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## Council discusses second mask mandate

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A potential second mask mandate was discussed Tuesday by the Kirksville City Council, with other city officials joining the conversation.

The study session was convened primarily for new members John Gardner and Jennifer Walston, who joined the council earlier this year, to understand what authority the city has for enacting public health measures. The conversation eventually pivoted, discussing if the council could do more.

### Where does the health department stand now?

The Adair County Health Department reported 21 new cases on Tuesday,

bringing the county's total to 3,102. There are 128 active cases in the county and 28 total deaths from the virus. The health department has reported roughly 20 cases per day over the last two weeks.

Jim LeBaron, the health department's administrator, said the department's board voted against a mandate during a special meeting earlier this month. He said he doesn't believe the health department has backing from the Adair County Commission to enact one, which prompted board members to vote that way. The health department went ahead with a mask order without the commission's backing before. So LeBaron said if the health department board did vote in favor of a mandate, he would propose it to the council without

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A "Mask Up Kirksville" sign sits along Baltimore Street in Kirksville. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

## Truman nursing program adding students, new tech with state grant



Truman nursing students work in the university's Nursing Simulation Center. PROVIDED BY TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Truman State's nursing program is getting a needed boost thanks to state funding.

The university received \$500,000 through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief fund to support and expand Truman's current program. The state created that fund in response to

COVID-19, with the goal of meeting needs in the health care workforce.

So Truman has already added two clinical instructors and plans to hire an additional tenure-track position in the department. That will allow the university to accept more students into the nursing program. New technology has been purchased and additional lab space has been renovated in the Pershing Building.

Brenda Wheeler, nursing department

chair and associate professor, said this helps the department grow its capacity for students, which will put more quality nurses out in the field.

"Some hospitals say they're really full (of patients), and that's true, they are full. But most hospitals need nurses also," Wheeler said. "They might have beds, but if they don't have nurses, those beds are useless."

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## Missouri attorney general sues school districts with mask mandates

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Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt said Tuesday he had filed a class action lawsuit against school districts in Missouri requiring students and teachers to wear masks.

The lawsuit, which calls mask mandates "unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious," argues that they can't remain without authorization from the state education board and that state and local health officials had not required such mandates.

Schmitt, who is also running for U.S. Senate as a Republican, specifically names Columbia Public Schools, its board and superintendent in the suit. Other districts in the state, including Springfield Public Schools, have instituted mask mandates for the school year, which began for most Missouri students Monday.

"We filed this suit today because we fundamentally don't believe in forced masking, rather that parents and families should have the power to make decisions on masks, based on science and facts," Schmitt said.

Springfield Superintendent Grenita Lathan cited last school year when she announced the district's decision on July 30, aiming to curb the spread of the virus and prevent students from having to quarantine. The measure was temporary, she said, until regional vaccination rates increase and positive case numbers go down.

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## House elections hearing dominated by conspiracies, misinformation

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JEFFERSON CITY — A meeting of a Missouri House elections committee Tuesday was dominated by conspiracy and misinformation, as lawmakers heard hours of testimony about election

security that often had little to no basis in truth.

Several people speaking to the panel also recommended changes to the Show-Me State's ballot initiative process, recommending that it be more difficult for voters to directly amend the state's constitution or pass laws.

The bulk of false information sur-

rounding elections came from those who attended or followed a conference in South Dakota hosted by My Pillow CEO Mike Lindell. Lindell, who has earned a national reputation as a close ally to former President Donald Trump, said he would reveal proof at the conference that showed the November 2020 election was fraudulent — but he and

his theories have been widely discredited by both election and cybersecurity experts.

Rep. Ann Kelley, a Lamar Republican, testified in front of the committee, telling them she attended Lindell's conference and that there was an urgent need

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to reinforce security around Missouri’s elections. Kelley was invited to speak by a member of the committee and “encouraged to bring what she learned” from the conference by chairman Rep. Dan Shaul, an Imperial Republican.

County clerks around the state and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft have said that the Show-Me State’s 2020 elections took place securely, and there were no widespread instances of voter fraud. Trish Vincent, who serves as Ashcroft’s chief of staff, told the committee the state has “a very secure system” with “layers of security.”

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller, the only county official to testify to the committee Tuesday, said he and other local officials “welcome scrutiny,” but are confident in their ability and security to conduct and certify election results. The only technological hiccups they’ve encountered, Schoeller said, were not with election machines but with registration ones.

“If there’s any issue we have, I’d say it was in the voter registration data,” Schoeller said. “That has been one of our primary focuses.”

Even so, Kelley argued, lawmakers should make sure — whether it be by a “forensic audit” of results or getting rid of certain types of voting machines.

“Even the slightest doubt is enough reason to investigate,” Kelley said.

Several of Kelley’s Republican colleagues were sympathetic to her sentiments, encouraging her to share what she’d heard at Lindell’s conference. Members said they had received concerns from constituents via phone and email about secure elections and “hacking” voting machines and state election infrastructure.

Rep. Peggy McGaugh, a Carrollton Republican and longtime county clerk, made clear that she trusted local officials — and other lawmakers should, too.

“Some of the finest people in county government serve as clerks,” McGaugh said. “They are some of the most honest people out there.”

The committee’s Democrats pushed

back hard on Kelley’s testimony. Rep. Joe Adams, a University City Democrat, said he hadn’t heard from a single constituent on the issue, and said Kelley and those with similar sentiments were “generating fear” in citizens.

“I hear people haranguing that there’s a problem, but never prove that there’s a problem,” Adams said. “It’s sort of like Chicken Little. They’re out there running around with their hair on fire saying there’s a problem, and eventually they get people to believe that there is a problem.”

Rep. Donna Baringer, a St. Louis Democrat, agreed that cyberattacks were always a risk — not in regard to elections, she said, but to power grids and other infrastructure.

Shaul, a Republican and the committee chair, questioned both of them after their comments, asking Baringer that “(she)’s not saying we should ignore this, right?” He told Adams to “remember (his) words later this fall or next year during session, when we question the validity of how we conduct our elections.”

Also testifying on election security were two other men, one of whom said he was a former military intelligence analyst and both of whom also spoke on Lindell’s election security conspiracies.

Vincent said the secretary of state’s office supported a number of other election reform measures, including voter ID, more paper ballots and forbidding election equipment from being connected to the internet.

### Missouri’s ballot initiative process

Missouri is one of 24 states that have an initiative petition process — in which residents can directly enact laws or constitutional amendments by gathering signatures and voting to approve a measure. Some Republicans want to set a higher bar for those measures.

Lawmakers have in recent years attempted to pass bills making it more difficult to advance petitions to the ballots. Right now, a measure must be signed by a number of voters in six of the state’s eight congressional districts equal to 5 percent of the previous total votes for governor if it’s a law or veto referendum. For a constitutional amendment, the number required increases to 8 percent



Rep. Ann Kelley, a Lamar Republican, testifies to the House Committee on Elections and Elected Officials on Aug. 24, 2021. Kelley shared her experiences attending a South Dakota election security conference laden with conspiracy and misinformation. GALEN BACHARIER/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

of the previous total votes for governor. To become law, the measure must earn a simple majority of votes on election day.

Suggestions and versions of laws have sought to alter that process, including bumping up the simple majority, more than 50 percent, to a supermajority, more than 60 percent.

Several contentious ballot petitions approved by voters have seen resistance from legislators. Clean Missouri — an ethics package focused on reforming the state’s redistricting process — was approved by voters in 2018, only to be put back on the ballot by legislators in

2020 and overturned.

Expansion of Medicaid, the government-funded low-income health care program, was approved by 53 percent of voters in 2020, but lawmakers refused to include funding for the expansion in the annual budget. A legal battle that went all the way to the Missouri Supreme Court ended with the state being ordered to enroll those eligible under the voter-approved amendment.

The House elections committee’s next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 14 and will focus on photo ID laws, Shaul said.

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# Nursing

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“The nursing shortage, it’s real. Hopefully, we can soon get nurses educated so we can get them out in the workforce.”

Truman’s nursing program has grown over the last four or five years, having about 220 students enrolled. The number of students in each grade has incrementally increased into the 50s, but the university is now equipped to handle 60 in each cohort.

With extra space, the regular Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program can work efficiently alongside each other. Before, space was at a premium. Now they can alternate classroom and lab spaces without interruption.

“All around, it’s going to help us to use our resources more fully,” Wheeler said.

The technology upgrades are also a big benefit to the students. Wheeler said rolling medication carts and bedside charting computers are important additions for students to have training with.

There are also several simulation devices. There is a new newborn simulator, which will display almost every potential characteristic of a newborn child. And a new warmer has also been acquired. Since the university already has a birth simulator, students will get improved, lifelike training for that whole process.

A geriatric manikin simulator is another piece of new tech.

“One of the things we think about with simulation is, we want to suspend disbelief,” Wheeler said. “In other words, we want the situation to be as lifelike as it possibly can be. If we have a manikin that looks like they’re 20 and we’re asking students to pretend like it’s someone who’s 85, that’s a little bit more difficult to do.”

The pandemic created tough adjustments for the nursing students, with some clinical facilities not allowing students last year. But it has also been a valuable experience for students heading into the field.

Truman students participated in contact tracing efforts at the school and others worked in vaccine clinics.

“That is exactly what public health is,” Wheeler said. “Public health really is not taking care of individual patients, public health is looking at the community. That’s exactly what these students were involved in with any of the contact tracing. They got firsthand experience with that and they got firsthand experience with the vaccination clinics. Those are things that public health nurses do, and they don’t usually have those opportunities.”

Nearly 96 percent of Truman’s nursing graduates have found jobs upon graduation over the last five years. Wheeler said the program was still in that range for recent graduates.

And she frequently gets good feedback from employers of Truman grads. She got a letter earlier this week from a hospital that hired a Truman nurse, saying that individual was well-prepared and had good critical thinking skills.

That’s what they want to hear. Now the university hopes to start putting more nurses out there.

Wheeler has kept in contact with many former students who are off and working in different places. They’ve talked about the struggles of being understaffed or the harsh realities the pandemic has put them through, such as being with patients in their final moments. So Wheeler was and remains worried about the emotional toll nurses are under and how that may prevent students from choosing that career path.

