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## Proposed Senate map would change what district Adair County is in

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One proposed redistricting of the Missouri Senate would create a change in Adair County's state representation.

An early map drawn by Republicans on the Senate redistricting panel would move Adair, Schuyler and Linn counties to District 12, aligning with the northwestern corner of the state. Currently, those counties are part of Senate District 18, represented by Cindy O'Laughlin (R-Shelbina). Dan Hegeman (R-Cosby) is the State Senator for District 12.

This comes as early stages of the redistricting process begins, which happens each decade following the Census. Panels are set to meet over the coming weeks to evaluate districts for the state Senate and House, along with the federal House districts.

Kirksville officials spoke during Monday's City Council meeting about what effect redistricting could have on the city and its partnerships. The Northeast Regional Planning Commission serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Schuyler and Scotland counties, bringing those entities together to work on economic development.

City Manager Mari Macomber wondered how that group might be

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## 4 vendors apply for next Kirksville License Office

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Four vendors applied to the state to open a new license office in Kirksville.

The state opened that bid process on Oct. 15, just a few days after it was announced that Kirksville's then-license office was closing. Bidding closed on Oct. 29 with four bidders: Doug & Cheri LLC, Eitel LLC, KleerTech, and License Office Services.

So the state is now grading and reviewing each of the proposals from the four vendors. The process of selecting a vendor and then opening an office could still take some time.

Since there were four vendors, the process will take longer compared to if only one had applied.

License Office Services operates 20 offices across Missouri, including one in Moberly.

Eitel LLC is registered under Lisa and Donald Eitel, of Kirksville. According to state documents, they submitted Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State's Office on Oct. 15.

Doug & Cheri LLC is registered to Cheri Galaske. The Galasques, whose LLC is registered in Macon, currently manage the license offices in Macon and Keytesville.

And KleerTech LLC's registered agent is listed as Mark McColl, of St. Louis.



Kirksville City Hall AUSTIN MILLER

## Kirksville looking to expand downtown City Hall

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The City of Kirksville is exploring an expansion of its downtown City Hall.

During Monday's City Council meeting, the council approved an agreement with STRATA Architecture worth \$35,700 to review the building's existing infrastructure and design options for growth.

Accessibility to city services and government is the top priority. The City Council chambers have been quick to fill in the past for high-interest meetings. So additional meeting space would be one important use.

"As it exists today, the layout and accessibility of City Hall does not serve the residents of the community," says City Manager Mari Macomber's staff report to the City Council. "In addition, the space to the south gives the City an opportunity to provide additional space that could be used for not only meetings but other public events sponsored by Parks and Recreation and Tourism."

STRATA is the same firm that designed the new Sue Ross Arts Center,

located just south of City Hall. After good word of mouth from the Kirksville Arts Association regarding STRATA, the city decided to start this process with that firm.

The plan is for STRATA to design a new building on the city-owned green space between City Hall and the Sue Ross Arts Center, which would then connect to City Hall.

"What we really want to focus on is improving citizen access, preservation of our building here, and tying them both together so they both look like buildings that have been here," said Macomber.

The city acquired the land south of City Hall several years ago. When the former arts center building burned down, the City Council made an agreement with the arts association to let them build on it. The city still maintains ownership of the remaining undeveloped portion of that block.

A parking lot is set to be built on the corner of Jefferson and Marion streets next year.

Trudy Faulkner, STRATA's vice president, spoke with council over Zoom, saying the firm has been "dreaming" about how to use that

space for a few years. She said STRATA has focused on preserving historic structures, including at the Missouri capitol. The company also recently renovated the city hall in Maryville.

Kirksville's City Hall first opened in 1903 as a post office, designed by Irwin Dunbar. It remained a post office until a new one in Kirksville opened in 1962. The building was then renovated and opened as City Hall in 1964.

Once STRATA completes its work, which includes conceptual design options and cost estimates, the City Council will then decide where the process goes next.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," said Councilmember John Gardner. "There are some really great ways that we can look (to improve) our citizen's experience interacting with the city with some new physical space and some upgrades. I think that's what, when we think about what the focus should be, how do we find efficiencies within our operation that serve the community and this process? Not focus on something that's about what the City Council needs, really focusing on what the city and community needs."

## Nearly 90,000 deer harvested during firearms opening weekend

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It was another successful weekend for many Missouri hunters at the start of the firearms portion for deer season.

Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation showed that hunters harvested 89,861 deer Nov. 13 and 14. Of those harvested, 54,415 were antlered bucks, 7,187 were button bucks and 28,259 were does. In 2020, hunters checked 80,744 deer during opening weekend of the November portion of firearms deer season.

Top harvest counties for opening weekend included Franklin with 1,968 deer harvested, Texas with 1,814, and

Benton with 1,654.

"Thankfully, the weather cooperated this weekend and hunters were treated to some good conditions," said Jason Isabelle, MDC Cervid Program Supervisor, via a MDC news release. "Given the rain and gusty winds across much of the state during opening weekend last year, it isn't surprising that we saw an increase in harvest this year."

Several folks from the Show Me Hunting group on social media shared their successes with the News-Leader. Billy Stoffer, from Wright County, landed a 10-point buck while Kendra Dykes snagged an eight pointer in Harwood, part of Vernon County.

Six-year-old Max Blackiston got his first buck on a hunt with his dad, Rob-

ert, and older brother, William Scott, in Howell County.

Father-son duo David and JD Kennedy were hunting in southern Benton County when the 21-year-old shot an eight pointer Saturday morning. It wasn't until that evening that the senior Kennedy shot a tagged 10-point buck.

It wasn't a fruitful hunt for everyone. Tony Embree said it's been "tag soup so far" in Benton County, but there's still a lot more season to go and he's hopeful to land a deer soon.

MDC Agent Dan Vanderhoef visited with the Smith family in Barry County over the weekend. Tyler Smith had taken his sons, Cash and Caydn, hunting

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Sting turns 70 and finds connection on new album 'The Bridge.' **4A**

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# NEWS



Photos from Sunday's Kiwanis Traveling Christmas Parade. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

## Kiwanis Christmas Parade scheduled for Dec. 4

Daily Express staff

Get ready to see Santa ride his sleigh through Kirksville.

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club has scheduled its 10th annual Christmas Parade, happening on Saturday, Dec. 4. The parade will lineup adjacent to North Franklin Street at 4 p.m., and will then begin at 5 p.m. in downtown Kirksville.

The parade route will start at the intersection of North Franklin and Missouri, go south four blocks, and end at Jefferson Street.

Participants are encouraged to

build a float and light it with Christmas lights.

Instead of an entry fee for the parade, the Kiwanis Club asks parade participants to instead donate new children's mittens, gloves, hats, coats or scarves. Those items will be donated to kids in the community.

There is an entry form that participants should complete and turn in to be part of the parade. That form is due by Wednesday, Dec. 1. Completed forms can be delivered to Ashley Young at City Hall, or scanned an emailed to KirksvilleKiwanis@gmail.com.

## Deer

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when Caydn harvested a nine-point buck. Vanderhoef gave the boys "citations" for free ice cream from Sonic Drive-In for enjoying the outdoors with their dad, according to MDC.

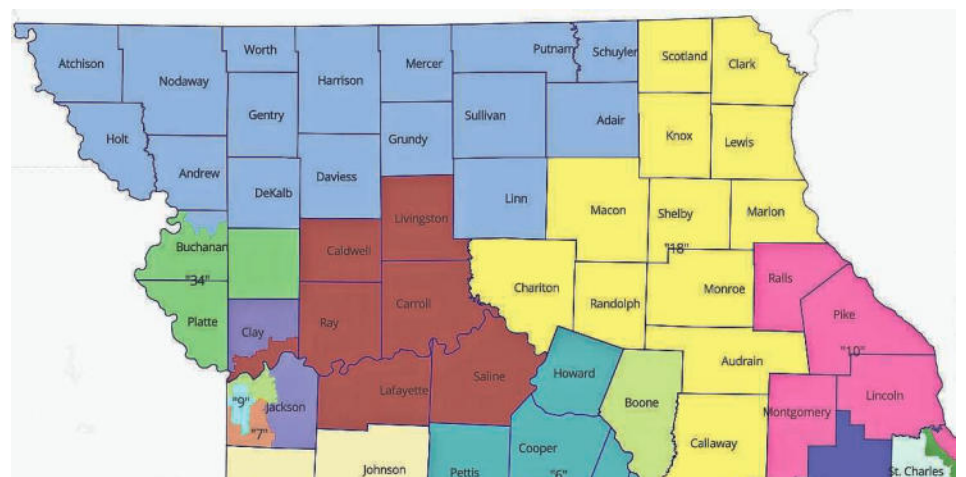
Justin Daniels harvested this impressive 13-point buck Nov. 13 in Putnam County, and David Hargrove brought his 20-pointer through a mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease sampling station at Warren County Fairgrounds, per MDC.

There was at least one incident of alleged poaching. Adair County Conservation Agent Kevin Powell collected evi-

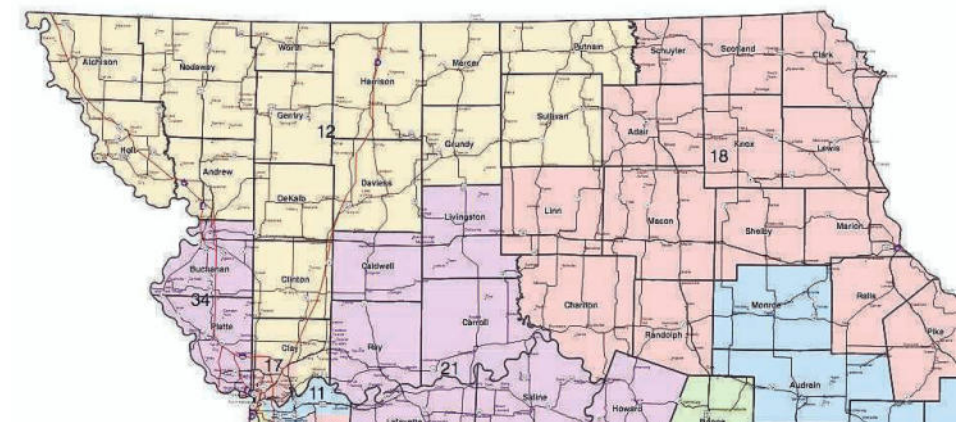
dence on a poaching incident that was thought to have taken place Nov. 12.

