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Second person charged for transporting suspect after December shooting

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

A second person has been charged with hindering the prosecution from the December triple homicide in Kirksville.

Kaylee Sharp, 20, received that charge in Adair County Court on March 1. She is accused of helping transport Anquan Glover, one of the men charged with the shooting, to Kansas City after the shooting happened.

Sharp is the girlfriend of Eden Tracy, Glover's sister who has also been charged with hindering a prosecution after driving Glover to Kansas City.

According to court documents, Sharp was interviewed by the Kirksville Police Department

on Dec. 30, telling them she went with Tracy to Kansas City because Tracy had a relative in the hospital there. She was asked if her and Tracy gave Glover a ride to Kansas City and she said no.

In a follow-up interview on Jan. 3, Sharp and Tracy admitted to lying about not driving Glover.

According to court documents, Sharp told police she was told there was a family emergency while she was at work and Tracy came to pick her up. When Tracy arrived, Sharp said Glover was lying in the backseat, covered in a blanket.

Sharp is the owner of the vehicle that was used to take Glover to Kansas City. She told police she learned Glover was wanted for murder about halfway to Kansas City.



David Garrison's painting of the Chicago River.

Internationally renowned artist David Garrison headlines show at the Sue Ross Arts Center

By Marty Bachman
Kirksville Daily Express

The Kirksville Arts Association is offering an exhibit called "Seeing the World Through Art" by David Garrison of Burlington, Iowa. The show is running at the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. The show opened last Tuesday and will run through April 9.

According to Linda Treasure, president of the Kirksville Arts Association Board, Garrison has about 45 paintings on display at the exhibit, using oils, pastels and conte-crayon. Garrison's work captures scenes from France, Arizona and the Midwest.

"He has some beautiful, beautiful work and we're really excited to have him here," Treasure said, noting that Garrison has won many awards in the U.S. and France and has had his work shown in a number of galleries in France, the United States, China and Russia. This is Garrison's first show in Kirksville.

Last Thursday, a reception was held at the Arts Center with



A brochure available at the David Garrison exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center in Kirksville.

Garrison in attendance, where he was said to have been captivating and well-received by locals.

Garrison said that the exhibit is a collection of the many travels he has embarked on over a 50-year professional career, including scenes from Paris and Normandy, France, where he lived for three years; Chicago, a favorite city of his where he graduated from the American Academy of Art as well as taught art;

the Southwestern desert as well as the Midwest, where he likes to capture the lifestyle of the Amish people. Some of his work is based on sketches he has made, others from photos he has taken, and still others, scenes he captured on location, such as the painting of the Louvre in Paris and the bridge that spans the water that runs alongside the famed museum.

"Each of these paintings I have on display is from differ-

ent places I've lived," Garrison said, noting that his paintings of the Louvre and the Chicago River were a mixture of oils while the exhibit's framed paintings were pastels. "I have a big variety of subject matter with each medium and then I have a few of the conte-crayon... and that's sort of like a pastel but it is a limited a color range — so I added some acrylic paint to that — it would liven it up."

Garrison arrived late to the reception due to an emergency that occurred with his grandson, who turned out to be ok. He said he was impressed with the layout of the paintings in the gallery.

"The show is looking good," he said, praising the art center's director. "They really did a tremendous job of hanging things in a beautiful way."

He said he hoped to hold another reception in Kirksville before the current exhibit run ends in April, and invite special guests to have an opportunity to meet with him and view the gallery.

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Kirksville Historical Society journal documents the biographies of past and present residents

By Marty Bachman
Kirksville Daily Express

In 2016, when the Adair County Historical Society celebrated the 100-year anniversary of their building at 211 S. Elson Street in Kirksville, as well as the birth of the Society itself, the board made the decision to produce a magazine celebrating the anniversary.

According to Pam Sylvara, who was a Historical Society board member at the time, the museum was producing a small newsletter for its members when they were "lucky enough" to bring Blytha Ellis into the fold, eventually making her the board's president. Ellis, who was told she would only need to donate an hour's time a month when asked to join the board, ended up spending more and more hours at the museum as she began to cherish the mission of the group — and as she and Sylvara became co-founders and editors of the newly-created quarterly, "The Adair Historian."

The first issue they produced was dedicated to the history of the organization and the building, which was originally called the Sojourner's Club. Also in that "Summer" issue was a story about Clara Straight, age 97 at the time,



The first issue of the Adair Historian, a journal that documents the history of Adair County.

who grew up locally before moving away to teach art at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York for 38 years. Despite living so far away, Straight returned to Kirksville every year for Christmas and after retiring, moved back into the same house she was raised in beginning at 6 months of age.

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Kirksville Chamber holds ribbon-cutting ceremony for GLIK's new store

By Kirksville Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated with GLIK'S this week as they opened their clothing retail shop in a new location, 2106 N. Baltimore.

GLIK'S President and owner, Jeff Glik, was on hand to share their excitement in making the move to the north end of Kirksville. This year celebrates their 125th year in business. His nephew, Elliot Glik, was also in attendance. Elliot represents the fifth generation of the Glik family to be working in the retail industry.

The local store manager, Debi McGee, was joined by her co-manager, Laura Turner and their sales associates; Haylee Burns, and Tiera Gray. In addition, Kacee Fitzgerald, multi-store manager, Anna Loucks, senior assistant manager and Kayla Roth, manager of the Columbia

store, were also in attendance. Tom Palitzsch, property manager, drove in for the event.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, board members and staff joined the celebration to congratulate Glik's. The chamber was on hand when Glik's opened in Kirksville in 2010 on S. Baltimore Street. The Glik family always brings their own special ribbon to ribbon cutting events for their stores. The ribbon is made up of \$1 bills. This year, the ribbon contained 125 bills, to represent the number of years Glik's has been in business. They donated the ribbon to the chamber after it was cut.

If you'd like to hear the Glik family story, check out the LIVE Facebook post on the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/KirksvilleAreaChamberofCommerce>



Pictured left to right in the front row are: Elliot Glik, Haylee Burns, Tiera Gray, Anna Loucks, Store Co-Manager Laura Turner, Regional Manager Christy Haudrich, Store Manager Debi McGee, Multi-Store Manager Kacee Fitzgerald, President and Owner Jeff Glik, Kayla Roth Columbia Store Manager, Angie Sullivan, 2022 Chamber Ambassador Chair, Ambassador Kathy Adkins, Jayne Sherman, Board Member Laura Harden, Ambassador Audra Jackson Harris. Back row, left to right, Board Member Ryan Bowen, Ambassador Tony Nelson, Tourism Director Debi Boughton, Ambassador Kristy Rowles, Ambassador Dan Green, Ambassador Maddie Baez, Tom Palitzsch (property manager), and Ambassador Virginia Halterman.

