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Parks dept. seeks plan to guide next decade of recreation

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With the new Kirksville Aquatic Center completed this year — the city's largest recreational upgrade in many years — thoughts shift to what comes next. Getting there will require more background work.

Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler met with the Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission Tuesday, letting them know his plan to pursue a comprehensive master plan for the city's park system.

He wants to work with an outside firm to do a complete survey on how the parks operate now, what improvements can be done in the most effective way, and what needs might be down the line. It would be a more progressive approach to park maintenance and improvements. The final

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The current state of the trailhead on Osteopathy Street in Kirksville. AUSTIN MILLER

After several years of work, where does the Forest Lake Area Trail System stand in 2021?

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It's closer than people think.

That's the motto used by group members of the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS) when talking about the distance from Thousand Hills State Park to Kirksville. Most people think about the almost eight-mile drive from the city out to the marina alongside the lake, centrally located in the park. But the bulk of the park is southeast from downtown Kirksville, with the park boundary about one mile from A.T. Still University's Campus.

That's why FLATS, a volunteer group that wants to improve and maintain area trails, has been working for many years to establish an accessible trail from the city to the park.

"We use the term 'imagine' for how close that is. It's so much closer than you think," said Dan Martin, the chair of FLATS. "That's why this makes so much sense. It's this eight-mile drive to get over to (the marina). The reality is, it's one mile ... off Osteopathy."

"I think it's important for cities like Kirksville and areas like northeast Missouri to have recreational opportunities that really fit the character of the



A shot during construction of the Phase 3.1 trail that extends out from the trailhead on Osteopathy. PROVIDED BY ROYCE KALLERUD

community," said Royce Kallerud, the vice-chair of FLATS. "I don't think you can do much better than trails for that."

What has been done so far?

The FLATS name arrived in 2009

but work on building the trail dates back to the mid-1990s. Martin said he was the chair of a recreation planning group in 1994. That group established a five-year plan in 1995, which included a

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Lawmakers want answers from foster care agency after watchdog report

Galen Bacharier Springfield News-Leader
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JEFFERSON CITY — Lawmakers took state officials to task Tuesday on Missouri's foster care agency, which a federal watchdog recently said had often failed to prevent risks and take measures to find missing children.

The legislative hearing was prompted by a report issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General last week. The office's study of 59 missing children's cases overseen by the Missouri's Children's Division in 2019 found that the division "rarely attempted to reduce children's risk of going missing" and "did not effectively use resources to assist in locating them."

That report says in 2019, 978 foster

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Missouri Children's Division Interim Director Joanie Rogers and Department of Health and Senior Services Jennifer Tidball, right, speak to lawmakers at the Missouri State Capitol on Oct. 5, 2021. GALEN BACHARIER/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

Kirksville pair charged after Salvation Army burglary

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Two Kirksville residents have been charged in Adair County court after burglarizing the Salvation Army.

Shawn Vice, 20, and Erin Steele, 30, were arrested following the incident on Oct. 2.

Steele was charged with second-degree burglary and attempted escape while under custody. Vice was charged with second-degree burglary, resisting/interfering with arrest and possession of burglary tools.

According to court documents, Kirksville police were dispatched to the Salvation Army on Oct. 2. The store

manager said she returned to the store after it closed and heard voices inside. KPD officers heard voices in the store and called, "Kirksville police, come out."

They then heard a loud noise from the front of the store. They saw a white male in a black mask and coat using a hammer to try and break open a safe. The male, who was identified as Vice, was told to stay where he was. Vice then ran toward the back of the store.

He was later taken into custody. He told police he tried to break into the safe. He also told police that the gloves and two rings he was wearing were taken from the store. Inside a backpack were a Salvation Army donation container, bolt cutters, two pieces of jewel-

ry and two pairs of glasses with Salvation Army tags on them.

Vice has another burglary charge from Aug. 19 of this year.

Steele was taken into custody in the store. She gave police a different name when asked to identify herself.

A backpack she had contained a battery-charging cell phone case that Steele said she took from the store. She told police she and Vice were organizing piles of items to steal from the store.

Once back at the jail, as an officer led her to the building, Steele ran away. She was later apprehended on the 400 block of North Elson Street and taken to the jail.

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Ernest Johnson dies by lethal injection in Missouri execution

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Ernest Lee Johnson, convicted in the 1994 murders of three employees of a Columbia Casey's General Store, died Tuesday by lethal injection.

The state execution took place at 6 p.m. in Bonne Terre at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correction Center.

Protests occurred across Missouri throughout the day, including a vigil at the Boone County Courthouse in the hour before the execution. The event affirmed Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty's respect for life, said Jeff Stack of MADP's Columbia chapter and the Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Attempts to prevent Johnson's execution failed in August when the Missouri Supreme Court ruled against altering the sentence.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday likewise declined to halt the execution.

"The application for stay of execution of sentence of death presented to Justice (Brett) Kavanaugh and by him referred to the Court is denied," stated a

memo from the U.S. Supreme Court issued Tuesday afternoon. "The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied."

Johnson was found guilty in the 1994 deaths of Columbia Casey's General Store employees Mary Bratcher, Mabel Scruggs and Fred Jones.

Multiple appeals and attempts to prevent previous execution orders preceded Tuesday's execution.

Gov. Mike Parson issued a statement Monday outlining the state's intention to move forward with the execution.

"The state is prepared to deliver justice and carry out the lawful sentence Mr. Johnson received in accordance with the Missouri Supreme Court's order," Parson, a Republican, said Monday.

The governor's office noted three different juries recommended the death penalty for Johnson.

Groups and individuals in support of Johnson did not advocate for him to be freed. They wanted the sentence commuted to life in prison since they believe Johnson was intellectually disabled and thus was exempt from the death penalty per a 2002 decision from the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court at that time held that peo-



A dozen people hold signs on Tuesday in front of the old Boone County Courthouse columns protesting the execution of convicted murderer Ernest Lee Johnson. Gov. Mike Parson on Monday declined to grant clemency to the death row inmate who killed convenience store workers Mabel Scruggs, Mary Bratcher and Fred Jones during a 1994 robbery in northeast Columbia. DON SHRUBSHELL/TRIBUNE

ple with an intellectual/developmental disability cannot be executed, but left it up to states to decide how to define those in the court system with such a disability.

The Missouri Supreme Court in August denied claims that Johnson was intellectually or developmentally disabled and that a drug used in the execution could cause a painful seizure after administration.

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty maintained both claims throughout its attempts to prevent Johnson's death.

Slightly more than a dozen demonstrators gathered in Columbia on Tuesday, holding signs that included the phrases "Stop Executions" and "Execute Justice, Not People."

"(Parson) wants our state to continue being an agent for death, even for individuals who are intellectually disabled," Stack said. "He sees revenge as justice."

Multiple IQ tests for Johnson, 61, indicated sub-average intelligence.

Johnson's attorney, Kansas City Public Defender Jeremy Weiss, in August said Johnson "meets all statutory and clinical definitions" of intellectual disability. The Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits executing intellectually disabled people.

It was Johnson's pre-planning of the Casey's robbery that led to the employee deaths, and his actions after the crime indicated Johnson had intelligence, the state Supreme Court ruled in August.

Johnson underwent surgery in 2008 to remove a brain tumor. Most, but not all, of the tumor was removed. Scar tissue and the rest of the tumor remain, which Johnson said led to severe seizures after his surgery and an epilepsy diagnosis.

Claims by an expert witness for

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FLATS

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trail to Thousand Hills. Nearly 30 years later, that still hasn't happened. But FLATS has accomplished quite a lot over the last 12 years.

Phase 1 of the project, the Forest Lake Trail, was completed in 2015. It is a 0.62-mile walking path that connects Campground 2 at Thousand Hills to the marina, restaurant, beach and petroglyph site. That effort, which connected the campground to the prominent amenities at the park, was a partnership between FLATS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Missouri State Parks, aided by a federal trail grant. The state is scheduled to connect the north side of that trail to Campground 1 in the coming months. That project, which will wind up as a 0.79-mile path, will mark the completion of Phase 2. The state also plans to connect both ends of the Thousand Hills Trail in the future.

And earlier this year, FLATS completed a major part of Phase 3.1. That is a 0.7-mile concrete trail that leads from the FLATS-Theta Psi Trailhead on Osteopathy Street out toward the state park.

That land was donated by A.T. Still University's Theta Psi fraternity. With Osteopathy being one of the most used streets in Kirksville, the trailhead can't be missed.

In total, the project has received \$246,000 in trail grant funding and many more thousands in donations from local entities and residents. Martin estimates FLATS has raised more than half a million dollars in total.

What is to come?

The end of that trail is the major piece that will then extend out to Thousand Hills. That trail is set to be four miles long. Once completed, the hope is that paths branch off and connect to other trails in the area, such as down to the Rainbow Basin Trailhead and the Michigan trail.

"We'd like to make a connector and let everything else be like arteries coming off the spine," Martin said. "That would allow people to have their experience, not the only experience that's out there."

And the FLATS-Theta Psi Trailhead in town is another sizable aspect of the project. The trailhead is planned to have a parking lot, pavilion and bathrooms. A nature playscape is in the works at the site, with a climbing log already installed thanks to a \$38,000 grant won by the Rotary Club of Kirksville.

Once the trailhead is completed, it will become a city park.

"We're not going to hand it to them as a piece of dirt on a corner," Martin said. "We're going to try and hand it to them as developed as we can get it."

For Kirksville Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler, getting handed a new park is great. He mentioned the 10 Minute Walk Campaign, a national organization that wants all Americans to be a 10-minute walk from a park or green space by 2050.

For the city to be close to that distance from a state park is rare and a major recreational resource.

"I think it would be a great amenity for our community and the overall region," Sadler said. "To be able to have individuals come to the Kirksville area, maybe stay out at the campgrounds or the cabins, or who want to visit the lake — then hop on a bicycle and be 15 minutes from downtown to have dinner or see a movie ... is pretty awesome connectivity. I don't know of any other projects like this in the state of Missouri that connect a downtown to a state park. State parks typically aren't as close as we have one here in Kirksville."

