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Prosecuting attorney candidates spar at chamber forum

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

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Right now, people don't know what is happening. They don't know what's happening in our courthouse. They don't know what's happening in our prosecutor's office. People aren't aware of what is going on. Communication is critical. We're lawyers, we are paid professional communicators. That's what we do. We communicate with the judge. We might do it in writing through a brief, we might do an oral argument. We communicate with the public. We communicate with the jury. These are the things that we have to do and it's what has to change."

Patrick Nolan Prosecuting Attorney Candidate

dates were not allowed to interrupt one another. Due to the length of each debate, the



Patrick Nolan

initial installment of this story ran on Wednesday, June 29, and covered the clerk of the circuit court race. This story will cover the prosecuting attorney race and in this same issue of The Express, the presiding commissioner race.

Attorney Patrick Nolan is the managing attorney for Nolan, Mulford & DeLeeuw, LLC, the second largest law firm in Northeast Missouri. He said that his wife, children and he moved to Adair County in 2014.

"We looked around, came through Kirksville and said this is where we want to be," Nolan said. "And it has been a fantastic choice for us."

He said that his family has flourished living here, his kids love their school, Mary Immaculate, and that the family endures the same ups and downs as do others.



Andrew Boster

"We care about our kids, we care about our communities," he said.

Nolan said he is a former board member of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, and is currently on the board of Northeast Christian High School, the local YMCA, and Friends of 404, a nonprofit that supports scouting in Kirksville.

"With all that is a dedication to our youth and a dedication to our future," he said. "And that's one of the things that I'm looking to bring to this position."

David Goring was appointed to the prosecuting attorney position in April of this year and said that he was appointed because he was the most qualified and experienced candidiate for the position.

Goring said that he was born



David Goring

and raised in Kirksville, that he graduated from Northeast Missouri State University, which is now Truman State University, and was a police officer in Kirksville for six years. He then went to law school at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

"For the past almost 11 years I've been the first assistant prosecuting attorney for Adair County until recently appointed as a prosecuting attorney of Adair County," he said. "I'm a dedicated public servant."

Goring said that before he began work at the prosecutor's office, he worked for the state of Missouri and the Department of Revenue legal counsel. He's involved with the Masonics n Kirksville, the Kiwanis Club and the Moose Lodge.

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Novinger History Day brings visitors from throughout the local area and beyond

By Marty Bachman **Daily Express**

Novinger His-

tory Day was held last Sunday, June 26, put on by Novinger Renewal. Visitors were able to tour the Isaac and Samuel Novinger family home, which was built in 1848 and later moved to its current location and restored

in 1986-88. Also on the tour were the Coal Miners Museum, the log homestead and the Methodist Church. There were displays in the community center and tour lectures at the town jail and the caboose. An Ice Cream Social was held as well as other events that







Adair County 2nd District Commissioner alleged to have stolen campaign sign

By Marty Bachman

Daily Express

Adair County 2nd District Commissioner Mark L. Thompson was listed in the Kirksville Police Department blotter on June 27-28, accused of committing a class four election offense. According to police, Thompson was caught on video stealing a campaign sign on private property. The charge is a misdemeanor.

Thompson answered a call to the county commissioners office on Tuesday and when asked if he would like to discuss the charges, said, "no."

The sign belonged to Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan who is running for re-election on Aug. 2.

Police said that the report was submitted to the prosecuting attorney's office and that the

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Adair County 2nd District County Commissioner Mark L. Thompson.

Presiding commissioner candidates debate at chamber forum

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Jeff Gotten



Mark Shahan



filled out the day's

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Community

Busy 4th of July weekend planned for Kirksville

By Kirksville Tourism

The city of Kirksville's 4th of July celebration will be especially busy today, beginning with the Pancake Breakfast, which returns along Washington Street, from 7 to 10 a.m. The Kiwanis Farmer's Market, located on the 100 block of North Elson, runs from 7 a.m. to noon. The All-American Red, White and Blue Classic Car Show will be in the Downtown Cinema 8 parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon. The United Way Pie Sale and Silent Auction will be in the Bank Midwest parking lot from 9 to 11 a.m.

And the Red, White and Blue Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of North Franklin and Missouri streets.

Tomorrow, July 3, Cemetery Theater will be at Forest Llewellyn Cemetery, lasting from 5 to 7 p.m.

Patriotic runners will take to the streets on Monday morning, July 4 for the 6th Annual FLATS Uncle Sam 5K/1.2-Mile Walk. That race begins at the Du-Kum Inn at 9 a.m. To register, go to www.kvflats.org/events.

Then the grand finale is set for July 4th evening. The north side of Kirksville will light up





the sky this Fourth of July as the city's festivities move to North Park. New location, new tradition.

Start time is a 9 p.m. Tune into 107.9 for patriot music being played during the fireworks. Plenty of fun activities will accompany the fireworks at North Park. There will be music, food trucks, concessions and giveaways.

Come set-up your lawn chairs and blankets in any of the outfields. Make it a family

and friends gathering. "Thank you to the following sponsors for partnering with us to bring you this year's fireworks show: City of Kirksville, DuKum Inn, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce and KLTE Bott Radio Network, said Kirksville Tourism Director Sharon Swehla.

Additional information can be found at VisitKirksville.com/ redwhiteandblue.

"This is an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends in your own backyard," said Swehla. "It's not just one day but a weekend of events bringing the community together again. There's something for everyone."

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

June 23-24

Driving While Suspended/Revoked - 2nd or 3rd (M A)

David L. Overbook, Queen City

Drugs/Possession (F) of Controlled Substance Sharon R. Dickow, Kirksville

No Valid License — 1st Offense (M) Bobby G. Zimmerman, Kirksville

Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Driver's License

June 27-28

Darlene N. Garza

Burglary 1st (No Force) Non-Residential (FB) Donald Ray Hager, Kirksville

Committing Class Four Election Offenses Mark L. Thompson Kirksville

Driving While Revoked/Suspended (F D) Michael William Winslow, Kirksville



Douglas Gene Miller,, Novinger

June 28-29

Warrant

Douglas Gene Miller, Novinger

June 29-30

Warrant — FTA — Adair County Ranae Noel Breden, Kirksville

Community

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Kirksville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

The city of Kirksville's Tourism Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 8:00 am on Wednesday, July 6, in the Small Conference Room at the EDA Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin, Kirksville.

Summer off the Square concert

The Kirksville Art Association's annual Summer off the Square concert series will feature Mercy's Bridge, sponsored by VFW Auxiliary on July 8. They play uplifting Country Gospel. The concert will be held on the north side of the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville.

Parks department offers free movies, dollar swims

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department is holding "Saturday's Under the Stars" Free Movies in the Park and Dollar Swim Nights. The movies include Spirit Untamed on July 9

and Spiderman, No Way Home on July 23. The Dollar Swim Nights will be July 16 and July 30, all from 6-9 p.m. The movies will be at the Rotary Park amphitheater and the swims will be at the park's Aquatic Center.

Fresh Apple Pie with Ice Cream – United Way of **NEMO Fundraiser**

The Fresh Apple Pie with Ice Cream — United Way of NEMO Fundraiser will be held on July 2 from 8 a.m. until noon in the Bank Midwest parking lot in Kirksville. \$2 a slice, \$2 ice cream, \$3 slice and ice cream. Apple pie slices are donated by Colton's and ice cream is donated by Mark Whitney, Century 21 Lifetime Realty.

2022 Partin reunion

By Special to The Express

descendants The of Preston and Sarah Partin held their annual Partin reunion on Laura Partin; Kindell Sunday, June 5, at the Greentop City Park in Greentop, Mo., with 35 persons in attendance.

Those present representing the descendants of Orval Partin were: Cathy and Ron Kerby; Terri Yearns; Amy and Rodney Baumgartner,

Randon, and Adison; Ellen Partin; Don Partin; Emily Bryan, Denton and Gracie Jones; Taylor Jaegors; Dennis and and Jennifer Partin; Stacy and Rob Farley; Shannon and Julie Partin; Megan and John Chancellor, Payton, Averi, and Kase; and Melody Farley.

Those present representing the descendants of Dave Partin were: Carolyn and Ste-

ven Albertson; Sheila Yates; and Elaine and Dennis Wilson.

Floyd Ellsworth was the family member present representing the Annie Ellsworth family.

Those present representing the descendants of the Rob Partin family was Rex Partin.

The next Partin reunion will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the Greentop City Park.

Covid-19 cases continue upward trend in Adair County

By Adair County Department of Health

Cases of Covid-19 continue to rise in Adair County. For the seven-day period from June 21 through June 27, 73 new cases were reported to the Adair County Health Department. Those include positives reported from home tests if residents reported them to the Health Department. There were 69 new cases reported in the previous

seven-day period. Residents can pick up a free Covid-19 home test kit from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday beginning today, so long as supplies last. Residents can pull into the south side of the Health Department parking lot at 1001 S. Jamison Street, remain in the vehicle and call 660-665- 8491 to request a kit. The free kit, containing two home



curbside.

