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Truman State University President Dr. Sue Thomas hands an item to a child during Saturday's homecoming parade. PHOTOS BY NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



Truman State cheerleaders perform during Saturday's homecoming parade in Kirksville.

All roads lead home: Truman State has homecoming parade



A child waves during Truman's homecoming parade.



Members of the Novinger band play Saturday during Truman's homecoming .



Truman's Statesmen Marching Band performs during Saturday's homecoming parade.

Stormy Sunday shows record rainfall

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

Some record rainfall came through Kirksville on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The National Weather Service tweeted early Monday morning that 4.54 inches of rain were recorded in Kirksville, demolishing the previous date record. The previous high was 0.76 inches. That record was set in 1967.

Sunday was also the second wettest October day on record, just missing the top spot. On Oct. 2, 2005, 4.56 inches of rain were recorded in Kirksville.

And Sunday was the 11th wettest day on record since Jan. 1, 1948.

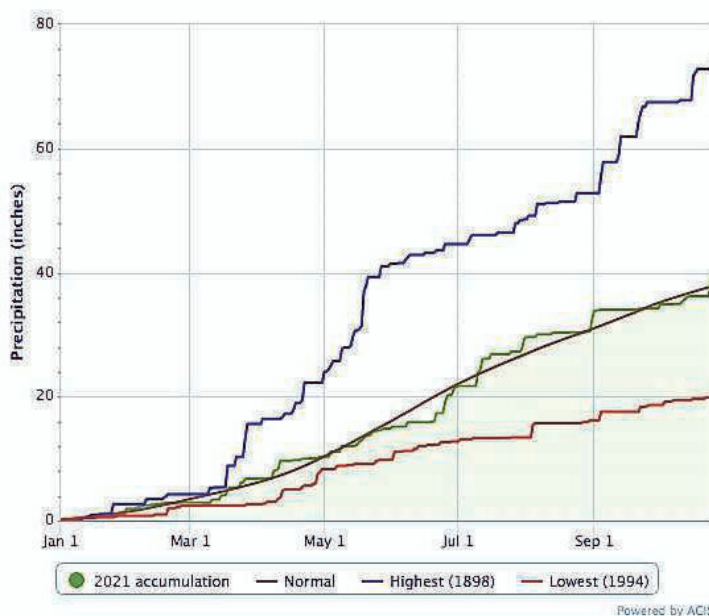
After raining for most of the day, with numerous weather-related watches and

warnings, Kirksville was on the luckier end of a storm that came through around 5:45 p.m. That storm featured heavy rain and some hail by the time it arrived here, but had produced tornadoes earlier in its path.

A tornado was reported around 5 p.m. near Purdin, which is about 15 miles northwest of Brookfield. Strong rotation was reported around 4:20 p.m. as the storm passed Chillicothe.

The National Weather Service has sent teams to study damage in the Chillicothe area, as well as around St. Joseph and Sedalia, as harsh storms were prevalent across the state. Another tweet from the National Weather Service said Sunday was the first time October tornadoes were forecast in the Kansas City area since 2018.

Accumulated Precipitation - KIRKSVILLE, MO



Kirksville's accumulated precipitation as of Oct. 24 is compared to average and record high and low records. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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CLUB CLEANS UP FOR FALL



On Oct. 21, the Rotary Club of Kirksville held its Fall 2021 Highway Cleanup. Participants, from left, are Annette Sweet, Melissa Stuart, Ron Brand, Dana Delaware, Sarah Delaware and Marty Jayne. Eight and a half bags of materials were collected. PROVIDED

AAA: Mo. gas prices top \$3 per gallon for first time since 2014

Gregory J. Holman
Springfield News-Leader | USA TODAY NETWORK

A new American Automobile Association “weekend gas watch” report shows the statewide gas price average in Missouri broke the \$3 mark for the first time since 2014.

But despite Missouri’s new 2.5-cent gas tax, which took effect Oct. 1, Show-Me State fuel prices have kept pace with national trends, AAA said in a Thursday news release. Drivers in Missouri continue to pay the fifth-lowest gas price average in the country — the same ranking Missouri held late last month, AAA said, just prior to the fuel tax increase. Only Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi drivers have cheaper gas price averages.

The national average gas price stood at \$3.37 per gallon, according to data AAA collected at 3:41 a.m. Thursday. The Missouri average for regular unleaded fuel was \$3.05, AAA said in a

news release. That’s eight cents more compared to last week and \$1.20 more per gallon compared to this day last year.

AAA said drivers in Columbia and Jefferson City were paying the most among Missouri major metros, at \$3.09 per gallon, while drivers in Joplin were paying the least, at \$2.96 per gallon.

Springfield drivers were paying one cent less than the Missouri average at \$3.04 per gallon. AAA also listed a series of average gas prices for other metros in and around Missouri:

- Cape Girardeau: \$3.06 per gallon
- Kansas City (Missouri only): \$3.07 per gallon
- Kansas City (Kansas only): \$3.07 per gallon
- St. Joseph: \$2.98 per gallon
- St. Louis (Missouri only): \$3.07 per gallon

According to the latest data from the Energy Information Administration for

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Missouri hunters bagged 2,127 turkeys during the fall firearms turkey season. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Survey shows long-term trends of wild turkey numbers in decline

Habitat loss is one of the reasons

Sara Karnes
Springfield News-Leader
USA TODAY NETWORK

Turkeys are having more poults — or babies — than they did a few years ago, but reproduction is not much higher than 2020, according to an annual survey.

Missouri Department of Conservation's annual wild turkey brood survey found that the 2021 average production across the state was similar in 2020, but better than statewide production from 2016 to 2019.

The poult-to-hen ratio, referred to as PHR, is an index for turkey production. This year was 1.0, which was the same as the 2020 PHR, but 11 percent greater than the previous five years.

"However, when comparing the statewide PHR to the average turkey production observed over the last 10 and 20-years, production in 2021 was below the long-term average," according to a news release from MDC.

In relative consistency for 2021, almost every "Turkey Productivity Region" had a PHR within a range of 1.0 to 1.3.

"The exceptions were the West Prairie Region, where the 0.7 PHR fell below the statewide average, and the Mississippi Lowlands Region, where the 2.4 PHR far exceeded the statewide average," MDC stated. "Compared to last year, production in the Ozark Border and Ozarks West Regions increased by 43-percent and 57-percent, respectively."

"The Lindley Breaks Region also saw a 9-percent increase in production, but the most significant improvement was in the Mississippi Lowlands Region where the PHR increased 118-percent from 2020," MDC said.

With turkey abundance in lower numbers for the Mississippi Lowlands, MDC Wild Turkey Biologist Reina Tyl said there are fewer observations of them.



Missouri's wild turkey population has been declining in recent decades, but MDC Wild Turkey Biologist Reina Tyl says the best way to help increase numbers is improving nesting and brooding habitat.

"Since the production index is calculated from a smaller number of observations, it's not uncommon to see large annual fluctuations in the Mississippi Lowlands' poult-to-hen ratio," Tyl said.

There were downturns.

In the Northeast, Northwest and Union Breaks, production lowered after seeing increases in 2020. The Ozarks East and West Prairie Regions saw similar PHRs this year as in 2020, MDC stated.

Determining poult-to-hen ratio

MDC has been conducting an annual wild turkey brood survey since 1959. Staff and volunteers record the number of hens and recently hatched poults they see in June, July and August. These numbers are tallied to determine the success of the hatch, which is then calculated as a poult-to-hen ratio.

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Gas

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the week ending Oct. 15, U.S. gasoline demand increased week-to-week by around 5 percent and remains elevated from this time last year, AAA said.

Weekly regional fuel supply numbers decreased slightly, and Midwest refinery utilization registered up from the week prior. AAA said the primary driver of this price surge remains the cost of

crude oil, which is now closing daily above \$80 per barrel. In August, the price per barrel of crude oil hovered near the low \$60s. The International Energy Agency forecasts more robust oil demand in the months to come, including for heating oil this winter, which is keeping crude oil prices elevated.

A spokesperson for AAA said in a written statement, "Gas prices may continue to rise as demand for fuel products remains strong and there continues to be supply chain disruptions along with many other industries."

