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Photos from an All-District Jazz Band rehearsal and performance from Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Baldwin Auditorium on Truman State's Campus. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



Kirksville's Marcus Kelly and Lyrick Baker pose together at an All-District Jazz Band rehearsal and performance on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Baldwin Auditorium on Truman State's campus. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



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Kirksville man charged after domestic assault incident

By Daily Express staff

A Kirksville man has received five charges in Adair County Court following a domestic violence incident.

Christopher Peterson, 28, has been charged with three counts of third-degree domestic assault, kidnapping — inflicting injury and terrorizing, and tampering or attempting to tamper with a victim.

Court documents say police were called to Northeast Regional Medical Center on Feb. 11 regarding a report of domestic assault. There, the female victim's jaw was severely swollen and had a hard time speaking due to the pain. She told police she had gotten into an argument with Peterson on the night of Feb. 9 at her residence. She said Peterson punched her in the jaw sometime around midnight.

After Peterson hit her, she said he later head-butted her. He then left for work some time later.

The victim told police that she woke up in pain on Feb. 11 and started crying. She

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Feb. 9, 2022, for Iris & Ivy. Jessi Staggs and Cyndi Fountain, co-owners of the floral shop, are holding the scissors. KIRKSVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Iris & Ivy brings floral designs from the heart to Kirksville

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Just in time for Valentine's Day, friends and now entrepreneurs Cindi Fountain and Jessi Staggs have opened up a flower and gift shop in town at 115 E. Illinois.

Named "Iris & Ivy, Designs from the Heart," the cozy and fragrant corner business offers an array of gifts for all occasions, from birthdays to holidays to just simple celebrations of friendship.

Fountain said she has worked in floral almost her

entire adult life and though she had recently strayed in her career path, she found the desire to design gift packages overwhelming. Thus came the idea to create Iris & Ivy.

"When you love it, you love it," she said, noting that she

had talked with her fiancé and decided to "just roll with it."

Fountain approached Staggs, whom she had worked with in another floral shop and who was interested in partnering with her,

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Kirksville City Council gets update on 2022 Street Plan

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council discussed the city's 2022 Street Plan at a study session held at city hall on Feb. 14. According to a staff report, since 2015, the city has spent a considerable amount of time and resources

studying and evaluating the best approach to address the repair and rehabilitation of city streets.

Issues that were addressed included identification of additional financial resources; authorization for additional personnel and equipment; the commission of the street pavement evaluation study; the acquisition of an

asphalt plant; and changes in city code and policies, including the requirement that new subdivisions establish asphalt streets.

In a presentation to the council, Public Works Director Glenn Balliew said that the city has changed the way it handles contracted street improvement projects, using city crews to do

work that had previously been subcontracted (storm water, curbs and drainage) allowing the contractor to focus on milling and paving the streets.

"They want to pave and leave — that's how they make their money," he told the council, noting that certain projects being done by city crews would cost

four times as much if they handed the work off to a contractor. "That's mainly how we utilize them now."

He said that the arrangement has allowed for an increase in productivity and that they continue to excel at it as they go.

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In Your Own Backyard: Kirksville events for Feb. 17-24

By 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@vis-itkirksville.com.

Thursday, February 17
February is Black History Month. Truman State University offers a variety of events.
At 7:00 p.m. is a Zoom event called: A Conversation with Alumna Nikki Walton “Curly Nikki” is sponsored by CDI and the Holman Family Speaker Series. On Friday February 18 at 8:00 p.m. in Baldwin Hall, Room 112, there is a screening of the film “I Am Not Your Negro” by James Baldwin sponsored by CDI. The whole list of events can be found at:

<https://newsletter.truman.edu/article.asp?id=30288>.

Monday, February 21
Today is Presidents Day. Did you know that after the death of George Washington in 1799, his birthday was unofficially celebrated as a day of remembrance called Washington Day? According to the National Day Calendar “it wasn’t until the late 1870s that Steven Wallace Dorsey proposed that Washington’s birthday (Feb. 22) should become a national federal holiday. President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law in 1879.”

Monday, February 21
There is a Drive Through Food Drop Off from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in front of Mary Immaculate Church, 716 E. Washington, to collect cans of soup for the Pantry of Adair County. Pop top cans are appreciated. The Pantry of Adair County is currently running the annual

Souper Bowl of Caring. For more information call 660-665-2466.

Tuesday, February 22
The Missouri Department of Conservation offers a virtual nature program about viewing and enjoying wildlife on your property. Learn about some of the popular animals you may see in your own backyard. This is a free program. Registration is required at mdc.mo.gov/events. For more information call 660-785-2420.

Thursday, February 24
Guest speaker Art Carden will present “Economics and Oppression” at 6:00 p.m. in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre on the Truman campus. Carden will discuss how free markets work well when they are allowed to work. He will consider the economic causes and consequences of oppression and interference with the institutions of exchange.



A man looks at beef in the meat department at Lambert’s Rainbow Market, on June 15, 2021 in Westwood, Mass. The Labor Department said Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, that consumer prices jumped 7.5% last month compared with a year earlier, the steepest year-over-year increase since February 1982. The acceleration of prices ranged across the economy, from food and furniture to apartment rents, airline fares and electricity. CHARLES KRUPA — STAFF, AP

EXPLAINER: Why US inflation is so high, and when it may ease

Last year, it was a nasty surprise

By PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Last year, it was a nasty surprise. And it wasn’t supposed to last. But now, inflation has become an ongoing financial strain for millions of Americans filling up at the gas station, lined up at a grocery checkout lane, shopping for clothes, bargaining for a car or paying monthly rent.

For the 12 months ending in January, inflation amounted to 7.5% — the fastest year-over-year pace since 1982 — the Labor Department said Thursday. Even if you toss out volatile food and energy prices, so-called core inflation jumped 6% over the past year. That was also the sharpest such jump in four decades.

Consumers felt the price squeeze in everyday routines. Over the past year, prices rose 41% for used cars and trucks, 40% for gasoline, 18% for bacon, 14% for bedroom furniture, 11% for women’s dresses.

The Federal Reserve didn’t anticipate an inflation wave this severe or this persistent. In December 2020, the Fed’s policymakers had forecast that consumer inflation would stay below their 2% annual target and end 2021 at around 1.8%.

But after having been an economic afterthought for decades, high inflation reasserted itself last year with brutal speed. In February 2021, the government’s consumer price index was running just 1.7% ahead of its level a year earlier. From there, the year-over-year price increases accelerated steadily — 2.7% in March, 4.2% in April, 4.9% in May, 5.3% in June.

By October, the figure was 6.2%, by November 6.8%, by December 7.1%.

For months, Fed Chair Jerome Powell and others characterized higher consumer prices as merely a “transitory” problem — the result, mainly, of shipping delays and temporary shortages of supplies and workers as the economy rebounded from the pandemic recession much faster than anyone had anticipated.

Now, many economists expect consumer inflation to remain elevated well into this year, with

demand outstripping supplies in numerous areas of the economy.

“Inflation remains the single largest near-term challenge to the economy,” said Jim Baird, chief investment officer at Plante Moran Financial Advisors. “Although price pressures are expected to ease as the year progresses, inflation will remain above the Fed’s 2% target for some time to come.”

So the Fed has radically changed course. Last month, the central bank signaled that it will begin a series of rate hikes in March. By doing so, the Fed is moving away from the super-low rates that helped revive the economy from 2020’s devastating pandemic recession but that also helped fuel surging consumer prices.

WHAT’S CAUSED THE SPIKE IN INFLATION?

Good news — mostly. When the pandemic paralyzed the economy in the spring of 2020 and lockdowns kicked in, businesses closed or cut hours and consumers stayed home as a health precaution, employers slashed a breathtaking 22 million jobs. Economic output plunged at a record-shattering 31% annual rate in 2020’s April-June quarter.

Everyone braced for more misery. Companies cut investment and postponed restocking. A brutal recession ensued.

But instead of sinking into a prolonged downturn, the economy staged an unexpectedly rousing recovery, fueled by vast infusions of government aid and emergency intervention by the Fed, which slashed interest rates, among other things. By spring of last year, the rollout of vaccines had emboldened consumers to return to restaurants, bars, shops and airports.

Suddenly, businesses had to scramble to meet demand. They couldn’t hire fast enough to fill job openings — a near record 10.9 million in December — or buy enough supplies to meet customer orders. As business roared back, ports and freight yards couldn’t handle the traffic. Global supply chains became seized up.

With demand up and supplies down, costs rose. And companies found that they could pass along those higher costs in the form of higher prices to consum-

ers, many of whom had managed to sock away a ton of savings during the pandemic.

But critics, including former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, blamed in part President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, with its \$1,400 checks to most households, for overheating an economy that was already sizzling on its own.