"We're hopeful that is really going to be the gateway to that trail system," Sadler said.

The city has also discussed creating a trail down Washington Street to better connect the trailhead to downtown Kirksville.

What are the benefits?

The recreational aspect of the project is first and foremost. Martin and many of the other FLATS board members are avid runners who use area trails regularly. So making those more accessible and connected is the top priority.

But there is a big tourism component as well. Debi Boughton, Kirksville's tourism director, is on the FLATS board. She volunteers for trail maintenance but her day job is a good resource for the project and vice versa.

The group hosts an annual half-marathon each year



A section of the Forest Lake Trail leading to the petroglyph site at Thousand Hills State Park. PROVIDED BY ROYCE KALLERUD



The sign at the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS) trailhead. AUSTIN MILLER

that goes around the lake on the Thousand Hills Trail. The 11th annual race is set for Oct. 16. Kallerud has since moved to Oregon but is still highly involved with FLATS, serving as the race director for the half marathon. He'll be back in Kirksville next week to oversee and compete in the race.

Each year, that race is filled with runners from all over. About 150 runners are expected this year.

"At least half of those people that run in the race, if not more, are from out of town," Boughton said. "And, of course, they come up the night before and fill up hotel rooms, eat in restaurants."

Once people learn about the trails and scenery at the lake, they become invested. And that was Martin's plan all along to help fund the project.

"We could have a 10k or a 5k and have it in town. But if we get people out there, on the trail, knowing it's there, knowing they've never been to this trailhead, then they go to another trailhead, they might tell their buddies or their kids," Martin said. "They say, 'I just found this space and it's really cool, and I don't think other people know about it.' People take other people to it. But you have to get them to it so they can take other people. Then we grow."

That largely worked to lure Ted Frushour to join FLATS. He moved to Kirksville 1997 to study at Truman State. He left briefly to pursue a master's degree but returned in 2002 and has been here since. When he was a student, he didn't know much about the state park. But as he got into running when he moved back, he started to use the trails.

He then volunteered to do trail maintenance and was part of the board beginning in 2016 when FLATS became a nonprofit. Now he is the board's treasurer.

"One thing I've always liked about Kirksville is exploring," Frushour said. "Northeast Missouri wasn't a place I had any family, at least I didn't at the time, or any connections. It was a new environment for me as a young person. ... So just driving around and exploring conservation areas and finding tiny little towns was something I always enjoyed. So it was really neat to find this whole trail system out there and this swath of public land out there."

Kallerud had a similar introduction. He joined the

organization after learning what an advantage there was with the proximity of the state park and city. He started to run the trails once he knew they were available.

One day, now about 15 years ago, Kallerud went on a run and had his son, then about two or three years old, strapped on his back. He was at the Rainbow Basin Trailhead and tried to find where it lead out toward the Thousand Hills Trail. But the land was so overgrown and unmarked that he didn't know where to go.

"Now I've spent hundreds of hours with things like loppers out there working on those trails, keeping them in shape so everyone can use them," Kallerud said.

Pulling outsiders to town and having them empty their wallets here is one thing. But making locals more aware of what is in their backyard is another important aspect of tourism.

"It's important for us to let people know that we're working on this wonderful trail here in town, and it's for community members, visitors, and is really a lovely addition to Kirksville," Boughton said.

How come it has taken so long?

Martin likes to joke that things happen slowly in Kirksville. That pace is slowed more once state officials become involved.

Despite the project being almost 30 years in development, he said he's never felt discouraged about it. He compares it to running a race. On the Thousand Hills Trail, the scenery near mile marker 4 is one of his favorite spots. You can't see the lake from there, but there are cliffs and ledges that resemble more of Washington state than Missouri. That beauty is in the middle of the course.

Finishing a race isn't the highlight, the mileage between starting and finishing is.

"I'm not in it for the endgame. It's kind of like when you go for a long run," Martin said. "You get a mile into a 10-mile run, you better enjoy it because you have a long time before you get to the end."

"(Getting people out) to experience how beautiful this state park is, that's kind of what's made me not discouraged."

And for a volunteer group to come together, raise a lot of money, earn state grants, and commit to maintaining trails indefinitely is quite a feat.

"It's been really impressive to see the community support this mission over the course of the years, and to have some new trail completed in the ground is really neat," Frushour said. "We feel like we're making steady progress toward connecting the city and the park with a walkable trail."

"One of the groups that really helped us get started ... were the Kirksville rotary clubs," Kallerud said. "I think there's that tradition in northeast Missouri — and I learned it along the way — that you work in the community to really get things done."

For more information on FLATS, visit KVFLATS.org. To sign up for the 11th Annual FLATS Half Marathon, visit <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=81890>.

Execution

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Johnson failed to link Pentobarbital, a drug used in executions, to inducing seizures, the court ruled, adding Johnson also did not provide a feasible or easily implemented execution alternative to lethal injection.

Wiley Miller, co-chair of Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, said at an August demonstration for clemency at the Boone County Courthouse that Missouri's death penalty "cheapens life."

"We have to look out for each other," Miller said at the time. "We should never give up. We should always try to salvage our fellow human beings."

Former Democratic Missouri Gov. Bob Holden issued an editorial this past week calling on Parson to stay the execution.

"A review of pertinent documents has prompted me to concur with advocates that Johnson is most certainly intellectually and developmentally disabled, and thus constitutionally barred from execution by the Atkins v. Virginia U.S. Supreme Court decision," he wrote.

Missouri, in 2001, adopted a law that banned executions of individuals with an intellectual/developmental disability. This was a year before the U.S. Supreme

Court ruling. This law requires individuals be diagnosed with the disability before they turn 18.

Johnson received his first IQ test when he was about 8 years old in 1968. He was subsequently tested in 1972, 1979, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2019, according to the Missouri Supreme Court opinion in August.

While tests indicated sub-average intelligence, an expert witness for the state "believed Johnson was (exaggerating his disability) during his 2004 IQ test, and the fact that Johnson's scores decline markedly after the murders supports that conclusion," the state Supreme Court wrote in its opinion.

The unanimous opinion was issued without signature by any one judge.

"Nothing excuses what Johnson did. But if our state is to be guided by the rule of law, we must temper our understandable anger with reason and compassion for the most vulnerable among us, including Ernest Johnson," Holden wrote in his editorial.

Johnson's behavior since being incarcerated also was an indicator that clemency to a life sentence was warranted, Stack said.

"He is probably getting treated better now than he was in his lifetime. He has some security and some level of constancy," he said before Johnson's death. "(His execution) is kind of a cruel indictment of our society."

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If Lynn had lived, he would be nearly 89 and would be happily overwhelmed by this honor. His early life prepared him for a life-long commitment to sports and to all the teams of students who participated in them.

In 1950, as a senior of Hannibal High School, Lynn set a school track record in Low Hurdles. While attending Hannibal LaGrange College, he also worked at the Hannibal YMCA as a Certified Red Cross swimming instructor. He refereed YMCA and Church League basketball games. And he was a player with the American Legion baseball team as shortstop and second base.

After Korea and Truman State, Lynn came to the best and everlasting job of his life as teacher and coach with the Kirksville Schools. He started in August 1957 at the High School football field. Lynn would work with coaches and players in football practice for many seasons to come. He was ready for that, and all else, until his retirement in 1989.

We are so uplifted to know that his life is remembered by so many.

Thank you, from: The Lynn Lubbering family, Sons: Michael and Tracy, Daughter-in-law: Jeanne, Wife: Jane.

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE BEST MOVIE MUSICALS OF 2021 (so far)

Patrick Ryan USA TODAY

Are we in a new golden age of movie musicals?

In the nearly two decades since “Chicago” became an Oscar best picture-winning hit, Hollywood has typically doled out two or three movie musicals a year, ranging from awesome (“Mamma Mia!”) to arid (“Jersey Boys”) to downright abysmal (“Les Misérables”).

But partly because of pandemic-delayed releases, we’ll have nearly 10 new entries to the genre by the end of 2021, including Steven Spielberg’s reimagined “West Side Story” (in theaters Dec. 10) and Netflix’s “Tick, Tick ... Boom!” (in theaters Nov. 12, streaming Nov. 19), from late “Rent” creator Jonathan Larson.

The newest is “Dear Evan Hansen,” adapted from the six-time Tony-winning best musical about an awkward teenage boy (Ben Platt) who lies about being friends with a classmate who committed suicide in a well-intentioned attempt to comfort his family. The film has been pummeled by critics (33% positive reviews on Rotten Tomatoes), who have taken issue with the movie’s messy handling of mental health and social media, as well as the casting of the 28-year-old Platt as Evan, reprising the role he won a best actor Tony for on Broadway.

After watching the year’s other movie musicals, here’s where “Evan Hansen” stacks up (so far).

6. ‘Cinderella’

A film so manufactured that it may as well have come straight off an Amazon assembly line, this bargain bin “Cinderella” works hard to update the classic fairy tale, but loses all its magic in the process. Ella (Camila Cabello) is now a spunky, career-minded businesswoman who would rather make dresses in her spacious basement apartment than try to woo a prince (Nicholas Galitzine). As admirable as that is, writer/director Kay Cannon totally defangs Ella’s wicked stepmother (Idina Menzel) and stepsisters (Maddie Baillio and Charlotte Spencer), who, unlike the trailer suggests, push her to marry for money so she can have a better life. (They even do their own laundry while belting Madonna, no less!) With no stakes to speak of, the movie’s only saving grace is the charismatic Billy Porter, who flies in to sing Earth, Wind & Fire as Ella’s brassy and benevolent Fabulous Godmother.

Where to watch: Now streaming on Amazon Prime

5. ‘Come From Away’

Following the success of last year’s “Hamilton” on Disney+, the producers of “Come From

Away” filmed a live performance of the Broadway hit for an audience of 9/11 survivors and front-line workers this spring. The Tony Award-winning musical tells the incredible true story of a small Canadian town that welcomed 7,000 stranded travelers in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. With a small cast of a dozen actors flitting around and playing multiple characters, it can be hard to connect to any one storyline, and the twee score of vaguely Celtic ballads is only occasionally rousing. But you can’t fault a show that’s so intent on preaching empathy and kindness, and “Come From Away” certainly has its heart in the right place, if not much else.