Residents who have a positive result from home tests are encouraged to call the Health Department at 660-665-8491 to report the result. Residents can also call the Health Department to clarify steps they should take if they test positive, or to learn more about guidelines recommended for taking home tests.

The Adair County Health Department continues to administer Pfizer Covid-19

tests, will be delivered vaccines and boosters. Vaccines are administered to those ages 12 and older on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., and to those ages 5 through 11 on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Beginning Thursday, June 30, the Health Department is administering the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 6 months to 4 years old from 9 to 11 a.m. To schedule an appointment for the appropriate dose of vaccine or booster, call the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491.

Dr. Curran Prendergast speaks to Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Dr. Curran Prendergast to speak at their June 30 meeting. Prendergast is an Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Truman State University. He presented on the state of bands at Truman as well as some new traditions that have formed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. To learn more, visit bands.truman.edu.



Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Director

of the Board Pat Mickey (left) and Prendergast.



NTSB: Amtrak train was below speed limit before fatal crash

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MENDON, Mo. — An Amtrak passenger train was going about 87 mph when it collided with a dump truck at a rural Missouri railway crossing, killing four people, an official with the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday.

The speed limit is 90 mph at the crossing where the collision occurred Monday in western Missouri, NTSB Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy said. The Southwest Chief was traveling about 89 mph when it began blowing its horn about a quarter mile from the collision site, she said.

The early investigation found no concerns with the train's brakes or other mechanical issues, Homendy said.

The crossing, which had no lights or other signals to warn about



An Amtrak train lies derailed after the train hit a truck at a crossing, Monday, June 27, 2022, near Mendon, Mo. JILL TOYOSHIBA/THE KANSAS CITY STAR VIA AP

an approaching train, is "very steep" and Homendy acknowledged area residents had expressed concerns about it before the crash.

The truck driver, 54-year-old Billy Barton II, of Brookfield, Missouri, died in the collision, the Chariton County coroner said.

Two train passengers -Rochelle Cook, 58, and Kim Holsapple, 56, both of DeSoto, Kansas, died at the scene. A third passenger, 82-year-old Binh Phan, of Kansas City, Missouri, died Tuesday at a hospital.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol said up to 150 people also were injured.

The Southwest Chief was traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago when it hit the rear right side of the truck near Mendon. Two locomotives and eight cars derailed. Amtrak officials said about 275 passengers and 12 crew members were aboard.



Accident on S. Baltimore overturns vehicle

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

Kirksville Police are investigating an accident that occurred on the corner of S. Baltimore and E. La-Harpe streets, Thursday around 2 p.m., that culminated into the overturning of a 2022 Ford Bronco in the northbound lane

of S. Baltimore. The Bronco was hit by a 2006 Saturn Vue that is believed to have run a red light at the corner. No injuries were reported.

Two convicted for federal health care fraud scheme uncovered during audit in Putnam County

By Press Release

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo (June 28, 2022) State Auditor Nicole Galloway today released a statement after a federal jury in Florida on Monday convicted the head of a hospital management company and another individual for their roles in a conspiracy to operate a multi-state \$1.4 billion billing scheme that used rural hospitals to submit fraudulent claims. Jorge Perez and Ricardo Perez, who were

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prosecutor, David Gor-

ing, was likely to recuse

himself. They said lo-

cal judges may recuse

also convicted of health care fraud, will be sentenced at a later date.

Auditor Galloway's office has been working with federal law enforcement agencies since the scheme was uncovered during a 2017 audit of Putnam County Memorial Hospital. That audit, which found \$90 million in illegal billings were passed through the 15-bed hospital, marked the largest fraud exposed in the history of the Missouri State Auditor's Office;

the former CEO of the hospital pleaded guilty to federal health care fraud charges in 2019.

"The unraveling of this billing scheme began right here in Missouri with a state audit," Auditor Galloway said. "All of us pay the costs of health care fraud, and I'm proud of how staff from my office worked with the Department of Justice and other federal agencies to share what we uncovered in Putnam County and help bring this fraud to an end."

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

City offices will be closed on July 4

Kirksville city offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, for regular business hours. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be open from 6 to 9:30 a.m., then from 12 to 5 p.m. The city wading pools will be closed.

East Mill Street closure postponed

A planned closure of East Mill Street, south of the Aquatic Center, for this week has been postponed. Water main work at the Parkview Terrace development was originally scheduled to begin Wednesday but it has since been pushed back. The city will send out a release once a new date is known.

Adair County SB40 to host Special Olympians

Adair County SB40 and Special Olympics from Northeast Missouri are partnering for an fun celebration of the NE Missouri Special Olympic athletes on Saturday, July 2. They will have athletes from the Kirksville and Schuyler County groups featured throughout the day.

 On Saturday morning SB40 and Special Olympic athletes will be in the Red, White & Blue Festival Parade. SB40 will have a car followed by Special Olympics Coach Dan Niemeyer in his pickup. The athletes who competed in Orlando will be in the back of his pickup in their uniforms and wearing their Olympic medals.

 On Saturday afternoon, 1-3 p.m., Adair County SB40 will host an Ice Cream Social at the Community Learning Center. The ice cream will be provided and they encourage carry-iin desserts.

 Adair County SB40 will celebrate the athletes, have a video loop of pictures from Orlando a screen inside and plan to have a brief recognition ceremony to applaud these amazing athletes.

United Way golf tournament fundraiser

The Wooden Nickel is sponsoring a four-person golf team tournament for the United Way on July 15 at the Kirksville Country Club. Registration is 8:30 a.m. on Friday and tee-off will be 10 a.m. Hole/Tee sponsors are \$125 with signs by the hole/tee. Sponsors are welcome to set promotional items at the hole.

Teams cost \$275 before June 30 (\$300 after). Mulligans (per team) are one for \$25 and two for \$40. Prizes and awards will be given out following the tournament. Carts are available for \$36 through the Kirksville Country Club. The number of teams is limited so register early.

Classic prizes include the top hole-in-one prize, which is one of six vacation destinations. Other prizes

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for longest putt overall on 18th hole, longest drive per woman or man, and cash prizes for top three finishers.

Registration forms are available at the Wooden Nickel, United Way's local office at 201 N. Elson, Suite 204, by calling the office at 660-665-1924, email at uwnemo@gmail.com or on Facebook at United Way of Northeast Missouri.

Summer 'off' the Square dates

The Kirksville Art Association's annual Summer on the Square concert series will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. on the north side of the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. Following is a list of concerts for the summer series: July 8 — Mercy's Bridge, Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary. Uplifting Country Gospel. July 15 — Kirksville Community Band, Sponsored by City of Kirksville. Concert Band Music. July 22 — No Performance (NEMO Fair Week). July 29 — Pumptown Family Band. High Energy; Eclectic mix of new and old with a beat. August 5 — Bootcut, Sponsored by Lovegreen Ford. Southern Rock. August 12 — Stone-House, Sponsored by Pepsi Cola. High Energy Rock & Roll; Classic Rock. August 19 — Demi Michelle, t. Acoustic Country and Pop. August 26 — Deadwood, Sponsored by Kirksville Tourism. Rockin' Blues. All concerts are also sponsored by Sparklight and the City of Kirksville Tourism.

Kirksville Parks & **Recreation Master Plan** community meeting on Aug. 17

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 will last approximately seven months and offers multiple ways of getting involved with the project. A community open houses is planned for Aug. 17, 5-8 p.m. at the Rotary Park

Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheater. For more information, contact Rodney Sadler with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Kirksville City-Wide Sidewalk Sales

Area businesses are planning to host sidewalk sales on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30. Spend the day out on the town, enjoy the July weather and save some money! No sign-ups required. Plan to have clearance/discount racks/items on your sidewalks and promote those sales on your own Facebook page. Hours of sales depend upon store location.

Roadwork on Country **Club Drive and Wayman Drive to** continue until July 8

A multi-week reconstruction of Country Club Drive and Wayman Drive will comntiue until approximately July 8. One lane should be open at all times, but the traveling public is encouraged to use another route. Traffic control will be in effect, and residents are strongly encouraged to use caution and drive slowly near work areas.

Route K in Adair County to close for culvert replacements

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

Route K- July 5-7, the road will be closed at Missouri Route 6 to Missouri Route 11 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route K- July 11-12, the road will be closed at Missouri Route 11 to Missouri Route 6 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Other state road work in Adair County includes patching on Route CC July 13, 14 and 18 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and patching on Route N on July 19, 20 and 21. One lane will be closed while crews are patching.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes for closures during these times. Signs and message boards will be in place to alert motorists, as all work is weather dependent, and schedules are subject to change. For more information, go online to www.modot. mo.gov/northeast, or call 1-888 ASK MoDOT (275-6636).