The November portion of firearms deer season continues through Nov. 23. Missouri's archery deer and turkey season resumes Nov. 24 through Jan. 15, 2022. The late youth portion of firearms season runs Nov. 26-28. The antlerless portion of firearms deer season runs Dec. 4-12 followed by the alternative methods portion Dec. 25 through Jan. 4, 2022.

For current, ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at [extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest\\_table/](http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/). For harvest summaries from past years, visit [mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries](http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries).



The Missouri Senate map proposed by Republican officials with the redistricting committee. The light blue section that includes Adair County is a revamped District 12. District 18, which Adair County is currently part of, is the yellow section. DAVE'S REDISTRICTING



The current district map for the Missouri Senate. STATE OF MISSOURI



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affected if there are representational changes.

"It seems to me that if we're not in party with at least the same kind of area with them, then it kind of diminishes our ability to work collectively on things," Macomber said.

This proposed Senate map would also change some of the enduring relationships that Kirksville has with neighboring communities. It has stronger relationships with cities like La Plata, Macon, Edina and Memphis because they are geographically close and frequently work together.

The city doesn't have the same relationships with towns such as Brookfield and others to the west.

The width of this proposed district would be more than 200 miles, looking at the distance from Kirksville, the county seat for Adair County, to Rock Port, the county seat in Atchison County.

"Again, I think it comes down to some of those historical things, right? We've been in districts together, but we've also been in economic discussions together, our economic development often works together," said Mayor Zac Burden. "... All districts have to come out with equal populations, but it would be neat to be able to preserve some of those relationships. It's nothing against Brookfield or those people to the west, it's just, his-

torically, we don't have those connections."

Burden, Macomber and Councilmembers John Gardner and Jennifer Walston touched on how frustrating this process will likely be. The House redistricting panel held its final public hearing last week in Kirksville, leaving several officials and residents disillusioned with the process.

That meeting was advertised to last from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Only three people signed up to give public testimony, so the committee ended the public hearing after about 35 minutes. City leaders were under the impression that residents had until 1 p.m. to go by and speak to the panel.

Then, after half an hour of public testimony, the committee argued about parliamentary procedure and leaving the online feedback portal open longer, which the Senate committee agreed to, for another half hour. It wasn't a meeting that inspired a lot of confidence in the process.

Whether this Senate map sticks remains to be seen. State Democrats were unhappy with how it looks since it would remove one seat held by a Democrat under the current boundaries.

The redistricting commissions have a Jan. 23 deadline to finish their maps.

The Kirksville City Council plans to sign a joint letter that will then be sent to the Senate committee, asking it to try and preserve many of the partnerships that the northeastern counties have and keep city's whole.

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## How parenthood inspired these entrepreneurs

# Family business

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There's something about parenthood that sparks ingenuity. That's just part of the job – parents see a problem, and figure out how to fix it. ● These moms and dads had ideas to make life better and easier for parents and their kids, and took the risk of entrepreneurship. Here's what got them started, and what keeps them going.

### Potty Poncho

There's a sworn by method of potty training that calls for staying home for a few days and letting your kid go naked – or at least commando. The theory is that if he or she knows there's nothing there to catch the pee or poop, it should click that they need to get their bare butt to a potty.

Sue Alger was ready. She had cleared the calendar, bought the plastic potty, and was all set to camp out at home until her oldest daughter got the hang of it. But an unexpected problem popped up: while sitting on her princess potty in the living room watching Sesame Street, her daughter complained that she was cold.

Alger grabbed a blanket to wrap around her, but it kept falling and distracting the little girl.

In a flash of creativity, Alger grabbed a hooded bath towel. She used scissors to cut a strategic hole in the bottom, then wrapped it around her daughter.

Cozy and warm – with no fidgeting or complaining – Alger's daughter sat and did her business. And just like that, the Potty Poncho was born.

"I thought, 'wow, this can really make this boring potty training business a lot more fun,'" Alger said. "I looked around and there was nothing like it. There are charts and toys but all that stuff is in a kid's daily life anyway. This was something different and fun."

Alger said many manufacturers "laughed at the idea." If she didn't need a huge bulk order, they couldn't help her. But eventually she found the perfect partner in Denver, Colorado – a manufacturing business owned by a dad in the throes of potty training his children.

"It just kind of all came together," she said.

Alger launched her business last December. The Potty Poncho is a one-size-fits-all hooded accessory made of super soft polyfleece. It comes in five fun, kid-friendly designs.

The Potty Poncho is \$34.99 and sold at [thepottyponcho.com](http://thepottyponcho.com), where you'll also find educational coloring pages and games, potty tracking charts and rewards, potty training books, and more.

**Alger's advice to another parent-preneur:** "Stay motivated. Yes, you're going to have a bad day, but stick with it. And don't be afraid to start small. See if you can get a small amount of your idea made. If you believe in something, start small and pursue it. You just never know."

**What she hopes her kids have learned:** "They saw me on the computer up late, endless nights looking through millions of designs. They've been my go-to people. Hopefully, it's something they will remember. Whether it worked out or not, I hope they'll remember

that mom worked really hard and did a cool thing."

### Littlemore Organics

Browsing the baby food aisle when her first son, Jack, was a baby, Joana Fraser felt disappointed. She wanted things she could throw in the diaper bag and go, but found the sea of rice puffs and pouched purees underwhelming.

"There was just a lack of flavors and diversity," she said. "I felt like I was settling, whatever I was buying."

Fraser, a Boston-based practicing pediatrician and Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, knew that we often underestimate children's palates. She wanted to avoid overly sweet, fruity, or bland foods, and to expose her son to savory flavors and different textures as a baby.

Since she couldn't find quite what she was looking for, Fraser decided to create it herself. She founded a healthy kids' snack food company, Littlemore Organics.

"I thought a lot about what the perfect snack would be," Fraser said.

Since it wasn't exactly something she "could make in the kitchen," she worked with a group of food scientists to get the recipe just right. The texture was the hardest part to perfect; the puffs had to be both crunchy and easily dissolvable.

"All that took a little while," Fraser said. "From idea to snacks in a bag, it was about two-and-a-half years."

As the business ramped up, Fraser's friend Lauren Bain joined the endeavor. Lauren, a mom of three with an MBA and background in finance and business, brought a different skillset to the company.

Fraser and Bain launched Littlemore's products at the start of the year. Offered in two flavors – sunflower butter and tomato – the puffs are made from the ancient grain sorghum, have no corn or rice, no added sugar or salt.

Priced at \$29 for a box of 12 single-serve bags, they can be purchased directly at [littlemoreorganics.com](http://littlemoreorganics.com), or at several Boston-area retailers including Brothers Marketplace locations.

**Fraser's advice to another parent-preneur:** "Make sure [the product or idea] is something you're really passionate about. If you're not, you're not going to have the drive to make it work and start from scratch. You need to be like, 'this idea has to happen.' Then at some point, you have to take the leap... am I going to do this or not?" Also: "Say 'yes' to any conversation, or any introduction that you are offered. There have been many times where I thought a conversation wouldn't lead anywhere, but almost every conversation I've had along the way has either been directly helpful or has led to a connection with another individual that has been beneficial."

**On balancing motherhood, career, entrepreneurship:** "I don't like the word 'balance.' It suggests that everything is in perfect equilibrium, and that's not how it is. Some days you feel stretched so thin, like you're not doing enough, and other days you feel like

you're killing it. It's like juggling balls, and you have to determine which ones are made of glass – which ones can you drop, and which ones can't you."

### Qeepsake

For all the big moments that come with raising a child there are a million more little ones. In the busyness that is parenthood, how can you be sure you're remembering it all ... the big things and the little just-as-important little things, too?

This was a question that was bugging Jeff McNeil back in 2014, who was then a dad of four. He and his wife felt they were behind in saving the quieter, day-to-day moments.

Then, an aha moment: a digital baby book service via text messaging. So that parents wouldn't forget to keep adding to it, the service would prompt users with questions about their child or pregnancy. That day, Qeepsake was born.

Qeepsake sends members questions every day, like writing prompts – they're to encourage members to text back a response (and relevant photo) and then that answer becomes an entry in their child's online journal.

When they're ready, users can order a Qeepsake book with all their memories.

Qeepsake has grown to 80,000 paid subscribers and a 700,000 user base. They have 20 employees, who work remotely across the country.

Next for Qeepsake is expanding to a fuller family experience. McNeil said they're working to add ways for other family members to see and contribute to the digital journals. "A day from the viewpoint of grandma is a novel and exciting thing," he said.

You can sign up for Qeepsake for free at [qeepsake.com](http://qeepsake.com). Upgraded memberships start at \$3.99 per month.

**McNeil's advice to another parent-preneur:** "When you're a parent the stakes are higher. One of my number one goals is building financial stability, and that is at odds with building a business. Start as early as you can. Build conviction in your idea in any way you can. That way it feels less risky to you."

**On evolving:** "You're not growing professionally if you don't think back on some things and cringe."

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Kirksville, Missouri will conduct two (2) public hearings at Kirksville City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St., 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, concerning: code revisions to Chapter 44 – Zoning, a special use permit application at 2104 – 2302 S. Baltimore to operate mini warehouses and self-storage facilities.

### Notice of Disability Accommodations

Any person with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the City Clerk at 660.627.1225 to make such arrangement.