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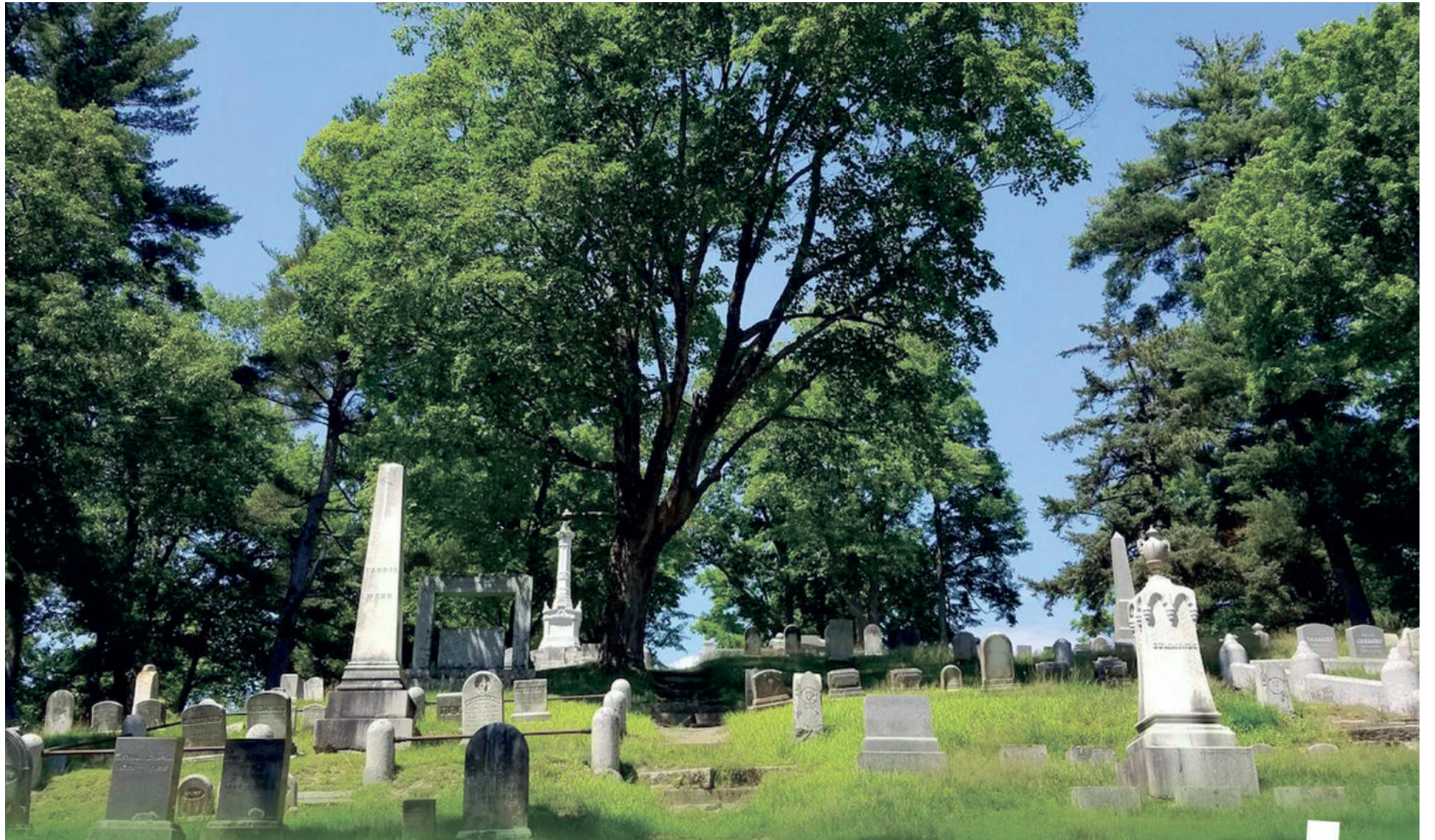
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Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor, Maine, was featured in the 1989 movie "Pet Sematary." MAINE OFFICE OF TOURISM; PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RACHEL VAN BLANKENSHIP/USA TODAY NETWORK; AND GETTY IMAGES

Grave

UNDERTAKING

New England's historic cemeteries make for great visits during fall

Hadley Barndollar USA TODAY NETWORK

In New England's historic cemeteries, the grave markers themselves are perhaps just as interesting as the people who lie beneath them. Around each corner lurk skulls with wings, weeping willows and epitaphs of long ago. ● These cemeteries tell centuries of stories – some are endearing and sad, while others are frightening and spine-chilling. Among those laid to rest in their bounds are suspected ax murderer Lizzie Borden, accused witches of Salem, famed authors like Henry David Thoreau, state governors, soldiers, enslaved people and countless unidentified individuals. ● The fall season presents a perfect time to appreciate New England's burial grounds, whether you're looking to learn something about history from gravestone inscriptions, visit an ancestor or get yourself spooked before Halloween. Visitors should always be respectful of the cemeteries and those who are buried there. ● Here are nine historic cemeteries throughout the region worth visiting – can you guess in which one Disney's "Hocus Pocus" was filmed?

Oak Grove Cemetery – Fall River, MA

At Oak Grove Cemetery, established in 1855, visitors can view the grave of the infamous Lizzie Borden, who was accused of murdering her father and step-mother, Andrew and Abby Borden, with an ax in 1892. Abby and Andrew are also buried at the family monument, along with Lizzie's sister, Emma.

Lizzie was ultimately acquitted of the murders, which still remain a nationally known story of much intrigue and mystery. Her gravesite is a highly trafficked location every year.

Aside from the Borden family fame, according to the city of Fall River, in 1866, Oak Grove also became the final resting place for more than 255 children in just one year. According to theclio.com, it may have been due to the cholera epidemic that broke out in the state that year.

Hope Cemetery – Barre, VT

Hope Cemetery, established in 1895, is a 65-acre "museum of granite." It's known for its unmatched granite artistry among 10,000 gravestones and memorials.

According to Atlas Obscura, around the time the cemetery was created, stone cutters from around the world, particularly Italy, were coming to Barre for the city's thriving granite industry.

Monuments and gravestones at Hope Cemetery are perhaps some of the most creative and elaborate you'll ever see, including two joined tombstones resembling a bed, an airplane, a race car, and countless human figures who in the

dark could certainly be mistaken for real.

Spider Gates – Leicester, MA

A Quaker cemetery nicknamed "Spider Gates" because of its spooky-looking iron entrance, legend has it that this Leicester graveyard is the eighth gate to hell.

It's not uncommon to see Spider Gates included on "haunted Massachusetts" lists. Wild tales say a young boy hanged himself in the cemetery, and that an altar in the center was used by a satanist. The most jarring tale is that the cemetery itself is, quite literally, a portal to hell.

Spider Gates, located at the end of a dirt path and actually named "Friends Cemetery," is owned by Worcester Friends Meeting, and some gravestones date back to the 1700s.

Mount Hope Cemetery – Bangor, ME

Mount Hope Cemetery was the destination that inspired Stephen King's horror novel "Pet Sematary," and later became the site of some filming for the 1989 film adaptation. It was located not far from King's home in Bangor, where he resided for many years.

The cemetery was established in 1838, and today, more than 30,000 people are buried there. Mount Hope recently made headlines for becoming what is thought to be the first cemetery in Maine that will allow people and their pets to be buried together in the same plot.

Swan Point Cemetery – Providence, RI

More than 40,000 people are buried in the 200-acre Swan Point Cemetery, one of the two largest cemeteries in Providence. There are more governors, senators and congressmen buried in Swan Point than any other cemetery in Rhode Island.

Visitors to Swan Point are sure to be impressed by its vast array of art and architecture, much of which reflects the taste of wealthy late 19th-century families, its website says. There are ornate monuments, family crypts built into hillsides, and bronze and marble statues scattered throughout. Swan Point also has features like state-of-the-art mausolea and columbarium.

'Author's Ridge' in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery – Concord, MA

For literature aficionados, Sleepy Hollow Cemetery has some especially famed burials. In a particular heavily trafficked area called "Author's Ridge," Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Ralph Waldo Emerson are all buried.

Author's Ridge is just a corner of the large historic cemetery, yet somehow all of these famous thinkers found their final resting place among each other. Visitors and literature lovers frequently leave writing utensils and notes at the grave sites.

Howard Street Cemetery – Salem, MA

Howard Street Cemetery is one of

three burial grounds significant to the 1692 Salem Witch Trials. It's said to be where Giles Corey, one of five men executed during the trials, was pressed to death. Corey denied being a witch and refused to stand trial.

He was buried in an unmarked grave near the site of his execution in what is now Howard Street Cemetery. The cemetery is a small 2.5 acres but contains 1,100 headstones.

Old Burial Hill – Marblehead, MA

While visiting Old Burial Hill, you might recognize the scenery from a beloved 1990s Halloween movie. The daytime cemetery scenes of Disney's "Hocus Pocus" were filmed here.

Old Burial Hill was established in 1638 and is thought to be one of the oldest graveyards in New England. It includes 600 Revolutionary War-era graves, most of which are unmarked. In 1998, a memorial stone was erected here for Wilmott Redd, the only person from Marblehead who was executed for witchcraft in 1692.

Union Cemetery – Easton, CT

Looking for a thrilling cemetery visit? At Union Cemetery, which dates back to the 1700s, you might come across the "White Lady."

Ghost hunters say this Connecticut cemetery might be one of the most haunted in the United States.

The "White Lady" is a spiritual entity who allegedly walks the property in a white gown or wedding dress. Legend has it she died in the 1940s, but her identity today is still a mystery.



Dear Annie
Annie Lane

Dad wonders if it was a mistake to call police on son

Dear Annie: I am a 45-year-old single man. I have three children: two sons from my marriage, both in their 20s, and my daughter, who is 14, from an ex-girlfriend. When my oldest son was thrown out of his mother's home, I had him move in right away.

He got a good job, and I added him to my insurance and charged him \$100 a week for rent. That was really to help out with the insurance and to teach him responsibility.

Well, after a few years, there was a nightmare one night. My son's friends were over, and unfortunately, he had too much to drink and smoke. He blacked out and started attacking his friend's younger brother. He started attacking me as well. After an hour of trying to calm things down, I had to call the police to have him removed for the safety of everyone in the house. Well, my son remembers he spent the night in jail. When he got out, he came to my place and grabbed his belongings, and his mother picked him up.

This was a year ago, and since that time, neither he nor my other son will visit or even talk to me. The worst part is they are ignoring their sister, who lives only 2 miles away from them. This really hurts me, and I have reached out, trying to mend fences and come to an understanding. Neither of them will respond.