“But what I typically hear from students is, ‘I want to help. This is exactly what I want to do,’” Wheeler said.

# Mandate

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the commission’s backing.

“We did it before for six months without their support, but it would be much better (to have it),” LeBaron said.

LeBaron also took issue with the lawsuits filed by Attorney General Eric Schmitt, who is suing St. Louis and Kansas City for their current masking requirements. Schmitt announced a new lawsuit Tuesday against the Columbia Public School District for its mask policy.

“What they’re talking about is the novel coronavirus,” LeBaron said. “We’re a long way from that. The Delta virus is much more contagious, so I question the Attorney General in his lawsuit talking about the novel. Because we’re talking about a different animal now. It may be eight times more contagious than the original novel.”

Mayor Zac Burden, rather bluntly, asked how deadly the situation had to get before the health department would enact a mandate. LeBaron said the department will monitor metrics over the coming days to see what is needed. He expects the health department board to meet again before its regular September meeting.

“Mr. Mayor, we are all about prevention,” LeBaron said. “I know that there’s people that think, ‘Jim, give me the statistics. How many kids in our K-12 have died from the Delta virus?’ We don’t want to even go there. We don’t want to have statistics, and it’s all about prevention. It’s a difficult thing.”

LeBaron said the health department plans to order 1,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and about 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine for a vaccination event.

## School back in session

With Kirksville schools returning to session on Tuesday, that prompted a lot of the concern and frustrations expressed by the council. LeBaron said about 38 percent of recent cases are among residents 30 and younger. Since that covers higher education and local schools — particularly students 11 and under since they can’t get vaccinated — that’s a group of concern for the health department.

Councilmember John Gardner spoke about how the Delta variant rose quickly in Springfield and over in England before declining. But those situations came at different times.

“I think that’s something we’re all hopeful for, that Delta does that here as well, but the concern I have about Delta is that none of that happened with schools open,” Gardner said. “That was over the summer in these places. I think the schools opening is a variable that has me a great deal more concerned.”

“My concern is that right now we’re at about 20 cases per day,” Gardner said. “My concern is next week, after we’ve put together 2,500 kids — the vast majority of which are not masked — that we’re going to be at 40 or 60 cases and still have no metrics. And we’re going to say, ‘Oh, this is enough.’ Then three weeks after that, people are going to start dying. That’s terrifying for me, as a community member, that we will lose more people. I think we need to figure out, as leaders of this community, how and when we’re going to act.”

Gardner was also frustrated that the mask discussion has even returned. Those discussions began last winter as cases skyrocketed and vaccines weren’t available. Now with vaccines readily available, masks are being talked about again.

“We want this all to go away,” Gardner said. “It’s not so much that I want to help the health department put a mask mandate in place — although I think we’re in a place where that’s appropriate — it’s that I think we just continually have the same discussion over and over again about who’s for the mask mandate, who’s against the mask mandate. I think we’ve all taken our positions on that at this point.”

Burden expressed similar sentiments during Tuesday’s meeting, saying vaccinations would end having the same talks continuously. Thirty-five percent of Adair County residents are fully vaccinated.

“The biggest thing to get us all past this, the thing that’s going to get us past having to talk about whether or not we mask and what things look like in schools — the biggest thing we can do to get past all of this is to get vaccinated,” Burden said. “If we can get this community to do that, then we’re in good shape. That’s what gets us past these discussions, otherwise, I think we’ll continue to have these discussions and these debates. We’ve got to carry through.”



Daily Express photo of the Adair County Health Department's headquarters. AUSTIN MILLER



Kirksville City Hall MISSOURI

Jon Cook, Kirksville’s Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, presented data to the council on what risks were present. Cook preemptively apologized for how direct he was going to be, saying it’s just how he looks at the numbers.

In Missouri, 16,691 cases have been reported in people ages 19 and lower. Five Missouri residents under the age of 17 have died from the virus, with 361 total in that age range for the United States. Missouri averages about 1,000 child deaths per year, with most of those being accident-related.

“I worry more about my child getting in a car to drive to school than I am worried about the absolute risk of them dying from COVID,” Cook said. “... The absolute risk for kids still — and again, we don’t know what’s going to happen with the school year. We really don’t, it’s still an unknown, we don’t know what’s going to happen. Absolute risk remains very, very low and you’re much more at risk of other things. That doesn’t mean maybe mask mandates shouldn’t be put in place. This is my objective view of it.”

## Legal authority for health measures

The basis of last year’s mask ordinance, which lasted from November until May 1, was that the Adair County Health Department and LeBaron had to create that mandate since it is the area health authority. The City Council then passed a similar ordinance of support.

According to City Attorney John Slavin, a statute from 1939 is just vague enough to potentially grant city officials that power. However, he felt the legal basis for that isn’t as strong as later legislation that more clearly gives that authority to health departments.

“My conclusion is, since there are specific authorities in the ordinances of this 1939 ordinance, I have an opinion that we do have the authority to do that,” Slavin said. “It’s not a strong opinion. Obviously, the Attorney General doesn’t agree with me, but his opinion is an opinion just like mine.”

The councilmembers expressed that they would not want to act without the health department.

“I was very comfortable with the health department using its authority, which seems much stronger legally, and having the City of Kirksville back that play,” said Burden. “I think if the county health department were to take a look at something, I’d like to see how the City of Kirksville could back that play.”

“I would really like to see us be able to work in cooperation with them, because I know, I think we all know on the council, that there is significant resistance, at least among some of the population of Kirksville, for a mask mandate,” said Councilmember Jennifer Walston. “I think we need the Adair County Health Department and their expertise, along with the City Council. The health council has elected people on that board, too, who represent citizens. If I put my personal opinions aside, I really want to respect their authority. I wish I agreed more with what they were deciding right now, but yeah, I’m concerned about the situation that we have in our community. I would like to see people taking those steps that are suggested so that we don’t have to have votes on mask mandates.”

“I think we need to follow the lead of the health department,” said Councilmember Rick Steele. “I think they’re professionals of the situation. I think if the city, at this particular time, would take action, we would be overstepping our bounds. ... It’s a pretty slippery slope for the city to make a decision like this and really not have the backing that I feel we should have. If things get worse — I pray they don’t, but they might — and the health department would make a decision, I think then would be the time for the council to act. But I think it’s premature for us to make any decision at this time.”



Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, with a bipartisan group of state attorneys general, speaks to reporters in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# School

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“The unfortunate reality is that COVID-19 cases continue to surge in Missouri, where vaccination rates remain alarmingly low, and children under the age of 12 are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine,” Springfield Public Schools spokesperson Stephen Hall said in a statement. “In our case, SPS is working in consultation with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to ensure our protocols align with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Our decisions are supported by local data reflecting the impact of COVID-19 here in Springfield.”

A spokesperson and board members for Columbia Public Schools did not respond to requests for comment.

The Missouri School Boards’ Association has advised districts that masking is a local decision to be made in consultation with health officials.

“We are very disappointed in the lawsuit and the lack of respect for local control,” executive director Melissa Randol said. “No one likes to wear masks but what we dislike more than wearing masks is seeing our children and our teachers sick and being forced to close our schools and go virtual due to high community transmission and positivity rates.”

Randol said MSBA supports districts deciding if, and how much, masking will be required.

“We have an obligation to protect our children,” she said. “In some communities, that’s going to mean wearing a mask for a limited time so we can begin to get this nightmare behind us.”

Schmitt said a school’s decision to require masks “flies in the face of science,” citing lower risk of transmission, severe illness and death for COVID-19 in young people.



# OPINION



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## White hot rage: America’s veterans are ashamed of Biden’s ugly retreat

Last week was a searing experience for many veterans. We watched a dissembling commander in chief smear Afghans who fought and died for their country (the Afghan National Security Forces suffered more casualties this year alone than the United States did in our 20-year campaign).

We watched him trot out a focus-grouped phrase — “the buck stops here” — while dodging actual responsibility and casting blame everywhere but at his own door. We watched a secretary of Defense mumble about doing our best to rescue Americans and allies caught within the tightening grip of a barbaric enemy.

We watched British MP Tom Tugendhat, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Parliament and an Afghanistan combat veteran, describe Biden’s shameful words in a viral video: “Those who have never fought under the colors they fly should be careful about criticizing those who have.”

He cautioned the United Kingdom from ever again depending on the decisions of a single ally. Other NATO allies also have questioned the actions of the United States and their ability to rely on us.

If the goal of the Biden administration was to prove that “America is back,” we have established exactly the opposite.

I had the privilege last week to engage with an ad hoc network of Americans coordinating to help individual Afghans navigate the gauntlet to safety. One of them, a 28-year-old single woman whose support for America resulted in Taliban visits to her home and threats on her phone, had applied for a special immigrant visa. The State Department lost her application. She traveled with a man who was an SIV visa holder and a family of nine, all with U.S. visas.

Over six interminable hours, we monitored and relayed communications, praying and urging as they reported surging crowds, debilitating heat, Taliban checkpoints and, finally, tear gas and chaos at the airport gate.

The family turned back. A child’s leg was crushed in the crowd. The grandmother fainted from the heat.

Finally, the message from our contact inside, coming after midnight: “We got them!!!” and the note that their voices were “the definition of pure joy.”

