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The former JC Penney store in Kirksville.

## Planning and Zoning recommends special use permit for former Gordmans, JC Penney buildings

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A developer interested in renovating the former Gordmans and JC Penney sites in Kirksville is moving forward with that plan.

During a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday, the commission approved a permitted use table change that will allow special use permits for storage facilities in C-3 zones. It also voted in favor of the special use permit for this business, though City Council approval is also needed on both of those measures.

Representatives from Smartlock Self Storage, a real estate developer and self-storage operator based out of Garland, Texas, spoke during Wednesday's meeting. They plan to not only develop the two former stores into climate-controlled self-storage facilities but purchase the whole Kirksville Renaissance shopping mall and develop it further.

Jonah Hall, Smartlock's co-founder, said there will be about 341 total storage units that vary in size across both buildings, with a pretty even split. The units are contact-less,

meaning the whole user experience is done on a smartphone. That is how users can select a unit to rent, access the building, and report issues.

Hall said there might be one or a few employees at the storage facility since most of the process is done on a smartphone.

But the company's plan to further develop available space in the shopping mall is another key piece, and one that was a big part of Wednesday's discussion.

City council member Rick Steele, who is the council representative on Planning and Zoning, voted against the special use permit. While he wants to see increased development on the south side of Kirksville since the north side is getting the bulk of that currently, he felt the Gordmans and JC Penney locations were quality sites for retail to fill in.

"I'd like to see Kirksville prosper, and I'm certainly not against storage facilities, but they're also taking probably two of our top, prime retail spaces in town that's already built," Steele said. "I think the south end of town needs retailers such as clothing and that type of retail market. I, personally, would rather see us

wait and try to keep getting something in there, instead of just, in a sense, hurrying up just to get something in there that I don't personally see, in the long-term, as great for Kirksville."

Commission member Kelsey Aurand de Razo voted in favor of the special use permit, though did agree with Steele's sentiments.

"I hear you Rick, and I would love to see retail as well," Aurand de Razo said. "I just wonder, broadly speaking, how likely it is that we're going to get retail back, given what we and so many other communities are looking at with these large increases in on-line shopping."

Both Gordmans and JC Penney stores have been closed for more than a year. Since then, work was done to get something else in those spaces. Art King with Raul Walters Properties, who currently owns the shopping center, sent a letter to the commission, saying there are no active discussions or agreements with vendors interested in filling the spaces.

Assistant City Manager Ashley Young said there have been leads over the last year, but none have come to fruition.

"Just generally speaking, if past performance is an indicator of future results, then it's not likely," said Young about the likelihood of retail returning to those buildings. "Because we're talking about 40-year-old commercial retail space. In certain cases, as we're seeing on the north side of town with Old Navy, it's cheaper to develop a green grass site than it is to go into an existing site with all of the expenses to retrofit it."

Hall couldn't specifically name any planned retail options to fill or develop space, but he said retail and restaurant opportunities could be available.

"I can't speak to any specific talks we're having at the moment, but that is definitely the goal," Hall said. "The goal is to bring retail back into each of those spaces that are currently vacant and not being utilized for this particular model that we have here."

Commission member Chuck Heckert abstained from voting on the special use permit. That permit should be looked at by the City Council at its Dec. 20 meeting.

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## Adair County crosses 4,000 cases of COVID-19; 54 cases, 3 deaths added over weekend

The Adair County Health Department

The overall COVID-19 case count is now 4,118 since the Adair County Health Department confirmed 54 new cases since Friday, Dec. 10. Three more residents have died from COVID-19 complications and two residents have been hospitalized.

The three deaths are previously reported cases. On Dec. 12, a 95-year-old female passed away. On Dec. 13, an 86-year-old and an 87-year-old female died. The 86-year-old was fully vaccinated. Two residents among Monday's 54 new cases, a 70-year-old male and a 72-year-old female, were admitted to Northeast Regional Medical Center Dec. 11.

Thirteen of the 54 new cases are in the K-12 schools sector and eight are breakthrough infections.

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Adair County COVID-19 case count was 3,953. By Friday, Dec. 10, the count had risen to 4,064 confirmed cases. There were 27 new cases as of Dec. 7, including females ages 5, 6, 10, 30, 34, 39, 46, 59, 62, 77 and 81. Males are ages 15, 18, 21, 23, 24, 29, 33, 37, 39, 53, 56, 60, 61, 62, 67 and 68.

Four are in the K-12 schools sector, one is in the higher education sector, and two are breakthrough infections. On Dec. 8, the overall case count surpassed the 4,000 mark to 4,017 upon confirmation of 37 new cases. Females are ages 14, 17, two age 18, 20, 27, 30, 35, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, 51, 53, two age 57, 60, 61 and 70. Males are ages 2, 4, 15, 18, 20, 21, 29, 33, 44, two age 51, 58, 60, two age 62, 68 and 84. Three are in the K-12 schools sector, one is in the higher education section, and five are breakthrough cases.

There were 28 new cases confirmed Dec. 9, raising the overall count to 4,045. Females are ages 9, 12, 13, 15, 31, 32, two age 34, 42, 44, 50, 51, 55, 57, two age 62 and 87. Males are ages 3 months, two age 6, two age 17, 23, 24, 28, 38, 51 and 52. Eight cases are in the K-12 schools sector. Two are breakthrough infections.

Upon confirmation of 19 new cases on Friday, Dec. 10, the overall count stood at 4,064 entering the weekend. Cases involve females ages 17, 27, 29, 37, 38, 40, 47, 54 and 69. Males are ages 12, 22, 32, 33, 35, 37, 48, 51, 57, 61 and 62. Three cases are in the K-12 schools sector. Two are breakthrough infections.

The Adair County Health Department recommends that all county residents ages 5 and older get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccines are easily accessible, free, and continue to demonstrate that they prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

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## Tree injections, removal planned to combat emerald ash borer in Kirksville

Austin Miller  
Daily Express

Entities across the city are looking at solutions for ash trees and damage done by the emerald ash borer beetle.

The emerald ash borer is an invasive species native to Asia that arrived in the United States around 2002. The adult beetles do little damage to trees, but they bury into ash trees to lay larvae. As the larvae grow and eat inside the tree, that disrupts the water

flow and causes the tree to die over time. Millions of ash trees have died across the U.S. as a result.

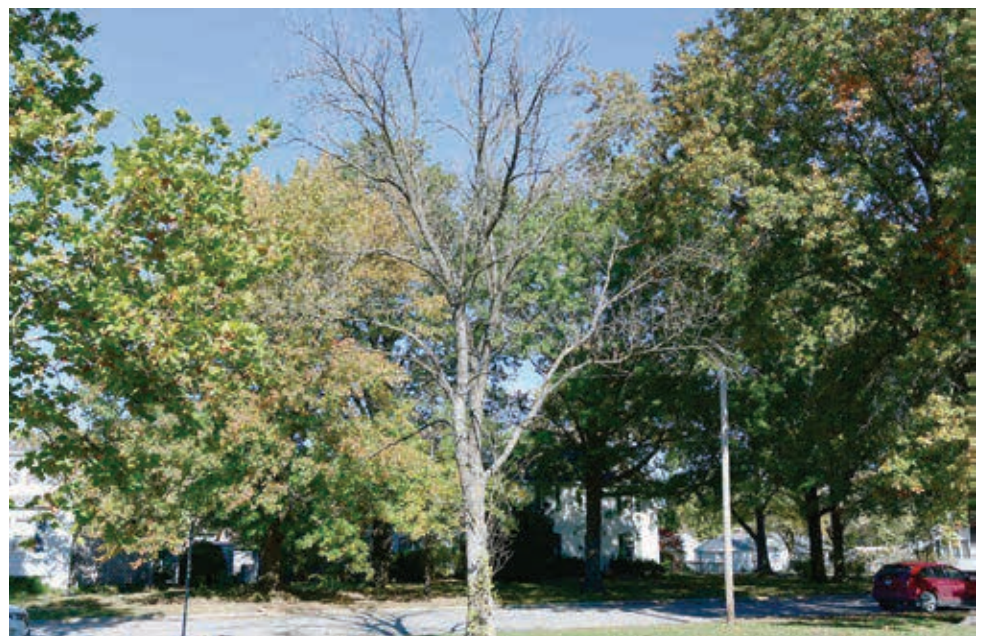
There are several safety issues from dead or decaying trees.