When my daughter texts them, they mostly ignore her, or when they do answer, they give her a hard time. She is as ashamed of them as I am. I have even touched base and told them via text that they only have one sister and they need to be there for her, as they are her older brothers. Be mad at me, but please, be there for her.

What else can I do? My daughter visits on a regular basis, and I love our time together. I want the boys to join us, but they won't answer any invitations. Do you have any advice? I don't want to give up, as they are my children.

Lost Dad in Massachusetts

Dear Lost Dad: Your sons are not taking any responsibility for their actions. Instead of thanking you for calling the police, and hopefully helping them clean up their act, they are blaming you for the night spent in jail. It was your son who committed the assault, not you. The anger they feel might be old anger they felt toward you for the divorce or other things when they were young.

But now that they are adults, they must take responsibility for their actions. They are acting very entitled. As for your daughter, just continue to love and appreciate her. Hopefully, your son will realize what you did was for his own good.

Continue to tell both sons how much you love them, even if they push you away.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Debi Boughton, Kirksville Tourism Director, has some suggestions for enjoying time "In Your Own Backyard." For any activities, be sure to follow the CDC guidelines for health and safety. If you have ideas or suggestions, email debi.boughton@visitkirksville.com.

Oct. 28-30

- The Curtain Call Theatre group performs "Rehearsal for Murder" at 7 p.m. each evening in their theater at 512 W. Elizabeth St. A year after his fiancée's death, a playwright schedules a rehearsal for his new play, which proves to be a trap for her killer. For costs and more information, go to curtaincalltheater.org. Tickets available at HyVee or at the theater on the nights of the performances.
- The Truman State University Theater Department invites you to "Angel Street," (Gaslight) by David Jacklin and Patrick Hamilton. It will be performed each evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theater in the Ophelia Parrish building on the Truman campus. For costs and more information, go to boxoffice.truman.edu.

Friday, Oct. 29

Main Street Kirksville is hosting a Haunted Hustle evening of trick-or-treating from 4-6 p.m. in downtown Kirksville. Participating businesses will be handing out candy in Kirksville's downtown area. For more information, email kvdowntown@gmail.com.

Sunday, Oct. 31, Halloween

- Come to the Truman State University Farm on West LaHarpe at Boundary Street and join Sigma Alpha for the Kids Day at the corn maze from 1-3 p.m. Activities and adventures for the kids will be included (dressing in your best Halloween costumes is encouraged!). For more information, call 660-785-7477.
- Halloween Town is a free community event sponsored by the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, where local businesses, organizations, and families provide a safe, family oriented, venue to enjoy trick-or-treating at a variety of booths. The event is held along the walking trail in front of the Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 660-627-1485.

Nutritional value of eggs is same regardless of grades



Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Dear Heloise: My husband and I are having a disagreement about eggs. He thinks AA grade eggs have higher nutritional value than an A or B grade egg. I say they don't. Who is correct?

Donna S., Salem, Ore.

Donna: You are. According to the American Egg Board, there is no nutritional difference between AA, A and B eggs. There is also no difference between brown and white shelled eggs. The color of the eggshell simply depends on the breed of hen.

When a recipe calls for eggs, it usually means a large egg. Just an FYI.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I made salmonettes about two years ago, then lost the recipe. My husband asked me if I would make them again sometime because he really enjoyed them, and so did I. Would you reprint that recipe?

Brianna O., Winslow, Maine

Brianna: This recipe was always one of my mother's favorites. Everyone I know loves it!

Salmonettes

14 ounces canned salmon or tuna

¼ cup liquid from salmon or tuna

1 egg, slightly beaten

½ cup flour

1 heaping teaspoon baking powder

Pepper (optional) to taste

Oil for deep frying

Drain salmon or tuna and reserve ¼ cup of the liquid. Put salmon or tuna in a bowl and break it apart into small flakes using a fork. Add flour a little at a time. Add slightly beaten egg and pepper (but NO salt). Mix well but don't overmix. Add the baking powder to the reserved liquid and beat well with a fork until foamy. Pour this back into fish and mix but don't overmix.

Using two teaspoons, scoop out the mixture with one spoon and then use the other spoon to push the mixture off the teaspoon, into a deep fryer that is half full of hot oil. After they are browned, drain on a paper towel and serve. You can't make these ahead of time. They must be made and eaten immediately.

Do you enjoy making dinner that's easy to put together and tastes great? Then you'll love my pamphlet "Heloise's Main Dishes and More," with recipes sure to please any family. To get a copy, just go to Heloise.com, or send \$3 along with a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to: Heloise/Main Dishes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I never toss out the cookie crumbs from the box they come in, because they make a terrific topping for ice cream. Sometimes I put them on pudding with a cherry on top to dress up a plain dessert.

Carol G., Elk Grove, Ill.

Dear Heloise: So many things come in pretty plastic or glass containers these days. I save them and reuse them to put homemade jam in. Then I tie a ribbon around the opening of the container and sometimes put a label on the container that tells what's inside. Last year I got a couple containers back with homemade apple butter or jelly inside from my friends.

Mary Alice R., Fresno, California

FLATS RECEIVES \$5,000 DONATION



The 11th FLATS Trail Half Marathon receives a \$5,000 sponsorship from Golden Eagle Distributors. The annual 13.1 mile trail run was held Oct. 16. Pictured, from left, are Megan Bonham-Smith, Chris Coy, (Golden Eagle) Janet Gremaud, Dan Martin and Ted Frushour.

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TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

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

Judith Walter

Judith Walter 65, passed away Tuesday (October 19, 2021) at her rural Queen City, Missouri home.

The daughter of Margaret (Miller) and Leo Blaskey, she was born June 27, 1956, in Tomah, Wisconsin. She grew up in Oakdale, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Tomah High School. On April 11, 1992, she was united in marriage to Francis Walter. They lived in Granton, Wisconsin, until 2001 when they moved to rural Queen City.

She was a wife and mother and after moving to Missouri she also drove for her Amish friends.

Judith is survived by her husband, Francis; two sons, Joseph Walter of Queen City, Missouri and Michael Walter and Brittney Oesch of Kirksville, Missouri; two daughters, Caroline Walter and husband Thomas Tingley of Kirksville, Missouri, and Rose Walter and Joseph Nolan of Moulton, Iowa; two grandchildren, Brayden Fellingner and Conner Tingley; two sisters, Jean Blaskey and Grace Blaskey; and one brother, Steve Blaskey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Alan Walter; and a sister, Christine Blaskey. Judith was a much loved wife, mother, and grandmother.

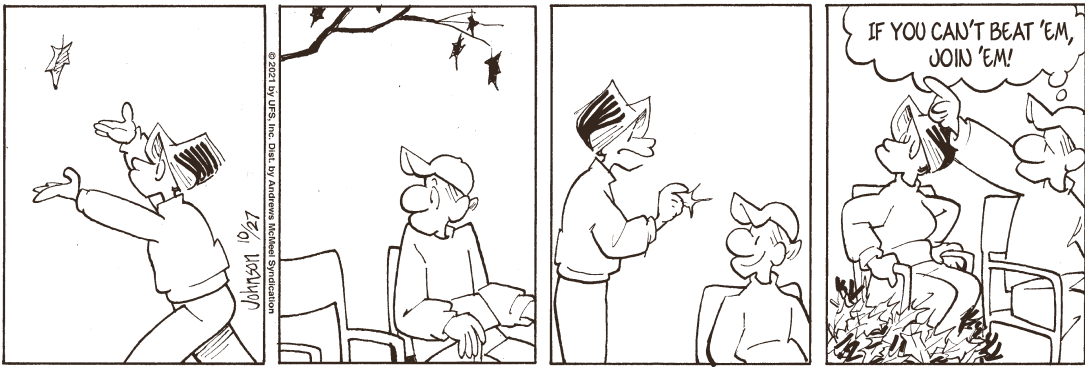
Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (October 23, 2021) in the Dooley Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Queen City Cemetery.

