swisher, who has previously coached at Quincy University, Culver-Stockton and recently at Blair Oaks, as the new defensive coordinator. Swisher’s defense should look fairly similar, but he’s added new coverage packages to improve that unit.

“Defense wins championships. We put some points on the board last year, but the games we lost came down to we weren’t the better defensive team,” Krietemeyer said. “We lost to Mexico by one, hammered by Hannibal and Moberly because defensively, we weren’t there yet. I think we’re a better defensive



Kirksville’s Owen Fraser celebrates a fumble recovery last year in a 33-0 win against Fulton. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

group now.”

On offense, there are question marks with the offensive line as few returners are back. Hoss left tackle Owen Fraser is back, along with Bryce Kertz, but the rest is up for grabs. Brandy Bwendelele, Tanner Ferguson, Jaren Ingersoll and Camden Dempsay are all in the mix. The Tigers will also use a tight end this year to help alleviate some of the pressure on those new players.

Fraser said the offensive linemen are already gelling well, which is important for a team that featured a strong rushing attack last year.

“It’s important because it’s our bread and butter,” Fraser said. “We can always fall back onto our run game. The pass game, we might have some incompletions, but we can always rely on our run game.”

And a sneaky quarterback competi-

tion is underway in camp. Senior Jaden Ballinger, last year’s QB, is neck-and-neck with junior Ike Danielson. Ballinger had a solid season last year, throwing for more than 1,770 yards and 17 touchdowns while rushing for 949 yards and eight touchdowns.

But Krietemeyer is looking for the most effective way to use Ballinger and Danielson together. Ballinger is a proven runner, so he can be in the backfield or out wide. Danielson can throw well, and as the point guard for the Tigers’ basketball team, is used to facilitating. Between throws and rushes, Ballinger averaged about 30 touches per game last year. Returning receiver Randon Baumgartner and running back Landon Yardley need about 15 touches per game each. And there are new guys Krietemeyer wants to see with the ball.

So whoever can make that work best

will get the nod.

“Honestly, we can line up in multiple different personnel packages and formations that get the ball to guys we want to get the ball to,” Krietemeyer said. “... Those guys who can score touchdowns have to get touches, and that’s what it boils down to.”

Kirksville has a tough schedule and Krietemeyer isn’t downplaying that with his lofty expectations. The Tigers start with a home game against Macon, a game that will put Kirksville’s revamped defense to the test. Then road games at Chillicothe and Savannah before starting North Central Missouri Conference action at home against Moberly.

If the Tigers want championships, they’ve got their work cut out for them. Krietemeyer is positive his guys can get it done.

Kirksville volleyball letting athleticism, defense make up for size

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

Walking into a Kirksville volleyball practice, not much looks different. The screams and smiles are all there, the focus is there, but looking at the net shows the main difference.

Gone are nearly-six-foot hitters Emily Middleton and Abby Reuschel, leaving a smaller Tiger lineup. But the team is working on ways to make up for that, with “working” being the key.

“It helps give us more desire to better our defense because it’s more important when you don’t have a big block to help you,” said senior Corinne Vorkink. “Just because we don’t have the height, it doesn’t mean our work ethic can’t help us with that.”

The volleyball players packed the weight room over the summer, trying to get stronger so they can jump higher. Coach Sadie Pafford, now in her third year with the Tigers, was encouraged by how strong numbers were in the summer. Thirty girls were in the weight room most of the time, so she’s confident they can work around the height department.

“I think athleticism-wise, we have some really strong athletes up there who can really be a presence. We saw some of that when we got to compete this summer, so that was exciting,” Pafford said. “We still can be aggressive at the net, and we can still do things offensively and defensively up there.”

Pafford has about 35 players out this first week, the most she’s ever had. As



Kirksville’s Corinne Vorkink (11) reacts during last year’s district volleyball title match against Mexico. AUSTIN MILLER

she gets ready for a lot of new players to reach the floor this fall, she’s seeing young players with good foundations. She feels she has plenty of girls for serve-receive, and you can never have enough of those. Pafford credits the Kirksville Area Volleyball Association for helping with that, along with other clubs that girls join.

