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The Unicorns, a team of Anna Sadler, Blakely Heeren, Mackinlee Gaines and Berklee Martin, paddle their vessel during the 2022 Cardboard Boat Race.



Nathan Norway, who won the 8 and under division in a time of 3 minutes and 33 seconds, paddles his boat during the 2022 Cardboard Boat Race.

BOATLOADS OF FUN

Austin Miller Daily Express

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2022 Card-

board Boat Race on Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Fifteen teams ended up competing in the event. For a full gallery, visit KirksvilleDailyExpress.com.





Ryan Rooks commands The Puddle Pirate during Sunday's Cardboard Boat Race. PHOTOS BY AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

SB40 launches Spotlight Awards to recognize residents with developmental disabilities

Austin Miller Daily Express

The Adair County SB40 Board is looking to shine a light on area residents living with developmental disabilities.

To do that, the organization has announced the first-ever Spotlight Awards. SB40 is now seeking nominations from the community to recognize four individuals in different categories.

There is the Kids Inclusion Award, which is for a child between kindergarten and eighth grade who had a developmental disability but goes out of their way to promote inclusion.

There is the Youth Leadership Award, which is for a high school kid with a developmental disability who works to make a positive difference in the community.

There is the Community Volunteer Award, which is for an individual 18+ with a developmental disability who makes a difference through community volunteerism.

And there is the Entrepreneur of the Year, aimed for an individual with a developmental disability who has successfully operated a business for at least one year. "This is to recognize people with developmental disabilities who are going above and beyond and having wonderful achievements," said Crystal Aminirad, SB40's executive director.

Nominations are open to any resident in SB40's coverage area, which includes Adair, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan counties. They are due by Feb. 18.

There is a form, which can be found on SB40's website, that must be completed and turned in. That can be emailed to sb40@ sb40life.org or mailed or handed in at SB40's office, located at 314 East McPherson Street.

Creating these awards stems from a few reasons, Aminirad said. One, the organization recognizes critical staff members in the field each year. Now, they wanted to recognize individuals who are making great strides in the community despite a developmental disability. March is Development Disabilities Awareness Month, so this is an opportunity to use that fully.

And to best capitalize on that month, these awards coincide with SB40's Community Engagement Conference. That conference will happen on March 15 in Truman's Student Union Building. An annual event that is open to the public, the conference is a way to bridge a gap between the community and those living with developmental disabilities and those who work to support them.

The theme of this year's conference is "Building Community."

"We felt like it was important for our community leadership to hear about some of the individuals who are contributing to building community, and maybe generate some discussion and ideas about how to take that even further; working together, collaboratively to build a community where people with developmental disabilities feel included and involved and valued," Aminirad said.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with three different breakout sessions. The keynote presentation will be given by Russell Lehmann, a nationally renowned and experienced presenter who calls himself the "Autistic Poet."

The awards banquet will then happen later that night.

For any additional information on the awards, the conference, or how to register for the conference, visit SB40life.org.

Bipartisan commission approves new Missouri House districts

Rudi Keller Missouri Independent

As the Missouri House finalized its version of a new Congressional map last Wednesday, a panel of 20 Republicans and Democrats agreed on a new map for the chamber's 163 seats.

The House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission voted unanimously to approve the plan, which needed support from 14 members to pass before Sunday's deadline.

The successful completion of a Missouri House map was the first by a citizens' commission since 1991.

"The reason our commission was successful overall was that we realized we needed to come to some common ground," said Jonathan Ratliff, a commission member who is also executive director of the House Republican Campaign Committee.

In a statement issued by the Missouri Democratic Party, commission Co-Chair Keena Smith noted that many observers were skeptical of its chances for success.

"We are encouraged by the bipartisan work this commission has completed," Smith said.

Of the 163 districts approved Wednesday, there are 38 where Democrats should have the advantage, 97 where Republicans are dominant and 28 districts with past election results showing less than a 10% advantage for either party.

The current House makeup is 108 Republicans and 49 Democrats, with six vacancies. There are 17 members who are not eligible to seek re-election this year, 16 Republicans and one Democrat.

In the new map, there are 16 majority-Black districts and one, in the Kansas City area, that is more than 40% Hispanic. In the current House, there are 11 districts with a Black majority and no districts with a Hispanic population that large.

"This map provides for fair representation of communities of color," the Democratic Party news release stated.

The map will provide more competition in future elections, said Sean Nicholson, who led a 2018 initiative campaign called Clean Missouri that created a position called

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In Your Own Backyard: Kirksville events for Jan. 27-Feb. 2

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@visitkirksville.com.

Thursday, January 27

The Community Learning Center is excited to partner with Attorney Jessica Rooks to offer six sessions about a variety of Family Law topics. Sessions will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (January, February, and March) 5:30-6:6:30 p.m. at the Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive. For more information or to sign up or to join virtually call 660-665-9400.

Thursday, January 27

Cheer on the Truman Basketball teams at the Pershing Arena on the Truman campus. The Women Bulldogs team play Southern Indiana University at 5:15 p.m. The Men Bulldogs team plays Southern Indiana at 7:30 p.m. For costs and more information call 660-785-4236.