"If you had 100 acres and you had 20 dead ash (trees) in your 100 acres, it wouldn't be a concern to anyone," said Yvette Amerman, a private land forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation. "But when you have public areas where people are out and about, using

it for trails or hiking or sledding or parks, ... then dead trees and limbs could fall out and potentially hit someone."

The emerald ash borer was first found in Kirksville around 2019. Amerman has been working with the city, Kirksville R-III School District and Truman State University over the last few years to address the problem.

So what all can be done? Removing ash trees is one method. Amerman has surveyed ash trees in the



A dead ash tree in Kirksville's Brashear Park. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville park system and around the school district's campus. She began noticing how prevalent

ash trees are on campus when she dropped her kids off for school. When surveying the school dis-

trict, Amerman said she stopped counting ash trees

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## IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD: KIRKSVILLE EVENTS FOR DEC. 16-22

Submitted by Debi Boughton

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@visit-kirksville.com](mailto:debi.boughton@visit-kirksville.com).

### Thursday, December 16

Take the opportunity to make a wreath at the Missouri Conservation Center, 3500 S. Baltimore. The class is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This class is for adults, and youth ages 14 and up with an adult. All supplies are provided including items from nature such as pinecones, feathers, and tree cookies. Registration is required. Go to: [Events | Missouri Department of Conservation \(s3licensing.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/Curtain-CallKirksville/). For more information call 660-785-2420.

### Friday, December 17

Curtain Call Theater hosts the classic holiday film, *It's A Wonderful Life*, at 7:00 p.m. in the Curtain Call Theater Building, 512 W. Elizabeth Street. For costs and more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Curtain-CallKirksville/>.

### Saturday, December 18

The Commencement Ceremony at Truman State University begins at

11:00 a.m. in the Pershing Arena on the Truman campus. Masks are required inside university buildings. For more information go to: [registrar@truman.edu](mailto:registrar@truman.edu) or call 660-785-4143.

### Saturday, December 18

Santa has moved his toy shop this year because the Courthouse is under reconstruction. Bring your children to see Santa from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Downtown Cinema 8, 115 N. Elson. For more information email [kvdowntown@gmail.com](mailto:kvdowntown@gmail.com).

### Saturday, December 18

You are invited to Factory Connection, 2402 N. Baltimore, for a Christmas Bonanza! Join them for some Christmas fun. They are open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy some Christmas shopping, cookies, Christmas music and crafts for children. For more information call 660-956-0617.

### Tuesday, December 21

Get ready for an evening of Nature Scene painting at the Missouri Conservation Center, 3500 S. Baltimore beginning at 6:00 p.m. This class is for adults and youth ages 14 and up with an adult. Register at: [Events | Missouri Department of Conservation \(s3licensing.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/Curtain-CallKirksville/). For more information call 660-785-2420.

## Holiday recycling available from Chamber of commerce, Community Opportunities

Submitted by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Opportunities, Inc. are partnering once again to make it easier for citizens of Adair and Schuyler counties to drop of their recyclable materials.

Beginning Thursday, December 23, 2021 there will be recycling trailers set up at two locations in Kirksville. The trailers will remain in place throughout the holidays, until Monday, January 3, 2022. On the south end of town, recyclables can be dropped off in the trailer at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 S. Baltimore. On the north end of town, there will be a recycling

trailer on the grassy lot directly behind the Ayerco gas station at 2400 N. Baltimore. During that same time frame, citizens of Schuyler County will find a recycling trailer located at the corner of Main Street and 6th Street (Rt K) in Greentop.

Everyone is encouraged to use the trailers to eliminate some of their Christmas aftermath; the mountains of wrapping paper and boxes you're left with after gift giving is complete. In addition to wrapping paper and cardboard, other items that can be placed in the trailer include office paper, junk mail, magazines, books, and aluminum cans. Recently, Community Opportunities, Inc. added plastics to their recycling.

Water bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles are among the plastic items they can collect.

Community Opportunities, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 1969 in Kirksville, MO to offer employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities. Today the sheltered workshop employs over 50 people. In addition to recycling, they offer confidential document shredding, custodial services, car detailing and contract work for local and regional industry.

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank their members, El Kadir Shrine Club and MRP Capital Group, for allowing trailers to be parked on their properties.

## United Way of Northeast Missouri at 78 percent of fundraising goal

Daily Express staff

The United Way of Northeast Missouri raised another \$1,612 for its campaign following a poker tournament on Dec. 9.

Twenty players participated in the event. Mike McVay won first place and Mark Hunolt took second. Prize sponsors in-

clude A.T. Still University, Century 21, Mid-Rivers Insurance Agency, Lovegreen Motors, Hampton Inn and Kirksville Brake and Muffler.

So far, United Way of Northeast Missouri has raised \$142,212, roughly 78 percent of its goal for the year.

The fundraising campaign runs through Dec.

31. Individuals interested in contributing can visit the organization's website at [LiveUnitedNEMO.org](http://LiveUnitedNEMO.org); mail their contribution to United Way of Northeast Missouri, P.O. Box 112, Kirksville, Mo., 63501; or drop a donation off at the United Way office on the second floor of Bank Midwest (201 North Elson, Suite 204).

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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: TAYLOR GRIMM AND JUSTIN WOOD



Taylor Grimm, daughter of Andrew and Tonya Grimm of Kirksville, Mo. and Justin Wood, son of Thomas and Sheryl Wood of Boonville, Mo. were joined together in marriage on Oct. 9, 2021. The wedding ceremony and reception were held at Emerson Fields in Excello, Mo. and officiated by John W. Davison. The bride was attended by her brother Alexander Grimm as her Man of Honor while the brother of the groom, Jeremy Wood, served as the Groom's Best Man. The couple will reside in Wooldridge, Mo.

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## PLANNING

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With shopping centers having vacancy problems all around the country, Young expects similar propositions to come in the future.

"I guarantee you this will not be the last time that something like this

comes before you," Young said to the commission. "It will only become more and more frequent. Because these shopping centers have to evolve to keep up with the times, and part of that means allowing multiple types of uses. Not just straight, strict retail, but also entertainment, office space and in certain cases, housing."

## COVID

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A list of upcoming pediatric and adult COVID vaccine clinics at the Adair County Health Department appear on its website at [adair.lphamo.org](http://adair.lphamo.org).

There are adult vaccination clinics on Tuesdays, Dec. 14, 21 and 28, and pediatric vaccination clinics on Thursdays, Dec. 16, 23 and 30. Residents must register for the clinics by calling the Health Department at 660-665-8491.

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## OBITUARIES

### Burton "Burt" Leroy Picht

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Burton "Burt" Leroy Picht, 91, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021 at The Pines Adult Care Center in Kirksville, Missouri.



Born September 24, 1930 in Swea City, Iowa, Burt was the son of the late Howard Blaine and Myrtle Orabelle (Kelly) Picht. On June 25, 1966 in Des Moines, IA, Burt was united in marriage to Jane Tsuneko "Janie" Tsukimura.

Burt was preceded in death by four brothers, Gerald Picht, Raymond Picht, Cecil Picht, and Wayne Picht, and two sisters, Geneva (Picht) Thaves White and Florence (Picht) Butterfield.

Burt is survived by his wife Janie of Kirksville, MO, and one daughter, Nancy Lea Picht, of Bellingham, WA.