But just because they have some volleyball experience, it doesn’t mean the transition to high school varsity will be seamless. Vorkink and junior libero Mailea Nelson are the most experienced returners. Senior middle hitter Megan

Pike played well last season and inherits a larger role this fall. From there, the experience level varies.

Filling the setter position is crucial with Addi LaBeth, a three-year starter at the position, now gone. Junior Sophia Harris and sophomore Mabry Elmore split those duties over the summer.

With the number of new players in mind, Pafford doesn’t think there will be a leadership vacuum. She said Vorkink, Pike and Nelson all stood out in summer workouts as vocal leaders. Now it’s a matter of that continuing into matches this season.

“Those competitive environments really brought a lot of that out, so I’m interested to see who continues to be vocal in challenging situations,” Pafford said.

Now into their senior years, Vorkink and Pike said it’s a strange feeling to know this is their last year. They’ve thought back to the senior classes they’ve played with before as they are now in that position.

“It’s weird because we’ve always had strong classes above us that pushed us and helped us. It’s weird being the ones ... to fill those spots,” Vorkink said.

“We’ve had a lot of very skilled upperclassmen. I feel like they definitely impacted our learning and our figuring out how to play, so that helped us be better players and to now teach the younger girls,” Pike said.

Along with the sport developing in the area and making better volleyball athletes, interest keeps increasing as the Tigers keep winning. Girls want to play and get better when they know wins are around the corner. So the seniors potentially ending their career with four district titles helps keep the train rolling.

“I remember the excitement my freshman year when we won the first one in program history and just how excited everyone was for that,” Vorkink said. “I think it would be really cool to finish out like that. It was something that seemed a little bit out of reach but possible as a freshman, but kind of became the standard over our high school careers. I think that shows the growth this program has made.”

Can Phillies reverse recent collapses?

Gabe Lacques
USA TODAY

PHILADELPHIA – After having the run of South Broad Street during an oft-glorious summer, the Philadelphia Phillies must make room for one of their neighbors Thursday evening. The Eagles are back, opening their exhibition schedule against the cross-state Steelers, and once again the tones of “Fly, Eagles Fly” will dominate the sports complex.

In recent years, a grimmer theme unfolded that time of year over at Citizens Bank Park.

Fold, Phillies, fold.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Phillies have arrived at this juncture of the season in playoff position, a recent eight-game winning streak stoking the faithful and pushing the club atop the National League East. In seasons past, the good times proved unsustainable: The Phillies, often betrayed by a putrid bullpen and September swoons from core performers, were pulled, almost magnetically, to the .500 mark or below, out of the playoffs and wondering what missing piece might have made a difference.

Might 2021 be any different for a franchise seeking its first playoff berth since the semi-dynastic, World Series-winning gang was escorted from the 2011 playoffs?

We will find out for certain over the final 30% of the schedule – a 47-game finishing kick during which the Mets and Braves must be held at bay – but there are reasons to believe:

MVP and Cy Young-caliber seasons from a \$330 million outfielder and \$117 million ace. Trade-deadline reinforcements for the pitching staff. A bullpen, perhaps, that may hum along efficiently rather than implode, like a Ford Pinto, on impact.

At 60-55, and now in a dead heat with the Braves in the East, the Phillies believe there’s no reason to fear what’s around the corner.

“It’s kind of cheesy,” admits reliever Archie Bradley, “but we’re all kind of pulling on the same rope right now. We have an underlying goal to win this division and we’re recognizing times in the game to capitalize and doing it.



The Phillies’ Bryce Harper reacts after hitting a home run. At 60-55, and now in a dead heat with the Braves in the East, the Phillies believe there’s no reason to fear what’s around the corner. KYLE ROSS/USA TODAY SPORTS

“We’ve had what I feel like is a true coming together of everyone.”

An odd mix has coalesced, but despite an imperfectly-forged foundation, this may be their best window yet.

Strange brew

These Phillies were acquired over three front-office regimes, from Ruben Amaro Jr. to Matt Klentak to 65-year-old Dave Dombrowski, hired in December to helm baseball operations by owner John Middleton. Amaro pivoted from chasing one more World Series title with the Chase Utley-Ryan Howard-Jimmy Rollins group to an overdue rebuild, Klentak taking the baton and preaching patience, with all the trappings of a modern, analytics-driven approach.