The Fed and the federal government had feared an agonizingly slow recovery like the one that followed the Great Recession of 2007-2009.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

Elevated consumer price inflation will likely endure as long as companies struggle to keep up with consumers’ demand for goods and services. A recovering job market — employers added a record 6.7 million jobs last year and tacked on 467,000 more in January — means that many Americans can continue to splurge on everything from lawn furniture to electronics.

Many economists foresee inflation staying well above the Fed’s 2% target this year. But relief from higher prices might be coming. Jammed-up supply chains are beginning to show some signs of improvement, at least in some industries. The Fed’s sharp pivot away from easy-money policies toward a more hawkish, anti-inflationary policy could slow the economy and reduce consumer demand. There will be no repeat of last year’s COVID relief checks from Washington.

Inflation itself is eating into household purchasing power and might force some consumers to shave back spending.

Omicron or other COVID variants could cloud the outlook, either by causing outbreaks that force factories and ports to close and disrupt supply chains even more or by keeping people home and reducing demand for goods.

“It’s not going to be an easy climb down,” said Sarah House, senior economist at Wells Fargo. “We’re expecting CPI to still be roughly 4% at the end of this year. That’s still well above what the Fed would like it to be and, of course, well above what consumers are used to seeing.”

Josh Hawley endorses Vicky Hartzler in GOP primary for Missouri U.S. Senate seat

By Jason Hancock
Missouri Independent

U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler scored a major victory on Saturday in her quest for Missouri’s open Senate seat, winning the endorsement of U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley in the crowded GOP primary.

Hawley made the announcement at the Missouri GOP’s annual Lincoln Days event in St. Charles.

Hartzler is part of a six-way primary, with former Gov. Eric Greitens and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt considered the campaign’s frontrunners. Hawley’s endorsement will likely shake up that dynamic.

“Vicky is someone who I’m confident has the integrity, the character and the toughness to do this job,” Hawley said.

A recent poll conducted for the political newsletter Missouri Scout found Greitens continuing to hold a lead. The former governor garnered 28%, followed by Schmitt with 23% and U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler with 19%. The other candidates didn’t break into double digits, and 17% were undecided.

It has long been expected that Hawley would

wade into the primary in order to stop Greitens.

The two Republicans have never gotten along.

Both were elected as first-time candidates in 2016 — Greitens as governor, Hawley as attorney general.

Rumblings of discord between the two camps percolated constantly behind the scenes during their first year in office, with the two young, ambitious Republicans almost immediately both eying higher office. Greitens was angling for a future run for the White House, and Hawley was the party’s likely candidate for U.S. Senate.

When Greitens’ downfall first began in January 2018, as numerous scandals emerged from his past, Hawley stayed quiet.

But his silence didn’t last long.

When a legislative committee released a report documenting allegations against Greitens of violent sexual misconduct, Hawley was among the first prominent Republicans to call for him to step down.

A women with whom Greitens had an affair in 2015 testified under oath that of led her down to

his basement, taped her hands to pull-up rings, blindfolded her, spit water into her mouth, ripped open her shirt, pulled down her pants and took a photo without her consent.

Not long after his call for Greitens to resign, Hawley began working to push Greitens out of office, culminating when he convened a press conference to announce he had discovered evidence that Greitens had committed a felony by misusing the donor list of a veterans charity he had founded.

Greitens called the allegations ridiculous and said Hawley “was better at press conferences than the law.”

But Hawley’s accusations eventually turned into a felony computer tampering charge.

Greitens resigned in 2018 to avoid impeachment and as part of a plea deal to dismiss the computer tampering charge.

Many Republicans worry Greitens’ attempt at a political comeback could result in Democrats capturing the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Roy Blunt.

“We cannot give up this seat,” Hawley said Saturday, never specifically mentioning Greitens. He later added: “If we give up a Republican seat in Missouri, it’s going to be hard to retake the Senate.”

Hawley and Hartzler sparked chatter about a possible endorsement last week when they teamed up to call for a ban on stock trading in Congress. Hartzler also hired the consulting firm OnMessage to run her campaign. The company has helped propel Hawley’s rise in politics, first with his race for attorney general in 2016 and again in 2018 for the U.S. Senate.

Thank You

To the family and friends of Jeri McKinley, we want to thank everyone for their help during Jeri's illness. From the cards, to the woodcutters, livestock feeders, the food, phone calls and especially all of the visits. The list could go on and on. You were all so helpful in a difficult time. It made it so much easier on us.

Special thanks to NE MO Hospice. You were wonderful and you did so much to keep Jeri comfortable. Also thank all those that donated to the Unionville and Mendota Cemeteries and NE MO Hospice.

We miss Jeri so much.

Sincerely,
Lynn McKinley

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OBITUARIES

Jane Daniels

Jul. 1, 1944 – Feb. 10, 2022

Jane Ann Daniels, 77, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2022 at her home in Kirksville.

Born July 1, 1944 in Kirksville, Missouri, Jane was the daughter of the late Berry Otie and Opal Florence (Craig) Wilson. On December 20, 1966 in Kirksville, Missouri, Jane was united in marriage to Larry Eldon Daniels. They were married for 53 years.

Jane is survived by daughter, Tammy (Jay) Wells of Summerfield, North Carolina, and daughter, Elaine Urban of Carlisle, IA; three grandchildren, Jason (Elizabeth) Wells, Jennifer (Amery) Urban, and Jessica Marble; four great-grandchildren, C.J. Floyd, Devin Dunlop, Theo Miller, and Steely Marble, one sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Dean Sorenson of Kirksville, MO, as well as many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Daniels, her parents, one brother, Gene Wilson, and two sisters, Lola Cox and Karla White.

Jane received most of her schooling in Kirksville but received her GED from Alamogordo, NM. She worked in numerous retail positions while

Larry served his country in the United States Air Force and then they managed a mobile home park from 1981 to 1989. In 1989, they returned to the Daniels' family farm in rural Novinger where they raised horses and cattle until moving to Kirksville to make their home in 1996. She was a Master Gardener and loved to watch birds.

Jane was a dedicated member of Hamilton Street Baptist Church where she served in children's ministry and in other opportunities as they arose. She was a lifelong member of VFW Post #2508 Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V) Larry Daniels #48 Auxiliary.

Public visitation will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. following the visitation. Internment will follow at Pratt Cemetery, southwest of Novinger.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Gregory, Brad Gregory, C.J. Floyd, Buddy Asher, David Sevits, and Amery Mittenzwei. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jane may be made to the D.A.V.A. Chapter 48 and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



ASSAULT

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told police Peterson told her she was being too loud and smacked her in the face. Peterson refused to get her any medical help and prevented her from leaving.

Court documents say he sat in front of the door to keep her from leaving, as well as pushing her away and telling her she couldn't leave.

Peterson has previous fourth-degree domestic assault and unlawful use of a weapon charges from November 2021. His bond conditions from then say he is not supposed to have any contact with the woman and he is supposed to be on house arrest at a different residence. He threatened the woman with an ax in that November incident.

IRIS

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and together they opened the doors to the store, celebrating last week with a grand opening held in conjunction with the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce.

"We got along great and it was just meant to be," Fountain said.

Staggs said that she has been doing floral for just over five years and it's her passion and love as well.

"It was kind of my first big girl job," she said. "We love it and when you love something, you do it. I'm really, really glad to be doing this with her."

Staggs said that the shop is "full-service" and "fully custom", where customers can pick what they want and how they want it. They have notebooks to pick out of, a variety of gifts, sympathy stones, plants, silk flowers, candies, chocolates, stuffed animals, balloons "and, of course, flowers."

"The sky's the limit," she said. "...We put our hearts and souls into everything we do and it shows."

Check out an additional video story on the business on KirksvilleDailyExpress.com.

Tempers fray as Senate Republicans fight over Missouri Congressional map

By Rudi Keller
Missouri Independent

When the Missouri Senate recognizes "special guests," it is normally a pleasant diversion, announcing visits from school groups, constituents or perhaps family.

Not on Thursday. Instead, it was another vehicle for airing the Republican factionalism that has shredded this year's session.

Sen. Mike Cierpiot read prepared remarks about former Sen. Jim Lembke, a political consultant working to recruit candidates for open seats to enlarge the conservative caucus. Cierpiot called him the "puppet master" of the conservative caucus filibuster over congressional redistricting.

Cierpiot's words so enraged Sen. Bill Eigel that when the Senate broke for lunch a half-hour later, the two had to be physically separated. Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, encountered Cierpiot, R-Lee's Summit, in Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz's office, where members often are able to get a buffet-style meal in close proximity to the chamber.