Top: Qeepsake is a digital baby book that prompts users with text messages. QEEPSAKE Middle: The Potty Poncho is a kid-friendly poncho used for potty training and more. DAVID SOKOL/WICKED LOCAL Bottom: Littlemore puffs are offered in sunflower butter and tomato flavors, with additional flavors in the works. LITTMORE ORGANICS; ILLUSTRATION BY MICAELA ENCINAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

# ENTERTAINMENT

# STING

turns 70 and finds connection on new album 'The Bridge'

Melissa Ruggieri USA TODAY

Don't tell Sting that turning 70 means slowing down.

The prolific musician is readying the Nov. 19 release of his 15th solo studio album, "The Bridge," which he says he crafted with his band "as a way to save my mental health" during the pandemic.

On Oct. 29, Sting kicked off his new residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace and the hits-filled production, "My Songs," already has earned raves for its stylish approach.

He also popped up in an unlikely place: in the Steve Martin/Martin Short Hulu hit "Only Murders in the Building." The humor threaded throughout his turn as a suspect is on display as he discusses his appearance on the show with USA TODAY.

"They didn't tell me it was a comedy. I was playing heavy drama," Sting deadpans and then chuckles. "I've worked with both Steve Martin and Martin Short many times over the years and they knew I could say lines at least. I'd never worked with Selena (Gomez), and she was fabulous. It was fun — and it wasn't me, as Shaggy used to say."

As he talks from his New York apartment — the Empire State Building is in view, he reports — Sting is both contemplative and engaging.

He observed his milestone October birthday with a pair of performances under the Acropolis in Greece, and later joined his old friend Eric Burdon of The Animals fame for a celebratory dinner.

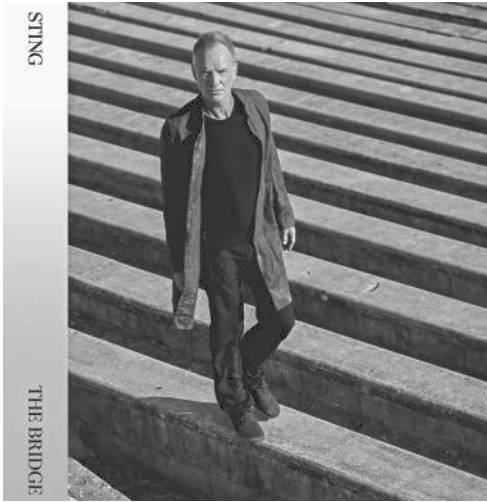
"It's getting more and more difficult to find venues older than me, so the Acropolis fits that bill since it's about 3,000 years old," Sting jokes.

The fall fete marked the start of a new chapter of activity, starting with his twice-postponed debut in Las Vegas.

Of the myriad superstar residencies that have populated the Strip, Sting says the only one he attended was Elton John's The Red Piano, which played the Colosseum for five years.

"It's better than that," he laughs. "No, no, I love Elton."

Sting is, though, audibly excited about having his own room to create a multimedia experience.



"The Bridge," by Sting.

A&M/INTERSCOPE/CHERRYTREE RECORDS

"Each of the songs lives in its own visual world. The show begins with me in Paris, where I wrote 'Roxanne' with an acoustic guitar and then we instantly head to another world," he says. "It's a fascinating visual experiment. There isn't any furniture being moved around — it's projections and screens, but it's quite a stunning variety of images and film and geometry."

The show, which wrapped up Nov. 13 and returns in June for another run, spotlights gems from a career that has yielded more than 100 million albums sold between solo work and with The Police: "King of Pain," "Next to You," "Brand New Day," "Englishman in New York" and the most-played radio song (according to BMI), "Every Breath You Take," all make appear-

ances, as well as two new songs from "The Bridge," including the giddy whistler "If It's Love."

The theme of the album came to Sting after he finished recording, which he says was a "mysterious" occurrence.

"I recognized something that connected all of (the songs). They're all about characters in transition, characters between worlds, between life and death — that's what connects them. I think the theme of water runs throughout the whole record. Water is a medium that is not comfortable, it's dangerous and we have to be very careful. But immersing yourself in it does create opportunity," Sting says.

On "Rushing Water," he sings "what we have here is so easy to solve/just takes a firm purpose and some resolve," leading one to wonder about Sting's level of optimism.

He laughs and says, "I think optimism is a good strategy in life. It's getting more difficult to be optimistic. Let's be frank, the window of opportunity is closing. But it's the best strategy we have moving forward."

On the bonus edition of "The Bridge," Sting includes a cover of Otis Redding's "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay," a classic he says is "always first on my list of favorite songs."

He initially recorded it for the Alzheimer's Association — "Research tells them people remember songs more readily than anything else when they suffer from dementia," Sting says — and included it on his new album so fans "can see what I get up to for fun."

But he also found something musical about the '60s soul masterwork.

"It's an intensely sad song, but there are no minor chords in it. It's all major chords and the only complex chords are in the chorus. You'd think it would be a minor (key) song and it's not and that's fascinating," Sting says.

Along with continuing to be a student of music, Sting is maintaining a rigorous concert calendar, with a European tour launching in March.

So while peers such as Elton John and Genesis have stated farewell intentions, Sting isn't ready for any proclamations or to slow down.

"You're asking a fish what it's going to be like without water," he says. "I can't imagine life without working onstage. I love it."



# Reducing stress before holiday parties



**Hints From Heloise**  
Heloise

**Dear Readers:** With the holidays approaching, getting ready for all the events and activities can be stressful. Here are some hints to help reduce all that stress. Get every family member involved and plan ahead.

Use your computer to create guest lists, shopping lists, menus and recipes. You can also print out homemade invitations and email photos after all of the festivities.

Use old family wreaths or homemade decorations, instead of buying new ones. To help save money, use the fall and winter bounty, like leaves, pumpkins, gourds and grapevines for centerpieces.

Have your children help create table

decorations, like place cards and centerpieces. Have them set the table and help you in the kitchen, too. And they can make wonderful homemade gifts that will be appreciated by family members.

To prevent a mess in the kitchen, try to clean up as you cook. And enjoy!

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** Some 70 years ago, I had the best tuna salad sandwich and asked how it was made. I've known several people, including my dad and a cousin, who said they never liked tuna salad until they ate this one. The ingredients: 1 drained can of tuna (preferably with water), 12 crushed soda crackers, 1 tablespoon of chopped onion, 1 tablespoon of sweet relish and mayonnaise to suit.

P.S.: I'm on a roll and wanted to just let you know my reaction to one of your recipes. I heard many say how much they liked your cheese soup. I couldn't understand why anyone would like a

bowl of melted cheese ... sounded horrible. But a few weeks ago you posted the recipe and I read it. Wow! So I made it and wow again! It was so good.

– Betty Imperato, via email

CANDLE SAFETY

**Dear Readers:** During the holiday season, candles provide a lovely, beautiful glow all around your home. They are part of the festive ambiance for all your family gatherings and parties. But it's not safe to leave a burning candle behind in a room for any period of time. It's so easy for a dog or child to tip it over and start a fire, which could spread quickly. To help remind you during a party, set a timer, and when it rings, you can check on the candle. And before you go to bed, make sure that all candles are extinguished.

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I enjoy your column in The Daily Bulletin. Our upstairs bathroom was flooded last weekend. The plastic nut that attaches the hose from

the wall to the bottom of the toilet tank cracked, resulting in more drenching through the garage drywall ceiling. Thank God we were home. Consider replacing all plastic nuts and couplings with metal pieces if your equipment is several years old. Also, consider shutting off all valves to all water lines if you know you'll be away for a while.

– D.G., Chino Hills, California

**D.G.:** we all learn from household disasters like these. So it's prudent to check your bathroom/toilet area carefully and often to be sure that everything is in good operating condition.

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** These are my three rescues sitting nicely: Hobie, Nestor and Bosco. Happy fall!

– Cheryl in New Hampshire

**Readers:** To see Hobie, Nestor and Bosco, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

– Heloise

# Substance abuse pits family members against each other



**Dear Abby**  
Jeanne Phillips

**Dear Abby:** I'm a 35-year-old woman whose father refuses to get along with me no matter how hard I try. Our relationship was always strained due to the alcoholism he has struggled with since my childhood, made worse by the fact that I became an addict. I've been in recovery for a while, and I'm clean and sober now.

He and my mother took guardianship of my two sons, ages 12 and 7, because my disease rendered me unable to care for them at that time. I have mentioned getting my kids back after I acquire more clean time; neither of my parents wants that. I know Dad resents me deeply, both because he has my kids and also because of my addiction.

If I can forgive him for what his alco-

holism has put me through, why can't he forgive me? I don't understand why he has to hate me. Believe me, he HATES me! I just want him to treat me the same way he treats my older brother and sister. I need help with this situation. Counseling is not an option; I know he will refuse.

– Hurting in Michigan

**Dear Hurting:** A predisposition to addiction can run in families. I suspect that the person your father hates is himself, and that he saw a lot of himself in you while you were using. That you are now sober is a constant reminder of what a failure he is, which may be why he treats you the way he does.

While counseling for him may be out, it doesn't mean that you couldn't benefit from it. Please consider it. Although it won't make your father love you, it may help you to handle his unpleasantness more effectively. Once you have accumulated more clean time, regaining custody of your children may become a viable option, and something to discuss

with a lawyer at that time.

**Dear Abby:** My wife has started slurping her food at dinner. I think it started after we returned from a vacation three months ago. I'm convinced she didn't do it before then because we have taken a couple of vacations recently where it would have been noticeable because of the quiet, intimate places in which we dined.

Because of the COVID quarantine, I realize that tensions can be heightened, and I have tried not to make too much of this. I am reluctant to speak up about it because during my first marriage, even the slightest noise when eating would upset my ex-wife, and I think it would be unfair for me to have the same pet peeve.

This may seem like I'm overly sensitive, but her slurping and heavy breathing every time she takes a bite, even with dry food, is making dinner time uncomfortable for me. I have pointed it out in a casual way, but it seems she is unaware of just how loudly she is eating.

What can I do to reach a compromise on this?

– Uncomfortable Diner

**Dear Diner:** While your sensitivity to this might be related to the problems you had with your first wife, because this is a recent change in your current wife's behavior, it should be checked out by her doctor. I am less concerned about her "slurping" than about the labored breathing you described when your wife is eating.

