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The Kirksville High School Marching Band performs at halftime of Friday's season-opener against Macon. PHOTOS BY NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

## Scenes from the sideline



Kirkville's student section, sporting a beach theme, watches and cheers on their school for Friday's game against Macon.



Above: Kirkville's cheerleaders perform on the sidelines during Friday's home game against Macon.

Left: The Kirksville High School Flag Team performs during Friday's halftime show at Spainhower Field.

## Truman enrollment increases this fall

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Truman State officials are seeing encouraging enrollment numbers with the fall 2021 semester underway. The university has had a 10.4 percent increase in total new students to the university. That includes all first-time freshmen, along with new transfer, graduate and international students. Full enrollment numbers won't be known until four weeks into the semester, but this is a good projection for the university. Tyana Lange, vice president for enrollment management and marketing, said projections still indicate a drop in freshmen students, but that there are significant increases with graduate and international students, and a usual amount of transfer students. Increases in those areas come after new recruiting strategies to target those prospective students.

"We knew that it was going to take us a while to turn the ship, so to speak, with our traditional freshmen students — and the pandemic did us zero favors with that," Lange said. "So we definitely really focused our efforts both on international and grad, but specifically on grad. We had some new programs that were added, increased our recruitment outside of just our current students, and are really excited to see that those efforts are paying off."

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## MEDICAID ENROLLMENT DELAY

## Attorneys argue state breaks law

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Attorneys who sued Missouri in an effort to force the state's Medicaid program to expand argued in a letter to the state last week that a delay in enrolling new people into the program violates federal law and a state court order. Writing to Solicitor General John Sauer and other top state officials, the attorneys allege that the Department of Social Services' intention to not enroll anyone newly qualified to the low-income health care program until Oct. 1 "not only is ... in violation of the court's order, but also a violation of federal law," and requested that the state answer a number of questions. Earlier this month, a circuit judge ruled Missouri couldn't deny or restrict those eligible for Medicaid benefits under the state constitution, the final step of a legal battle that traveled up to the state Supreme Court. The director of the Family Support Division, which oversees the application process, told employees in a video that new applica-

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## State nursing home workers lag behind in vaccinations

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ST. LOUIS — Officials face a tall order to get all Missouri nursing home workers vaccinated because fewer than half of them have received the shots. By that metric, Missouri's 48% ranks third-lowest in the nation, trailed only by Florida and Louisiana, both at 47%. Hawaii leads the states, at 89%. But at the same time, some 82% of Missouri's nursing home residents have been vaccinated, which is just behind the national average of 83%. That worries residents like Michael

Williams, who has diabetes and is on kidney dialysis at the Crestwood Health Care Center in St. Louis. "It's fine if they (staff) don't want to take it, but then don't work around us. We all have underlying conditions here," Williams said. "They are out in the casino, and they are rolling the dice, but the sad thing about it is, it's other people's lives they are playing with." Some workers have already quit rather than face a mandate. Earlier this month, the Biden administration said it would require nursing home staff be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a con-

dition for those facilities to continue receiving Medicare and Medicaid payments — revenue nearly all skilled nursing facilities depend on. But details of that plan still haven't been released. Joseph Shafer is the chief operating officer for Prime Healthcare Management, which operates seven nursing homes across outstate Missouri. Two have among the lowest vaccination rates in the state: Georgian Gardens in Potosi and Buffalo Prairie Center in

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Truman has seen significant enrollment drops over the last five years. The university had 4,655 total students last fall, down from 5,231 in 2019 and 6,379 in 2016. Officials did expect a decrease last year due to the pandemic.

A sizable drop in high school graduates is expected around 2026, which universities around the country are trying to prepare for. That was another reason why Truman focused on graduate students over the last year, trying to better diversify the student body.

Growth is a tricky descriptor, Lange said. While Truman wants to increase its enrollment, it doesn't want to grow beyond its means. Finding the Goldilocks zone to maintain sustainability is the key.

"I think that we see, as a university, that we have a plan to get to a point where we stabilize what that freshmen enrollment is, but also supplement that with transfer students, international students and graduate students so that we can maintain the size of the university," Lange said. "I don't see us, long-term, saying we just want to keep growing, growing, growing. It's about finding that sweet spot of, OK, this is where we can serve the students that we're recruiting, contribute to our local econ-



Truman State University.

omy, keep the number of staff members we have, and find that perfect balance. To me, my long-term goal is to get to that point where we have sustained, long-term stability at those numbers."

A re-branding effort came early last year with a new logo and motto for the university, showing up just before the pandemic began in the spring. The university partnered with a new marketing firm to do digital marketing for undergrad and grad students. The university hadn't done that for prospective graduate students before. Most of Truman's graduate students have previous degrees from the university, so the focus has been to bring in more from outside. And total digital communications for prospective undergrad students was increased.

So far, Lange said the university has had a 40-percent increase in applications for 2022.

"The fact that graduate turnaround is much faster, and that we were able to put some efforts toward that and see success is a great sign for the future and those programs, but also a great sign for the planning that we have been doing as a university," Lange said.

Last year was tough for recruiting students due to the pandemic. Some of the university's marketing changes started right before that began, so the university hopes they'll start seeing the delayed fruits of that labor. There were virtual visits and limited on-campus visits for prospective students, along with other virtual events.

And the university enacted a test-op-

tional policy for admissions. Since many students weren't able to take the ACT or SAT by the time they were applying last spring, the university accepted applications without those scores. This year, the policy is still in place, though students can apply without submitting those scores even if they did take one of those tests. Lange expects that policy to stick around, but the university will re-evaluate each year as it receives more data.

Lange said that is part of a holistic approach to admissions. Test scores were always a data point the admissions office looked at, but it wasn't the sole factor. She said the admissions department now does more personal interviews with applicants, along with reviewing student essays.

The average ACT score for Truman students is 27, but that means there are students above and below that line. Because of the university's rigorous admissions process, Lange felt an ACT score was a metric that scared off students who could still be successful at the university.

"We always want to make sure we are setting a student up for success, but we don't want to exclude any student who could be successful here because they're not a good test-taker, because they didn't have an opportunity to take it," Lange said. "We're doing a much more holistic approach so we can make sure we can set students up to be successful."



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IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

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Friday, Sept. 3

Join the Thousand Hills State Park staff at 7 p.m. for a leisurely guided hike on the Oak Trail. Discover the life found along the trail. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water and bug spray. Meet at the Oak Trailhead on Big Loop Trail Rd., next to the playground. For more information call 660-665-6995.

Saturday, Sept. 4

The Adair County Library is hosting a book sale at the library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot of the library, 1 Library Lane. For more information call 660-665-6038.

Saturday, Sept. 4

Is Anybody Home? Some animals are more shy than others, but how can you know who's at home in the forest if we never see them? This short hike will introduce the excitement of discovering and identifying animal tracks. You will finish with making tracks to take home! Meet the Thousand Hills Park Naturalist at 10 a.m. at the Oak Trail next to the playground on the Big Loop Trail Rd. Call 660-665-6995 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 5

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's Native Americans. Explore the petroglyphs with park staff to learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at 10 a.m. at the petroglyph shelter located next to the beach. Call 660-665-6995 for more information.

Monday, Sept. 6

We celebrate Labor Day today. Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It became a federal holiday in 1894. Enjoy your Monday off work!

Sept. 4-6

The La Plata Soybean Festival is back this year with many downhome family traditions including: biscuits and gravy breakfasts; cake walks, a quilt show; and car show; contests and much more. For a full schedule go to: <https://www.facebook.com/laplatapromotionalcommittee/>.



Children line up to receive food brought by a private citizen to the refugee camp in Les Cayes, Haiti, on Aug. 23. MATIAS DELACROIX/AP

# MU professor: Haitian people know solutions

**Roger McKinney** Columbia Daily Tribune  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The rest of the world needs to listen to the Haitian people as the country recovers from a devastating earthquake and a presidential assassination, said Daive Dunkley, a University of Missouri professor who studies the Caribbean and its history.

Dunkley is associate professor in the Department of Black Studies, adjunct professor in the Department of History and director of the Peace Studies program at MU.

President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7. On Aug. 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country, with more than 2,000 dead so far and more than 12,000 injured.

One must look at Haiti's history to put its present situation in perspective, Dunkley said.

"If we look at the longer history of Haiti, it led the charge against colonialism and slavery," Dunkley said. "It was the first to abolish slavery. Haiti has received a good deal of backlash from Western countries. Haiti was diplomatically and politically isolated for most of the 19th century."

Haiti was in debt from its beginning, he said.

"Haiti owed reparations to France for

slavery, which is absurd," Dunkley said.

The island nation's isolation benefited it at one point in the 1800s, Dunkley said. When the rest of the world was experiencing outbreaks of cholera, Haiti was untouched.

Substituting for development and infrastructure projects has been international aid, he said.

"The aid work is so disorganized," Dunkley said of international organizations. "They do this work and it makes very little difference to the country as a whole."

While Haiti is recovering from an earthquake, the attention of the United States and the rest of the world has been diverted to the pandemic, Afghanistan and Hurricane Ida.

"I'm not sure we can blame Afghanistan or the pandemic," Dunkley said.

There's nothing sustainable in the aid being provided, he said. What's needed is infrastructure to withstand earthquakes.

Former U.S. presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton established The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund to respond to a 2010 earthquake. If it was useful, there would not be so much destruction now, Dunkley said.

"What sustainable work was done?" Dunkley asked of the 2010 effort. "Where is the evidence? We need to see

the evidence."

The U.S. has a history of intervening in Haiti, Dunkley said.

U.S. Marines occupied Haiti from 1915 to 1934. U.S. business allies benefited, Dunkley said.

"The U.S. occupation exacerbated economic inequality," he said.