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

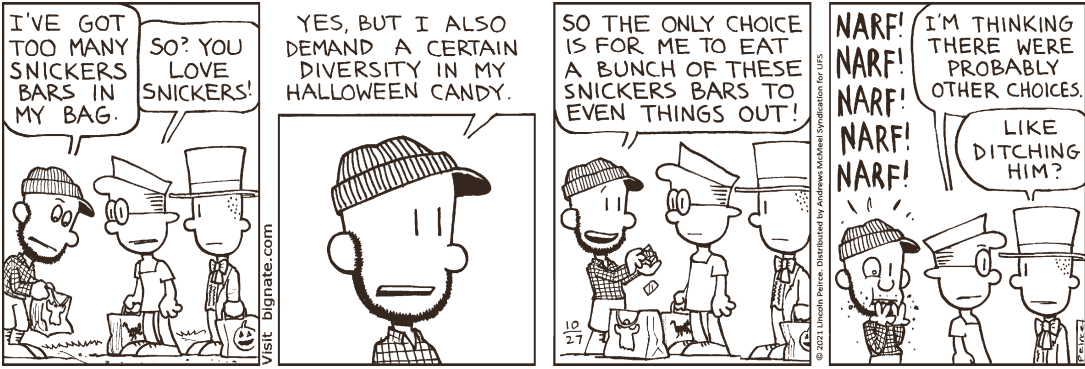


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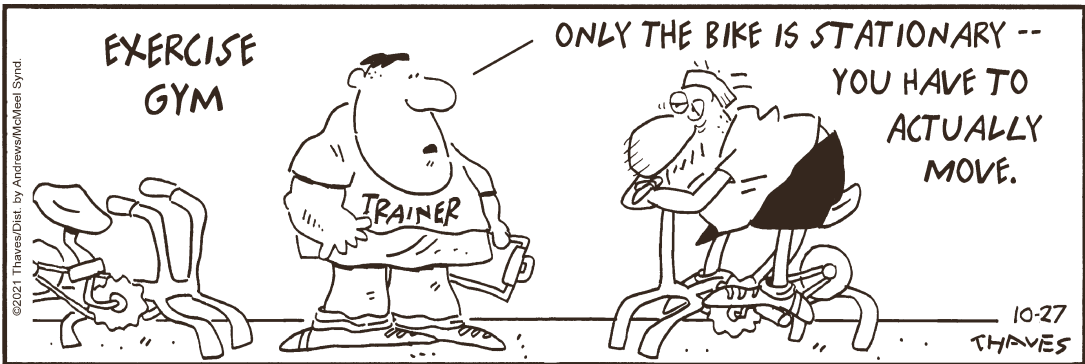
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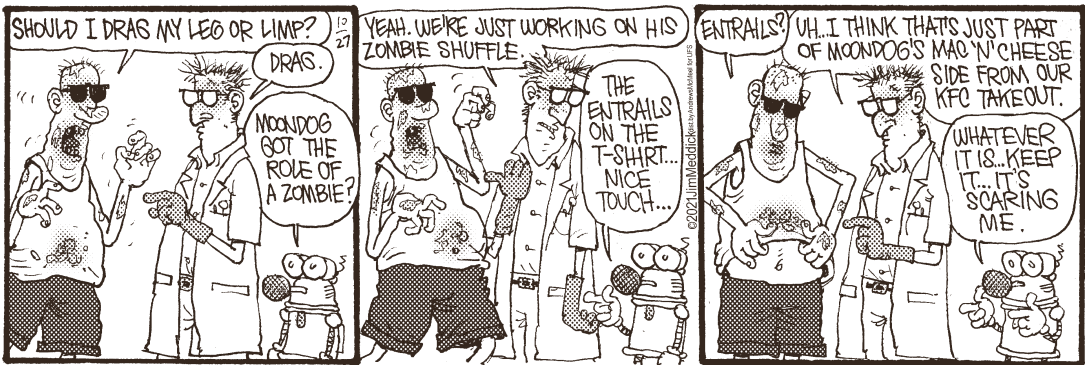
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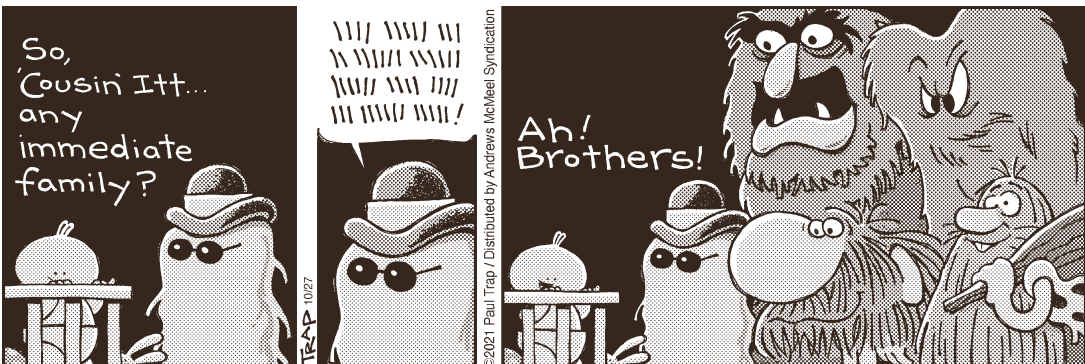
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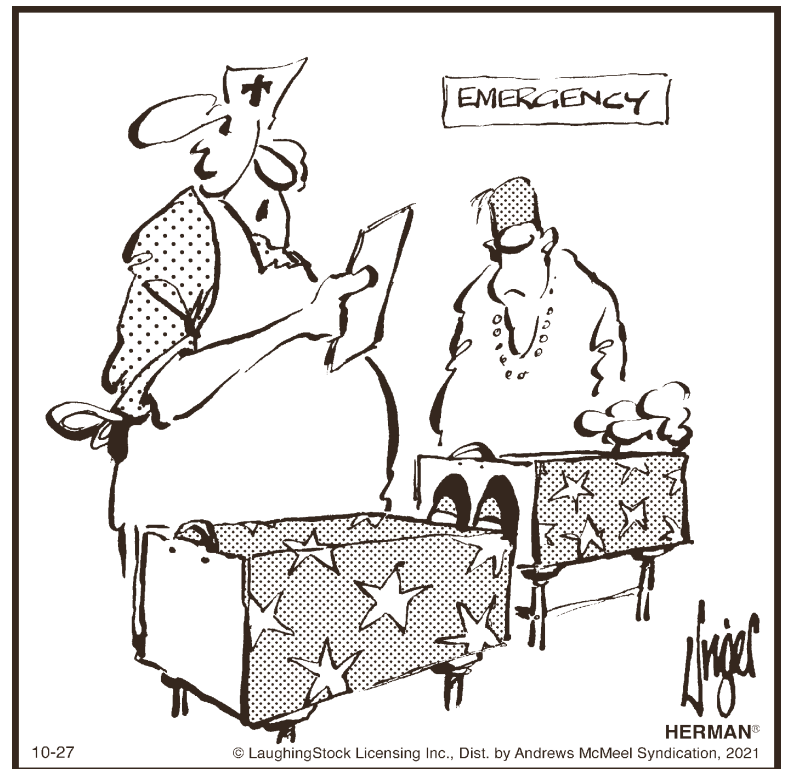
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HERMAN



"Are you three all together?"

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Aries (March 21-April 19): It's OK to say no. Being a people pleaser can be exhausting. Stop and consider doing what pleases you for a change. Channel energy into something. ☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A friend or relative will offer unusual insight into how you can use your experience, knowledge and skills to get ahead. Don't resist change. ☆☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Jealousy will play a role in how well you get along. A positive attitude and offering recognition for what others accomplish will help you maintain relationships. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Stop and think before you say or do something you'll regret. Getting into a spat with someone will turn into a power struggle that will be difficult to overcome. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An energetic approach to whatever you do will help you avoid disappointment. Don't wait around for someone to pitch in and help. Take care of unfinished business yourself. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll get the help you require if you partner with someone who shares your beliefs and sentiments. Take your time when dealing with work-related matters. ☆☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you say something while under duress, you will have regrets. Be a good listener and take the time to sort out what matters most. ☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Explore the possibilities and learn all you can to ensure you make well-thought-out decisions. Take the path that leads to knowledge and experience. ☆☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a second look at a deal that sounds too good to be true. An impulsive move or letting gullibility take over will result in disappointment. ☆☆☆

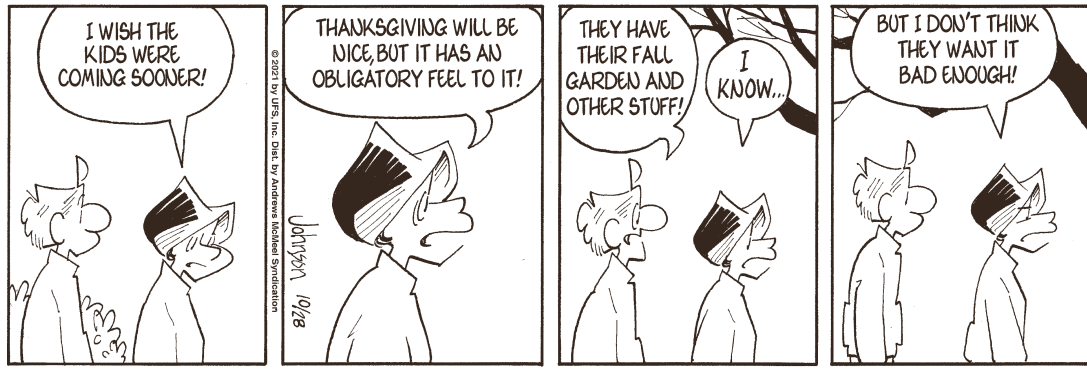
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set a goal, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get. Leave nothing unsaid or to chance. Take care of pressing details. ☆☆☆