Friday, January 28

The Adair County Library offers Story Time with Mr. L. This is a virtual story time from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Go to the library's Facebook page at: https:// www.facebook.com/adaircountypubliclibrary/ For more information call 660-665-6038.

Tuesday, February 1

The Missouri Department of Conservation offers a virtual program called "What the Groundhog Says". Hear the myths and truths about Groundhog Day and learn why this animal has so many names. This is a free program. Registration is required at: mdc. mo.gov/events. For more information call 660-785-2420.

Wednesday, February 2

Happy Groundhog Day! Will the groundhog see his shadow? The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It was the brainchild of local newspaper editor, Clymer Freas, according to history. com. Can you see you shadow today?



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Missouri Gov. Mike Parson delivers his State of State address at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022. DAVID CARSON/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH VIA AP

Gov. Parson wants to create new flood response agency

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri Gov. Mike Parson wants to spend \$10.4 million to create a new office that would help the state better prepare for floods and drought.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Connie Patterson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that creating the new Missouri Hydrology Information Center is part of the state's response to the 2019 floods

in the Missouri and Mississippi river basins that caused roughly \$20 billion damage. The proposal was part of Parson's budget plan released last week.

Patterson said the new office would help the state move "from a reactive to proactive response" to flood protection and recovery.

If it is approved, the new center would be asked to improve the current system of measuring stream depth to provide more real-time stream level data at numerous

statewide locations.

"It will also help with the creation of flood inundation maps showing the extent and depth of predicted flood waters for dozens of Missouri communities," Patterson said.

Some of the information the new office would collect may already exist at the U.S. Geologic Survey office or state emergency management agency, but Patterson said the new agency would be designed to be a user-friendly clearinghouse of information.



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John Biggerstaff III

May 7, 1954 - Jan. 15, 2022

John(Joe) L Biggerstaff III, 67, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2022 surrounded by

his wife and children.

Born May 7,1954 in Kirksville, Missouri, Joe was the son of the late Dr. John and Doris Biggerstaff Jr. On July 27, 1974 in Kirksville, Missouri, Joe was united in marriage to Kathy (Smoyer)



Biggerstaff. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Doris Biggerstaff, and his two sisters Nancy Biggerstaff and Jane (Biggerstaff) Mathis.

He is survived by his wife Kathy of Bella Vista, AR; one son John Biggerstaff IV of Bella Vista, AR, one daughter Hannah (Biggerstaff) Block and son-in-law Lance Block of Delaware, OH; his grandsons Hudson and Landon Block; his sister Ann (Biggerstaff) Leefers and brother-in-law William Leefers of Solon, IA and many nephews and nieces.

Joe spent his first 48 years in Kirksville, MO raising his family and as a business owner. Joe will always be remembered as man of great faith and generosity with a heart for his community. He donated supplies and medications for countless medical mission's trips, worked closely with hospice and nursing homes, and it wasn't uncommon for him to personally deliver holiday meals and presents for those in need. If he knew of others in need, he never hesitated to help. After retirement, Joe and Kathy spent six years in Murrieta, CA before settling down in Bella Vista, AR.

Joe enjoyed fishing and was an avid golfer for most of his life. However, nothing gave him more happiness than his family. Becoming a grandpa to Hudson and Landon was the joy of his life in his later years. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandpa and the best brother, uncle and friend you could ask for. Those who knew him will never forget his bright smile or his infectious laugh.

Joe has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at 2pm at Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, AR on Thursday, January 27, 2022. There will be a second Memorial Service at Travis Noe-Funeral home in Kirksville, MO at 2pm on Thursday, February 3, 2022 followed by a graveside burial at Maple Hills Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Joe may be made to https://gofund.me/b2a6a022. All donations will be used to purchase a memorial bench in Bella Vista in his honor. All remaining funds will be donated to the Samaritan Community Care Center in Rogers, AR.

Wade Coorts

Apr. 17, 1933 - Jan. 16, 2022

Wade Merle Coorts, 88, was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven, Sunday, January 16th, 2022. Wade was

born in Emden, Illinois on April 17th, 1933, to Ralph A. Coorts and Hannah T. (Wubben) Coorts. On May 8th, 1954, Wade married the love of his life, Marilyn Maxine Karnes. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters: Pamela and Kathy. Wade and Marilyn were married for 66 years at the time of her passing in 2021.



Wade grew up on a farm with his parents and three brothers in Linneus, Missouri. He played on a championship basketball team in Linneus and received a full scholarship to play basketball at Moberly Junior College. He played basketball there, until he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in Germany for one year.

In 1960 Wade began his 41-year career in the hardware business. He was hired by Frank K. Westlake of Westlake Hardware in Moberly, Missouri. In 1963 he opened and managed one of the first Westlake Ace Hardware stores which was located in downtown Kirksville, Missouri. Later, in 1972, Wade opened a larger Westlake Ace Hardware store in Kirksville and expanded it twice before retiring in 1995. After retiring, he continued as a member of the Board of Directors for Westlake Ace Hardware.