Burt graduated as the valedictorian of the class of 1947 from Shell Rock (Iowa) High School. He served in the US Army from February 1952 to February 1954 at Fort Bliss, Texas. He worked on his family's farm in Shell Rock, IA, and at Waterloo Industries in Waterloo, IA. He moved to Des Moines, IA, to attend the College of Automation, where he met his

future wife Janie Tsukimura. Shortly after they were married, Burt was transferred to Kirksville, MO, where he and his wife lived for over 55 years. He was a traveling salesman for Mid-state Electronics, before buying a store which would become Crafts and Things. He ran Crafts and Things in downtown Kirksville for over 20 years before retiring in January 1996.

Burt enjoyed gardening, model cars and trains, and playing cards with his family. He loved animals, especially cats, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals and Iowa Hawkeyes. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville, with Reverend Dale Stone officiating. Family will receive friends for one hour prior to service time. Interment with military honors will follow at the Missouri State Veteran's Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Burton may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Adair County Humane Society and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Janice Marie "Jan" (Pennock) Martinson

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Janice Marie "Jan" (Pennock) Martinson, 69, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday November 14, 2021 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia, Missouri.



Born November 27, 1951 in Cody, Wyoming, Jan was the daughter of the late Russell Clair and Marjorie Lucille (Pitzer) Pennock. In 1971, Jan was united in marriage to Alan Martinson and to this union two children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan; one sister, Jeri Parker; one brother, John Pennock; as well as her brother-in-law, Kent Martinson.

Jan is survived by one son, Sam Martinson of Kirksville, MO; one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Russell Shirk of Kirksville, MO; two granddaughters, Elisabeth and Samantha Shirk both of Kirksville, MO; and two sisters-in-law, Kathy Kunz of Worland, WY, and Helen Nelson of Cheyenne, WY.

Jan was a graduate of Worland High School in Worland, Wyoming with the Class of 1970 and attended and received her nursing degree in 1992 from Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming. In 1993, Jan moved to Kirksville, Missouri to make her home and begin working at Grim-Smith Hospital, later for Northeast Regional Medical Center until retiring in 2020.

Jan loved sewing, cooking weekly family dinners, shopping, and had a great love for cats and dogs. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kirksville.

Jan has been cremated and family will receive friends on Monday, December 20, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

A Memorial Service will follow visitation at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 with Pastor Dale Stone officiating.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jan may be made to the Adair County Humane Society and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

# Thousands without heat, water after tornadoes kill dozens

By **BRUCE SCHREINER** and **CLAIRE GALOFARO**  
Associated Press

MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) — Residents of Kentucky counties where tornadoes killed several dozen people could be without heat, water or electricity in frigid temperatures for weeks or longer, state officials warned Monday, as the toll of damage and deaths came into clearer focus in five states slammed by the swarm of twisters.

Kentucky authorities said the sheer level of destruction was hindering their ability to tally the devastation from Friday night's storms. At least 64 people were killed in the state alone, though officials believe the death toll will be lower than initially feared since it appeared many more people escaped a candle factory in Mayfield, Kentucky, than first thought. As searches continued for those still missing, efforts also turned to repairing the power grid, sheltering those whose homes were destroyed and delivering drinking water and other supplies.

"We're not going to let any of our families

go homeless," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said in announcing that lodges in state parks were being used to provide shelter.

In Mayfield, one of the hardest hit towns, those who survived faced a high in the 50s and a low below freezing Monday without any utilities.

"Our infrastructure is so damaged. We have no running water. Our water tower was lost. Our wastewater management was lost, and there's no natural gas to the city. So we have nothing to rely on there," Mayfield Mayor Kathy Stewart O'Nan said on "CBS Mornings." "So that is purely survival at this point for so many of our people."

Across the state, about 26,000 homes and businesses were without electricity, according to poweroutage.us, including nearly all of those in Mayfield. More than 10,000 homes and businesses have no water, and another 17,000 are under boil-water advisories, Kentucky Emergency Management Director Michael Dossett told reporters.

Dossett warned that full recovery in the hardest-hit places could take



**Volunteers help Martha Thomas, second left, salvage possessions from her destroyed home, in the aftermath of tornadoes that tore through the region, in Mayfield, Ky., Monday, Dec. 13, 2021.** GERALD HERBERT - STAFF, AP

not months, but years.

"This will go on for years to come," he said.

Kentucky was the worst hit by far in the cluster of twisters across several states, remarkable because they came at a time of year when cold weather normally limits tornadoes. At least 64 people died there, Gov. Andy Beshear said Monday, offering the state's first specific count of the dead. There were at least another 14 deaths in Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri.

Still, Beshear warned that it could take days longer to pin down the full

death toll, with door-to-door searches impossible in some places.

"With this amount of damage and rubble, it may be a week or even more before we have a final count on the number of lost lives," Beshear said.

Initially as many as 70 people were feared dead in the Mayfield Consumer Products candle factory, but the company said Sunday that eight deaths were confirmed and eight people remained missing, while more than 90 others had been located.

"Many of the employees were gathered in the tornado shelter and after the

storm was over they left the plant and went to their homes," said Bob Ferguson, a spokesman for the company. "With the power out and no landline they were hard to reach initially. We're hoping to find more of those eight unaccounted as we try their home residences."

Debris from destroyed buildings and shredded trees covered the ground in Mayfield, a city of about 10,000 in western Kentucky. Twisted sheet metal, downed power lines and wrecked vehicles lined the streets. Windows were blown out and roofs torn off the buildings that were still standing.

Firefighters there had to rip the doors off their station to get vehicles out, according to Fire Chief Jeremy Creason on "CBS Mornings."

"Words cannot describe the bravery, the selflessness that they've exhibited," he said of his employees. "We had to try and navigate through all the debris up and down our streets. We were responding with ambulances with three and four flat tires."

Four twisters hit Kentucky in all, including one with an extraordinarily

long path of about 200 miles (322 kilometers), authorities said.

In addition to the deaths in Kentucky, the tornadoes also killed at least six people in Illinois, where an Amazon distribution center in Edwardsville was hit; four in Tennessee; two in Arkansas, where a nursing home was destroyed and the governor said workers shielded residents with their own bodies; and two in Missouri.

Pope Francis expressed his sadness over the "devastating impact" of the tornadoes. In a telegram sent Monday by Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the pope offered prayers for those who died, "comfort to those who mourn their loss and strength to all those affected by this immense tragedy."

*Schreiner reported from Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Associated Press writers Kristin Hall in Mayfield; Seth Borenstein, Zeke Miller and Dino Hazell in Washington; Travis Loller in Nashville, Tennessee; Rebecca Reynolds in Louisville, Kentucky, and Jonathan Drew in Durham, North Carolina, contributed.*

## TREES

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once she hit 100, with there being large clusters of them around Ray Miller Elementary School and the district's maintenance shed. She looked at general tree health, making a list of trees that were healthy and those that weren't. The unhealthy trees weren't like that just due to the presence of emerald ash borers, but are at high risk.

Around 15 ash trees have or will be removed from Kirksville parks. Trees have already been removed from North Park, Memorial Park and Rotary Park. About 50 trees at the school district are set to be removed.

The remaining healthy trees will receive an insecticide injection that will kill any beetle present. That is about 14 trees in the parks and beginning with 35 at the school district.

The chemical will cover the tree for three years, with further injections needed if a tree continues to stay healthy. The cost of that chemical depends on



**In an undated photo provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, an adult emerald ash borer is shown. The highly destructive insects which kill ash trees are metallic green and about 1/2-inch long.** AP PHOTO/MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

the diameter of the tree since a larger tree will need more of the insecticide. On average though, one injection would cost between \$75 and \$100. Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler has budgeted about \$1,000 for injections next year.

Amerman is set to perform those injections around the city next spring. She also secured a state trim grant worth around \$14,000 that will help the school district remove and replace trees on campus.