The U.S. military intervened again in 1994 to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power after a coup. Another coup in 2004 ousted him again, with Aristide claiming it was orchestrated by the U.S. government.

The assassination of the president is part of the country's history of political instability, Dunkley said.

"Again we are seeing historical continuity rather than change," he said.

How can Haiti solve its problems?

"The people of Haiti have always known what Haiti needs," Dunkley said. "Organizations need to work with the government."

The efforts must be coordinated with the people, he said.

"When we look at the history of the Caribbean, we need to see through the eyes of the people," Dunkley said. "They understand the landscape. They understand the politics and culture. But nobody listens to them."

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## Medicaid

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tions would "sit there" until Oct. 1 as the department upgraded computer infrastructure, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported — a move the attorneys argue is in violation of that court order.

Federal Medicaid law "requires applications be processed within 45 days, with the exception of pregnant women and disabled individuals," wrote attorneys Chuck Hatfield and Lowell Pearson, along with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Joel Ferber. That deadline "is well before October 1," they argued.

The Department of Social Services did not respond to a request for comment.

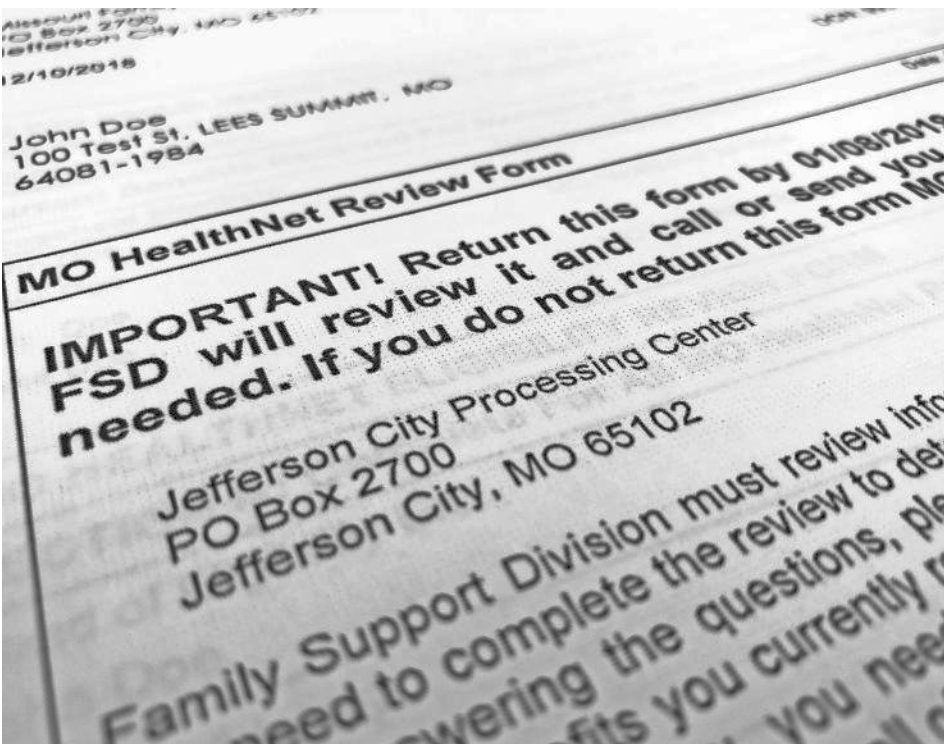
In a final circuit court hearing on Aug. 6, attorneys for the state had argued it needs two more months to upgrade its computer software and hire additional staff to handle the influx of new applica-

tions. Sauer said the requests of those suing the state "are not immediately feasible."

Hatfield pushed back on that assessment, arguing that the months between voters' approving expansion last August and the legislature denying funding for it in May had given the state plenty of time to prepare. Prior to its court battle, Medicaid expansion was set to go into effect July 1.

The attorneys' letter included a number of questions to state officials, and requested responses with "documentation supporting" them. Those questions include why the department chose Oct. 1, what computer upgrades still need to be done, if the department intends to enroll everyone who submitted an application prior to that date, and details on the enrollment process.

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A sample version of the renewal notice sent to Missouri Medicaid recipients to verify their eligibility this past year. AUSTIN HUGUELET/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

## Vaccinations

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Buffalo, both with 11% of staff vaccinated.

Among all seven facilities, the average staff vaccination rate is 35%, Shafer said. The resident rate is 87%.

Data analyzed by the Post-Dispatch shows 20 facilities statewide have staff vaccination rates of 20% or less as of Aug. 15. The analysis excluded 47 facilities — out of 515 that reported that week — for concerns about data quality.

Several nursing homes with the lowest rates did not return calls from the Post-Dispatch. Even one with a near 100% rate did not want to comment

about the facility's success because of strong anti-vaccine sentiment.

Since Biden's announcement, Shafer said he's already had a handful of employees quit and others threaten to quit.

"They are just not even going to deal with it. They said, 'I quit. I'm going to work at the grocery store' — including managers. It's all levels," he said.

Shafer and other administrators also

fear that singling out skilled nursing facilities will cause workers to go to other health care settings such as adult day cares, assisted living facilities or some hospitals that don't require the vaccine.

"It could leave residents with little to no care in facilities," he said. "Let's be cautious and let's not create another emergency in America right now."



# OPINION



**Connie Schultz**  
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## Parents are not OK as kids go back to school

COVID-19 is surging again, and this time it’s the more dangerous delta variant. Nevertheless, schools are reopening for fall, and without a cohesive national policy for how to keep children safe.

Diagnosis: The parents are not OK.

Parents who worry for their children’s safety are not OK with school districts that refuse to require even the most basic safety measures, such as face masks and safe distancing.

Anti-mask, anti-vax parents are also not OK, but in a different way. You’ve likely seen some as they are getting the public attention they apparently have long craved. They show up red-faced and shouting. Accounts of harassment and violence by anti-maskers, often committed by people identified as “parents,” are mounting.

Parents who mock science and public safety during a pandemic are raising the next generation of bullies.

Schools that make masks optional are setting up children who do wear them for ridicule, and possibly worse.

I’m sitting here shaking my head as I write this. I can’t believe this is the conversation we’re having right now, as the number of children’s hospitalizations continue to rise.

In school districts across America, people who are supposed to act in the best interest of their students – our “leaders,” they love to be called – are caving to demands of the willfully uninformed and putting children at risk.

“It’s a betrayal,” a close friend said to me this week. “I am out of patience and full of rage.”

### ‘The easiest hard decision’

Two weeks after a COVID-19 diagnosis, her 10-year-old daughter is still exhausted and frequently breathless. She caught the virus from a health care provider, whom she sees regularly. To this day, that provider refuses to answer my friend’s single question: “Were you vaccinated?”

In her silence, we know the answer.

Until their daughter qualifies for a vaccine, my friend and her husband will keep her home because her school does not require face masks. “‘Mask optional’ means no masks,” her mother said. “And teachers, who should be modeling for their students, are not wearing them.”

I’m not naming my friends, by the way, to protect them from some of those parents. This is America now.

There are many brave, caring teachers out there who are doing all that they can to protect their students. They know, as my friend’s husband put it, “The easiest hard decision is to protect a child.” They are not the teachers we’re worried about.

On Wednesday afternoon, I posted on my public Facebook page a series of questions for parents: “What are your schools’ Covid practices? What are your concerns? How are your children feeling about the return to school? How are you feeling about it all?”

By the following morning, more than a thousand had responded. Some of the most heartbreaking comments came from parents quoting their children.

A 16-year-old girl, one of only 20% who are wearing a mask at her school, texted her mother: “I can’t concentrate in class as I’m just thinking about how angry I am at selfish people.” At an age when most of us felt powered by our dreams, children like her are living through hard truths about the world that now awaits them.

A 9-year-old: “For my birthday, I just want a vaccination.” She is an only child, her mom added. “If anything happens to her, I’ll come undone.”

### Stupid for worrying?

Another mother wrote, “I feel like I’m being gaslighted into allowing known positive cases to be exposed to my unvaccinated (due to age) child. ... I can’t not be a mom to my kid. I worked too hard to be a parent to allow selfish adults to put my kid at risk for their personal selfishness and comfort.”

Many parents have described school open houses full of parents not wearing masks, sometimes in violation of school policy. Somehow, these parents find themselves to be exceptional. We are here to disagree.

In the weeks ahead, concerned parents will likely hear how stupid they are for worrying. They are overreacting to want their children to wear masks. They are overstating potential harm when they object to elbow-to-elbow lunches in school cafeterias. They are freaking out when they plead for every teacher and staff member to be vaccinated. There are two possible outcomes for parents at the end of this pandemic: They worried too much.

They failed to see the danger.

When it comes to protecting family, a good parent chooses to look like a fool. Every time.

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### ANOTHER VIEW



## Doctor: COVID is changing. Adapt your behavior as well

### Your Turn

Marc Siegel

Guest columnist

The slippery slope of the COVID public health response has gotten even more slippery with the pre-dominance of the highly contagious delta variant.

The game has changed, and now, it is becoming more apparent that beyond six months the powerful mRNA vaccines are slipping, and boosters are needed, especially among the elderly, the immuno-compromised, those with chronic illnesses, and workers on the front lines who are frequently exposed to COVID.

Soon we will all need boosters. But the need for boosters should not undermine confidence in the vaccine, but simply underline its limitations in the face of real world contact with a highly infectious variant.

The virus itself, which can cause complications and long-term damage to every organ system of the body, provides more than enough motivation to take not only the initial two shots, but also the booster.

Too often, health decisions are made based on emotions, rather than reason, and a government official talking down to your concerns doesn’t help, nor does a news media pounding the same drum even after the playing field has changed.

This reasoning applies to vaccine passports at a time when the efficacy of the vaccine is waning against delta as well as to all public health measures from vaccines to masks to testing.

Consistency isn’t possible as the playing field changes, but dogma never inspires public confidence.