Where to watch: Now streaming on Apple TV+

4. ‘Dear Evan Hansen’

No thanks to his hair and makeup team, Platt is bizarrely styled to look like a tax auditor who wandered into a high-school English class. The musical’s cringey morals are also only magnified in tight close-up, with songs like “For Forever” and “Words Fail” that come across way more sociopathic than sweet. And yet, there are still aspects to admire of director Stephen Chbosky’s slick adaptation, which comes alive whenever its sensational cast of supporting women are on-screen. Amy Adams, Kaitlyn Dever and Amandla Stenberg all sing and suffer gorgeously. But it’s MVP Julianne Moore, as Evan’s patient and overworked mom, who delivers the film’s most tear-jerking moment in the aching “So Big/So Small.”

Where to watch: In theaters now

3. ‘Everybody’s Talking About Jamie’

From a filmmaking standpoint, there’s nothing remarkable about “Jamie,” which is adapted from a West End musical and based on a 2011 TV documentary about a British teen-turned-drag queen (played by Max Harwood). The quick cut editing is whiplash-inducing, and the neon-drenched musical numbers gave us PTSD after last year’s similarly flashy “The Prom.” But an insanely catchy score goes a long way, and we haven’t stopped humming the peppy title track or “Don’t Even Know It” for weeks now. And even in its most cloying scenes, there’s something very moving about the movie’s warm embrace of queer joy. Jamie is perennially supported by his mom (Sarah Lancashire), best friend (Lauren Patel) and drag mentor (Richard E. Grant), who reminds him that he stands on the shoulders of his gay elders, a generation of whom were lost to HIV/AIDS.

Where to watch: Now streaming on Amazon Prime

2. ‘In the Heights’

Few modern directors know their way around a movie musical better than Jon M. Chu, who’s been tapped to helm the highly anticipated “Wicked” adaptation in light of his phenomenal work on “In the Heights.” Set in New York’s Washington Heights neighborhood, the film playfully pays homage to musicals of old with a Busby Berkeley-style hip-hop number in a public swimming pool, and characters channeling Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in a gravity-defying dance on the side of a building. Other inventive touches – a record scratch on a manhole cover, salon mannequins serving as a de facto Greek chorus – show Chu proudly leaning into the genre’s fantastical possibilities without ever losing sight of the story’s emotional center.

Anthony Ramos delivers a star-making turn as Usnavi, a bodega owner wrestling with leaving his tight-knit Latinx community, and the musical’s Tony-winning creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, makes a scene-stealing cameo as a piragua vendor. And we can’t forget Corey Hawkins, playing Usnavi’s effortlessly suave best friend Benny, who should seriously be cast in every movie musical from here on out.

Where to watch: Available to buy or rent

1. ‘Annette’

Nothing we say here could prepare you for the inspired lunacy of “Annette,” which takes itself both completely seriously and not at all. Directed by French auteur Leos Carax (“Holy Motors”), from a concept by offbeat pop/rock duo Sparks (who also wrote the film’s strangely entrancing songs), the movie follows a sadistic shock comedian (Adam Driver) and his angelic opera-singer wife (Marion Cotillard), whose doomed matrimony is upended by the birth of their daughter, Annette (played by an uncanny yet wholly adorable puppet, a fact that is blessedly never acknowledged by any of the characters).

By now, you’ve probably seen the many Twitter memes of Baby Annette, who (spoiler alert!) becomes a global singing sensation, and Carax continually ramps up the absurdity as he archly satirizes celebrity culture and toxic masculinity. Driver and Cotillard fully commit to their characters, but it’s Baby Annette and “The Big Bang Theory” alum Simon Helberg who run away with the movie, the latter playing an aspiring conductor who ironically narrates some of the film’s most gleefully ridiculous moments.

Where to watch: Now streaming on Amazon Prime

Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Claybrook, Garry William	65	Green Castle, MO	05-Oct	Travis-Noe Funeral Home
*Israel, Eddie	65	Unionville/Kirkville, MO	26-Sep	-
*Plumlee, Mary L.	92	La Plata, MO	06-Oct	Travis Funeral Chapel

* Additional information in display obituaries

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Garry William Claybrook

GREEN CASTLE - Garry William Claybrook, 65, of Green Castle, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at his home.

Born February 5, 1956 in Kirksville, Missouri, Garry was the son of the late Loris Adam and Frances Elizabeth (Swisher) Claybrook.

Garry is survived by one brother, Edward Claybrook of Green Castle, MO; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Delores and Keith Roe of Kansas City, MO, and Marcia and Alan McKim of Green Castle, MO; three nieces; one nephew; seven great-nieces and 4 great-nephews.

Garry was a graduate from Adair County R-I High School in Novinger, Missouri, with the Class of 1974. He worked many years and enjoyed bailing hay, raising cattle, farming, and working in Carpentry for Sparks Construction Company of Kirksville. Garry enjoyed dancing at the Moose Lodge and V.W.F., but most of all loved time spent with his family, nieces, and nephews.

Garry's wish was to be cremated and his family will receive friends on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. A Memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, with Pastor Alan Coonfield officiating.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Garry may be made to the Green Castle Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



Mary L. Plumlee

LA PLATA - Mary L. Plumlee, age 92 of La Plata, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Boone Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

Born December 9, 1928 in Novinger, Missouri, the daughter of Adam and Myra (Barker) Schillie. On August 10, 1947 in Kirksville, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Marion Plumlee who preceded her in death on November 5, 1996. Also preceding her in death were her parents and twelve siblings.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Susan Plumlee of Las Vegas, Nevada; two daughters, Brenda Plumlee and Debra Jones both of La Plata, Missouri; two sisters, Betty Karaff of Claycomo, Missouri and Shirley Burke of Lake Zurich, Illinois; three grandchildren, Christine (Steve) Willard, Jeffrey (Andrea) Plumlee, and Melissa (David) Salter; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; several step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews.

Mary was a 1948 graduate of Kirksville High School. She lived most of her life in the La Plata area where she was very active in the community. Mary was a long time member of the La Plata Christian Church.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the La Plata Christian Church in La Plata, Missouri. Burial will be in the La Plata Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to the La Plata Christian Church Building Fund. They may be sent to or left at Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.



Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips

Generous friend ready to cut off their assistance

Dear Abby: I have a long-distance friend I met online 10 years ago. I took pity on her because she was nearly destitute, and I have been helping her pay her bills. She's visited me a number of times, and I care about her a lot. However, her constant requests for money are starting to make me uncomfortable. (She can't work for health reasons, and there's a major scarcity of social services or competent care in her Rust Belt locality.)

I do not want to continue enabling her. I have tried suggesting she move closer to her sister, seek better care, etc., but she doesn't have the motivation. I have a hard time saying "no" to people. I got married recently, and I don't want this situation to negatively affect my relationship with my wife.

In my friend's current emotional state, I'm afraid if I end my friendship with her, she'll never recover from the emotional trauma. She even tattooed my name on her wrist so she'd see it every time she wanted to cut herself, like she used to do before we met. What should I do?

- Tied to Her

Dear Tied: Start researching assertiveness training programs for yourself, because you sorely need more help than I can give you in one column. Discuss this with your wife for additional emotional support, because you are right - continuing to give your online friend financial help WILL destroy your marriage. After that, tell this needy woman you won't be sending her more money, and that you do not want her to contact you until she has moved closer to her sister so she can find the help she needs. Do not feel guilty for doing this. You have been extraordinarily generous to have let this go on for a decade.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have good friends who winter every year in another state, halfway across the country. For years they asked us to come for a visit. Last winter, we were vacationing about six hours from where they were staying. We called and asked if they were available and if it would be convenient for us to come for three days. They assured us they had no commitments and would love for us to come, which we did.

In the early morning of the third day, they announced they had been invited to go to a ballgame with a friend and would be leaving almost immediately, adding it was an hour's drive away and they would be gone all day and returning early evening. They said we were welcome to "just hang out" and wait for them to return. We said we would head home the same time they left for the ballgame. I was stunned and felt they were incredibly rude. Am I overly sensitive, or was this an acceptable way to treat guests?

- Taken Aback in a Cold State

Dear Taken Aback: I agree that it was rude. Your friends had a choice, to fulfill their duties as gracious hosts, or be selfish and go to the game. By choosing the latter, they damaged a longtime friendship. I can see why you were "taken aback."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Photograph framed in glass leads to a sticky situation

Dear Heloise: I read your column in my local newspaper. I have a one-of-a-kind studio photograph. It was originally in a frame with glass. Now, since I've downsized, I want to put it in an album, but there are parts stuck to the glass. Is there any way of separating it from the glass without damaging it? Thank you.

- Judy Hess, Fountain Valley, California

Judy: Probably not. If possible, take the picture to a photography professional to have them remove it. But if you want to try, do this first: Take a digital picture of the photo before you begin. You can then use a hair dryer to try to lift it off. Turn the hair dryer on a low setting and hold it about 5 inches from the photo's surface. You don't want it to overheat. This should loosen the picture from the glass. Then, very slowly and very carefully, pull the corner or the side of the photo until the whole picture is taken off.

Photos stick to glass if they are in a place with humidity. Don't put them in direct sunlight either. Instead, keep the photos in a cool, dry place.

- Heloise

Eddie Israel

UNIONVILLE/KIRKSVILLE - Edward William "Pappy" Israel, 65, of Unionville/Kirkville, Missouri, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Eddie was born in Wathena, Kansas on June 16, 1956 to Judson and Mary Ann (Schneider) Israel-Long and was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He grew up in Wathena, graduating from Wathena High School in 1974.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The past 15 years, he loved working with the Henry family, owner of Midwest Windmill in Kirksville.