Seven consecutive non-winning seasons have a way of changing plans, though, and when Middleton committed \$330 million to Bryce Harper in March 2019, it was on. Eighteen months later, pitcher Zack Wheeler defected from the Mets on a \$117 million deal. Then Dombrowski, with significant lobbying from Harper and others, brought back All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto – ac-

quired by Klentak in trade from the Marlins – on a \$105 million, five-year deal.

Three nine-figure contracts, all for players poached from division rivals, makes for a unique nucleus. Throw in All-Star righty Aaron Nola and first baseman Rhys Hoskins – drafted by Amaro’s people back in 2014 – and the Phillies are a soup concocted from various stocks.

The mix can be off: Philadelphia is perpetually an arm or two short, due in large part to subpar drafting and developing young pitchers. On the other hand, you could argue the Phillies on hand are in their prime.

At 28, Harper is producing again like the 22-year-old who was NL MVP – posting a .981 OPS, 21 homers and a sublime .413 OBP. Should the Phillies make the playoffs, he might be MVP. Hoskins (28, with a 128 OPS plus) and Realmuto (30, 120) are performing well above league average. Second baseman Jean Segura is slashing .313/.370/.462 in 87 games, easily the best of his three seasons in Philly.

Wheeler, 31, has tossed two shutouts, leads the NL in innings (156) and strikeouts (181) and, should he merely keep

showing up each fifth day in such form, will battle the Dodgers’ Walker Buehler for his first Cy Young Award.

They are seasoned but plenty spry.

“The fact they are on the younger side of guys who have four or five, seven years in the big leagues, helps them physically,” says manager Joe Girardi. “It’s what you want. And they’re playing like that.”

Along with the significant lucre, Wheeler factored all that into his decision to head south from Queens to Philly after the 2019 season.

“The core here – I wanted to join that,” he says. “J.T.’s the best catcher in the game. I wanted to throw to him. We’ve got the best right fielder in the game, I think. We’re all young – younger; I guess we’re getting a little older, baseball-wise – but we’ve been around a while. We can sort of help the younger guys through situations – game situations or off the field, we’re always here and available.

“Nobody’s a superstar or too big for the team, the game.”

‘This game’s not easy’

Third baseman Alec Bohm appreciates that. The third overall pick in 2018, Bohm had just 165 minor-league games under his belt when he was summoned to Philly during the pandemic-racked 2020 season. He produced an .881 OPS and was Rookie of the Year runner-up.

Yet 44 games did not afford him the chance to struggle. This year has changed that.

Bohm batted just .209 with just 11 extra-base hits in his first 57 games while struggling at third. With Hoskins on the injured list with a minor groin injury, Bohm started at first Wednesday night against the Dodgers and essentially cost them the game, misplaying two balls that directly led to four runs in a 8-2 loss. Girardi double-switched him out of the game for the second time in a week.

Works in progress are challenging with a team desperate to win now.

“This game’s not easy,” says Bohm. “It will beat you up and it’s not forgiving and the ball will find you and you’re going to make mistakes. Everybody makes errors. Everybody will end up going 0 for 20. It’s baseball.”

What’s driving Formula 1’s US boom?

Chris Medland
RACER magazine
USA TODAY Network

Formula 1 in the United States is enjoying a rapid increase in popularity. We can see it in traffic numbers, and ESPN can see it in its viewing figures.

Averaging 946,000 viewers per race, this season is up 41% on the last “normal” year in 2019, and a significant 56% on last season.

The French and British grands prix both exceeded the one million mark in terms of average viewers, with Paul Ricard delivering to be the second-largest cable audience on record for an F1 race, behind only the 1995 Brazilian Grand Prix – the first race in Brazil after the death of Ayrton Senna.

Records are being set all the time – the last race in Hungary registered as the seventh-largest cable audience on record in the U.S. – and much of the credit for the bump is often given to the Netflix documentary series Drive to Survive.