Yet, as an Italian study recently demonstrated, governments use linear public health pronounce-

ments to justify an overreach and control, using the politics of fear.

The study, published in PLOS One, concluded wisely that “media narratives exclude neither scientific issues nor scientific experts; rather, they configure them as a subsidiary body of knowledge and expertise to be mobilized as an ancillary, impersonal institution useful for legitimizing the expansion of political jurisdiction over the governance of the emergency.”

Political assertions are far from the same thing as saying that these measures always work. Certainly, school closures and lockdowns are to be avoided at all costs, because the physical (delayed screenings and treatments), psychological (anxiety, depression, substance abuse, isolation), and economic devastation have been shown throughout the pandemic to way outweigh the limited benefit in terms of viral control.

When it comes to masks, and even more so to vaccines, the benefits are real and the risks or downsides are small.

In these cases, government mandates may seem purely political, but so are autonomic refusals falsely described as personal choice.

After all, taking the vaccine not only means you are less likely to get very ill or go to the hospital, it also definitely decreases your risk of spreading the virus to others, which makes it a public health concern.

Businesses and schools have every right to request a vaccination or proof of immunity (including natural immunity from having overcome COVID), or to institute regular rapid testing.

Better to identify and screen contacts as opposed to having to close businesses or quarantine entire classrooms. Of course, we must keep in mind that now with

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Climate change efforts are needed now

Just a while ago, most of us thought there was ample time for ourselves and our institutions to meet the challenge of changing climate. Maybe several decades, and so no immediacy required. But now we all are aware that time to respond effectively to climate change has greatly diminished. About ten days ago the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) issued its most recent report, and its assessments and predictions are frightening. We can no longer put off dealing with the threat of a warming Earth. Daily we read about or directly experience the detrimental consequences of greenhouse gases accumulating in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide from vehicles. Methane from fracking and feedlots. Hydrofluorocarbons leaking from air conditioners. In the last several days we’ve read about catastrophic flooding in Tennessee, record rain in the northeast, violent storms in North Carolina, and those immense fires in the west are still burning. And yet another major hurricane battering Louisiana’s gulf coast.

It would be both selfish and foolish not to address this global threat. We want our kids and grandkids, friends and neighbors, and all the other creatures with which we share the biosphere to have secure futures. Yet, so far, our federal government has behaved indifferently, even irresponsibly, in this matter. The federal government is our country’s only institution with the scope and resources to slow and eventually halt our contribution to greenhouse gases. But it has yet to firmly commit to do so.

However, there is a glimmer of hope. Many climate activists and scientists think we are at a political tipping

point. There is the sense that, should enough of us quickly urge our elected officials to embrace this challenge, our government could respond effectively and in a timely manner to the mess we have made of things.

But this can only happen if we roll up our sleeves NOW! We urge you to contact our elected officials and urge them not to miss this moment. To make massive investment in de-carbonizing our economy and culture. To support sustainable energy and discourage our centuries-long reliance on fossil fuels. To impose a fee on fossil fuel providers so that they pay for the harm they have done. Right now, there is proposed legislation to this effect in the United States Senate and also the House. In all these proposals, fees would not go into the general coffers of the federal government, but rather would be returned to all of us in ways that most help the most vulnerable among us.

The more our senators receive messages urging them to support this legislation, the more likely they will do so. Please contact both Missouri senators and urge them to support a robust and ambitious program to jettison fossil fuels and the atmospheric mess they have created.

Here is contact information for Senator Roy Blunt. Phone: 202-224-5721. Mailing Address: 260 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510. Email by visiting Senator Blunt’s website.

Here is contact information for Senator Josh Hawley. Phone: 202-224-6154. Mailing Address: 115 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510. Email by visiting Senator Hawley’s website.

Christine Harker and Pete Goldman, Kirksville, NE-MO Citizens Climate Lobby volunteers





Hints From Heloise  
Heloise

## Perk up boring old gravy

**Dear Heloise:** My husband loves it when I make brown gravy, but I think it’s boring. How can I perk up brown gravy so it doesn’t always taste the same?

*Charlotte H., New Braunfels, Texas*

**Charlotte:** Brown some mushrooms and add to the gravy, or add a vegetable bouillon cube. Use the water you used to boil potatoes and add a bay leaf for more flavor. Some folks add a tablespoon of coffee to their gravy. Go ahead and experiment with different seasonings and spices to see which ones you like best. Have some fun with it.

*Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** What is the difference between black and green olives? Do they come from different trees?

*Taylor A., Camden, N.J.*

**Taylor,** even though they come from the same type of tree, they are indeed different in looks and taste. The difference is the ripeness. Green olives are picked when they are still immature, and the black are ones are left on the tree to ripen. Green olives will need to be soaked in a lye solution before brining, while black olives can skip this step.

*Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** Some time ago you printed a marinade for lamb, and my family would like me to make it again because they loved the flavor it gave the lamb. I no longer have the recipe, so would you please reprint it for us lamb lovers?

*Kate D., Milwaukee, Wis.*

**Kate:** Of course! Here it is:

1 cup dry white or red wine

¼ cup cider vinegar

1 cup salad oil

2 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

⅔ teaspoon dry tarragon

1 bay leaf, crushed in small pieces

½ teaspoon thyme or marjoram

1 large clove garlic, finely chopped

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and use as you would a commercial marinade. (However, a marinade can only be used once to prevent food poisoning from cross-contamination.)

If you want some new ideas for cooking that add a little spice to your next dinner, then you’ll love having my pamphlet “Heloise’s Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes.” It’s easy to get a copy. Just go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com), or send \$3, along with a stamped, self-addressed (75 cents), long envelope to: Heloise/Seasonings, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. You’ll be glad you have this handy guide.

**Dear Heloise:** I don’t understand the need for iodized salt – not in this day and age!

*Hector V., Norman, Okla.*

**Hector,** iodine was originally added to salt to reduce the incidence of a goiter. If salt contains iodine, it will be labeled on the outside of the box.

*Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** I hate throwing out perfectly good food. So I told my family that from now on, Friday nights would be leftover night – a week’s worth of leftovers served at one meal. At first my husband didn’t like the idea, but there was a nice variety of foods to choose from, and the kids loved it. Now it’s become our family tradition for Fridays.

*Patsy G., Dodge City, Kan.*

## Behavior

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delta, vaccination is by no means an assurance that a person is free from carrying COVID.

It is clear from many studies that the way to keep schools open is with widespread vaccination, testing, masking, distancing (three feet) and proper ventilation. Closing schools because of your child’s right to refuse to wear a mask makes as little sense as forcing masks on little kids who can’t tolerate them.

Resisting a government mandate is just as politically dogmatic as blindly following it.

The public health reality here is simple, even if the politics are complex.

I was reminded of it this week when I heard from a dear friend of mine in south Texas. He’s a great internist who provides service at nursing homes, hospitals and in the office. He is overweight and over 60, and he had the Moderna shot more than six months ago.

Two weeks ago, he contracted COVID. He told me he has been encountering many unvaccinated people without masks from both sides of the border and they are spreading it.

My friend got very sick, despite the vaccine, suffering a high fever, extreme fatigue and a decreased oxygen saturation. He said that if it weren’t for the vaccine, he would have ended up on a ventilator. He managed to stay out of the hospital, barely, and wished he had had a booster.

You can do everything right and still get sick, which is all the more reason not to do everything wrong. Not because the government tells you, but because it is the right thing to do.

The playing field is changing, the goal posts are moving, and we must move along with them.

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# Son wrecks mom’s finances and stress lands on daughter



Dear Annie  
Annie Lane

**Dear Annie:** Our family is like most families – dysfunctional.

Our father worked two jobs most of his life to better himself for the good of his family.

My mother was a spender, but my father controlled the money.

When my father passed, my mother was finally free to live as she wanted.

Yet my eldest sibling, “Dan,” suddenly controlled all her money.

Never was there a family meeting to discuss finances.

Recently, we learned that Dan has taken liberty with our mother’s money.

Almost everything my father worked for is gone.

Our mother needs assistance, and now she cannot afford it.

I feel that Dan cheated not only my mother but also the rest of our family, because now we have this added burden of her care.

Dan has never shown remorse.

Our mother could press charges for elder abuse but has chosen not to go that route.

The burden has mostly fallen upon me to care for our mother.

I really enjoy our time together. But I am struggling now because the rest of the family wants to find peace and has let Dan back into the fold.

He is a bad person who is a real con. He’s stolen from people outside the family, too.

I cannot seem to accept this decision. I have forgiven the crook, but I cannot forget.

I am keeping my distance from the situation and asking all other family members to assist with our mother’s care.

My family has no idea of the stress this situation has put on me. I have lost some of my hair; I constantly break out in rashes; and I hardly ever sleep at night because I worry about our mother’s finances.

I am wondering whether I am wrong to start thinking of myself and to stop worrying about our mother’s future.

I know there are ways to get assistance for our mom, but without her pressing charges against the person responsible, it might be difficult.

**It is not wrong at all for you to start thinking of yourself. In fact,**

**it’s imperative that you do.**

**The rashes, hair loss and lack of sleep are symptoms of severe stress.**

**Consider seeing a therapist, as it could greatly improve your quality of life.**

**If not therapy, at least take other steps to improve your mental health – whether that means planning a vacation, taking a fitness class or simply spending more time alone.**

**Self-care is not self-indulgence.**

**Annie Lane**

I would like all of us to find peace with this situation so there will be a legacy of love and kindness left by our mother.

Can I just go on and pray that my other siblings will see that I need to separate myself from all of it?

*Heartbroken*

**Dear Heartbroken:** You might want to consult an attorney about your situation, just to be sure you’ve exhausted every avenue regarding your mom’s finances and your brother’s mishandling of them.

That said, the person I’m worried most about is you.