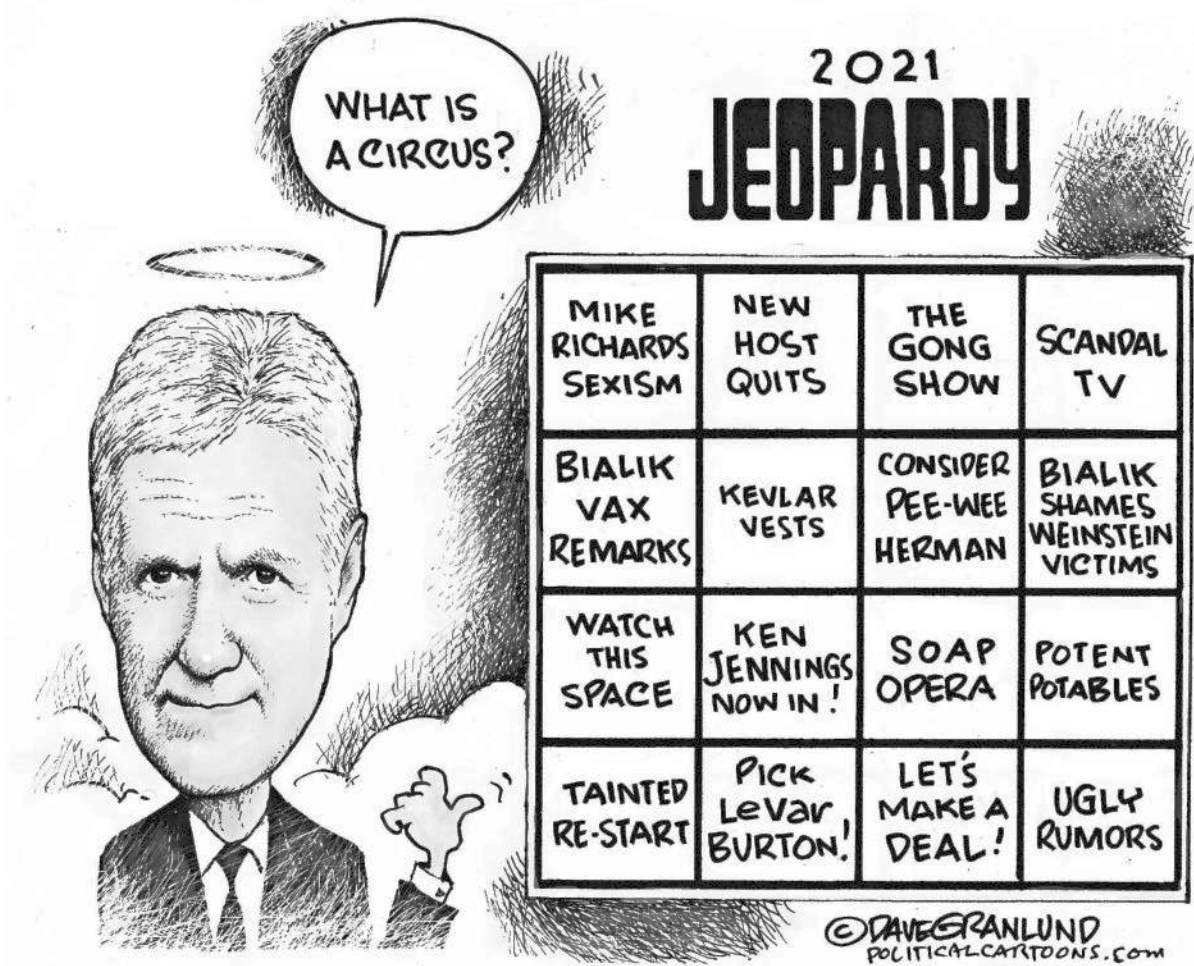
This effort ran outside of official channels. Individuals on the ground took personal risk to bend the rules, identifying targets and snatching them into the gates. Other networks of veterans have spun up to assist refugees past Taliban checkpoints using satellite imagery. Dedicated Americans flooded the zone to plug the gaps in a broken government process.

The sacred creed in the combat arms is “no one left behind.” Combat warriors can bear any risk and carry through harrowing odds so long as they know that they will never be abandoned.

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**A U.S. Marine assigned to 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit comforts an infant while they wait for the mother during an evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Aug. 21, 2021.** LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS GUEVARA/U.S. MARINE CORPS VIA AP LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS GUEVARA/U.S. MARINE CORPS VIA AP



## COVID has pushed children’s hospitals to a breaking point



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Our children’s hospitals are facing a perfect storm. The resurgence of COVID-19 in the form of the delta variant, the rapid increase in patient visits for viral conditions and mental health, and staffing shortages is placing major strains on the capacity of children’s hospitals to serve children.

The increased demand for care in children’s hospitals is not just an issue in a few cities or states; it is a national problem.

Reports of crowding are similar from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Denver and Miami. Many children’s hospital intensive care units are at or near capacity, with kids waiting in emergency departments because there aren’t enough beds to admit them or enough hospital staff to safely care for them.

In the previous month, the numbers of new COVID-19 cases in children and youth have more than quadrupled – from 39,000 per week to 181,000 per week. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2,100 children were hospitalized with COVID-19 last week, setting a new seven-day record.

The surge in cases is explicable. Kids under 12 are not yet eligible for the vaccine, and less than half the 12-17 age group have been fully vaccinated. Unless preventive measures are taken, the continued wave in pediatric cases and hospitalizations will continue.

In addition to the delta variant, children’s hospitals are seeing rapid growth in the number of typical childhood viruses, including respiratory syncytial virus – or RSV, a serious respiratory illness in children unrelated to COVID-19.

While symptoms can be similar to COVID, RSV, bronchiolitis and the flu can be severe for infants and very young children. Children’s hospitals typically see the sharpest rise in viral cases during the winter, when children and families are more prone to congregate indoors. With masks coming off and families reconnecting with their lives and activities, RSV and other viruses are surging earlier and with high volumes.

If the viral surge didn’t pose enough of a challenge, children’s hospitals are grappling with growing demand for pediatric mental health services. Mental health was a national challenge before the pandemic, and the social impact of the pandemic has accelerated the problems facing millions of children and families.

Between April and October of last year, children’s hospitals saw a 24% increase in the proportion of

mental health emergency department visits for kids ages 5 to 11. Children’s hospitals also grappled with a 17% increase in suicide and self-injury cases (inpatient and emergency) over the second half of 2020.

In 2021, demand for mental health services to date continues with a steep rise in emergency visits for suicide and self-injury.

Finally, the pandemic has taken a toll on the doctors and nurses working on the front lines in children’s hospitals who are experiencing distress and burnout. With some rethinking their careers and livelihoods amid a national shortage of health care workers, children’s hospitals are experiencing capacity constraints due to staffing.

Simply put, America’s children’s hospitals will continue to struggle to keep up with the growing demands in the months ahead – unless we act now.

### Wear a mask, get vaccinated

As a public, we can do our part to safeguard children from COVID-19. We can mask in K-12 schools as students, faculty and visitors. Adults and youth older than 12 can get vaccinated and encourage friends and family to be vaccinated. And we can lead by example for our kids by adhering to proven strategies such as social distancing, masking and handwashing to prevent spread.

For families with sick kids, pediatricians, family physicians and children’s hospitals are working together in communities to ensure every child in need can access a hospital bed. They are the best source of information to help families get the care their children might need.

As a nation, our federal government has the power and authority to ensure that our children’s health system is not upended, and that the pediatric safety net is strengthened, not further strained.

### Biden administration can help

The Biden administration can direct support for surge capacity to pediatric hospitals through existing provider relief funding. Tens of billions of dollars are available and have not yet been released.

Legislatively, Congress can include funding for building new and different pediatric capacity and support workforce retention and expansion through infrastructure legislation.

It will take all of us working together and the might of the federal government to stem this storm’s rising tide and keep our children safe.

*Mark Wietecha is CEO of the Children’s Hospital Association, representing over 200 children’s hospitals in their role as leading national advocates for children’s health in Washington, D.C., and across the country.*



**A medic prepares to transport a COVID-positive toddler to a hospital on Aug. 25, 2021, in Houston.** JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES



Veterans

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Afghan forces fought and died

There were reasonable arguments for leaving Afghanistan. There are valid critiques of the Afghan government and the competence of the National Defense Force. But there can never be an excuse for the casual, wholesale dismissal of people who fought and died alongside us for years. “They didn’t fight for their own country” is a calumny belied by 50,000 ANSDF casualties and by the tens of thousands who served by supporting our operations and working with us to build a civil society.

Anyone who has traveled downrange, relying on that creed, has been horrified by a feckless retreat from a sacred obligation. We withdrew all logistical, technical, operational and intelligence support from the ANSDF, and we messaged relentlessly for months that they were entirely on their own. We stole out of Bagram Airfield in the dark of night. And we pointed at the collapse of morale to say: “See, of course they failed.”

We abandoned a generation of Afghans to the brutality of the Taliban. To their torture, executions, stonings and beheadings. We left them to witness their daughters peeled off as “wives” of mujahedeen.

Veterans are hurting now

I know many veterans who have been shattered and horrified by this past week. My own emotional state has swung from utter despair to white hot rage. I have lashed out at friends. A combat veteran friend spoke of wanting to renounce his citizenship.

Some have compared this to a modern-day Dunkirk. The key difference is that Winston Churchill exhorted a shattered nation to summon the courage and will to persevere through the darkest hour.

Our commander in chief has presented a false choice (our footprint over the past few years has been less than our mission in Djibouti). He has slandered those who risked everything at our side, and he has lied about the presence of al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations in country.

We have abandoned our only air base in central Asia, on the doorstep of China, Russia and Iran.

His national security team has ceded initiative to the enemy and stranded our troops and allies in an indefensible position, where a mishap or attack will seal tens of thousands into an Alamo in the Hindu Kush.

If you know a veteran, reach out. Many of us are hurting right now. Many are watching a nation consumed with bread and circuses as they question the costs they paid and wondering whether their fellow citizens were worth it after all.

Brett G. Odom is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. During an 11-year active duty career, he flew F/A-18 Hornets, leading combat strike missions in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom. He is a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and Harvard Business School.

Obituaries



TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES				
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Catlett, Ray L.	75	Kirksville, MO	22-Aug	Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer F.H.
*Eason, Lois L	86	Queen City, MO	21-Aug	Dooley Funeral Home
*Mitchell, Robert	60	Keokuk, MO	09-Aug	DeJong-Greaves-Printy
*Zimmerman, Armada Lee (Williams)	88	Kirksville, MO	19-Aug	Travis-Noe Funeral Home
* Additional information in display obituaries				
Obituaries appear in print and online at legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress				



Lois L Eason

QUEEN CITY - Lois Eason, 86, of Queen City passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021 in the LaBelle Nursing Home where she had been only a very short time.