Left to cherish his life and memory are his best friends Mark Henry Jr and family, Mark Henry Sr and family, son, Phillip James (Ashley Susan) Brown, grandsons, Hatcher Lee Brown and Ridge Phillip Brown, Deer Lodge, MT, sisters, Christina Compton, Nampa, ID, Regina (Fred) Farris, Faucett, MO, Susie (Tony) Thomas, Hartsville, SC, Theresa (Kurby) Wray, St. Joseph, MO and Tina (Ron) Miller, Troy, KS, brothers, John Israel, Troy, KS, Clint (Shari) Israel, Bendena, KS and Mike Long, Wathena, KS. Aunt: Alice Thuma, Boise, ID and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Mark Henry Jr - in loving memory of my dear friend, Eddie "Pappy":

"I am hanging in there. I wrote this late last night, the night of his passing. It pretty much sums up how I feel. Words sometimes cannot cover the emotions that overwhelm my soul. I am at a great loss today. My dear friend, my ground man, my right-hand man, the man my kids called "Pappy" and I just called "Pap" has departed from this earth, pulled up anchor and set sail to his next destination.

For those of you who knew Eddie, he was a man of few words, but he always had an ear to listen. He has helped my family for the last 15 years! Honestly, it doesn't even seem possible that this man came into my life when I was 19 years old, before my kids were even born. I trusted him with my life. He was as honest as the day is long. He was never in a hurry but was always on time! Slow and steady, that was my friend, Eddie.

The last 6 years, Eddie helped me in my windmill shop and he loved it! We would take the most broken beat-up pieces of junk windmills and make them new again. Whatever I was into, he was supportive - restoring windmills, farming, hunting, thrift stores, auctions, baling and hauling hay together. We have done it all! But his favorite was working in the windmill shop.

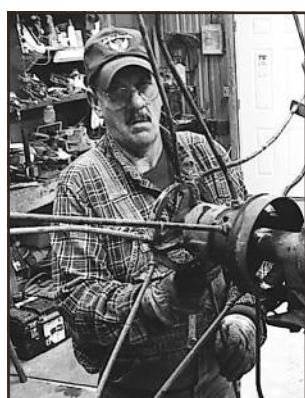
All the windmills that we found were broken when we got them. People would discard them as trash, considered worthless or of little value. But we sought them out. We searched high and low, because we know their worth! We would clean them up and restore them like new, every last broken piece. They go from worthless to priceless!

We lived the Gospel because what we would do for the windmills is what God does for us! We are broken and discarded as worthless, but God seeks us out because he knows our worth and can restore every last broken piece!

I have a strong confidence that Eddie is in no more pain, and I am looking forward to the day when we can hang out again!"

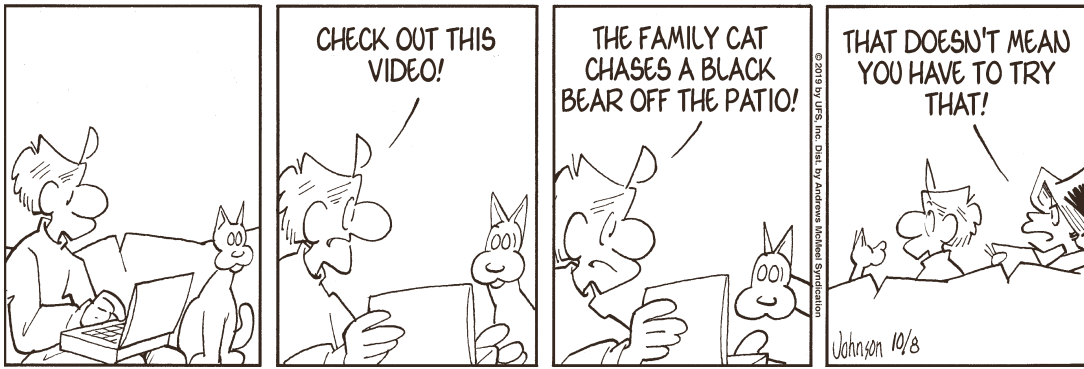
Eddie's wish was to be cremated. A private graveside service was held on Monday, October 4 at the Mount Calvary Cemetery officiated by Reverend Mark Henry Jr. (Luke 15:11-32) KJV, "Parable of the Prodigal Son"

Eddie's family would like to express a sincere thank you to the Henry family.

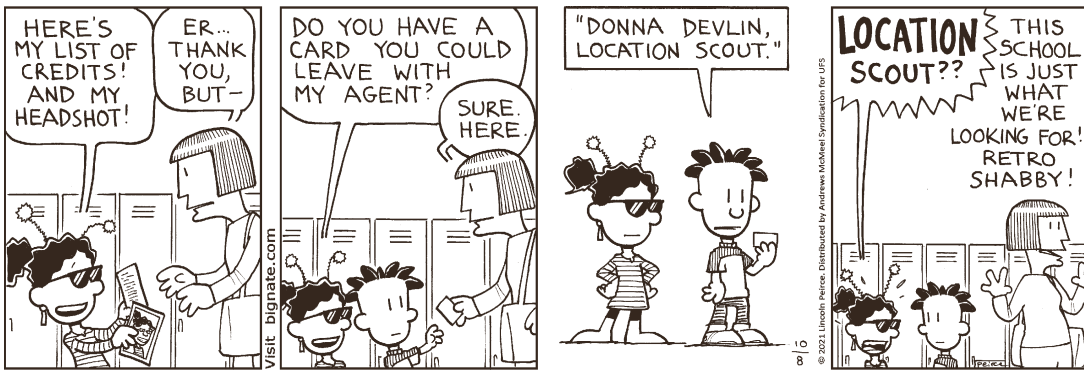


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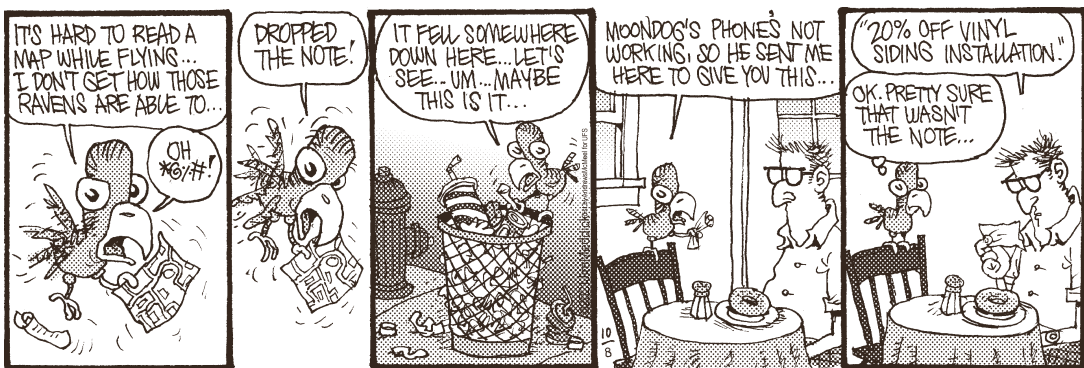
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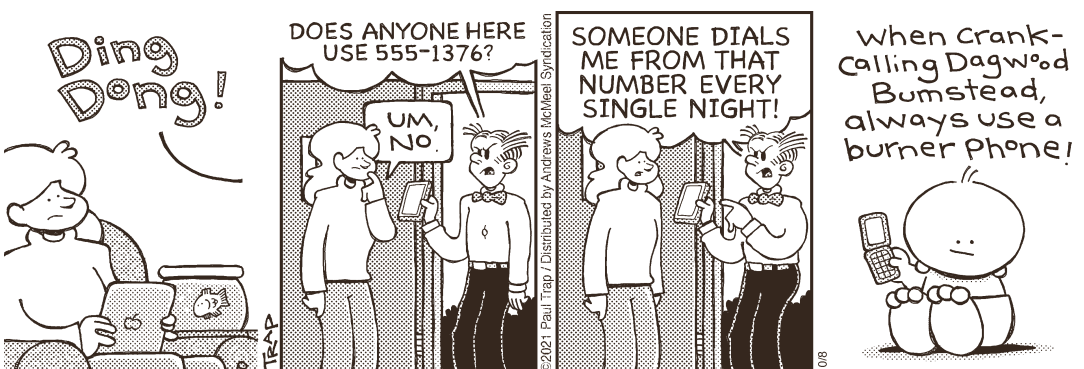
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 8 Wood shaving tool
 11 Kauai cookouts
 13 Muhammad —
 14 Neckline type
 15 Traffic no-no (hyph.)
 16 Uses a coupon
 18 Punt
 20 Orlando attraction
 21 Harsh-sounding
 23 Aurora, to Plato
 24 Mammal's requirement
 25 Recedes
 27 Electrical units
 31 Moo goo — pan
 32 Pinhead
 33 Tabby's sound
 34 Delta guesses
 36 Wished undone
 38 ESPN feature
- DOWN**
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 4 Istanbul natives
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 6 Yeasty brew
 7 Former movie rental
- 39 Zip**
 40 Developed
 41 Pen point
 42 Mensa data
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 46 Knee or elbow
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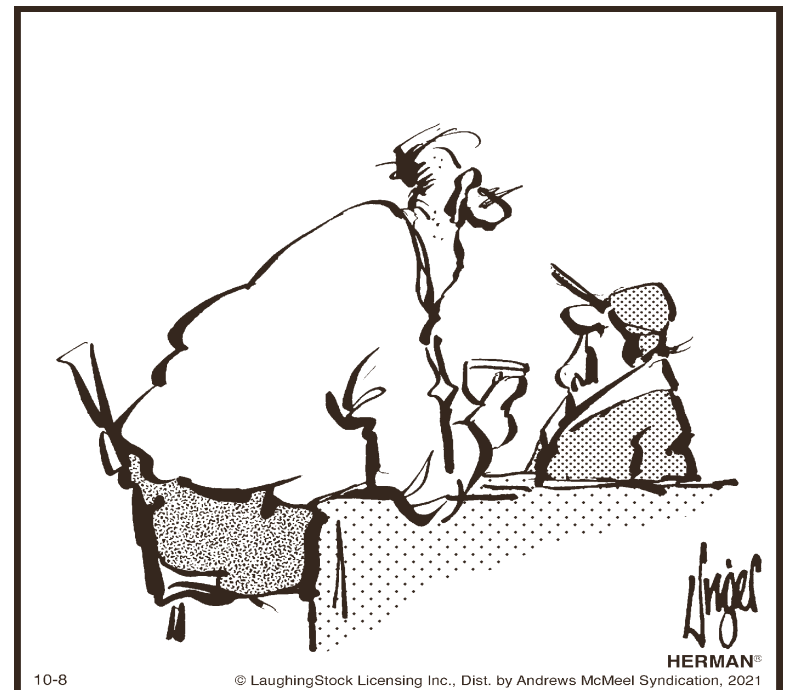
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9 Showroom model
10 Relish
12 Made catty remarks
17 — Downs (racetrack)
19 Sci-fi characters
21 Gaucho's rope
22 Prima donna's solos
23 Regards highly
24 Got older
26 Become indistinct
28 Redhead's dye
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35 Tibia settings
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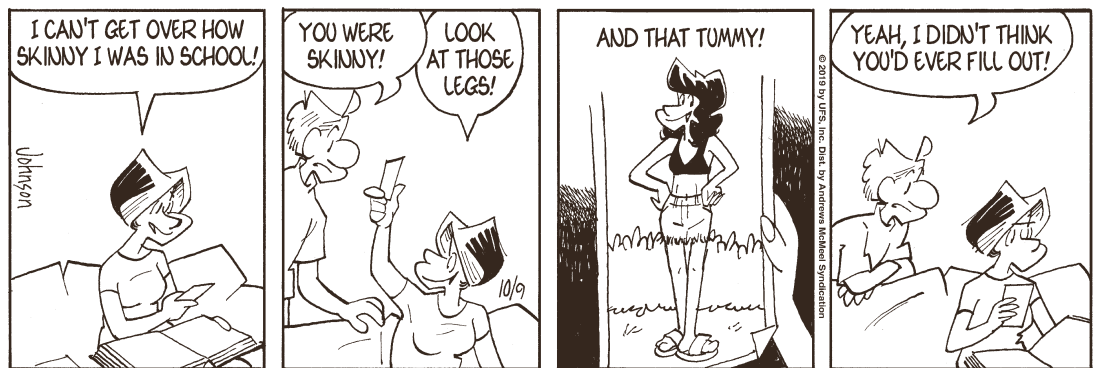
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- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Align yourself with people who get what you are trying to do and are willing to assist you in reaching your goal. The information you share will help you adapt. ☆☆☆
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Take a moment to think matters through, and you'll come up with an alternative that will encourage you to use your skills, knowledge and experience efficiently. ☆☆☆
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Mix business with pleasure by getting to know some of the people in your industry, and you'll receive some interesting perspectives on how to improve and advance. ☆☆☆
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Say less and do more. Reach out to someone who shares your sentiments and your interests, and you will avoid getting involved in an argument. ☆☆☆☆
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make promises you can't keep. Problems at home will mount if you are overly generous with outsiders while neglecting domestic issues. ☆☆
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check in on someone who may need help. A kind gesture will make you feel good and help you realize how lucky you are. ☆☆☆☆
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Establish what's happened and what you want to do, then get the ball rolling. Use intelligence to make decisions that will lead to personal growth and new beginnings. ☆☆☆
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow through with your plans. Let your imagination lead the way. Sign up for something that brings you joy. Make a decision that will improve your lifestyle. ☆☆☆
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Examine your current situation, then consider what you can do to improve your day-to-day living conditions. Rethink how you use your skills. ☆☆☆
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are overdue for a change, but first evaluate the pros and cons. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction that isn't going to have long-term benefits. ☆☆☆
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stand back and be observant, and you'll come up with a solution that will put you in an excellent position to persuade others to see things your way. ☆☆
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for a unique investment that will supply financial stability. Stick to a budget, and be cautious of any deal that requires shared expenses. ☆☆☆☆