But for ESPN’s director of programming and acquisitions John Suchenski, that overlooks some of the other work that has helped F1 grow.

“I think Netflix certainly hasn’t hurt, right?” Suchenski tells RACER. “There’s no way to quantify it, but I think we all would agree that it certainly has helped. It’s brought in a more casual fan that probably was not even a Formula 1 fan. I see people posting on social media, athletes and others, saying ‘I was not a Formula 1 fan, but now I’m engaged and can’t wait to watch the next either episode or season of the Netflix series or watch our races’. And we certainly have benefited from that.

“But I think this season in particular, a few things Formula 1 has done has made a difference too. It made the U.S. a priority. So they see it as an opportunity, as obviously we do, and they have invested in promotional weight in the territory in addition to what we’re doing to help promote and push people to ESPN.

“We’ve partnered with them already on a couple of activations this season. They did closed VIP events in L.A. and Miami. Obviously the Miami news that came out earlier this year is another



Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands steers his car during the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix at the Hungaroring racetrack in Mogyorod, Hungary, on Aug. 1. DARKO BANDIC/AP

positive, and another signal that they’re making the U.S. a priority. So we’ve partnered with those to get more grassroots exposure out.

“We’re going to be doing something similar in Austin – not a VIP party, but two years ago we did an event in downtown Austin with Formula 1. We’re trying to do the same thing again this year. So I think that those, this year in particular, contributed to kind of some of the growth and success we’ve seen.”

ESPN’s live coverage of F1 has been taken from UK broadcaster Sky, and Suchenski says that won’t change anytime soon because “Sky does it better than anyone”. But that doesn’t mean ESPN’s own offering hasn’t increased over the past two years, be it what is taken from Sky, or how it covers other events related to F1.

Having broadcast the world championship since 2018 helps, too.

Continuity breeds familiarity for the viewers, making the sport easier to find as awareness of the coverage grows.

“In continuing to work with our partners at Sky, we’re taking some of their

shoulder programming as well, too,” says Suchenski. “So we take their lead-up on Sunday, which they’ve now expanded to 90 minutes this year. So I think that that helps get people under the tent earlier in the morning, and gets them to stay longer as they’re watching the build-up and waiting for the race.

“We also take Sky’s post-race show digitally now. So now it gives our fans an opportunity, when we go off air on ESPN or ESPN 2, to continue to live the F1 experience. We’re continuing to offer repairs of races each Sunday, typically two races – one a little earlier in the afternoon, and one later in the day – again, to get people to watch longer. So we’re certainly distributing more hours and more content than we ever have before.

“And then we’re also making sure that we’re covering it on ESPN.com, on the ESPN app. We’re making sure that when stories necessitated that we’re covering it within our news and information shows like Sports Center and stuff.

“Leading up to Austin last time, we got them set up with cars out on Holly-

wood Boulevard for the Jimmy Kimmel Show. So we continue to work on with our great partners in F1 on those types of things, which ultimately reaches a broader fan base than those who are actually watching the races, and gets them to come in and experience the great coverage that we provide.”

Austin has given ESPN and F1 the chance to activate around a U.S. race, and as of next year they will have two to work with when Miami joins the schedule in the first half of May: something that is likely to see a further boost in viewing figures on top of wider interest in the sport.

“The Austin race is typically our highest-rated race of the year, and Miami will hopefully be our highest or second-highest rated when it kicks in next year,” Suchenski says. “We’re very pleased that F1 has made the U.S. a priority, that they’re now doing a second event in the U.S.. It’s all good things for us, and hopefully offers some opportunities on the ground, as we do in Austin, to be able to reach a broader fan base and bring more people in.”

But as regular readers will know, it’s not just about attracting a new fanbase or casual viewers to watch a sport.

It’s about providing something equally compelling to the existing, hardcore fans at the same time, and that’s where 2021 has been delivering on a different level to previous years as Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen go head-to-head (sometimes almost literally) for the championship.

“I think last year, or two seasons ago when Lewis wrapped it up in Austin, it’s kind of anticlimactic after that, right?” Suchenski says. “That was a big event. That was a big story. The numbers reflected it that year. But then the next couple of races were a little less compelling because there wasn’t anything on the line.