The daughter of William Winfield and Stella Marie Overton Mullins, she was born May 27, 1935 in Glenwood, Missouri.



She attended grade school at Jintown and graduated from high school in 1954 from the Queen City High School.

On August 27, 1960, she was united in marriage to John Eason who preceded her in death on November 2, 2013. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Mac and Gilbert Mullins, and a sister-in-law Hilda Eason.

Lois and John lived on a farm in rural Queen City until November of 2010 when they moved to Queen City.

She is survived by her sons, John William Eason and wife Tammy Sue of Queen City and Gordon L Eason and wife Tamara of Queen City. She is also survived by a brother, Glen Mullins and wife Marlene of Lancaster, MO; sister, Mary Clark and husband Bob of Tacoma, Washington; sister-in-law, Thelma Mullins of Novinger, MO, and several nieces and nephews.

Lois was a member of the Queen City Baptist Church.

She was a great mother and mother-in-law and loved very much.

Graveside service will be held Wednesday (August 25, 2021) at 1:00 p.m at the Jintown Cemetery, east of Worthington, MO with Pastor Sonny Smyser officiating.

Arrangements in the care of Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri; www.dooleyfh.com.

Ray L. Catlett

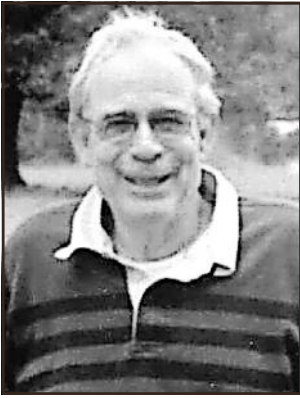
KIRKSVILLE - Ray L. Catlett, 75 of Kirksville passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family.

The son of Pearl O. and Irene N. (Ames) Catlett, he was born July 18, 1946 in Green City, Missouri. On October 24, 1964 in the Methodist Church in Green City, Missouri he was united in marriage to Carolyn Flanagan.

Ray is survived by his wife, Carolyn; two daughters, Christy Huels and husband Ed of Overland Park, KS and Deni Lake and husband Tom of Lenexa, KS; three grandchildren, Olivia Huels, Elliot Huels and Wyatt Lake; two brothers, Dean Catlett and wife Nancy of Owensville, MO and Paul Catlett and wife Becky of Grain Valley, MO; and one sister-in-law, Sandi Catlett of Green City, MO. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James Catlett, and an infant sister, Donna Ruth Catlett.

Ray grew up on the family farm in Green City and graduated from the Green City R-I Schools in 1964. Ray and Carolyn moved to Kansas City area, where he worked for Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac for eleven years. In 1975, they returned to the farm in Green City and farmed until he retired in 2006 when Ray and Carolyn moved to Kirksville.



He was a former member of the Yellow Creek Baptist Church and proud member of the NRA. He enjoyed hunting, reloading, reading, puzzles and NASCAR. Ray was plain spoken and rarely had an unsaid thought. From his farming to his family, Ray’s authenticity and kind soul showed through. More importantly, Ray loved his grandkids and enjoyed the time he spent with them.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

A celebration of Ray’s life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home with Rolf Christen officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Green City, MO. enjoyed

Memorials in memory of Ray are suggested to Hospice of Northeast Missouri.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

Robert Mitchell

KEOKUK - Robert “Bobby” G. Mitchell, 60, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021, at his home in Keokuk, Iowa.

Bobby was born on October 18, 1960, in Kirkville, Missouri, the son of Anna (Mitchell) Vossbrink.



Bobby was employed as a logger. His favorite pastime was fishing in the Mississippi River, especially for catfish and carp.

Bobby is survived by his mother Anna Vossbrink of Sullivan, MO; one sister: Clara Rice of St. Louis, MO; two aunts: Louise (Jim) Hanlin of Novinger, MO and Brenda (Steve) Thomas and family of Sullivan, MO; two cousins: Brenda Linder and family of Greencastle, MO and Tammy Founkin of Novinger, MO; and one niece: Megan Baxter and family of Morgantown, WV.

Bobby is preceded in death by his grandparents Claude & Clara Hill, Charles Mitchell and Tom Beers; and his step-father Robert “Skip” Vossbrink.

Graveside services were held at 9 am on Friday, August 13, 2021, at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to Keokuk Housing Authority.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Armada Lee (Williams) Zimmerman

KIRKSVILLE - Armada Lee (Williams) Zimmerman, 88, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away peacefully after a long illness at the home of her son, Dr. Dale Zimmerman in Monroe City, MO.



Born January 3, 1933 in Kirksville, Missouri, Armada was the daughter of the late Basil Ocel and Bertha Mae (Rogers) Williams. On August 9, 1952 in Kirksville, Missouri, Armada was united in marriage to Ora A. “Buz” Zimmerman who preceded her in death on December 22, 1995. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Bill Williams; one sister, Wanita Douglas and husband Dennis; two brothers-in-law, Glen Walters, and Eugene “Dyke” Horton, as well as two sisters-in-law, Thelma Zimmerman and Juanita Zimmerman.

Armada is survived by two sons, Dr. Dale Zimmerman and wife Susan of Monroe City, MO, and Russell Zimmerman and wife Linda of Kirksville, MO; one sister, Mary Jo Walters of Kirksville, MO; two grandchildren, Thomas Zimmerman and Hannah of Monticello, MO and Kelli Leeann Zimmerman of Alamosa, CO; two sisters-in-law, Mattie Horton and Opal Williams both of Kirksville, MO, two brothers-in-law, Bob Zimmerman of Kirksville, MO, and Garry Zimmerman of Cedar Rapids, IA, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Armada was a graduate from Kirksville High School during high school she worked at Petes Candy Land. She studied nursing in Kirksville before working as a medical surgical nurse at Old Laughlin Hospital and later as an OB nurse at Grim-Smith Hospital until the time of her retirement.

Armada was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

Armada was a member of the Hamilton Street Baptist Church of Kirksville.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 27, 2021 at Park View Memorial Gardens in Kirksville, with Pastor Virgil Jones officiating.

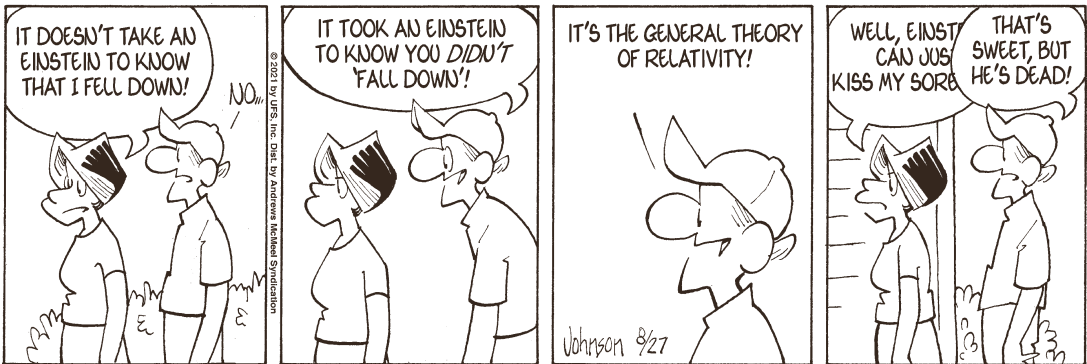
Expressions of sympathy in memory of Armada may be to Hamilton Street Baptist Church and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.





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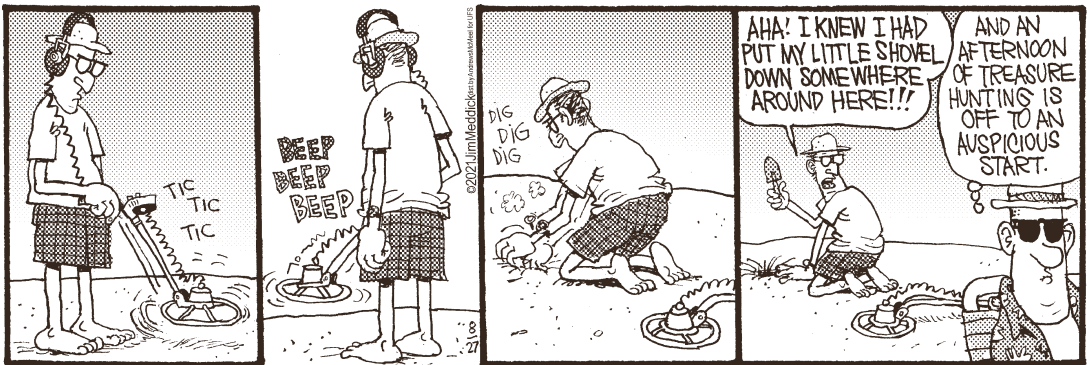
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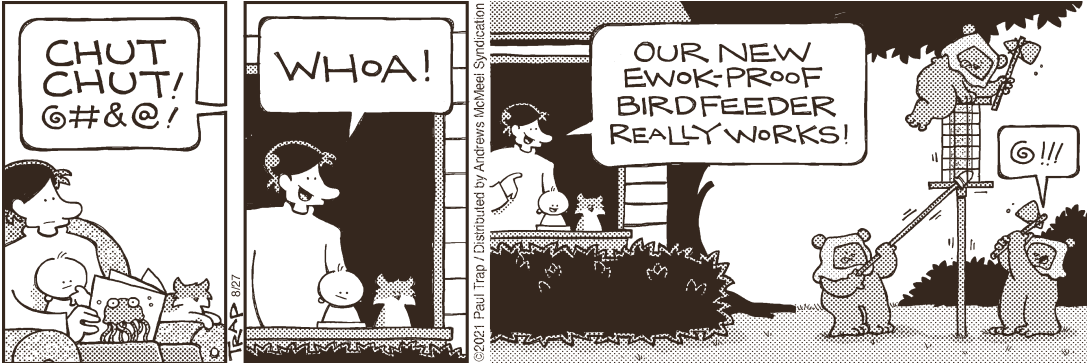
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CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Nine-lived pet  
4 Lash holder  
7 Inning enders  
11 Ms. Hagen  
12 Magritte's name  
13 Leg joint  
14 Cable honcho — Turner  
15 Overhang  
16 Cropland measure  
17 Puts into law  
19 Uxmal resident  
21 Morse code word  
22 Dunks  
23 Coke rival  
26 Adult, almost  
28 That, in Acapulco  
29 Dr. Zhivago's love  
31 "Forrest —"  
35 High point  
37 Dancer — Ellen

**DOWN**

1 Darling  
2 Two fives for — —  
3 Mock fanfare (hyph.)  
4 Pet shop buy  
5 Mdse. bill  
6 Judge

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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7 Approving  
8 Open a bottle  
9 Graceful seabirds  
10 Witness  
12 Sell to consumers  
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"Do you *always* have to buy the cheapest cuts of meat?"