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## Obituaries

### TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Gines, Lieutenant Vernick Seth	37	Gines, GA	11-Nov	Thomas C. Strickland & Sons Funeral Homes
*Reed, Myrtle Evelyn (Ginjo)	-	MO	15-Nov	Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home;

#### \* Additional information in display obituaries

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### Lieutenant Vernick Seth Gines

**GINES** - Lieutenant Vernick Seth Gines, 37, of Gines, GA went to be with his Lord and Savior, unexpectedly to us, on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Vernick was born in Portsmouth, VA and was preceded in death by his father, Nicandro Tampil Gines. Vernick was employed with Gulfstream as a manufacturing engineer, where he had just celebrated his 10th anniversary, and served in the 165th Airlift Wing where he formerly was a Chaplain's Assistant and had embarked on his new role as a Maintenance Officer. He was a true patriot and loved his country very much. He was also highly involved at the Dwelling Church serving in both outreach and youth ministries. He loved pouring back into his community!

In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, gaming, and going on adventures. He was very tech savvy and could fix anything. If there was a need, he would do what he could to fill it; whether it was fixing a car or phone, giving someone a ride, or giving to someone else, Vernick lived out the calling of blessed to be a blessing. More than anything he loved spending time with his friends and family, especially the love of his life, Andrea. He had a heart for serving others and would light up a room whenever he walked in. There was never a dull moment when Vernick was around. He loved to make others laugh and feel included, never being a respecter of persons. His love for Jesus was contagious, and he ran his race well. He was the true definition of an overcomer and will be sorely missed on this side of heaven by all who knew him.

Survivors include his devoted wife and best friend Andrea Haas Gines; mother, Billie Jean Gines; brothers, Ryan Gines (fiance' -Katie Baldetti) and Jered Gines; he and Andrea were God-parents to Bree, Oliver and Nora Dota; also surviving are a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen & Tina Haas; brother-in-law, Jonathan Haas.

The visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Gateway Church located at 1702 Pine Barren Road in Bloomingdale, GA.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Gateway Church located at 1702 Pine Barren Road in Bloomingdale, GA. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Beaufort National Cemetery located at 1601 Boundary Street in Beaufort, SC.



### Myrtle Evelyn (Ginjo) Reed

Myrtle Evelyn (Ginjo) Reed passed on November 15, 2021 at The Pines in Kirksville, Missouri. Ginjo was born in Kirksville on February 9, 1930 to Beulah Pack Montgomery and James C Montgomery. On August 15, 1951 Ginjo was united in marriage to Ronald C Reed at Travis

Air Force Base in California. They had two children, Sheila Reed Spencer (Tracy) and Doug Reed. All three preceded her in death, along with her only brother and sister-in-law. Two grandchildren survive; Jamie Spencer of Orlando, Florida and Dustin Spencer of Belton, Missouri and several great grandchildren.

Ginjo worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone as both instructor and supervisor. She was employed for a number of years as a fashion consultant for Casual Corner. Among her greatest accomplishments were her more than 30 years working with communities and young women in pageantry. She worked locally as producer of the Adair County Fair Queen Contest and started the first Ms. Kirksville Pageant, a Miss America Preliminary in 1970 under the sponsorship of the Kirksville Jaycees. She went on to become Executive Producer of the Miss Missouri Pageant. She was lovingly known as Mother Reed for so many. Her work with young people across Missouri and in pageantry positively shaped many lives. She will be sadly missed.

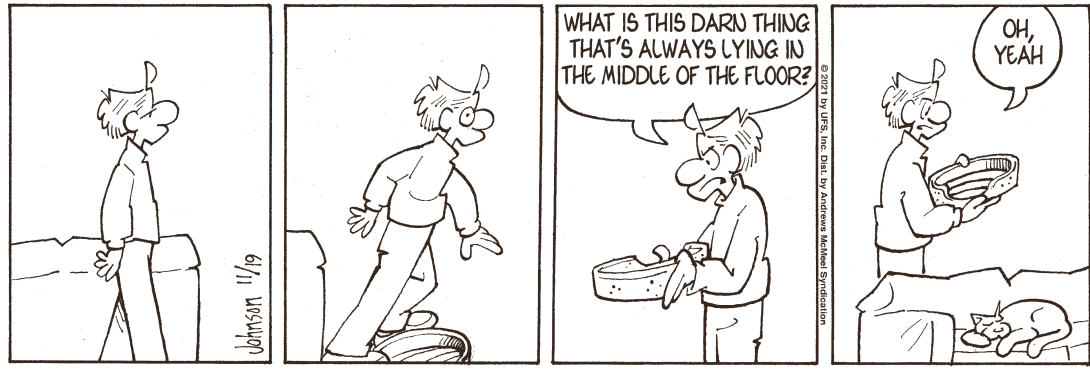
Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021 with funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Park View Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; [www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com](http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com).