The "heated, passionate yelling" described by one witness was enough to attract the attention of Senate security. Schatz stepped in between the two and they exchanged only words.

"This place makes people excited, sometimes they have different opinions and no, I don't think it was anything particularly out of ordinary," Cierpiot said. "So we just traded some thoughts, and kind of ended it."

By Friday afternoon, Eigel had lowered his voice but his anger remained. The confrontation, he said, is nothing extraordinary.

"I think that we've seen, several times, tensions run high in that building and that's kind of just how the sausage is made," he said.

This was only the latest, and perhaps the loudest, flare up between a group of Republicans aligned with the conservative caucus and another aligned with Senate leadership — a division that has dominated the chamber for the last year and made it nearly impossible for much of anything to get done.

More than a month after convening the 2022 legislative session, the Senate has yet to debate any bills besides redistricting, and has been mired in the conservative caucus filibuster for a week, with attacks during floor de-

bate often veering away from policy and becoming deeply personal.

Thursday's flash of anger between senators is the most recent evidence that the Senate is no closer to resolving its impasse on redistricting. After a rare Friday session, where nothing was resolved, the Senate will meet again Saturday, something the body has not done in more than 25 years.

Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder, R-Sikeston, said it was time for the Senate to get serious about its business.

"I hope we can stop with the speeches and all the stuff to get the headlines..." she said. "I just hope we can be honest in our work in this body and something we can be proud of when we talk to our children about our time in this chamber, and our grandchildren, years from now."

Shifting population within the state means the current eight districts are out of balance in population and must be equalized. Republicans hold six of the eight seats and Democrats represent seats that include Kansas City and St. Louis.

The conservative caucus is demanding the Senate replace a plan already approved in the Missouri House with one designed to give the GOP the 5th District seat of Kansas City Rep. Emanuel Cleaver.

Despite losing 8-24 on one plan on Monday night, caucus members have refused to allow the Senate to take any other votes.

The redistricting bill is the only bill the Senate has debated in the five weeks since the session started. While the conservative caucus filibuster has been going all week, the bill only made it to the floor once — on Monday — with other days consumed with delaying debates on minor motions.

It is the only bill the Senate will debate, Schatz said Friday, until it is brought to a vote.

"We are going to find a solution and stay on it until we get a solution," Schatz said.

FAMILY FEUDS

Long-time observers are hard-pressed to name a time when factionalism in the majority party was as bitter as the current divide among Senate Republicans.

The things said in anger over the past year are a catalog of insults that linger in the memory.

During the veto session in

September, there were accusations from Sen. Bob Onder that leaders were "subverting the democratic process." In response, Majority Leader Caleb Rowden said the conservative caucus was a "clown show" that was forcing pointless votes to "appease children."

In both the regular session last year and a special session in late June, accusations of betrayal resulted in demands that Rowden and Schatz resign for "actively working with Democrats" to thwart the conservative caucus demands.

Cierpiot's floor speech Thursday continued the streak of slashing attacks, as did Eigel's response. Cierpiot painted a portrait of Lembke as a self-serving opportunist. Lembke was in the Senate from 2009 to 2013 and has worked on the staff of other Republican senators from 2015 to 2019 and again in 2021. He is currently chairman of The 100 PAC, founded last year to push the Senate to the right.

"I believe he still holds the single season record for lobbyists gifts for a month, quarter and year," Cierpiot said of Lembke's time in the Senate.

Lembke left his job as a Senate staff employee because of an impending ban on lobbyist gifts, Cierpiot alleged.

"He's now leading the charge as puppet master for the 7-1 congressional district," Cierpiot said.

In response, Lembke acknowledged that he has advised the conservative caucus that pushing for a map that elects more Republicans has a good political payback with GOP voters.

"I was very disappointed that a sitting senator would cast disparaging remarks about a former senator on the Senate floor and it really speaks to the lack of decorum that the Senate has fallen into," Lembke said. "Although, I do get a kick of living rent free in some people's heads."

The insults being flung regularly are a mark of frustration with conservative caucus stubbornness, Cierpiot said in an interview Friday.

"I don't think I'm more important than any senator," he said. "Any issue I have, I'm willing to let it come to a vote, and if I don't win, that bespeaks the will of the body."

Eigel compared the divisions among Senate Republicans to fights in a big family.

"And you know, that I will

admit to something you know, it seems like this year the Senate's had a lot of those kind of disagreements but you know, we're, we've got to get along and we're going to continue to try and do that and really try to find a good compromise on this map," he said.

The Senate is essentially split three ways — 10 Democrats, 17 Republicans generally aligned with the leadership and seven in the conservative caucus. In December, the Republicans aligned with leadership — described by one senator as members "who would like to see the session be productive" — met without inviting the conservative caucus.

Other factional fights in the legislature within memory include a rift among Democrats in 1995 and 1996 that almost installed Republican leader Mark Richardson as House Speaker in place of Bob Griffin, who had held the office since 1981.

The 117-member Democratic supermajority when Griffin took office had dwindled to 87. Griffin was saved in 1995 by a Republican defector, winning re-election 82-80.

But the next year, Griffin was deposed as he faced federal indictment. He tried to engineer a successor but 16 Democrats defected and a new speaker wasn't elected until a Democrat acceptable to the faction was chosen.

Griffin died last year. In 1970, Senate President Pro Tem Earl Blackwell was removed from his post, because he was feuding with Gov. Warren Hearnes.

What is different now is that, at that time, factions in the majority party had leverage because they were allied with some or all members of the minority party. That made their actions successful.

By targeting one of two Democratic seats from Missouri, the conservative caucus isn't winning friends in the minority party.

Cierpiot was in the House gallery for the 1995 speaker election, watching his wife, Connie Cierpiot, being sworn in for her first term. The only leverage the conservative caucus has, he argued in an interview Friday, is the Senate rules that allow for unlimited debate.

While cutting off debate and ending a filibuster is possible, a rule change approved by a bipartisan majority makes it more difficult this year.

COUNCIL

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According to the staff report, this construction season will be the fourth year in which the Economic Development Sales Tax dollars will be used toward street improvements. The budgetary goal has been to rehabilitate six miles of streets each year. In the last two years, this goal was exceeded and the plan for this year is an estimated nine miles of street work to be completed.

Balliew said that the department has a budget of \$2.95 million for street improvements this year, \$1.5 million for contractors and \$450,000 for in-house work.

"We're going to put \$800,000 into concrete this year," he told the council.

The staff report states that \$100,000 will be held for contingency and any contingency dollars left over will be spent on additional concrete repairs. Balliew told the council he always keeps \$100,000 for emergencies.

"I can't get into the winter months and a culvert caves in and ruins a street and I don't have the money to fix it," he said.

He spoke of when Infrastructure Management Systems came in and did an unbiased study of every street in Kirksville, and as they've made improvements, the city's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) has risen from 57 PCI to 68 in the last four years, close to the city's goal of 72. He said that it might be beneficial for them to return in a couple of years to do another evaluation of the city's streets.

"Most city's do it every five years," he told the council.

Balliew said that concrete repairs will be done this year at the Weatherstone subdivision, Kings Ridge, and Country Club Drive.

According to the staff report, if progress continues, all asphalt arterial and collector streets will be rehabilitated by 2024, only seven years into the program. Arterials move the traffic, collectors collect the cars from arterials and residential streets.

City Manager Mari Macomber said that in the past, the city used to just pick a street and basically pave it with two-inch overlay. She said that all they were doing was overlay and not addressing issues such as drainage

or the composition of the asphalt. She said that a lot of things have gone into the process since 2015 with more time walking the streets, looking at the project, the addition of more equipment, more staff and not just overlaying two inches and having to come back in a couple of years to repair or redo it.

"It's much more complicated than just slapping down asphalt," she said.

Balliew said that it began with re-writing the code, commissioning a study to improve the concrete, and the quality of the rock being used.

"When you make this kind of an investment you have to show a payoff for it," he said.

Mayor Zac Burden said that the city has more expertise than the city has ever had before, through the technical knowledge, the equipment and personnel.

"We have increased our expertise in being able to build and maintain a street system," Burden said.