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Listen to people you know you can count on to tell you the truth. Consider what makes you happy, healthy and wise. Do what's best for you. ☆☆☆

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Take time off, and give yourself a chance to chill. The more relaxed you are, the easier it will be to differentiate between what someone wants and what you want. ☆☆☆

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully. You'll be offered information that lacks detail. Don't let anger set in or put you in a compromising position. Look at the big picture. ☆☆☆

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Take better care of your health and well-being. Choose moderation over excess and patience over criticism. Look for a way to make your home more comfortable. ☆☆☆

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Before you act, think matters through and look for solutions to keep the peace. It's better not to take sides. Be the logical person everyone looks to for guidance. ☆☆☆

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Conversations will be entertaining and informative. Suggestions made will stimulate your mind and encourage you to participate in something requiring fortitude. ☆☆☆

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put more time and effort into self-development and home improvements. The difference it makes will save you money and encourage a healthier environment. ☆☆☆

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Adopt change, and make it into a positive experience. Refuse to let negativity or your grievances be what's remembered when optimism will open doors. ☆☆☆

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One step forward and three back. Refuse to get entangled in someone's plot. Do your own thing, and pay attention to detail. Question anything suspicious. ☆☆☆

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A passionate approach to whatever you do will draw support. Arrange to connect with someone who may pose a problem. Take care of your health. ☆☆☆

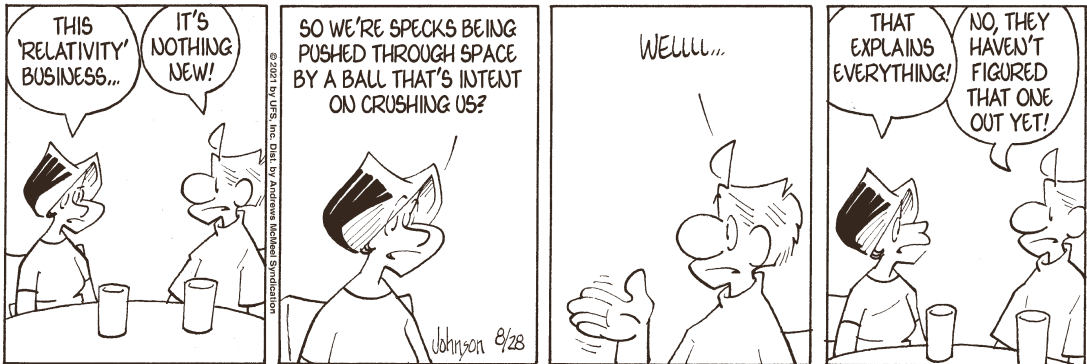
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Refuse to let your emotions take over. Look inward, and put your energy where it will help you the most. Personal growth will make a difference to the way you feel. ☆☆☆

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the initiative to make things happen. Get involved in something that involves helping a cause or someone who matters to you. ☆☆☆



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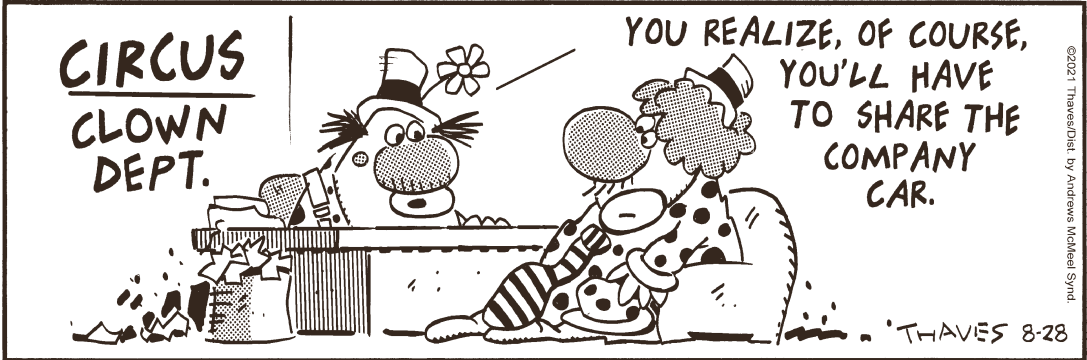
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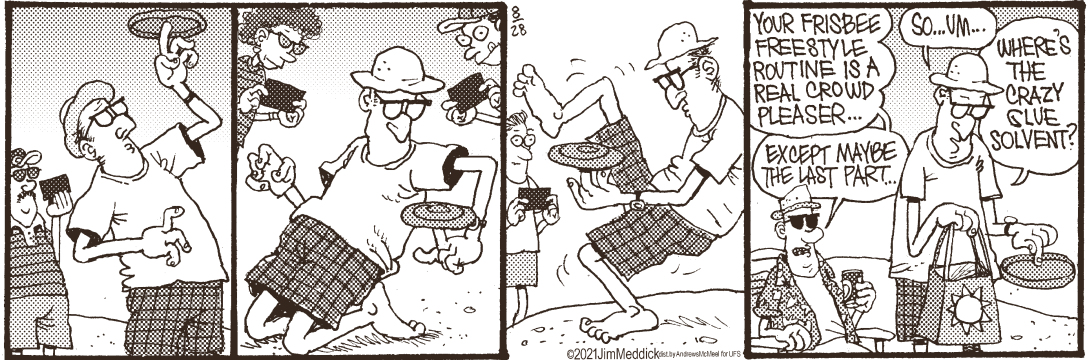
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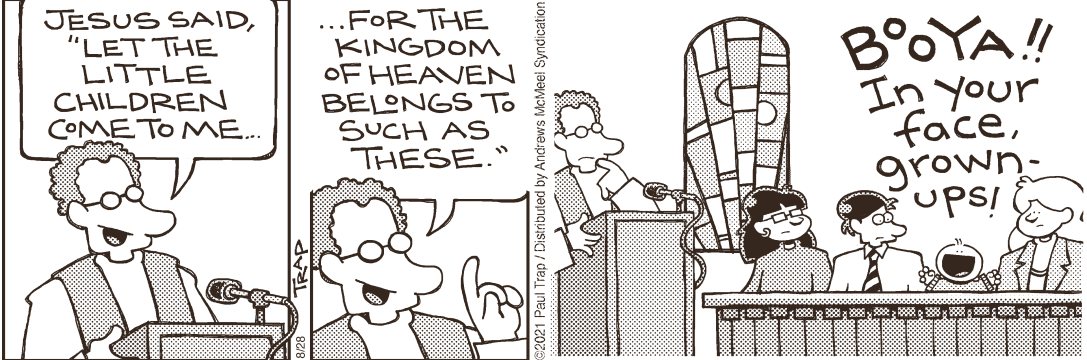
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4 Chatty alien

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11 Photo session

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14 Resinous deposit

15 Kind of physicist

16 Use henna

17 Anesthetic

19 Demanding

21 Cut down

23 Nasty laugh

24 From Juneau

28 Rookie surfer

32 Society girl

33 So-so grade

35 Where Cuzco is

36 Made cheddar better

38 Boat implement

39 XXI times C

40 Lodging place

42 Ivories tickler

45 “— Wieder-sehen”

47 Camp-ground initials

48 Snake-haired lady

51 Scuba diving sites

55 Fleming or McKellen

56 Demand

58 Spy org.

59 Kind of vaccine

60 Old photo color

61 Cleaning cloth

62 Airline to Stockholm

63 Informal parent

64 Colorado tribe

**DOWN**

1 Denver’s altitude

2 QED part

3 Dash gauge

4 Happy sighs

5 Land parcels

6 Comic’s “Sally —”

7 Down Under rockers

8 Indy winner A.J. —

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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18 Codgers’ queries

20 Flapjack chain

22 Baylor University site

24 Father of Cain

25 Engineer-ing toy

26 Be a party to

27 First-quarter tide

29 Actress — Moore

30 Starfish features

31 Conduit

34 Kramer or Estrada

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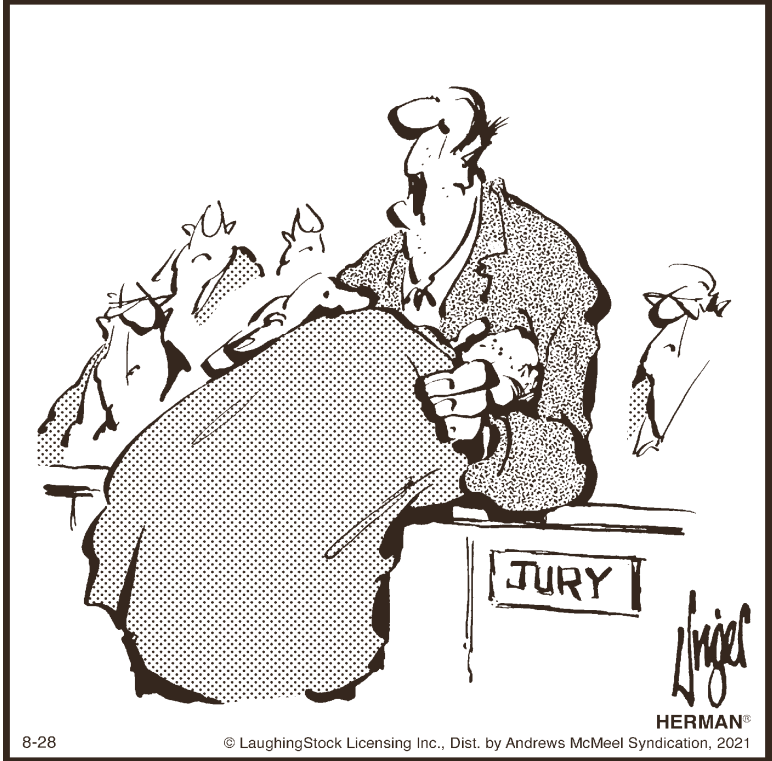
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“OK, OK. Not guilty.”