It is not wrong at all for you to start thinking of yourself. In fact, it’s imperative that you do. The rashes, hair loss and lack of sleep are symptoms of severe stress.

Consider seeing a therapist, as it could greatly improve your quality of life. If not therapy, at least take other steps to improve your mental health – whether that means planning a vacation, taking a fitness class or simply spending more time alone. Self-care is not self-indulgence.

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

## Obituaries

TODAY’S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES			
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date Arrangements
*Mullenix, Patsy Lou “Pat”	84	Trenton, MO	26-Aug Resthaven Mortuary
<b>* Additional information in display obituaries</b>			
<i>Obituaries appear in print and online at <a href="http://legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress">legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress</a></i>			

### Patsy Lou “Pat” Mullenix

TRENTON - Patsy Lou “Pat” Mullenix, 84, Trenton, Missouri passed away August 26th, 2021 at St. Luke’s Hospice House in Kansas City. Patsy was born in Chicago, IL on May 2, 1937. As a child, after the death of her parents, Alva M. and Bessie May Gregory, she moved to Kirksville, Missouri and was raised by her aunt and uncle, Glen and Goldie Gregory. She graduated from Kirksville High School in 1955. In 1957 she married Jimmie D. Cooley in Kirksville. After Jimmie’s passing, Patsy married William Junior Mullenix on December 21, 1968 and they took up residence in Trenton where he was a teacher and coach. They were also long time insurance agents for Shelter Insurance and founded Mullenix Auction Service in 1977.

Pat was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Heritage Club, and Riverside Country Club. She was a high school and college sports fan and served as an ambassador for the Holiday Hoops tournament in Trenton for many years. She particularly enjoyed attending her kids and grandkids sporting events. Pat was a loving soul and would brighten every room she entered. She could cry at the drop of a hat but was solid as an oak.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her uncle and aunt, Glen and Goldie Gregory, three brothers, Paul, Allen, and Gene Gregory and two sisters, Beverly Wennihan and Glenna Lindquist, and her husband, Junior Mullenix.

She is survived by her five children; Becky Cooley Smith and husband, Mark, of Lincoln, Missouri; Kerri Cooley Glidewell and husband Dane, of Lee’s Summit, Missouri; Mike Cooley and wife, LaDona, of Kansas City; and sons Travis Mullenix and Jason Mullenix of Trenton. ten grandchildren; Tyler McKibben, Marilyn Cooley, Nathan and James Glidewell, Cree Mullenix, Cade Mullenix, Maycee Hoover, Stacey Mackley, Samantha Kirk, and Shelby MacEwen; and sister Diane Van Den Bosch of Virginia.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 10:00 am at Resthaven Memorial Gardens of Trenton with a celebration of life following at Riverside Country Club. Open visitation will be from noon until 6 Sunday afternoon at Resthaven Mortuary of Trenton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Pat Mullenix Memorial, and may be left at Resthaven Mortuary.





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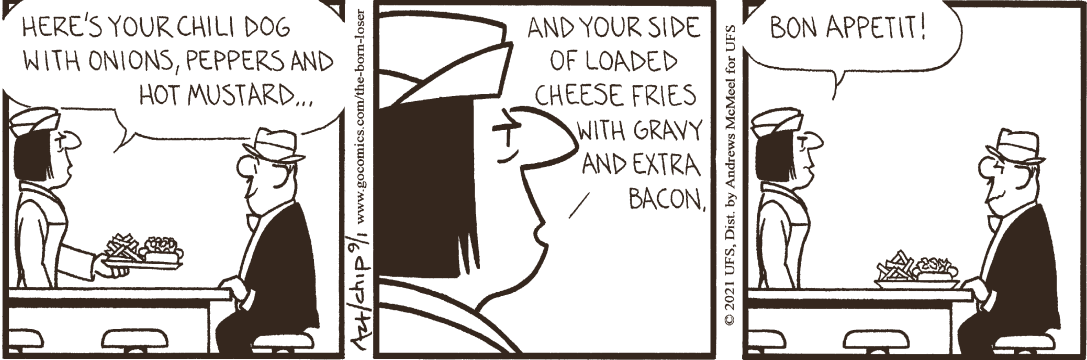
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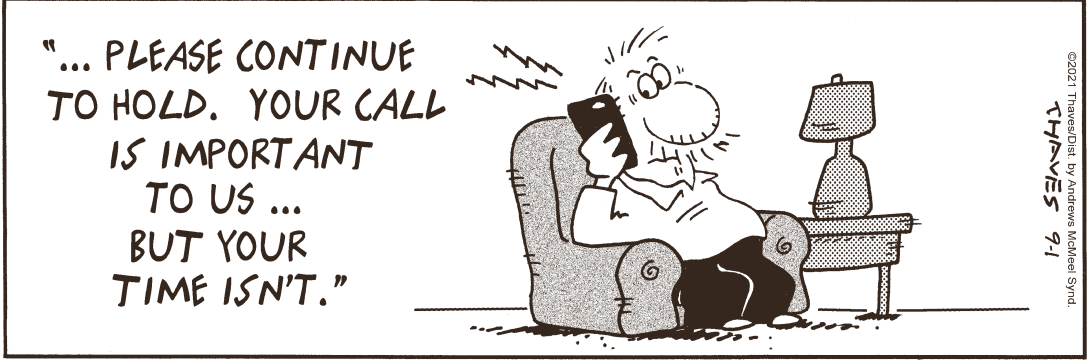
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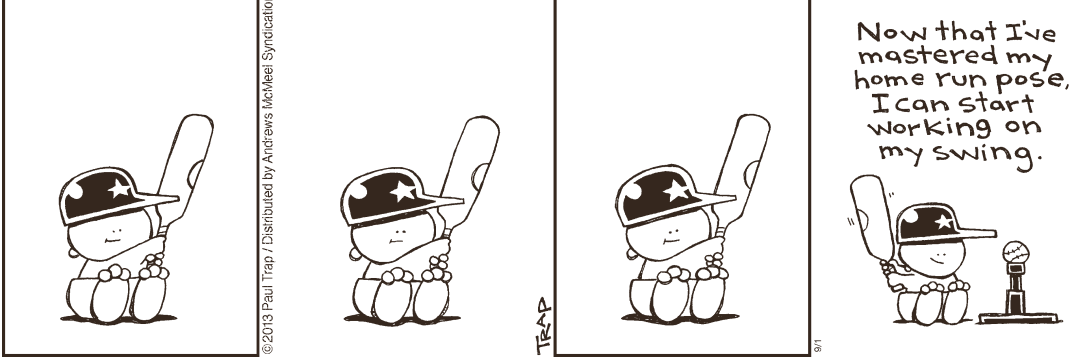
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CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Health resort

4 Rainbow band

7 “Egad!”

11 Chum

12 Board mem.

14 Cornelia — Skinner

15 Employ

16 Jet setter’s need

17 Iodine source

18 Shuttle launcher

20 Proper

22 Unser and Gore

23 RSVP word

24 Robins’ domiciles

27 Victorian garment

30 Black-and-white snack

31 Brownish-purple

32 “Drop — — line”

34 Hamm of soccer

35 Nature preserve

36 Occupied

37 Massages

39 Actor Plemons

40 “— be an honor”

41 Small fry

42 OPEC, e.g.

45 Unfair

49 Where Bryce Canyon is

50 Poet’s black

52 Juice-based drink

53 Muscle quality

54 Descartes or Cortes

55 Female principle

56 Kuwaiti leader

57 Poetic contraction

58 Adjust a watch

**DOWN**

1 Cowboy gear

2 Spanish step

3 Obi-Wan actor

4 Makes merry

5 Freeway ramps

6 — Plaines

7 Hayseeds

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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8 Particular

9 Disagreeable person

10 Catch a glimpse

13 Priest’s attire

19 Green Hornet’s aide

21 Blarney stone locale

24 — de plume

25 Norwegian name

26 Yoko’s son

27 Mongrels

28 Rhea cousins

29 Harper of “Tender Mercies”

31 Canoeist

33 Mate’s comeback

35 Goose liver delicacy

36 Greek letter

38 One of two

39 Social type

41 Steak-house order (hyph.)

42 Adorable

43 Quark’s home

44 Asian princess

46 Recites

47 Ms. Falco

48 Slight progress

51 Hairy insect

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19): You'll accomplish the most if you work from home. The less you deal with outside influences, the better. Pay attention to the rules and regulations. ☆☆☆

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Get in touch with someone you haven't talked to in a while. The information you receive will help you formulate what you want to do. ☆☆☆

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on what you want, then head in that direction. The work you do will propagate opportunities to use your creative input. ☆☆☆

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Take a pass if someone tries to engage in a spirited discussion. It's better to be reserved and avoid topics that take you out of your comfort zone. ☆☆☆

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Hide your feelings until you feel safe sharing. Offering too much information will leave you in a vulnerable position. Be a good listener. ☆☆☆

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A position that interests you will not live up to your expectations. Do your homework before you make a decision that can alter your earning potential. ☆☆☆

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waffle; pay your dues, and go about your business. Now is the time to explore and expand your mind, not miss out on opportunities because you can't decide. ☆☆☆

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Balance your books, then figure out what you can afford to do that's on your bucket list. You'll enjoy the process much more if you aren't stressed over the cost. ☆☆☆

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get approval before you do something that will affect others. A domestic problem will surface if you aren't upfront regarding your plans. ☆☆☆

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional issues will stand in your way where shared expenses or joint ventures are concerned. Don't get worked up without good cause. ☆☆☆

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Clarify your intentions before you start something new, and it will be easier to get to the finish line without interference. ☆☆☆

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Make an adjustment that is conducive to getting ahead professionally. Monitor what's going on in your field, and you will get a jump-start. ☆☆☆