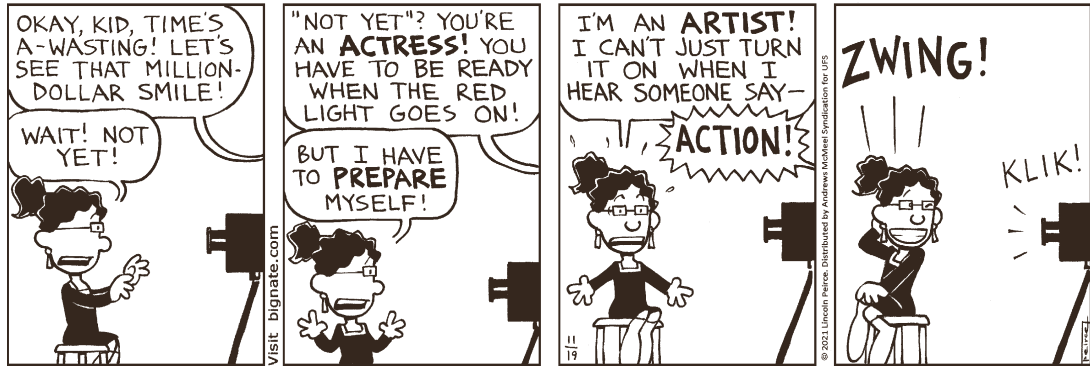


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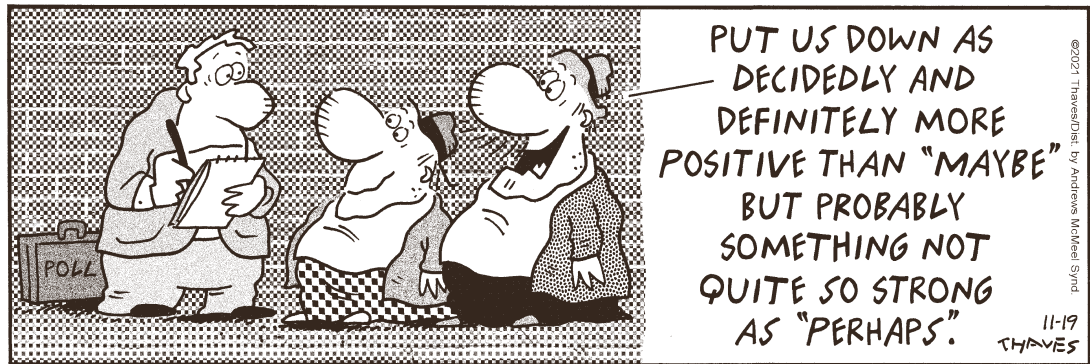
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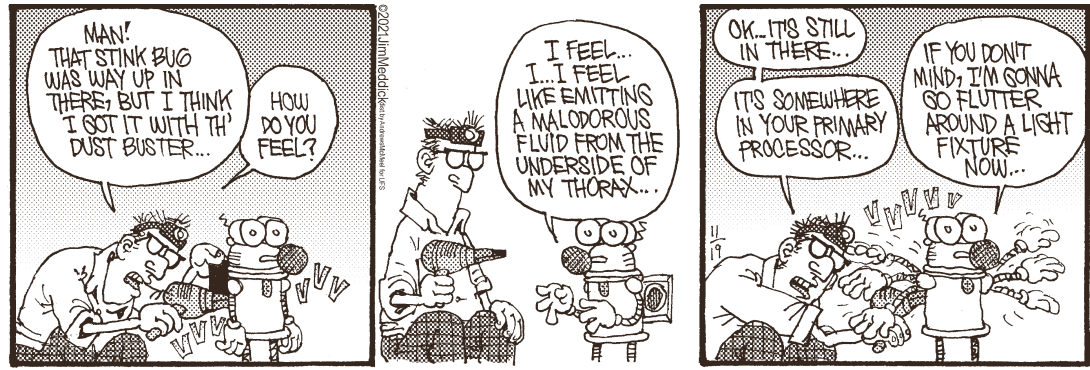
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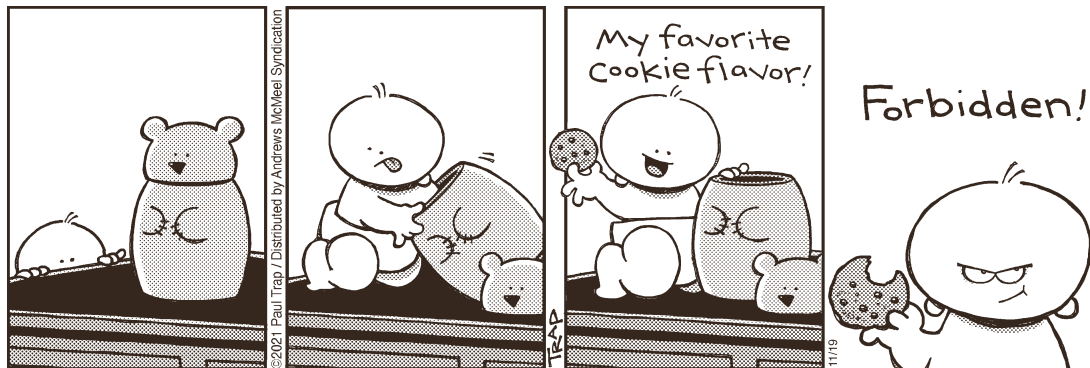
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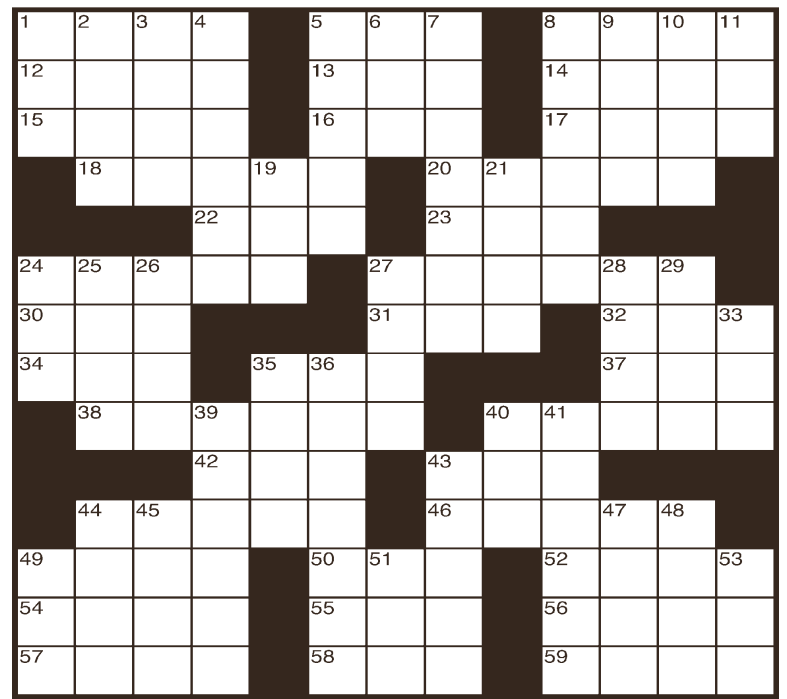
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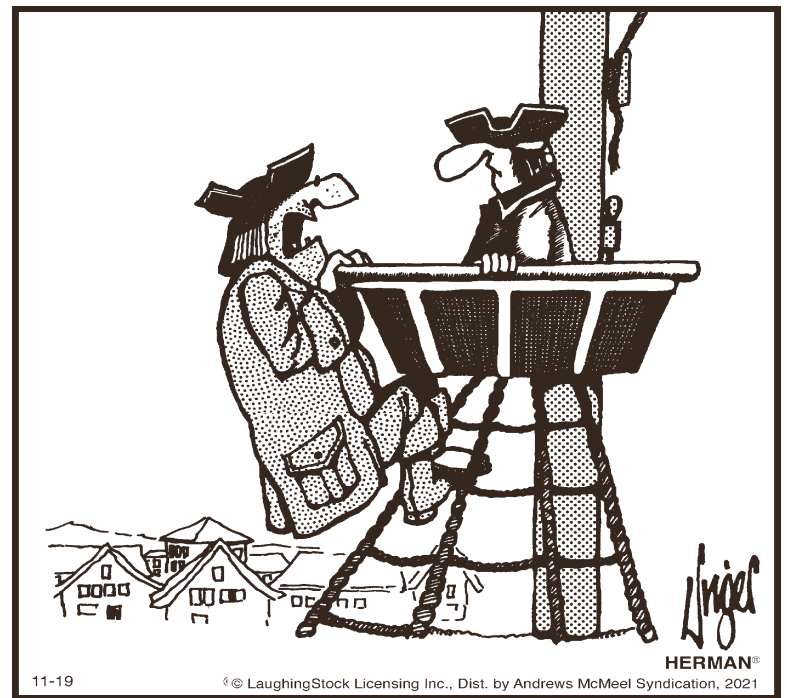
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  - 15 "Frozen" sister
  - 16 Goalie's milieu
  - 17 Veneer wood
  - 18 Swung off-course
  - 20 Gate fastener
  - 22 Protective shelter
  - 23 Spiral molecule
  - 24 "Ted —"
  - 27 Prepared to spring
  - 30 Work by Keats
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  - 34 Standard
  - 35 Take a mate
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  - 37 Physicist's study
  - 38 Tune
  - 40 Motor oil purchase
  - 42 Chicago airport code
  - 43 Project
  - 44 Deep black
  - 46 Spirited vigor
  - 49 Med. plans
  - 50 "Gross!"
  - 52 Ersatz butter
  - 54 Sushi ingredient
  - 55 Dundee refusal
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  - 58 Canine warning
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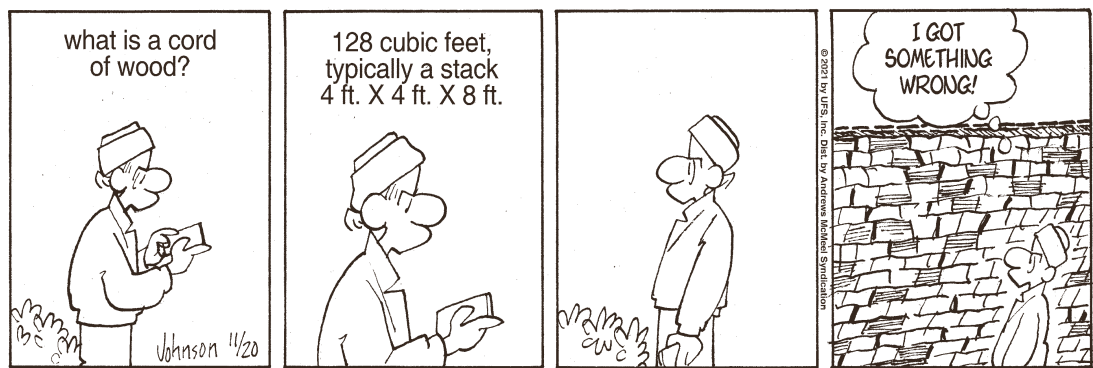
"Will you quit shouting 'land on the starboard beam' while we're in port?!"

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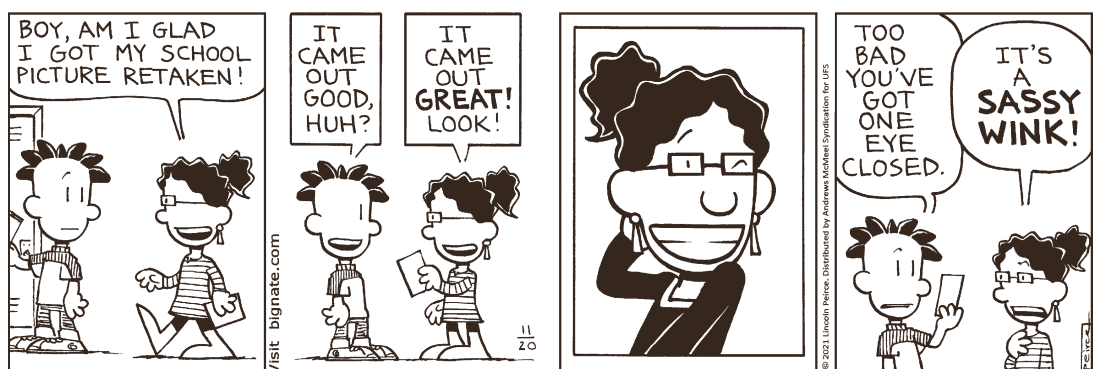
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Budget for something that will make your life easier. Refuse to let anyone talk you into a shared expense that will add to your debt and cause worry. ☆☆☆
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on achieving your goal, and don't stop until you get satisfactory results. Refuse to give in to someone's manipulative rhetoric. ☆☆☆
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Set up a plan and follow it through to completion. How you do things will be a lesson for onlookers. Refuse to let anyone interfere or take over. ☆☆☆
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): A creative outlet will attract attention. Take a step in a direction that allows you to express yourself openly and offers you a chance to explore possibilities. ☆☆☆
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Reach out to someone who gets you. Having supportive people around you will encourage putting an end to situations that are dragging you down. ☆☆☆
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Accept a leadership position. Your ability to take on opposition using common-sense integrity and offer a backup plan will raise your profile. ☆☆☆
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pay attention to what things cost before spending on something you don't need. Focus more on personal improvement, health and fitness. ☆☆☆
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look at the possibilities, and do something that excites you. It's your responsibility to make things happen, so stop waiting and start doing. ☆☆☆
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions hidden. Be secretive about your plans until you have everything in place. Don't let anyone use emotional manipulation to throw you off track. ☆☆☆
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let temptation take over. Size up situations, and be accountable for what you say and do. How you respond to others will determine what you get in return. ☆☆☆
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Follow through with your plans, and don't argue a moot point. Don't get involved in joint ventures or shared expenses. Focus on what you know and do best. ☆☆☆
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Chat all you like, but stick to the truth. If you exaggerate or color a situation, someone will speak up and make you look bad. ☆☆☆