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Get your finances in order, and consider what you can afford to do that will make your life easier and your surroundings more convenient. ☆☆☆

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Put your intelligence to good use. Get involved in activities or events that allow you to use your skills to make a difference. ☆☆☆

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Be cautious when dealing with domestic situations. Opposition is apparent if someone doesn't like the way you do things. ☆☆☆

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on your well-being. Get into a routine geared toward good nutrition, exercise and hanging out with people who bring out the best in you. ☆☆☆☆

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take precautions if someone is pushy or using emotional tactics to persuade you to take on something that isn't in your best interest. ☆☆

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stand tall. Trust in your beliefs, skills and knowledge. Bring about the changes that make you feel good about yourself and your accomplishments. ☆☆☆☆☆

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be aware of your rights and what's possible. A disciplined approach to joint ventures, home improvements and over-the-top behavior will help ward off negative results. ☆☆☆

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't limit what you can do because you took on too many responsibilities. Delegate jobs better suited to others, and take care of the most relevant details. ☆☆☆

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Move forward cautiously when discussing important matters with a friend, relative or neighbor. Size up what's said, and propose something hard to resist. ☆☆☆

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stop procrastinating. Start implementing the changes that will add to your comfort and happiness. Your intuition will guide you to a better place. ☆☆☆☆☆

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Distance yourself from anyone making changes that make you feel uncomfortable. Concentrate on building strength and maintaining a well-balanced lifestyle. ☆☆☆

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have a good idea that saves money and encourages you to head in a direction that allows you to use your skills more efficiently. ☆☆☆☆



# Woman wants to make it right after cheating



Dear Annie  
Annie Lane

**Dear Annie:** My boyfriend and I have been together for six years now. Two years ago, I cheated on him, and he found out shortly after when he looked at my phone and saw that I was texting the other guy. At the time, I panicked and said that my best friend, “Deb,” had been using my phone. I then reached out to Deb and begged her to cover for me and lie if my boyfriend asked her about it. She did, and he bought the excuse. But a few weeks later, I confessed the truth to him, including the fact that Deb had covered up for me. We’ve been trying to work past this ever since. I feel awful about my infidelity. It has affected me in ways I never thought it would, just as I know it’s affected him very deeply,

too. It worsened my depression and anxiety.

On top of the shame I feel for cheating, I have been unable to spend as much time as I’d like with Deb. My boyfriend wants nothing to do with her. Anytime she comes up in conversation, he says that she’s fake or a liar. He refuses to hang out with her. This woman has been my best friend for 23 years, and she’s very important to me. But he hates it when I spend time with her.

I know that this is all my fault. Annie, what can I do to make it right?

– *Regretful Girlfriend*

**Dear Regretful:** It sounds as though your boyfriend has some unresolved feelings over your cheating and he’s taking them out on your friend. If you really care about each other, enlist the help of a couples therapist to work through these issues in a healthy way. Otherwise, you’ll forever feel guilty; he’ll forever feel angry; and the two of you will rack up toxic levels of resentment.

**Dear Annie:** Your advice to “Believe in Love” was spot on as far as “being single is better than being with someone who doesn’t want you.”

When on the receiving end of a breakup, it can be hard to understand how your ex can move on so quickly, and we start to overanalyze every little thing that may or may not have contributed to the breakup. “Believe in Love” said, “He’s turned to stone and has no remorse.” She also asks, “How did this man forget me so quickly?”

It’s important to realize the process, for him, started long before he actually spoke the words. It could have been something he’d been thinking about for months, planning the how and where he would break up with her. And all that while, he’s been disengaging emotionally and mentally. That is why he has moved on quickly, because the process for him started a long time ago.

– *Stuart I.*

**Dear Stuart:** Astute point. And hav-

ing that context might make it just a little bit easier for the one broken up with to accept.

**Dear Annie:** Using the word “lost” for someone who has died is a word that we learned not to use in our bereavement group. Our loved ones are not lost. It makes a grieving family member have a very negative emotion.

– *Daphne K., Vancouver, Washington*

**Dear Daphne:** The phrasing is so automatic that I’d never given much consideration to its connotations. I really appreciate your bringing it to my attention, and it’s something I’ll be more cognizant of in the future.

*“Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie” is out now! Annie Lane’s debut book – featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette – is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit creatorspublishing.com for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearan-nie@creators.com.*

# Get creative when sending gift baskets



Hints From Heloise  
Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I read your column here in Riverside. Someone asked about how to greet someone new to America. I often give gift baskets for raffles, new neighbors and just as gifts. Start with books! Here are some ideas:

**American Cookbooks:** Include some spices, an oven mitt, tea towels, a spatula and a gift card to a local grocery store.

**Craft Books:** Include a sewing kit, cotton fabric scraps, scissors, picture frames, a picture hanging kit and a gift card to a local hobby and crafts store.

**Art How-To Books:** Include a water-color set with brushes, a paper pad, crayons, markers, scissors, a glue stick and a gift card to a local hobby and

crafts store.

**Gardening Books:** Include a pretty flowerpot, seeds, gardening scissors, a hand trowel and a gift card to a local hardware or garden center.

**Do-It-Yourself Books:** Include screwdrivers, a tape measure, a hammer, a kit of various screws and nails and a gift card to a local hardware store.

– *Nadia Lee, via email*

Nadia, these are clever, wonderful ideas and an inspiration for us to be creative with our gift ideas.

– *Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** In your article, you mentioned placing valuables (purse, laptop, etc.) in the trunk of your car before entering a mall.

I would like to suggest two options:

1. Place valuables in the trunk before leaving work to drive to a local mall.
2. Or, preferably, stop by home after work to drop off laptop(s) (personal and company) before going to the mall.

Years ago, we had an engineer who left work (Houston area – daylight, not

dusk or dark), drove to the mall then placed valuables into the car’s trunk. The guy was inside the mall for not more than five minutes to pick up some items. When he returned to his car in the mall’s open-air parking lot (not a parking garage), thieves had popped open his trunk to steal two laptops: the company’s laptop and his personal laptop. If the man had confronted the thieves, he could have been shot or stabbed. Avoid problems by planning ahead.

– *W. Paul Waits, Houston*

Paul, thank you for sending this excellent safety suggestion.

– *Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** The mother of teens who wrote about the code her children use to get her to say “no” was a great suggestion. I have one for those times when they want you to say “yes” but you would rather not.

Be sure you have your kids’ friends’ and mothers’ phone numbers and call them about the proposed activity. More than once when my kids were teens a

call to the other parents revealed that none of us liked the idea. Once we all agreed to say no, the peer pressure came to a quick halt.

– *Randi Moran, Fullerton, Calif.*

Randi, the more information you have about your children’s friends and families, the better.

– *Heloise*

**Dear Readers:** Robert Fromhartz sent a picture of Maggie May, his adopted dog. Here’s the wonderful story: “My wife and I found Maggie May in a cage in Sebring Florida Animal Control.

She was picked up running loose in Lake Placid, Florida. She was scared, and we had to carry her to the car. She is now very spoiled. Whenever someone comes to visit, she greets them by finding a shoe and bringing it to them as a gift.”

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# SPORTS

## Girls runners set for breakout



Kirksville cross country runner Kelsey Bird competes at the virtual meet held last year in Kirksville. AUSTIN MILLER

## Kirksville boys cross country team rebuilds

**Austin Miller**  
Kirksville Daily Express  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Potential has been the defining word around the Kirksville girls cross country team for the last two years.

Coach Ethan Gabel had quality runners working hard, they just needed time to develop themselves as athletes and competitors. The belief is this is the season where that potential is realized, where the girls take off for a big year.

“I think it is,” said senior Kelsey Bird. “Especially with the new freshmen, and we have a few of them. They are fast and they just need to build up their endurance now.”

Bird said she ran 150 total miles over the summer to prepare. And this time she was joined by several of those young girls, particularly freshman Addy Jorn. Jorn ran nearly 170 miles. Bird said it was great to have someone step in and push her right away. And Gabel sees Jorn as the big piece to bring the girls team some hardware.

“She, early on, is the difference-maker,” said Gabel of Jorn. “I need to see her actually compete, but from what I’ve seen so far and what I know of her extra-



Kirksville's Dominic Cahalan, left, and Kevin Crooks, right, compete at last year's virtual cross country meet at Spainhower Field. AUSTIN MILLER

curricular 5K runs, I really think she’s going to be the difference-maker that can take (us) to that next level.”

With the girls team primed for a successful run, it could accomplish something that hasn’t been done before. The girls cross country team has never won a conference title.

The Tigers think this is their time to strike. And they could do it at home since this year’s North Central Missouri Conference meet will occur at the Kirks-

ville Country Club.

“I think we can win conference, which we haven’t done, and that would be really cool,” Bird said. “Last year, we could have and the year before, we were close. We just didn’t have that one push that we needed. This year, I think we have it.”

The boys side, after three straight state trips and two district titles, is re-

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La Plata's Olivia Coy pitches during a game against Green City. AUSTIN MILLER

## La Plata softball confident in new players after Final Four run

**Austin Miller**  
Kirksville Daily Express  
USA TODAY NETWORK

La Plata softball seeks equilibrium.

The Bulldogs went on an impressive run last fall to reach the Class 1 Final Four, and bring many key players back this season. But there are also several new girls in the mix to fill positions, some of who will see varsity action for the first time. While La Plata will balance the expectations that loom based on last year while also ingratiating new players, coach Greg Buescher still thinks highly of his club.