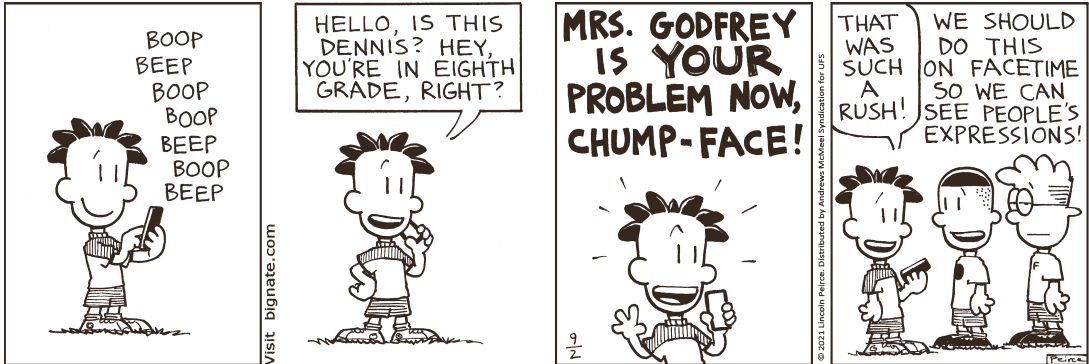


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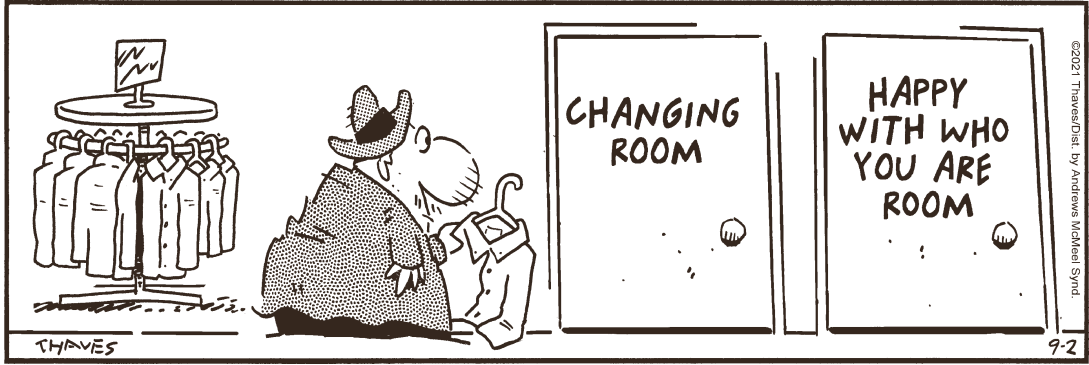
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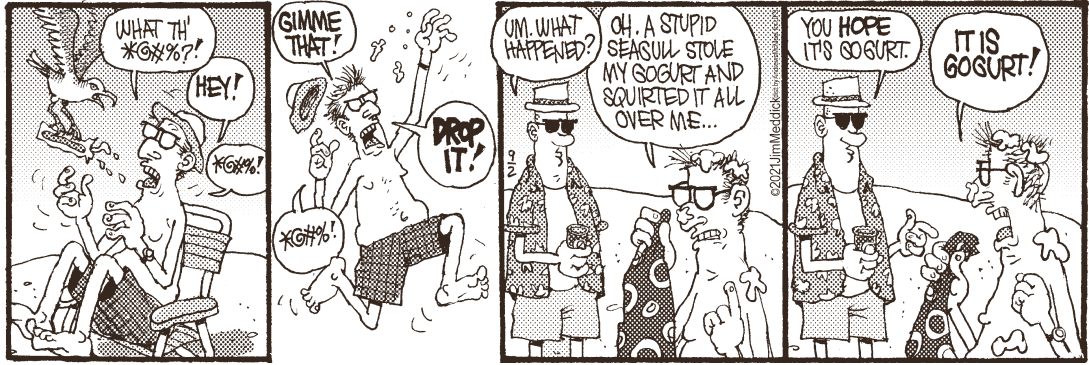
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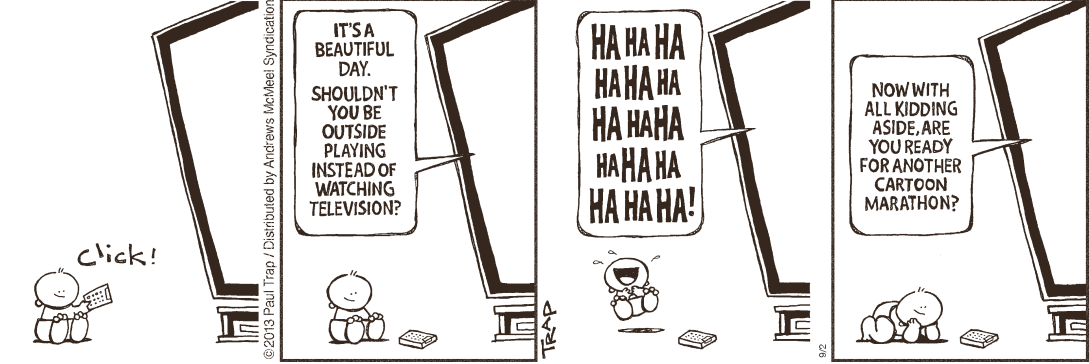
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CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Steady look

5 Part of a bushel

9 Funny Issa —

12 Shepard or Alda

13 Hard to come by

14 Spanish “that”

15 Tinny sound

16 Click-on item

17 Balloon filler

18 Chic

20 Himalayan country

22 Furnish guns

23 Marshy tract

24 Meal for Moses

27 Gentler

30 Like plow horses

31 Drink with scones

32 Carry with difficulty

34 Fetched

35 “Non-sense!”

36 Elcar or Wynter

37 Egg yolk

40 Penalized

41 Bran source

42 Final letter

43 Lintel companions

46 When it’s lights-out

50 Spacewalk, to NASA

51 Half of seis

53 Rock star, maybe

54 Calendar abbr.

55 Iowa, to Jacques

56 Headland

57 Peeve

58 Say it’s false

59 Palace entrance

**DOWN**

1 Breaks

2 Perched

3 Silly

4 Queen’s domain

5 Rainbow maker

6 One and all

7 — -Magnon

8 “Hotel” for dogs

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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9 Enjoy, as benefits

10 Where Cambodia is

11 “Fatha” Hines

19 Tax shelter

21 Conclusion

23 Edict

24 Food additive, for short

25 Shout from the bridge

26 Observe

27 Tabby’s sound

28 Joie de vivre

29 Old Norse poem

31 Fast pace

33 Flit (about)

36 Slimming down

38 Easy toss

39 Held up

40 Gave supper

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44 Confirm

45 Big name in trucks

46 Legume

47 Sudden thought

48 Nearly all

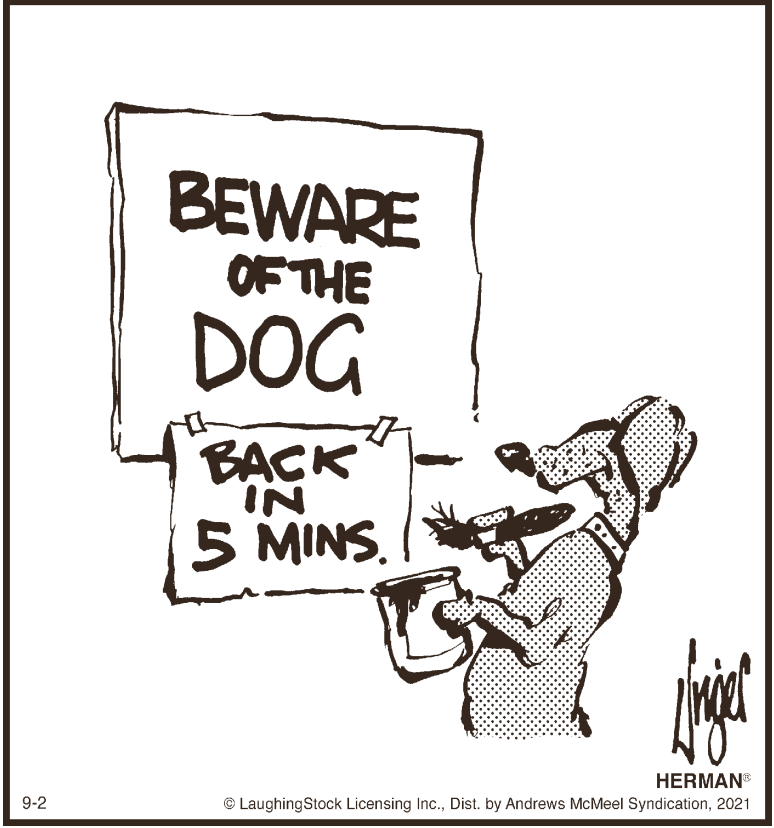
49 “What — can I say?”