Balliew said that what people have to start paying attention to is that while taxes have increased, eventually the five to 10 percent annual contractor increases and the rise in the price of rock and asphalt every year will

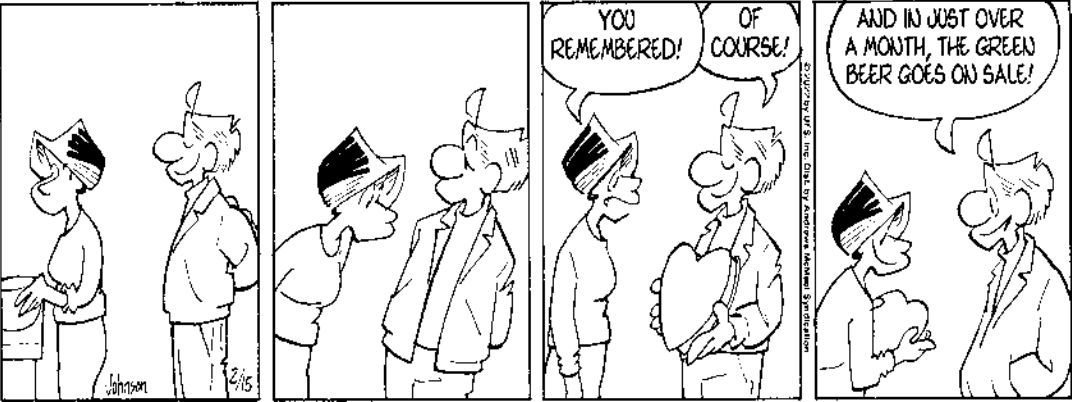
limit the amount of street improvements the city is sustaining today.

"You're going to end up back where you was and the cost is going to outweigh how much we can do and you have to invest more money," he told the council, noting that that was how the city first got into the mess it was previously in with the condition of city streets. "You got to pay attention to that or you'll be right back in it in 10 to 12 years."

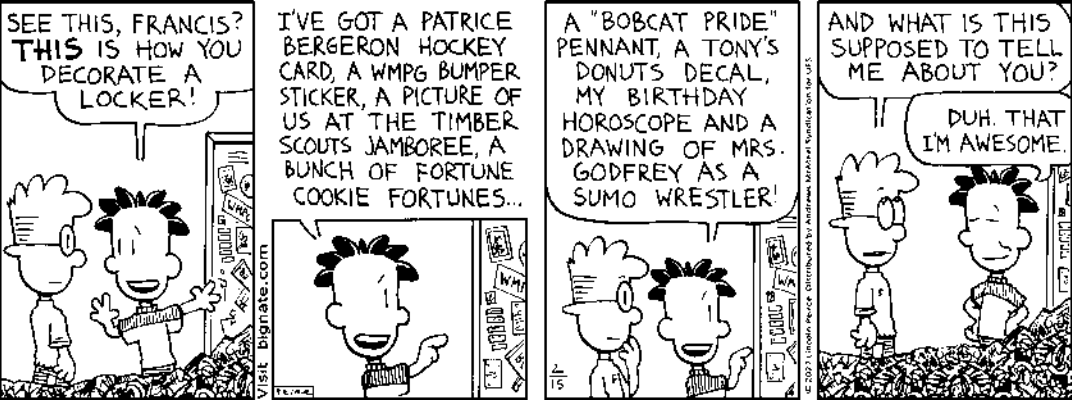
Councilman John Gardner said the city needs to communicate to the community the possibility of a short-term tax increase to continue paving roads at the pace the city is currently moving.

"I think we need to be communicating about this process and how the streets are being repaired because when I was running last year, I could talk about a lot of different things, but immediately when I began talking about streets, these people were like, 'What? Streets? Yeah, I'm in on that,'" Gardner said, noting that the public doesn't believe its being done fast enough even though it's being done at what he said was an incredible rate."

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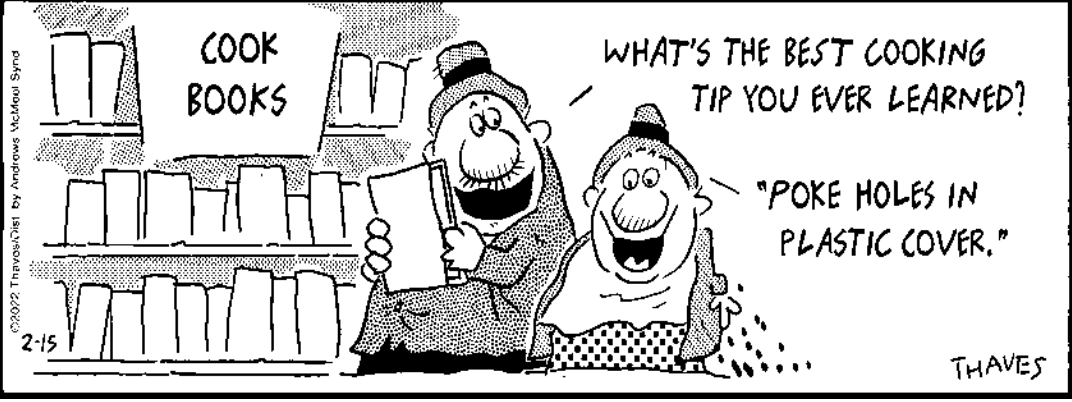
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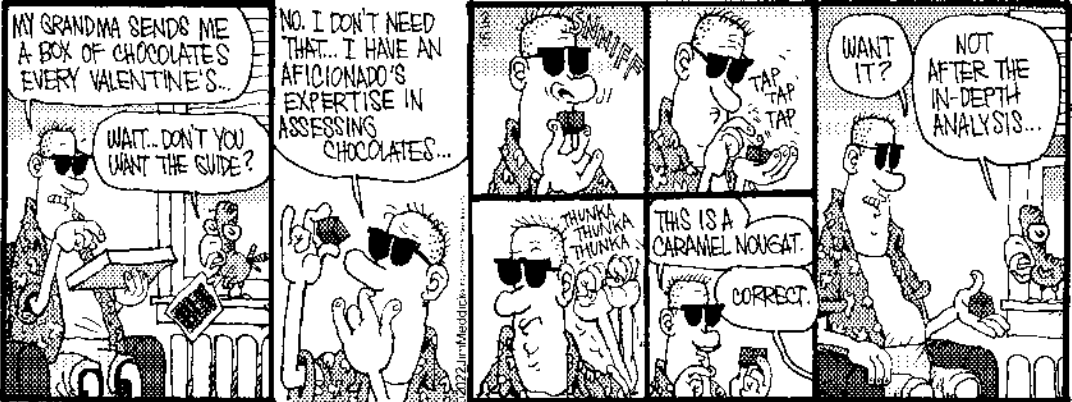
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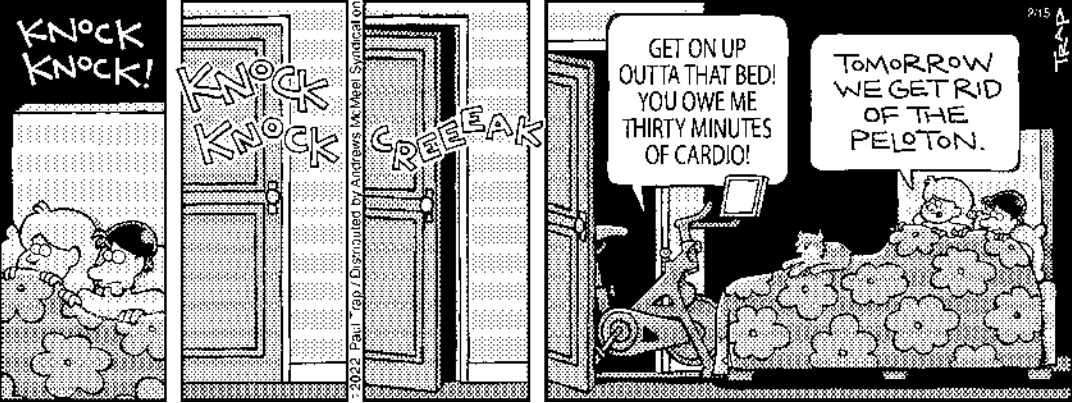
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Stretches the truth