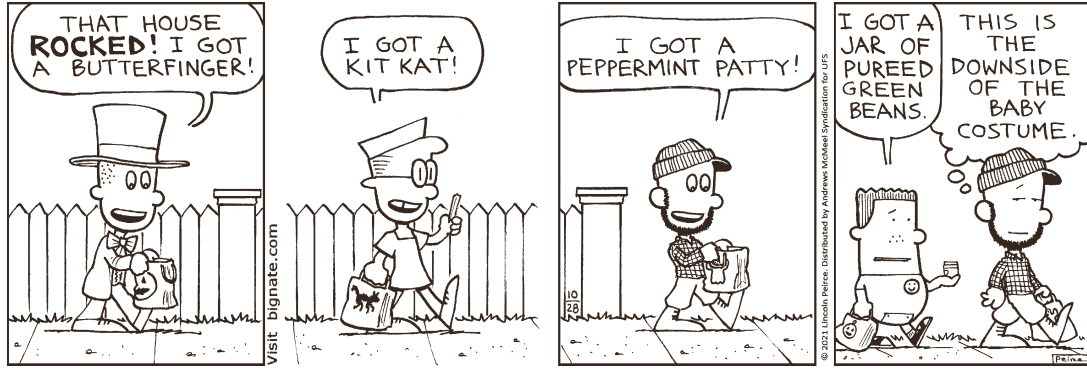
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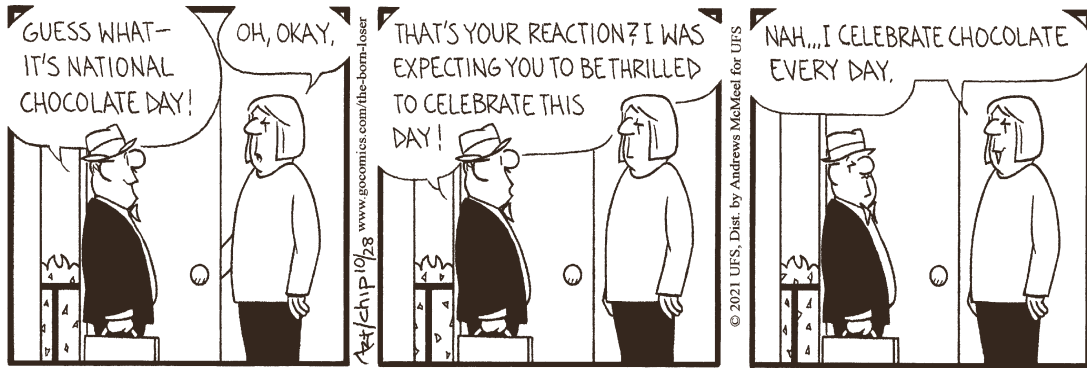
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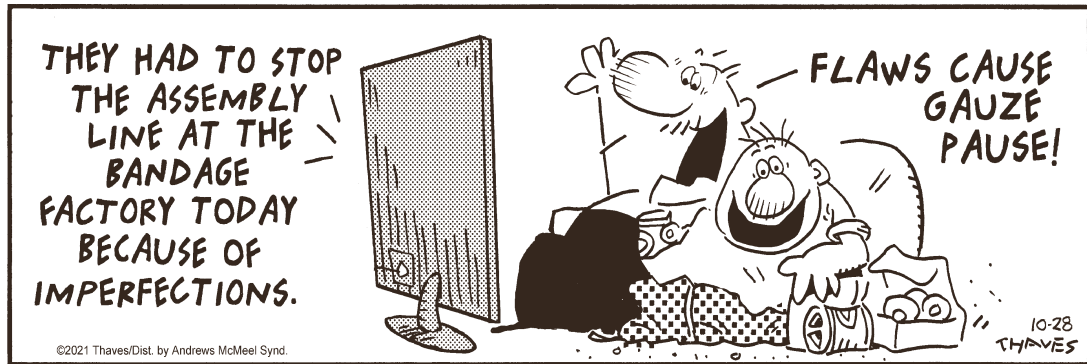
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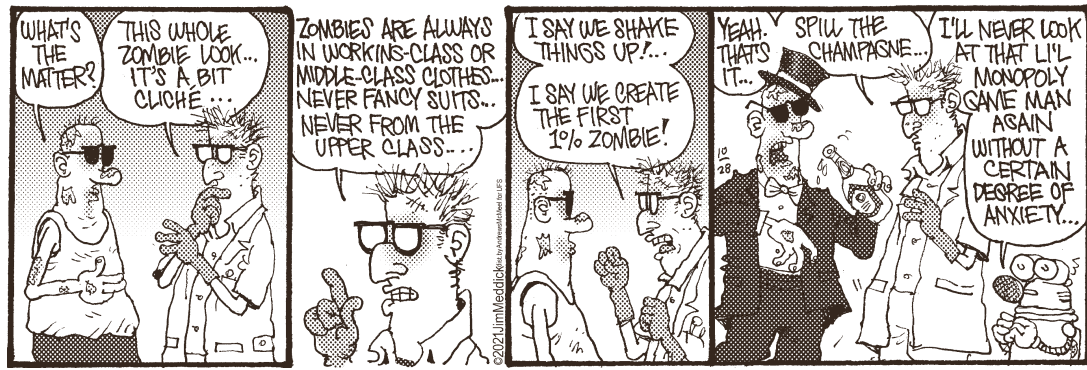
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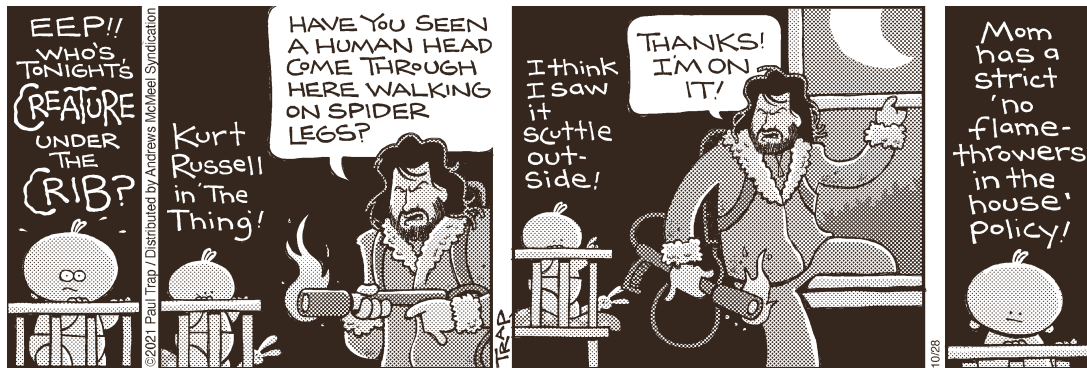
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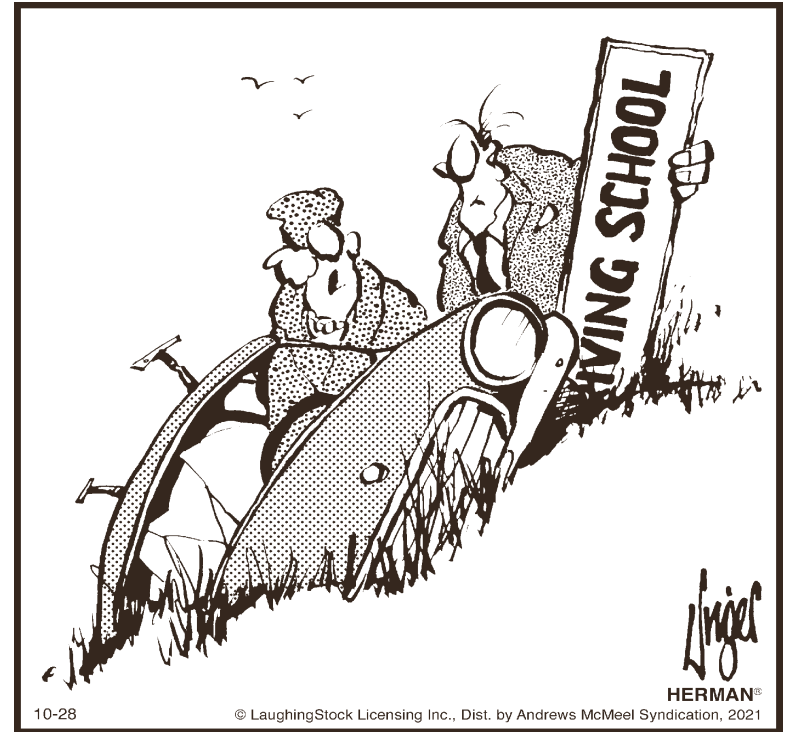
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"I hope you don't expect me to pay for a three-minute lesson."

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Rest, rejuvenate and start all over again. How you handle events and activities that are physically challenging will affect your emotional well-being. ☆☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don't throw caution to the wind. Know what you are up against, and do whatever it takes to stay on top of your game. ☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Leave nothing to chance or undone. Trace your steps as far as you must go to ensure you get things right moving forward. Trust in you and the facts you verify. ☆☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don't wait for someone to beat you at your own game. Take a lead position, follow through with your plans and pursue what makes you happy. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep the peace. A change someone makes may not align with your plans, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow the path that suits you. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Money matters will escalate if someone pressures you to donate to something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Take the initiative and decline. ☆☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be tactful in handling situations that deal with colleagues or someone who can put a dent in your reputation, status or position. ☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think before you share your point of view. Be a good listener, and you'll be able to sidestep a situation that can lead to a change that doesn't favor you. ☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Build your future on concrete plans, and you'll make an impression on someone who recognizes your experience and values your input. ☆☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A request an older associate offers will not line up with your vision. Take the high road, and find a way to incorporate the old with the new. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your eye on the ball, and be willing to accommodate someone. A change may not be welcome, but you'll find a way to get what you want. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will surface over shared expenses and responsibilities. Take care of your fair share, then move on to more enjoyable tasks. ☆☆☆

SPORTS

La Plata heads back to Final Four

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

All Pieper Wood wanted to do was make contact.

Tied at 1-1 in the top of the sixth with Atlanta in Saturday's Class 1 state quarterfinal game, La Plata had the go-ahead run in scoring position. Wood knew she just needed to get the ball in play to score Olivia Coy from second base. She did more than just that.

Wood blasted a two-run homer over the left field fence — and through a stiff wind that hampered most flyballs — to lift La Plata to a 3-1 win, sending them to the Final Four for the second year in a row.

"I was really nervous, just (feeling) a lot of pressure," Wood said. "She threw me a pitch right down the middle and I took it. ... I didn't think it was over because of the wind. But when I rounded first, I saw it going back and my sister, my coach (Summer Wood), was jumping and screaming. It was just so happy and exciting. It was a really good feeling.

"It's everything I wanted, dreamed of since I was little," Wood said. "To really get that state experience — it was our goal going into the season and now we're achieving it."

Two rivals meeting with a Final Four trip on the line, Saturday's game delivered as many expected it would. Two of the top eight teams left in the state — separated by eight miles — created a neck-and-neck affair. Both towns filled the La Plata Sports Complex, with the parking lot being nearly full an hour before the game. With a great atmosphere, both teams put on a show.

"What a great game," said Atlanta (22-4) coach Courtney Garnett. "Don't take anything away from us or La Plata. They had a couple hits there when they needed it in the sixth inning, and you tip your cap to them because they played a great game. I felt like we were right there with them most of the game, just didn't get a couple key hits when we needed it. Really, overall, a great game. I know the girls don't want to hear that right now, but they did a great job and we wish La Plata the best of luck next week."

Atlanta struck first in the opening inning after hits from Kaidyn Watson and Abbie Farmer. Senior first baseman Mati Pinkston then scored Watson with a sacrifice fly. After getting a run off Olivia Coy early, the Hornets liked their odds to add from there. But Coy didn't allow a whole lot else after that.

From there, Coy and Farmer worked their magic in the circle. They limited the opposing offense just as well as they've done their whole careers. In defeat, Farmer finished her final game with 10 strikeouts, 3 hits allowed and two walks. And Coy had 12 strikeouts, five hits allowed and no walks. Farmer picked up three of Atlanta's hits, the



The La Plata catcher Claire Coy celebrates with sister Olivia Coy after catching the final out of Saturday's state quarterfinals game against Atlanta. AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

only person with a multi-hit day on Saturday.

After five innings of futility, La Plata's (25-7) offense picked up in the sixth. La Plata catcher Claire Coy had a leadoff walk, then coach Greg Buescher put a hit and run on. Claire stole second as Olivia swung at a pitch at her eyes. Olivia then scored her sister with an RBI single, then jumping up and down and cheering as she stood on first base. Then Wood dropped the bomb to decide the game.

"It was really stressful up until (the sixth inning), but I think Claire and I thrive on pressure," Olivia said. "We turned our nerves into energy going to the sixth inning. To get started with a walk and a base hit, then Pieper hits a home run, and we shut them out the last

two innings. It was really exciting and it feels good to be heading back."

This year's Bulldogs aren't the same team as the one that made it to state last fall. They had to replace four starters from a year ago. Freshmen Bryn Buescher and Izzy Joyce took over at third base and right field. Then sophomores Audrey Belfield and Kierstin Wood occupied second base and left field for the whole season.

So when the season started, coach Greg Buescher wondered how those question marks would be answered over the season. Midway through the year, he thought things could come together at the right time. The new players stepped in and were key contributors to make Saturday happen.

And heading to Springfield next

week, starting against St. Elizabeth (18-7) at 11 a.m. on Friday, their ace is in top shape. Coy was excellent in the postseason last year, but she pitched through shoulder pain that reared its head in the state semifinal game against Platte Valley. She only threw one inning and the Bulldogs lost 18-0. After an off-season to rehab and let her shoulder heal, Coy had fewer innings this season to manage her workload. So she's back in top shape right now.

"With Liv pitching, you feel like you've got a chance to beat anybody," Buescher said. "... Going into this year, we had to space out a little bit how much she pitched. We played more games and she pitched fewer innings than what she

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Tigers end regular season strong with defense

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

Kevin Krietemeyer was so happy with his defense Friday that he forgot the one blemish on its performance.

In a 28-6 win over Capital City to end the regular season, Kirksville's defense turned in another solid performance to clinch the win. Four forced turnovers and hardly any wiggle room for the Cavaliers' offense led to a big night for the Tigers (6-3).

"The defense was awesome again tonight," Krietemeyer said. "We get that pick 6 there at the end. Defense was holding them in all game long. We only gave up one touchdown — and I couldn't even tell you how we gave up that touchdown now that I think about it."

Capital City's (1-8) lone score came after an Ike Danielson interception, which set the Cavaliers up on Kirksville's 37-yard line. That was one of very few occasions where the Capital City offense crossed the 50-yard line.

And as Krietemeyer said, a pick 6 returned about 40 yards to the house by senior Jaden Ballinger was an emphatic end to the win, coming with 40 seconds left. It marked a good bookend for the Kirksville secondary after Kendrick Hartman snagged an interception on Capital City's opening drive, taking it nearly 30 yards before getting dragged



Kirksville's Jalen Kent dives for a tackle Friday night against Capital City. AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

down at the goal line. That turnover got Kirksville on the board first with a pass from Danielson to Ballinger, and Kirksville controlled the game from there.

"I think the defense has continued to get better each week," said Ballinger, who notched three total touchdowns on Friday. "I think we're playing really well, defensively, and we're playing as a team. Coach (Mason) Swisher's done a great job getting it together this year.

"Everyone's stepping up and everyone knows what their job is. They know what their job is and they get it done now. Our coverage is a lot better now. ... And the D-line is getting a lot of tackles for loss, which is nice to get them behind the chains."

While the Tigers have a lot of positive takeaways from Friday, there were some blunders that prevented an even bigger win. As the temperature dropped at

Spainhower Field, Kirksville's offense went just as cold. That unit was shut out in the second half and Ballinger's pick 6 accounted for the team's only second-half points.

And the run game was nearly non-existent for most of the night, both in execution and play-calling. The Tigers got a turnover on downs with about two-and-a-half minutes left after a sack from Owen Fraser. That should have been the end of the game. A negative pass play and penalty moved Kirksville backward and the possession only took a minute or so off the clock. And the Tigers' previous drive had a similar result.

Capital City did have some extra beef on the line compared to Kirksville, which helped the Cavaliers sack Danielson five times. But improved play-calling could've put the Tigers in better spots.

"We've got to do some things in the run game to get a lot better," Krietemeyer said. "That's maybe me locking in with Ike, not letting him read everything and then throw it, but we need to pound the football a little bit and eat some clock."

In the district standings, Kirksville just missed taking the No. 2 spot over Jefferson City, giving the Tigers the No. 3 seed. So they will host Marshall (2-6) this upcoming Friday.

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Marmol takes over Cards

Jay Cohen
The Associated Press

As Oliver Marmol transitioned into a coaching career with the St. Louis Cardinals, it became clear that he had the potential to become a big league manager one day.

That day has arrived — a little earlier than expected.

The 35-year-old Marmol was promoted from bench coach to the majors' youngest manager on Monday, taking over the Cardinals almost two weeks after Mike Shildt was fired in a surprise move by one of baseball's most stable franchises.

"I really felt like Oli was going to be a major league manager at some point. I did not think it was necessarily going to be 2022," said John Mozeliak, the president of baseball operations for the Cardinals.

Marmol is the team's youngest manager since Marty Marion at age 34 in 1951. Marmol, a New Jersey native who traces his lineage to the Dominican Republic, also becomes the franchise's second minority manager. Cuban-born Mike González managed the team for parts of the 1938 and 1940 seasons.

"Some of the neighborhoods we lived in early on ... these opportunities don't



St. Louis Cardinals bench coach Oliver Marmol watches from the dugout in the first inning of the team's baseball game July 2 against the Colorado Rockies in Denver. The Cardinals plan to announce Marmol will be promoted Oct. 25 to replace fired manager Mike Shildt, according to a person familiar with the decision. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday night because the team hadn't revealed the hiring publicly. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP FILE

come across the table to the majority of the people that grew up like that," Marmol said. "For them to be able to identify and see someone of color in a position of leadership, especially for a franchise, a

winning franchise, one with a history that the St. Louis Cardinals has, is extremely meaningful."

Marmol was picked by St. Louis in the sixth round of the 2007 amateur draft out of the College of Charleston, but his playing career stalled at Class A Palm Beach. After coaching and managing in the minors, he joined the Cardinals' major league staff in 2017 as the first base coach.

He spent the past three years as the bench coach under Shildt, helping St. Louis to three consecutive postseason appearances. The Cardinals used a 17-game win streak in September to move into playoff position, but they lost 3-1 to the Dodgers in the NL wild-card game.

As late as the flight back from Los Angeles, Mozeliak didn't think the Cardinals would be making a change at manager. But Shildt, 53, was fired Oct. 14 over what Mozeliak described as "philosophical differences" between Shildt, the coaching staff and the front office.

"We had internal issues we felt we could not resolve," Mozeliak said. "We felt the best path forward was to make a change for the organization, regardless if it was not a popular one. We did not take this lightly."

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Oct. 23

College football

Truman 52, William Jewell 0
Truman – Cody Schrader, 172 rushing yards, 3 TDs; Jaylen Jefferson, 76 rushing yards, 2 TDs; Nolan Hair, 16-for-21, 154 passing yards, 2 TDs; Matt Hall, receiving TD; Chris Kerr, receiving TD.

High school volleyball

Class 4 District 8
Warrenton 3, Kirksville 2 (21-25, 25-20, 25-22, 21-25, 12-15)

Oct. 22

High school football

Milan 28, Maysville 12
Milan – Deric Doporto, 140 rushing yards, TD; Darren Doporto, 117 rushing yards; Carlos Cotto, 2 rushing TDs; Coach John Dabney's 100th win at Milan.

Putnam Co. 20, Polo 16

Putnam – Nico Lopez, 105 rushing yards; Blaine Perkins, 69 rushing yards, TD.

Macon 54, Clark Co. 30

No stats by deadline.

Scotland Co. 58, Van-Far 24

Scotland – Alex Long, 94 rushing yards, 2 TDs, 1 receiving TD; Trayton Buckalew, 90 rushing yards, 2 TDs; Hayden Long, rushing TD, passing TD.

La Plata

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did last year. But I think she's at her strongest right now.

"We talked the first or second day of practice and I said we have unfinished business," Buescher said. "We wanted to get back to the Final Four. I feel like if Liv hadn't gotten hurt, we had as good a chance as anybody at winning the whole thing. You don't know that you would but you like your chances. So I told them that we had unfinished business, but we weren't going to talk about it anymore. ... One game at a time, but now we have to go get St. (Elizabeth) next."

For Wood, Olivia Coy and Brooklyn Carvajal, the Bulldogs' three seniors, they get a storybook ending for their careers.

"It's a total blessing to be able to go two years in a row, especially in my last two years," Carvajal said. "To end my last game on my home field with a win, that just makes it even more exciting."

And they get the full state experience this time. Due to COVID-19, the semifinal games were played at one of the teams' home fields last year, which La Plata got to host. Only the championship game was held in Springfield, and there was no third-place game, so the Bulldogs shared that spot with Salisbury.

Of the remaining four teams, all were ranked in the coaches association's final regular-season poll. Maysville (22-3) was No. 2, La Plata was No. 7, and East Carter (22-9) and St. Elizabeth were tied at No. 10.

Buescher has said that the players feel like his nieces. Well, other than Bryn since that's his daughter. But there are several sister pairings on the team and a strong extended family out of those. That's a strength the Bulldogs feel is on their side.

"I love these girls so much. They're the closest thing to family — like my second family — and I wouldn't want to do it with anybody else," Carvajal said.



Above: La Plata's Pieper Wood smiles as she rounds third base after hitting a two-run homer in Saturday's state quarterfinal game against Atlanta.

"I was talking to Claire before and I was like, 'If we win, you have to hug me this time. You can't run away from me,'" Olivia said. "It's just fun to have your sister share these moments with you, and these memories. Now we get to go down to Springfield, which neither of us have done. It's exciting to do this together."



Left: La Plata softball coach Greg Buescher cheers as he starts to celebrate with his team after defeating Atlanta 3-1 in Saturday's state quarterfinal game. PHOTOS BY AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

Tigers

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Krietemeyer knows the path in front of his team and the greatness it wants.

"We're gonna see Marshall. Then we're gonna have to go see Jeff City. And if we win and take care of things, then we'll go see Hannibal," Krietemeyer said. "That's the goal and that's the plan."

For Ballinger and the other Kirksville seniors, Friday was their final regular season game at home. To see the end of four years almost in front of them, however many snaps they have left will be bittersweet.

But to see the change from the beginning to now — where the program was 12 wins over the last two years compared to seven in the two before — is crucial.

"I'd say it's been a rollercoaster," Ballinger said. "I think we're good and then we do bad, then I think we're bad and we do good. It's been a lot of fun, though. It's been great to see this program turn around, hopefully they keep it going after we leave."



Kirksville's Kendrick Hartman reacts after an interception and lengthy return during the first quarter of Friday's game against Capital City. AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

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In the Estate of JASON L THOMPSON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
 (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JASON L THOMPSON, Decedent:

On October 20, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JASON L THOMPSON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: Heather M. Thompson, 10925 State Highway B, Kirksville, MO 63501. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Mark Williams, 1003 E. Jefferson, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-7777.

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 9, 2021. Date of first publication: October 27, 2021.

Linda Decker
 Adair County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE ESTATE OF
 ESTATE NO: 21AR-PR00098

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KELLY M. AMES, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 12th day of October 2021, Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of Kelly M. Ames, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

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

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Bourbon praline popcorn is the perfect Halloween treat

Chula King

Special to Tallahassee Democrat
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Bourbon pecan praline popcorn adds the irresistible southern pizzazz of pralines to basic caramel corn. Think pecan pralines flavored with a hint of bourbon combined with crunchy popcorn to produce a sweet, crispy and totally addictive treat.

This is a yummy munch for tailgating, movie nights on the couch, Halloween parties or any time you want to impress your family and friends. What's even better is that it will stay fresh in an airtight container for up to a week, if it lasts that long.

If you've never made caramel corn, you might be intimidated by thought of making the caramel. However, making the caramel is super simple with ingredients that you probably already have on hand.

All you need to do is to heat butter, light brown sugar, light corn syrup and a bit of salt over medium heat. When the mixture starts to boil, reduce the heat, stand back and wait 5 minutes – no muss no fuss.

After 5 minutes, add the bourbon and baking soda. Give the mixture a good stir and pour the caramel over popcorn and toasted pecans.

Stir the caramel, popcorn and toasted pecans together. Transfer the mixture to a large disposable aluminum pan and pop it in the oven at 250°F for an hour. Every 15 minutes during the hour stir the mixture to ensure that every piece of popcorn and every pecan is coated with the caramel.

It's that simple to produce this amazingly delicious Bourbon Pecan Praline Popcorn.



Making the caramel for bourbon pecan praline popcorn is simple with ingredients that you probably already have on hand. CHULA KING

Remove saucepan from heat and stir in bourbon and baking soda. Be careful here because the baking soda will cause the caramel to boil up significantly.

Pour the caramel over the popcorn and pecans; quickly stir to coat.

Spread the mixture onto an ungreased large disposable aluminum pan (15- $\frac{3}{16}$ x 11- $\frac{3}{16}$ x 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ inches). Bake for one hour, removing every 15 minutes to stir.

Spread the mixture onto parchment paper to cool. It may seem sticky at first but will dry as it cools.

Yield: 10 cups.

Chula's Tips

- The reason that I include weights is that the actual quantities can vary depending on how the item is measured. This is especially true for brown sugar depending how one packs it. My rule of thumb is that 1 cup of light brown sugar weighs 7.5 ounces.

- It's best to use popcorn with no flavor added like unflavored SkinnyPop popcorn. I like to pop my corn in a brown paper bag in the microwave with nothing added. Then, I pour the popcorn onto a wire cooking rack set inside of a rimmed baking sheet. This way, the unpopped kernels fall through the holes leaving perfectly popped popcorn!

- You can substitute 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract for the bourbon – this way it would be Pecan Praline Popcorn.

- When you first mix the caramel with the popcorn and pecans, don't worry if everything is coated. The caramel continues to coat the popcorn and pecans every 15 minutes as you stir the mixture.

- The reason that I use a disposable aluminum roasting pan is that the caramel can stick to the pan from the baking making cleanup somewhat of a chore. This way, I just toss the pan in the trash. You could, however, use a large-rimmed baking sheet lined with nonstick aluminum foil instead.

- The bourbon pecan praline popcorn should keep for about a week if stored in an airtight container.

Bourbon pecan praline popcorn

Makes 10 cups

2 cups (8-ounces) pecan halves, toasted

8 cups popped popcorn

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup (5.625-ounces) light brown sugar, packed

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (1 stick, 4-ounces) unsalted butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (2.75-ounces) light corn syrup

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt (omit if using salted butter)

1 to 2 Tablespoons bourbon

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Add the popcorn to a large bowl. Add pecans on top. Do not mix at this point. Set aside.

Heat the butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt in a small saucepan over medium high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring until butter is melted. Reduce heat to medium low; cook, undisturbed and uncovered, for 5 minutes.

Fall is a good time for a flower-bed makeover

Lee Reich ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nobody ever said gardening offers instant gratification. With this limitation in mind, I dug and made over one of my flower beds last weekend.

For the plants, fall is a fine time for a flower-bed makeover. Cooler temperatures slow water loss from leaves, so plants can better tolerate being ripped out of the ground and roughed up before having their roots nestled back into dirt. Leaves still on these plants stimulate new root growth, helping plants re-establish in their new homes. Try subjecting most plants to this brutal treatment in summer and many would die.

Why a makeover might be needed

The major impetus for my flower-bed makeover was some Siberian irises that had run amok, threatening to take over the entire bed. Perhaps you can't have too many iris flowers, but after the flowers fade, you surely can have too many iris leaves. Mine were taking up space in which other, later flowering plants could be strutting their stuff.

Much the same could be said for the daffodils in that bed. These bulbs evidently found the bed much to their liking, and bore many offspring who, in turn, bore many of their own offspring, and so on over the years. They presented a glorious and welcome sea of yellow each spring, but the yellowing leaves that followed were a sorry sight for too long. At least the iris leaves look reasonably prim the whole season.

Fall is also a good time for a flower-bed makeover because any deficiencies – lack of midsummer bloom, garish color combinations, too many irises and daffodils – are still fresh in mind.

My bed further suffered from becoming too much of a hodgepodge of various flowering plants. It had become a home, although it was supposed to be only a temporary one, for many flowers that I had been given or purchased on impulse.

Make a plan

Diving into this opportunity to redo the whole flower garden, I make a plan on paper. A good idea is to sketch not only the usual bird's-eye view, delineating

groups of each kind of flower, but also to sketch from a human's-eye view – that is, the garden as you would see it from ground level, emphasizing the height, texture and form of each plant.

In this human's-eye view, I was able to rough out pleasant-looking undulations of spiky irises, delphiniums and gayfeathers, soft mounds of asters and spires, and tall and pompom-topped coneflowers and black-eyed Susans. A backdrop of butterfly bush and the lacy leaves and flowers of baby's-breath should – I hope – knit everything together.

And then the actual work begins. To thin out clumping plants like irises, slide a garden fork beneath a clump and give the clump a slight lift. Then, pushing two forks or two shovels back to back down the center of the clump, pull the tops of the two forks or shovels apart to pull apart the clump. Replant parts of the clump and give away the rest to a fellow gardener for planting.

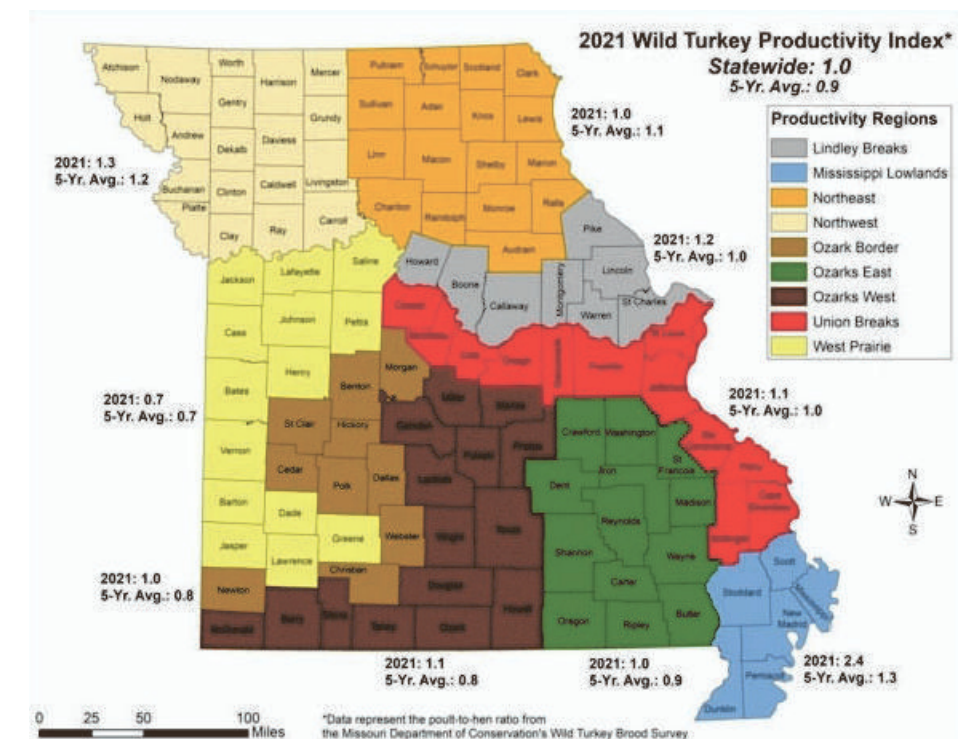
And the daffodils? Just dig them up, separate the bulbs by hand, and replant the largest ones.

Readying the bed for winter and beyond

Everybody's back in place now, and to ensure that roots start growing right away, I've given the bed a thorough soaking. Following that came a top-dressing of a couple of inches of wood chips – except for the delphiniums, hungry plants that they are, which had compost tucked around their stems before the chips went down.

Mulches seal moisture into the soil, and also keep soil temperatures from dropping as low or as fast as in unmulched ground. That gives roots more time to grow before temperatures turn frigid. Mulches also reduce the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that during the winter can heave newly rooted plants up and out of the ground.

There is a downside to this autumn flower-bed makeover: The bed does look forlorn, for now. But a makeover isn't an annual affair, and everything will look perky in spring. Yes, I could have waited until spring for this makeover. But there are too many other things to attend to in the spring garden.



This map shows an index (poult-to-hen ratio or PHR) of Missouri's wild turkey production by Turkey Productivity Region (TPR). TPRs are counties grouped by similar land cover composition. Data were obtained during MDC's 2021 wild turkey brood survey and are compared to the previous five-year average (2016-2020). PROVIDED BY MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Turkeys

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Tyl said that the poult-to-hen ratio is a good measure of nesting success and poult survival.

"Each year, thousands of citizens participate in the survey, and we are grateful for their contribution," Tyl said. "This year during the three-month survey, participants reported sightings of more than 75,000 turkeys, which is a testament to the large number of dedicated volunteers that take time to record and submit their observations."

Long-term trends

With MDC collecting turkey information for six decades, they've been able to monitor long-term trends, Tyl said.

"The last few decades of brood survey data indicate that PHRs have been declining, and the statewide PHR has been at or below 1.0 for the last six years," Tyl said.

Broad-scale loss of quality nesting and brood-rearing habitat, changing spring weather patterns, increased populations of predators and declined in-

sect numbers could be contributing to declining trend. Insects are a "critical food source" for poults, Tyl said.

MDC and University of Missouri partnered to launch a cooperative research project in 2020 to determine how these factors are affecting wild turkey nest success and poult survival.

"The project also aims to identify the main causes of poult mortality and determine how brood-rearing habitat selection, and the quality of those habitats, affects poult survival," Tyl said. "The information gathered from this study will inform management of wild turkeys and turkey habitat in Missouri."

To participate in the annual wild turkey brood survey, email MDC's Wild Turkey Management Program at wildturkeymgmt@mdc.mo.gov with "Wild Turkey Brood Survey" as the subject of the email. Include complete name and mailing address.

For a detailed report outlining the results of the 2021 Missouri Wild Turkey Brood Survey, and to read reports from previous years, visit the Turkey Reports webpage at <https://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/turkey/turkey-reports>.



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Welcome, New Member of the Chamber Board!

Recently Members virtually took vote and approved the following nominee to begin serving a 3-year term on our Board of Directors. We look forward to her leadership and are thankful for her time and willingness to share her skills and knowledge with us beginning in January of 2022. Meet our new Board Member:

Laci Cook

For almost 20 years, Laci Cook has been a noteworthy leader in the Kirkville community. You may know her from her works as the previous owner of a companion animal business, though her entrepreneurial ambitions prompted her in the creation of Sip Downtown: a spirits and small plates restaurant in 2021.

After graduating Truman State University, Laci remained in Kirkville and pledged to make a difference in her hometown. She is a member of numerous organizations, serves on local boards, and volunteers in many capacities. Laci has been honored with being named Kirkville's "Person of the Year" (2019), Kirkville Young Professionals "Top 5 Under 40", and recently voted to the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Laci's passion lies within bringing people together and celebrating life. She believes there is no greater joy than family and true friendships. She continuously strives to promote an environment to facilitate these meaningful connections, while generating an outlet for her creative energy.



Laci Cook, Sip Downtown Owner/Operator approved to serve a 3-year term on the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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- ◆ In December, all email addresses ending @cableone.net will be deactivated.
- ◆ The El Kadir Shrine Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary on October 8th
- ◆ The new hardwood gymnasium floor at the Thompson Campus Center at A.T. Still University was dedicated to Dan Martin who has been the TCC Director since it opened in 1982.
- ◆ Preferred Family Healthcare opened the PFH Center for Autism earlier this month at 2004-B N. Baltimore.

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50 Missourians You Should Know: Debi Boughton

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that our own **Debi Boughton, Tourism Director**, was listed in this year's class of **50 Missourians You Should Know**. Debi was featured in the August 2021 Missouri Edition of Ingram's magazine. She joins the ranks of business leaders, educators and non-profit directors across the state who work tirelessly to promote their communities and help move them forward.



Kirkville Tourism Director, Debi Boughton featured as one of Ingram's 50 Missourians You Should Know in Missouri's Business Magazine.

Debi is not the first from Kirkville to be included in the list of 50 Missourians You Should Know. **Sue Thomas**, President of Truman State University was among the class of 2019 and **Carolyn Chrisman**, Executive Director of Kirkville Regional Economic Development, Inc. was listed in the 2020 class. Congratulations, Debi!

Shop Small Season is here... From November 12th until December 31st, when you spend \$10 or more at participating locations, you can fill out a shopped small ticket, drop it in the Spend \$10 Box, and enter in to win. It is that easy!

Let's take a look at what you could win: Grand Prize is a Large Gift Basket made up of items donated by participating locations. Each item is worth at least \$10.00 or more in value. Pretty cool, right? Second and Third Prize winners will also win smaller gift baskets that are also made up of donated items and gift cards. The business name on the winning shopped small tickets will win \$25.00 in Kirkville Ca\$h.

As a thank you to shoppers from our participating businesses, they are offering special deals during this event. From discounts on items and gift cards to BOGO sales, businesses are ready to save you money on all of your holiday needs.

In early January, we will collect the boxes containing entries and combine all of the tickets into one big drawing. On January 6th, we will pull three tickets out who will be declared our Shopped Small Winners. If you are interested in participation visit: www.kirkvillechamber.com/shop-small

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