52 Road map no.

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Surround yourself with supportive people who have your back and offer suggestions that encourage you to pursue what makes you happy. ☆☆☆

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Uncertainty will prevail if you have too many options. If you pay attention and consider what makes you happy, it will be easier to figure out what to do next. ☆☆☆

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Rely on common sense, the connections you have and your charm to help you reach your goal. Speak up on your behalf. Romance is encouraged. ☆☆☆

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Get involved in something unique or unfamiliar. It will give you the incentive to make changes at home that help you put the past behind you and start anew. ☆☆☆

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to let the changes taking place around you upset your plans. Don't offer information about your intentions to anyone who may try to interfere. ☆☆☆

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Push yourself, embrace change and be open to suggestions. Refuse to let emotional matters infiltrate into business or financial prospects. ☆☆☆

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't throw caution out the window when dealing with matters that can influence your position or reputation. Charm and mindfulness are encouraged. ☆☆☆

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Inhale; exhale. Keep life simple, take care of your responsibilities and navigate your way to a place that makes you feel good about who you are. ☆☆☆

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your intelligence, strength and ability to make the most with what you've got. You'll ward off any opposition. ☆☆☆

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll face plenty of questions if you use emotional manipulation or sport a pushy attitude. Relax and let others do as they please. ☆☆☆

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A money matter is best handled with finesse. Use your intelligence, and you'll develop a plan that can turn a little into a lot. ☆☆☆

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Choose friends wisely if you want to attract the right kind of people. The associates you align yourself with will determine what transpires. ☆☆☆



SPORTS

ONE A HOSPITAL PRESIDENT,  
THE OTHER A COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH;  
JEREMY AND ELI DRINKWITZ BOTH RISE AS LEADERS

Mercy Joplin President  
Jeremy Drinkwitz  
PROVIDED BY MERCY  
HOSPITAL JOPLIN

Missouri head coach  
Eliah Drinkwitz  
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BOND OF  
BROTHERS

Lauren Tronstad Columbia Daily Tribune | USA TODAY NETWORK

From being born in Norman, Oklahoma, to working high-level positions in Missouri, two brothers have found their way to the top of their careers by the age of 40. • A mere two years apart, this pair has always been competitive, looking for ways to beat the other. When they both ended up at Arkansas Tech for college, they learned they could be more than just brothers — they could be friends. • They found shared interests, most of which included sports, and genuinely enjoyed spending time with each other. Now as men, loaded with responsibility in their careers, they continue to find ways to spend time together, even if mostly over the phone.

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Eli Drinkwitz, left, with his brother Jeremy. PROVIDED BY ELI AND JEREMY DRINKWITZ

“Hard work is a necessity for success. It’s not the equation for success — you’ve got to have opportunities — but you can’t be successful without hard work. Both of us believe in that; it’s fundamental in our lives. It’s helped us, projected us to where we are right now.”

JEREMY DRINKWITZ

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ELECTRIC OPENER, 42-41

Macon  
rallies  
to beat  
Kirksville

Austin Miller  
Kirksville Daily Express  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Looking at the immense offensive talent between Macon and Kirksville, any gambler would’ve easily bet the over on 80 total points.

But at halftime of Friday’s Tiger Tussle, Macon didn’t uphold its end of that wager. It was all Kirksville early and often, with the home Tigers taking a 28-6 lead into halftime that felt much larger.

Not ones to leave bullets in the chamber, Macon put together a great second-half rally to win 42-41 in Kirksville.

“It felt like we were down by 50,” said Macon coach Jameson Allen of how the game felt at halftime. “But again, we had to calm them down. I think the game got bigger than they were expecting. Some of these guys have never played varsity football before. So they don’t know how to handle that pressure and don’t know what to do. ... I told them I even doubted them for a while because it was scary. We weren’t blocking like we had been blocking, we weren’t doing the things we had been doing all summer. It concerned me. But coaches and players did a great job of making adjustments and it was huge.”

After Macon’s (1-0) dynamic duo of quarterback MyKel Linear and receiver Chrisjen Riekeberg connected on a 27-yard score on their first possession — where Riekeberg cleared over Kirksville’s Jalen Kent for the big grab — Macon felt the Week 1 electricity.

Their power went out soon after. In the second quarter, Riekeberg broke an 86-yard score on a muffed punt attempt, but it was called back due to a blindside hit in the back from Macon’s Preston Stewart. He was ejected from the game and Macon deflated.

Kirksville (0-1) scored four unanswered TDs in the second quarter, all big boomers for huge yards. In his debut as Kirksville’s quarterback, Ike Danielson threw for 317 yards and five touchdowns, with three coming in the second quarter. He found Randon Baumgartner three times for 58-, 29- and 61-yard touchdown passes. Baumgartner also returned a punt 70 yards for a score in the third quarter. He finished the night with six catches for 168 yards and four total scores.

Danielson also hit Jaden Ballinger for a 34-yard score and a jet sweep pass to Kendrick Hartman that went 23 yards to the house.

Macon had the ball just before halftime and couldn’t get a final play off before the buzzer. Linear snapped at his offensive line for not getting ready. In the locker room, Dalton Cashatt chirped right back. Linear took it to heart and wanted to do better for his linemen. And boy did they return the favor.

Macon’s o-line put together a great drive in the

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Macon receiver Chrisjen Riekeberg runs after a catch during the first quarter of Friday's game between Macon and Kirksville. Riekeberg finished with 11 catches for 175 yards and two touchdowns. AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Aug. 28

High school softball

Kirksville 9, New Franklin 0  
Kirksville – Madi McCarty, 2 RBI; Jordan Meng, 2 RBI; Sophie Stuart, WP, 10 Ks.  
Fayette 8, Kirksville 3  
Kirksville 8, Wright City 4  
Kirksville – Jessi Nigh, 2 RBI; Sophie Stuart, 2 RBI; Mallory Lymer, 2 RBI, won 3rd place at Boonville Tournament.

Milan 5, Brashear 4  
Milan – No stats reported.  
Brashear – Lacey Fisher, 2 3B

High school volleyball

Kirksville finished 3rd at Quincy Early Bird Tournament, went 3-2.

Aug. 27

High school football

Knox County 78, Schuyler County 26  
Knox – Rylan Roberts, 5 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs; Branson Miller, 2 rushing TDs, 2 receiving TDs, fumble recovery TD; Braydon Miller, kick return TD; Collin Hayes, INT.  
Schuyler – Connor Smith, 240 passing yards; Kale Windy, 9 carries, 56 yards, 1 TD, 5 catches, 40 yards; Elliot Sevit, 9 carries, 64 yards; Noah Newland, 4 catches, 76 yards 1 TD; Mayson Humphrey, 6 catches, 92 yards, 2 TDs.

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# Roundup

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## Highland 50, Putnam Co. 14

**Putnam** – Blaine Perkins, 160 passing yards, 67 rushing yards; Jude Watt, 2 catches, 65 yards.

## South Shelby 22, Milan 20

No stats by deadline.

## Marceline 19, Scotland County 18

**Scotland** – Hayden Long, 24-yard TD pass to Riley Small; Alex Long, 24-yard rushing TD; Hayden Long, 12-yard TD pass to Alex Long.

## High school girls tennis

### Hannibal 9, Kirksville 0

**Singles** – Emma Haner def. Gracie Riemenschneider (KV), 8-0; Gracie Martin def. Maren Elmore (KV), 8-4;

Irelan Lomax def. Madisyn Crawford (KV), 8-1; Brooklyn Haye def. Brynn Williams (KV), 8-2; Lanie Privett def. Anna Eitel (KV), 8-0; Brynn Burton def. Katlynn DeLeon, 8-1.

### Doubles

– Haner/Martin def. Riemenschneider/Elmore, 8-0; Lomax/Haye def. Crawford/Williams, 8-4; Privett/Burton def. Eitel/DeLeon, 8-0.

*Austin Miller, Kirksville Daily Express*

# Opener

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third quarter, which ended with a five-yard scoring run from Trevin Shrum. And after that, it built Linear a ton of time in the pocket so he could dance around and buy time for his receivers down the field. He was flashy enough that Kirksville’s defensive backs were stuck watching him rather than seeing receivers get behind them.

“Linear’s a special kid, Riekeberg’s a special kid. We have to be better disciplined to not give those plays up,” said Kirksville coach Kevin Krietemeyer. “It comes down to eye discipline. We’ll be better next game. It’s a good loss for us. That’s a good football team and we’ll be better next week.”

Everyone knows what Riekeberg can do, and he was special again Friday with 11 catches for 175 yards and two scores. With him getting so much necessary attention, Macon’s other receivers got open in one-on-one matchups. Most notably was Bryant Carpenter, who snagged five passes for 134 yards and two scores. He secured touchdown catches of 46 and 60 yards, sneaking right behind Kirksville’s secondary nearly unnoticed.

For Carpenter, that was huge. After having teammates tell him last year that he needed to work harder to see the field, he made that happen.

“I had to prove them wrong. Last year, they didn’t believe in me, so I just had to get better,” Carpenter said.

“Lightning doesn’t strike twice in the same spot — but it did,” Allen said. “What a blessing that is.”

Linear threw for 366 yards and five touchdowns, also running for 83 yards. His mobility is tough to limit, let alone his arm.

“I just had to keep my eyes downfield. I knew they were coming at me. Being a dual-threat quarterback, that happens a lot when you scramble. Everyone’s eyes are on you because they don’t know if you’re going to run,” Linear said. “Lucky enough to see Bryant Carpenter down the field.”

Riekeberg is a known commodity. But having addi-



**Kirksville's Bryce Kertz cheers on the home crowd at Spainhower Field after a sack against Macon.**

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tional receivers show how lethal they are is big time. And Linear said there are more than those who popped up Friday.

“Oh man, you don’t even know. We’ve got eight guys we can throw in at certain spots, from freshmen to seniors,” Linear said.

Forty-one is a good offensive output on most nights. And Kirksville even left some more on the field. Landon Yardley finished with 124 rushing yards on the night, including a meaty 54-yard run in the first half. But he fumbled the ball away on the very next play, the game’s lone turnover. He also dropped a pass out of a wheel route late in the fourth that would’ve been an-

other big gainer. And Danielson just missed a surefire score to tight end Nick Fortney.

Those plays stick out in a tight game, but the Tigers didn’t lose because of them. Kirksville’s secondary is full of new players and Krietemeyer knew it was a unit that would take time to develop. It looked good for one half before regressing in the second. Seeing that group improve over the coming weeks will be a big part of where the Tigers go from here.

“Honestly, I’m pretty pleased with how we played on offense overall,” Krietemeyer said. “We’re talking about three or four mistakes that cost us three or four touchdowns. That’s unfortunate.”