How the trees are disposed of is a crucial part

of the process. The beetles can still live inside the tree after it is cut down. So if someone cuts down a tree and takes it to the city's brush site, the beetles can hang around and spread from there. Burning or chipping the trees is one method, or the logs can be kiln dried.

For the school district's trees, ones chipped by maintenance staff will be used in mulch for the school garden site. The larger trees that need a contractor for removal, which there are 16 of, will be taken to a sawmill. Half of those logs will come

back to the school and Kirksville Area Technical Center students will make furniture with them.

Ash trees became popular after Dutch elm disease wiped out around 77 million elms across North America before 1989. Ash trees likely await a similar fate. The ash tree filled the void of something that grew quickly and provided a lot of shade for yards.

"It seemed like the next perfect yard tree," Amerman said. "... So it got pushed fairly hard, I suppose, as the next great yard tree. It's native, so it grows fairly easily, and it's fairly hardy. And really, up until this point, it has been phenomenal. It's a nice shade tree and is disease-resistant to what I would say are native problems. Until this bug came from somewhere else, we were doing really well with ash. Now, unfortunately a lot of communities — and it's not just us — are finding that ash is 50 percent, if not 75 to 80 percent, of their population of urban trees."

The total number of ash trees in Kirksville remains a mystery. The

city plans to pursue a trim grant next year for a street tree survey. That will show the full extent of what problem is ahead. Anecdotally, Amerman and Sadler said there are some neighborhoods where ash trees make up three-quarters or more of trees in the area. Sadler plans to provide information to the public about the injections once the city begins that process and sees how it goes.

"It's going to be a larger problem for the community as a whole," Sadler said. "There are large amounts of neighborhoods with ash trees, either in their backyards or other places. We're going to work with MDC to do an informational campaign ... to give people some information and things to look at. Maybe a tree would be appropriate for treating at home (with injections), too."

The MDC website has a guide for how homeowners can address the issue. There is soil work that can help with the trees. But there is a cost-benefit analysis that people will have to weigh. If someone wants to spend \$100 ev-

ery three years to inject their tree — and those injections keep the tree healthy — than that is an option. But at some point, that cost will likely surpass the cost to remove and plant something new.

Amerman said the strategy for the school district is to buy some time to start adding new trees in. If they removed every ash tree right away, that would create a ton of empty spots and leave many areas without shade, particularly around the Ray Miller playground. But replacing and injecting over the next handful of years should alleviate that.

Amerman said diversity is the key to replanting. Since huge swaths of ash trees were planted around the city 40 or so years ago, that's why there is a problem now. But if several different types of trees are planted, that can fight off pests that affect one kind of tree.

"We never know what the next apocalypse will be, so having all kinds of different trees in your yard helps you prepare for what ... the next crazy bug is that comes through," Amerman said.

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Local Notice as Part of the Environmental Notification Process for the Registration of Antenna Structures

All interested persons are invited to review and request further environmental processing of an FCC application for PI Tower Development, LLC c/o LendLease Americas, Inc proposing the following telecommunications antenna structure at .25 mi NE of Sebada Dr/LN & Dawnview Dr, Kirksville, Adair County, MO 63501. FCC Form 854 File Number A1205804 proposes a 255 ft self-supporting communications tower. The tower will be lit with a Medium-Dual Intensity System. This application may be reviewed by entering the above file number at this website: [www.fcc.gov/asr/applications](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications). Interested persons may raise environmental concerns by filing a "Request for Environmental Review" with the FCC within 30 days of this posting. Instructions for filing requests are contained on the following website: [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). The FCC strongly encourages requests to be filed online; however, written requests may also be sent by mail to the following address: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

**NOTICE**

The Adair County Sheriff's Office is accepting bids for its vehicle fuel contract. Interested parties may obtain a bid package from the Sheriff's Office at 215 N. Franklin St. in Kirksville between the hours of 8am-5pm, M-F. Bids will be accepted until December 24th, 2021 at 4pm, in the County Clerk's Office. Bids will be opened December 28th, 2021 at the County Clerk's Office, 311 N. Elson St, Kirksville.

Eldon L. Grissom  
Adair County Sheriff

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
Russell Steele, Judge**

In the Interest of )  
N. R. R. ) Case Number: 21AR-JU00084  
Male )  
DOB: 10/29/2017 )  
Age: 4 )

**Notice Upon Order for Service by Publication**

The State of Missouri to: UNKNOWN FATHER

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to terminate your parental rights in and to N.R.R., a minor child born October 29, 2017.

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the Juvenile Office attorney is:

C. David Rouser  
ROUSER LAW OFFICE LLC  
400 N. Franklin Street  
Kirksville MO 63501  
(P) 660.665.7515  
(F) 660.665.7514

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after December 15, 2021, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Parallel Infrastructure, intends to construct a communications facility at .08 mi SW of Tiger Way & McClay St, Brashear, Adair County, MO 63533 (40.1523139, -92.384885). The facility will include a guyed telecommunications tower with an approximate overall height of 360 ft. and associated equipment. Parallel Infrastructure, is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the proposed facility should contact GSS, Inc., 1054 Texan Trail, Suite 300, Grapevine, TX 76051; Ph. (682) 651-0034 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #D21135-MO)

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, Richard W. Hatcher Jr. and Latuana C. Hatcher, Husband and Wife, by their deed of trust dated the twenty-sixth (26th) day of August, 2009, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for Adair County, Missouri, in Book 925, Page 760-770, conveyed to J Michael Conway, Trustee, the following-described property situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, Still's Addition to Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri

which conveyance was made to the said J Michael Conway, Trustee, in trust to secure the payment of one promissory note in said deed of trust described;

WHEREAS, Wayne Blackman was appointed successor trustee pursuant to the terms of the deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, default was made and still continues in the payment of said note;

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, Wayne Blackman, Successor Trustee, will sell the property above described at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the South front door of the Adair County Courthouse, in the city of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, on January 7, 2022, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., and more particularly at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

By: Wayne Blackman  
Successor Trustee

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**Birth Announcements**



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**Celebration Announcements**



**Cunningham Graduation**  
Allison Jean Cunningham, daughter of Pam and Mark Cunningham, graduated from Mizzou on October 6, 2019.