Wade was a long time member (59 years) of Faith Lutheran Church in Kirksville, Missouri, serving on various boards and committees. Wade and Marilyn had a heart for Faith Lutheran Church School. They enjoyed serving the school, the church, and all its members. Wade was also a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club.

Wade Coorts was an incredible man of integrity and always put his family first. Wade and Marilyn had a one-of-a-kind love and devotion that was an example and witness to all who knew them. Besides loving to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren he enjoyed woodworking, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his friends.

Wade is survived by his brother, Larry Coorts (Sandra Coorts) of Branson, MO; two sisters-in-law: Annette Coorts Flanders and Marguerite Coorts Ruch; two daughters: Pamela L. Sees (David H. Sees) of Montgomery, TX, and Kathy L. Peterson (Douglas E. Peterson) of New Boston, MO; four grandchildren: Richard H. Sees (Tiah Sees) of Willis, TX, Ashley M. Davis (Jordan Davis) of Shawnee, KS, Jayme E. Sinkey (Matthew Sinkey) of Conroe, TX, and Kaitlyn N. Hargis (Joshua Hargis) of Albuquerque, NM; and ten great-grandchildren: Hannah Sees, Makenna Sees, Madilynn Sees, Brooklyn Davis, Bryant Davis, Blake Davis, Emma Sinkey, Luke Sinkey, Elizah Hargis, and Josephine Hargis.

Service will be held on Saturday, January 29th, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church, Kirksville, MO at 11 AM with visitation at 10 AM. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Moberly, Missouri at 1:30PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Faith Lutheran Church School, Kirksville, MO, in his name.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; ww.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

Cristel Joan Mankopf

May 29, 1930 - Jan. 20, 2022

Cristel Joan (Hoskinson) Mankopf, 91, of Kirksville,

Missouri, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Highland Crest Living in Kirksville. Born May 29, 1930 in Iowa,



Cristel is survived by one son, Mark Mankopf of Keokuk, IA; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy Mankopf of Scottsdale, AZ and Cristel and Ronald Harrison of Olathe, KS; sister-in-law, Sue Hoskinson of Illinois; four grandchildren, John Fearon, Millacent Fearon, Cristel (Scott) Perry, and Mitch Harrison; as well as four great-grandchildren, Bella and Trenton Perry, and Evan and Lily Harrison.

Cristel was a graduate from Memphis High School in Memphis, Missouri. She worked a number of years as an insurance agent. In her past, Cristel loved flowers and riding horses, but her greatest love was for her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cristel was a member of Eastern Star, DAR, and of PEO. She was also a member of Brock Methodist Church of Brock, Missouri.

Cristel has been cremated and a celebration of her life will take place at a later date. Arrangements were taken care of by Travis-Noe Funeral Home of Kirksville, MO.

Leo Carlisle Benskin Sep 12, 1945 - Jan 23, 2022

Leo Carlisle Benskin, 76 years old, of Milan, Missouri,

passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Putnam County Memorial Hospital in Unionville.



ber 12, 1945, West of Browning, Missouri to Russell and Helen (Hicks) Benskin. On May 2, 1965 he married Mary Corrine (Lambert) Benskin, she preceded him in death in 2019. Leo was also preceded by an infant son, Patrick; his parents; and a nephew, Stacy Stauffer. Leo was survived by: His two daughters, Tonda Riley and husband Eric of Unionville and Jill Odette Benskin of Raytown, Missouri; a granddaughter, Jaclyn Billington and husband Loren of Kirksville; a great granddaughter, Cali Jade Billington; a sister. Rosalea Stauffer and husband Larry of St. Catharine, Missouri; a brother-inlaw, Ed Lambert of Pollock; two nephews, Tracy Stauffer and Wayne Stauffer; and a special friend, Martha Leasor.

Leo and Mary owned and operated L & M Floral for over 40 years. Leo loved the flower shop and enjoyed gardening in his own yard. He was also a member of the Browning United Methodist Church. Leo was a loving and devoted Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

Graveside services for Leo will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Knifong Cemetery, East of Browning, Missouri. Schoene-Ruschmeier Funeral Home in Milan is handling arrangements.

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lenge, be used for candidate districts where the ma- Missouri Scout. There are the commissioners a les- rural Missouri knocking filing that opens Feb. 22 and jority of the population three districts with two son that they had to work out the easy things," he the primary and general lives in St. Louis County. Republicans and three In the new map, there are 16 safe Democratic seats, four safe Republican seats and six competitive seats. In Jackson County, Democrats hold a 13-6 edge in the current delegation. The new map has 10 safe Democratic seats, four safe Republican seats and six that would be rated as competitive. In the other two counties where the map was settled Wednesday, the GOP is currently dominant. Republicans hold six of the eight seats representing Greene County and three of the five seats in the Boone County delegation. The new map has four safe Republican seats and four competitive districts in Greene County. Boone County has one safe Republican seat, one competitive district and three that appear safe for a Democrat.

together rather than re- said. "The way the system



the nonpartisan state demographer to draw districts with overall partisan fairness as a priority.

That plan was replaced by a constitutional amendment submitted in 2020 by the GOP-dominated legislature. That amendment made following county and city lines in the districts a top priority, with partisan competitiveness given a lower priority.