# Brothers

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A mutual respect manifested, the two bouncing ideas off each another as they look for new ways to lead their respective teams. The elder brother works as a hospital president. The younger spends his time coaching big-time college football. Both continue to strive to be their best, no matter the situation or location.

The two boys-turned-men have stepped into the spotlight in their own way.

Their names: Jeremy and Eliah Drinkwitz.

## Drinkwitz family roots

From a young age, the idea of working hard was instilled in Jeremy and Eli by family.

Jeremy attributes most of their drive for success to the way they were raised. Their mother stayed at home as the boys grew up. Their father, who was a teacher, often had at least two jobs to help support the family.

Jeremy recalls that he can’t remember a time that his father didn’t work multiple jobs to help make ends meet.

“Hard work is a necessity for success,” Jeremy said during a phone interview with the Tribune this past week. “It’s not the equation for success — you’ve got to have opportunities — but you can’t be successful without hard work. Both of us believe in that, it’s fundamental in our lives. It’s helped us, projected us to where we are right now.”

Where the brothers are now is the height of their profession.

Jeremy is the president of Mercy Hospital Joplin, a 240-bed facility with 88 clinic and outpatient locations. Eli is entering his second season as head football coach at Missouri, working to elevate the Tigers’ profile within the Southeastern Conference.

Jeremy and Eli’s competitive nature continued with them into adulthood and fueled their desire for success and to continue to reach higher.

“Whether that competition is against another organization that you may be No. 2 and they are No. 1, or you are No. 1 and you want to make sure you don’t ever go down to No. 2,” Jeremy said. “I think those are healthy things for leaders because it makes you push past just being good. It makes you push back being satisfied with where you are.”

## Growing bond

The two frequently bounce ideas off of one another when it comes to communication and leadership, Jeremy said. He values Eli’s opinion and says he views him as an excellent communicator and respects the varying experiences they have had.

He described trying to learn new tactics when it comes to working as a team and leading people to success, whether that is in a hospital or on a football field.

Their relationship now has built upon what is was growing up.

“I wouldn’t say we were really close and I wouldn’t say we didn’t like each other,” Jeremy said of the two as children. “I would say that we had a pretty normal brother relationship when you’re two years apart.



**Members of the Drinkwitz family, including Eli, far right, and Jeremy, second from right, gather around the Battle Line Rivalry trophy after Missouri played Arkansas last season.** PROVIDED BY DRINKWITZ FAMILY

“He thinks he can take me and I make sure that he knew that he couldn’t.”

Their close bond wasn’t formed until college. Jeremy had two years at Arkansas Tech before Eli made the decision to start college there as well. Jeremy quickly realized that in a lot of respects, he would rather spend time with his brother than other friends.

It’s a bond the two “hold onto closely.”

“He’s somebody I know always has my confidence, and I always have his confidence,” Jeremy said. “He’s somebody you can be vulnerable with and somebody you can be open and authentic with. Those things are just rare in life, and to have that as your brother is something really special.”

Jeremy said Eli often hears extensive detail about his days in health care dealing with COVID-19 because “he’s genuinely concerned with how things are going and how we’re doing because it’s me doing this profession.”

Since his senior year in high school, Jeremy knew that he wanted to work in health care. The inspiration came from a family friend who held a similar position. When he was younger, he mowed lawns as a way of earning extra cash, slowly instilling in him an appreciation for business. His desire to help people, coupled with the business aspect, made his 15-year career, which eventually led him to Joplin in 2019, the perfect fit.

“I never thought that I would battle a pandemic in my career,” Jeremy said. “But here we are in the middle of one.”

Prior to his position in Joplin, Jeremy’s career in health care administration took him from his home state of Oklahoma to Florida to Mississippi and back to Arkansas before landing his current position.

Eli has had a similar path, with his coaching career moving him from state to state. He has held various coaching positions, from working in high schools to

well-known colleges such as Auburn and North Carolina State. Before making his way to Columbia, he was head coach at Appalachian State in North Carolina.

## Using their platforms

Even with the constant spotlight on Eli as he leads Missouri football, he has used the platform, perhaps as much or more than any other coach in college football, to promote COVID-19 vaccinations.

“When you’re in a position of leadership, you’ve been given an awesome platform and you’ve got to weigh the outcomes of what you endorse,” Eli said at SEC Media Days in July. “And so for me, when I think about vaccinations, I think about what if I’m wrong? So if I say, ‘It’s up to each individual decision,’ and I’m wrong about that, the consequences of not getting the COVID vaccine are death.”

Back in July, Eli explained that his decision to publicly endorse the vaccine was a personal one as his brother leads in the “firefight” against the pandemic.

Eli compared vaccinations to having players tape their ankles to help prevent spraining them and losing out on game time.

“I don’t really get any pushback on taping ankles,” Eli said, laughing. Just like taping ankles doesn’t guarantee you won’t sprain your ankle, he said, the vaccine doesn’t guarantee you won’t get COVID-19, but it significantly lessens risks.

“It’s become a political football,” he said. “I don’t think it needs to be that.”

When asked about how he feels about his brother using his platform to promote vaccinations within his team and community, Jeremy expressed nothing but pride.

“I am incredibly proud for him to use his voice,” Jeremy said. “As a leader, it’s always challenging whether to use your voice or not because you are always going to have criticism and encouragement on both sides of that decision. For him to use his voice and to speak up and be more vocal than most other people in that profession right now, I am really proud of that.”

Across the state, Joplin at times has been a hot spot for COVID-19, putting extra strain on Jeremy as hospital president. However, he continues to use his faith in hopes of inspiring change through his social media channels.

“We love our family and those close to us, but we rarely think about our neighbors,” Jeremy said. “We are called to do that. The things we do for ourselves are the same that we should be doing for people that we interact with. I believe we should be giving people a lot more grace. We could get a lot more done with our communities that way.”

Jeremy uses the Biblical phrase “love thy neighbor” in his tweets as a hashtag as a way to push for his followers to consider vaccines — not just for their own health, but for the health of those around them.

With Missouri football closing in on the first kickoff of the season against Central Michigan next Saturday, and with the Delta variant causing a surge in COVID-19 cases and a strain on hospitals, there is plenty occupying the Drinkwitzes these days.

The relationship between the brothers has continued to flourish, even in the public eye as they fight their own battles in hospitals and at Faurot Field.



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# Special ed families suing over mask mandate bans

They claim provisions violate rights of students

Alia Wong  
USA TODAY

Samantha Boevers’s 4-year-old son, Porter, has made so much progress since being diagnosed with autism that he was assigned to a general preschool classroom this fall. So when Boevers dropped him off for his first day of school earlier last week, she wanted to feel all the emotions a parent should in that moment: excitement, pride, relief. “The only thing I felt was heart-rending fear,” said Boevers, an instructional aide with a background in special education. “Because I didn’t know if he’d be safe.”

Porter’s disability puts him at heightened risk of getting sick from COVID-19. Mitigation strategies such as universal masking indoors, Boevers said, are crucial to limiting that risk.

Yet Boevers and her family live in South Carolina – one of more than a half-dozen states where schools are prohibited from requiring everyone on campus to mask up. Mask-wearing has been the exception rather than the rule in many of South Carolina’s school districts, and evidence suggested the trend has taken a toll. South Carolina has the third-highest rate of pediatric COVID-19 infections in the U.S., according to data collected by the American Academy of Pediatrics, with children accounting for roughly a fifth of the state’s positive cases.

With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, Boevers and other parents and advocates recently filed suit in federal court challenging South Carolina’s ban on school mask mandates. The lawsuit, which names several state officials and local school boards as defendants, alleged South Carolina’s policy violates federal law by effectively excluding students with disabilities from participation in the public education system.

It’s one of at least seven lawsuits filed in recent weeks in states with similar restrictions – including Arizona, Florida and Texas – many saying the rules violate the rights of students with disabilities. In one of the Florida suits, a circuit court judge has issued a ruling, concluding the state’s order banning school mask mandates is unlawful and districts have the right to set their own policies.

‘A slap in the face’

Remote learning was tough for all kinds of students last year, but for Porter it wasn’t just challenging – it was “physically painful,” Boevers said. Porter, who struggles with communication, would get so frustrated with virtual speech and occupational therapy sessions that he would screech and scream, sometimes hitting his parents.

Still, he worked hard and got better at using sentences, to the point that he can now learn alongside his neurotypical



Pro-mask protesters stand behind Catherine Price of the Polk County, Fla., Democratic Committee at a pro-mask-in-schools event. ERNST PETER/USA TODAY NETWORK

peers. He can continue making progress by being in that classroom, Boevers said. If he were to stick with virtual learning, he would “revert back to a child who doesn’t have a future.”

She and her husband consulted with Porter’s pediatrician when deliberating whether to send him to in-person school this year. In 2019, Porter ended up being hospitalized for the flu because he wasn’t able to communicate that he was in pain. Confused and scared by what was happening to him, he stopped eating and drinking. Boevers held back tears as she reflected on the experience, on the memory of witnessing three grown men holding Porter down so they could get the IV tube in.

The doctor said the same thing could happen again if Porter contracted the coronavirus, especially because he also struggles to comply with hygiene practices. Porter should attend school, the pediatrician concluded, only if anyone on campus who can wear a mask does so.

“I’ve seen people say the parents of children under 12 are living a different pandemic than everyone else because these children cannot be vaccinated,” Boevers said. “And I like to say, ‘The parents of special-needs children under 12 are living in hell during this pandemic,’ because every day we worry about the safety of our children when doing the basic things that every child has a right to do.”

South Carolina’s anti-mask law is excluding and segregating them, the plaintiffs alleged, by forcing many of them to withdraw from public school. And in prohibiting schools from dictating their own mask rules, the complaint continued, the law also denies those

children an equal education. “It’s really a slap in the face to students with disabilities,” said Susan Mizner, director of the ACLU’s Disability Rights Program. “Because while there is a risk to everyone, ... we know that the people who will get severely ill are almost always the students who have these underlying conditions or disabilities.”