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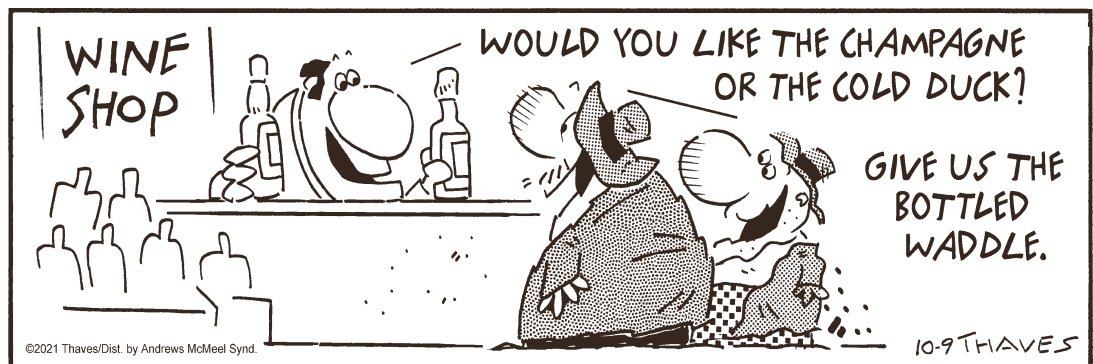
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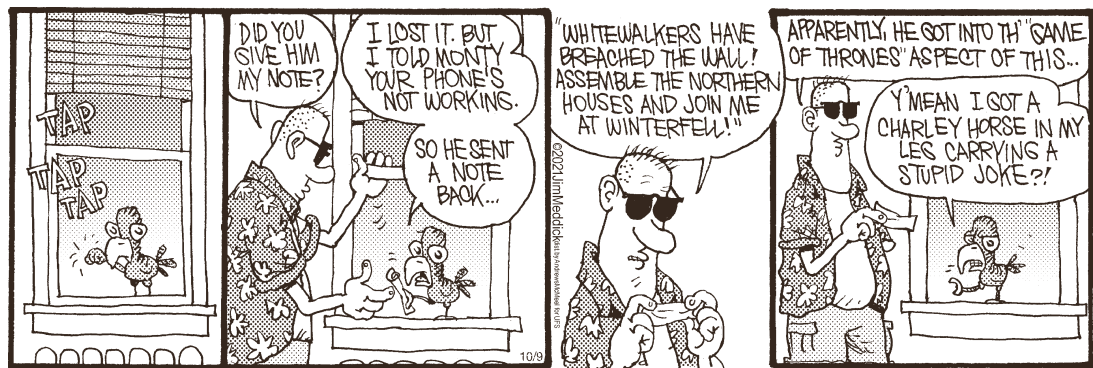
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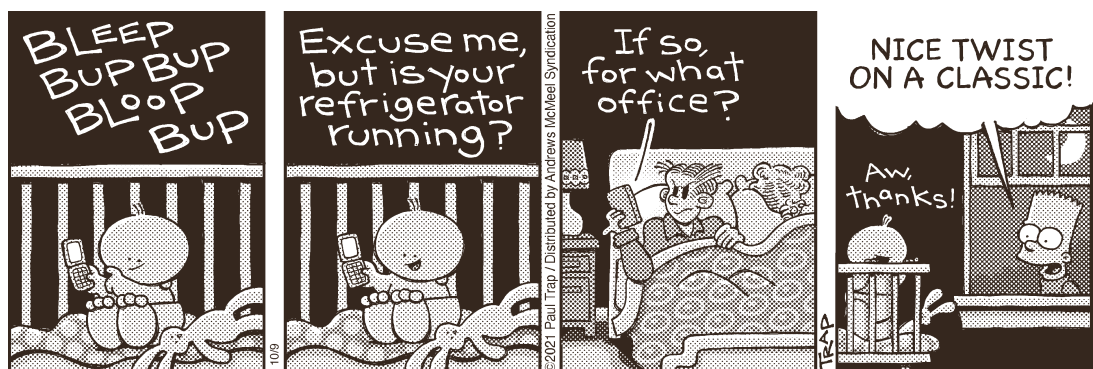
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ACROSS

- 1 Smidgen invader
- 4 Apple invader
- 8 Northern Iraqi
- 12 "Succession" network
- 13 Healing plant
- 14 Kyrgyzstan mountains
- 15 Scrap of cloth
- 16 Delts' neighbors
- 17 Brownish-purple
- 18 Husband of Isis
- 20 Magic charm
- 22 Edible grain
- 23 Actress — Hagen
- 24 Twinkled
- 28 Pothole filler
- 31 Strong fervor
- 34 Reaction to a mouse
- 35 Solder
- 36 — 500
- 37 Grain crop
- 38 Cobras' kin
- 39 Potpie veggie
- 40 Flung

DOWN

- 42 Long March leader
- 44 Percolate
- 48 Moons' tracks
- 51 Dawn goddess
- 52 "The Aeneid," for one
- 53 Water the house-plants
- 55 Home, in the phone book
- 56 Ocean phenomenon
- 57 Sea eagle
- 58 Make doilies
- 59 Malamute's load
- 60 Hoover Dam lake
- 61 Actress — Irving

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Butte cousin
- 8 On the fritz
- 9 Laments loudly
- 10 Marathon or 10K
- 11 Reduce calories
- 19 In an unrefined manner
- 21 Soggy soil
- 25 Pianist Peter —
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- 27 Barely makes ends meet
- 29 Matterhorn
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- 31 Zero, in sports

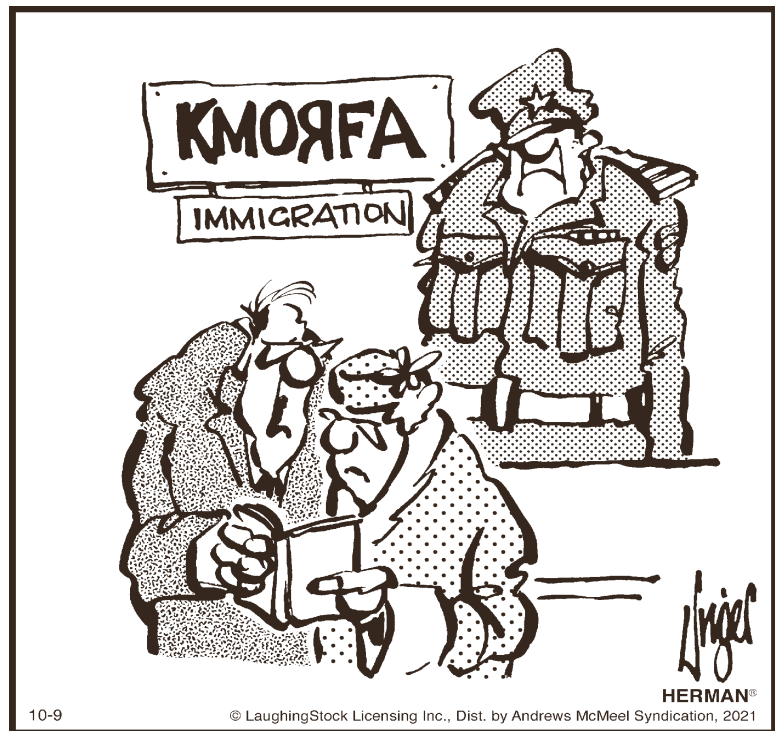
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- 32 Compass dir.
- 33 Eliot novel (2 wds.)
- 35 Nonswimmer, maybe
- 40 Rug rat
- 41 Avoided capture
- 43 Did target practice
- 45 Main artery
- 46 Choicest part
- 47 Ill-considered
- 48 Casts a vote
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- 54 Previous

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"How do you say, 'We came to your country to find our suitcases'?"