"Given a not-ideal set of rules, this was a good outcome," Nicholson said of the new House map.

The plan approved by the bipartisan commission Wednesday cuts both the number and times that the 83 counties without enough population for a full House district – 37,760 people – are divided into multiple districts. The current map has 28 of the state's lower-population counties split among districts, with 36 total splits. The plan approved Wednesday splits only 22 of those counties and none more than once.

The new districts will, barring a successful chalelections later this year.

Citizens' commissions have been appointed to draw House maps since 1966 and one is appointed after each census. A similar process is used for the state Senate's 34 districts, but this year's Senate Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission was unable to agree on a plan.

The job of drawing Senate districts will now go to a panel of six appellate court judges, who will have until April 23 to file a plan.

Filing for offices on the August primary ballot closes March 29.

The areas under dispute when the meeting began - Boone, Greene and Jackson counties and part of St. Louis County – make up the Democratic Party's main areas of strength in the state. Democrats don't hold any seats representing counties with populations for two or fewer districts, and any gains they might make in the areas now settled are likely to be marginal.

Democrats hold a 20-8 edge in the current House

There are six districts that are now the residence of 12 incumbent House members eligible for re-election, Dave Drebes reported in the subscription political news report

with two Democrats.

There is a seventh, in Boone County, but one of the incumbents, state Rep. Sara Walsh, R-Ashland, is running for Congress in the 4th District, which should allow state Rep. Cheri Reisch, R-Hallsville, unopposed in the GOP primary for her final term.

In most election years, candidates who do not live in the district they wish to represent may not file. But that rule doesn't apply in redistricting years.

A candidate may file in any district that includes a portion of the county where they live, or any district that includes a portion of the district from the previous map. To be re-elected, any candidate who does not live in their district would have to move there by 2024.

The first meeting of the House commission did not create confidence that it would produce a plan. Members spent hours deadlocked on a chair before agreeing to rotate it between Smith and Republican Jerry Hunter.

But the rancor taught

main locked in partisan polarization, Ratliff said.

"We showed that Republicans and Democrats can work together in the interest of Missouri," Ratliff said.

Nicholson, who followed both commissions closely and was involved in negotiations over the final map, said the first fruits of that lesson was to find as many areas of agreement as possible.

"There was a lot of early work and trust built in is built, you have to have bipartisan cooperation if there is going to be a map in the commission phase."

In the news release, Smith praised the commitment from both sides to reaching a final map.

"Today is a good example of teamwork - we can cooperate," Smith said. "We never were looking for a Democratic lean or bias. We fought for fair maps across the state, not just in the districts we are 'concerned' with."

Attention local landlords

A.T. Still University (ATSU) Student Life will assist local rental property owners with listing their properties for incoming students from mid-January through June 30, 2022. If you are interested in listing a rental property, please contact ATSU Student Life at 660.626.2693 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by email at studentlife@atsu.edu.



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"You'd never get to the moon. You'd need two hundred of those things."

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Gather the facts and be armed with the truth as you travel through unknown territory this year. Knowledge will be the key to your success and your ability to adjust to trends. Think big, but stay within your limits both physically and financially. Know what you are up against and prepare diligently to ensure that you reach your goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You've got the right idea; now speed things up a bit and forge a path forward. How you conduct yourself and what you have to offer will create a buzz. Proceed with confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take care of your finances, legal affairs and health. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction that doesn't appeal to you. Make changes that will benefit you, not someone else.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Surround yourself with trustworthy people. Be direct, and don't let your emotions interfere with your work or relationships with others. Indecisiveness will make you look incompetent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Make sure you know what you're doing before you begin. If you don't live up to your promises, it will affect your reputation and hurt your chance to advance. Stick to the plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll have trouble with someone you work alongside. Distance yourself to avoid an unnecessary entanglement. Don't get involved in gossip or let anyone meddle in your affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Express your feelings. It's OK to veer off in a direction that you find more creative and exciting. Reach out to people who share your likes and dislikes, and it will inspire you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Mixed emotions will surface if you disagree with what others are doing. Be sure to have a workable solution before you begin to dominate conversations. Someone is likely to have a change of heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Find out where you stand. How you treat others will determine the outcome of a situation you face with someone close to you. Share your feelings with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take care of business and live up to your responsibilities. Keep your emotions in check and your work ethic in place. Don't get worked up over something you cannot change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- What you do is what counts. Reach out to people who share your interests and make changes at home conducive to exploring something you want to pursue. A change will be beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep things simple, practical and within your budget. Use your intelligence to evaluate your position. Someone will use emotional manipulation to push you in a questionable direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Show your feelings openly, and you'll bypass all the passing drama. Know what you want and make your position clear. Adjustments at home will encourage you to live life your way.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Stay poised and ready to take on whatever comes your way. Don't let the changes others make sway you in a direction that doesn't help you excel. Spend less money, sell off what you don't need and work to resolve stressful situations that stand between you and the life you want to live. Map out a plan and inch your way to the finish line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Be secretive regarding your plans. Check out what it will take for you to head in a meaningful direction. Feeling good about what you do will lift your spirits and encourage you to work hard.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Find a unique way to invest your time, money or skills, and it will help you gain respect, recognition and support. Put more energy into initiating the changes that will make your life better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Stick to what and who you know and trust. Refuse to let your emotions take control when dealing with a friend or loved one. Play fair and expect the same from others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you pivot from one thing to another, you'll lose sight of your goal. Stick to your original plan, then move forward. A steady pace will lead to bigger and better opportunities. Enjoy time with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Leave nothing to chance. Do your part to live up to your promises. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress or tempt you to do something you know you shouldn't. Be wary of extravagant offers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Explore what's available and how you can use your skills to surpass your expectations. Dig in and put your energy where it will turn a profit for you. Connect with like-minded people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Stop and rethink your next move. Emotions will escalate if someone makes changes that don't fit your intentions or plans. Be persistent and head down the path that makes you feel comfortable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get into the groove and keep up with what's current. Staying fit, socializing, networking and participating in something uplifting will lead to new connections and a healthy routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Revisit the past to figure out the best way to handle someone or something that is causing you grief. Show restraint when someone asks for too much. Look out for your interests and protect your assets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep an open mind, but don't be gullible. Helping others is honorable, but make sure you don't get left doing all the work yourself. Leave plenty of time to take care of your needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Put your energy where it will do some good. Finish what you start before you head out with friends. Take your responsibilities seriously, and you'll avoid criticism and complaints.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Stand up for your beliefs and put your reputation on the line. Having confidence and living up to your promises will affect the way others respond to you. Share your thoughts with a loved one..