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KIRKSVILLE CALENDAR AND NEWS BRIEFS

Master Gardener course to be held beginning March 22

A Master Gardener Course will be offered starting March 22 through June 7. Classes will be held by Zoom and in-person. There will be 12 presentations on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Participants can choose to watch the presentation by Zoom from their home, their local county Extension Center, or in-person at the Adair County Extension Center at 503 E. Northtown Road in Kirksville. To supplement what is learned in the presentations, there will be six outdoor, in-person lab classes on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m., except for June 9 which will be from 2-4 p.m. The rain date is the next day, Friday. The deadline to register is March 18 at noon. Registration is online at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/master-gardener-course-kirksville-area>. To become trained as a Master Gardener, an individual must attend a 36-hour classroom Core Course training. The Master Gardener trainee is then required to give 30 hours of volunteer service back to the community in approved MU Extension activities, and have six continuing education hours to become a certified, active Master Gardener.

Chamber to sponsor virtual candidate forum for city council candidates

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a virtual candidate forum for

Kirksville City Council candidates on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. There are nine candidates running for three open seats. The zoom meeting code is 811 5796 8084 Passcode: 164901. This is a free event.

County Commission looking for public feedback

The Adair County Commission is looking for public feedback to help guide the use of their State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support Adair County. These funds were provided to communities and counties to combat the negative effects from the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are a resident of Adair County please fill out the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/adairarpa>

Kirksville Chamber of Commerce annual banquet

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, March 25 at the Moose Family Center, 2405 E. Illinois Street, in Kirksville. Titled "Celebrating Missouri's Northern Stars", the event will begin at 5 p.m. with a retirement reception for Tourism Director Debi Boughton. Dinner and the awards ceremony will be held between 6-8:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, awards, fellowship and dinner. RSVP by March 14. Kirksville Young Professionals will present its "5 under 40" winners. Tickets can be purchased online or stop by the chamber, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Curtain Call annual meeting in April

Curtain Call Theatre Company will be hosting their Annual Meeting on Monday, April 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the theatre at 512 W. Elizabeth Street, and is open to the public to come and learn about their plans for upcoming shows and building improvements. Members who have paid their \$10 annual membership dues will also be able to vote on new board members.

Missouri Health & Wellness ribbon cutting

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Missouri Health & Wellness Dispensary, 215 E. Charles Street, Kirksville, March 10 at 10 a.m.

Tiny Tykes Soccer and Advanced Program registration is now open

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer and Tiny Tykes Advanced program. Tiny Tykes Soccer is an exciting and engaging four-week program, for children ages 3-6, that teaches soccer using play-based learning. Introductory Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held for children ages 3-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 19. Registrants will choose either a 4:30-5:15 p.m. session, or a 5:30-6:15 p.m. session. Tiny Tykes Advanced will be held for children ages 5-6 on Wednesdays. Registrants will

choose either a 4:30-5:30 p.m. session, or a 5:30-6:30 p.m. session, when registering online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Registration is \$40 per participant and each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt. All Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex, 3000 Novinger St. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Ribbon Cutting at Flat Branch Home Loans

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Flat Branch Home Loans, 110 S. Franklin Street, Suite A on Thursday, March 17 at 10 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting at Bailey's Window Cleaning

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bailey's Window Cleaning at 1306 S. Baltimore in Kirksville, at 4 p.m. on April 7.

Sparklight to offer residential phone customers free calls to Ukraine

Sparklight, a member of the Cable One family of brands, announced it will offer its residential phone customers free, unlimited international calls to Ukraine through March 12, in response to the current events in this region. Customers must visit www.sparklight.com/Ukraine and submit account information to Ukraine credited.

Adair County Health Department to hold March Covid vaccination clinics

The Adair County Health Department recommends that all county residents ages 5 and older get vaccinated against Covid-19 and all residents ages 16 and older get vaccinated and boosted. No vaccines are 100 percent effective at preventing disease. However, the Covid-19 vaccines are easily accessible, free, and continue to demonstrate that they prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death. The Health Department will administer Covid-19 vaccines at their clinic located at 1001 S. Jamison Street throughout March. Adult clinics are scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 15, 22 and 29. Pediatric clinics are scheduled from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Call the Health Department at 660-665-8491 to schedule a vaccine appointment.

In Your Own Backyard: Kirksville events for March 10-16

Submitted by Debi Boughton

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

Friday, March 11

It is with great joy and excitement that I announce my plans to retire as Tourism Director as of March 28, 2022. This will be my last In Your Own Backyard column. I have loved my job. I look forward to new adventures. Please continue to participate in all the activities Kirksville has to offer and enjoy time in your own backyard.

Saturday, March 12

Visit the Adair County Library, 1 Library Lane, and pick up some vegetable seeds from their garden seed vault. They are giving away the seeds and you can have up to 10 seed packets. For more information call 660-665-6038.

Monday, March 14

Mystic Meadows Yoga is offering Yoga Teacher Training from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mystic Meadows Yoga, 316 N. Elson. For costs and more information call 810-610-4464.

Tuesday, March 15

The Missouri Conservation Department is offering a virtual program from 4:00-5:00 p.m. entitled: Missouri's Prehistoric Monsters. No one knows why these animals became extinct. Learn about these giant pre-historic animals. This program is free. Pre-registration is required at: mdc.mo.gov/events. For more information call 660-785-2420.

Tuesday, March 15

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce hosts a virtual candidate forum at 6:00 p.m. for the candidates in the upcoming City Council Election. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for the Zoom link. For more information call 660-665-3766.

Thursday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day. The 37th annual St. Patrick's Day 5K and 1.5 mile walk begins at 5:30 p.m. today at the DuKum Inn, 115 S. Elson. Packet pickup is at 4:00 p.m. on race day at the DuKum Inn. Proceeds benefit the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS). Register at: active.com; or at the ATSU Thompson Campus Center. For more information call 669-626-2213.

KIWANIS CLUB WELCOMES DIRECTOR OF SB40 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Crystal Amini-Rad to speak at their March 3 meeting. Amini-Rad is the executive director of the Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board. She presented on their services as well as the 2022 Community Engagement Conference coming up March 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Building at Truman State University. To learn more, visit www.sb40life.org. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, and Past Lieutenant Governor, Ashley Young (left) and Amini-Rad (right).

ARTIST

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According to his website (david-garrison.com), Garrison is an internationally recognized pastelist and is the only American to ever be awarded the Lead Crystal award for "art excellence" in the exhibition of contemporary artists sponsored by the City of Bueil, France. He was also awarded the "Master of Light" and "Master Pastelist" titles by the Societe Pastellistes de France (Pastel Society of France).