5 Ferber or Millay

9 Citrus drink

12 By mouth

13 Sky light

14 Grassland

15 Seam, in mining

16 Think about

18 Pew adjunct

20 Stoles

21 Strive to win

22 Gaze at

23 Augurs

26 Rotated

29 Crimson Tide st.

30 Thickening agent

32 Blarney stone locale

34 Masculine principle

36 Garret

38 Less than one

39 Silly comedies

41 Sobs

43 Smoke detector output

44 Evergreen

45 Twitch

48 Fine

52 Octogenarian (hyph.)

54 London district

55 High sign

56 Ibsen heroine

57 Kramer or Estrada

58 Fabric meas.

59 France, long ago

60 Mathematician — Descartes

DOWN

1 Guthrie's genre

2 Soldering tool

3 Commanded

4 Shirt part

5 Show host

6 Exit

7 Montreal turndown

8 Grab the phone

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 "Hawkeye" Pierce

10 Intense

11 Snakes lack them

17 Papas or Cara

19 Simpson kid

22 Hang 10

23 Tampa —

24 Norse king

25 Elcar of "Mac-Gyver"

26 Southwest art colony

27 One, in Dresden

28 Trickle

31 Campbell of country music

33 Ernie of the PGA

35 Mill fodder

37 One of a pair

40 On the way

42 Artist's gum

44 Not domesticated

45 PlayStation brand

46 Tramp along

47 Throws in

48 Amazon source

49 Handed-down stories

50 Slender

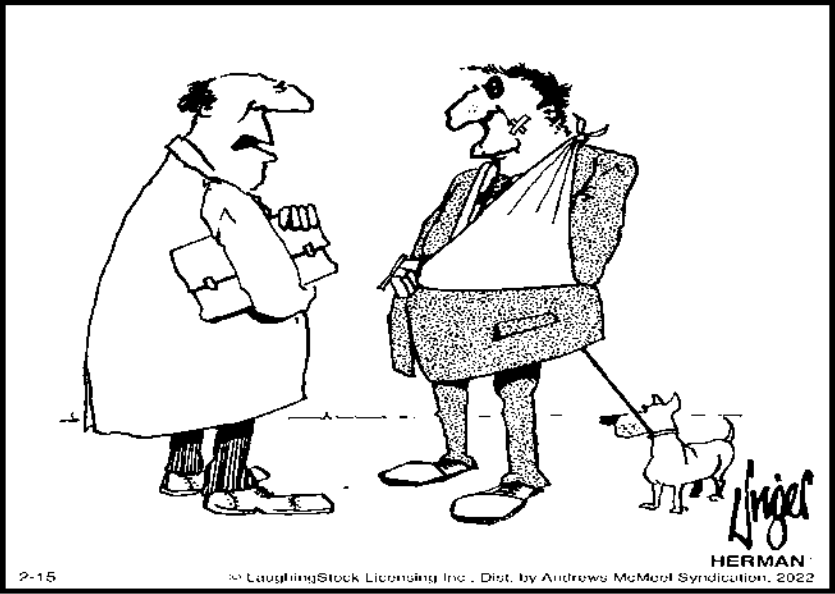
51 Harness

53 Big extinct bird

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HERMAN



ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Take the edge off and lighten up, and you'll accomplish so much more than you planned. Pat yourself on the back and look for the good in everyone and everything. A positive attitude makes for a better environment and choices as you take on new and exciting challenges. Live in the moment and embrace the future with optimism.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Settle any differences peacefully. Be ready to compromise to ensure that fair play is maintained. Keep your emotions under control, and let your intellect help you navigate your way to victory.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- If you second-guess yourself, you'll fall short. Own whatever you decide to do and follow through with precision and gusto. A take-charge attitude will help you gain respect and get things done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Trust in your ability to get things done. Don't wait for someone to finish what you start. Take care of responsibilities and feel good about what you accomplish. Treat yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Follow through with your plans, and don't worry about any complaints. You must satisfy yourself instead of bending over backward trying to please others. Live life your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Making your life more leisurely will help you be productive and give you more time to enjoy downtime with friends and family. Good timing coupled with discipline and hard work will lead to praise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Educate yourself and implement what you learn into your everyday life. The changes you make will fortify your plans and help you succeed. Your energy and drive will attract support.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Accept, adapt and carry on with your day. A steadfast approach to accomplishing something will ensure that you reach your goals. Choose your words carefully when others ask for support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Go someplace that stimulates your mind, body and soul. A hike, museum, art gallery or sports event will motivate you to do things differently and explore possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you like someone or enjoy doing something, carry on and don't stop until you've had your fill. Refuse to let a lack of motivation stand between you and something that will enrich your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't show emotion when dealing with professional situations. Do what others expect of you, but give whatever you do a unique twist. Take on projects that require ingenuity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take better care of your health and financial matters. Don't spend unnecessarily; being overly generous or careless will result in loss. Don't let someone take advantage of you.

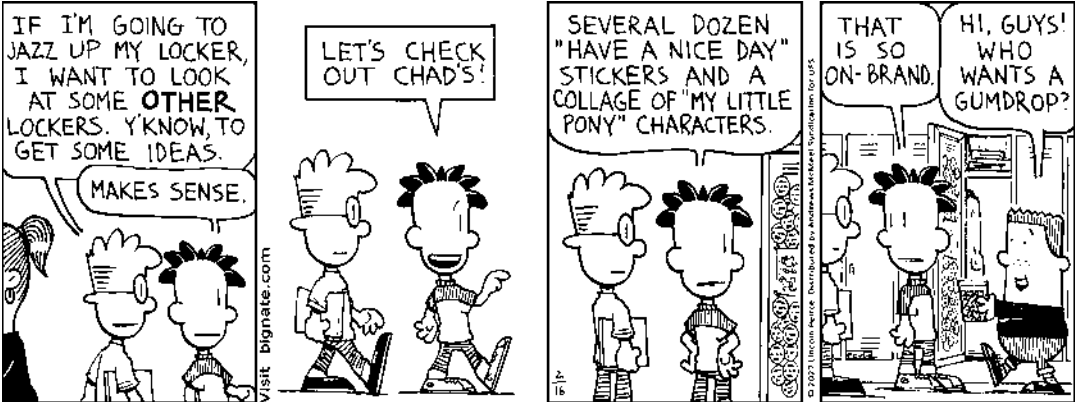
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll face opposition today, but don't let that stop you. Take a different approach and offer something that will make it easier for others to accept and support what you want to pursue.

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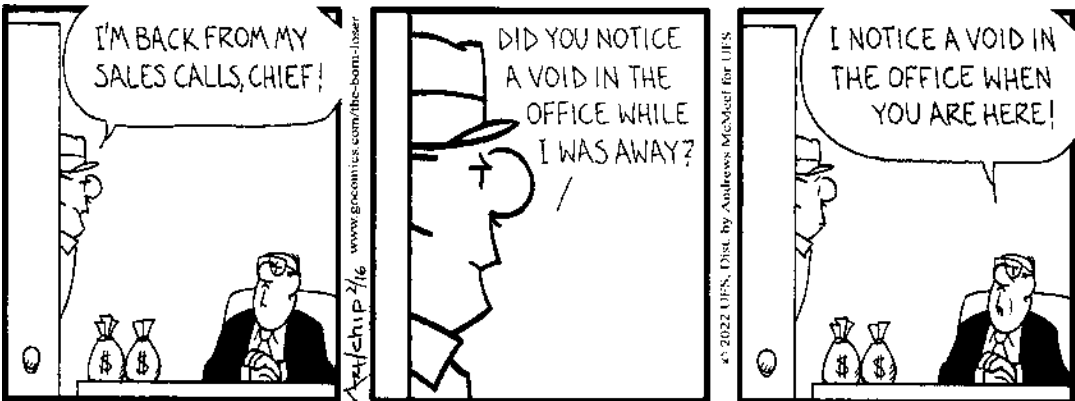
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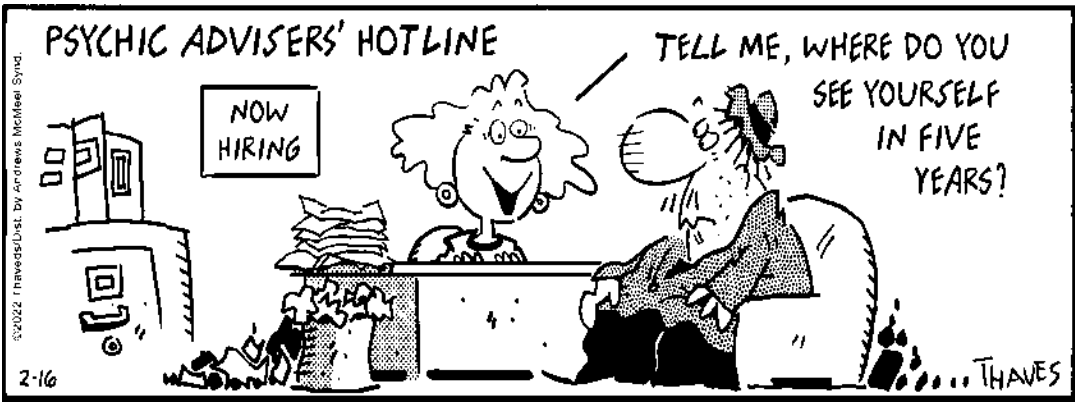
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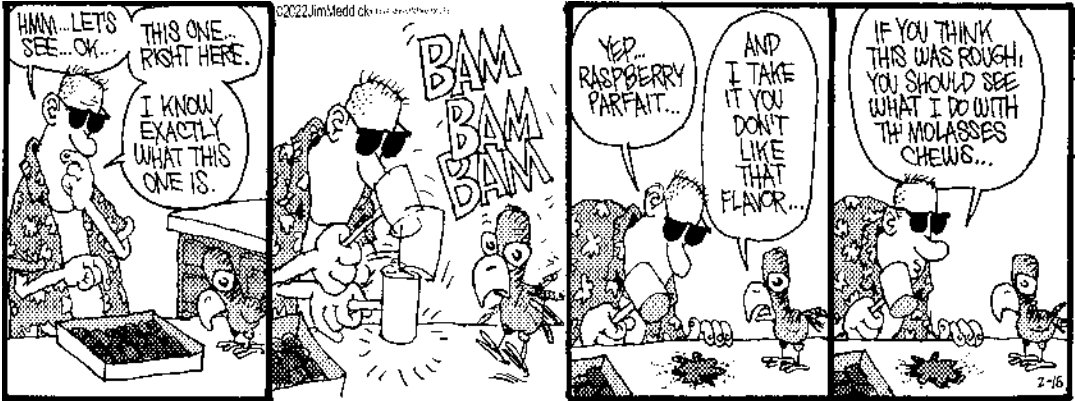
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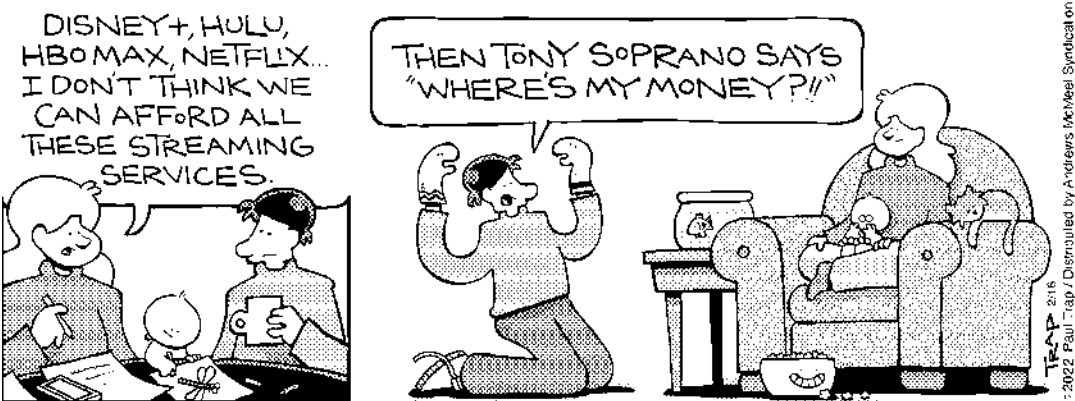
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Tainted
4 Army off.
7 Sonnet
11 The — of Aquarius
12 Muck or slime
14 Experi-enced
15 Polish
16 Show violent anger
17 Cheery tune
18 Brightly colored fish
20 Burger extra
22 Elec. unit
23 — Lobos of pop music
24 Rats (on)
27 Endured
30 Knighted Guinness
31 "You bet!"
32 Seize suddenly
34 Take advantage of
35 Rozelle or Sampras
36 Shower liner