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Daily Express

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The Kirksville girls basketball team celebrates after winning the Macon Invitational Tournament. The Tigers defeated Macon 57-44 on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Strong defense propels Kirksville girls to Macon Tournament title

Austin Miller

Daily Express

Statement made.

Behind one of its best defensive showings of the season and a great night of shooting, the Kirksville girls basketball team pounced on Macon in the title game at the 44th annual Macon Invitational Tournament. The Tigers won 57-44 to win the tournament for the first time since 2012.

"That's big for our program. It's been a while since we've won a tournament championship," said Kirksville coach Nick Totta. "... Any time you're winning, it helps build your confidence. Macon, last year, they put it on us pretty good here last year, so it's good to come in and if there was any doubt, hopefully it was removed because, hey, we can play with good people."

Kirksville raced out to a huge lead in the second quarter, riding its defense to a bunch of Macon turnovers and plenty of points for themselves. Totta challenged his players to meet Macon's physicality. They responded with a tough, gritty performance to take down the Tigerettes. Kirksville outscored Macon 19-6 in the second quarter and had a pick it up, we came together and knew we had to zone in," said Kirksville junior guard Channing Totta.

To go along with Kirksville's good defense in the quarter, Channing Totta came up huge on the offensive end. She hit a trio of 3-pointers in the second quarter to pad her team's lead. Channing Totta ended up as the Tigers' leading scorer for the night with 16 points.

"We talked about it being a prizefight and we wanted to come out and throw the first punch," said coach Nick Totta. "But we knew after half that they would come out and counterpunch. But I just thought when you cause some turnovers, that leads to good offense."

Up 25-14 at half, Kirksville knew Macon would adjust and battle back. Miller started her second-half barrage with 10 points in the third quarter. She hit a 3-pointer just before the third-quarter buzzer to cut Kirksville's lead back to single digits. She hit back-to-back 3s in the fourth to cut Kirksville's lead to 49-39 with 4:03 left. The Tigers answered by going 10-for-12 from the free-throw line in the final quarter to stay ahead.

Kirksville is putting together at great resume heading into the last

But the Tigers aren't worrying about what other coaches in the state think of them.

"I think it says we're playing good basketball," Totta said. "You could go in and say, 'Hey, why are you unranked?' Look, the only ranking you want is at the end of the year. ... I think we're a quality team and I think we're a tough out. What others think about us, let that happen. In our locker room, we feel we're a pretty capable team."

"I think we're showing that we are a good team. We are a competitor, so we come in and we are preying on other people, and they have to be able to compete with us," Channing Totta said. "When you see the name Kirksville, I think we're making a name for ourselves."

Looking at key games left on Kirksville's schedule, they have a third meeting with Mexico on Jan. 28. They'll see Palmyra, ranked 10th in Class 3, a second time on Feb. 2. Kirksville beat them 49-39 at the Highland Tournament. Then the Tigers head to Moberly (11-5) on Feb. 8. And a Feb. 17 date at Chillicothe (14-2), the fourth-ranked team in Class 4, is also to come.

As good as things have gone for the Tigers, they feel they still have a higher level they can play at.

Truman's Belanger picked as GLVC Player of the Week

Sports

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Why not another accolade for the Truman women's basketball team after its great week?

Junior guard Hannah Belanger was selected as the Great Lakes Valley Conference's Player of the Week following three big performances last week.

Belanger averaged 19.7 points, three rebounds and four assists in Truman's (13-5) three wins last week. She is second in the conference in scoring right now, averaging 18 points per game. The returning All-American is also playing 35 minutes a night for the Bulldogs. Belanger had 11 points and seven assists in Truman's toppling of No. 1 Drury on Jan. 17. She followed with 23 points on Thursday in a win over Missouri-St. Louis. In those two wins, Truman ended Drury's 14-game winning streak and UMSL's 10-game losing streak.