“So I think having Max there side-by-side with him and pushing him – and certainly coming off of Silverstone, and maybe now the rivalry is even further along from that – it certainly helps to have a two horse race down the stretch, and having that uncertainty as to who’s actually going to win the championship this year.”

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The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues required from the property tax for the year 2021. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.		
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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

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Date of the decedent's death: November 17, 2020

Date of first publication: August 7, 2021

Linda Decker
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

In the Marriage of:)
)
ANTHONY J. MARTIN,) Case No.: 16AR-CV00930
Petitioner,)
)
vs.)
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STEFANIE A. MARTIN)
)
Respondent.)

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Respondent is: Joseph Hughs, 515 E. High Street #401, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

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Kenneth D. Dugan
Circuit/Deputy Clerk

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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

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

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.

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: June 17, 2021
Date of first publication: August 7, 2021

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<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>On the 9th day of August 2021, the Circuit Court of Adair County Missouri, entered the judgment in case number 21AR-CV00490, changing the name of Tristan William Cupp to Tristan William Meyers.</p>		
<p>KM-10KDE11718</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADAIR COUNTY SB40 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD 2021 TAX LEVY</p>		
<p>In compliance with 67.110 RSMo, a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville, MO. Attendees may request the Zoom link by email to sb40@sb40life.org, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board, a political subdivision. The tax rate shall be set to produce revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.</p>		
<p>ASSESSED VALUATION by categories</p>	<p>PRIOR TAX YEAR – 2020</p>	<p>CURRENT TAX YEAR – 2020</p>
Real Estate	\$224,739,353	\$237,606,710
Personal Property	78,774,871	80,885,412
Railroad & Utilities	46,424,057	48,075,860
Commercial Aircraft	395,258	645,725
TOTAL	\$350,333,359	\$367,213,707
FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BUDGETED FOR 2021	PROPOSED TAX RATES 2021 (PER \$100)
General	\$509,000	\$0.15
TOTAL	\$509,000	\$0.15
<p>New Construction Total: \$47,032,483</p> <p>Note to taxpayers: Final levy is subject to revised figures from State or County sources.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">ADAIR COUNTY SB40 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD DON CROSBY, CHAIRMAN</p>		
<p>August 14, 2021</p>		
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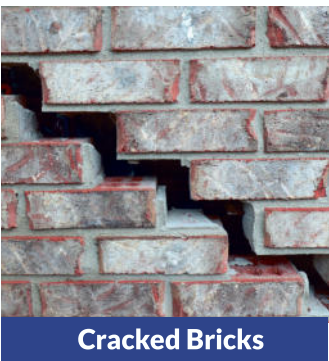
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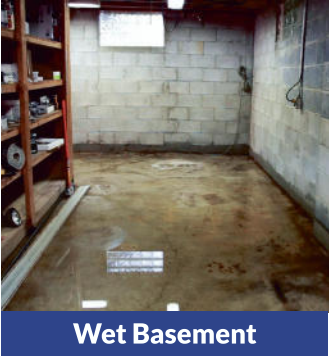
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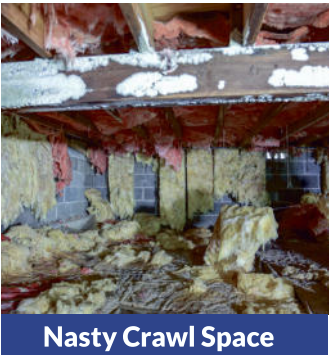
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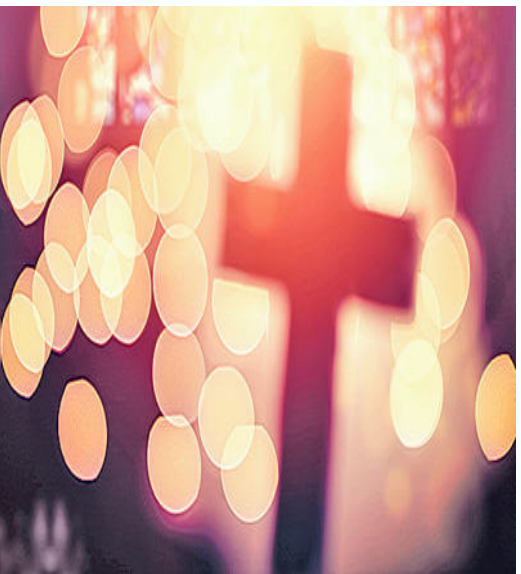
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KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services. The Church Listings below are provided at **NO CHARGE** to our area churches in Kirksville. If your Church is not listed, please call us at 660-665-2808.