His murals are currently displayed in hotels along the eastern seaboard as well as the Midwest. Some of Garrison's murals adorn public welcome centers around Iowa. His work can also be found in private collections and have been bought by classical entertainers and collectors of fine art on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Treasure, the Kirksville

Arts Association board president, spoke positively about Garrison's aptitude and creativity, encouraging locals to visit the exhibit, which is free to the public and open to children.

"It's very impressive and he's very talented and very, very dedicated to his art," she said.

Garrison said that those that appreciate art most may want to visit the Kirksville exhibit due to his having a variety of ways he has expressed his imaginativeness on canvas.

"I have such a variety of medium and because of the interest I've had in different parts of our country, and the interest I've had living in France, I think they would enjoy scenes of this country and also French country through the eyes of an artist, me, and how I view a country in different forms, whether it be in Chicago or whether it would be in Paris, France, or our own Midwest with its Amish people..." he said.

The Kirksville Arts Association was founded in 1974 with a small arts and crafts festival at the Red Barn on the campus of Truman State University and has since then grown into a community arts organization, a not-for-profit institution bringing art to the community through exhibits, workshops and fundraisers.

"We try to improve the quality of life for people in Kirksville — give people something enjoyable to come and visit — to come and see," Treasure said. "It's good for your soul to see something beautiful. It puts you in a good place — you can look at it and reflect on it and getting to see something beautiful, especially in the days we've had recently, it's a nice diversion and I think it makes us feel real, real good."

To view Garrison's work, gallery hours for the Sue Ross Arts Center are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Edward Titus

Jul. 29, 1934 – Mar. 1, 2022

Edward C. “Eddie” or “Tex” Titus, 87, of Kirksville, Missouri, previously from Burlington, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at The Pines in Kirksville.

Born July 29, 1934 in Burlington, Iowa, Ed was the son of the late Clarence Lawson and Mary Minnie (Salome) Titus. He was also preceded in death by four brothers: Lawson, Hubert “Mike”, Lawrence “Larry” and one in infancy, as well as a niece and four nephews. On April 28, 1961 in Burlington, Iowa, Ed was united in marriage to Marjorie Claire Calhoun.

Ed is survived by his wife Marjorie of Kirksville, MO; son Dallas “Todd” and wife Kimberly of Kirksville; daughter Lorelei “Lori” and husband Brad Hooper of Fort Madison, IA; 4 grandchildren Daniel (Bridget) Titus of Kirksville, Drake (Megan) Titus of Jefferson City, MO, Dannan Titus (Nick Crossgrove) of Sibley, MO and Brianna (Hunter) Lawler of Shreveport, LA; three great-grandchildren: Rhys, Theodore, and Rylee, Sister-In-Law Patricia Stansbury, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Ed was a member of the 1952 graduating class of Burlington High School. He felt privileged to be a part of the Reunion Planning Committee each year thereafter and enjoyed the friendship of his many class members. He was Production Scheduler & Shipping Manager for over 34 years at Midwest Biscuit Company in Burlington. After retirement, Ed found his second “childhood” with Shottenkirk Motors. There, he and his brother Larry, enjoyed organizing and shuttling numerous vehicles between dealerships, auto auctions, and wherever he was needed to relocate a car.

He was a diehard Cubs baseball fan since 1946. He loved baseball so much he would become a Little League coach, even continuing to coach after his son “retired”. Although his son ended up being a part of youth baseball/softball for over 20 years. Ed enjoyed NASCAR, camping at Bluegrass music festivals and the Old Threshers reunions. Did we mention he loved cars? Ed would look at the grill of a car and proudly declare the make, model and year. And generally he was correct. Most of all, Ed loved his family and the family vacations, adventures and memories they produced. He made sure his family had the opportunity to learn in person about these United States (Canada and Mexico), and Disney of course. Even if this meant walking in 95 degree heat to a museum of higher learning when there was a swimming pool beckoning at the motel.

There will be a visitation in Kirksville at Travis-Noe Funeral Home on Thursday, March 10, from 5-7pm. There will also be a Memorial service Saturday March 12, at Lunning Chapel in Burlington, Iowa, with visitation from 10-11am, and the service at 11. Pastor Dean Graber officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to National Alliance on Mental Health or American Cancer Society.



Dennis Markeson

Feb. 28, 1950 – Mar. 3, 2022

Dennis Daniel Markeson, 72, of Kirksville passed away Thursday, March 3rd in the comfort of his home surrounded by loved ones. Dennis was born February 28th, 1950 in Ashland, Wisconsin, the son of Dan and Theresa (Phillips) Markeson.

Dennis graduated from Ashland High School in 1968 and soon thereafter attended culinary school in Ironwood, Michigan. After culinary school he began a 43-year career in the food service industry before retiring in 2012. Early on in his career while on a coffee break in Alva, Oklahoma, Dennis married the love of his life Lynnette (Miller) Markeson September 18, 1978. Dennis and Lynnette, who he affectionately referred to as “Frog” remained happily married until his passing.

Lynnette surprised Dennis on his 40th birthday with a gift that would forever change their lives: a family membership to the Kirksville Country Club (KCC). KCC was like a 2nd home for the Markesons and eventually became home when they built a house in 2005 over-looking the 13th hole. Dennis was an avid golfer (not necessarily a good golfer) but truly an avid golfer and perhaps the luckiest golfer to grace the grounds of KCC. He recorded an amazing 8 hole in ones within his golf career—all with woods! His favorite times on the golf course included Thursday afternoons with the guys and couples golf with his best friend Lynnette. They were a Friday night staple and people could hear Dennis doing the “dance of joy” following a long birdie putt. When not on the golf course, he could be found enjoying a cold beer with friends over a game of gin.

Dennis had many loves aside from his friends, golf, cold beer, and cards: Those included hunting, cribbage, dancing, grilling, entertaining, mowing, fishing with his grandkids, winters in Ft. Meyers and of course the Green Bay Packers. Dennis bled Green and Gold as everyone knew. His greatest love was undoubtedly his family. He lit up when family would visit. Each year Christmas Eve would kick off with the entire family singing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” while he videotaped. Visits would always begin and end with a big hug from Dennis.

Dennis was a lot of things to a lot of people: Husband, son, father, brother, grandpa, uncle and friend to name a few. A granddaughter summed him up with one word “loyal”. That was Dennis. Anyone that knew him would agree as he was quick to lend a helping hand to friends, neighbors, and family. Dennis always made time for others. He will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Dennis was a member of the Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Shrine Club in Kirksville. He also served as the financial advisor to the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority at Truman State University.

He is survived by wife Lynnette; his children, Chris Yates, Shorty Yates (Kathy), Tracy Daniels (Bryan); grandchildren, Ashley (Gian), Amber, Madesonne, Mychaela, Devin, and DeLaney; 5 great grandchildren; Alexis, Alexander, Jaxon, Aiden and Allie. Siblings; Sharlyne Agostine, Pat (Jerry) Kastern, and Don Markeson (friend-Jamie).