She finished with 25 points Saturday against Lindenwood, as Truman erased a 12-point deficit in order to win 57-47. The Bulldogs held Lindenwood to 16 second-half points.

Winners of a program-best of 10 straight, the Bulldogs host Southern Indiana (12-3) on Thursday.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Jan. 22

High school boys basketball

Harrisburg 85, Macon 69

Macon - No stats by deadline.

Mexico 64, Kirksville 54

Kirksville - Cole Kelly, 21 points; Ike Danielson, 19 points.

High school wrestling

Kirksville @ St. Clair Tournament

Boys team - 1st place; Jaden Crisp (106 pounds), 1st place; Ben Amerman (132 pounds), 1st place; Lane Patterson (138 pounds), 1st place; Jaden Ballinger (170 pounds), 1st place; Bryce Kertz (285 pounds), 1st place; Chance McKim (113 pounds), 2nd place; Colton Hannah (220 pounds), 2nd place; Luke Cahalan (120 pounds), 3rd place; Lathon Wilcox (126 pounds), 4th place; Koan McAtee (152 pounds), 4th place; Kingston Hanson (195 pounds), 4th place; Prophet Krepps (145 pounds), 6th place.

Girls team - 6th place; Tyne Melnick (110 pounds), 3rd place; Lauryn Nelson (115 pounds), 4th place; Melody Hicks (159 pounds), 8th place; Madisynn Crawford (175 pounds), 3rd place; Emma Rose (194 pounds) 1st place; Destynee Small (235 pounds), 1st place.

Jan. 21

High school boys basketball

Schuyler Co. 53, Marion Co. 33 Schuyler - Kale Windy, 19 points; Trevyn Small, 15

lead it wouldn't relinquish.

And that was with Macon getting star guard Lexi Miller back from injury. Miller sat out Kirksville's 45-34 win over the Tigerettes on Jan. 11, but returned for this second meeting. And though she made her presence felt later — scoring 20 of her gamehigh 26 points in the second half — it wasn't enough. Kirksville put together a stronger showing against a full-strength Tigerettes team.

"I think we just knew there was a challenge because they had Miller back, so knowing we really had to stretch of January. At 14-2, the Tigers top the win total from last year's 13-11 run. Those are the most wins by the program since 2013.

In their last two games at the Macon Tournament, the beat Mexico (10-3) 40-31. The Bulldogs are ranked fifth in Class 4 by the state coaches association. And Saturday gave Kirksville a second win over Macon (12-4), who is ninth in those same rankings. Those wins also help Kirksville's case for a No. 1 seed in its district, which Macon and Mexico are also in. "I think we're flying under the radar, being the underdog," said freshman guard Elli Porter, who scored 15 points. "Us working together as a team and knowing we have the ability to beat other teams, that's more motivation."

"It's cool seeing us start to meet our potential, but still knowing there's so much more," Channing Totta said. "I think the biggest thing has been our team dynamic. We trust each other a lot more, so I think that has really contributed to our success." points; Connor Smith, 12 points.

La Plata, Mercer Nothing reported.

Brunswick 66, Brashear 42 Brashear - No stats by deadline.

High school girls basketball

Schuyler Co. 56, Marion Co. 38

Schuyler - MaKinley Aeschliman, 17 points; Kait Hatfield, 12 points; Jacie Morris, 10 points.

Brunswick 51, Brashear 28

Brashear - Lacey Fisher, 7 points, 5 rebounds.

Mercer 60, La Plata 39

La Plata - Claire Coy, 18 points; Paige Carvajal, 10 points.

Chiefs rally past Buffalo 42-36 in OT in wild playoff game

By DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a never-say-die showdown between two of the NFL's top teams, and two of its bright young quarterbacks, the Bills and Chiefs played a classic Sunday night decided by one of them calling tails and the other making him pay for it.

Josh Allen's decision on the overtime coin toss was his only

mistake for Buffalo all night.

Patrick Mahomes promptly followed it by marching Kansas City downfield against the NFL's top-ranked but exhausted defense, then finding Travis Kelce in the corner of the end zone from 8 yards, giving the Chiefs a memorable 42-36 victory — and never giving his burgeoning rival an opportunity with the ball.

"It worked out well for us this time," said Mahomes, who has his team playing in its fourth

consecutive AFC title game. "When you have two teams going back and forth, it stinks when you don't get to see the other guy go. But all you can do is play the rules the way the rules are explained, and that's what we did."

Did it perfectly, too, setting up a showdown next Sunday against Cincinnati for another trip to the Super Bowl.

"The guys didn't flinch," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said "You talk about an epic game, well, that's the way the players took it. They had tremendous respect for Buffalo and they knew it was going to be a battle and they kept going."

What was Reid's advice for Mahomes down the stretch?

"When it's grim, be the grim reaper, and go get it," Reid said. "He made everyone around him better."