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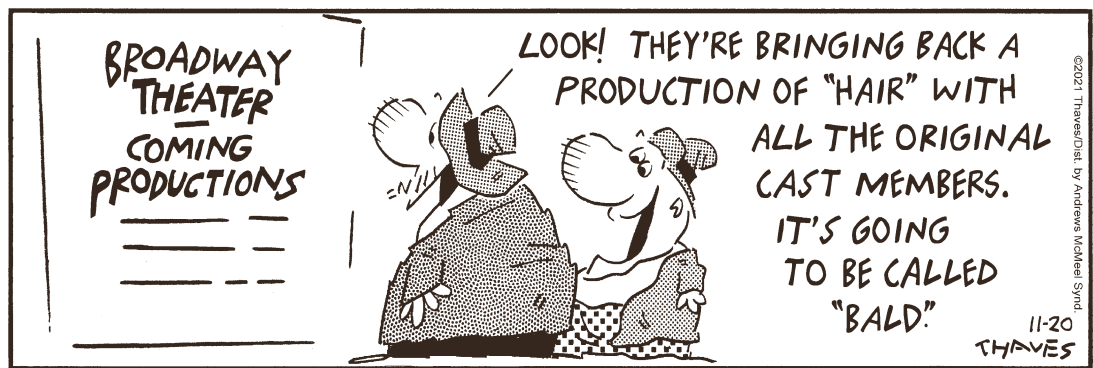
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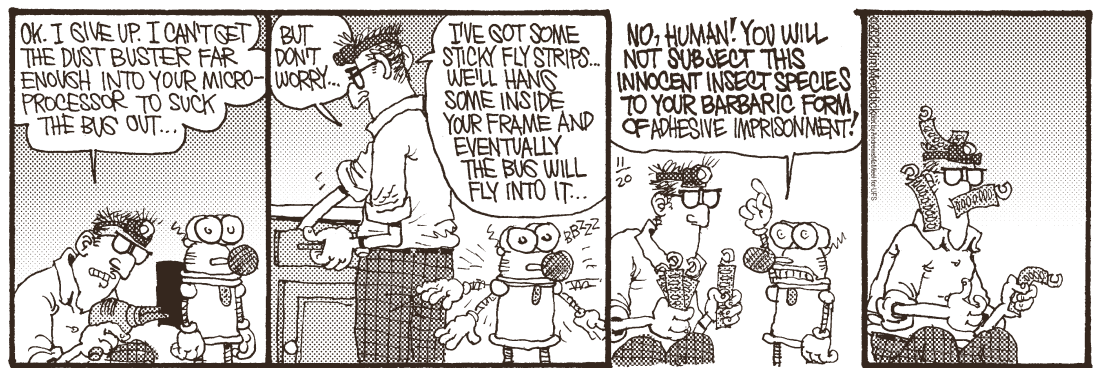
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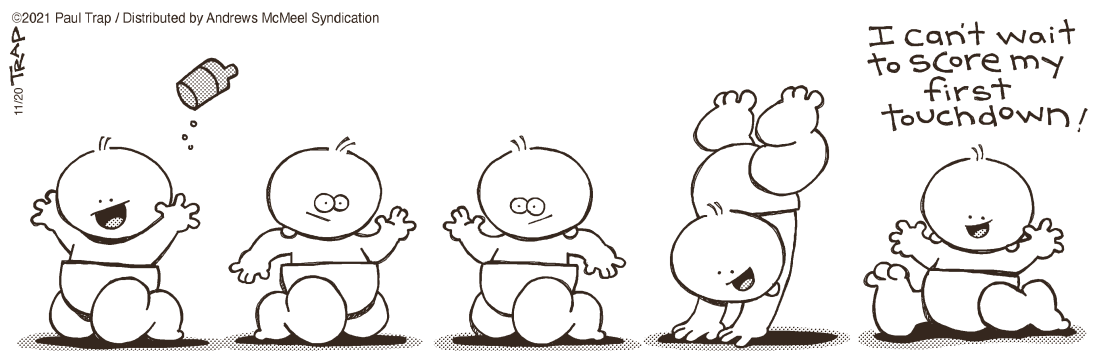
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 21 Ron who played Tarzan  
 22 Pigs' digs  
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 26 Home, to Jose  
 28 That, in Acapulco  
 29 Bounce  
 31 Sawmill discard  
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 37 British prep school
- DOWN**  
 1 Flinch  
 2 Love, in Mexico  
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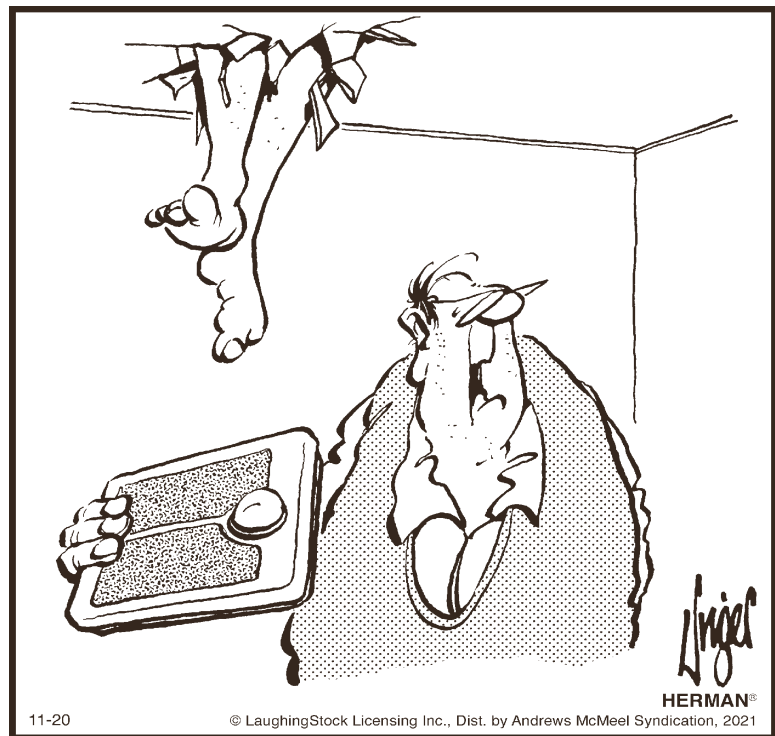
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"Where did these bathroom scales come from?"

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Get involved in something that will help your community. Your input will lead to an unexpected opportunity. Don't take risks that can lead to illness or injury. ☆☆☆

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Embrace change, go with the flow and navigate your way through obstacles like a pro. Use experience, intuition and intelligence. ☆☆☆

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Ask questions if you think someone is withholding information. Educational pursuits will help you understand the ins and outs of something that interests you. ☆☆☆

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Find a way to use your skills differently, and you'll come up with a shortcut that will help you stay ahead of your workload. Sign up for something unique. ☆☆☆

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider what's going on in your vicinity, and voice your opinion. Anger won't solve anything, but a valid suggestion will help you win support. ☆☆☆

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Control your emotions. When in doubt, be a good listener and gain insight. A proposal will lack some of the perks suggested by the presenter. ☆☆

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take nothing and no one for granted. Ask questions, research and address any negatives that might pose a problem for you. Know what you are up against. ☆☆☆☆

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a strict approach to decluttering your space and turning it into a sanctuary for something that has meaning or will encourage you to follow your heart. ☆☆☆

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of business. You'll feel better when your responsibilities are complete and you are free to do something more enjoyable with someone special. ☆☆☆

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dispose of any notion of getting things done if you take on too much. Look at what you are up against and call in people you can count on to help. ☆☆☆

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Clear a space that will allow you to pursue something that interests you. Take charge of projects, and delegate jobs to people you want to work alongside. ☆☆☆☆

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Leave nothing to chance when dealing with emotional situations. Don't get involved in gossip or neglect to complete important paperwork. ☆☆

# SPORTS

## Truman football will return to bowl

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

Truman State football is bowling once again.

The Bulldogs have been selected as the Great Lakes Valley Conference's representative in the America's Crossroads Bowl, held in Hobart, Ind. on Dec. 4. The Bulldogs won the inaugural playing of that bowl in 2019.

"Our 2021 Bulldog Football team is privileged to have the opportunity to compete one more time," said Truman coach Gregg Nesbitt in a press release. "We are honored to have the opportunity to represent Truman State along with the GLVC in the 2021 America's Crossroads Bowl against an outstanding Hillsdale College program. It's always a great day to be a Bulldogs and always excited to compete."

With Truman's 13-10 loss to Indianapolis last Saturday, that elevated the Greyhounds to the No. 2 spot in the GLVC rankings. With conference champion Lindenwood playing in the NCAA Tournament, the next-best finisher in the GLVC was invited to the bowl.

But Undy declined the offer, making Truman (8-3) the next choice.

So the Bulldogs will face Hillsdale (6-5), the representative from the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. The Chargers have gone 5-2 in their last seven games.

These schools met in Kirkville earlier this season, with Truman winning a Sept. 18 contest, 38-24. The Bulldogs controlled the bulk of that game, holding Hillsdale to three points through the first three quarters.

Kickoff for the Crossroads Bowl is set for 1 p.m. It is one of just four bowl games sponsored at the Division II level.

This will be Truman's fourth bowl game in program history. The Bulldogs played in the 1961 Mineral Water Bowl, the 1980 Moilia Shrine Bowl, and the 2019 Crossroads Bowl. Truman is 3-0 all-time in bowls. This is Hillsdale's first bowl game since the 1960 Mineral Water Bowl.

For those interested in attending, tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$5 for veterans. Tickets can be purchased at AmericasCrossroadsBowl.com.



Kirkville's Jenna Jackson grabs a loose ball in the air last year against Chillicothe. AUSTIN MILLER

## Girls basketball begins season with confidence

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

The culture and atmosphere around Kirkville girls basketball has changed.

After four straight losing seasons from 2017 to 2020, the Tigers changed their narrative last season with a 14-11 run and first district title since 2013. There is greater confidence and greater expectations for the Tigers as they begin the 2021-22 season next week.

"I think it brings a little confidence to the program, even though we have a lot of young girls contributing," said senior forward Corinne Vorkink. "I think it just goes to show that we have had success and are ready to start our season and build on that."

There is a lot of new with this year's team. Three key seniors from last season have to be replaced, with a bunch of sophomores set for bigger roles. And coach Nick Totta is using a new offense in his third year.

He has switched to a dribble drive offense, which is focused on creating open lanes to the basket or open shots from outside. This offense doesn't have sets or many screens, it's fluid for players to make decisions. On every touch,

it is the player's goal to shoot, drive or pass.

"(It's all about) trying to create something that gives us an advantage," Totta said. "If we can create an advantage, force help and kick it (to the open spot), now they're chasing — and that's what we want."

And with plenty of strong shooters, that's another important wrinkle. Senior Jenna Jackson has been a proven sniper in her career. Sophomores Jada Jackson and Jersey Herbst and freshman Elli Porter all have range, too.