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Kirksville Daily Express 660.665.2808 kirksvilledailyexpress.com themselves as well.

Multiple attempts to obtain the public record from Goring were met with hostility. Goring, who was appointed to the position in April and is facing off against two

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other candidates, one who works for him in the prosecutor's office, would not take calls from the Kirksville Daily Express nor did he return any calls.

Conviction for the of-

fense, should Thompson be charged, could be punishment by imprisonment of not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$2,500 or by both such imprisonment and fine.



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Opinion

COLUMNIST

Baseball Summers

played **Bottle** Cap Baseball all summer long when I was a girl; the laundromat up the street saved all the Tab, Orange Crush and Pepsi bottle caps from their machine for us. My brothers would amble there with an empty Kroger bag each Saturday morning and come home with a jangling sack that they tossed back and forth as they walked.

With an old broom handle and those corklined caps, Mom and my brothers and I had many afternoons of yelling, bragging and fun that turned our gravel driveway into a field of dreams.

There were ball games with neighborhood kids; games of catch with grimy baseballs or softballs whose frayed stitches wheezed puffs of country dust with each mitted whump, and even "Keep-Away from Robin" games that my four brothers

invented to make sure I remembered that I was "just a girl".

But my favorite baseball memories were ones of our Cardinals. Though I lived more than 50 miles from the stadium and couldn't imagine what it looked like, the sounds of the game were mine to treasure.

We didn't have a radio in the house. On hot summer Sunday afternoons, I would hear the kitchen screen door slam shut and knew it was Cardinals Baseball time.

Dad had grabbed a cold beer from the ice box and was on his way to our black '56 Chevy that sat baking in the side yard.

I'd wait a bit, until he had all the windows down and had cranked up the volume on the crackly AM station in the car's dashboard.

Then I'd gallop, barefooted and pigtailed, to scramble onto the steamy back seat for a sweaty afternoon of Harry Caray and the "rhubarb" chatter from hordes of baseball

watchers miles away. The boozy, smooth

voices of the announcers were as memorable as the scores. Their baseball commentary and manly banter was not too interesting to a 9-yearold, but the tone and timbre of each phrase melded with the smell of the hot plastic car seats and Dad's beer to inspire excitement and a feeling of being a part of something special.

One minute, Harry would be hawking Busch Bavarian Beer with his usual carnival patter...then...

"Up to the plate... HOOOLIIIAAANNN HAVIER!!"

Julian Javier had the best name on the team. It sounded like music: like an exotic. fantastical place your kite would land after breaking free from its string and soaring out of sight.

I'd watch Dad lean forward, grip the steering wheel with fists that wished for a bat, and bend his right ear closer to KMOX.

And we waited. We



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

cringed as Harry told us what was happen-

"Steeerike One!" "Steeerike Two!" ... But most of all, we wished together. Would Harry scream out the words that made Dad smack the dashboard with glee? The phrase that made me bounce on the back seat until the worn springs in the seat

mer-weary crickets? A cracking sound flew through the speaker and into the air around us. We heard the roar of the crowd. We felt the excitement of a moment I still remember.

creaked like sum-

"IT MIGHT BE...IT COULD BE...IT IS!!!! A HOME RUN!!!"

"HOLY COW!!" Dad grinned into the rearview mirror and winked. I winked back.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com **COLUMNIST**

Great glory in failure

expect any patients before 10 o'clock this morning, so he was up and coffee'd and gone by 6:30. Lewis Creek. The Lunker's hole on Lewis Creek.

The Lunker is a huge rainbow trout that everyone knows about and no one has caught. So far he has resisted flies, worms, salmon eggs, spinners, and even an imitation mouse that Dud tossed in there one time just to see if the Lunker had a bass's appetite.

Fish aren't really all that bright, but the Lunker seems to deserve membership to Fish Mensa. No matter how fine the leader a guy used, it didn't fool him. Trying to figure out what to use and how to use it has fueled arguments for several years now.

But Doc thinks he has it figured out now. He has a super-fine tippet on his fly line, and used his magnifying glasses to tie a midge that is so small that if he dropped it, it would be gone forever. Doc realizes that with that fine a line, he stands a good chance of having the Lunker simply snap it off and swim away. But that would be all right with Doc if the fish just came and took



SLIM RANDLES HOME COUNTRY

that fly, because no one else had come that close to catching him yet.

And there's that wonderful new fly rod that Doc made himself from a Sage blank he bought himself at Christmas. With that rod, he believes, he should be able to feel a fish breathe in that creek.

He was in the Mule Barn before 9 a.m., holding court at the philosophy counter and told the boys what happened.

"The Lunker came up from under that big rock ledge, you know?" Doc said. "And he came within ... maybe four inches of my fly as it went by."

"Four inches!" said Dud. "Hey, Doc, can you show me the pattern you tied for that?"

"Sure thing, Dud," said Doc, grinning. Sometimes there can be great glory in failure.

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Blunt thanked for making mental health a priority

Thank you, Senator Blunt, for leading the way on School and Community Safety

It is an unfortunate reality that acts of mass violence continue to cause irreputable harm across our country. Recently, we have watched parents and families face their worst fears, in incidents in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo, New York, and others. As associations of the largest groups of local elected officials in Missouri, we are on the frontline and see the need for greater access to high quality mental health services - these services are especially needed before individuals find themselves in crisis.

It was reported last week that Senator Roy Blunt has been working on and supporting a new, bipartisan framework that brings mental health access front and center in preventing these acts of mass violence. Senator Blunt has long been a champion for community-based mental health in his roles as Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee for Labor, Health and Education, and his involvement in this framework reflects his commitment to this issue.

The framework for this new safety bill includes investment in both school-based and

grams for mental health, violence prevention and training. Even this week, as we faced a violent threat against schools in the Kansas City area, it is obvious that these resources cannot come to our state soon enough.

We know that access to mental healthcare is not the panacea for preventing all acts of mass violence. However, this is an incredible, bipartisan step forward by Congress – and we could not have gotten here without Senator Blunt's longstanding leadership in this area.

Senator Blunt - thank you for demonstrating leadership and courage for our state and our nation. This bipartisan framework will help keep our schools and communities safe, and we applaud you for your commitment to working for Missourians.

Steve Hobbs Executive Director Missouri Association of Counties

Melissa Randol Executive Director SchoolMissouri Boards' Association

Richard Sheets Executive Director Missouri Municipal League

About the Missouri Association of Counties

The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC), formed in 1972, is a

community-based pro- nonprofit, nonpartisan member service organization dedicated to the improvement of county government. It was designed and incorporated by county elected officials to provide services, research, uniformity, and coordination among member counties, in order for the county elected officials to best serve their constituents.

About the Missouri School Boards' Association

The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) is a private, not-for profit organization that exists to help local school boards ensure all students succeed. MSBA's Center for Education Safety is the primary organization in Missouri supporting school safety and security.

About the Missouri Municipal League

The Missouri Municipal League was organized in 1934. Since its organization, its aim has been "to develop an agency for the cooperation of Missouri cities, towns and villages and to promote the interest, welfare and closer relations among them in order to improve municipal government and administration in the state." Thus, the League's basic goal is to strengthen cities through unity and cooperation.





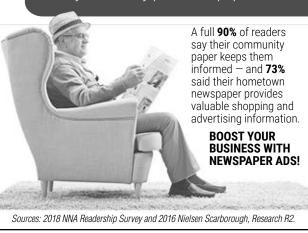
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Rotary Club of Kirksville bestows fellowship pins to donors

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the June 29 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Dana Delaware (center) and Tim Peters (left) received Paul Harris Fel-



lowship pins from Foundation Chair Jeff Romine for their significant financial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

Delaware is a five-time recipient and Peters, a three-time recipient. Rotary uses the money to improve living conditions and health around the

world and for various grants, exchanges and scholarships designed to promote peace and better world understanding between cultures.

New troopers assigned to Troop B

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Captain Erik A. Gottman, commanding officer of Troop B, Macon, announced Trooper Travis M. Wood and Trooper Santi J. Wilgus have been assigned to Troop B. Wood and Wilgus were members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 113th Recruit Class that began training on Jan. 18, 2022, and graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on June 24, 2022. The new troopers from the 113th Recruit Class will report for duty on July 11. Wood has been assigned to Zone 5, Adair and Schuyler counties. He is a native of Macon, Mo. and graduated from Macon High School in Macon. Prior to his appointment to the Highway Patrol, Wood was employed as a welder.

Wilgus has been as-

signed to Zone 6, Clark and Scotland counties. He is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and graduated from North Pontotoc High School in Ecru, Miss. Prior to his appointment to the Highway Patrol, Wilgus was employed with Menufy as a customer support specialist.



Santi J. Wilgus



Travis M. Wood

Southeast announces Spring 2022 Dean's List

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By Press Release

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO — The following students have been named to the spring 2022 Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University.