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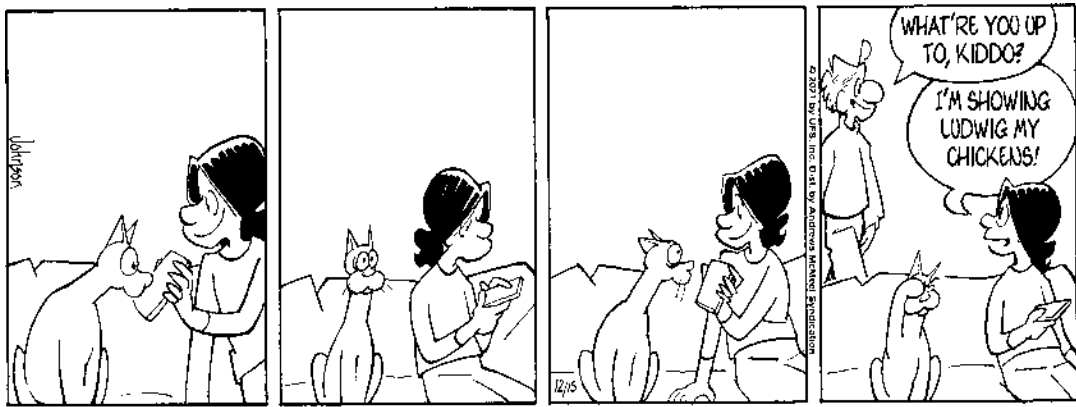
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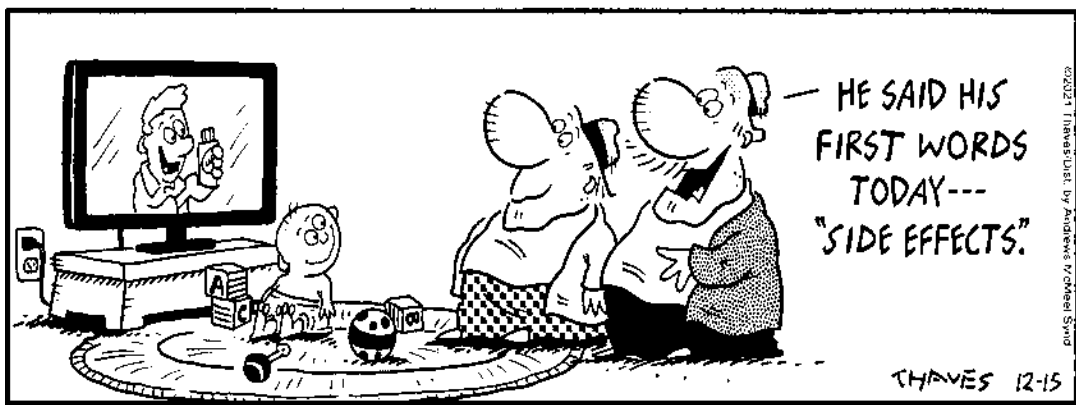
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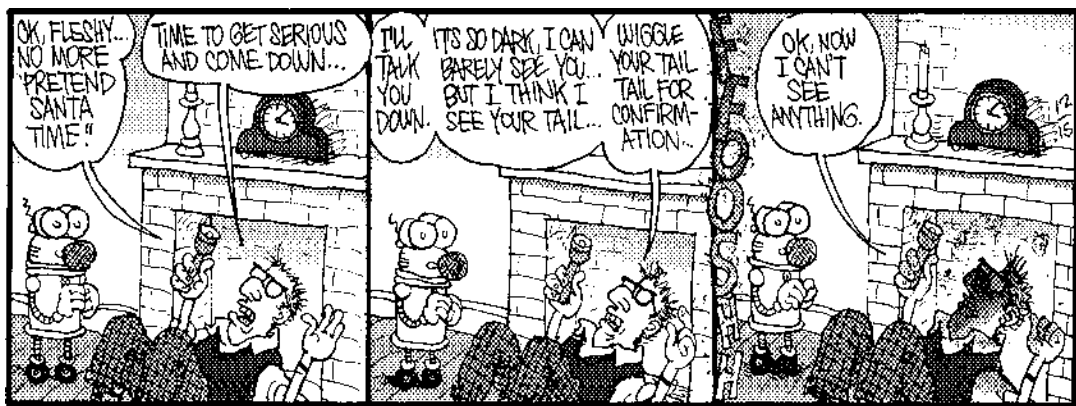
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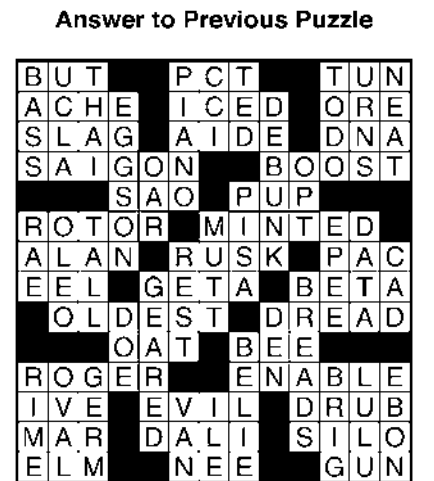
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**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 ATM code
  - 4 Centurion's V
  - 8 Propagated
  - 12 El Dorado treasure
  - 13 Greedy
  - 14 Glittery fabric
  - 15 Fishing gear
  - 16 Rabbi's place
  - 18 Genueflected
  - 20 Rock's Fleetwood
  - 21 Air pump meas.
  - 23 Recipe qlys.
  - 26 Synthesizer inventor
  - 29 See-through fabric
  - 32 "Ugh!"
  - 34 Distinctive air
  - 35 Levin or Gershwin
  - 36 Montreal's prov.
  - 37 Ms. Hagen
  - 38 Perform
  - 39 Backless slipper
  - 40 Sanctioned
  - 41 Consumer gds.
  - 42 Football cheer
  - 43 Not imaginary
  - 45 Dull routine
  - 47 Gator Bowl site
  - 49 Lorelei's river
  - 53 Quick-tempo dance
  - 58 Price add-on
  - 59 Realty unit
  - 60 Kind of drill
  - 61 Books pro
  - 62 Buzz
  - 63 Talked into
  - 64 Radio hobbyist
- DOWN**
- 1 Barbecue favorite
  - 2 - Cross
  - 3 Bump
  - 4 Goes without food
  - 5 Poison -
  - 6 French wine
  - 7 Gouda
  - 8 Alliances
  - 9 Cleaning cloth



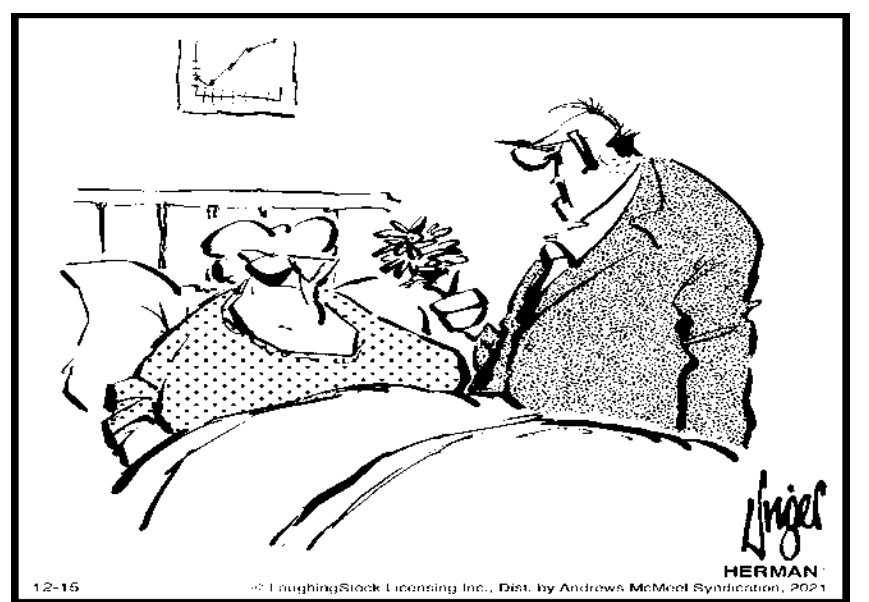
- 10 Big bird
- 11 Ruby or Sandra
- 17 Airport exit
- 19 Links letters
- 22 Work by Homer
- 24 Miff
- 25 Racing shell
- 26 Handle roughly
- 27 "It Came From - Space"
- 28 Take the podium
- 30 Parts of ovals
- 31 Do a banquet
- 33 Tip over
- 39 Ancient tale
- 41 Mme.'s daughter
- 44 In the wake of
- 46 Egged on
- 48 Barking noises
- 50 Prickly sensation
- 51 Vine valley
- 52 Test
- 53 Beard site
- 54 German pronoun
- 55 Prefix for cycle
- 56 Library sect.
- 57 Web addr.

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**HERMAN**



"Being discharged today! I just spent \$8 on these flowers."

**ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST**

Reflect, and you'll come up with a plan that combines what makes you happy and a change of lifestyle. Make sure your decisions count and that they encourage you to live life your way and to maintain the integrity and feel-good mindset that promote a better future. Look for meaning and strive for peace of mind.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Listen carefully, and you'll make better decisions. Don't feel rushed or let anyone push you in a direction that doesn't feel right. Focus on personal growth and a minimalist attitude.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Pay attention to what's going on at home. Start a conversation and discuss your feelings and intentions. How you approach a loved one will change the dynamics of the relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Confusion will set in regarding your responsibilities and what you want to do. Pick up momentum and organize your day to leave enough time for something that brings you joy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Look over your long-term plan and implement trends that will help you reach your goal in record time. It's up to you to bring about change and to use your intelligence to get ahead.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Reach out to someone who can offer information based on experience. Question anything that doesn't make sense to you. Don't take on the impossible or promise something you cannot deliver.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Put your energy into physical endeavors. Sum up your position and the path you intend to take before you proceed. A joint venture will end up costing more than anticipated.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Don't share information that might jeopardize your reputation or career. Do your best to stay on top of trends so you don't fall behind. High energy coupled with dedication and discipline will pay off.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Join forces with someone you trust and enjoy working alongside, and you'll come up with a unique way to expand your interests and make a financial gain. Take pride in the way you look.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Avoid jumping into something without doing some research first. Making an emotional move is a recipe for disaster that will affect your reputation. Put your energy into taking care of your responsibilities.

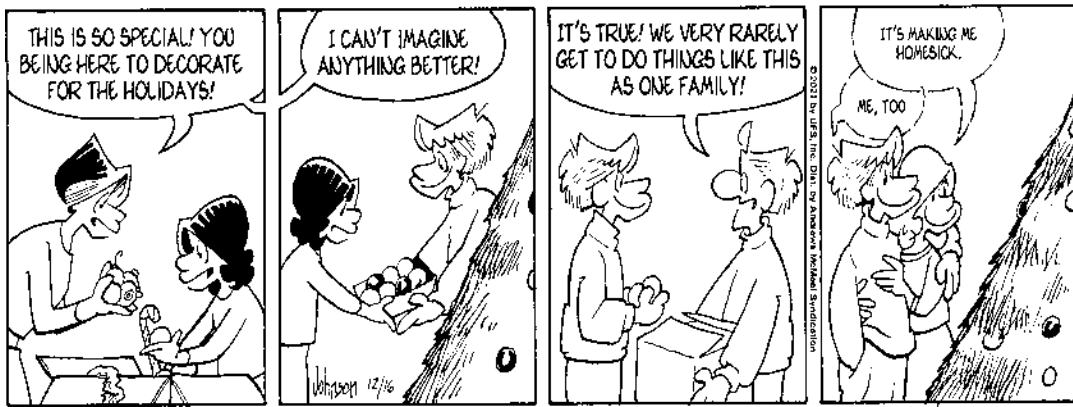
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A change will make a difference. Learn from experience, and you'll find a way to use your skills to open doors and excel. Be honest about your feelings, and you will receive good feedback.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Limit your spending and avoid debt. Be innovative regarding family expenses and how you show others love. Sharing quality time and your thoughts and intentions should be sufficient.

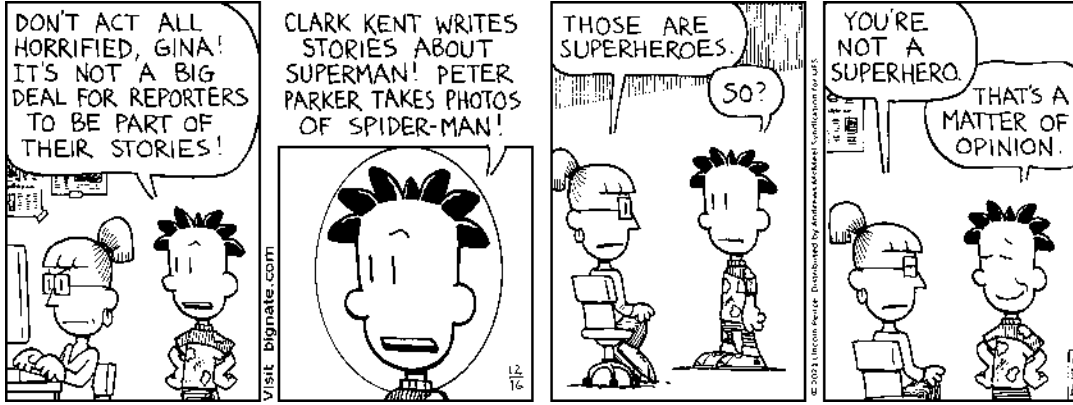
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you are unsure, sit tight. Mistakes will unfold when you haven't had time to think matters through. Refuse to let anyone push you in a questionable direction.

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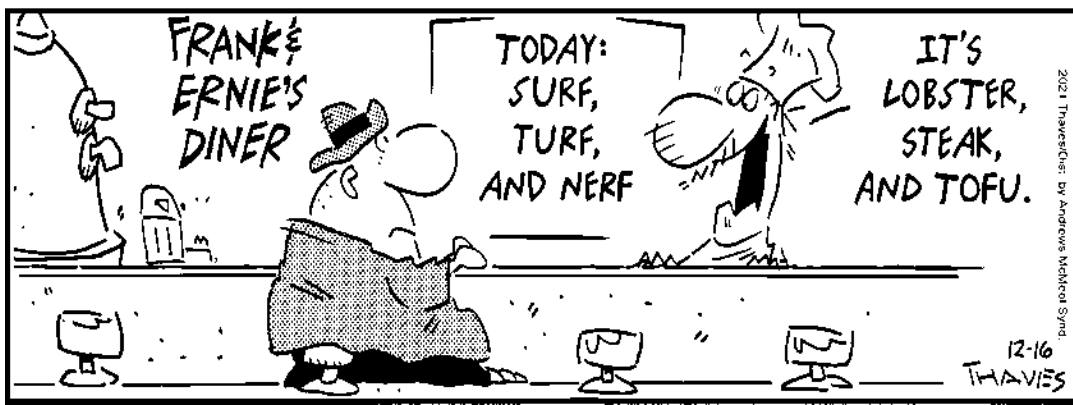
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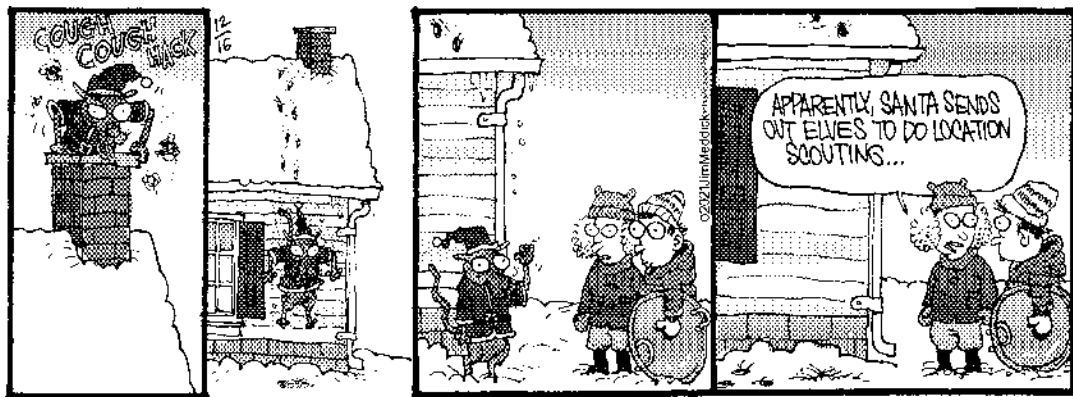
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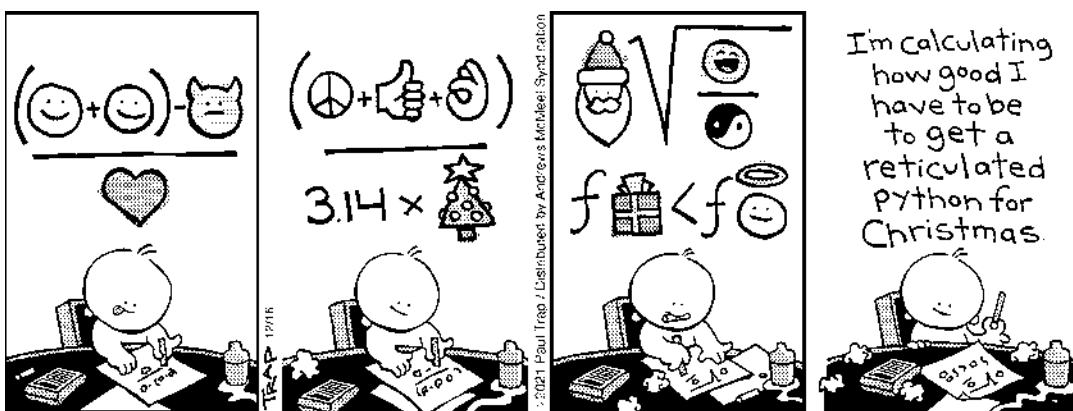
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**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**  
 1 Stops the car  
 6 Whimper  
 10 Headpieces  
 12 Strut  
 14 Andes ruminant  
 15 Eagerly wish  
 16 Young chickens  
 18 Use a microwave  
 19 Go out with  
 21 Row  
 23 Pupy noise  
 24 Rx giver  
 26 Deliberately avoid  
 29 Time span  
 30 Dress bottom  
 32 Elevator man  
 34 Teen outcast  
 36 Homer-hitter Mel  
 37 Rascal  
 38 Milky Way unit  
 40 Jr. naval officer  
 42 Bashful  
 43 Loaded for —
- DOWN**  
 1 Harper Valley org.  
 2 Have a cough  
 3 Hip-hop music  
 4 Big name in cheese  
 5 Of gods and goddesses  
 6 Church services  
 7 Psychic's power, for short  
 8 Zoom past  
 9 Zhivago's beloved  
 11 State  
 12 Indian wrap