The lead changed hands three times in the final two minutes of regulation, and there were 25 points scored over that stretch. Harrison Butker, who earlier had missed a field goal and extra point, drilled a 49-yarder as time expired to force the extra session, and when the Chiefs won the coin toss, Mahomes took care of the rest.



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) looks to pass during the first half of an NFL divisional round playoff football game against the Buffalo Bills, Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. CHARLIE RIEDEL - STAFF, AP

He finished with 378 yards passing and three touchdowns, including a 64-yarder to Tyreek Hill during the thrilling final minutes of regulation and the clutch throw to Kelce that sent players streaming off the bench.

"We got tremendous leaders on both sides of the ball, whether it's offense, defense or special teams," Hill said. "Nobody panicked. Nobody was like, 'Oh, the game is over, there's 13 seconds left.' We just made plays." Allen did everything he could to prevent another season-ending loss inside Arrowhead Stadium. He threw a go-ahead touchdown pass to Gabriel Davis with 1:54 left in the regulation, then another to Davis — his playoff-record fourth TD catch of the game — with 13 seconds remaining in regulation.

Allen's only mistake? His coin toss call.



Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) runs up field during the first half of an NFL divisional round playoff football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. ED ZURGA - FREELANCER, FR34145 AP

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Athon crosses 1,000 career points with 26-point night against Novinger

Austin Miller Daily Express

It was the best kept secret in Green City.

Going into Friday's homecoming game against Novinger, Gopher senior Celeste Athon needed 25 points to cross 1,000 for her career. Her parents had kept track, as had Green City coach Cody Moore. But Athon had no idea.

So after she buried a 3-pointer with seconds left in the third quarter, she was confused why Moore called a timeout. He asked the scoreboard operator to let him know when she neared 25. That 3-pointer put her over the edge, finishing with a team-high 26 points, and handed her the personal milestone. A commemorative ball and several hugs awaited her in the timeout.

"It feels amazing. I can't even explain how I feel right now because not many people get to experience it," said Athon, who was also selected as Green City's homecoming queen. "It's great that I'm going to be up on the wall Athon was a bit of an under-the-radar player her first two years as Brooke Littrell commanded a lot of the spotlight in Green City. But after Littrell

at my school from now on."

graduated, Athon has been the one carrying the program forward the last two years. "Celeste is someone who always wants to be a good basketball player and puts the time in, wants to work hard," said Moore after a 61-38 win over Novinger. "I'm really proud of her achievements for her. One thing about Celeste this year is she's just been a great teammate, too. I think that's huge. I've had multiple conversations with her about sharing the basketball, not because she's been a selfish kid, but she's stepped up as a leader this year and has done a great job of sharing the basketball."

The Gophers won game earlier this season where Athon didn't score much but instead facilitated. Now as she's regained her scoring strength, the Gophers hope to heat up. But reaching that milestone seemed tough early on.

Athon scored five points in the first quarter, but rolled her ankle on a 3-point attempt just before the end of the quarter. A Novinger defender made contact after she released the ball, sending her to the ground and causing her to limp around. She sat the first few minutes of the second quarter, but didn't miss a beat once she returned with under five minutes left in the quarter.

She scored 14 points in the second quarter, hitting four 3s in the frame. Athon said she first rolled her ankle a few games ago. It has popped up in almost every game since, but it hasn't limited her very much.

"I just keep rolling it every game, but it seems like I've been playing better with my ankle (after rolling it), which is weird," Athon said with a laugh.

Friday's game was quite even in the first quarter as the Gophers held a 13-11 lead. Novinger (6-9) has had a turnaround season so far, matching the program's



Green City's Lily Helton (left) cheers with teammate Celeste Athon during a timeout to commemorate Athon's 1,000th career point during a win against Novinger on Jan. 21, 2022. AUSTIN MILLER/ DAILY EXPRESS

win total from the last three years combined. The Wildcats started Friday with a flurry and were right in it.

But without Athon on the floor, or forward Lillyann Mc-Cabe, Green City's (9-8) defense stepped up. Despite not having their tallest player, Green City still honed in well on Novinger's Abbi Fountain. The Gophers then got stops and turnovers — such as a steal from freshman Lily Helton, who then went the length of the floor for a layup — for transition buckets.

Green City held Novinger to

four points in the second quarter, compared to 23 of their own.

"We were able to get some things out of our defense and score in transition with Celeste out. That gave us a bit of a run and I think that sparked the defensive pressure, getting our hands up on some dribblers and some passes," Moore said.

Fountain finished with a gamehigh 27 points.

Both teams now turn their attention to finishing the regular season strong since there's about a month left until they being play in districts.

Green City boys ride second-half surge to beat Novinger

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Green City boys basketball coach Donnie Fields had one challenge for his team at halftime Friday against Novinger.

Find their intensity.

The Wildcats marched into Green City's gym on homecoming Friday and raced out to a big lead against the 10th-ranked team in Class 1. Novinger was more physical, more aggressive, and the Wildcats pushed a double-digit lead in the second quarter. Those fortunes changed late in the second quarter and even more so later as Green City rode a huge second half to an 80-59 win.