“Well, we just expect the new girls to come up to speed pretty quick,” Buescher said. “We feel like we can be as good as any team if we’re firing on all cylinders. We got to a Final Four last year — we’d like to go back. Obviously, some things could have gone differently along the way for us, so we know there’s no guarantee. ... But we feel like we’re a state-caliber softball team, and the girls we have filling in, we think will be able to help us stay at that level.”

La Plata had a magnificent run last year, finishing off a district title where pitcher Olivia Coy didn’t allow one run in that tournament. The Bulldogs then beat Canton, the top-ranked team in the class who was undefeated at the time, in a sectional nailbiter. Then they had an even tighter game against Braymer, winning 1-0 in nine innings to advance to the Final Four. Due to the pandemic, La Plata actually hosted that Final Four game against Platte Valley, rather than the usual voyage to Springfield. So even though the stage was different, Buescher feels his girls should carry a lot of confidence into this year.

Key players and all-staters like Pieper Wood and Coy, last year’s Daily Express Player of the Year, are seniors this year. Sophomore all-state center fielder Paige Carvajal is back after a big freshman season, with older sister and shortstop Brooklyn Carvajal entering her senior campaign.

Kierstin Wood pitched and served as a designated player last year as a freshman, but she’ll see time in left field this year. Sophomore Audrey Bel-field started at second base during the team’s postseason run, so Buescher likes keeping her there full-time this year. Freshmen Kohyn Wood and Isabella Joyce will split time in left field until one grabs hold of the position. And Bryn Buescher will play third and pitch some.

So the Bulldogs feel confident they can plug spots and keep on winning. But they know that won’t just be given to them.

Coy said it’s important to have a clean slate since they don’t have the exact same team as last year. That success happened and they enjoyed it, but it is in the past now.

“I think (that’s important), so we stay humble and work just as hard. Be-

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## Truman athletics will allow spectators for events this year

**Austin Miller**  
Kirksville Daily Express  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Truman State announced Tuesday that home athletic events will allow spectators this year.

Fans are permitted at all outdoor home events without face coverings, but are asked to follow social distance. Indoor events require a face covering — regardless of vaccination status — as part of the university’s indoor mask policy. Fans are also asked to keep social distance at outdoor events.

Fans will also be allowed to tailgate before home football games at the designated lot on campus. Tailgaters must follow campus COVID-19 guidelines.

“This fan attendance policy applies to all home games played on campus and is subject to change based on guidance from local officials,” says the university’s release. “Any fans wishing to attend away games should visit the athletics website of the host school for their COVID-19 policies.”

Tickets are on sale for football and basketball games, which are available at



Daily Express file photo of Truman's Stokes Stadium. AUSTIN MILLER

BulldogStore.Truman.edu. On game-days, tickets will be available at Stokes Stadium beginning an hour before kick-off, though only cash is accepted.

There will be no admission cost for

volleyball and soccer matches this fall.

The football team’s first home game is a Sept. 18 clash with Hillsdale, scheduled for 12 p.m.



# Critical games dot schedule for '21

Hank Kurz Jr.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Every weekend in college football, the schedule offers compelling matchups.

Early in the season, some pit Power Five conference blue bloods against each other. Late in the season, there are rivalry showdowns and interconference bragging rights games.

The early ones are the hardest to predict and they're also the best to lose on the theory that an early stumble can be overcome with success the rest of the way. A late loss? Not so much.

This season's return to normal scheduling a year after the pandemic threw everything into a state of flux also marks a return to those critical games. Here are some of them.

**No. 3 Clemson vs No. 5 Georgia (Charlotte, N.C), Sept. 4.**

This is important for both, of course, but it's spot at the start of the season is more a chance for the winner to add the 'W' to its playoff resume than for the loser to get knocked off that list. It's also the marquee game on each team's schedule.

The Bulldogs aren't scheduled to play Alabama, LSU or Texas A&M of the SEC West, and Clemson's dominance in the ACC is clear: The Tigers have won the last four championship games by an average of 34 points.

**No. 11 Oregon at No. 4 Ohio State, Sept. 11.**

The Buckeyes have won all nine previous meetings with the Ducks, but the last meeting came in the 2015 national championship game, a 42-20 victory.

The Ducks could do the frequently maligned Pac-12 a huge favor and seem to have the weapons to make it happen, especially on an offense stacked with talented, young receivers.

But the Buckeyes are no stranger to big early games and while their pass defense was sketchy last year, allowing 304 yards per game, they brought in a freshman pass rusher and two DBs considered among the best secondary gets of last season's recruiting class.

**No. 8 Cincinnati at No. 9 Notre Dame, Oct. 2.**

In quarterback Desmond Ridder, the Bearcats have a guy who seems to get better with each game, so much so that NFL scouts have noticed.

He ran for 12 TDs last season and completed two-thirds of his passes on a team better recognized for its defense.

The Bearcats could do wonders for the American Athletic Conference by living up to their advance billing, but will need to have handled No. 17 Indiana two weeks before their trip to South Bend.

They are one of five teams the Fighting Irish will face that has had more time to prepare than Brian Kelly's group. Wisconsin transfer Jack Coan has replaced Ian Book at QB for the Irish, but will operate behind a young line.

**No. 1 Alabama at No. 6 Texas A&M,**



Notre Dame quarterback Jack Coan runs the ball during the Fighting Irish's spring game May 1. No. 9 Notre Dame hosts No. 8 Cincinnati on Oct. 2 in a key game for both teams. MATT CASHORE/USA TODAY SPORTS

**Oct. 9.**

The Aggies haven't contended for a national championship since 1939 and hope coach Jimbo Fisher's fourth season changes that.

The winner of a quarterback battle will still have junior Isaiah Spiller carrying the load at tailback, and the defense returns nine starters. The defending national champion Crimson Tide will have a host of new faces on offense, but Nick Saban never seems to struggle with that scenario.

He will likely have a freshman quarterback in highly touted Bryce Young, and that can always be a dicey proposition on the road, especially in a place like College Station, but they open at No. 14 Miami and play at No. 13 Florida first.

**No. 14 Miami at No. 10 North Carolina, Oct. 16.**

If the league's prognosticators are right, this could become the decisive game in the ACC's Coastal Division, which earns the winner a likely matchup with No. 3 Clemson in Charlotte in December.

The Hurricanes have often been rated too high, but rarely had a quarterback like D'Eriq King, whose decision to return for a second senior season seemed to spark a movement among teammates to do the same.

The 'Canes also have plenty of motivation for this game, having been embarrassed 62-26 at home last season by the Tar Heels.

Coach Mack Brown's third season in

his return to Chapel Hill comes with huge expectations, much riding on the arm of Heisman contender QB Sam Howell.

**No. 7 Iowa State at No. 2 Oklahoma, Nov. 20.**

The Cyclones could be hampered more by their previous three weeks, with two road games at West Virginia and Texas Tech, because they could be looking ahead.

Either team could be close to wrapping up a berth in the College Football Playoff. The Sooners, led by preseason All-America QB Spencer Rattler, have won six straight conference titles and could be looking for another Heisman, too.

## Runners

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building. With several top runners graduating from last year, the Tigers have holes to fill.

Veterans like Kevin Crooks, Dominic Cahalan and Samuel Amerman return for the Tigers, but the rest of the lineup features some unknowns. There are some older runners who now have a shot to run in the top seven, and new

freshmen eager to compete early.

Gabel said he's had to adjust his outlook for the boys. After years of dominance, the team has to build back up to those heights.

"On the boys side, I have to look at it a little different because the last several years, we would show up to tournaments and be pretty sure we were going to win it," Gabel said. "It's not going to be that way this year. ... It's good, in a sense, because some of that competitiveness should be back on the team to find who's going to help Kevin and Dom

and Sam fill the rest of those spots.

"Yes, we aren't that surefire 'We're going to win this the second we show up' kind of team anymore, but that doesn't mean we can't be that team. It's just going to take more work," Gabel said. "I need them to stay focused, train hard, take a look at the younger guys and bring them up, so we can actually continue the success we've had the last few years."

For Crooks, who enters his senior season, fun has been an important aspect of preseason practices. Since there

are new guys out, he wants to make sure there's a good team atmosphere that prompts them to push hard. Why else would they want to do cross country?

If young runners buy-in with what the veterans are selling, then the boys hope to get back to glory.

"It's very important for future generations so we can keep having new talent each year, so they know what they're doing and can pass it on," Crooks said. "Just make sure it's a fun environment, safe, that way people keep coming out."

## Softball

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cause we worked really hard to get there last year, and just because we got there last year doesn't mean we have a free pass to get there this year," Coy said. "We have to work just as hard — if not harder — with these new girls and open positions. I think we're putting that work in in practice now and I'm really excited about it."

And the program's culture is a huge testament to that, too. Buescher said all of the young girls want to have another great season to send the three seniors out with as big of a bang as possible. And those seniors want a great year so the freshmen and other new girls get a taste of the Final Four just as they did a year ago.

"I think when you have a team that wants to do well for each other, ... when you have a team that's like that, that's when you have true success," Buescher

said.

"I think that's one reason why we do so well, because we are so close and have a family dynamic," Coy said.

In the state semifinal game with Plate Valley, Coy exited the circle after one inning due to shoulder pain. Her injury ended up not being as severe as she feared, so she's back at 100 percent now after a long rehab process.

It was a frustrating road that Coy said got worse before it got any better, draining her at every level. But taking that time off allowed her to heal and fix her delivery. After re-working her mechanics, she feels better starting this fall than she has before.

That's a scary message.

"There were a lot of mechanical things that I was doing that caused my injury, and I think breaking those down and making sure that I do my pitch 100 percent correctly will help prevent injuries, and will help me throw faster, hit my spots and spin better," Coy said. "It's something that, even though it sucked at the time, ultimately helped me."



The La Plata softball team celebrates after beating Braymer in a Class 1 quarterfinal game, sending them to the Final Four. AUSTIN MILLER



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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI  
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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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KM-10KDE11716

**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

Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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# Records document agency spending under COVID

By Tessa Weinberg  
Missouri Independent

It was mid-March 2020 and the pandemic was unfolding in quick succession.

Less than a week after the first suspected COVID-19 case in Missouri was identified in St. Louis County, Gov. Mike Parson declared a state of emergency.