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, a brother-in law, a sister-in-law, and a nephew.

The visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 with a Memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice of Northeast Missouri or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

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



Harriet (Hattie) Mary Kneeland

Jul 27, 1941 – Mar 3, 2022

Harriet (Hattie) Mary Kneeland, 80, of Kirksville, MO passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Schuyler County Nursing Home. Born July 27, 1941, in Kirksville, MO, she was the beloved daughter of the late Dr. Gerald Leroy and Harriet (Jane) “Swain” Kneeland. Hattie graduated high school in Bethel, Maine, and attended Houghton College in New York where she studied linguistics. Hattie began her missionary training in Texas and Mexico. Hattie was assigned as a Wycliffe Bible Translator in 1968, to the Matses tribe in the jungles of Peru. The Matses were feared for their aggression, tried to imitate the jaguar by tattooing their faces and wearing whiskers of straw in their lips and chins, and all previous contact attempts had failed. A year after Hattie and her missionary partner, Harriet Fields, started living in the jungle, they were able to become part of the tribe, and each were fondly known over the years as Tita (Mom). Hattie worked with the tribe members for over 50 years to translate and revise the Bible to the Matses language and dialect. On furloughs, Hattie would travel to churches throughout the United States presenting her work with the Matses tribe, sometimes dressing the part. Correspondence from Hattie was printed in the Kirksville Daily Express during the 1970’s and 80’s. Hattie was a long-standing member of First Baptist Church, Kirksville, MO. Hattie is survived by her two sisters, Rachel Carrigan, in New Hampshire and Deborah McKim of Kirksville, MO as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, sister, Susan Barrett, and brother, David Kneeland. .

Special thank you to Scott McKim and Curtis Fowler for their loving care. Hattie asked to be returned to her tribe upon her death. Memorial contributions may be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Peruvian Matses Tribe, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 62862 or by visiting <https://www.wycliffe.org/peru>.



Wanda Burgess

Wanda L. Burgess, age 95 of Atlanta, Missouri passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Loch Haven Nursing Home in Macon, Missouri.

A brief funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2022 at Travis Funeral Chapel in La Plata, Missouri followed by an 11:00 a.m. graveside service at Mt. Tabor Cemetery east of Atlanta, Missouri.

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“She’s amazing,” said Sylvara, who every year brings Straight a Christmas stocking to hang on a shelf where stockings had been hung while she was growing up. “She said that she can’t wait to wake up on Christmas morning to see what I put in the stocking.”

While Sylvara does a lot of writing for the magazine, Ellis, who writes as well, formats the pages, processes the photos and drops in the captions. Other locals that include Larry Evans, Debi Boughton and Linda Hednall, contribute stories and pictures to the pages while Ellis and Sylvara determine the content that goes into the publication, then edit and proofread it with assistance from Mary Kay Crnic and Linda Boultinghouse, a former newspaper publisher in Mound whose editing skills are greatly valued by the crew.

“We think we’re good (proofreaders) then she finds our mistakes,” said Sylvara about Boultinghouse.

Ellis said that while they were all writers, it’s often-times a hard choice deciding whether or not to take articles submitted to them from outside the Historical Society cadre of authors.

“We don’t do political leanings or critical writing of someone,” she said. “It has to be historic, kind and polite.”

“We try to put humor in it,” Sylvara added.

Ellis said that while they originally shared the business of the Historical Society in their original newsletter, they decided to branch out further by publishing the magazine. In the six years since its inception, their subscription list has risen from 200 members to 594 subscribers.

What’s worked best for



The Adair Historian has continued to evolve over the years.

the magazine is the feature stories about locals in their 80s, 90s and 100s. In the six years of publishing, they’ve captured the history of many of those seniors, their parents, their schools, the ways they celebrated holidays, their service in wars and for some, life in the Great Depression. The latest issue, January 2022, has a story about Ruby Marie (Gesling) Leutung Dunbar, a local centenarian who was an actual “Rosie the Riveter”, drilling rivet holes on fuel tank covers of the P-40 aircraft that was built in St. Louis during World War II. The long, detailed tome of Dunbar’s life not only describes her background, but touches on that of her parents, her children, her siblings and neighbors.

The comprehensive biographies of local legends often have an accompanying poem scribed by either Ellis or Sylvara, who both enjoy creating verses that serve as a connectiveness to the subject of their interview.

“We’re going to lose these people after awhile,” Ellis

said about the push to interview the area’s golden age population.

“If I didn’t record the memories of these older people, all of that would be gone forever,” said Sylvara

Together, her and Ellis have made a list of potential interviews, hoping to interview and document their stories while still possible.

Sylvara said that the museum’s journal has more stories than a Reader’s Digest and that it’s produced through the funding of the members with “absolutely no paid advertising within its pages.” It has become essential in the fundraising efforts used to sustain and maintain the historic building the institution resides in, as well as promoting interest in the continued rehabilitation of many other historic buildings in Adair County. Despite the many fundraising campaigns held to keep the museum functional, the resourcefulness of the many volunteers that have an interest in preserving local history, and the creative means that have been employed to

raise awareness, keeping the museum financially viable is a continuing effort.

According to Sylvara, Ellis, who was often found on Facebook adding to the posts of a “If you ever lived in Kirksville” page, has been gracious and very humble since she came on the board several years ago and has been essential in shaping the long-term goals and projects of the museum. She is now often present in the building, dedicated to the history surrounding her. Sylvara said that at the time of Ellis’ arrival, the building was full of junk, but that she and her husband, Donald, who helped clean and paint, the museum, has now made it more organized and functional.

“The magazine saved us, too,” Ellis said, noting that it shouldn’t be called a magazine but rather a journal due to it being ad-free.

While Sylvara and Ellis handle the editorial function of the magazine, it’s Crnic who works to ready the periodical for mail, getting large crates from the post office, labeling them and then putting the envelopes in order according to zip code so they can be mailed.

“We appreciate Mary Kay’s helping,” Ellis said, noting Crnic’s role as the board’s vice-president.

The two editors have also found creative ways to fill their covers, with one issue being filled with letters that were exchanged between Sylvara’s parents and grandparents during WWII, lying on a lace tablecloth from the past as well and trinkets from family that had long been stored safely away.

Other features that run in the magazine include historic sites and buildings in the community with interviews of people that had used them or worked there or were in some other way connected. The list includes the former

swimming pool, the roller rink, the drive-in theater, the coal mines of Novinger and even the town of Brashear.