Vorkink can shoot from outside, even though she hasn't tried much or needed to in previous years. She has some range that should be more on display this season, especially after she trusts herself more.

"That's something I've really worked on this season, playing with confidence, and shooting and not being like, 'I don't know what this is gonna do.' Now shooting with the intent to score," said Vorkink, who averaged 12 points and 9.1 rebounds per game last year. "Just with that focus, I think I've had better rhythm and better success in general."

If Vorkink heats up away from the paint, the Tigers can be pretty danger-

ous.

"We feel like there are times we can have five people out there who can shoot the 3 and that you have to respect," Totta said. "So when you have that, you extend the defense, then you open up the driving lanes."

One X-factor for the Tigers this season — and moving forward — will be Elli Porter. She may be a freshman, but she comes in as a highly touted player with an extensive travel basketball career. There might be some growing pains along the way this season, but Porter will be a key player right away.

"She's coming in as a freshman, but probably has the game experience of a senior," Totta said. "She's played enough and she's played against high-quality competition. She understands the game. A lot of times, freshmen come in and they haven't refined their skills because they haven't played enough and the game is faster than they're ready to play. That's not the case here. Is she still learning and making adjustments? Yeah. But she's ahead of the curve, no doubt."

The Tigers expect to compete for a North Central Missouri Conference ti-

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## Which top NFL teams are legit? Reasons to believe, doubt contenders

**Mike Jones**  
USA TODAY  
USA TODAY NETWORK

It's been a topsy-turvy regular season thus far in the NFL, and through 10 weeks, no team has truly emerged as the dominant power of its conference.

The Tennessee Titans hold the edge in the AFC with an 8-2 record. The Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Ravens trail at 6-3, leading a crowded field that includes the Kansas City Chiefs (6-4), Pittsburgh Steelers (5-3-1), New England Patriots (6-4) and the Los Angeles Chargers, Las Vegas Raiders and Cincinnati Bengals, who all own 5-4 records.

Meanwhile, the 8-2 Green Bay Packers cling to a slim lead in the NFC with the Arizona Cardinals (8-2), Dallas Cowboys (7-2), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (6-3) and Los Angeles Rams (7-3) all in hot pursuit. The New Orleans Saints (5-4) and Carolina Panthers (5-5) fight to hold off the Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers and Atlanta Falcons, which all own 4-5 records.

Parity is seemingly at an all-time high in the NFL as even the most highly touted teams have fallen in upsets.

That means anything can happen over the course of the next eight weeks.

Despite the potential that the leading teams possess, every one of them seems



David Long #51 and Harold Landry #58 of the Tennessee Titans tackle Matthew Stafford #9 of the Los Angeles Rams during the first quarter at SoFi Stadium on November 07, 2021 in Inglewood, California. HARRY HOW, GETTY IMAGES

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## NFL

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to have its potentially fatal flaws.

Here's a look at the teams that would make the playoffs if they began today and why they should be encouraged by their prospects, but also why they should be concerned.

### AFC

#### Tennessee Titans

Once viewed as an area of weakness, the defense is coming on. Meanwhile, Ryan Tannehill and the rest of the offense are proving they can remain a formidable unit despite the indefinite loss of Derrick Henry. However, durability and depth are a concern, as are struggles in the secondary and along the offensive line. The Titans have 15 players on the injured reserve list and have dressed 80 different players because of rampant injuries. Can Mike Vrabel's squad continue to absorb these blows as the year drags on?

#### Buffalo Bills

There's a lot to like about the Bills. They boast the best turnover differential in the league (plus-14), the highest scoring average in the AFC (31.1 points per game) and the stingiest defense in the league (15.0 points allowed per game). However, inconsistency – especially at quarterback – ranks among the biggest questions when it comes to the Bills' postseason prospects. Josh Allen will have games where he looks like one of the best in the league but then struggle to complete 60% of his passes in other outings.

#### Baltimore Ravens

Their biggest reason to believe: They have Lamar Jackson, who has carried this team to one of the best starts this season despite rampant injuries. However, at some point, these injuries could catch up to the Ravens. The run game outside of Jackson is another cause for concern. The Ravens are using a committee to get the job done, but consistency remains a challenge. Baltimore also needs more reliability from a defense that can turn in some lights-out performances on any given Sunday and then get lit up the next.

#### Kansas City Chiefs

The Chiefs have experience. They've been to three straight conference championship games and two straight Super Bowls. They have one of the best quarterbacks in the league and a great supporting cast. However, these Chiefs haven't looked like the well-oiled machine we have come to know them as. Defenses seem to have caught up to Pat-

rick Mahomes and Co. And, while feeling the pressure to compensate for a work-in-progress, revamped offensive line and defense that surrenders too many points, Mahomes has racked up the interceptions, ranking second in the league with nine. Even so, the Chiefs have clawed their way to three straight victories and back to first place in the AFC West.

#### Pittsburgh Steelers

The Steelers have a good defense, and after a 1-3 start to the season, Mike Tomlin's team went on a roll, winning four straight prior to Sunday's tie (yuck) with the Detroit Lions while Ben Roethlisberger was sidelined with COVID-19. They might not be as potent offensively as they once were, but they're still a well-coached team with strong veteran leadership. But how sustainable is their success? Big Ben's decline is evident. And as we've seen in past years, his effectiveness wanes even more late in the season. If the Steelers have to get into a shootout, they could be in trouble.

#### New England Patriots

Bill Belichick appears to have regained his touch after an aggressive off-season, and his team has settled into a rhythm offensively and defensively. Rookie Mac Jones is evoking memories of a young Tom Brady, and the defense ranks tied for fourth in takeaways (17). The Patriots are back in the postseason conversation after reeling off four straight wins. Can they keep this up? Can Belichick continue to find ways to mask his secondary's struggles to play man coverage? Can he and Josh McDaniels continue to position their rookie QB to succeed?

#### Los Angeles Chargers

The future seemingly is bright as the Chargers have garnered attention with quality wins over the Chiefs, Raiders and Browns. Justin Herbert is special, and he has a very good cast of weapons. But, Brandon Staley's team also has struggled with consistency on both sides of the ball. The Chargers held their own against the aforementioned potential playoff teams. But they showed they're not quite ready for prime time after getting blown out by Baltimore and falling short against the Patriots and Vikings.

#### Potential threats

Las Vegas, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Cleveland are all on the outside but hope to force their ways into the picture. Indianapolis has won two straight, and although the Colts are unlikely to catch Tennessee in the division, they could potentially capitalize on slippage from the Chargers. The Chargers and Raiders both hold tiebreakers over the Bengals, so Cincinnati's margin for error is very slim, and it'll need some help. The Raid-

ers – ah, the Raiders ... what a promising start followed by utter chaos. Initially, they looked as though they could weather Jon Gruden's resignation but then came more off-field turmoil and the release of their two 2020 first-round picks. The Raiders have lost two straight, and you just have to wonder if they are starting to fade.

### NFC

#### Green Bay Packers

An 8-2 record, including a statement win over Arizona three weeks ago, has Green Bay atop the perch once again and aiming for a third straight NFC championship appearance. An improved defense now better supports Aaron Rodgers and the offense.

The Packers just need to stay out of their own way. Rodgers' bout with COVID-19 likely cost the team one win, but Green Bay rebounded against the Seattle Seahawks. The Packers have dealt with a slew of offensive line injuries, although the pending return of David Bakhtiari should help. And although there seems to be little to no friction on the Rodgers-front office front, there's always a feeling of uneasiness looming.

#### Arizona Cardinals

When they're right, they can go toe to toe with anybody in the league. Kyle Murray has displayed continued growth, as has Kliff Kingsbury, and many of the offseason additions have paid off during this 8-2 start to the season. But, as was the case last year, the Cardinals go as Murray goes. Once he got banged up last season, their fortunes took a turn for the worst. Now he's injured again, and it remains to be seen if he can come back from this ankle sprain at full force or if he'll find himself hampered by injuries and rendered ineffective in the second half of the season once again.

#### Dallas Cowboys

A healthy Dak Prescott and overall improved comfort in Year 2 under Mike McCarthy has the Cowboys believing they can make a deep postseason run. Even their once notoriously bad defense has displayed significant improvement under new coordinator Dan Quinn. Winners of seven of their last eight, the Cowboys are ready to run away with the NFC East. But it remains to be seen if the growth is significant enough. How will they fare against the league's elite teams? A narrow loss to Tampa Bay in the season opener is the only time Dallas has faced one of the league's elite teams. That's why Sunday's meeting with Kansas City will carry such significance. Despite the Chiefs' inconsistencies, the team does still have the potential to be very dangerous, so this will serve as a good measuring stick game for the Cowboys.

#### Tampa Bay Buccaneers

The defending champions boast the leadership, experience and talent it takes to again contend for a Super Bowl. They brought all of their major contributors back hoping to repeat. But unlike last year, health has not been on this Bucs team's side. Their secondary represents one of the most hard-hit areas of the team, and depth is an issue. Offensive weapons like Rob Gronkowski and Antonio Brown also have been banged up. As a result, it's been an up-and-down year thus far for Tampa Bay, which averages 40.5 points per game at home, and only 18.5 points per contest on the road.

#### Los Angeles Rams

They went out and got their quarterback in Matthew Stafford and then added Von Miller and Odell Beckham Jr. But consistency and physicality represent some of the problem areas. Back-to-back losses have followed the trade deadline, and the Rams believe they should have beaten both Tennessee and San Francisco. Before gearing up for a playoff run, Sean McVay's crew must develop better cohesion.

#### New Orleans Saints

They're coached by one of the best minds in football, and they have a top-10 defense. But the retirement of Drew Brees and the season-ending injury of Jameis Winston has left Sean Payton and the Saints to make do with Trevor Siemian and Taysom Hill. That combo is good enough to keep the Saints in games, but also limited enough to lose meaningful contests down the home-stretch.