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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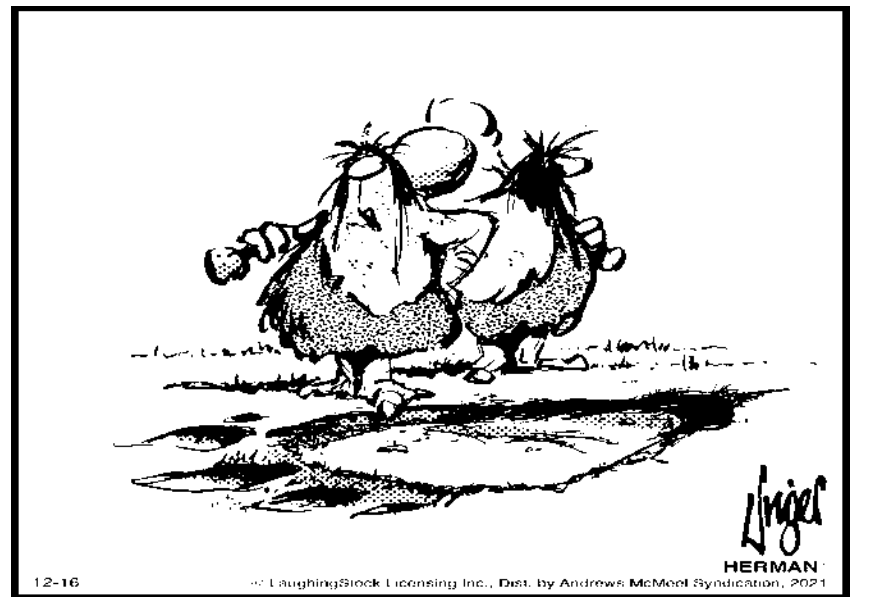
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 20 Separate  
 22 Sweater letter  
 23 Hankering cry  
 27 City in New York  
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 31 Geog. feature  
 33 007  
 35 Apply makeup
- 39 Second helping  
 41 Buffalo pucksters  
 44 Swit co-star  
 46 Slice of cake  
 47 Swimsuit piece  
 48 Pledge  
 49 Poker stake  
 51 Impractical  
 53 Government org.  
 55 Slip up  
 56 Ore. neighbor  
 57 Golfer's peg

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**HERMAN**



12-16 "My guess is that it's doubled back on us."

**ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST**

Keep your life simple, and channel your energy into what matters and will bring the highest return. Refuse to let the little things get to you. Moderation will help you maintain balance and security. Aim for comfort, convenience and peace of mind. Don't let yourself be vulnerable.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A disciplined attitude will help you get everything done on time. Be thorough when it comes to shared expenses and gift-giving. Make sure you are aware of hidden costs.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Jump in, participate and get things done. Tidy up, decorate your space, get into the festive spirit and do something that brings you joy. Home improvement, romance and personal growth are favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Control your emotions when dealing with a friend, relative or loved one. If you overreact, take on more than you can handle or make an unpopular change, you will face the consequences.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Touch base with someone who inspires you. Discussions will prompt you to seek out people working to achieve similar goals. Sharing ideas will save time and energy and encourage success.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Say little and do a lot. Focus on your responsibilities and do the best job possible. Keep your spending to a minimum, and you'll feel less stressed about the future. Be careful of your health.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Refuse to let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. An offer will give you something to think about.

Don't lose sight of your dreams due to a lack of support. Speak up and forge ahead.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- You have more opportunities than you think. Check out possibilities and take advantage of a situation that can help you excel. Mingle, network and look for ways to stabilize your future. Let go of the past.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- A proposal will grab your attention. Don't dance around the subject or be quick to react, or you may hurt someone's feelings. Honesty will save you from unnecessary distress.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take things up a notch. Keep moving until you are satisfied with the results. Last-minute shopping, festive events and taking care of year-end paperwork should be priorities.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't get all worked up over something inconsequential. Emotions will run high when friends, family or colleagues get together. Simplify matters by maintaining equality and avoiding indulgence.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take good care of your health, home and family. Try to get everything done. Get in high gear and focus on what makes the most sense. Preparation is critical when it comes to pleasing others.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotions will change quickly regarding situations that require cooperation. Find a way to compromise before things go haywire. Use your intelligence by making an offer that's hard to refuse.

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Kirksville students celebrate on the floor with freshman Cole Kelly following the Tigers' 46-45 win over Moberly on Dec. 11, 2021. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

## Kirksville boys avoid collapse against Moberly, improve to 5-0

Austin Miller  
Daily Express

Tyler Martin expected Moberly's counterpunch at some point.

In Friday's meeting with the Spartans, Kirksville's first against a North Central Missouri Conference foe this season, the Tigers blew out to an ahead early, leading by double digits for most of the first half. But Martin knew Moberly's rally would come.

The Spartans pushed back to take a five-point lead with three and a half minutes left, but Kirksville had its own rally tucked under its sleeve, pulling ahead in the final seconds for a 46-45 win.

Moberly (1-2) started its rally in the third quarter, in large part to nine points from Jaisten Payne. He hit shots to pull his team back within a few possessions, and the Tigers caved in response. As Payne torched Kirksville's (5-0) defense, that caused the offense to struggle.

"Turnovers. We got comfortable," said Kirksville's Keaton Anderson, who scored 10 points. "Then they started hitting shots and got momentum. We just didn't respond."

"I think we got too comfortable there in the second half with a 10-point lead," said Kirksville freshman Cole Kelly. "It almost came back to bite us."

Kelly continued his burst onto the Tiger basketball scene with another key fourth-quarter

performance to help the Tigers. He hit two huge 3-pointers in the fourth. The first came with 1:29 to go and cut Moberly's lead to 42-41. He buried another 3-pointer on Kirksville's next possession, tying the game at 44 with under a minute to go.

Moberly got the ball back and earned a trip to the free-throw line. The Spartans converted just one attempt, pulling ahead by one. Anderson grabbed the rebound on the miss and was fouled, earning him free throws on the other end. He converted both to put the Tigers ahead for the win.