Local homes with historic significance are often reported on as are the people that once resided in them or still do. Museum business is also still highlighted in each issue as is a letter from Ellis, the board president.

They’ve written about the origins of the county’s school bus system, which is still owned by the same family, as well as stories about the people some local schools are named for. Oftentimes they’re tipped off to a story of historic relevance that is a surprise to even them, both of whom have been an integral part of the documenting of the county’s past.

Sylvara has published stories about many local school teachers, getting the thoughts of those they raised in their classrooms in addition to their personal memories. One teacher talked of how families would send their children to school with vegetables and sometimes meat, that would be put in a pot to cook and feed the children.

“It was the first real hot school lunch program,” Ellis said.

Once a reader asked for a story about the “Guards of the Civil War”, which turned into a series of articles about Ellis’ uncle who served with the South during the war and the travails he endured as an outlaw when he returned to northern Missouri before finally being able to settle back in the area he grew up in.

“He had a really interesting life then came back to Macon County,” Ellis said.

Both Ellis and Sylvara always try to pay tribute to the histories of local area veterans, their heroics, their medals and showcasing their pictures. They’ve also been involved in other

projects, including a book Sylvara published titled “History and Memories of Spring Lake”, an area Sylvara’s parents once owned a cabin in. They also publish pamphlets on different subjects related to the history of the area, recently one on the New Baden Springs Health Resort and another on the profiles of 35 men that had died in World War I.

“One man here (Jim Bowcock) made a park especially to honor these men and had a Catalpa Tree planted for each man,” Ellis said.

Sylvara said that she’s often stopped on the streets and in the stores by readers that want to talk about the stories she has written. In some cases, the magazines her stories are in are displayed and read at the person’s funeral. She said she is often asked to write stories about family members of those who stop to chat.

“I fall in love with all of them,” Sylvara said about the tales she weaves. “When I’m through, they’re lifelong friends.”

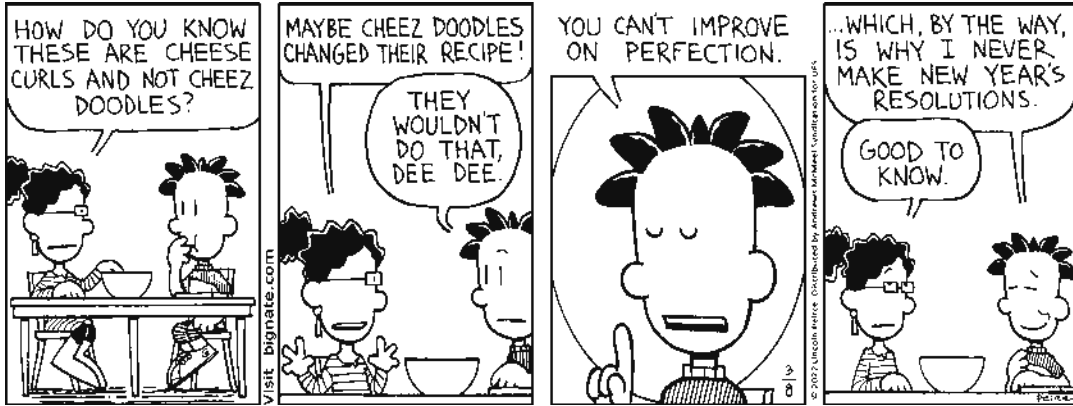
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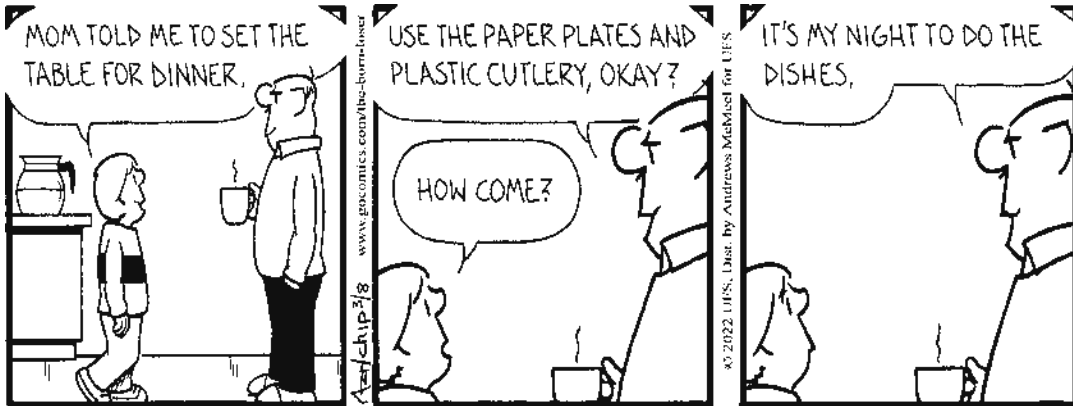
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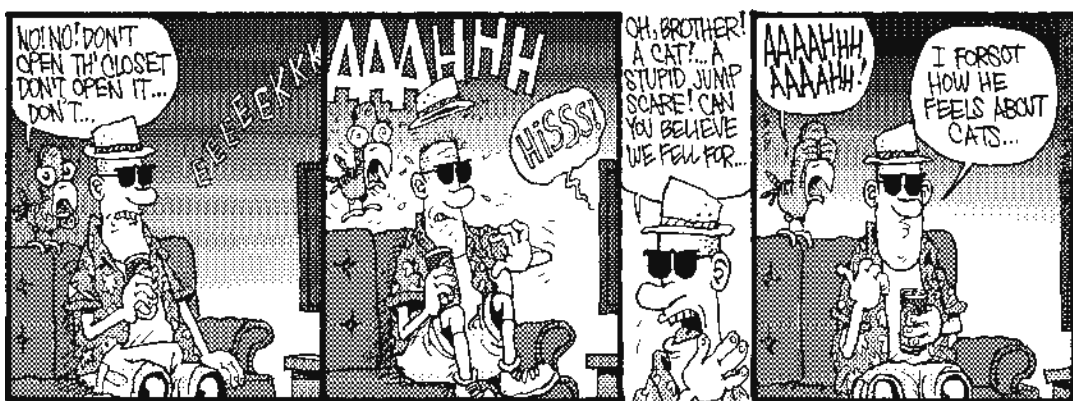
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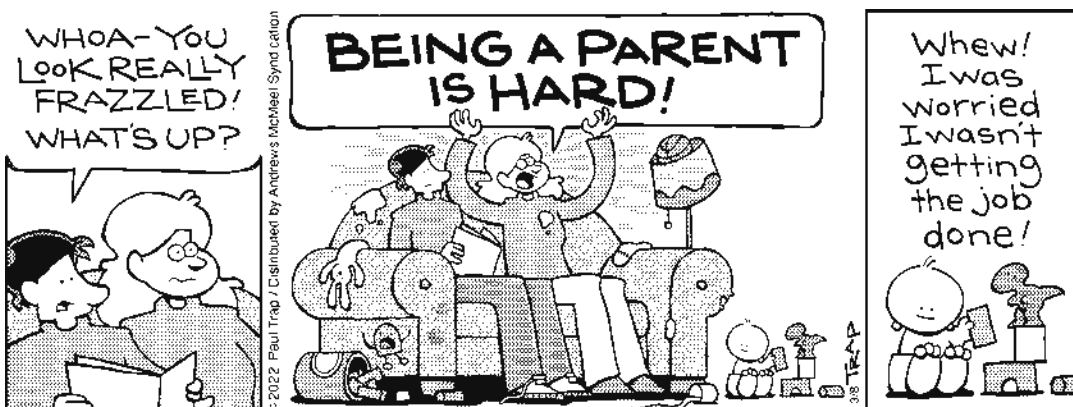
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PREVIOUS ANSWER

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pump, maybe
 - 5 Sofa end
 - 8 "Bon —, monsieur!"
 - 12 Not fake
 - 13 — tai cocktail
 - 14 Bone below the elbow
 - 15 Tear gas or poison ivy
 - 17 Recipe direction
 - 18 South Seas paradise
 - 20 Rover's doc
 - 21 Palette color
 - 24 Lacking
 - 26 Greer or Holbrook
 - 27 Spunky
 - 31 Actor Epps
 - 33 Home page addr.
 - 34 Swell, as a river
 - 38 Merry sound (hyph.)
 - 39 Turkish potato
 - 40 Raines of 1940s films
 - 41 Well-versed
- DOWN**
- 1 Herr, in Madras
 - 2 That girl
 - 3 Thole filler
 - 4 Chosen few
 - 5 Memsahib's nanny
 - 6 Punjab princess
 - 7 Padded glove
 - 8 Roast beef au —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Relish tray item
- 10 In need of a meal
- 11 Tattered
- 16 Swimming pool cover
- 19 Pen filler
- 21 "Yikes!" (hyph.)
- 22 Nursery word
- 23 Not piquant
- 25 Rochester's Jane
- 28 Maui cookout
- 29 Sudden impulse
- 30 Large family
- 32 "Kon-Tiki" craft
- 35 Cousteau's islands
- 36 Splash out
- 37 No sweat
- 42 Musical notes
- 43 Tijuana trio
- 45 Flu shots
- 46 Heart outlet
- 47 Garden mollusk
- 49 Old saying
- 52 Where Havana is
- 53 Soon
- 54 Rich red color
- 56 Rocky Mountain hrs.
- 58 Chilly comment
- 59 Caesar's
- 60 Handy abbr.

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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

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Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted

(Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CHARLES BRIDIS, Decedent:

On February 15, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of CHARLES BRIDIS, 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 name and address of personal representative is:

Dawn D. Marks, 973 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
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Date of the decedent's death: December 4, 2021
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Linda Decker
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Putnam County clinches first Final Four trip with overtime win against Sacred Heart

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

Putnam County hasn't trailed very frequently this season. Sitting at 23-2 entering Saturday's Class 2 quarterfinal game with Sacred Heart, the Midgets have been front-runners, outscoring teams by almost 20 points per game.

That wasn't the case to start on Saturday, as the Gremlin defense smothered Putnam early, helping Sacred Heart race out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter.

But just because Putnam hasn't had to play from behind very much doesn't mean they don't know how. The Midgets chipped away at that deficit after trailing most of the way, sending the game to overtime and winning 70-65, booking the program's first trip to the Final Four.

"Honestly, that says a lot about our team," said senior Zach Heidenwith. "What coach (Kyle) Fleshman and coach (Calvin) Heidenwith have instilled in us all season is 'be resilient.' Most of the season, we've been up for most of our games. But they've always taught us all throughout high school to be resilient until the final horn."

As they trailed, the Midgets got highlight plays to end each quarter and give them a spark going to the next. Lance Fowler had a steal and dunk in the waning seconds of the first quarter to cut Sacred Heart's lead from double digits.

Heidenwith and Landon Wood hit back-to-back 3-pointers to end the second quarter, trimming the gap down to four. Wood's 3 was his first in two years.

"They thought they had us pinned right there and we came back and showed what Putnam County basketball is all about: being tough and having a great mentality," said sophomore Owen Ream. "When you get down, everything's all in your head. So when you keep the pedal to metal and keep fighting like dogs, you play great basketball and win games."

And Heidenwith hit another deep 3 just before the buzzer in the third to keep the gap at four. Down 40-36 starting the fourth, senior guard Jaden Wyant took over.

After scoring just two points to that point, back in the second quarter, he went off. Wyant scored 12 in the fourth quarter, including free throws to tie the game late. He added six more points in overtime, finishing with 20 on the afternoon.

"They were trying to lock in on Landon and Lance and Zach, all the other threats on the



Putnam County's Lance Fowler dunks at the end of the first quarter of a state quarterfinal game against Sacred Heart. AUSTIN MILLER PHOTOS



Putnam County's Zach Heidenwith reacts after the Midgets defeated Sacred Heart in overtime of a Class 2 state quarterfinal game.



Members of the Putnam County boys basketball team celebrate with the student section after beating Sacred Heart in a state quarterfinal game on Saturday, March 5, 2022, in Moberly.

team. That just leaves me open to get some pretty easy baskets in there," Wyant said. "The team was being unselfish and passing the ball."

The Midgets (24-2) trailed by one with about 1:30 left in overtime and the Gremlins (25-5) at-

tempted to inbound the ball. Putnam had good pressure on the passer, leaving him to just lob the ball in the air and hope a teammate came down with it. Ream was the only one in the area, catching it and getting fouled as he went to

shoot. He hit both free throws to put the Midgets ahead. Some additional free throws later padded their lead, but that play pretty much sealed the Putnam win.

"Lance and Zach did a great job trapping that guy in the corner. He had

nowhere to go, he threw it up, I knew right there I had to get that ball because that was going to be a crucial part in if we won that game," Ream said.

Sacred Heart's defense was rock solid to start the game. Its full-court press gave Putnam fits. But in the fourth quarter and overtime, Putnam's defense took hold. As Sacred Heart tried to run time off the clock in the fourth, the Gremlins missed free throws that could have pushed them further ahead. So Putnam's defense started to get momentum and stops.

Sacred Heart's second-half offense was mainly 3-point attempts and trips to the free-throw line. Putnam finally adjusted, getting quicker with its rotations, to prevent 3-point looks from the backside.

After Ream's steal, the Gremlins threw the ball out of bounds again due to Putnam's pressure. The Midgets got key turnovers late to win, showing why Gremlins aren't supposed to be out in the daylight.

"Mindset' was definitely said multiple times then," Fleshman said. "We'd get a little frustrated, and it was a physical game. We kept having to reset our mindset to make sure our heads were focused in the game and keep fighting."

Heidenwith finished with 20 points on the afternoon — hitting five 3-pointers — and Wood scored 12. Sacred Heart's Caleb Brown led scorers with 24.

This group of Midgets sure has a habit of setting new school history.

Many of the players were part of the baseball team's first Final Four trip last spring. Now they cross another first off the list.

"It's special," Heidenwith said. "This is what our parents have done for us in taking us to games when we were in elementary school. Look at where we are now. It's mind-boggling, can't really believe it."

"We came into this game knowing they're a good team; they can shoot the ball lights out," Ream said. "... It's incredible. The atmosphere here is wild. It's a great thing to be a part of. I don't know what to say right now, I'm speechless."

"This group of seniors is definitely going to leave a legacy behind," Fleshman said. "That's been unmatched by any group of boys that we've had at Putnam County. They're cementing that in with this trip to the Final Four."

Putnam heads to Springfield next week, drawing Bernie (28-1) in the state semifinals at 6 p.m. on March 11. Norwood (29-1) and Bishop LeBlond (20-10) are on the other side of the bracket.

The Midgets have done a lot of winning this season and plan on some more. So what has helped them go on this big run this season?

"It's our togetherness and having played together since elementary," Heidenwith said. "Every single one of us has each other's backs and no matter what, we're going to find a way to get the job done, to the best of our ability."

Truman back in NCAA Tournament for third straight year

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

The madness is now here.

The Truman men's basketball team (20-9) has qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third season in a row, getting the No. 4 seed in the Midwest region.

And the Bulldogs draw a familiar foe to start their path to another regional title. Truman will play No. 5 seed Missouri-St. Louis (24-6) on March 12. The

lone two Great Lakes Valley Conference teams to make the tournament are stuck against each other in the opening round.

The Tritons enter on a roll, winning the GLVC Tournament for the first time on Sunday. UMSL won six straight to end the regular season, then added four more in the conference tournament. The Tritons beat Indianapolis, who eliminated Truman, 66-56 in the title game.

Truman lost in the tournament quarterfinals to UIndy 94-90. The Greyhounds shot 14-25 from behind the arc to send the Bulldogs packing from the conference tournament for the second straight year.

As has been the case many times the past few seasons, every game between the Bulldogs and Tritons is a big one. They have been the top programs in the GLVC for the last three seasons.

Truman won two regular-season meetings with the Tritons this year, with Masen Miller coming up big in both.

He hit a halfcourt buzzer-beater in overtime to beat UMSL 72-71 in Pershing Arena on Dec. 2. He then scored a career-high 27 points to win in St. Louis, 79-72, on Jan. 20.

Truman has won five straight against UMSL and eight of their last 10 meetings. Nearly all of those were one- or two-score

games.

Elsewhere in the region, Walsh (23-6) is the host as the No. 1 seed. It will play Davenport (17-13), who broke into the tournament after winning the GLIAC Tournament. The winner of Truman/UMSL would play the winner of that game next.

Ferris State (21-8) is the No. 2 seed, playing No. 7 seed Findlay (19-10). And No. 3 Hillsdale (20-7) plays No. 6 Cedarville (19-12).

LOCAL ROUNDUP

March 5

High school boys basketball

Class 1 state quarterfinal
Stanberry 50, Green City 47
Green City — Grant O'Haver, 16 points;
Asher Buggs-Tipton, 12 points.

Class 4 District 8 title game

Mexico 45, Macon 39
Macon — MyKel Linear, 12 points; Macon
finishes with first 20-win season since 2009.



Green City's Grant O'Haver puts up a shot during a Class 1 state quarterfinal game against Stanberry. SUBMITTED BY BRENDA LINDER

Labor relations experts following MLB negotiations from afar

By JAY COHEN
Baseball Writer

CHICAGO — Allen Sanderson grew up in Idaho. He played high school baseball and worked for a minor league team in Twin Falls, providing a ride home for Dick Allen long before he became a feared slugger with the Philadelphia Phillies.

That's part of how Sanderson sees baseball's labor strife, as a longtime baseball fan. But he also follows along from a different perspective, one of a sports economist at the University of Chicago.

"What is the right division between the owners and the player? How much should the players get? How much should the owners get?" Sanderson said. "There's no right answer to that question. There may well be to you making French fries at McDonald's or something like that. There probably is a right answer to that question about what's a reasonable amount in a competitive marketplace for you to earn."

"But once you're in the sports world or the entertainment world, something like that, you know just all bets are off. It's largely a function of how well can I negotiate our side in this."

That last part isn't going very well at the moment, not for Major League Baseball or its locked-out players.

Baseball's ninth work stoppage reached 96 days on Monday. It is the sport's first labor conflict to cause games to be canceled since the 1994-95 strike wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years.

The sides met for 95 minutes on Sunday, largely restating their positions to each other. Negotiations broke off last week after nine days of talks in Jupiter, Florida, and Commissioner Rob Manfred canceled the first two series of the season for each team, a total of 91 games.

While the sides try to chart a path forward, hoping to get baseball back on the field, some experts in labor relations and sports business are watching the dispute from an academic viewpoint.

"I look at it through the collective bargaining lens," said Art Wheaton, the director of labor studies in the Buffalo Co-Lab for Cornell University's industrial and labor relations school.

"The lens, I do a lot of training for unions about negotiations and how to bargain, so anything when it comes to contract time I keep an eye on."

Manfred, Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman each graduated from the ILR School at Cornell.

When Wheaton looks at the baseball talks, he sees a process bogged down by a complicated mix of audiences that includes big- and small-market owners, players with a wide range of salaries and agents attempting to indirectly influence the negotiations from afar.

Scotland County girls just miss return trip to Final Four with loss to St. Paul Lutheran

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

The Scotland County girls basketball team had all the chances in the world Saturday to book a return trip to the Final Four.

The Tigers had several shots that fall on most nights but not in the state quarterfinals. Then with four separate tries to get back ahead in the final 17 seconds, Scotland just couldn't get it done. With a 45-44 loss to St. Paul Lutheran, Scotland's post-season run came to an end.

"I think they're that one team, kind of the Cinderella story that nobody saw, and they made more plays than we did," said Scotland coach Cory Shultz. "Big free throws down the stretch. We got pretty tight down at the end there. I don't think we were expecting to be in that situation and it showed."

The Tigers (24-4) got an in-bounds attempt almost below the basket with 7 seconds left, down by one. Alayna Whitaker was the correct target, and she got a shot up through contact but couldn't convert. The ball went out of bounds again, giving Scotland a chance. Again, they tried to feed Whitaker, but the ball got knocked away.

The Tigers then had to in-bound from the right side of the court with 3.8 seconds left. Hannah Feeney had a look but drew contact to alter her shot. On most nights, one or both of those shots probably gets a foul call. But Shultz knew those calls grow less frequent in the postseason, so he wasn't one to complain.

And that's largely because he knew Saturday's game shouldn't have come to last-second shots.

Scotland controlled the bulk of the game, running out of steam late. The Tigers started great, with Shultz's top-tier defense getting a bunch of turnovers in the first quarter. The Tigers fed Whitaker, who



Scotland County's Alayna Whitaker backs down a St. Paul Lutheran defender during a Class 2 state quarterfinal game on March 5, 2022, in Moberly. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

scored eight in the first quarter, and they already had the makings of a great day.

The Saints (23-5) cut back in the second quarter after back-to-back 3-pointers from Hailey Arnold. Scotland led by one at halftime. But the Saints started double-teaming Whitaker from the second quarter on, limiting her touches and effectiveness in the paint, keeping her to eight points in the final three quarters.

"When they double her, she has a hard time making a move. Her move involves a dribble, so when they double, you can't," Shultz said. "I thought we did a good job at the end, rotating her around to get her some looks. She made a few buckets down the stretch, but they did a good job doubling her and we weren't really ready for it."

With Whitaker a greatly reduced factor from then on, Scotland couldn't muster enough offense without her. Hannah Feeney finished with 13 points, proving a steady and clutch scorer when needed. Abby Cur-

ry hit a few clutch 3-pointers, finishing with 10 points on the afternoon.

But those were the only Tigers to hit more than one shot Saturday. Aayla Humphrey and Emiley Dial, consistent scorers in their careers, had two points apiece. Paige Bishop, who scored 15 in last week's district title game against Schuyler County, had nothing on the stat sheet.

And the Tigers rarely made it to the free-throw line. They managed a rare feat in the first half by not getting fouled once. They finally got there in the second, but only for five attempts.

"When we're not getting anything to fall at the rim, not getting free throws, and we aren't making shots from outside where we've been up and down all year, it's pretty tough for us to score," Shultz said.

Scotland led 35-30 going to the fourth, but that's when those offensive woes started to mount. The Saints got to the free-throw line more times in the fourth quarter (eight) than the Tigers

did all game. Adrien Martens, who had a game-high 18, scored five in the fourth. And JaeSi Hentges buried two 3s in the quarter.

It's a tough ending for a team that probably should have made it back to Springfield. Three of last year's Class 2 girls Final Four teams made it back, so Scotland definitely would have fit right back in.

But, and as quick as Shultz was to highlight after the loss, the Tigers have plenty to be proud of.

"There's five seniors in (the locker room) that won three conference championships in a row, made it to the Final Four with a fourth-place finish. Four great, great years of basketball," Shultz said. "It's sad, but like I told them, when you take time to reflect on it, it isn't nearly as sad as what they've accomplished."

"I don't know that there will be another group to come through that's as dedicated as this group is. They'll be hard to lose."

Shooting struggles sink Kirksville girls in district title loss

By Austin Miller
Daily Express

Heading to the fourth quarter of Friday's district title game against Hallsville, Nick Totta hoped some 3-pointers would start falling for his team.

The Tigers trailed Hallsville 35-28 and finally found some offensive rhythm in the middle quarters. But his hopes went unanswered as the Tigers had offensive struggles at the worst possible time, losing to the Indians 52-36.

"Just a difficult time not to shoot the ball real well," Totta said. "While they did some good things to take us out of what we like to do, I thought we had some open looks — and looks from shooters we want shooting it — and they just didn't go. When that happens and you miss some of those, you start pressing a little bit, and I thought we did."

Kirksville's (21-5) offense had the quietest of starts in the first quarter, getting blown over 17-2 in the opening period. The Tigers had a tough time against Hallsville's (21-7) full-court defense, and then missed some buckets that could have stopped the bleeding. A jumper from Jada Jackson is all they hit on.

The Tigers settled in for the second quarter, getting to the free-throw line and finally getting shots to fall. Elli Porter scored six points in the quarter, Channing Totta converted a 3-pointer, and the Tigers were back in business. They outscored Hallsville 16-6 in the quarter to take a much more manageable deficit into the second half.

"I said after the first quarter that we took the barrage, we withstood it, then we got back in it," Totta said. "We missed some easy ones, like we did the whole night. But



Kirksville's Corinne Vorkink drives up the floor during a Class 4 District 8 title game against Hallsville. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

sometimes teams start off that way. You can do one of two things. You can run and hide and get blown out of the gym, or you can fight. I thought our girls fought."

Kirksville kept some of that momentum going into the third quarter, getting back within two possessions. But Hallsville took control back with a big quarter from Avery Oetting, who scored seven points in the quarter and had a game-high 16.

So down seven heading to the last frame, Totta thought that would be the time for shots to start falling. But that never came.

Kirksville has shot the deep

ball so well this year. Jenna and Jada Jackson, Jersey Herbst and Porter all have the range to hit from outside. None of them hit one after many good looks. Channing Totta hit Kirksville's only two 3-pointers on the night.

Porter finished with a team-high nine points.

As those struggles compounded in the fourth, Corinne Vorkink got in foul trouble. With her off the floor, Kirksville's offense only struggled more. Hallsville pushed its lead to double digits with about seven minutes left. And the Tigers scored just seven points in those final seven minutes.

"We haven't had a night where all of our players are off, and that made it difficult," Totta said. "That's a good team. So you take a good team and then shoot like that, you're really asking for a difficult task to overcome."

Aside from the team's shooting Totta was pretty pleased with how his team played in every other facet. Kirksville's defense settled in after the first quarter and got plenty of stops before it started needing to foul late. And the offense certainly got good looks to score, just came up empty.

So Friday marks a disappointing end for such a strong season for the Tigers.

The program hadn't won 20 games since 2013. The Tigers were in the mix for a North Central Missouri Conference title, finishing in a three-way tie for the best record in the league. They won the Macon Tournament and would have played for the Highland Tournament title had Mother Nature not gotten in the way.

The Tigers will bring a strong core back next season, but Totta was quick to thank his three seniors: Corinne Vorkink, Jenna Jackson and Megan Pike.

All three got to play for district hardware in their last three years, winning one in 2021. They were key pieces to restoring the roar for the girls basketball program.

"From a personal standpoint, this was as fun a team to coach all year," Totta said. "We had some really big wins, played really good basketball. The seniors, they're just excellent at understanding what you want. We could draw things up and they'd adjust on the fly. Gonna miss that. Hopefully we've got some people that can replicate that. I think the biggest thing is the tone and the culture they set."