Matthew Carlson of Greentop, Mo., has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2022 semester.

Judy Owen of Greentop, Mo., has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2022 semester.

Azura O'Haver of La Plata, Mo., has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2022 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

DEBATE

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rebuttals were not allowed and candidates were not allowed to interrupt one another. Due to the length of each debate, the initial installment of this story ran on Wednesday, June 29, and covered the clerk of the circuit court race. This story will cover the presiding commissioner race and another story in today's Express, will detail the prosecuting attorney's race.

Incumbent Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan said that as presiding commissioner, he has seen the commission do some good things in the county that he hopes to see positive results from, thus his desire to serve a second term. Shahan said that he is a fifth generation Adair County resident having lived in Adair County for the last 40 plus years. He's been married for 39 years and has three grown children and eight grandchildren. He said that the majority of his career has been spent working in the engineering department in a major manufacturing

facility. "As a maintenance manager, I was responsible for developing, forecasting and successfully managing a multi-million dollar annual budget and a large support staff," he said. "I was successful in building my team to be considered world class and a big part of my career has been spent problem solving, finding failures' root causes, and communicating with others to implement the best possible solutions."

He said that his skills are now utilized to improve and address current issues within the county government and that improvement has been made in how the commission treats the pubic and works with other entities. He said that if re-elected, he would apply his skills, work ethic and values to make sure all citizens "get the most bang for their buck."

Shahan said that as presiding commissioner, he's learned about not just roads, but many other issues the county is facing and that he has been tasked with serving on multiple boards overseeing state and local programs. He said that he has been engaged in acquiring funding for

the county and also pays attention to any changes in laws that will affect the county.

"If re-elected, I will continue to work just as hard for the county as I have the last three plus years," he said. "There have been many improvements in the road and bridge department by setting goals and creating a path to get there. We have many improvements from acquiring what equipment is needed to building capability in our staffing."

Jeff Gottman, who is married with three children, stated that he has been a deputy for the Adair County Sheriff's Department since 2000, though he began his career in Schuyler County in 1996. He was initially a road deputy until he transferred to the courts and became a bailiff.

"I've drove all the county roads," he said. "I know all the county roads, forward and backward."

He said that he also runs a small cow/calf operation in Adair County with his "boys", something that began with just a few cows and now has grown to where he runs a butcher beef shop that sells butcher beef to the public.

The first question for the presiding commissioner candidates was: "What are your plans for maintaining county roads and, if elected, what are your other priorities?"

Gottman said that as he stated earlier, he has spent plenty of time driving the county roads over the last 20-plus years and that they've gradually become worse.

My plans are to make sure that we get out there and correct the problem," he said. "When people come in and have a say and they come to the office, we need to go check them roads out. We need to see what the problem is and we need to fix that problem."

Gottman said that in his profession, he's learned that everyone's complaint is a valid complaint to them.

"You may not think it is but it's then we need to go check that out," he said. "As the commissioner, you need to go out there and check that to make sure to help them out."

He said commissioners need to make sure county employees have the best equipment and training that they can have and that the roads need to be maintained. He said that it was a priority that the county not leave bridges uninstalled and blocking roads so that people would have to detour around them. He said that it was not only important for the safety of county children, but important the county infrastructure be kept up.

Shahan said Gottman was right about the deterioration of county roads over the years and that the county is being more proactive than it was before he joined the commission. He said that when he first began his term, he found that work orders had just been thrown in the trash when they were done so there was never any follow-up on what projects were completed. He said that he accompanied seven operators to Knox County for training and to show them "what a good road is supposed to look like." He said that they've implemented a software program that has crisis tracking and that they have the personnel to go out and do inspections rather than wait for someone to come in and tell them there's a hole in the road.

"To be more proactive, that is what I want to see," he said. "We've got to set goals for these guys and we've got to give them the tools to get there, too."

He said that he believes the commission has made some progress but sometimes it takes a while to see the results. He said that he believes the commission has fostered a good relationship with their partners in the community and he wanted to continue to make headway there.

The second question asked of the candidates, concerned the renova-

tion of the courthouse, which has been a major project for the current commissioners and has significantly exceeded the proposed cost.

"What is your background in overseeing projects of this magnitude and how can the commissioner's office keep the public informed of priority projects, their costs and timelines?"

Shahan said that having worked at Kraft Foods, he has a lot of experience in project management. He said that when renovating a property, there was often found a lot of things nobody realized was needed done.

"...And then who knew covid was gonna hit," he said. "We're not happy about the project's cost at all. You know, it's way more than what we thought."

thought."

He said that despite the setbacks, they are fixing the courthouse and fixing it up right. He said that transparency and honesty is the best policy and so every time they find something, they get the facts and try to tell public what's going on and keep them informed.

"You know, we're always ready to answer any questions," he said.

Gottman said that he had no background in the multi-million dollar projects like the courthouse renovation.

"I'm just a common person, I run a small farming operation, I don't deal with stuff like that,"" he said. "But I do a pretty good in operating my farm to keep it in cost and then the budget."

He said that commissioners need to inform people, need to be honest with them and need to be upfront.

"We need to put the

to research it and make sure that what we're telling them, that's what it's going to cost," he said. "We don't need to say, this is what it's going to be, then all of a sudden it doubles from what that was just shortly after."

He said that the commissioners could have done more research and that they should have put more information out there. He said that they need to give the public all the information and make sure they're informed as they can be on the projects. He said that the commissioners need to be able to answer the public's questions and if they don't have the answer, do research and find out.

"I've learned that over my experience with stuff, if you're upfront and honest with the people out there, they like that," he said. "That's how people are, they got questions, they want to know the answers. They expect us to have that answer for them because we took this position we're working for the people of Adair County and they're looking to us for that information."

The third question asked of the candidates was: "Can you describe for us what ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds are and how they can be used in Adair County?"

Gottman said that he couldn't explain what an ARPA fund is.

"I'm gonna be honest with you, I have to research it," he said, explaining that he was not a commissioner and he needed to know what the money could be spent on

"So I don't understand

what that is but I can learn and I will go research it," he said. "I'll get it, I'll explain it to the people. I'll find out what it can be used for and I'll use it honestly..."

Shahan said that a year ago this coming July, the county got half of \$4.5 million and that they would get the other half this year. He said that the rules as to how the money could be spent only came out a few months ago and that it was going to be used for for economic loss, revenue loss and that it can be used to help small businesses and daycare, things the commission has looked at. He said that the county is just starting to take requests now and that the Regional Planning Commission is helping to distribute and/or vet the applications.

"We'll handle it much like we did with covid," he said, noting that the county received \$2.9 million then that was distributed for similar uses.

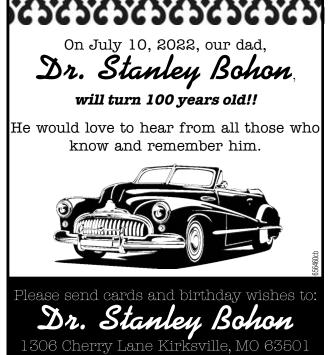
"It's a strenuous process," Shahan said. "I mean, we spent a lot of time on those applications as we will on this. We want to make sure that that money gets spent right."

He said that some will be spent on the courthouse, some on small businesses and some on childcare, but they'll have to see what the applications are for.

"We have to have people come and ask us for money," he said.

He said that they don't want to spend the money just paying rent, that they want to build something that's going to last a long time.





Local History

Part 5 - The Summer of 1829 — The Return of Big Neck

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

The spring of 1829 came with much hope and promise for the six families and one single man who had made their new homes on the Chariton River in the wilderness that was northern Howard County. It would be eleven years before this area would be established as the new County of Adair, but these settlers were unaware of that future. They only wanted their new endeavor to succeed. But, it would not.

In the latter part of June 1829, the settlers watched as Chief Big Neck and his band of sixty to seventy people of the Ioway tribe came down the river in their canoes loaded with men and boys, women and babies, dogs and colorful blankets. They set up camp not far from what Big Neck had dubbed "Cabins of the White Folks," and began fishing and hunting deer, elk, turkey, bear and other wild game. Everything

appeared fine at first. Years later, stories would be told of how Big Neck began to intimidate the settlers to try and get them to leave. One record which should receive credence was told by Cynthia (Myers) Fisher (1823-1892), half-sister of James and John Myers. The Myers brothers were the primary leaders of The Cabins settlement and later had plenty of stories to tell his relatives. Cynthia passed down the terrifying accounts her brothers told about the summer of 1829. These accounts particularly involved James' wife, Thursey, and their children during the second summer they spent at The Cabins.

Cynthia (Myers) Fisher who preserved the accounts of her brothers' experiences at The Cabins

It seems that some of Big Neck's braves, probably upon his orders, began confronting the women of The Cabins to frighten them. One Sunday, Thursey said three braves simply walked into her cabin when her husband was gone. She was having dinner with two of the other settler women and several of their children. Of course, the visitors could barely speak a bit of English. Out of common courtesy, Thursey gestured for them to sit down and join in the meal which they did.



Cynthia (Myers) Fisher who preserved the accounts of her brothers' experiences at The Cabins

After eating, the braves made it known to Thursey and the other women that they wanted the women to cook a whole turkey for them and also wanted the women to give them two of the Myers' horses from the barn out back. Thursey refused both of these requests! Then, the women were told a word they would never forget. The tone in the room changed when the braves savagely yelled "Puckachee!" In their native language, this meant leave or get out! By their body language, the women knew they were being told to pack up and get out while they could. They were also given a deadline. By signs, the women were shown that by the time the sun was straight up the next day, they should be gone!

Then, one of the braves grabbed a young child in the room and with charcoal marked around the child's head indicating they would scalp the whites if they did not go. The men left amid death threats upon the women which were fully understood.

Needless to say, these women were terrified, and soon their husbands and everyone in the settlement knew they were in danger. However, the settlers did not immediately leave and expressed the hope of a peaceful outcome. They were not killed the next day; but, Big Neck's intimidation was not yet over.

Settler Nathan Richardson next reported that three braves came to his cabin and ordered him to "Puckachee!" On a second visit, they stole two of Nathan's horses. A third incident occurred when a

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James Myers and wife, Thursey (Walker), who were among the first settlers in The Cabins of the future Adair County, Missouri. Thursey and her children were relentlessly intimidated by Chief Big Neck.

group of the natives came and camped on Nathan's land by his natural spring which was the prime feature of his property.

Should the settlers go or try to wait it out? They were reluctant to give up their new homes and land, so they waited. But, this was only the beginning of troubles.

(Next time: An Odor in the *Air and Torches by Night)*

TURNING THE PAGE: This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, June 28, 1907

Adair County Sheriff John Curry returned from Jefferson City where he took part in the execution of three convicts-Harry Vaughn, George Ryan, and Ed Raymond. Sheriff Curry was asked to assist. He placed the black hood over the head of Raymond and the noose around his neck. Curry reported that the event was brief. The men were taken from their cells and seven minutes later the trap door opened.

110 Years Ago, June 26, 1912

Reverend Clarence Phend, pastor of a church in Millard, preached a stirring sermon in which he spoke in strong terms of some of the elements in the community. Three young men took offense and decided to "get even." On Saturday night they attacked the reverend and his friend, Mr. Ruddle. Ruddle was attacked first, and Reverend Phend immediately came to his aid. The three young attackers apparently did not reckon on the fighting ability of Reverend Phend, a young husky man of large and powerful build. Phend knocked his first attacker ten feet across the ground and then proceeded on the other two assailants. The three young men were arrested by the Adair County Sheriff. The affair was said to have had a considerable moral effect on the Millard community.

95 Years Ago, June 28, 1927

Construction began on expansion of the Ellis Hospital on East Illinois Street. Dr. R. R. Ellis had recently bought the buildings and four and one-half acres of land that he had been using as a hospital. The property was purchased from Mrs. C. A. Robinson for \$23,000, and the new addition was expected to cost around \$17,000. The addition, including a full basement was to house an operating room, sterilization room, x-ray room, physio-therapy room, and offices. An elevator was to be installed on the east end of the building. Dr. Ellis said that when completed he would have a 40-bed hospital.

90 Years Ago, July 2, 1932

Adair County Sheriff Winslow and deputies raided a residence in Tipperary (now Midland) where



they found an illegal booze operation. The sheriff discovered a 50-gallon barrel of mash in the barn and eight and a half gallons of rye whiskey in the garden. Several pint bottles of whiskey were found buried in the potato patch. Charges of violation of federal liquor laws were filed against the operator. Prohibition did not end in the United States until January 1933 with the passage of the 21st Amendment that repealed the 18th Amendment.

60 Years Ago, June 27, 1962

Charles C. Croup, executive vice president of the Citizens National Bank, announced the purchase of the Palace Bakery at the corner of Marion and McPherson Streets. Plans were to build a one story, brick banking facility with basement, drive up window, and parking lot. The new facility was expected to cost about a quarter of a million including \$63,000 that was paid for the Palace Bakery property. The bakery had been in its location since it was built by the Bondurant family in 1915. The Citizens National Bank had been in its original location on the southeast corner of the Kirksville square for a century. The new facility is present location of the Kirksville Police Department.

30 Years Ago, June 29, 1992

Seven area fire departments responded to a mutual aid call at the Kirksville Livestock Market on Benton Road north of Kirksville. The fire broke out about 3 a.m. and destroyed the entire structure except for the livestock holding area that held about 100 head of cattle that were to be sold at a livestock auction the next day. The cattle were not injured, and the sale scheduled for the next day was cancelled. Owners of the facility announced their intention to rebuild the market facility that was originally built in 1977.

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Agriculture

The benefits of organic agriculture

By Special to The Express

Modern consumers have more choices than ever before. Whether they're buying appliances, books, clothing, or any of the myriad necessities of daily life, consumers have a wealth of products to choose from.

An abundance of options also is available at the grocery store. That's especially true in the produce aisle, where many stores have expanded their fresh fruit and vegetable offerings. That expansion reflects a growing preference among consumers for fresh products, including fresh produce. A 2018 report from the market research firm IRI and the Food Marketing Institute found that sales of fresh foods comprised just under 31 percent of food industry sales in 2017.

Customers who prefer fresh fruits and vegetables to frozen alternatives may wonder if they should be even more selective when purchasing their favorite foods in the produce aisle. That decision may come down



to whether or not to purchase organic produce.

Organic produce can be significantly more expensive than non-organic fruits and vegetables, so it's understandable if budget-conscious consumers cannot afford to go entirely organic. However, it's important that consumers recognize the many ways that organic agriculture is having a positive impact on the health of humans and the planet they call home.

• Organic produce reduces exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. UC Davis Health notes that organic produce has been proven to reduce consumers' exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. That's a significant benefit, as pesticide exposure has been shown

to lead to neurodevelopmental issues and has been linked to higher cancer risk. Consumers shopping on budgets can pick and choose which organic foods they purchase, as UC Davis Health notes that certain foods have been shown to have higher pesticide residues than others. Apples, celery, grapes, spinach, strawberries, and tomatoes have high levels of pesticide residues, so choosing organic versions of these foods may be a wise choice. Avocados, broccoli, cabbage, and cantaloupe are some of the foods that typically have low levels of pesticide residue.

• Organic agriculture reduces environmental degradation. The Organic Trade Association notes that synthetic pesticides and fertilizers used on some conventional farms can deplete the soil of valuable nutrients and increase environmental degradation. Organic farmers do not use such pesticides or fertilizers, instead utilizing such practices as composting, cover cropping and crop rotation, each of which can have positive, long-term effects on soil quality.

• Organic agriculture benefits local wildlife. A 2015 study from researchers in Argentina that was published in the journal Agriculture. Ecosystems & Environment found that small mammals were more abundant around organic farms than conventional farms. That's not just good for those mammals, but also the farmers, as small mammals can feed on insects that would otherwise adversely affect crops.

Many grocery stores are increasing the availability of organic fruits and vegetables. Such foods can benefit human health as well as the health of the planet.

How to involve more young people in agriculture

By Special to The Express

The agricultural industry will undergo exciting changes as it looks to overcome developing challenges in the decades ahead. Technology will continue to play a pivotal role in the agricultural sector, making agriculture an evolving and exciting career path for young professionals.

Much has been made of projections that suggest the world population is increasingly looking to urban areas to call home. Though data from the United Nations indicates urban areas could grow by 2.5 billion people by 2050, more recent UN data indicates that 90 percent of that increase will take place in Asia and Africa. All told, estimates indicate that rural areas will remain home to 3.1 billion people by 2050.

A sizable rural population and the challenges climate change and population growth will present underscores how important the agricultural sector will be in the coming decades. That means there should be plenty of opportunities for young people to make an impact, especially if more efforts are made to encourage them to consider careers in agriculture.

• Encourage agriculture-based curriculum. After recognizing that the majority of Kenyan students had no access to farming training and education, the organization Farm Africa initiated a program to make agriculture more accessible to students. Students who partici-

pated learned about everything from keeping livestock to marketing produce for global markets. Similar programs can be encouraged in developed countries where opportunities in the field of agriculture figure to increase in the years to come.

• Emphasize technological advancements in the field. Modern young people are growing up with technology all around them, but few may be aware of the vital role technology plays in the agricultural sector. Young people's ears may perk up upon hearing terms like "robotics" technologies are now a big part of life on the farm. Recognition of that may compel more young people to pursue careers in agriculture.

• Highlight the challenges ahead and how agricultural professionals can help overcome them. UN projections indicate the global population will grow by more than two billion people by 2050. Finding a way to feed all of those people in the face of climate change will be no small task, but it's a task that will require dedicated agricultural professionals. Educators and parents can emphasize these challenges when speaking to young people about a career in the agricultural sector, noting that such careers will present real opportunities to make a difference.

Young people looking for rewarding careers in an exciting, ever-evolving field can be encouraged to consider the agricultural sector.



Explaining granges and how they affect rural residents

By Special to The Express

Local granges serve as a center of rural life in many agricultural communities. People who live outside such communities may be unfamiliar with granges, including what they are.

The most basic definition of a grange is an outlying farm or land with a manor building on the property. When first developed in 12th century Britain, granges were properties that may have been owned by a lord, who chose to live on the property or leased it to others. Other granges were held by the church, mainly by monasteries.

The grange definition and system was modified when the concept was brought to North America. After the Civil War in the United States, Oliver Kelley, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, realized

while touring the region that poor farmers in the South bore the brunt of the war's devastation. Kelley noted outdated farming practices that were disorganized and largely ineffectual. He considered an organization that could bring farmers together across the country with a spirit of mutual agricultural cooperation.

Out of this idea the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (also called The Grange) was established as a nonprofit organization in 1867. The goal was helping rural American families with a strong emphasis on issues related to agriculture. The first grange (Grange #1) was founded in 1868 in Fredonia, New York. Other granges soon sprung up across the country.

The organization operates on four tiers: community, county or district, state, and nation-

al level. It is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope. Head-quartered in Washington, D.C., it has membership in the hundreds of thousands. According to The Grange, their mission is to "strengthen individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness."

In addition to agricultural advocacy, The Grange has been involved with a number of legislative and practical initiatives. For example, it currently is aiming to

find ways to reduce the cost of Medicare as well as helping to reform the U.S. Postal Service. It also is advocating for open auctions of spectrum frequencies used for wireless technology to provide greater access to high-speed wireless technology to rural areas. Various Grange halls and centers are located across the country, and these facilities host events and provide gathering spots for families.

Tracing their origins to 12th century Britain, granges remain a central component of agricultural life in the 21st century.

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"I am also famous for my bourbon chocolate pecan pie that everybody knows about at various fundraisers," he said. "And so that is why I'm continuing to pursue this position. It is my life. It's all I know. I am an advocate for crime victims and for holding criminals accountable. You can see that from my record and from my experience."

Andrew Boster, who works in the Adair County Prosecutor's Office that Goring oversees, said he was the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney.

"I was born into a large family in Eastern Oregon, where I learned the skill of hard work — that is a skill," he said. "I learned that through physical labor that's involved; bucking hay, changing hand lines, weeding fields and things of that nature."

Boster said that he spent two years in Moscow, Russia as part of his church service, where he learned to communicate with patience and compassion as he has had to work with people in all stages of life, backgrounds and lifestyles. He said that while serving there, he was also subjected to "baseless instances" of harassment and physical assault.

"I empathize greatly with crime victims," he said. "Living abroad also gave me a newfound appreciation for the blessings of liberty and freedom afforded to us by the United States Constitution. The rights we have here are worth living and dying for."

Boster said that over the last several years, he's worked as an assistant prosecutor in Adair County and appointed prosecutor of Knox County. He said that he has filed and prosecuted over 6,000 cases, conducted nearly 100 preliminary hearings, presented cases before grand juries and accumulated roughly 750 hours of courtroom experience.

"I worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of this community," he said. "I work tirelessly to ensure the cases are filed timely and effectively, not only in Adair County, but in Knox County as well."

Boster said he lives here with his wife and five children.

The first question asked of the candidates was: "What changes do you feel need to be made or retained in the current operation of the prosecuting attorney's office to uphold the law and keep citizens safe?"

Goring said that with the appointment of his predecessor to be circuit court judge and his appointment as prosecuting attorney, there's an opening in the office that they're currently trying to fill with a third attorney. He said that he would also request in the upcoming budget year for an investigator/victim's advocate in the office. He said that there's times where he and Boster are doing a lot of their own work and follow ups because local law enforcement doesn't have the time to do follow-ups while they're trying to prepare for trial.

"Having an investigator and a victim advocate takes a little bit of that

caseload, that workload from us so that we're able to to continue doing what we need to be doing and focusing on getting the cases filed, the cases prosecuted and preparing for the jury trials," he said. "Also, to keep citizens safe, continue working with the law enforcement agencies and helping educate them on when it's time to have somebody remain in custody pretrial, that you have to follow the statutes and the Supreme Court rules of criminal procedure, for that we have to show that they are a threat to public safety and/or a flight risk."

Boster said that on a basic level, it comes down to recognizing the basic principles of the prosecutor's office and prosecutors responsibility.

"We swear an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Missouri," he said. "In order to do that, number one, cases have to be prosecuted. They have to be filed. If cases aren't filed, people aren't held accountable."

Boster said that as a victim of crime in a foreign country, he understands the frustration of victims who feel they have no recourse, that they're not being heard and that their cases are not being prosecuted.

"One of the greatest ways to encourage crime in your county is by letting those cases languish in our office and failing to get them filed timely and appropriately," Boster said. "This not only encourages defendants to keep reoffending, but it also discourages victims from reporting crimes to law enforcement."

Nolan said that vacant positions in the prosecutor's office needed to be filled and that the backlog in filing cases needs to be looked at and adjustments need to be made. He said that his background, and one of the things that has made him successful, is his experience in "optimizing processes", which he did in previous businesses he owned.

The main thing that needed to be changed, he said, was the lack of communication in the prosecuting attorney's office, a charge that has been echoed by many residents throughout the county.

"Right now, people don't know what is happening," he said. "They don't know what's happening in our courthouse. They don't know what's happening in our prosecutor's office. People aren't aware of what is going on. Communication is critical. We're lawyers, we are paid professional communicators. That's what we do. We communicate with the judge. We might do it in writing through a brief, we might do an oral argument. We communicate with the public. We communicate with the jury. These are the things that we have to do and it's

what has to change."

He said that while critics have complained about the county's "catch and release" policies, nobody from the prosecutor's office or the judiciary has informed the public that the fix for that situation is up to state legislators and state senators to pass laws that will allow the county to arrest and hold suspects.

arrest and hold suspects. "That's how we fix that," Nolan said.

Boster said that an understanding of the history of what's been going on in Adair County that created a backlog was necessary. He said that he has handled the misdemeanor docket in Adair County and in 2019, the fine collection center went away from Jefferson City that effectively sent a multitude of new cases to Adair County.

"So cases have increased in that way and that created sort of a backlog," he said. "Those cases have been filed, I've taken care of those cases in 2020."

He said that the pandemic also exacerbated the situation with juries being unable to meet in courtrooms, which created a backlog that Boster said he had now resolved.

Boster said that when he first started, cases on the docket were roughly between 40 and 60 cases. During the height of the pandemic, they were well over 200 and now they're down to roughly 70 to 90 cases. Another reason for increased docket sizes, he said, was that new, young officers with good investigative skills were referring charges to the prosecutor's office.

Nolan said that there were a high number of cases stuck in the system but not all them are occurring cases or new cases.

"There are a lot of cases that are called back and they're checking on how people are doing on probation, have they paid their fees, have they done what they're supposed to do and and that happens as a matter of courts as well. That is a part of the numbers and those are cases that have been handled."

been handled."

He said that the idea that the backlog might mean cases not filed wasn't correct, that cas-

es are being filed. What has to be done to move them along and streamline the process, he said, demanded that the prosecutor's office work with the court to streamline those activities.

"There isn't a solid easy answer," he said. "If there was, it would have been done already."

What can be done, he said, is trying to move some cases around and maybe adjust docket times so people can get in and out. He suggested adjusting hearing times so that they're not having contested hearings at the same time they're holding initial appearances or case reviews.

"So bringing cases of prosecution means looking at them with a critical eye," he said. "Is the case ready to bring across? if there is missing information the prosecutor doesn't have, that's not ready to take up the court's time. That's when you use the investigators, use law enforcement to get the information you need rather than keeping somebody hanging in the breeze."

Explaining the backlog, Goring said that the department had a large number of cases that were pending trial and open cases before the pandemic hit. He said that when the pandemic hit, they were unable to do most anything and that while some cases were resolved with pleas, the courts didn't have a place to hold jury trials that was safe from pandemic issues. He said that defense attorney's took advantage of the pandemic knowing there was no need for them to rush to get cases resolved. He said that the renovation of the courthouse even further complicated the problem of

holding jury trials.

When former prosecutor Matt Wilson was appointed circuit court judge and Goring stepped in as prosecutor, all the cases Wilson had worked on were assigned to other judges, adding more to the backlog. He said that since they've found a location to accommodate jury trials, it was time to get the cases resolved or hold trials.

"Now its time for him to plead or go to trial," Goring said. "And we're going to get these cases done and the backlog diminished within nine to 12 months.

The final question asked of the panelists was: "Do you have any issues you feel are a priority that you have not already addressed this evening? If so, what are they and what is your plan?"

Nolan said that the office had great programs serving veterans and drug users and that they needed to continue to develop and improve them.

"We also have a need for a veteran's court," he said. "Right now, when we have veterans that have legal issues that would qualify for Veteran's Treatment Court, if we can get them in, if we can get them down to Boone County, we have to ship them to Boone County."

He said that the previous prosecutor was good about working with defendants to do that but that wasn't possible for every client.

"What we need to do is we need to stop sending our veterans to Boone County," Nolan said. "We established a Veteran's Treatment Court here in Adair County that could serve Northeast Missouri, and Adair County is the appropriate place for that."

Nolan said that there is judicial funding available and the the VA is more than willing to step up and

work to make it happen.

"We have a need and we also have a promise and an obligation," he said.

"When we sent these men and women off into combat, we told them we're going to take care of them when they came back."

He said that most issues with veteran that would qualify them were non-violent and drug-related. Most are related to injuries suffered in service and in combat.

"We told them we're going to take care of them and we haven't," he said. "We're not making that available. We have a veteran's clinic here in Kirksville. We have ample mental health, we have ample drug treatment. We have the ability to restore those honorable veterans back to their normal status within our community, back to being fine, upstanding citizens. And by God we need to do that."

Goring said that he agreed with Nolan but that in 11 years he's worked in the prosecutor's office, there have been less than five veterans that qualified and less than 10 veteran offenders in Adair County that are on probation or parole, none of whom have substance abuse issues, he said.

"Anytime that we've had a veteran become a criminal offender in our county, we've worked with them and it's been a very small number," Goring said.

He said that the when the office deals with veterans that have become part of the criminal justice system, they've always worked to have their cases resolved in a favorable manner to the veteran.

"The other issue that I wanted to address is that I think the public needs to understand is the prosecutor's office is not all powerful," Goring said. "We do not have a magic wand to solve every situation. We are just one link in the chain."

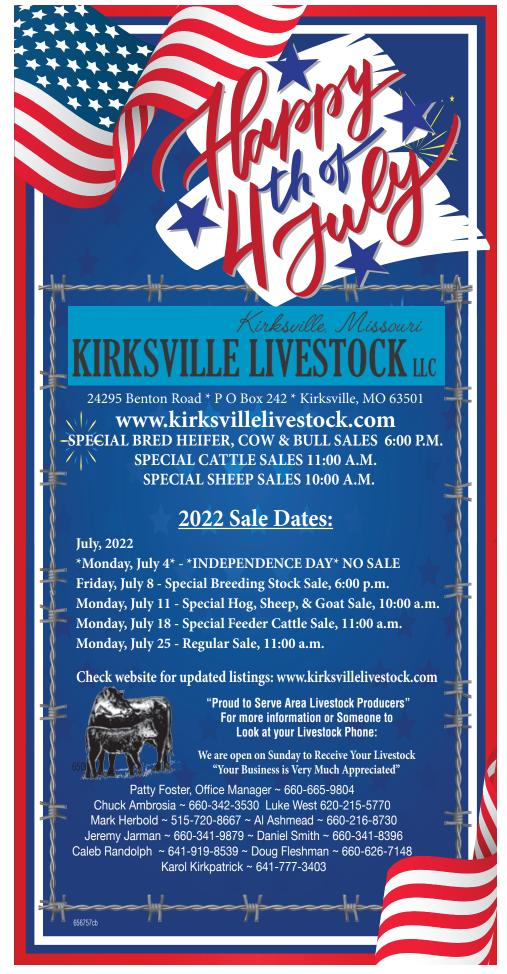
He said that when people complain about how a person got off with a lighter sentence than expected, they need to realize that it is the judge who has final say on a case disposition.

"I have argued and argued and argued for somebody to go to prison and they've gotten probation," Goring said.

Boster said having spoke with residents of Adair County, some have concerns the county is turning into a "catch and release" facilitator, others that cases are referred with no charges being filed, and a third was concern over an increase in crime. He said that the increase in crime was not entirely accurate and offered that the moderately increased case count was attributable to a more "gung-ho" law enforcement presence that was "doing a good job" in referring charges to the prosecutor's office.

As to the catch and release charge, he said that the prosecutor's office has a responsibility to convey to the judge exactly why a person should or should not remain in custody.

"Primarily, the ability to convey that message to the judge lies with the prosecutors, and we have to take that seriously," he said. "But ultimately, whether or not a person gets released is up to the judge."



News

Official: Upgrades urged at Amtrak crash site, but no action

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MENDON, Mo. — The chief elected official in the Missouri county where an Amtrak train slammed into a dump truck said Tuesday that residents and county leaders have been pushing for a safety upgrade at the railroad crossing for nearly three years. Meanwhile, the toll from the accident rose to four deaths and 150 injuries.

A day after the deadly crash on Monday, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said people were taken to 10 hospitals with injuries ranging from minor to serious. By Tuesday afternoon, at least 15 people remained hospitalized. The dead three passengers and the truck driver — have not been identified.

Amtrak's Southwest Chief was traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago when it struck the rear of the truck. Two locomotives and eight cars derailed. Amtrak officials said about 275 passengers and 12 crew members were aboard.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer L. Homendy said at a news conference that the truck was owned by MS Contracting of Brookfield, Missouri, and was transporting material to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project nearby.

Homendy said investigators will download recorder information to determine the speed of the train, when the horn was blown and if the emergency brake was

of that information could the federal government be released as early as Wednesday. The speed limit at the crossing is 90 mph (145 kph).

The crossing in a rural area near Mendon in western Missouri has no lights or other signals to warn of an approaching train.

Chariton County Presiding Commissioner Evan Emmerich said in an email to The Associated Press that resident Mike Spencer first brought his concerns about the crossing to a Dec. 2, 2019, commission meeting. He was told to contact the Missouri Department of Transportation's Railroad Safety division. A week later, commissioners spoke with officials from the state agency and were told "it is on their plans to repair," Emmerich said.

After that, Emmerich cited other efforts by the commission. They included a March 2021 meeting with a state Railroad Safety division engineer at the crossing site: an email sent to the Railroad Safety division on May 23 to address concerns about visibility at the crossing; and a May 31 call to BNSF Railway, which owns the track, "to express our concerns with the visibility issue" at the crossing.

In January, the Missouri Department of Transportation submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration its "State Freight & Rail Plan" plan. It included a proposal to install lights and gates, along with roadway improvements. The project was estimatwould pay 80% and the county 20%.

MoDOT spokeswoman Linda Horn said that with limited funds available, "it takes a while to get these prioritized." She said the project has received approval in a four-year plan that runs through fiscal year 2026.

BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent declined comment on "specific conversations" about upgrades to the crossing, citing the NTSB investigation, "however, I can tell you that BNSF has a proactive vegetation management program across our network," she said.

Spencer told The Associated Press that he is among several people who have complained that the overgrowth of brush and the steep incline from the road to the tracks makes it hard to see oncoming trains from either direction. Spencer, who grows corn and soybeans on land surrounding the intersection, said the crossing is especially dangerous for those driving heavy, slow farm equipment.

Spencer is on the board of a local levee district. He said the dump truck driver was hauling rock for a levee on a local creek, a project that had been ongoing for a couple of days.

Earlier this month, Spencer posted a video on Facebook of the crossing that shows the steep gravel incline leading up to it.

"We have to cross this with farm equipment to get to several of our fields," Spencer wrote with the posting. "We



Law enforcement personnel inspect the scene of an Amtrak train which derailed after striking a dump truck Monday, June 27, 2022, near Mendon, Mo. AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL

several years about fixing the approach by building the road up, putting in signals, signal lights or just cutting the brush back."

Homendy said "passive" crossings like the one near Mendon make up about half of all crossings in the U.S. She said there are 130,000 passive crossings nationwide and 3.500 in Missouri.

The NTSB has for years recommended actions such as closing passive crossings or adding gates, bells and other upgrades at passive crossings, Homendy said. She said the agency also has recommended technology to alert drivers to the presence of an oncoming train at crossings such as the one at Mendon that are on an incline.

"Lives could be saved,"

she said. Kyle Bullard, a 21-year-old student at Lindenwood University in suburban St. Louis, was traveling from a friend's home in Kansas City, Missouri, to Kalamazoo, Michigan, for a wedding. He fell 10 feet onto his back when his cab tipped over.

Bullard and his friend escaped and returned to help others out of the train, but he said he's still bothered by the image of a woman buried in rubble. He said someone was holding her hand, and he realized he couldn't do anything to help her.