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't waste time second-guessing yourself. You have more going for you than you realize, and the time to strike and do your thing is now. Prepare your resume. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You can stabilize your life if you put in the effort. Put in extra hours to help secure your position or lead you in a new and exciting direction that holds promise. ☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Get rest, and follow expert advice. Listen to your body, show discipline when curbing indulgence, and focus on being physically fit and living a vibrant lifestyle. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Look for alternatives if the road ahead is rocky. Dealing with people who will never see things your way is a waste of time. Pour your energy into something meaningful. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan something special with friends or relatives. Catch up, share thoughts and make suggestions. What you have to offer will bring you closer to the people you love most. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a good listener, offer positive thoughts and enjoy doing something creative that allows you to use your skills to shine. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Associate with people who bring out the best in you. Pay attention to what you eat, the pastimes you participate in and unnecessary expenditures. ☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your story with someone who has the experience and can offer sound suggestions that will lead to the lifestyle you wish to adopt. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take control by making decisions that will help end what isn't working for you, and replace it with what makes you happy. ☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't believe everything you hear. Getting into a discussion with a friend or relative will lead to an argument that can ruin your relationship. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Say goodbye to trouble, and move into territory that provides peace. Think matters through, and you'll find a way to appease anyone who gives you a hard time. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Think twice before reacting to a situation you face with a friend or relative. Be a good listener, and refrain from saying something you will live to regret. ☆☆☆

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Parks

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document would guide the city's parks and recreation activities for the next decade.

"We do it very reactionary," Sadler said. "We notice there's a problem, we identify how to fix it, I go get a quote for it."

"We say there's a problem with whatever amenity, let's say the skate park," Sadler said. "Let's figure out what to do, let's put some money in the budget and go. Instead of deciding if building a new skate park makes the most sense for our community. Or maybe we need a larger one actually because more people are doing it. We need to be more data-driven in the way we handle park improvements in our department as a whole."

"We couldn't have done this before the (parks and recreation) sales tax, even if we wanted to. There's no way," said LPRC member Dr. Carolyn Cox. "We had to — the way we were setup — be reactionary. Now, the point is: let's do this right. We have the resources, let's use them in a good way."

Currently, Sadler said the capital improvement plan identifies which park bathrooms are in most dire need of replacing, with the department then doing additional work at that park. That usually serves as a good beacon to the community. The parks department says it will improve one park, then folks see it happen. But that is an arbitrary process.

With a comprehensive plan, the department will get a better idea of what pressing needs there are and could develop, not just waiting for something to break.

"The ultimate goal of this is, when people move to Kirksville, of course they're going to look at ATSU and Truman and the education system. After that, I want them to think parks and recreation," Sadler said. "... We're really close to a state park and those recreational opportunities, and we also have great amenities for a town our size. An aquatic center like we have is awesome. If we could have some more indoor space and some more great outdoor space, we can provide things that people don't have to leave town to go do."

The plan will look at the city's inventory and what items need to be replaced. It will look at hiking and biking trails to make sure they are in line with the Kirksville Active Mobility Plan. It will also look at potential better naming and signing conventions for those trails, since most are just referred to based on a nearby landmark.

Programming needs will also be ad-

ressed. Sadler said the plan will look at what programs are offered by the city, YMCA and at the universities, trying to identify what gaps there are.

It will also look at where new parks might be needed in the future. Since most parks are centrally located, as the city expands, those are areas that have longer travel to a park.

One area in particular would be the future of North Park. With the school district building its own baseball and softball field, its high school teams will no longer use North Park. Maybe there are changes the city can make at that park since its uses will be different.

"It's important too that with whatever we do, we look at what else is in the community," said LPRC member Ralph Cupelli. "For example, the school district's gonna build a baseball and softball field. That changes the use of North Park. ... Look at the whole community, where shortages are, and what the future is."

And it will put timelines in place for park improvements based on those needs. The hope is to have fewer "proposed changes" that get kicked down the road for many years and never come to fruition.

Sadler will ask the City Council to budget \$75,000 next year to undergo the survey. He said that figure is close to what other cities have done for comparable work, and said the actual cost could be much lower. He sees the amount as reasonable since it will make sure his department is operating in the best way possible for the next decade.

"This will be our big project next year," Sadler said. "... This will be our focus as a department and as a Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission for the next year. Getting good information, having community engagement sessions, asking people, 'For the next 10 years, what is parks and recreation going to look like?'"

Having community feedback will be a huge factor in the process. The parks department has done online surveys in the past to get data on short-term programming needs. But having more bulk data, along with in-person meetings and conversations, will drive what the park system becomes.

"Showcasing the value of a piece of paper is very hard to do. But once people understand that it is their voices leading the charge of what we're wanting to do, I think that will go a long way," Sadler said.

With the survey planned to begin early next year — if approved by the City Council — and it set to guide the parks department and LPRC for 10 years, that would run to the expiration of the half-cent parks and recreation sales tax in 2032.

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children in Missouri went missing for some period of time — though state officials told lawmakers they didn't know where that number came from. It found that of the 59 children's cases they studied, 49 of them had "at least one risk factor," which could include having gone missing before, multiple foster placements, living in a group home or not having any plan to visit with their biological family or guardian. The Children's Division provided services "to reduce their risk of going missing" to seven of those 49 children.

For 27 of the missing children, there was "no evidence" that they were reported missing to either local law enforcement or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children — possibly running afoul of both state and federal law, the report said.

Testifying to the House Committee on Children and Families, Department of Social Services Acting Director Jennifer Tidball and Children's Division Interim Director Joanie Rogers admitted the agency was in the midst of "cultural shifts" and had issues with proper documentation, which Tidball called a "pervasive problem." The two frequently cited a 2016 "Stop Doing" list, which was issued under previous leadership and told division staff they could forego certain procedural steps and paperwork in some cases.

"To document it was not expected," Rogers said of that policy. "It wasn't saying not to do it, it was saying the expectation to document it is optional."

In a letter to the committee, Tidball, whose department oversees the Children's Division, called the findings of the report "unacceptable" and said the agency had taken "immediate action" to better protect foster children and prevent further risks.

Lawmakers asked how division staff deals with missing children, what resources they feel they still need and where issues within the agency have stemmed from. The committee's chair,

Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, an Arnold Republican, led questioning and expressed frustration throughout the hearing.

"(The department) didn't have answers to the questions we're asking, and I'm really disappointed in what I'm seeing in Jefferson City," Coleman said. "There are people sitting on this dais who are furious. We have tried to give them money to do that job better."

Rep. Dottie Bailey, a Eureka Republican and vice chair of the committee, shared her colleague's sentiment.

"Whenever I see someone pass the buck... I guess I'm not shocked or surprised," Bailey said. "It's kind of indicative of this department."

Tidball and Rogers pointed to conversations they were having with contractors and other state agencies to fully understand and fix the division's issues. Rep. Hannah Kelly, a Mountain Grove Republican, suggested that face-to-face conversations with front line case workers were necessary.

"I think we need to do less studies and find some analytical report that looks nice, and do a whole lot more talking to the people who have lived it," Kelly said.

Missouri's Children's Division has seen significant leadership turnover in recent years — Kelly Schultz, director of the Office of Child Advocate, told lawmakers she had seen several different directors since she started in her role. Schultz' office fields complaints about the Children's Division and investigates the agency.

"I think we have an agency in duress," Schultz said. "You have COVID, where staff are isolated from each other, and this is a job that takes some support. You have a budget cut, which impacts morale. And you had hearings with legislators expressing great concerns. We have front line staff watching this meeting right now. ...It's just this perfect storm of factors going on."

During the pandemic last year, almost 100 positions within the agency were eliminated when the state made massive cuts — which workers past and present worried would impact the ability of the office to function properly.

SPORTS

Bills counting on improved defense to contain Chiefs

John Wawrow
The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills coordinator Leslie Frazier has reasons to be encouraged by how Buffalo's aggressive approach on defense has translated into two shutout victories a month into the season.

He knows better than to predict a third one coming on Sunday night, when Buffalo (3-1) travels to play Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs (2-2) in a rematch of last season's AFC championship game.

"Our goal is to slow them down," Frazier said. "I don't know if anybody really stops them."

The Bills couldn't do either in losing twice to the Chiefs last season.

After allowing a season-worst 245 yards rushing in a 26-17 loss in October, Buffalo's secondary was dissected by Mahomes, who had 325 yards passing and three touchdowns in a 38-24 win in January.

If the first four games of this season are an indicator, Frazier believes his defense is better prepared to face what's coming this time.

"We feel like with the way our guys are playing and the confidence they have going into this game, we're not the same team or defense that we were a year ago," Frazier said. "It's one game out of 17. It's not going to be the game that defines us, no matter how this game goes. But I'm very encouraged about our defense."