Days later, the state’s Office of Administration (OA) took an unprecedented step: It granted emergency authorization allowing all state agencies it oversees to make purchases over \$50,000 to respond to COVID-19 without following the typical procurement process or getting prior approval.

Documents obtained by The Independent through an open records request show how over the course of the year that authorization was in place, state agencies spent tens of millions of state and federal dollars through the emergency procurement process — paying for everything from face masks to private consultants to cremation services to picnic tables.

The spending — which was supposed to be restricted to items necessary to respond to COVID that meet the definition of an emergency — was largely documented in spreadsheets submitted this spring to OA, the agency that oversees contracting and purchasing for the state.

The spreadsheets aren’t exhaustive, and agencies varied in what they submitted. Some provided detailed reports. Others simply submitted purchases that were eligible for federal reimbursement but didn’t fall under the emergency authority. Several agencies said they didn’t use the emergency authorization at all.

Despite these inconsistencies, the spreadsheets offer a glimpse into how state government continued to function amid the pandemic.

OA has no immediate plans for an audit of emergency spending, noting it required agencies to maintain logs and that state Auditor Nicole Galloway has been reviewing how federal stimulus funds are spent.

Rep. Cody Smith, a Carthage Republican and chair of the House Budget Committee, said lawmakers plan to play part of that oversight role.

The House Budget Committee was set to meet Wednesday to hear from OA on federal pandemic funding. Smith said the nature of the pandemic and the need to spend money quickly required the General Assembly to put a greater degree of trust into the executive branch.

“We didn’t have time to sit around and contemplate all of the possible scenarios that might arise, nor could we have really predicted them, because no one’s ever really dealt with this before,” Smith said. “So we had to give the executive branch quite a bit of latitude to administer these funds.”

Now, the legislature intends to assess how those funds were spent.

“In this case, we are looking retroactively on spending that we have authorized,” Smith said, “and we want to go back and just make sure that all of those dollars were put to good use.”

Rep. Peter Merideth, a St. Louis Democrat and ranking minority member of the committee, said he had been unaware OA had granted such authority to respond to the pandemic.

“I don’t think we have done anywhere near a sufficient job of oversight of the COVID spending,” Merideth said, noting agencies have been slow to get federal funds out through relief programs.

### ‘Once they can get the foot in the door’

In a March 16, 2020, email to state procurement officers informing them of the emergency authorization, Karen Boeger, the director of OA’s Division of Purchasing, instructed agencies that finding items would be difficult and they would have to improvise.

They should use existing statewide contracts, the state’s supply of surplus property or buy items manufactured by incarcerated people in the Missouri Vocational Enterprises program. If those routes were unsuccessful, departments were granted approval to make emergency purchases over \$50,000, though they should still try to ensure as much competition as practical under the circumstances.

After three extensions, the authorization expired March 31, 2021.

OA said the division did not have an overall estimate of the total cost of pur-

chases over \$50,000 made under the emergency authorization.

Some of the largest expenses documented on spreadsheets submitted to OA were payments to private companies that played a prominent role advising Missouri’s pandemic response.

The state awarded a lucrative no-bid contract to the McChrystal Group last year after a nonprofit had covered up to \$600,000 in expenses for its work. The Virginia-based consulting firm was founded by retired four-star Army general Stanley McChrystal.

One of the firm’s principals previously helped run the state’s weekly calls with COVID-19 vaccine providers in addition to advising top state officials on matters like planning a weekly vaccine ordering cadence.

In a copy of OA’s approval of the state’s emergency contract, Todd Richardson, the director of Missouri’s Medicaid program who also oversaw the state’s “COVID-19 Fusion Cell” cross-departmental team, noted that there had been a significant effort to find more private money after the nonprofit’s funding ended in May.

“That effort has been unsuccessful,” Richardson wrote in a late July 2020 email to OA officials.

The McChrystal Group’s emergency contract was extended until March 31, 2021. The firm was paid \$2.16 million in fiscal year 2021, according to the state’s accountability portal.

It’s a similar pattern that has followed for other prominent consultants that the state has relied on.

Deloitte, a global consulting firm with offices in Missouri, has conducted data analyses for the state on everything from vaccination gaps and vaccine deserts to COVID-19 hotspots. OA established an emergency contract with Deloitte for the Department of Health and Senior Services on Dec. 4, 2020, to assist with COVID-19 recovery and response management, said DHSS Spokeswoman Lisa Cox.

Like The McChrystal Group’s contract, Deloitte’s has been extended multiple times — most recently through Dec. 31, 2021.

In late July, DHSS provided a short justification for the extension, noting it was needed in part due to the recent increase in COVID cases and because the

firm’s trademarked data tools have been beneficial.

Under that contract, which is ongoing, Deloitte has been paid a little over \$2 million since fiscal year 2021, according to the state’s accountability portal. Overall, Deloitte has been paid over \$2.6 million by the state over that same time period.

Jeremy Mohler, communications director for In the Public Interest, a California nonprofit that focuses on the privatization of public goods and responsible contracting, said it’s not surprising to see contracts continuously extended.

It’s a primary business model for consulting firms, he said.

“They want to get a contract and then continually renew the contract,” Mohler said, “because once they can get the foot in the door, it’s a steady stream of revenue for them.”

The Division of Purchasing is working on establishing longer-term contracts through competitive proposals for things like COVID testing and contract tracing that were originally acquired under emergency procurements, Christopher Moreland, a spokesman for OA, said.

Mohler said vendors that have already established a personal relationship with the state through an emergency procurement have a leg up when proposals are later sought through a competitive bidding process.

“They know how to write a customized proposal on how they’re going to handle it, because they’ve already been doing the work in the agency,” Mohler said, “when every other competitor is at a major disadvantage, because they’re basically just guessing from the outside.”

One example is Protiviti Government Services Inc., a Virginia-based business consulting firm that was hired in October 2020 through an emergency procurement by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist with processing unemployment claims, holding appeals hearings and providing call center agents.

Over \$13 million has been paid to Protiviti Government Services Inc. since fiscal year 2021, according to the state’s accountability portal.



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# KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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## THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH

Kirksville Nazarene Church



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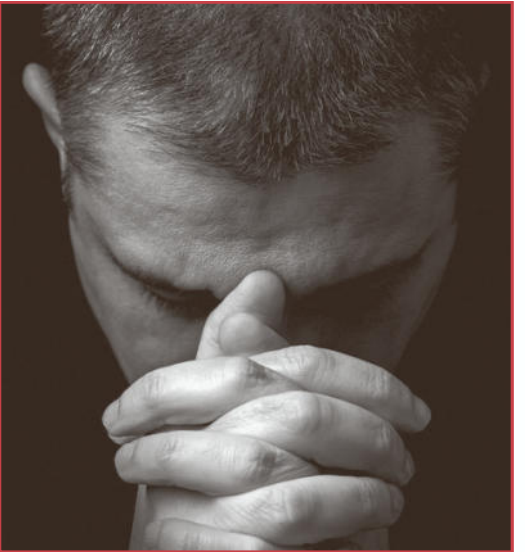
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### Faith Lutheran Church

1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe  
David Lukelahr, Pastor  
8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE  
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirksville.org

### Hamilton Street Baptist Church

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

### Rehoboth Baptist Church

100 Pfeiffer Rd.  
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
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

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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.,  
Kirkville

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

Kirkville

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, ministe

Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

10:30 a.m. Song Service

11:00 a.m. Preaching

### Lighthouse of Love

Brashear, Mo

Pastor, John Bowen

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Meadow Brook Christian Church

602 E. Washington

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

### St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Novinger, Mo.

7:30 a.m. Sunday

### Life Church of Kirksville

112 W. Potter

Jeremy Pingle, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

### Community Presbyterian Church

210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo  
Rev. John Becker, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service

### Grace Fellowship Church

1501 S. Baird St., Kirksville  
Pastor, Brian Carter  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Countryside Christian Church

S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills  
Preacher, Harold R. Engel  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet

www.countrysidekv.com

### Gifford Christian Church

Minister: Darren Potter  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

### Lake Road Chapel

22963 Potter Trail  
Pastors: Charles Leiter, Richard Ochs,  
Mason Vann, Garrett Holthaus  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service

www.lakeroadchapel.org

### Church of God (Holiness)

1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### New Hope Evangelical Church

620 Steer Creek Way  
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class  
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Darrell Draper, Pastor

660-341-0000

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor

660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

### First Assembly of God

2401 S. High  
Jeff Arp, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

(Communion First Sunday of the Month)

6:30 p.m. Evening Praise

www.KirksvilleFirst.com

### First Liberty Full Gospel

1302 E. Filmore  
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Novinger Baptist Church

Highway 6 & 149

Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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  
Kirkville First Ward Bishop John Grider

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services

Kirkville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison

9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

### Cornerstone Church

1702 E. Elson

Pastor Jeremy Broach

9:00 a.m. Bible Study One19

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

660-956-4480

### Trinity Episcopal Church

124 N. Mulanix

Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1301 N. Elson

Dale Fuhrmeister Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)

11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)

Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

### United Methodist Church

Brashear Charge, Brashear

Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

### Willow Bend Association East

Center Community Church

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

### Illinois Bend Community Church

Highway 3

Pastor Terry Hunsaker

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

660-349-0052

### Baring Community Church

11:00 a.m. Worship.

### Community Christian Church of Downing

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

### Willow Bend Church

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### New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship

### Greentop Community Church

Highway K, Greentop, Mo.

Pastor: Carro Davenport

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Trinity United Fellowship Church

Pastor: Lorne Arber

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Lancaster United Methodist Church

Pastor: H. R. Rogers

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Shekinah Mennonite Church

15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville

John Mark Miller, Pastor

Roger Berry

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing

6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

### Bethel Community Church

12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T  
Marvin Cross, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

### Lancaster Baptist Church

Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster  
Mark Drummond, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Grace Bible Baptist Church

Greencastle, Mo.  
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. Evening Service

### Winigan Christian Church

Ryan Crist, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### First Baptist Church

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Fairview Baptist Church

53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock

Sam Burkholder, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

### Bible Missionary Church

508 S. Main St.

Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor