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Unionville couple fulfill wishes of disabled and terminally ill children

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

About three years ago, Ed "Possum" Anders' world was upended when it was discovered that his 17-month-old grandson had leukemia and was hospitalized at St. Jude. For 20 years, Ed has owned a hunting lodge in Unionville where he formerly worked as an outfitter/hunting guide, a career that defined the entirety of his life as a soldier and an avid woodsman. Five years ago though, he reunited and married his high school sweetheart, Nancy, and they renovated the place into a Christian Lodge and Retreat Center (Rest Inn Him), expanding their clientele.

When a friend of his who was just as enthusiastic a sportsman, heard about the grandson's diagnosis, he suggested to Ed that he hook up with a non-profit called The Outdoor Dream Foundation, which provides hunts for terminally and critically ill children as well as kids that are severely disabled.

The suggestion changed the lives of Ed and Nancy forever, making their lives more meaningful than they had ever been. Within 12 hours of his grandson's diagnosis and hospitalization, a Midwestern hunting chapter began.

The Anders now open



weeks a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, exclusively to host disabled and terminally ill children, making their sometimes-dying wish of going on a hunt a reality. In the last three years, the Anders' have made the dreams of many kids come true, but they feel the impact they've made on the lives of these children is in no way equal to the impact the kids have had on their own lives.

It's all about the kids... everything is about the kids," Ed said.

This Thursday, the Anders will host eight children, three of whom are in wheelchairs, suffering from plagues such







Kirksville police find two stolen guns in separate arrests

By Kirksville Police Department

Kirksville police, on Friday, April 8, arrested two suspects in separate incidents for possession of narcotics and stolen weapons.

According to police, the first incident occurred near Osteopathy and Northtown Road when a Kirksville police officer stopped a vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. Police say the driver, Marion Anthony Aldridge, 31, of Kirksville, was initially arrested for a traffic/license violation. A subsequent search of the vehicle Aldridge was driving revealed a stolen 9mm handgun, marijuana, a crystal substance that presumptively tested positive for methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and a substantial amount of cash.

Police said the items were seized as evidence and Aldridge has been charged in Adair County Court with delivery of a controlled substance, receiving stolen property, unlawful use of weapon, unlawful possession of a

hicle on a highway without a valid license. The handgun that was recovered had been reported stolen to the Adair County Sheriff's Department on March 4.

The second incident occurred near the 300 block of S. Baltimore when officers attempted to make contact with Matthew Ves Lester, 34, of Pollock. According to police, officers had been attempting to locate Lester in reference to warrants for his arrest. Lester had fled law enforcement in a vehicle on March 23 and when officers attempted to make contact with him on April 8, he fled on foot. During the foot pursuit, police said Lester attempted to remove something from his clothing and eventually fell to the ground.

At this time, it was discovered the item Lester was attempting to remove from his clothing was a .22-caliber handgun, which was found to have been reported stolen to Kirksville Police on March 2. During a search of Lester's person, incident to arrest,

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt held at Truman Quad

By NEMO Photography

The 44th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday at the Truman State University Quad. The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department and Truman State University's Cardinal Key partnered to host the free event. Children ages 2-12 were invited to find as many eggs as they could.





More photos from this event on page A7.



Kirksville police issue warning about vehicle break-ins

By Kirksville Police Department

Kirksville Police have taken a number of reports involving theft of items from vehicles and theft of motor vehicles over the last week They are currently attempting to locate a red 2012 GMC Sierra 2500 extended cab truck with Missouri license 17H9FV that was stolen from the 700 block of E. Cottonwood Street in the early morning hours of April 18.

"This is not just occurring in Kirksville," department officials said in a press release. "There have been similar reports in surrounding communities including LaPlata and Lancaster."

Kirksville police officials said that common factors in most of these thefts were that the victim's vehicle was unlocked and the items stolen were in plain view from outside the vehicle.

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Parks department website let's residents provide input on local parks

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

Parks and Recreation Department Director Rodney Sadler spoke to the Kirksville City Council about the department's Master Plan 2032 at a study session held at City Hall on April 11. Sadler shared that the department is working with Landworks Studio to create

promotional materials that include signs, fliers and a website (kirksvilleparks2032.com).

On the site is a "Give Input" box in the top right hand corner that allows viewers to drop icons on parks that show whether they like or dislike the park, whether they have cause for concern, ideas for improvement

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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Learn about the local Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Kirksville will be holding an "Imagine Rotary Session" on Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Dukum Inn in Kirksville. Snacks will be provided. Do you need to see a change for Kirksville? Do you want to be more involved in society? Do you have a passion for service? If so, then Rotary may be the perfect organization to help you build meaningful connections while making a difference. Questions, contact Elsie Gaber at egaber5252@gmail.com.

Week of the Young Child celebrated

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to sing, play, and learn with them during the Week of the Young Child, April 25 through April 29. Hosted in partnership with the Kirksville Child Development Center, Adair County Public Library, and Adair County Family YMCA, the week will be packed with events and activities that celebrate young children and their families to promote early learning. Schedule of Events:

• JEANIE BRYAN PUPPETS |4 pm.., Tuesday, April 26 — Swing by the Adair County Public Library, 1 Library Ln., Kirksville, for a one-of-a-kind musical puppetry experience featuring singalong favorites plus new original music. This popular show delights audiences big and small.

Keep an Eye on What's Happening Locally

• FREE KIDS VIRTUAL CON-CERT | Wednesday, April 27 — Tune in online by visiting the Kirksville Child Development Center Facebook page and enjoy a free musical concert. Brought to you by your friends at the KCDC.

• FREE IMAGINATION PLAY @ THE YMCA I 10 a.m. – noon, Thursday, April 28 — Join them at the Adair County Family YMCA, 1708 Jamison St., Kirksville, for free access to the imagination playground building block castle.

• TOUCH A TRUCK & MAGIC SHOW I 5–7 p.m., Friday, April 29 — Join them for a free magic show and explore awesome vehicles including a fire truck, police car, excavator, and many more at Rotary Park, 801 E. Mill St. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market

The annual Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market event will be held again on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 8 a.m. Residents of Novinger and surrounding area (west of Kirksville, east of Green Castle, and along Highway 157) are encouraged to participate in selling yard sale items, funky junk, 2nd chance goods, antiques

and collectibles, flea market items, crafts and commercial products. Booth spaces and tables can be rented inside the Community Center and free spaces can be reserved on the fairgrounds. Maps featuring the reported locations of sales will be available on Renewal's Facebook page as well as in the Community Center, along with food sales. Donations of items are sought to allow proceeds to benefit Novinger Renewal. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center after 1 p.m. on Friday, April 22. Those interested in reserving an indoor or outdoor space at the Community Center, or listing a sale on the map should contact Glenna Young at 660-342-6455.

Kirksville Parks & Recreation Master Plan community meetings announced

The city of Kirksville has formally kicked off the Kirksville Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2032 that will guide city-wide parks and recreation improvements for the next 10 years. This master plan will include recommendations for advancing and maintaining the parks and recreation system that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and creates a joyful environment for all ages, abilities and backgrounds. This process

Welcome, Dr. Bell! will last approximately seven months and offers multiple ways of getting involved with the project. Community open houses are planned for the public to attend and provide thoughts, ideas, and feedback. The schedule is as follows:

 Community Open House 1: June 9, 5-8 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center meeting room Community Open House 2:

Aug.17, 5-8 p.m. at the Rotary Park Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheater. For more information, con-

tact Rodney Sadler with the

Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment at 660.627.1485. 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 playbased leaning. 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.

Adair County roads to be closed for culvert replacements

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be performing culvert replacements on routes in Adair County. See below for locations and additional information

Adair County Route BB- April 25, the road will be closed at Route FF to Missouri Route 149 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Adair County Route Y- April 26-29, the road will be closed at Route BB to Missouri Route



Kirksville Area Community Calendar

The Music Man at the Curtain Call Theatre

The Curtain Call Theatre will be showing Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, Kids 5 and under are free. Refreshments will be available. The theatre is located at 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirksville. Also, on May 25 and 26, they will be hosting auditions for a July 14-16 performance of Romeo and Juliet.

United Way to sponsor Texas Hold'em poker tournament

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) will hold their semiannual Texas Hold'em fundraising tournament April 28 on the second floor of the Dukum Inn in downtown Kirksville. Registration for the tournament will start at 6 p.m. Initial buy-in is \$25 per person. 1st Prize is \$500 plus a Texas Hold'em Trophy, 2nd Place is \$250 and 3rd Place is \$100. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way's 11 agencies.

Job fair on Thursday

The Missouri Job Center in collaboration with the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the NEMO Job Fair on April 21, at the Kirksville Days Inn from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you are seeking competitive employment, this is your chance to learn about several area business that are hiring. If you would like assistance in preparing for the job fair, contact Melissa or Angela at the Community Learning Center, 11-7 Country Club Drive and they can help you go over some pointers and information before you go.

Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee meeting

The city of Kirksville's

hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 S Franklin.

Health Department Covid vaccination clinics for April

The Health Department will administer Covid-19 vaccines at their clinic located at 1001 S. Jamison Street. Adult clinic is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Pediatric clinics are scheduled from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 21 and 28. Adair County residents should call the Health Department at 660-665-8491 to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Kirksville Diversity Festival

The Kirksville Diversity Festival will take place on Saturday, April 30 at the Rieger Armory from 1-4 p.m. The entire community of Kirksville is invited and they hope to have interesting food, live entertainment, crafts for kids to do and education about diversity in the local community. Groups are invited to set up tables for free and corporate sponsorship is being sought.

Foster/Adopt Connect ribbon cutting

Join the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce in welcoming FosterAdopt Connect to the community. Their arrival will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting on May 5 at 4 p.m. at 117 W Potter Ave, Kirksville.

Ribbon Cutting for new taxi service at the Armory

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for NextGin Rides on Thursday May 12, at 10 a.m. at the Rieger Armory, 500 S. Elson Street, in Kirksville. Join them in the opening of a new taxi service.

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup on April 29 from 5-7 p.m. at the Kirksville Lutheran School, 1820 S. Baltimore.



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Road to Close for Culvert Replacements on Routes in Macon County

Weather permitting, MoDOT crews will be performing culvert replacements on routes in Macon County. See below for locations and additional information

Macon County Route 3– April 18-21, the road will be closed at Grouse Ave. to Haystack St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Macon County Route 3–

April 25, the road will be closed at Haystack St. to Hammack St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Macon County Route 3– April 26, the road will be closed at Fountain St. to Impala St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Macon County Route 3– April 27, the road will be closed at Gypsum St. to Route HH between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Macon County Route 3– April 28, the road will be closed at Frontier Street to Geyser Ave. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes for closures during these times. For more information on this and other roadwork in your area, you can visit us online at www.modot. mo.gov/northeast, or call our customer service number at 1-888 ASK MoDOT (275-6636). Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee will

22nd Annual Daddy/ Daughter Dance to be held Friday at the NEMO fairgrounds

By Press Release

The 2022 Daddy/Daughter Dance is back and will be held Friday, April 22. This year's dance will be the 22nd Daddy Daughter Dance and held at the NEMO Fairgrounds, with girls aged pre-school through sixth grade and their fathers or significant male role models invited to attend. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The cost will be \$6 per couple and \$2 per additional child.

The dance will include a DJ, snacks and drinks, and a special photo booth available until 8 p.m. to capture important memories. There will also be special guest appearances by local area royalty including area fair queens and princesses. Guests will have the opportunity for autographs and pictures with the royal guests.

The Heartland Task Force is working to reduce substance abuse among youth/adults through a systems approach to community-wide substance prevention — by increasing protective factors/developmental assets and decreasing risk factors. Proceeds of the event will go to support Heartland Task Force activities.

This event is sponsored by the Heartland Task Force with in-kind support from Truman State University, Adair County YMCA, Hy-Vee, Memphis Bottling Company, KTVO-TV, Wal-Mart of Kirksville, and Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. For questions, contact Carol Cox at 660-626-7256 or Sara Amini-Rad at 660-

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Obituaries

Timothy Schwegler Apr. 15, 1958 - Apr. 14, 2022

Timothy Mark Schwegler, 63, of Kirksville, MO passed on to heaven on Thursday, April 14, 2022 in his wife's arms and with his sons by his side in Columbia,

MO at Boone Hospital. Tim was born in St. Louis, MO on April 15, 1958 to Willard C. Schwegler and Belva B. Bush Schwegler. On June 30, 1984 at the Meadowbrook Christian Church in Kirksville he was united in marriage to Nancy Jane Witte.



He graduated in 1976 from Riverview

Gardens High School in St. Louis. He graduated from Truman State in 1980 where he served as captain of the Bulldog Cross Country team and was a member of the Track team. After graduation, he worked at Kirksville High School as the Boys Cross Country/Track & Field coach. He led the Tigers to three district titles, two North Central Missouri Conference championships and had three top ten state finishes.

He returned to Truman to complete his master's degree and served as a volunteer assistant for the women's Cross Country/Track & Field squads.

Following his master's degree completion, Schwegler was named the head coach at Highland (Kansas) Community College where he built a top-20 NJCAA Track and Field/Cross Country program. He coached 106 athletic all-Americans and 192 academic all-Americans during his tenure at Highland. The Scotties won eight Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference championships and were named the NJCAA Top Academic Team of the Year nine times. He was the 1999 NJCAA Men's Track Coach of the Year and the 2004 NJCAA Region VI Women's Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Highland Community College Hall of Fame.

Schwegler returned to Truman and the Kirksville community in 2006 to serve as an assistant coach for the Bulldogs and was later elevated to the head coaching position in 2013. During that time period, he helped produce 25 conference champions, six NCAA Division II All-Americans, one National Champion, numerous USTFCCCA All-Academic scholars and teams, nine CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and new school records in 15 different events.

He was on the board for Campus Christian Fellowship at Truman State University where he and his wife dated. He was a member of Countryside Christian Church where he served as an Elder and Sunday School teacher. He loved his church family. His dearest hope was that everyone would feel welcome, and would know Jesus and how much He loves them.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nancy (Witte) Schwegler who was his biggest fan, supporter and partner in all of his dreams. He is also survived by his sons, Matthew of Kansas City, MO and Samuel of Kirksville. Also surviving is his sister, Judy Groeteke of Ellisville, MO and sister in-laws: Betsy (Jim) Glasgow of Edina, MO, Judy (Rodrigo) Quesada of Heredia, Costa Rica, and Kathy (Ron) Poore of Edina, MO.

Also surviving are many precious nieces and nephews: Steve (Angie), Sam and Emma; Brian (Linda), Dylan, Dustin, Hadleigh and Addison, Mark (Kesi), Rachel, Jordan, Braylyn, Ryder, Kyle, Emma and Hoyt; Julie (John), Alex and Andy; Randall (Valentina), Gonzalo and Ignacio; Monica (Victor), Emma and Luciana; Roberto, Mathias; Rodrigo; Jodi (Scott), Porter and Wren; and Royce.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Eli Eugene, and baby Chris.

Visitation will be at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The funeral will be held at Countryside Christian Church on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Park

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Kirksville R-3 School District honors April featured support staff

By Kirksville R-2

The Kirksville R-3 School District honored its April featured support staff.



Diana Lyons has worked for Kirksville R-3 School District for 23 years as athletics/secretary at Kirksville High School.



Rachel McLachlan has worked as an assistant teacher at the Early Learning Childhood Center for two years. She is originally from Fulton.





Denice Pierce has worked with the Kirksville R-3 School District for 31 years in special education. "Working with kids no matter the age, is always an adventure, sometimes challenging, but always an adventure," she said.



Kathryn Miley is in her seventh year working for Kirksville R-3 School District in the Kirksville Area Technical Center. She previously worked in the Hickory Halls Learning Center.



View Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kirksville, MO.

Tim would have loved for attendees to wear Truman purple or HCC navy and gold for his beloved alma mater and Highland, KS friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Countryside Christian Church or Truman State University Cross Country/Track and Field.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home 2100 E. Shepherd Ave., Kirksville, MO 63501 www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

Donald Hilyard

Jul. 15, 1951 - Apr. 14, 2022

Donald Lee Hilyard, age 70, of Winigan, Missouri passed away on April 14, 2022 at the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in Milan, Missouri.

Donald was born on July 15, 1951 in Greenfield, Iowa the son of Donald and Marilyn (Paulsen) Hilvard Sr. He attended the Cumberlind-Massena schools graduating with the class of 1970. After high school Donald began a lifelong career of farming and raising Angus Cattle; first at Noble township in Iowa and then he later



relocated to the Brashear area and then to Winigan where he currently farmed with his son Shane. He was a member of the Red Angus Cattle Association.

Donald is survived by his mother, Marilyn Hilyard of Cumberland, Iowa, his son Shane Hilyard of Winigan, his 2 grandsons; Connor and Jace Hilyard, his brother Duane Hilyard and wife Louise of Cumberland, Iowa, his sisters; Sheryl McColloch and husband Larry of Des Moines, Iowa, Kathy Bemus and husband Mark of Denver, Colorado and Sara Hebard and husband Ken of Fontanelle, Iowa along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his father Donald Lee Hilyard Sr.

Cremation has been accorded and private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the family's choice and can be mailed to the family or funeral home.

Casady-Luscan Funeral Solutions of Green Castle, Missouri have been honored to minister to and care for the Hilyard Family at this time.

Carolyn Jane Rude

Carolyn Rude, 68, of Greentop, Missouri, passed away Sunday (April 10, 2022) at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a m to 12:00 noon with the funeral service at noon (April 22, 2022) in the Dooley Funeral Home Queen City. Mo. Burial will be in the Coffey Cemetery.

Arrangements in the care of Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri; www.dooleyfh.com.

Louise Kirkpatrick has been a part of the Kirksville R-3 kitchen staff for six years.

Terri Gibbs has spent 18 years with the Kirksville R-3 School District as a paraprofessional. She has 15 years as a kindergarten paraprofessional and three years as a special education paraprofessional.

Kiwanis Club donates to Special Olympic athletes

By Kirksville Kiwanis

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Special Olympics coaches Dan Niemeyer and Michelle Howell, along with Special Olympics athletes Patty Sutton, Lizzy Darling, Holly Turner, and Elvis Snyder. They presented on the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games to be held in Orlando, Fla.,, June 5 through 11. The Kirksville Titans are sending seven athletes: six in ladies 3 on 3 basketball and one in track and field, all as part of Team Missouri. The Kirksville Kiwanis Club presented the athletes with a check for \$500 to help cover expenses associated with attending the games! Pictured, front row, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Jim O'Donnell, Darling, Sutton, and Niemeyer; back row, from left, are Howell, Snyder, and Turner.



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"We've been married 38 years and he says to me, 'How do you take your coffee'?"

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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Take the high road, keep the peace and use your intelligence to guide you in the right direction. Look at the big picture, source what you can afford and turn it into something worthwhile. Patience will lead to opportunity and the chance to use your skills to improve things that help you and those close to you. Keep the peace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Emotional spending or paying for a mistake will put you in a difficult position. Pinch pennies and save for a rainy day. Time is on your side, and observation will help you make better decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Put your energy where it will do some good. Don't make waves when what you achieve will have a more significant impact on how you live or how you do things. Choose peace over chaos.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Promise only what you know you can deliver, and don't debate with business associates if you want to avoid a feud. Make your intentions clear, and channel your energy into purpose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep your eyes on the ball, don't mix business with pleasure and avoid sensitive topics with argumentative people. Before you share, put everything in place. Look inward and concentrate on growth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Rummage through your thoughts, use logic and think twice before making an emotional statement or purchase that could cause damage to you physically, financially or emotionally. Be disciplined.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Set your sights on what's doable, and surround yourself with people who are eager to participate. Discuss the changes you feel are necessary to with someone who has a different perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't display discrepancy or inconsistency. Share facts and budget wisely, regardless of the decisions others make. Maintaining balance and equality in all aspects of life will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Protect what you've got, and give no one a reason to doubt you. Take note of what a friend, relative or colleague says. Do something creative to ease stress and make you think about what's next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be careful what you share with a friend, relative or peer. You'll be misinterpreted or misled by someone trying to outmaneuver you. Don't display your emotions or vulnerabilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You won't see eye-to-eye when it comes to budgets and what's necessary. A lifestyle change will be successful if it complements what you do for a living. Self-improvement is featured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- It's up to you to build the life that makes you happy. Don't argue with someone who doesn't play fair. Decide what you want, then make it happen. Don't live in someone's shadow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Consider the consequences. Put your emotions aside, pour your energy into following your heart, and invest time, effort and money to reach your objective. Make peace and love priorities.

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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Refuse to let emotional situations influence how you handle your money, health or contractual matters. Put your energy where it will have the biggest effect and ensure that you maintain a stellar reputation. Choose practicality over risk, and make changes that help you excel instead of limiting what you can do to get ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't trust anyone to invest or take care of matters for you. Handle sensitive situations with compassion, but don't pay for someone's mistake. Do what's best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Get all the details, then proceed with diplomacy. The wrong move can cost you more than you want to give up. Observation and discipline will help you overcome temptation. Don't risk your health or wealth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Taking care of business will help you get attention. It will be challenging to please everyone, so target your market carefully. Put your energy where it counts, and make changes based on facts and wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't believe everything you hear or invest in something because of someone else. Protect your money, possessions, health and position. Dedicate your time and effort to self-improvement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Accept the inevitable, and you'll find a positive way to move forward. Unexpected benefits are heading your way. Be patient and work with what you have; good things will happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Simplify your life. Put your energy into self-improvement, raising your qualifications and heading in a direction that makes you feel good about yourself. Avoid joint ventures. Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take control and make decisions that improve your position, not someone else's. A change will help you gain respect and support. Embark on something that motivates you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Maintain discipline, and avoid overdoing, overspending and overindulgence. Put a strategy in place, and work diligently to achieve your goal. Reset your attitude to focus on moderation and simplicity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Call a spade a spade, and stick up for truth, justice and making the world a better place. Be a role model, and you'll turn heads and make a name for yourself. Do what's right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Confusion will set in if you let others meddle in your life. A conscious effort to make a positive difference will help you maintain your reputation and ward off negativity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Put your emotions on the back burner and your energy into doing what you do best. Focus on getting ahead, not going into battle with someone trying to get a rise out of you. Concentrate on self-improvement and personal gain

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You'll learn the hard way if you trust someone to do things for you. Take charge of your life, learn all you can and refuse to participate in something questionable. Patience and prudence will pay off.

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NOTICE

are due no later than May 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and

late bids will not be considered.

To all persons interested in the Trust Estate of Cristel Joan Mankopf, whose last known address was 2204 S. Halliburton, Kirksville, MO 63501.

The undersigned, Nancy J. Mankopf, is acting as successor Trustee under the Cristel Joan Mankopf Trust dated February 1, 1994, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the successor Trustee is 1827 N. 77th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85257, and the attorney for the successor Trustee is Connie S. Haden, whose address is 827 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 20AR-PR00099 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp) Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of JERRY GRANT BAXLEY, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted

(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JERRY GRANT BAXLEY, Decedent:

On March 31, 2022, Rhonda Noe, Public Administrator was appointed the personal representative de bonis non of the estate of Jerry Grant Baxley, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is respectively:

Rhonda Noe, 300 N. Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-785-3211. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and

phone number is respectively: Sherry Darling, 24672 Linn Creek Trail, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-488-5830.

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: March 14, 2020 Date of first publication: April 6, 2022 Linda Decker Adair County Circuit Clerk Publication Dates: April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, Dereke and Susan McCaughey, husband and wife, by their Deed of Trust, dated the 16th of June 2020 and corrected and recorded on the 2nd day of July 2020 in Book 1096, at Page 46 et seq., in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for Adair County, Missouri, conveyed to Connie J. Bolen, Trustee, the following described real estate situated at 215 W. Stacy Street, Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, to-wit:

Beginning 108 feet North and 108 feet East of the intersection of the Norfolk and Western Railroad right of way (formerly Wabash Railroad) and the Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City Railroad right of way, thence East 81 feet, thence North 63 feet, thence West 81 feet, thence South 63 feet to the place of beginning, said land being in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 62, Range 15.

in trust to secure the payment of (1) one certain Promissory Note, of even date therewith, in said deed of Trust more fully described;

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Promissory Note and certain covenants contained in the Deed of Trust, and the legal Holders thereof have elected to declare the entire indebtedness, secured by said Deed of Trust, due and payable;

Date of first publication: March 30, 2022 Date of Death: January 20, 2022.

NANCY J. MANKOPF, Trustee

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NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal Holders of said Promissory Note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of Trust, I, Connie J. Bolen, Trustee, will sell the above described property at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the South Side of the Courthouse in the City of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, on the 9th day of May 2022, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. [to-wit: at 2:00 P.M.], for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, costs and expenses of executing this trust.

Connie J. Bolen, Trustee

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Dates of Publication: April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, 2022.



Research Project Coordinator II

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- Knowledge of legal and regulatory issues in privacy (HIPPA and FERPA) and research methodology
- Knowledge and experience with project management best practices
- Knowledge in screening and consenting patients for research participation
- Ability to multitask as a team player but also use independent judgment to make important decisions and work independently
- Ability to work well with persons of diverse educational, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds

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KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed its newest member, Matthew Gunn. Gunn is a meteorologist at KTVO in Kirksville. Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President and sponsoring member Jim O'Donnell (left) and Gunn. BY KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

Invasive weed treatment to close Forest Lake for three days

By Press Release

Forest Lake, in Thousand Hills State Park, will be temporarily closed for all recreational activities starting Tuesday, April 19 through Thursday, April 21, - weather permitting - to allow the city to treat the invasive species known as curly-leaf pondweed. Boating, fishing, swimming or any other activity allowed on or in Forest Lake will be prohibited during this time period. While this treatment process has been deemed safe for recreational activities, time is still needed to allow the treatment process to take place.

The city is working to minimize the impact this treatment process has on business and recreational activities. While the Forest Lake boat ramp will be temporarily closed, it will be closed for four fewer days than last year as the city works to improve the efficiency of this process. With that said, the city must still meet Missouri Department of Natural



Resources' requirements for this process.

This is the second year of a three-year treatment plan. Significant progress was made during the first year, and city officials are optimistic that this three-year plan will get this invasive weed to a manageable level. If this process must be postponed due to weather, adequate notice will be provided to the public and all affected parties.

Forest Lake is a drinking source lake that provides water for all Adair County residents. This program for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed has been approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The city will draw water from Hazel Creek Lake – the city's other drinking source lake – during this treatment process.

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"The City is committed to providing quality drinking water to all of Adair County," city officials said in a press release.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt held at Truman Quad



As Missouri's opioid crisis rages, \$458 million in settlement money arrives

By Meg Cunninghman Missouri Independent

In February, Missouri was awarded \$458 million in a settlement from the nation's top opioid producers. Now, as lawmakers and state departments prepare to receive and distribute those funds, advocates hope Missouri will use the money wisely to respond to an opioid crisis that has taken thousands of lives.

The state will receive the dollars from Johnson & Johnson and other major opioid distributors. The payments will be spread over a period of 18 years, with most of the money to be deployed within the first decade. Payments could start appearing as early as this month, according to officials.

Jackson County will get around \$13 million total from the settlement and Kansas City will receive \$15 million. Clay County was estimated to receive \$1.4 million, according to Attorney General Eric Schmitt's office. Missouri met the signon requirements to receive the maximum payout, Schmitt's office said. A full list of the percent allocated of the opioid settlement funds for each city and county that joined is online.

"This settlement won't bring our loved ones back, it won't provide any solace for those losses, but it can bring desperately needed resources to treatment centers, rehab facilities, law enforcement, and others who are on the frontlines of fighting this opioid epidemic in our state," Schmitt, who is also running for U.S. Senate, said in a news release.

From October 2020 to October 2021, according to the CDC, 2,131 people in Missouri died from overdoses. That marked an 11.2% increase from the year before.

The Missouri Hospital Association has suggested that part of the increase may be a drop in substance use-related visits to hospitals in the early months of the pandemic. Those visits fell significantly as hospitals reduced care, possibly resulting in lost opportunities for intervention.

The drug distributors deny the claims of wrongdoing made in the litigation. As part of the agreement, they will establish a home for consolidated data from all of the distributors, which will be available to states and territories.

State sets parameters for where funds can go

Much is still unclear about how exactly the state will use the opioid settlement funds. The state's money will be controlled by its agencies, where it can be accessed through grants. The state will get 60% of the money, and the additional 40% will go to individual counties or localities.

With the opioid settlement came the state's creation of the Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Fund. Sen. Dan Hegeman, R-Cosby, amended a bill last week that would allow various state agencies, like the departments of Health and Senior Services, Corrections or the judiciary, to have access to the money.

"Under no circumstances shall such settlement moneys be utilized to fund other services, programs, or expenses not reasonably related to opioid addiction treatment and prevention," the statute specifies. The bill Hegeman amended was placed on a calendar for further action by the Senate as soon as this week.

Missouri participated in a similar settlement with tobacco companies in 1998. But the state's handling of its payout – about \$130 million a year – has been a source of contention, as critics note that few dollars are spent to prevent or offset the harm of smoking.

In fiscal years 2020 and 2021, no settlement funds were used for tobacco prevention or education through the Department of Mental Health. The bulk of the money is used to fund early childhood education programs and Medicaid payments. For 2021, the national health advocacy group Campaign For Tobacco Free Kids ranked Missouri 49th among the states for effective use of the settlement money. The state allocated .2% of what the CDC recommended it spend on prevention and cessation efforts.

As they await the opioid settlement money, advocates worry that this "once in a lifetime" opportunity to bolster treatment and prevention for substance use disorders may be lost if the money isn't used properly.

"There's been this very consistent message out that the states really fumbled with the tobacco settlement," said Emily Hage, the president and CEO of First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention and Recovery, an organization based out of Kansas City.

"It's the reason why cities and counties filed their own suits, so that they could adequately address the needs of their local populations," she added.

City priorities include housing, support throughout incarceration

According to resolutions passed by the Kansas City Council in early March, priorities for its settlement funds will include: increasing behavioral health services for those who are incarcerated, treatment services for incarcerated Missourians, expanding housing access and providing mental health support for young people who may be at risk of opioid misuse.

Kansas City City Manager Brian Platt has 120 days to present a specific plan for using the opioid settlement funds to the City Council. The city will also assemble a plan for how it will receive and distribute money with the state.

The city declined to comment through a spokesperson.

Hage said it isn't yet clear how the city, county and state will collaborate when it comes to allocating the settlement over the next two decades, and said she would have prefered to see a "blueprint" in place while the settlements were being hammered out.

"I'm grateful that the state and then the municipalities and local governments are taking time to do some strategic thinking and planning before we start disseminating dollars," Hage said. "I think the ideal would be a collaborative solution between those two entities. But I think that all really remains to be seen. There isn't much clarity between the city and the county."

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Missouri Century Farm deadline is May 1

By Press Release

COLUMBIA, Mo. – There's still time to apply to the Missouri Century Farm Program. Deadline is May 1.

If your farm has been in your family since Dec. 31, 1922, you can apply to have it recognized as a Missouri Century Farm.

To qualify, the same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings and nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income. Since the program began in 1976,

more than 8,000 Missouri farms have received the Century Farm designation. University of Missouri Extension, the MU College of

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A \$140 fee covers the cost of a certificate, a metal farm sign and booklet for approved applicants. County MU Extension centers present these items.

Details and online application are at extension.missouri.edu/centuryfarm. Apply by May 1, 2022. Contact your county extension center with questions.



WISHES

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as muscular dystrophy, muscular sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and brain tumors..

"These are kids that have a pretty tough going," Ed said. "They want to go hunting."

The Anders take the kids on hunts in both Iowa and Missouri, where they primarily hunt for turkeys and deer, though other hunts have included jaunts to Montana and Wyoming where Elk is the primary game as well as locales where wild hogs are the target. The couple close their facility for the weekend and then pay for the lodging and food for the children housed there as well as their parents and the guides, usually about 40 people. The Anders also have sponsors that assist with the costs of hosting so many people.

The Outdoor Dream Foundation pays for the children to travel, with some arriving from South Carolina, Georgia, Michigan and other far-flung places, though this weekend's hunt will host four kids from Missouri. Another group called "Dead End Game Calls" out of North Carolina, produce calls but their employees donate time and money to act as guides to the children on their hunts. Landowners near and far donate the land where kids

can hunt for free. "This organization is cerebral palsy and is in a wheelchair and losing her sight, has to have an apparatus to hold the gun and her dad and the guide both will help to aim it for her. "Everyone of these kids

smiles every minute," Ed said. "They just want to be regular kids."

The Anders said they get a lot of help from the Missouri Department of Conservation, which has provided track chairs and other equipment and personnel to assist the children in their hunts. The group "Disabled Missouri Sportsmen" also donate generously to the weekend expenses as well as other groups both within and without Missouri. The costs are plenty with donors paying for license fees in both Iowa and Missouri, others paying for blinds and the Anders donating their time to handle massive amounts of paperwork as well as scouting the hunting grounds.

"What it does is you see these kids coming in and for one weekend, there's no doctor poking and prodding, there's nobody taking their temperature, there's nobody doing anything, there just having fun and they get outside and laugh and they could care less if they're in a wheelchair," Nancy said. "This allows them to be a kid for a weekend."

She said that for the parents that come, it gives them a weekend, too, after having to deal with medical expenses and the stress of having a sick child. Ed said that they insist that every kid that comes have a parent with them. "When they go in the blind and their calling turkeys, we want the parent to experience everything about that day," Ed said. "If that kid dies, that parent has some great memories." Ed spoke about a young man named Will who came to the lodge last fall and harvested a deer in Iowa. Two weeks before he was scheduled to arrive, he was put in the hospital and no one knew if he was going to survive. When he was finally released, he was determined to be at the lodge for the weekend but when he arrived, his father told Ed that he was throwing up blood every night and asked him, so his son wouldn't be embar-





rassed, if he and another man would go and clean the room up every morning so nobody would know. "He's 15-and-half and he got down to 69 pounds," where Ed had a moment where he wondered why he was there holding the young man on his lap in the truck. He said that the whole trip he was focused on Easton. When they all returned home, the father called Ed and told him, "Nobody has impacted my boy more than you have in his life."

POLICE

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They offered a few tips to help minimize the chances of becoming a victim of theft from your vehicle.

- Always lock your car, even when parked in your own driveway. It may not be necessary to lock up your car in a locked garage, but don't leave the keys in it. When you are filling up with fuel, lock the car and take the keys with you when you go in to pay (unless there is someone else in the car).
- Do not leave your keys inside your vehicle. You may think hiding a spare key in the center console, under the seat or anywhere else inside the vehicle is a good theft deterrent but it is not. A thief rummaging through your unlocked vehicle is likely to find that key you thought was hidden.
- Do not leave anything of value on display in your car. Covering items up with a blanket or jacket may only increase a thieves' curiosity. If you need to leave anything in your car it should be kept in the glove box or in the trunk. Don't think that opportunistic thieves won't take an item worth just a few dollars if they think they can get something for it.
- If you need to move things into the trunk and you are likely to be parking in a place which is not that secure, stop somewhere before you get to your final destination because if thieves are watching you put your valuable stuff in the trunk and then you leave the car, you might as well not have tried to hide it.
- Take high-value items with you such as your wallet, phone, backpack, laptops, etc. Even if a thief does break in, these kinds of items will be safely with you and you're not at risk of losing a set of bank cards or some irreplaceable photos on your phone.
- If your car has an alarm, make sure to use it.
- Inform your neighbors if your car has been broken into because thieves often target cars in the same street.
- Park in a well-lit, busy, open area.
- Use a wheel lock if you want to deter car theft.
- If you have security cameras at your home or are looking to install them, make sure that at least one of the cameras covers where your car is typically parked.

Police ask that anyone with information about these incidents or any suspicious activity, to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945, Central Dispatch at 660-665-5621, Adair County Sheriff's Office at 660-665-4600, anonymously at 660-627-BUST

total volunteer," Ed said. "Outdoor Dream doesn't even have a secretary. It's done all volunteer. Nobody makes a dime."

The couple also collect a lot of prizes for the kids that include camouflage hats, clothing and boots. Whatever the child harvests during a weekend hunt, whether it be a deer or turkey, if they want it mounted, Outdoor Dream pays for it.

On Friday of the weekend, a big celebration is held with about 75 people in attendance that includes the kids, their parents and all the donors and sponsors.

Ed said that one child attending, has suffered from a brain tumor and has been on chemo everyday for 15 years. A girl who lost her twin sister at 18 days and suffers from



Ed said, with tears in his eyes. "He looks like an 8-year-old, chemo every day. As soon as he left, they flew out to Atlanta and they put him straight in the hospital, again."

Ed said the boy fought it and fought it and that they finally did surgery and removed what needed to be removed, and now the boy is coming again this weekend.

"If Will makes it until the fall, Outdoor Dreams is going to let me take him on an elk hunt out west," he said.

Nancy said that it's the time in between the events that is special for her. It's a time when they get to know the families through social media, where they can follow them. She talked about how Will's father had called them upset and fearful, saying he was going to lose his baby. We prayed for him, she said.

"Here's a man with a 15-year-old son, 'I can't lose my baby," she said. "So, we live life with these people year 'round. It's not just, 'oh, here they come' and we serve them and they're gone. We are a part of their family and that to me is one of the most outstanding things."

Another child that came from Jefferson City, Easton, went on a hunt with Ed to Montana, "I was pouting because I was just holding on to him," Ed said. "That pretty much shook my tree. I didn't think I had any purpose. I found out my purpose was him. I just was there for him."

Ed's grandson, who was the inspiration that began the hunts in the Midwest, is doing much better. He completed his chemo regimen and is now in remission.

"They didn't do anything wrong," Ed said about the children he takes hunting. "They just got thrown a curveball in life and they just want to be kids. Our goal is more than just a hunt. We have a pond with a dock and them kids go down there and they're having so much fun. They make friends and they smile all weekend. That's my goal, to put a smile on that kid's face, from the time he gets there until the time he leaves."

If you want to donate to the Anders efforts, they can be reached at 660-988-7640, their email: Restinnhim@gmail.com or through their website at www.RestInnHim.com.

ARRESTS

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officers located a crystal substance that presumptively tested positive for methamphetamine, and a prescription pill that was also identified as a controlled substance.

Lester is currently being held on the outstanding warrants and charges stemming from the incident on April 8 involving the drugs and firearm are pending. Both incidents are still under investigation. A criminal charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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PARKS

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and places they want to walk or bike. Viewers can then provide a comment and picture that will be compiled with other information the department receives from open houses and other pop-up events, such as when Landworks begins to interview people in the park.

A survey will be sent to about 1,500 households in Kirksville that can be sent back postage free or direct them online where they can complete it.

"We're hopeful for about three to 400 response to that and that will provide a statistically valid representation of our community, which will be great," Sadler said. "Whenever we're looking at what our capital improvements will be over the next 10 years, I'll be able to stand in front of you all and say, 'this is what the community has stated that they would like to see.' That'll be a great tool."

He said that outside agencies will be working with the department on the survey as well on internal operations, including staff levels, budget and fees charged to the public, and that two community open house events will be held, the first at the Kirksville Aquatic Center on June 9 in the meeting room from 5-8 p.m.

"We'd like for everybody to come to that and give us their initial thoughts on the whole process," he said.

The second meeting will be at the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheater on Aug. 17 from 5-8 p.m.

Sadler said that from 2022 to 2032, there was 10 years left on a parks and recreation sales tax approved by Kirksville voters that built the Aquatic Center, the anchor to the parks' projects. He said that with funds continuing to come in, the city had a responsibility to use them to maintain and expand the city parks.

"We need to prioritize that over the next 10 years," he said. "Hopefully we can show we're good stewards of those funds so that way the community may want to continue that in the future."

Councilman John Gardner said that he would like to see the survey be available to residents whose first language isn't English.

Mayor Zac Burden said that he hoped resident would take advantage of the survey and open houses to have their voices heard.

"I really love that this survey is going to be a statistically significant survey and it's going to use good quantitative analysis on that," Burden said. "Again, when the council is asked to endorse a plan on that one, we can confidently say, 'this is what the community is looking for and here's how were able to provide for that.' So that's a good thing to have in place."

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Sports

Putnam County's Landon Wood picked as 2022 Daily Express Boys Basketball Player of the Year

By Austin Miller Daily Express

Kyle Fleshman had a front-row seat to Landon Wood's development.

Family friendships saw the two cross paths frequently when Wood was younger, with Fleshman remembering him then as a quiet kid who kept to himself. Fast forward a dozen or so years and Fleshman, Putnam County's boys basketball coach, is guarding Wood in open gyms because he's the only one tall enough to stand his ground against Wood.

Those battles began with Wood as a timid freshman who had hardly any post moves, who Fleshman hacked and fouled to no end in practice. Over time, Wood became more skilled with his feet, finished through contact, learned to shoot with his left hand, and evolved into the player Fleshman thought he could be. Wood has been selected as the 2022 Daily Express Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

"I never took it easy on him either," Fleshman said. "I used to put him through what I would call 'The Gauntlet,' where he'd post up and have to score 10 shots from both blocks. He had to keep shooting and shooting until he did. I know as a freshman, sometimes it took him 20 minutes to get through it. Here lately, I'm getting a little bit older, little bit softer I guess — and he's scoring a lot easier against me. He was able to push me around underneath there."

With an imposing stature at 6-foot-5 and 270 pounds, Wood was equally nimble and had plenty of touch with the basketball. He averaged 15.3 points per game this season and shot 50 percent from the field. He will graduate with a career field goal percentage of 53.5 percent, the second-best in program history. His 7.3 rebounds per game also show how much of a factor he was on the boards.

"He has deceptively quick feet that maybe you don't appreciate until you're trying to guard him," Fleshman said. "He's not fast. If you're doing down-and-backs, he's not going to win that race. But his feet are so quick on those first two or three steps that he can get around a guy real quick whenever his back is to the basket. He could have

two steps and be by you. And once he learned to use his width, his shoulders to score, that's when he realized he could score on just about anybody."

Fleshman frequently calls Wood a "gentle giant" because he still can be soft-spoken and laidback. But Fleshman pulled the bear out this season.

When they would practice against each other, Fleshman poked and prodded him. He wanted Wood to show all the passion he has for the sport and get fired up — and know how to handle it the right way. Opposing defenses would be physical with him, throw double teams and plenty of contact at him.

"It's definitely huge whenever you have a guy the team can feed off of," Fleshman said. "I don't know if he saw what I saw exactly, which was how unique of a player he could be when he was younger. All his brothers had good size and were great basketball players. He had a lot of potential and things going for him in the right direction. It was one of those things where I thought to pull out that full potential, we had to work on him being more of an intimidator. It just





Putnam County's Landon Wood reacts after a basket during a Class 2 state tournament game against Bishop-LeBlond. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

all kind of worked out."

Wood became the player who grabbed rebounds over multiple people, finished shots through contact, or as was the case in the Midgets' quarterfinal game against Sacred Heart, was quick to get in the face of an opposing player for fouling a Putnam teammate too hard.

"He always tried to get in my head at practices or open gyms because he knew that's what kids would try to do in games," said Wood, who crossed 1,000 career points this season and finished with 1,158. "I'd say he really pushed me physically and mentally."

Wood also developed into such a solid passer that Fleshman re-worked Putnam's offense to make use of it. Wood wasn't a prototypical center who just stood around the paint with his back turned, waiting for a pass. Fleshman had him more in the high post as a facilitator. With Putnam's surplus of scorers, moving Wood out there created room for his teammates. And if he got doubled, he knew had an open teammate who could score. A crucial example comes from the Sacred

er anymore. That's something you would see in the late '80s and '90s, where a lot of people would utilize their post. Pretty much everybody now faces the basket. So it was kind of an old-school look that we had with new-school shooting from the outside. It's a combo I always like to coach, and always wish I had teams exactly like that."

"I liked playing out of the high post this year," Wood said. "That's what made me really be able to pass the ball more and get it to my teammates more, playing from the high post. I think I was still able to score and I was able to pass to guys to score, so I think that really helped."

The Midgets had an incredible run this winter, winning the program's first district title since 2010 and getting its first Final Four appearance. Putnam's third-place finish in Class 2 capped an unforgettable season. Wood was a focal point on opposing team's scouting reports at the Final Four, as Bernie and Bishop-LeBlond threw a ton of bodies at Wood to contain him to 13 and 11 points in those

respect if those coaches had to remember and say his name. He had plenty of that this year and earned all-state honors.

Seeing as Fleshman spent so much time being overly physical when guarding Wood in open gyms, the times where Wood scored through contact are what he will remember most.

"What always sticks out to me is all of his and-one shots that he gets, and the passion and ferociousness you see when he finishes through contact," Fleshman said. "It always gets his teammates hyped, it gets the bench hyped. Because everybody on the bench knows exactly how hard it is to stop him, and how many times they've fouled him in practice to try and slow him down but he still finishes it. The guys on the bench are just happy he's picking on someone else and not them in practice."

And sure, there are shots, plays and games that Wood will remember, but going to the Final Four is on the mountaintop of that list.

"It's definitely going to be the most memorable thing of my high school career," Wood said. "Making a lot of history at Putnam County, making the first Final Four appearance, placing third and winning a game at state — it's going to be a good thing to look back on."

Putnam County's Landon Wood dribbles around multiple defenders during a Class 2 state semifinal game against Bernie. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Heart game, where Wood hit an open Jaden Wyant to send the game to overtime.

"He's definitely kind of a unicorn," Fleshman said. "Not a whole lot of teams go through their post play-

two games.

In Wood's sophomore season, Fleshman said he started getting comments from other coaches about them liking "the big man." Fleshman told Wood that he would know he got their

The 2021-22 All-Express Boys Basketball Team

By Austin Miller Daily Express

After another banner year of boys basketball in the area, it's time to highlight some individuals for their contributions on the court. There was a lot of team success for this region, with half of the teams either winning or playing for a district title. Putnam

ther winning or playing for a district title. Putnam County featured the longest postseason run with its trip to the Final Four. Green City came close to



Green City's Laydon Fields shoots during a state quarterfinal game against Stanberry. SUBMITTED BY BRENDA LINDER.

joining them in Springfield. Putnam County's

Landon Wood was selected as the 2022 Daily Express Boys Basketball Player of the Year. But, without further ado, here is the All-Express team, listed in no particular order.

FIRST TEAM LAYDON FIELDS, GREEN CITY, SENIOR, GUARD

As solid and reliable as any coach would want as the maestro of an offense, Fields turned in another all-state season. The Gopher guard averaged 15.4 points, 5.7 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game and was the MVP in the Tri-County Conference. What doesn't show up in his stat line is the leadership he had this season to work with Green City's many scorers and guide them to another deep state run.

IKE DANIELSON, KIRKSVILLE, JUNIOR, GUARD

There was no slump for Danielson after a breakout sophomore campaign. Danielson averaged 16.1 points this year while shooting 45 percent from



Kirksville's Ike Danielson dunks during a game against Highland. AUSTIN MILLER/ DAILY EXPRESS

the field. With one of the prettiest shots in the area, he was even better from outside this year, shooting 35.3 percent, and reliable at the free-throw line at 73.6 percent. His athleticism was also more on display this season with more slashing to the basket and dunks.

BOSTON DOUGLAS, MACON, JUNIOR, FORWARD

Douglas had maybe the biggest breakout season for any player in the area. After averaging single-digit points per game,

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Macon's Boston Douglas dunks during a game against Trenton. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Greene, Torkelson among touted prospects to debut so far

By NOAH TRISTER AP Baseball Writer

Even in this era of triple-digit fastballs and high strikeout totals, Hunter Greene has a chance to stand out.

The Cincinnati rookie went toe-to-toe with the powerful Dodgers on Saturday night, shutting them out for five innings before Trea Turner finally hit a two-run homer off him in the sixth. In just his second big league start, Greene threw 39 pitches that were 100 mph or faster, the most since pitch tracking began in 2008.

According to Statcast, Greene is averaging 100 mph with his four-seam fastball so far.

Greene is ranked as baseball's No. 22 prospect by MLB Pipeline. He's one of a handful of noteworthy newcomers who have debuted in this young season. Here are a few others:

— Bobby Witt Jr., Royals (No. 1 in MLB Pipeline's prospect rankings): The No. 2 pick in the 2019 draft, Witt started with a flourish, hitting a key double in a win on opening day. At this point, however, the 21-year-old shortstop is batting just .156.

— Julio Rodríguez, Mariners (No. 3): Jarred Kelenic had a difficult debut last year, and Rodríguez, another Seattle outfield prospect, is struggling so far at the plate as well. He's 4 for 32.

— Spencer Torkelson, Tigers (No. 4): There's a symbolic passing of the torch in progress in Detroit, with Miguel Cabrera closing in on 3,000 hits while Torkelson shows off his power. The top pick in

Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Hunter Greene throws

to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday, April 16, 2022, in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL — STAFF, AP

the 2020 draft has homered twice in his first nine games.

— C.J. Abrams, Padres (No. 9): The injury to Fernando Tatis Jr. gives Abrams an opportunity, but the 21-year-old shortstop is 3 for 26 so far. He did hit his first career homer Thursday.

— Nick Lodolo, Reds (No. 41): The 24-year-old lefty could form a nice partnership with Greene in Cincinnati for years to come. He made his debut Wednesday, allowing five runs in four innings in a start against Cleveland.

— Bryson Stott, Phillies (No. 44): Stott has already started at second, third and shortstop for Philadelphia, but he's 4 for 26 with just one extra-base hit.

— MacKenzie Gore, Padres (No. 85): The No. 3 pick in the 2017 draft, Gore finally made his big league debut Friday, allowing two runs in 5 1/3 innings against Atlanta. Gore was one of the game's top prospects, but he struggled at Triple-A last year, and his current MLB Pipeline ranking suggests expectations are more tempered now.

— Matt Brash, Mariners (No. 97): Brash wasn't selected until the 113th pick of the 2019 draft, but he tore through two levels of the minors last year, then made his Mariners debut this past week without ever pitching in Triple-A. In two starts for Seattle, he went 1-1 with a 3.38 ERA, and he earned his



Detroit Tigers' Spencer Torkelson hits a two-run home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Friday, April 15, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. CHARLIE RIEDEL — STAFF, AP

first win Sunday against Houston.

— Seiya Suzuki, Cubs: The 27-year-old outfielder is closer to a finished product than a prospect after coming over from Japan, but adjusting to the major leagues isn't easy. Chicago has to be thrilled with his start — he's 10 for 25 at the plate with four home runs.



San Diego Padres starting pitcher MacKenzie Gore delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves in San Diego, Friday, April 15, 2022. KYUSUNG GONG — FREELANCER, FR171561 AP

— Steven Kwan, Guardians: The 24-year-old Kwan isn't in MLB Pipeline's top 100, but he's putting himself in the Rookie of the Year discussion early after going 8 for 10 with three walks in his first three games. He's now hitting .385.

TRIVIA TIME

Who was the last Rookie of the Year whose team

won the World Series that same season?

LINE OF THE WEEK

Sports

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered three times at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night in Toronto's 6-4 win over New York. Two of his homers were off Gerrit Cole, who later tipped his cap after Guerrero doubled off him.

COMEBACK OF THE WEEK

The Mets are off to a good start under new manager Buck Showalter, but New York let one get away Monday. The Mets had a 4-0 lead in the eighth inning — and a win probability of 97.3%, according to Statcast — but then Philadelphia scored five runs in the bottom of the inning and won 5-4.

TRIVIA ANSWER

Buster Posey earned National League honors in 2010, the same year his San Francisco Giants won it all.



Kansas City Royals' Bobby Witt Jr. runs to third after hitting a triple during the first inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers Thursday, April 14, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. CHARLIE RIEDEL — STAFF, AP

LOCAL ROUNDUP April 18 High school boys basketball

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he exploded for 15 per night to lead the Tigers.





Moberly 4, Kirksville 3

Kirksville – Hunter Tarr, 2B; Jack Thomas, 3B; Jalen Kent, RBI; Cole Kelly, RBI.

Green City 16, Bevier 1

Green City – Jaden O'Haver, WP, 2 RBI; Laydon Fields, 3-4, HR, 4 RBI; Grant O'Haver, 2-3, RBI; Brody Lunsford, 2 RBI; Xander Salas, RBI; Kaden Johnson, 2-3, 4 RBI.

Brashear 8, Marion Co. 5

Brashear – No stats by deadline.

Macon 12, Bowling Green 2 Macon – Chrisjen Riekeberg, WP. 11 Ks.

High school boys golf

Kirksville @ Helias

Kirksville – Johnny Boyer, 80; Sam Wilson, 106; Hunter Combs, 101: Carter Pinkerton, 118.

High school boys tennis

Kirksville 6, Marshall 3

Singles – Haydn King def. Gavin Pike (KV), 9-7; John Miles def. Tim Cason (KV), 8-1; Wesley Martin (KV) def. Erlan Jones, 8-6; Turner Peterson (KV) def. Collin Hedrick, 8-2; Adam Hendler (KV) def. Joseph Leavitt, 8-1; Max Walker (KV) def. Hunter Vestal, 8-1.

Doubles – Pike/Peterson def. King/Miles, 8-6; Jones/Hedrick def. Cason/Walker, 8-6; Martin/Hendler def. Leavitt/Vestal, 8-5. He was an uber athlete as Macon won 20 games for the first time since 2010, throwing down thunderous dunks on most nights. If he develops more scoring away from the rim in his senior season, Douglas and the Tigers could be lethal next year.

KEATON ANDERSON, KIRKSVILLE, JUNIOR, GUARD

Anderson took a major leap as a junior and increased his scoring output by about six points, bumping up with 15.9 points per game this season. Add in 5.4 rebounds per game with 43.7 percent shooting from the field and Anderson is fulfilling the potential he flashed as a sophomore. Still an effective scorer at the rim, Anderson showed improved 3-point shooting at 34.2 percent and a team-high 34 converted 3s.

ZACH HEIDENWITH, PUTNAM COUNTY, SENIOR, GUARD

Along the Midgets' path to the Final Four, Heidenwith emerged as one of the most reliable outside **Kirksville's Keaton Anderson reacts during a game against Mexico.** AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

shooters in the area. If Putnam needed a 3, Heidenwith usually delivered, shooting 36 percent from outside this year. He averaged 13.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. He also shot 40 percent from the field. He will graduate with the fourth-most 3s (174) and second-best 3-point percentage (36.9 percent) in Putnam County history.

SECOND TEAM NELSON SHINKLE, KNOX COUNTY, SOPHOMORE, FORWARD

The burgeoning big man made his presence felt this season for the Eagles. With 13.6 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, Shinkle was a force to be reckoned with — and will be for the next two years. At 6-foot-7, Shinkle has every advantage in the post. But he can also shoot from outside and runs the floor well to score in transition. His development will be crucial since opposing teams will want to lock him up as much as possible.

AARON PEAVLER, GREEN CITY, JUNIOR, GUARD

Another exceptional athlete who has a ton of success across multiple sports, Peavler flies around on the court as few can. He averaged 12.8 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 2.8 steals per game. He's quick enough to score in a hurry, but that also pays major dividends on defense. Peavler and Green City's other guards will be asked to do more next season with Fields' graduation.

ROMAN PHILLIPS, ATLANTA, JUNIOR, FORWARD

Phillips was dynamite for the Hornets with 17 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks per game. His

Putnam County's Zach Heidenwith drives to the basket during a game against Bishop-LeBlond. AUSTIN MILLER/ DAILY EXPRESS

height (6-foot-7) and talent are major mismatches against most teams, and he exploited that well all season. Getting those kinds of numbers from Phillips, it makes sense why the Hornets went 21-5 and contended for district gold. There's another step he'd like to take next year to win that hardware.

CHEKH NIASSE, MILAN, SENIOR, GUARD

A bit of a late bloomer behind some of Milan's deep classes from a few years ago, Niasse shined as a focal point for the Wildcats this year. He averaged 13.4 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.6 steals per game — showing how solid he was on both ends of the court. He powered the Wildcats to a district title, a feat not many people probably expected to happen this year.

WES FINDLING, NOVINGER, JUNIOR, GUARD

Asked to take on a larger role this season, Findling did just that for the Wildcats. As Novinger lost its leading scorer, Findling slid right in and averaged 18.8 points per game. He also added 9.9 rebounds and 3.3 assists. He shot 50 percent from the field and converted 83 3-pointers during the year. Another leap from him next year will keep Novinger in a solid spot.

Honorable Mentions: Atlanta: Landon Gilliland, JJ White; Brashear: Brandon Jochimsen, Carson Erwin; Green City: Asher Buggs-Tipton, Grant O'Haver, Xander Salas; Kirksville: Cole Kelly; Knox County: Jacob Becker; La Plata: Cutter St. Clair; Macon: Maurice Magruder; Milan: Ahmet Niasse, Jeremy Bennett; Putnam County: Lance Fowler, Owen Ream, Jaden Wyant; Schuyler County: Trevyn Small, Kale Windy.

Selections are made by Daily Express Sports Editor Austin Miller. Nominations for the All-Express teams are requested from coaches at: Atlanta, Brashear, Green City, Kirksville, Knox County, La Plata, Macon, Milan, Novinger, Putnam County, Schuyler County and Scotland County. Nominations were not received from Scotland County.