- 37 Sporty sock
39 Began again
40 Pup's plaint
41 Panel truck
42 Cell parts
45 Bug
49 The younger Guthrie
50 Wearing boots
52 Canine warning
53 Burns and Allen
54 Hawaiian port
55 Region of India
56 Shampoo additive
57 Ms. Shriver of tennis
58 CIA operative

DOWN

- 1 Sharp projection
2 Winter woe
3 Something owed
4 Vamooses
5 Take hold of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

F	I	B	S		E	D	N	A		A	D	E
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- 6 Harbor vessel
7 Least tanned
8 Tony's relative
9 Pipe fittings
10 Distribute
13 State firmly
19 Bath powder
21 Vacuum part
24 Letter after sigma
25 Actress — Martinelli
26 Sly glance
27 Relative of a zither
28 Oklahoma town
29 Painter Salvador —
31 Not generous
33 Double or twin
35 Fiery heap
36 Perfect scores
38 In abundance
39 Accidental
41 Small pansy
42 Valley of grapes
43 Eurasian mountains
44 Ad award
46 Souffle ingredients
47 Field's yield
48 Salver
51 Cool

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Bounce ideas around in your head for a while. Consider the pros and cons, and come up with the best approach to finding love and happiness. A look at the past will help you cultivate an ironclad plan that will ensure your safety and your ability to reach your destination. A thoughtful, kind attitude will yield good returns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Consider what's possible and forge ahead. Don't wait for someone to step in and take charge. Do your own thing, and take credit for what you accomplish. Be a leader, not a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Rely on the information you receive firsthand. Trust in your instincts, common sense and experience to know what to take on and what to leave alone. Intelligence and bravado will be called for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Pull yourself together and target what you must accomplish. Show resilience, regardless of the distractions you encounter. An innovative approach will help you surpass your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take a low-key position when working in groups and pay attention to detail. You'll want to make sure that what you present to others will far exceed their expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put more emphasis on home and family. If your surroundings are easy to navigate and your relationships are in good shape, it will make it easier to manage your responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't take everything others say to heart. Take on a project that requires ingenuity and creativity. Discuss your

intentions with a loved one. Self-improvement is encouraged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Focus on whatever brings the highest returns. Take a leap of faith and enforce a drastic change. Lock in plans to do something you want to pursue. Follow the path that excites you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Share your feelings, concerns and plans with a loved one. Personal growth will lead to a better understanding of life, love and how to achieve happiness. Shoot for the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Fancy footwork is required if you want to make a comfortable and welcoming home. Controlling your environment, overhead and future will be easy if you let others think they have a say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Deal with red-tape issues. Having a clear path forward will make it easier to reach your goal. Think outside the box, and you'll develop a foolproof plan. A positive change is apparent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Put everything in place and leave no room for unnecessary adjustments. Establish what you want to do and refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Listen to the facts and stay grounded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't let depression consume you. Shared expenses are not a good idea, and don't invest in someone else's future. Focus on what will make you happy and encourage your success.

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

Judge or Division: Case Number: 22AR-PR00014

PROBATE

In the Estate of MARY ANNE MCABERY, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY ANNE MCABERY, Decedent:

On January 25, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARY ANNE MCABERY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is: MICHAEL J COCHRAN, 2575 DIAMOND RIDGE DR., BURLINGTON, IA 52601.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: BRENT MAYBERRY, 401 N. ELSON, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-665-8356

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address is: PATRICK D COCHRAN, 25471 YARROW TRAIL, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: January 6, 2022

Date of first publication: February 2, 2022

Linda Decker

Adair County

Circuit Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

Publication Dates: February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

NOTICE

Under the provision of Section 115.233 RSMo. Election Laws of the State of Missouri, the Absentee ballot counting computer will be tested to ascertain that the equipment is in compliance with the law and that it will correctly count votes cast for all offices and on all questions in the General Municipal Election on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022.** The test for the **Optical Scan System** will be conducted in the County Clerk's temporary office at 311 N. Elson St. in Kirksville, on **February 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

A pre-audited group of ballots will be processed. If an error is detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the tabulation equipment is approved. The test shall be open to the candidates, the news media and the public.

Sandra Collop

Adair County Clerk

106 W Washington

Kirksville, Missouri 63501

CROPLAND FOR RENT

The Missouri Department of Conservation will accept cash rent bid proposals to farm approximately 88 acres of cropland on the Hidden Hollow Conservation Area approximately 3 miles North of Elmer, Missouri. Proposals will be accepted until 1:00 pm on 02/23/2022. For additional information and proposal forms contact: Andrea Schuetz, andrea.schuetz@mdc.mo.gov, P.O. Box 362, Macon, Missouri, 63552, Phone (660) 385-4920 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Kirksville wrestling wins team district title, sends 10 to state

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

Kings of the district jungle once again, the Kirksville wrestling team put forth a strong showing Saturday to finish the Class 2 District 2 tournament.

With 10 state qualifiers, two individual champions, and the program's third team district title in four years, there is plenty to be excited about in Kirksville.

"It's a great feeling. We've worked so hard for what we had this season, so just to know all of us have put in the work and we got what we deserved. Ten of us are going to state out of 14. I'd say that's pretty good," said senior Hunter Tarr.

The Tigers were aided after a strong season in the North Central Missouri Conference. Four NCMC teams finished in the top five of the district. Kirksville compiled 205 points. Fulton took second with 185 points, Moberly was third with 142.5, Hallsville was fourth with 129.5, and Mexico grabbed fifth with 119.

Tarr grabbed his second straight individual title, blitzing the competition at 126 pounds. He started his bracket with a bye, then beat Fulton's Gunner Holt with a fall in 58 seconds. It was a similar result compared to when they met earlier this week. Tarr finished off the bracket with a pin of Hallsville's Kaleb Caldwell in 4:50 and a 5-2 decision against St. Charles' Levi Perry in the title match.