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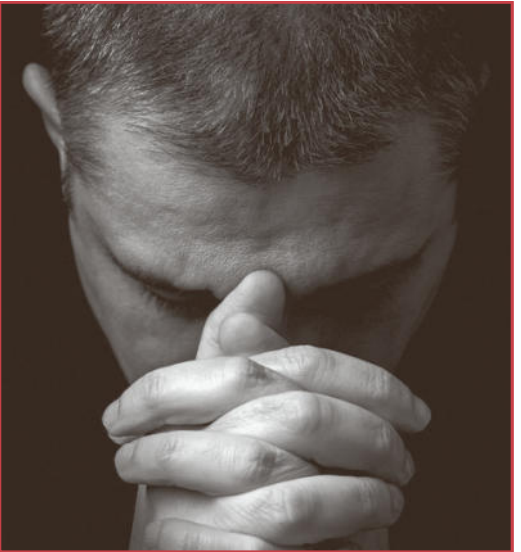
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9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
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10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirksville.org

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
rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

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. 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 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
KirksvilleGCBCC@gmail.com
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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
10:30 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@sbglobal.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 p.m. Wednesday

Union Temple Church
Southwest of Kirksville
Alan Coonfield, Pastor
Every Sunday Evening
5-5:30 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

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)

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
Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule

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, Winigan, Mo. Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

First 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
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Christ's Family Church
531 N. Baltimore
Glenn Berry, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
www.clickmo.com • clickmo@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://laplatatbc.org/
Email: laplatatbc@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
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
Goda 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
430 E Prime St., Downing MO
Larry D. Smith, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Services



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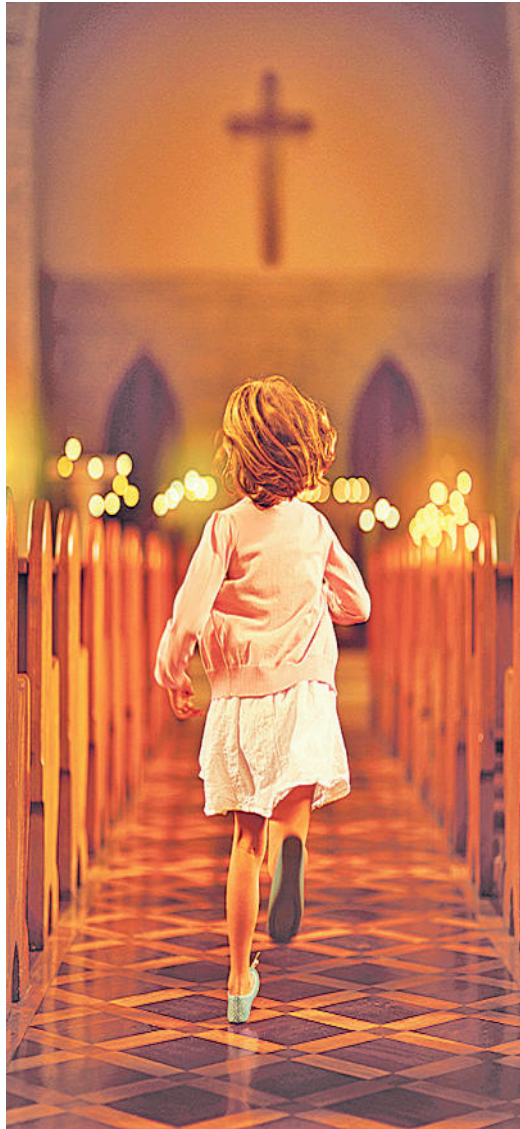
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