Following a 40-0 win over Houston on Sunday and a 35-0 win over Miami in Week 2, Buffalo became the NFL's third team to post two shutouts through the first four weeks of a season. The Bills have yet to allow 300 yards of offense or 80 yards rushing, and lead the NFL with 11 takeaways (seven interceptions and four fumble

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

Oct. 6

High school softball

La Plata 13, Meadville 7

La Plata - Pieper Wood, 3 RBI; Olivia Coy, 2 RBI; Izzy Joyce, 3 SBs; Audrey Belfield, 4 SBs.

High school girls golf

GRC Championships

Putnam - Abbie Koenen, T-4, 103.

College women's golf

Truman @ Columbia College Invite

Truman - 674, 1st place, first team win since 2019; Emily Ducaji, T-3, 165; Catherine Salem, T-3, 165; Kara Hunt, T-10, 170; Maya Schnable, 11th, 174; Jordan Marshall, T-12, 175. William Woods - Macon's Paige Hawkins, T-6, 168.

Oct. 5

Kirkville 15, Hannibal 0 F/5

Kirkville - Sophie Stuart, 2B, 4 RBI; Jenna Jackson, 2B, 2 RBI; Tacy Ensign, 2 RBI; Mallory Lymer, 2 RBI; Gracelyn Johnston, 2 RBI.

Macon 17, Clark Co. 5

Macon - Lexi Miller, 5-5, grand slam, 3 2Bs.

Schuyler Co. 10, Westran 4

Schuyler - Bailie Atkinson, grand slam, 7 RBI.

Scotland Co. 6, North Shelby 5

Scotland - Hanna Anders, 3 RBI, WP.

Putnam Co. 2, Chillicothe 1

Putnam - Claire Tipton, HR; Kerby Willier, RBI.

Milan 5, Linn Co. 2

Milan - Cady Pauley, HR; Kyla White, 3B.

Atlanta 15, BMC 0

Atlanta - Abbie Farmer, 2 2Bs, HR, 4 RBI; Makaila Teter, 2B, HR, 3 RBI.

High school cross country

Kirkville @ Centerville

Kirkville - Girls, 7th; Addy Jorn, 13th; Boys, 10th; Dominic Cahalan, 25th.

High school girls tennis

Kirkville @ team districts

Mexico 6, Kirkville 2

Singles - Maren Elmore def. Katherine Gooch (KV), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; Lillian

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Milan's Janissa Martinez claps after hitting a two-run triple on Monday night against Scotland County. AUSTIN MILLER

Milan's offense comes alive in win over Scotland County

Austin Miller

Kirkville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

Ched Hurley was waiting for a game like he got on Monday night.

He had been waiting to see his Wildcats come out and attack an opposing pitcher and put a bunch of runs on the board. That's what he got Monday as Milan beat visiting Scotland County 12-2 in five innings.

"We came out and played well — took it at them," Hurley said. "That's what I want to see out of them this time of the year. Take no prisoners, just go."

Milan's (11-7) offense clicked from the jump, scoring once in the first inning off a hit from Emerson Pauley. It only picked up from there, including a five-run fourth inning to put the Tigers away.

Eight of Milan's nine batters had a

hit and RBI against Scotland (5-13). The one who didn't get a hit, Gracie Dickson, reached on an error and a walk and had a sacrifice RBI. And Amy Pickering, the only one without an RBI, finished the night 2-for-3. Dickson and Pickering both scored two runs, and every other Milan starter scored at least once.

"Our last two or three games, we've started to hit the ball against better pitching. We'd been hitting well, but we hadn't been hitting good pitching well. So that's what I want to see us getting to now," Hurley said.

Milan senior Janissa Martinez broke things open in the third inning with a two-run triple into deep right field. Kyla White and Avery Pickering both notched doubles for the Wildcats.

And after not reaching base in her first two at-bats, Milan senior pitcher Cady Pauley started the big fifth inning

with a no-doubt solo homer.

"I think that gives us a lot of confidence going into districts, and I think everyone is getting better," Cady said.

Her younger sister, Emerson, finished as the top bat on the night, going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

"We're finally getting where everybody's hitting at the same time, instead of different spots during a game," Emerson said.

The Tigers were left reeling after another tough defensive night. Scotland committed four errors, which didn't help them one bit.

"Too many errors on the night, then trying to rush the bats and our offense to make up for the errors," said Scotland coach Riley Lucas.

Senior Tiger second baseman Han-

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After late-season run, eliminated Cards head into offseason

Dave Skretta

ASSOCIATED PRESS

It took the biggest winning streak in franchise history to get the St. Louis Cardinals into the playoffs.

It took one swing of the bat to end their season.

Now, after the Dodgers' Chris Taylor hit a walk-off homer in the ninth inning of the NL wild-card game, Los Angeles is headed into the divisional round of the playoffs and the Cardinals are headed into the offseason.

"I felt like we had a team that was going to win the World Series, honestly," said Adam Wainwright, their 40-year-old star pitcher who allowed one run while pitching into the sixth inning in the 3-1 loss.

That the Cardinals were even playing Wednesday night was a victory of sorts. They went 10-17 in June and had been derailed by injuries at just about every position. The future of manager Mike Shildt was starting to come into question. And with aging players such as Wainwright and Yadier Molina, the questions began on whether it was time to rebuild.

Then came that 17-game charge in September that changed everything. The Cardinals roared past the fading Padres and easily won the second wild-card spot but fell just short against the Dodgers.

"This team didn't come here just to play, this team came here to win and move on and take down our 12th world championship," Shildt said. "That was the investment of our group since day one of spring training, so it hurts."

Now, rather than rebuild, the Cardinals could have the band back together next year. Wainwright already has agreed to a contract for next season as



NL wild card: Fans react as Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright walks off the field in the sixth inning. ROBERT HANASHIRO, USA TODAY SPORTS

has his longtime battery mate Molina, and most of the rest of the roster will return.

SHORTSTOP SITUATION

The most loaded position on the market is shortstop, and the Cardinals just happen to need one after leaning on Edmundo Sosa this season. But whether they can afford Corey Seager, Trevor Story or Carlos Baez remains to be seen. The answer could come from within should Nolan Gorman prove in spring training he's ready for the job.

BIDDING FAREWELL

Veteran infielder Matt Carpenter is almost certain to have the \$18.5 million

club option on his contract bought out for \$2 million. Pitcher Carlos Martinez will probably have the \$17 million option on his bought out for \$500,000. Andrew Miller and JA Happ also are hitting free agency, though both veteran pitchers could be replaced from within.

SOLID SHILDT

If there were any questions about Shildt's job status, they were answered during the September run. He seemed to make all the right moves, navigating both injuries and his pitching staff to guide the Cardinals to their third straight postseason berth.

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Yager def. Madisynn Crawford (KV), 6-0, 6-4; Estrella Ramirez-Lopez def. Brynn Williams (KV), 6-4, 6-4; Jocelyn Jarquin-Garcia def. Anna Eitel (KV), 6-2, 6-1;

Katlynn DeLeon (KV), def. Wilma Whelan, 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles - Shelby Kennemore/Gooch def. Gracie Riemenschneider/Elmore, 8-2; Yager/Whelan def. Crawford, Eitel, 8-5; Ramirez-Lopez/Jarquin-Garcia def. Williams/DeLeon, 8-1.

High school softball
La Plata 15, Cairo 3

La Plata - Claire Coy, 3 hits, 2 RBI; Pieper Wood, 2 hits, 2 RBI; Olivia Coy, 2 hits, 3 RBI; Bryn Buescher, 3 RBI.

Atlanta 2, North Shelby 1

Atlanta - Mati Pinkston, 3B, RBI; Aymee Young, 3B, RBI; Abbie Farmer, WP, 14 Ks, no-hitter.

Putnam Co. 10, Brookfield 5

Putnam - Karlie Ingersoll, 4 RBI; Claire

Tipton, 2B, 3B, RBI; Allise Perkins, RBI.

High school girls tennis
Kirksville @ Class 1 District 8 individual districts

Kirksville - Gracie Riemenschneider wins individual district title.

High school volleyball
Kirksville 3, Centerville 0



Bills linebacker Tremaine Edmunds celebrates his interception with Micah Hyde. AMIE GERMANO/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

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recoveries).

Impressive as those numbers might be, they come with a caveat based on the relative weakness of Buffalo's schedule.

Since a 23-16 season-opening loss to Pittsburgh, Buffalo's three wins have come against opposing teams' backup quarterbacks, including Miami's Jacoby Brissett, who took over after Tua Tagovailoa was sidelined by a rib injury during the Dolphins' second series.

The Bills won't apologize for their schedule, while acknowledging they have a stiffer test in facing a Chiefs offense which is second in the NFL in yards and tied with the Bills with 134 points.

Rather than focus on the various ways the Chiefs can attack Buffalo, linebacker Tremaine Edmunds said the key is for the defense to continue playing within itself as it has all year.

"Obviously, you want to game plan against the offense but, man, you got to be prepared for everything," said Edmunds, who earned AFC defensive player of the week honors with a team-leading six tackles and one of Buffalo's four interceptions against Houston.

"It's not so much focusing on our opponent, but focusing on things that we do," he added. "It's just about learning from those past two games and continuing to hone down on our fundamentals."

Bad as the lingering memories of the two losses to Kansas City might be, coach Sean McDermott would prefer his players bury them firmly in the past.

McDermott acknowledged he has a difficult enough time sleeping worrying



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers, Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about how to contain the Chiefs' offense than to have to also concern himself with addressing outcomes he and his players can't change.

"I want them focused on this game," McDermott said Wednesday. "It's the next game, and we've got to continue to grow as a football team. I mean that. You can ask the team. That's what I shared with them this morning."

His players have bought in, including those on offense.

"Everybody wants to make this big deal about the AFC championship rematch, and I get that's what it is," quar-

terback Josh Allen said. "But it's a new year and this team's different than last year, and their team's different than last year."

Not entirely.

Buffalo returns 10 starters each on offense and defense from the team whose season ended at Kansas City in January, including receiver Stefon Diggs.