Families have little recourse

In some parts of the country, distance learning isn’t an option this school year. According to an analysis by the Center on Reinventing Public Education, a University of Washington research group, three of the states with restrictions on mask requirements have passed legislation or policies limiting access to virtual schooling.

Those states include Tennessee, whose policy, enacted in April, prohibits districts from offering system-wide remote or hybrid instruction unless there is a declared state of emergency.

Tennessee’s limitation – combined with the state’s executive order requiring schools to allow mask opt-outs – forces parents to choose between jeopardizing their children’s health or withdrawing them from public education altogether, several parents of students with disabilities told USA TODAY.

One of those parents is Suzanne Talleur, whose 16-year-old son, Max, has Down syndrome. Research shows that, compared with the general population, people with the condition are four times more likely to be hospitalized – and 10 times more likely to die – after contracting COVID-19. That’s in part because they tend to have smaller airways and

weaker muscle tone than average, which makes them more vulnerable to respiratory complications.

Talleur kept Max, who also has asthma and a heart condition, in remote-only instruction all last school year; he barely left the house. When she was asked in February whether he would continue with online learning this school year, though, she decided it was time for him to return to the classroom. “It was terrifying sending him back,” Talleur said, but she was optimistic about the power of COVID-19 vaccines, which her son received as soon as he was eligible. She was confident his school district would do what it could to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by following CDC guidance.

But Tennessee’s recent executive order prevents the state’s schools from practicing a crucial piece of that guidance: universal mask-wearing indoors. And unlike the other states with restrictions on school mask mandates, Tennessee’s policy stipulates schools must allow parents to opt-out of any such requirements, which could make it hard to challenge on legal grounds.

Talleur now finds herself “in a pretty awful position,” especially because she couldn’t put Max in distance learning anytime soon, even if she wanted to. Like South Carolina, Tennessee has one of the highest rates of pediatric COVID-19 cases in the country.

“We’re not asking for perfection,” she said. “We’re asking for reasonable accommodations – and (mask requirements) are the definition of ‘reasonable accommodation.’”

# Fossil leaves might reveal climate in last era of dinosaurs

Scientist says ginkgo trees ‘a pretty unique time capsule’

Christina Larson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – Richard Barclay opened a metal drawer in the archives of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum containing fossils that are nearly 100 million years old. Despite their age, these rocks aren’t fragile. The geologist and botanist handled them with casual ease, placing one in his palm for closer examination.

Embedded in the ancient rock is a triangular leaf with rounded upper lobes. This leaf fell off a tree about the time that Tyrannosaurus rex and Triceratops roamed prehistoric forests, but the plant is instantly recognizable.

“You can tell this is ginkgo, it’s a unique shape,” Barclay said. “It hasn’t changed much in many millions of years.”

What’s also special about ginkgo trees is that their fossils often preserve material that, not simply a leaf’s impression. And that thin sheet of organic matter might be key to understanding the ancient climate system – and the possible future of our warming planet.

But Barclay and his team first need to crack the plant’s code to read information contained in the ancient leaf.

“Ginkgo is a pretty unique time capsule,” said Peter Crane, a Yale University



Distinctive fan-shaped ginkgo leaves are seen in the Fossils Atmospheres Project at the Smithsonian Research Center in Edgewater, Md. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

paleobotanist. As he wrote in “Ginkgo,” his book on the plant, “It is hard to imagine that these trees, now towering above cars and commuters, grew up with the dinosaurs and have come down to us almost unchanged for 200 million years.”

If a tree fell in an ancient forest, what can it tell scientists today?

“The reason scientists look back in the past is to understand what’s coming in the future,” said Kevin Anchukaitis, a climate researcher at the University of Arizona. “We want to understand how the planet has responded in the past to large-scale changes in climate – how ecosystems changed, how ocean chemistry and sea levels changed, how forests worked.”

Of particular interest to scientists are “hothouse” periods when they believe carbon levels and temperatures were significantly higher than today. One such time occurred during the late Cretaceous period (66 million to 100 million years ago), the last era of the dinosaurs

before a meteor slammed into Earth and most species went extinct.

Learning more about hothouse climates also gives scientists valuable data to test the accuracy of climate models for projecting the future, said Kim Cobb, a climate scientist at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

But climate information about the distant past is limited. Air bubbles trapped in ancient ice cores allow scientists to study ancient carbon dioxide levels, but those only go back about 800,000 years.

That’s where the Smithsonian’s collection of ginkgo leaves come in. Down a warren of corridors, Barclay hopped across millennia – as is only possible in a museum – to the 19th century, when the Industrial Revolution began.

From a cabinet, he withdrew sheets of paper where Victorian-era scientists taped and tied ginkgo leaves plucked from botanical gardens of their time. Many specimens have labels written in

beautiful cursive, including one dated Aug. 22, 1896.

The leaf shape is virtually identical to the fossil from about 100 million years ago, and to a modern leaf Barclay held in his hand. But one key difference can be viewed with a microscope – how the leaf has responded to changing carbon in the air.

Tiny pores on a leaf’s underside are arranged to take in carbon dioxide and respire water, allowing the plant to transform sunlight into energy. When there’s a lot of carbon in the air, the plant needs fewer pores to absorb the carbon it needs. When carbon levels drop, the leaves produce more pores to compensate.

Today, scientists know the global average level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is about 410 parts per million – and Barclay knows what that makes the leaf look like. Because of the Victorian botanical sheets, he knows what ginkgo leaves looked like before humans had significantly transformed the planet’s atmosphere.

Now he wants to know what pores in the fossilized ginkgo leaves can tell him about the atmosphere 100 million years ago.

But first he needs a codebreaker, a translation sheet – sort of a Rosetta stone to decipher the handwriting of the ancient atmosphere.

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# Brambles grow better in pruned rows or hills

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I wince every time someone tells me about their “bramble patch.” For some, those two words might evoke nostalgic, pastoral notions. For me, they call to mind thrashing through a mess of thorny canes to get at not-very-many berries.

I prefer my brambles – raspberries and blackberries – easily accessible on healthy plants that bear loads of berries. That means training them and pruning them regularly. That way, all stems bask in sunlight and air, limiting disease problems and yielding the tastiest fruit.

My brambles unromantically offer me their fruits from plants growing in a “hedgerow,” which is a neat, 1-foot-wide row; or in “hills,” clumps or groupings (not mounds) of plants 5 feet apart in each direction.

A good time for major pruning is while the plants are still dormant or just awakening, but doing some pruning now leaves less to do later and makes for even healthier plants.

### How do they grow?

Before grabbing your pruning shears, it helps to know something about how brambles grow and bear fruit.

Bramble roots are perennial, living year after year, but their individual canes live for only two seasons. A cane grows one season, fruits the next and then dies. Once a planting is established, there is a continuous supply of 1- and 2-year old canes, so you get to harvest berries every year.

Anyone who grows brambles soon realizes that plants try to spread beyond their allotted space. Shoots of red and yellow raspberries pop up through the ground from the ends of their wandering roots. Black raspberries, purple raspberries, and blackberries hopscotch along as their canes arch down to the ground and take root at their tips, forming new plants.

Pruning is aimed at keeping brambles productive and contained.

### Pruning summer-bearing red raspberries

The actual pruning is easy if you keep all that in mind. Three steps are involved in pruning summer-bearing red or yellow raspberries.

1. Cut right to the ground any canes that have borne fruit, either now, after the canes finish fruiting in summer, or during winter. Remember, these canes will die anyway. You can recognize them by their old, cracking bark and, well, they look dead or dying. Cutting them out now allows remaining canes to get plenty of sunlight and better air circulation.
2. Next, cut down any new canes that look spindly or diseased, or are overcrowded. When you return to your planting in winter, continue this step, more aggressively, removing canes trying to escape the foot-wide hedgerow or their hill. Also, further reduce the number of canes in the row or at the hill to the healthiest-looking ones, 6 inches apart in hedgerows, or six canes per hill.
3. Finally, shorten the remaining canes. This keeps them from flopping around too much. Four or 5 feet is a good height, though if the canes are held up by a wire strung between posts along the row, or to a post at each hill, they can be left longer and will bear more fruit.

### Pruning the other brambles

Black raspberries, purple raspberries, and blackberries bear their fruits on branches that grow off the canes, so two additional pruning steps are necessary.

First, pinch off the tips of any growing (new) canes during the summer when they reach 3 to 4 feet in height, to induce them to branch. Then, during winter, shorten each branch to 2 feet long.

Also, remove old canes that have already fruited and reduce the number of young canes, just as for the red and yellow raspberries. As with the raspberries, ideally do this now. You could also do it in winter.

Tie shoots of blackberries and purple and black raspberries to posts or wires



Gardeners can get better raspberries and blackberries by training and pruning their bushes, or brambles. LEE REICH VIA AP

to keep their tips from arching to the ground and rooting.

One other possible wrinkle in pruning brambles arises if you grow the everbearing (also known as fallbearing) type of red or yellow raspberries. Everbearing raspberries grow just like conventional red and yellow raspberries, except they begin to form fruit at the tops of new canes in late summer of their first season of growth. The canes finish fruiting further down along these same canes in early or midsummer of the following year.

Everbearers aren’t really everbearing. They bear their midsummer crop on 2-year-old canes and their fall crop on 1-year-old canes.

Prune everbearers just as you would conventional red and yellow raspberries, except shorten the 1-year-old canes that you save to just below where they fruited the previous fall. Remnants of old fruit stalks or unharvested fruit will be evident.

There is an even easier way to prune everbearing raspberries. Simply mow the whole patch – whoops! I mean planting – to the ground each year. This sacrifices the early or midsummer crop, but you do get to harvest a late summer crop.

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