"At that point, it was kind of house money," Martin said. "They had already gotten back into it — an even game — so we just tried to get our guys calmed down and into our stuff."

Kelly hit some clutch shots last week in a win against Centralia. The freshman is standing out in a major way, hitting shots when needed and being a disrupter on defense. He's excelled in just about every situation the Tigers have needed.

"One thing that's huge for Cole is he just doesn't stop," Martin said. "He's good defensively, he's good on the glass, and he's confident whenever he shoots it. ... He doesn't second-guess himself, he just lets it fly. ... I like his approach to the game. It's all work, and that's what he does." And he's certainly mod-

est. Even after earning a court-storming and celebration with the student section following Friday's win.

"I get great assists from my teammates," said Kelly, who had a team-high 14 points. "I get really good energy from them and am able to hit most times."

"It's felt good. It's good to contribute to the team, especially when we're down like that," Kelly said. "It's just good to do stuff for the team and contribute."

The win puts Kirksville at 5-0 to start the season. As the Tigers had to get several new guys into the mix this season, Martin said he has been a little surprised with the hot start.

And the Tigers have experienced a wide variety of game situations in just five games. They've had the runaway wins against Highland and Clark County. They had an ugly first half and great second half to beat Centralia. And they've had hold-on and come-from-behind wins against Monroe City and Moberly.

Martin hopes that's key experience for the team later on.

"Definitely something that will hopefully help us down the line," Martin said. "... You really can't simulate that kind of stuff in practice. We've had two huge, tremendous games at home, so hopefully those are things they can put under their belt and utilize as we move forward."

## Kirksville's bench finishes the fight in overtime win against Moberly

Austin Miller  
Daily Express

Kirksville girls basketball coach Nick Totta had brief thoughts that his team let one slip on Friday night.

After running out to a double-digit lead Friday against Moberly, and holding it well into the third quarter, the Spartans charged back in the second half and sent the game into overtime.

Even with a 7-0 run to start overtime — and 44 points from Grace Billington — Moberly didn't have enough. A 3-pointer from Kirksville junior guard Channing Totta with 25 seconds left handed the Tigers a 72-71 win.

"I told them at the beginning (of overtime), 'You've got to get your mindset right because the team that comes out ready to go is going to win this game,'" said Tigers coach Nick Totta. "Then we got down, but we just stuck with it. But I've got to be honest, there were times where I was thinking, 'Oh, we're going to regret this one.' But it's just that old cliché of, you just keep playing."

Kirksville (4-1) had little momentum on its side to start overtime. Starting freshman guard Elli Porter fouled out in the fourth quarter and the Tigers saw their lead fall apart. Then Corinne Vorkink and Jenna Jackson fouled out in overtime and joined Porter on the bench. Missing those three starters, it was up to remaining starters Megan Pike and Jada Jackson, and reserves Natalie Pigg, Jersey Herbst and Channing Totta — all girls with limited minutes in their careers — to create some magic.

After multiple turnovers on offense in overtime, Jada Jackson hit a jumper with less than a minute left to cut Moberly's (3-2) lead to 71-69. Invigorated after finally getting a break on offense, Jackson jumped in front of a Spartan on defense to steal a lob pass. She charged down the court but didn't have an opening at the rim. So Jackson dished out to Channing Totta for the game-winning 3-pointer.

"I think it was cool because we had multiple passes out of it, but my teammates trusted



Kirksville's Channing Totta looks for a pass during a game against Moberly on Dec. 11, 2021. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

me to make that shot," Channing said. That 3-pointer was her only field goal of the night and all five of her points came in overtime. "That is just an honor to know my teammates were willing to pass."

Vorkink and Porter led the Tigers with 19 and 14 points on the night. But it was the bench players and two remaining starters who made Friday's win happen. Totta liked his depth coming into the season. Friday's result might've proved him right. And while he certainly trusts his daughter to hit that shot at the end, he was confident any of his players would have done the same.

"I'm really pleased with our bench," Totta said. "We had some people step up that didn't start the game. We were without three starters at the end. So some young kids came in and stepped up. Some sophomores became juniors tonight."

"I was just happy to see that when people went out, other people stepped up," said Jada Jackson. "And even when they went out or had calls not go their way, they still brought great energy and never gave up."

The Tigers threw just about every player at Billington, trying to limit her in anyway. The hope was to disrupt just enough of her shots to lower her percentage, or to make Moberly's other players hurt them. That plan worked in the first half as Billington scored just 10 points and missed several difficult shots. But that levy broke in the second half as Billington scored 34

in the second half and overtime. She made a number of deep 3-pointers look effortless.

Kirksville also could have used some better offensive decision making in the first half to lead by more, or in the second half to stop Moberly's rally. The Spartans got in foul trouble early on, earning seven fouls in the first quarter. Instead of driving to the basket to get free-throw attempts in the second quarter, the Tigers continued to shoot 3-pointers. That was still effective and the Tigers hit three in the quarter and outscored Moberly by three. But they only went to the free-throw line three times at a time where they could've pushed their lead and potentially gotten Billington or other Spartans out of the game.

And the Tigers took too many unnecessary 3-point attempts in the second half when lanes to the basket were open.

"We've all been preaching (playing) inside-out. We're still working on it," Totta said. "It's still a big part of what we're trying to do. I thought there were some times where we had drops in the zone for a layup. Corinne did score more in the second half as we tried to adjust our offense a little bit to go inside. But we've got to get better at it."

Kirksville has its sights set on winning the North Central Missouri Conference this season. Friday was a key start in that direction and it gives the Tigers some momentum with upcoming games against Mexico and Fulton.

## Offense, defense come together as Chiefs roll toward LA

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Folks around the NFL have been wondering the past few weeks what the Kansas City Chiefs would look like if they could marry their suddenly stingy defense with their traditionally prolific offense.

The Raiders had the misfortune of finding out Sunday.

The Chiefs' defense forced five turnovers, their offense turned them into 28 points, and Patrick Mahomes and Co. cruised the rest of the way to a 48-9 victory — the largest margin in 126 games against their old AFL rivals.

It kept the Chiefs (9-4) one game ahead of the Chargers (8-5) heading into their Thursday night showdown in Los Angeles.

"We're playing a good football team this next week that we've already played once this season," said Mahomes, who threw two touchdown passes

against Las Vegas. "We have familiarity with them. We still have to go out and do it. The defense is playing good football right now. Offensively, we're proving we can drive the length of the field."

They did that with aplomb on Sunday.

The Chiefs already led 7-0 thanks to Mike Hughes' fumble return touchdown on the game's first play when Mahomes led them on an 80-yard touchdown march. He followed with another 80-yard TD drive a few minutes later, then needed to go just 39 yards for a third touchdown in three series, and a 28-0 lead.

Kansas City added another touchdown before halftime, along with a couple field goals by Harrison Butler and Frank Gore's 51-yard touchdown scamper, to surpass the previous record margin of 35 points against the Raiders set in 1960 — the first year of the rivalry in the AFL.

The Chiefs finished plus-5 in turnovers. They gained 372 yards while

surrendering 290, held Josh Jacobs to 24 yards rushing and sacked Derek Carr four times. They were 9 of 13 on third downs, averaged 6.5 yards per play and punted once.

In short, the defense continued its midseason surge while the offense finally showed up again.

"Listen, I'm proud of the way the guys are playing," said Andy Reid, who became the third Chiefs coach to win 100 games for the organization. "It doesn't matter if you're up or down; you have to keep going. Consistency becomes important."

Especially given what's at stake against the Chargers on Thursday night.

### WHAT'S WORKING

Mahomes showed signs of coming out of his mid-season funk, throwing his first two TD passes since mid-November. He was 20 of 24 for 258 yards against Las Vegas while scrambling for another 20 in a confidence-boosting performance.

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