"Of course we hated the way that it ended last year. Anybody with any competitive nature would hate the way it ended," Diggs said. "What we're making it is the next game, and we got to come out and execute and play better than we

did the last time we played them."

NOTES: Starting LB Matt Milano's status is uncertain after he missed practice Wednesday with a hamstring injury. Milano was also hurt in Buffalo's loss to the Chiefs in October, when Kansas City running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire had what still stands as a career-best 161 yards rushing. ... CB Tre'Davious White wore a non-contact jersey in practice because of a shoulder injury. ... S Jordan Poyer was limited in practice after missing last weekend with an injury to his left ankle.

Cards

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ROTATION ROOM

Wainwright will be joined by Miles

Mikolas, Jack Flaherty and Dakota Hudson in the rotation next season, but there are questions when it comes to the other two spots. Alex Reyes would like to start rather than close out games, and Jordan Hicks is also an option. Matthew Liberatore could be the most intriguing candidate, providing the elite prospect

shows enough in spring training to warrant the job right away rather than waiting at Triple-A Memphis.

HEY, I KNOW YOU

Might the Cardinals wade into free agency to land another starting pitcher?

If so, perhaps they take a run at Max Scherzer, who will hit free agency once the Dodgers' playoff run is over. He grew up in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield and played his college ball at Missouri.

Milan

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nah Feeney had the team's only hit in the top of the fifth inning. She took second base as Brenna Phillips seemed destined for home but was held at third. The Tigers needed one of those runs to

score to fend off the 10-run rule, but they could not.

Lucas said his team's offense usually picks up in the later innings, but they didn't get the chance on Monday night.

"Here the last week and a half, the bats have been a little flatter than normal," Lucas said. "First half of the year, we're hitting .400. Now we're down to around .300 as a team. I don't know if

it's the time of the season or what, but we never give up. ... We're usually a late-scoring team."

Scotland still has three games left before starting districts next week in Class 1 District 9. So they hope to wake the offense up and shake some of the defensive off before next week.

Milan already knows its postseason fate, as the Wildcats secured the No. 4

seed in the Class 2 District 6 tournament. They will play Gallatin (10-8) at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Putnam County. The Wildcats beat Gallatin 4-3 earlier this season.

With a couple of regular-season games left before the postseason, the Wildcats are in a good position to have their first winning season since 2016.

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21AR-PR00106
 In the Estate of JOAN T. ELMORE, Deceased. (Date File Stamp)

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
 (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JOAN T. ELMORE, Decedent:
 On September 24, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JOAN T. ELMORE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is: Rhonda Noe, 300 N. Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-785-3211

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: August 15, 2021 Linda Decker
 Date of first publication: October 2, 2021 Adair County Circuit Clerk

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On the 4 day of October 2021, the Circuit Court of Adair County Missouri, entered the judgment in case number 21AR-CV00514, changing the name of Rhonda Kay Query to Roni Kay Cooper.

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

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21AR-PR00105
 FILED 9/24/2021 LINDA DECKER, ADAIR COUNTY, CIRCUIT COURT (Date File Stamp)
 In the Estate of JAMES WEST III, Deceased

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
 (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JAMES WEST III, Decedent:
 On September 24, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed the personal representatives of the estate of JAMES WEST III, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representatives 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 names and addresses and of the personal representatives are:

- Beverly A. Kennedy, 29125 Hall Rd., Rocky Mount, MO 65072
- J. Timothy West, 29274 U.S. Hwy 63, La Plata, MO 63549

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

- H. C. Willbrand, 601 East Broadway, Suite 203, P.O. Box 1304, Columbia, MO 65205-1304, 573-442-3181

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: September 2, 2021; Date of first publication: October 2, 2021
 Linda Decker, Adair County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ1 Cause No. 21AR-CV00562

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lonnie W. Magruder (Deceased) And Jennifer Magruder Defendants.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendant, Lonnie W. Magruder (Deceased), his unknown heirs and/or successors:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for Adair County, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to Quiet Title as to the property secured by a Deed of Trust dated December 22, 2004, and which action affects the following described property to wit:

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The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is Scott D. Mosier, Heather M. Fuller, or Kip J. Bilderback, Millsap & Singer, LLC, 612 Spirit Dr., St. Louis, MO 63005, (636) 537-0110.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 18th day of September, 2021 judgment by default will be rendered against you.

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Linda Decker
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

Publication Dates - September 18th and 25th, October 2nd and 9th, 2021



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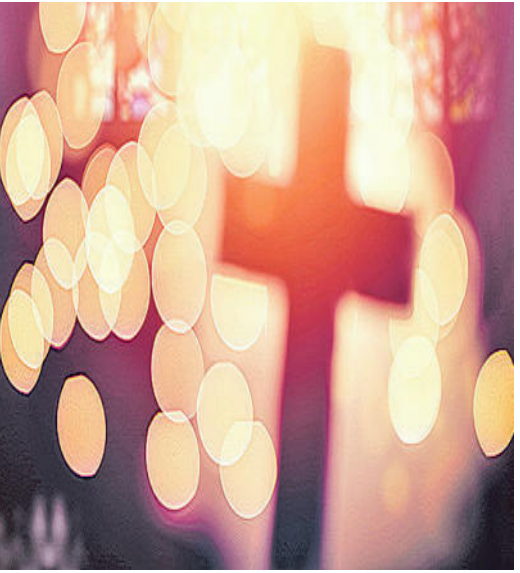
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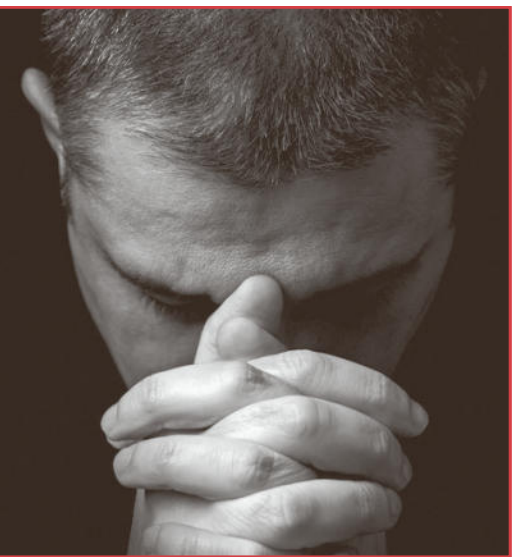
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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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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
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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
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9:30 a.m. Worship
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First United Methodist Church
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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
Raymond Magruder
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
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Highway N., Yarrow
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10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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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
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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
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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
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

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

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

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

Cornerstone Church
1702 E. Elson
Pastor Jeremy Broach
9:00 a.m. Bible Study One19
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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Trinity Episcopal Church
124 N. Mulanix
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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

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

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

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

Community Christian Church of Downing
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Willow Bend Church
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New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

Greentop Community Church
Highway K, Greentop, Mo.
Pastor: Carro Davenport
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Trinity United Fellowship Church
Pastor: Lorne Arber
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Lancaster United Methodist Church
Pastor: H. R. Rogers
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Shekinah Mennonite Church
15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville
John Mark Miller, Pastor
Roger Berry
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church
12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T
Marvin Cross, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

Lancaster Baptist Church
Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster
Mark Drummond, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Grace Bible Baptist Church
Greencastle, Mo.
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Service
Winigan Christian Church
Ryan Crist, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

First Baptist Church
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Fairview Baptist Church
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

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

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

LaPlata Christian Church
Scott McNay, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Christ's Family Church
531 N. Baltimore
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9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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Queen City Christian Church
Queen City, Mo.
Bud Cornwell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour

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

Brashear Community Bible Church
Donny Powell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
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
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Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.
Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

The Salvation Army
1004 W. Gardner
Lt Brian and Amanda Hoscheit, Pastors
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Free Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

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

Locust Hill Community Church
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
New Harmony Free Will Baptist
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Word Alive! Family Church
Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church
Schuyler County Church of Faith
Highway 136 East, Lancaster
Sonny Smyser, Pastor
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

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

Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.
Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Worship
Downing Christian Church
430 E Prime St., Downing MO
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10:30 a.m. Sunday Services



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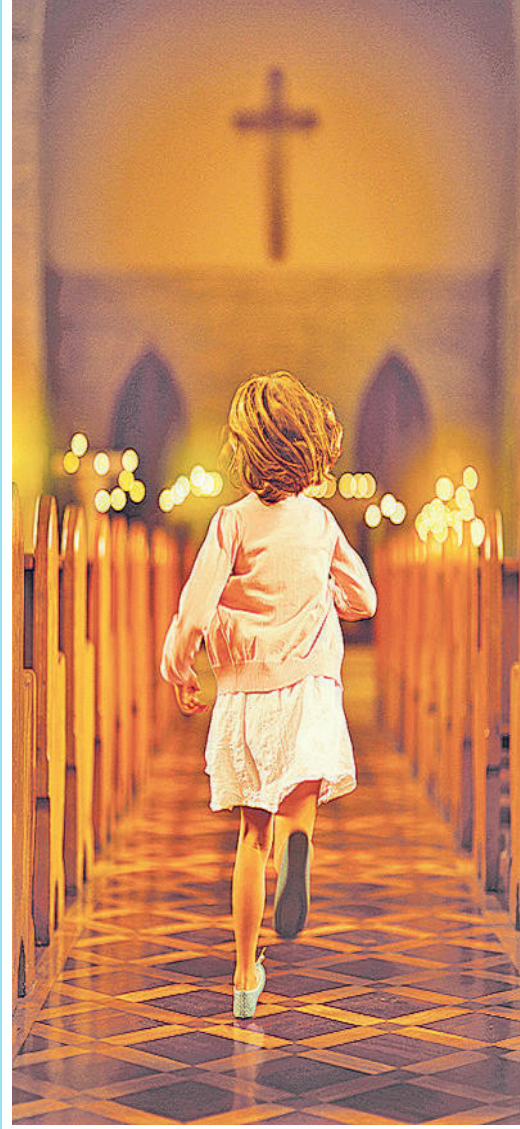
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