"I just told them to match that level that (Novinger) was at and to keep running," Fields said. "We noticed at the end of the half that a couple of them were kind of gasping for air. ... So we knew they were gassed and we knew if we kept the hammer on as hard as we could go, it would pay off." Novinger's (9-7) Connor Robinson, who had a gamehigh 23 points, and Karchy Farrell, who scored 15 points, attacked the bas-

ket well early. Green City (13-4) locked in during the second half to close those lanes. The Gophers also got more outside pressure to limit Novinger's 3-point attempts.

It was all Gophers in the third quarter, outscoring Novinger 23-9 in the frame. It was Green City, who has a surplus of athletic players, who attacked the basket. All of their athleticism is meant to score at the rim, not take outside shots, so the Gophers focused back on their strength.

Asher Buggs-Tipton scored 10 points in the third quarter as Green City raced ahead and never looked back.

"It's awesome. It's energetic, we're all flying around everywhere. It's all about tenacity," said Buggs-Tipton, who scored 16 points, of the Gophers' defense in the second half. Four Gophers scored in double figures Friday, a sign of how many different options they have each night. Freshman Xander Salas had the hot hand early, scoring 11 points in the second quarter and finishing with 15. Then the usual suspects of Aaron Peavler and Laydon Fields exerted themselves

in the second half.

Peavler had a team-high 21 points, scoring 10 in the fourth quarter to slam the door on Novinger's comeback chances. Laydon Fields picked his spots and scored 15, 10 in the second half.

Having all of those weapons is just lethal.

"If we don't have one guy hitting, that means somebody else could be hitting," Peavler said. "And if he's not, then we got somebody else. It's just never-ending."

But having all of that offensive firepower can cause the Gophers to second-guess the defensive side. That was the lack of intensity Fields saw in the first half. So seeing his players fix that was a big takeaway for him from Friday night.

"I think we might overlook it because we are so athletic, so we might not always play as hard as we can. We started off that way tonight and it showed," Fields said. "... In the four losses we've had, that's how we came out. That was against teams that you can't comeback on. So that was a good confidence-builder for them to know that if they just listened a bit at the beginning, they wouldn't have to go through that."

Every Green City-Novinger game is a fun one, a great basketball rivalry in the area. In their last 10 games against each other, both teams are 5-5. Not in the same district this year, Friday could be their only meeting of the season. If that ends up the case, Friday was another interesting addition to the series.

"It doesn't matter what our records are when we play Novinger. Doesn't matter. That goes right out the door because it's going to be a dogfight," Fields said. "This one was for a lot of the game. My boys came out and played a great second half."



Green City's Asher Buggs-Tipton puts up a layup in a win over Novinger on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.



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He finished with 329 yards passing, and Davis with eight catches for 201 yards, as the Bills lost their ninth straight road playoff game — a streak that includes last year's loss to Kansas City in the AFC title game.

"It's just tough, you know? To be in that moment again," Allen said. "It sucks the way it happened, you know? We wanted to win that game. We had opportunities. Just, yeah, taking it all in, holding onto that feeling, and making sure we don't feel like this again — back-to-back years in the same spot. It's tough to take in."

All told, Mahomes and Allen each threw for at least 300 yards and three touchdowns, completed at least 70% of their passes without an interception, and — get this — led their teams with at least 65 yards rushing.

No other quarterback in NFL history has accomplished those feats in a game, regular season or postseason.

"The Chiefs are a good football team. We knew it was going to take a heck of an effort coming out here," Bills coach Sean McDermott said, "and I thought the guys gave us that effort, starting with Josh and all the way down the line. But those guys are hurt, we're disappointed — we're all disappointed, we're all sick to our stomach. You move on and you try and get yourself to learn from it, but it stings. It stings. I'm not going to sugarcoat it. It stings."

It was a playoff game for the history books, but the first 58 minutes few will remember.

The final two minutes and overtime, few will forget.

The Chiefs were leading 26-21 when Allen, who had been nearly perfect all night, connected with Davis for the third time in the game — a fourthand-13 dart finished off a 17-play, 75-yard drive and gave the Bills the lead.

Not to be outdone, the Chiefs answered when Mahomes found Hill over the middle. The fleet-footed wide receiver ran away from cornerback Levi Wallace for a 64-yard touchdown that gave Kansas City the right lead back.

Then it was the Bills' turn again: Allen threw a 28-yard pass to Davis, hit him again for 12 yards, then found Emmanuel Sanders along the sideline to give McDermott's team a chance with 17 seconds on the clock. Allen hit Davis right between the numbers, their 19-yard strike giving him the postseason-record but not the victory.

That's because Mahomes wasn't done conjuring up playoff magic. He found Hill for 19 yards, then hit Kelce for 25 more on a schoolyard-style play, giving Butker a chance to try a 49-yarder into a slight, chilly breeze as time expired.

Naturally, it split the uprights.

Overtime.

A fitting way to end a divisional-round weekend filled with last-second heroics.

"Yeah, obviously not the way we wanted to end our season," Bills safety Jordan Poyer said. "Man, the offense did everything they had to do. Defense, we had to go out there and make a stop, weren't able to do it. It's just a tough feeling, man. Just a really tough feeling, hard to put in words. It sucks. It's something we've got to live with."

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