#### Carolina Panthers

They have a top-10 defense and some nice pieces on offense. But the biggest problem has been at quarterback. Sam Darnold fell flat after a promising start and now is injured. The return of Cam Newton appeared to reinvigorate the franchise last week, but can the former MVP find sustained success after joining the team after midseason? And can Christian McCaffrey stay healthy enough to pace this offense?

#### Potential threats

The top four in the conference seem pretty solid. And you could argue that the Rams (despite two straight losses) have one of the highest ceilings in the conference. But from six on down to nine, you really could swap any of those out. The Vikings lack consistency but certainly could find a rhythm and overtake the Panthers. The 49ers (4-5) also should be better and, with a strong finish, could force their way into the playoff field.

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Daily Express file photo of Kirksville's Corinne Vorkink. AUSTIN MILLER

## Basketball

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tle this season. The Tigers went 9-3 against NCMC teams last year, with some district and tournament games mixed in there. Two regular-season

losses to Mexico prevented a conference title last season. But they got their revenge to win a district title over the Bulldogs last season.

So a conference title should be within grasp for the Tigers.

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Judge or Division: KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM  
Case Number: 21AR-PR00119  
In the Estate of SHARON KAY BAKER, Deceased.  
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted  
(Supervised Administration)

On November 15, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of SHARON KAY BAKER, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The name, business address, and phone number of the personal representative is:

Kerry P. Baker, 9519 North Kensington Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64156

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

Wallace W. Trosen, 1 Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, MO 63501. 660-665-4070

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: March 4, 2021  
Date of first publication: November 20, 2021

Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY,  
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PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN VEST

ESTATE NO: 21AR-PR00104

NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANN VEST, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 28th day of October, 2021, Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of Elizabeth Ann Vest, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The business address of the conservator is 300 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred.

Date of first publication November 6, 2021.

Linda Decker  
Circuit Clerk of Adair County,  
Missouri

**Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted**  
(Supervised Administration)

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

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

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

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

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: May 21, 2021  
Date of first publication: October 30, 2021

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Adair County Circuit Clerk

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Closing date for filing: December 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed with the City Clerk.

Those interested may make arrangements to file at City Hall. Please call (660) 323-5575.

Angie McKim,  
City Clerk

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI, AT KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI**

In Re: the Marriage of )  
SHANOA DAWN ZELAYA and )  
SALVADOR ZELAYA )  
)  
SHANOA DAWN ZELAYA )  
) Case No. )  
Petitioner. )  
)  
vs. )  
)  
SALVADOR ZELAYA )  
)  
Respondent. )

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Missouri to Respondent, Salvador Zelaya.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, the object and general nature of which is a dissolution of marriage to Petitioner.

This action also affects the following described property:

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the Attorney for Petitioner is Barry V. Cundiff, P.O. Box 7546, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the date of first publication, judgment by default will be rendered against you. This notice was first published on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

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**Adair County R-II School District For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

**Summary Statement of Scope**

Adair County R-II School District obtained an audit of the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Adair County R-II School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Adair County R-II School District's basic financial statements.

**Auditor's Opinion**

The auditor's opinion, dated October 20, 2021, on the cash basis financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Adair County R-II School District, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1."

**Summary Statement of Fund Balances and Receipts & Disbursements By Fund**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Property tax receipts	\$ 561,567	\$ -	\$ 102,224	\$ -	\$ 663,791
Other local receipts	159,632	86,503	25,974	172	272,281
County receipts	85,654	4,239	10,686	-	100,579
State receipts	48,577	1,065,998	-	44,170	1,158,745
Federal receipts	291,130	181,467	-	31,342	503,939
Non-revenue receipts	-	-	750,000	-	750,000
Total receipts	1,146,560	1,338,207	888,884	75,684	3,449,335
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
Instructional services	215,340	1,184,415	-	9,903	1,409,658
Support services	315,537	266,661	-	-	582,198
Food services	109,855	-	-	1,823	111,678
Building maintenance	215,854	-	-	21,438	237,292
Debt service principal & interest	-	-	858,150	23,959	882,109
Other	1,586	16,634	21,939	-	40,159
Total disbursements	858,172	1,467,710	880,089	57,123	3,263,094
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	288,388	(129,503)	8,795	18,561	186,241
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Operating transfers (out) in	(129,503)	-	-	-	(129,503)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	(129,503)	129,503	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	158,885	-	8,795	18,561	186,241
Fund Balance—Beginning	1,008,885	-	103,449	45,649	1,157,983
Fund Balance—Ending	\$ 1,167,770	\$ -	\$ 112,244	\$ 64,210	\$ 1,344,224

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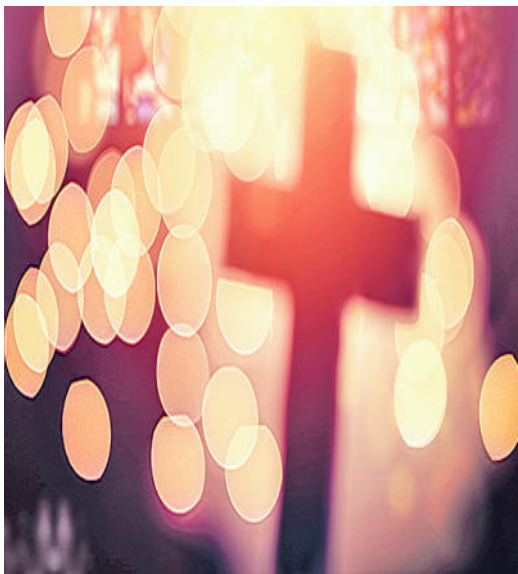
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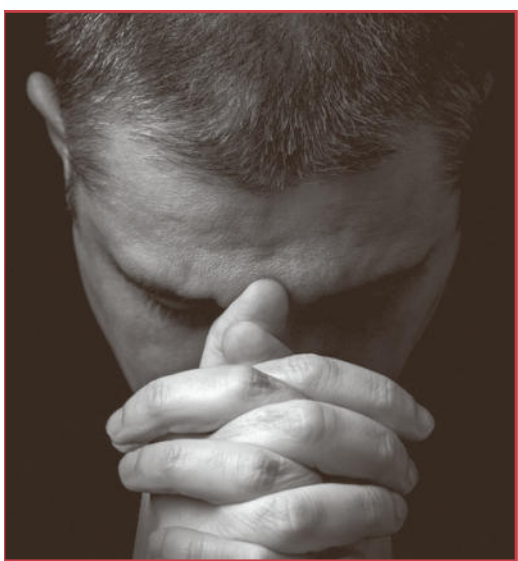
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**Faith Lutheran Church**  
1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe  
David Lukefahr, Pastor  
7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE  
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirksville.org

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

**Rehoboth Baptist Church**  
100 Pfeiffer Rd.  
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
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**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.  
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages  
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

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

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

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: H.R. Rogers  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Southside Baptist Church**  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Preaching  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**First Church of God**  
2900 S. Halliburton  
Chad Earhart  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com

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

**Central Church of Christ**  
2010 S. Halliburton  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Faith Baptist Church**  
502 N. Florence  
Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Worship

**The Crossing Church**  
810 E. Shepherd Ave.  
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service  
www.thecrossing.net

**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups  
KirksvilleGBCB@gmail.com  
www.KirksvilleGBCB.com • 660.665.1615

**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Rev. Scott Beard, Pastor  
8:15 a.m. Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
www.firstumckirksville.org

**Pure Air Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
TBA Bible Study

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
807 Benton Way  
Pastor: Rob Linhart  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**Novinger United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Raymond Magruder  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

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

**Mary Immaculate Catholic Church**  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Catholic Newman Center**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Union Temple Church**  
Southwest of Kirksville  
Alan Coonfield, Pastor  
Every Sunday Evening  
5:50-6:30 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 Dillon Thurman, minister  
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  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
High & Harrison  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
2000 E. Normal  
Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services  
Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison  
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

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

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1301 N. Elson  
Curtis Denney, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)  
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

**United Methodist Church**  
Brashear Charge, Brashear  
Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

**Willow Bend Association East**  
Center Community Church  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Illinois Bend Community Church**  
Highway 3  
Pastor Terry Hunsaker  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
660-349-0052

**Baring Community Church**  
11:00 a.m. Worship.

**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: Lynae McFarland  
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  
Lonnice Johnson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

**Winigan Christian Church**  
Ryan Crist, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**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. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

**Bible Missionary Church**  
508 S. Main St.  
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Full Gospel Church**  
404 North Elson  
Ola York, Pastor  
2:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study  
2:00 p.m. Saturday Afternoon Service

**LaPlata Christian Church**  
Scott McNay, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

**Christ's Family Church**  
531 N. Baltimore  
Glenn Berry, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
www.cfcvmo.com • cfcvmo@gmail.com

**Queen City Christian Church**  
Queen City, Mo.  
Bud Cornwell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Bible School  
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour

**United Pentecostal Church**  
1502 E. Northtown Road  
David E. Brown, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship

**Brashear Community Bible Church**  
Donny Powell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
660-323-5305

**First Baptist Church of LaPlata**  
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor  
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA  
http://laplatafb.org/  
Email: laplatafb@gmail.com

**Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.  
Tim Hodges, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Worthington Baptist Church**  
Worthington, Mo.  
Roger Busnell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**The Salvation Army**  
1004 W. Gardner  
Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Queen City First Baptist Church**  
6th at Washington St.  
Robert Smith, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA**  
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O  
Pastor, Bill Iammatteo-Code  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**Hurdland First Baptist Church**  
Robert Shobe, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study

**Colony Baptist Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

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

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

**New Harmony Free Will Baptist**  
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

**Word Alive! Family Church**  
Hwy 63, Greentop  
Pastors: Robert Gange  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church

**Schuyler County Church of Faith**  
Highway 136 East, Lancaster  
Sonny Smyser, Pastor  
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class  
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

**Gospel Outreach Church**  
209 W. Washington  
Norman Keller, Pastor  
Gonda Manning, Co pastor  
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services  
7:00 p.m. Sunday Services

**Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop**  
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.  
Pastor Joshua Wesley  
10:30 a.m. Worship



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