Due to the pandemic last year, the Missouri State High School Activities Association reduced the state field from 16 to 12 wrestlers in each weight class. To do that, a sectional round was added between districts and state. After Tarr's first-place run at districts, he didn't get through sectionals. So now, after back-to-back seasons of just missing out, Tarr gets a chance to finish his career strong.



Members of the Kirksville wrestling team poses after winning the Class 2 District 2 meet Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022. ANDREA CAHALAN

"It's great just to know I get another chance," Tarr said. "This is all I've got, it's senior year, so might as well make the most of it and go place at state."

Four other Kirksville seniors get a similar shot. Chance McKim (113 pounds), Jaden Ballinger (170 pounds), Colton Hannah (220 pounds) and Bryce Kertz (285 pounds) all advance to state for one last hurrah.

McKim, Ballinger and Kertz all had second-place finishes on Saturday. McKim picked up his 100th career win on Friday night but fell in the title match to Orchard Farm's Liam Borgsmiller. Ballinger heads to state for the fourth time, just missing out on another individual district title after an 8-5 decision to Moberly's Zach Lewis. Kertz spent little time on the mat to start, getting pins in his first three matches in 1:09, 0:13 and 1:26. He then got pinned by Boonville's Peyton Hahn, last year's third-place finisher at 220 pounds, in 5:48. It was only Kertz's second loss of the season.

And Hannah needed some late theatrics to grab third. He went to sudden victory against St. Charles' Thomas Palmer, getting an escape and

takedown in the second overtime period to win 4-1.

Junior Dominic Cahalan (160 pounds) won his second straight individual district title and punched his third ticket to state. He started with a pin over Boonville's Eli Stock in 1:40. Then Cahalan got a 10-2 major decision win against St. Charles West's Dylan Scruggs in the semis. Cahalan then won a 14-4 major decision against Fulton's Elijah Brocksmith in the title match.

With Cahalan and Tarr, Kirksville coach James Alter was highly impressed with their performances.

"All throughout the weekend, they controlled the match. They dictated the tempo, they dictated the physicality, and they just controlled every aspect of the match," Alter said. "It was awesome to watch."

All of those upperclassmen were names most expected to make it back to state. But the Tigers also have a youth movement going alongside that experience.

Sophomores Ben Amerman (4th at 132 pounds) Lane Patterson (4th at 138 pounds), Jack Thomas (2nd at 182 pounds) and freshman Jaden Crisp (3rd

at 106 pounds) advanced.

"I'm excited for them to get the taste early, get the experience," Alter said. "As underclassmen, it shows them what they're capable of and, hopefully, moving forward, all 10 that we qualified are capable of catching hardware and moving deep into the tournament."

Team district success isn't anything new to the Tigers. Outings like Saturday are to be expected with the program.

But the Tigers look to have a stronger state showing than those previous district-winning teams. Those teams also sent double-digit contingencies to Columbia but returned a few medals.

"I think it's embedded that that's the expectation," Alter said. "We go into the district tournament, we're going to wrestle tough. Traditionally, that's what we do. So going in, the expectation is we're going to get state qualifiers. That's what this program does and that's what we do well."

"But in the past, we've kind of peaked at the district tournament. Moving forward, I think we've got a good group that's got the blinders on, and they're hungry for some state hardware."

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Feb. 12

High school boys basketball

- Stanberry 50, Putnam Co. 49 F/OT**
Putnam — No stats by deadline.
- Kirksville JV 70, Brashear 59 F/OT**
Brashear — Carson Erwin, 25 points; Brandon Jochimsen, 18 points, 15 rebounds.
- Atlanta 66, Novinger 55**
Atlanta — Wins Brashear Tournament; No stats by deadline.
Novinger — Wes Findling, 19 points; Connor Robinson, 16 points.
- Milan 48, Albany 47**
Milan — No stats by deadline.

High school girls basketball

- Milan 70, St. Joseph Christian 63**
Milan — Wins Grand River Conference title; Cady Pauley, 36 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists; Auburn Cole, 13 points, 13 rebounds; Avery Pickering, 11 points.
- Putnam Co. 47, Worth Co. 27**
Putnam — Allise Perkis, 16 points; Karley Seaton, 15 points.
- Marion Co. 61, Brashear 29**
Brashear — Cassidy Althide, 8 points.

Feb. 11

High school boys basketball

- Green City 85, La Plata 52**
Green City — Aaron Peavler, 18; Xander Salas, 16 points; Asher Buggs-Tipton, 12 points; Brody Lunsford, 12 points.
La Plata — Cutter St. Clair, 16 points; Landyn Jones, 15 points.
- Salisbury 59, Schuyler Co. 43**
Schuyler — Trevyn Small, 21 points.
- Knox Co. 52, North Shelby 50**
Knox — Nelson Shinkle, 18 points; Branson Miller, 12 points.
- Scotland Co. 62, Paris 26**
Scotland — Kabe Hamlin, 14 points; Corbin Blessing, 11 points.
- Macon 74, Brookfield 53**
Macon — Hayden Lovingier, 22 points; MyKel Linear, 13 points; Maurice Magruder, 12 points; Boston Douglas, 11 points.

High school girls basketball

- La Plata 73, Green City 55**
La Plata — Bulldogs win the Tri-County Conference; Paige Carvajal, 25 points; Claire Coy, 20 points; Olivia Coy, 14 points.
Green City — Celeste Athon, 15 points.
- Schuyler Co. 57, Salisbury 41**
Schuyler — Jacie Morris, 23 points; Ashlyn Laws, 15 points.
- Macon 59, Brookfield 25**
Macon — Lexi Miller, 14 points; Shelby Petre, 13 points; Caylie Wilson, 12 points; Brooke Weimer, 11 points.
- North Shelby 69, Knox Co. 45**
Knox — Brianna Miller, 25 points.
- Scotland Co. 45, Paris 13**
Scotland — Alaynna Whitaker, 13 points.



Kirksville girls dismantle Fulton for bounce back win

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

If you stood outside the Kirksville girls locker room Friday, you would have heard a lot of screaming and banging against lockers. The source of that was a complete 180 from a loss to Moberly on Tuesday, where some of those same sounds could've happened.

The Tigers (17-3) had a dominant showing at home Friday, handling Fulton (4-15) for a 63-20 win. Just what the doctor ordered after Tuesday's tough loss.

"That's just post-win celebration. Just smack the top of the lockers," said senior forward Corinne Vorkink, who had a game-high 18 points. "Usually a few things accidentally fall off the walls, but that's besides the point."

An off night of offense for everyone involved was coach Nick Totta's diagnosis for Tuesday's loss. The Tigers completely fixed that on Friday night.

The Tigers found great balance with inside-out offense, hitting shots from deep and crashing the basket when lanes opened up. Kirksville hit seven 3-pointers to pull Fulton away from the rim. That helped Vorkink work in-



Kirksville's Elli Porter puts up a 3-pointer Friday against Fulton. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

side, which was on full display in the third quarter with 10 points from her in the frame.

Totta didn't think they pressured Moberly well Tuesday. Friday, he saw the offense he's used to, where Tigers fill lanes and constantly move forward to score.

"We had a few shots early on that didn't go, but we got in a rhythm and

kind of carried on for the rest of the night," Vorkink said. "I think our energy was a big part of that. We have good talk on the court, but our bench was super supportive as well."

"We thought early we missed some times to throw it inside," Totta said. "Sometimes I think they're leery of making a turnover. You see their numbers, you can throw

it away from the defense and it's the post's job to come get the ball. So don't hesitate to make that pass. We ran some sets to get inside. When you do that and do get inside, it opens up for people to look elsewhere."

The big offensive night was aided by an even better defensive showing. Kirksville held Fulton to seven points in the second

half, running away with the win in front of packed gym.

Junior guard Channing Totta added 17 points, hitting three 3-pointers. The Tigers finish the regular season with games against Hannibal and Marshall, all well below .500. But there's a meeting with Chillicothe (16-4) that will give Kirksville a big test.

While they should expect great defensive outings against the bottom teams in the conference, now isn't the time to get complacent. They need the same attitude and tenacity against everyone.

"I think we just have to remember that no matter who we play, we have to play the same way," Channing Totta said. "So focusing on ourselves and just continuing to do the things we can control."

Kirksville's JV team has been playing at the Brashear Tournament this week, leaving varsity practices a little smaller than normal. The Tigers spent most of the time practicing this week against nobody.

It was a bit of a metaphor for what the Tigers needed to focus on most: themselves.

"Maybe the (Moberly) loss was good for us. I don't know. At this point I'd say I hope it was because we can't change it," Totta said. "I think we got back to some of the things we do well. It kind of reconfirms the things we were doing, so it gives us confidence with that. Obviously, you want to be playing your most confident basketball this time of year, so the win certainly doesn't hurt."

Kirksville boys finish the job in battle with Fulton

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

Kirksville's trio of top scorers delivered in the fourth quarter Friday against Fulton. In the midst of a neck-and-neck affair with the rival Hornets — and as they were keyed in on — Ike Danielson, Keaton Anderson and Cole Kelly all scored five points in the final frame to boost the Tigers to a 66-60 win.

"If you look at our last couple games, that's one area where, obviously, we know teams are keying in on," said Kirksville coach Tyler Martin. "Those guys, we put a lot of pressure on them to carry that load. I thought they did a really good job. They held their composure. Obviously, it was a tight game, emotions were high, great crowd. Those guys stepped up on a big stage for us."

Kelly got his points early with a 3-pointer and jumper. The Tigers had a slim 55-54 lead with 3:30 left when Anderson

buried a 3-pointer. He answered with a layup on Kirksville's next possession, sneaking around the back of Fulton's defense unnoticed, to go up four.

Then it was Danielson's turn one possession later, taking an inbounds pass coast-to-coast for a layup. That gave the Tigers (16-4) 62 points, just enough to finish the job.

"At first I was just trying to draw a foul on the guy right next to me. No one stopped me, so I just kept going," said Danielson, who finished with 18 points.

"Us being the three main scorers, we need to be able to do that when we need it — and we did," said Anderson, who also scored 18 points.

Not only were those beaucoup buckets important for, well, point reasons, but they were back-breaking for the Fulton (14-6) defense. In a one-, two-possession ballgame down the stretch, those are the rallies that hurt the most.

"Those are momentum killers for them. For us, we're getting points at the bucket," Martin said. "It doesn't get any easier than that. Any time you can get transition buckets, especially late in the game when you're trying to protect a lead, I'll take those any day of the week."

Though that margin ended up good enough for victory, Fulton had another crack. Fulton's Colby Lancaster, who was huge in the paint and had 19 points, grabbed two offensive boards on one possession, getting fouled on the second one. He converted one free throw to make it 62-60 with 50 seconds left.

Kirksville inbounded and then called timeout. The next play had them inbounding around half-court and Drew Chrisman got pick-pocketed. The ball bounced around a few times before the Hornets grabbed control, eyeing the tying or go-ahead bucket.

But the Tigers quickly flipped back to defensive



Kirksville's Ike Danielson dribbles Friday against Fulton. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

mode, blanketed Fulton's players in transition, leading to an errant pass out of bounds and a Fulton turnover.

"Something we talk about a lot is being able to transition in those late-game situations," Martin said. "... I thought that was a big one, again, from a mental standpoint. You're frustrated, you're mad, you're whatever. For a high school kid, it hurts the ego a little bit when you turn it over. But we got back, guys were communicating, and that's one thing I'd say was an under-appreciated (aspect tonight).

"That was a scramble play. They could've very easily tossed it ahead and got something easy to tie it up. But we were able to get back, cover everybody up, put some pressure on them, and I think created that turnover."

After going 0-2 against the Hornets last season, Friday's win marked a total flip for the Tigers this season, winning both games.

"For the guys who returned, we remembered last year," Danielson said. "It motivated us a lot."

Friday's win was big rebound following a 68-52 loss Tuesday at Moberly (8-13). The Tigers hadn't played since a Jan. 28 loss to Mexico in the Macon Tournament title game,

so a rusty and out-of-sync Tiger team hit the floor Tuesday.

Kirksville shook that rust off. Scoring 20 first-quarter points certainly helped, with Danielson scoring six in that quarter. Now the key is to keep this momentum going into the last three games of the regular season and into districts.

"I thought it was just a good basketball game between two good teams," Martin said. "I tried to appreciate it for what it was as it was going on. It was also one that we needed, that's for sure. Just from a mental standpoint more than anything."

Kupp's late TD lifts Rams over Bengals 23-20 in Super Bowl

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Their defense laying siege to the Bengals, the Rams needed something — anything — from their slumbering offense.

How about a precise 79-yard drive to the Lombardi Trophy?

It wasn't a classic march, aided by three successive Bengals penalties and mired by some bad throws. No matter: When Cooper Kupp caught a 1-yard pass from Matthew Stafford with 1:25 remaining, LA's offense indeed had awakened just in time for a 23-20 Super Bowl victory Sunday.

"That's hard work, that's hours together," Stafford said. "I just thank coach (Sean McVay) for putting it ... 'Hey, Matthew, you and Coop go get this thing done.' He kept calling plays for him, kept finding ways to get him the ball. He made unbelievable plays; that's what he does."

What Los Angeles did on that drive finally measured up to what its defense was doing most of the night: overwhelming Cincinnati's blockers, sacking Joe Burrow a Super Bowl record-tying seven times. The pressure, led by Aaron Donald and Von Miller, was nonstop.

"You got to be relentless," said Donald, who added a crowning achievement to his certain Hall of Fame career. "You want something bad enough you've got to go get it. You know it was right in front of us ... all offseason you work, you train, you got camp, you got a long season just for this one game. You know we the last team standing."

Standing in a venue built for champions, with the Rams (16-5) earning their first NFL title since the 1999 season — and their first representing Los Angeles since 1951.

They did so in their home, the \$5 billion SoFi Stadium, making the Rams

the second consecutive host to win the championship after Tampa Bay became the first a year ago.

"As far as building this stadium," said Rams owner Stan Kroenke, the man who moved them back from St. Louis in 2016, "I think it turned out all right."

The winning series, during which game MVP Kupp's 4-yard touchdown reception was negated by offsetting penalties, ended soon after with the NFL Offensive Player of the Year easily beating Eli Apple in the right corner of the end zone for the winning score.

Kupp had four receptions for 39 yards, and a 7-yard run on fourth-and-1 from the Rams 30 on the championship drive.

Cincinnati (13-8) was penalized the second-fewest times (72) for the fewest yards (620) in the regular season but flags hurt badly — including pass interference on Kupp in the end zone.

"I've said it all year, whatever is asked of me whatever my job is gonna be, I just want to execute to the best of my abilities," said Kupp, who won the triple crown of receiving in 2021, leading in catches, yards and touchdowns. "I trust as the game goes on I'll have opportunities as well, and I just want to stay ready for those things stay locked in."

As locked in as that pass rush.

Fittingly, Burrow was under pressure on fourth-and-1 and threw incomplete, setting off a football fiesta this city has not seen



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, top, catches a touchdown against Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Eli Apple during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 56 football game Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ — STAFF, AP

since the LA Raiders won the 1983 championship.

A tearful Donald said after the game, "I wanted it so bad. I dreamed this."

Added McVay, at 36 the youngest Super Bowl-winning head coach: "For the offense to be able to find a way, and then Aaron to be able to finish it off, it's poetic, man."

Ten points because of two plays in a span of 22 seconds at the outset of the third quarter put Cincinnati ahead for the first time.

Tee Higgins' 75-yard score made it 17-13 and was followed one play later by Chidobe Awuzie's pick. Evan McPherson tied Adam Vinatieri's postseason record with his 14th field goal, a 38-yarder. The rookie didn't miss in the postseason.

Higgins beat All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey on the first play of the second half — the receiver clearly tugged Ramsey's face mask on the play. After Stafford was intercepted

ed on the next play, the Bengals got McPherson's field goal.

They tried to hold on as all of southwest Ohio held its breath.

"I was disappointed in my performance overall," said Burrow, the NFL Comeback Player of the Year who was 22 of 33 for 263 yards and a touchdown. That's going to propel us into next year ... we're not satisfied with what we did this year."

Not after the 15-play march in which Kupp also converted a fourth down with his run.

"We wanted to be in attack mode and pressure them as much as possible," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't."

Kupp even earned the MVP honor despite often being double-teamed after fellow wideout Odell Beckham Jr. — who had a touchdown catch on Los Angeles' second drive for the game's first score — went out with a knee injury in the second period. Kupp finished with eight receptions for 92 yards.

One fear for Rams followers was ill-advised throws by Stafford, and he had two. His deep pass moving left was picked in the end zone late in the first half by Jessie Bates III. On his second interception, rookie Ben Skowronek could only deflect it — directly to Awuzie.

Other than Matt Gay's 41-yard field goal later in the third quarter, it was all defense until the Rams' decisive drive.

"World champs, baby!" McVay proclaimed.



Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) reacts to pass interference in the end zone against the Cincinnati Bengals during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 56 football game Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif. MARK J. TERRILL — STAFF, AP

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