"We were grateful because we made it out alive, but we're also sad because some people didn't. We're sorry for those families," Bullard said. "Yeah, I survived the train crash and I helped people, but it's like, I did also see someone die. So it's just like, it is what it is. And I'm gonna have to move on from it. But it's just gonna be always in the back of my head."

The incident in Missouri was among three fatal Amtrak accidents since Sunday.

Three people in a car were killed Sunday afternoon when an Amtrak commuter train smashed into it in Northern California, authorities said.

Also, on Monday in Detroit, two people died when their vehicle collided with an Amtrak train. Police Chief James White said officers were dispersing drag racers and one vehicle sped away and tried to beat the train.

People have been injured or killed in at least six other accidents involving Amtrak trains since 2015. Last year, three people died and others were injured when an Amtrak derailed in north-central Montana as it traveled from Chicago to Seattle.

Amtrak is a federally supported company that operates more than 300 passenger trains daily in nearly every contiguous U.S. state and parts of Canada. The Southwest Chief takes about two days to travel from Los Angeles to Chicago, picking up passengers at stops in between.

Ballentine reported from Columbia, Missouri, Associated Press reporters Margaret Stafford in Kansas City, Missouri, and Jim Salter in O'Fallon, Missouri, contributed to this report.





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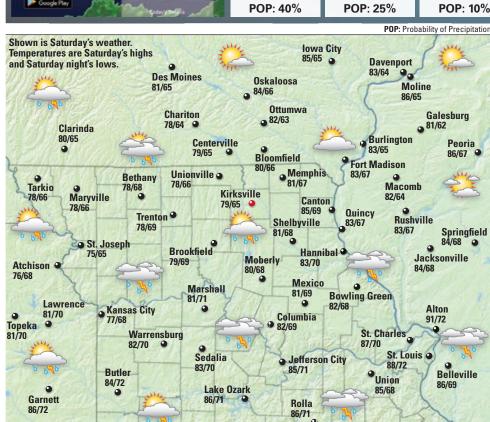
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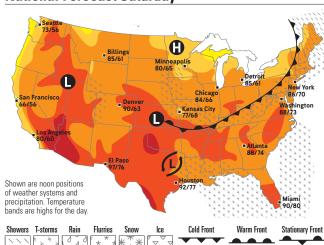
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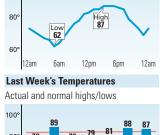
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Young mother careening through stressful life

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DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter, "Crystal," has a toxic relationship with her mother. Both have battled alcoholism. The mother did some extreme damage that has ended the possibility of Crystal regaining custody of her 6-year-old son. My husband and I hired a lawver to help her fight for her rights, and we have brought her to our home twice. The last time was right out of the hospital after she nearly killed herself with alcohol poisoning.

Fast-forward: Crystal is trying to mend her relationship with her mother, and now we have become second fiddle. What used to be a daily phone conversation happens now only when I call. When we try to visit them, they make excuses, and they have visited us only twice in the last six months. Her latest plan is to stay overnight with us and spend the following day with her mom.

We are swallowing our pride so we can see our 6-month-old granddaughter, but our feelings are so hurt. Please help me take the high road. Do we talk to her or just feel crushed? -- WOUNDED IN MICH-**IGAN**

DEAR WOUNDED: Your troubled stepdaughter is trying to mend fences with her mother. Try not to take personally that she has tunnel vision right now. I do not think you should address this with her at this time.



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Let more time elapse, and if her distancing continues, talk to her about it then.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in southern Florida. My problem is our children, grandchildren and their spouses. When they come to visit, they only eat certain foods and need "healthy this" and "healthy that." I feel like we're being used as a hotel and restaurant. I want to see them, but it is becoming exhausting. What should I do? --ROLLING BACK THE

WELCOME MAT DEAR ROLLING: Roll back that welcome mat. Talk to your children, grandchildren and their spouses. They may not realize the extent to which they have been imposing on you. Tell them that if they have special dietary requirements, they should buy their own foods, and you will make room in the refrigerator to accommodate them. If their presence in your home is becoming too

of affordable hotels or rentals in the area they might consider.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 91-year-old, 4-foot-8 woman who still drives and goes alone to shop and conduct business. My problem is I am frequently approached by strangers who want to "help" me. This frightens me because I cannot defend myself. While someone holding a door open for me is appreciated, I have no way to identify a purse snatcher who may intend to knock me down. How can I communicate that I'm capable of caring for myself without offending the person? GREAT-GRAND-MOTHER IN THE MID-

WEST D \mathbf{E} A R GREAT-GRAND-MOTHER: You are not the only senior who has expressed these feelings. Look the person in the eye and say firmly, "I know you mean well and thank you, but NO THANK YOU. I prefer to do this myself."

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News of the weird

Smooth Reaction

A woman who was allegedly being held hostage in the Bronx, New York, used a food ordering app to plea for help on June 19, CNN reported. The unnamed woman, 24, had met a man online and agreed to meet him, but, she said, he assaulted and raped her. He took away her phone, but she asked if she could use it to order food. On her Grubhub order, she added a note: "please call the police ... please don't make it obvious." The restaurant, Chipper Truck Cafe in Yonkers, alerted police, who responded about an hour later and arrested Kemoy Royal, 32. He was held on \$25,000 cash bail and faces charges in another assault that took place four days earlier. Grubhub offered \$5,000 to the restaurant owner to "invest in her business as our way of recognizing her and (her family) for their quick thinking." Alice Bermeio, one of the owners, said, "We're just grateful that the girl is OK. That is the most important thing."

The Tech Revolution

Amazon announced at its Re:Mars event on June 22 that its virtual assistant Alexa will soon be able to mimic the voices of specific people -- even dead people, the Associated Press reported. Rohit Prasad, senior vice president and head scientist for Alexa, said the feature would help build trust in Alexa, which has become "even more important during the ongoing pandemic, when so many of us have lost ones that we love. While AI can't eliminate the pain of that loss, it can definitely make their memories last." Just a minute, I have to ask HAL what he thinks.

Oops

KXLY-TV reported on June 21 that a family in Spirit Lake, Idaho, has been

left without a roof for three weeks after a contractor mistakenly tore the roof off their home. Jessica Hotvedt, the homeowner, said the contractor covered the house with a tarp and left a letter saying there had been a miscommunication and the crew had been sent to the wrong address. But now, no one will take the blame. The roofing company said their insurance would handle it; that company has denied the family's claims. In the meantime, rainy weather has caused mold and mildew inside the home, along with damage to floors, drywall and carpeting. Bids to reinstall the metal roof are coming in at over \$70,000. The family has contacted the state's attorney general and the Better Business Bureau and is seeking legal counsel. "It was a very costly mistake and it should have been fixed," Hotvedt said.

Most Helpful Criminal

Jeremiah James Taylor, 33, broke into a Park County (Colorado) Sheriff's substation on June 20 near Lake George and took off in a marked patrol car, USA Today reported. But you can't really completely hold that against him, because at 3:27 a.m., when a call for domestic violence in progress was broadcast over the police radio system in nearby Teller County, Taylor was the first to arrive at the home in Florissant, siren blaring. The unfamiliar "Park County sheriff" appeared intoxicated and the car was damaged, and when Teller County deputies asked Taylor to turn off the car and step out, he sped away, later crashing into the woods after a high-speed chase and attempting to flee on foot. Finally, Taylor was arrested and charged with four felony counts, including impersonating a police officer.

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Sports

Huse working through 1st offseason at **Putnam County**

By Adam Tumino Daily Express

When the 2022 football season gets underway, Putnam County will be playing for a new head coach.

Adam Huse was hired in February to take over leadership of the Midgets following a fiveyear stint at Marshall High School, which was his first head coaching job after 10 years as an assistant at Hillcrest High School in Springfield.

Huse said that he believes he is walking into a program that is in a good place and is ready to compete, and that having head coaching experience this time around has been beneficial.

"I think it's easier the second time, because you understand and you know what's going to happen," Huse said. "I'm definitely walking into a better situation than the one that I walked into at Marshall. There was a lot of rebuild that had to happen there, which here there's not nearly as much of that rebuild that has to happen. It's just a little bit of fine-tuning and focusing on stuff."

Huse took over at Marshall following an 0-10 season in 2016. His record there was 9-40, but he was able to improve the team's scoring de-



Putnam County head football coach Adam Huse address his players on the field before a workout on the morning of June 29. Huse was hired in February as Putnam County's new head coach after five seasons as the head coach at Marshall High School. ADAM TUMINO/DAILY EXPRESS

fense each season. Marshall allowed 48.3 points per game in 2016, a number that dropped by nearly five points in Huse's first season and was down to 27.8 points per game last year.

Putnam County is coming off a 3-7 2021 season and 2-7 2020 campaign, allowing 33.3 and 35.2 points per game in

those seasons respectively.

It is still early when it comes to offseason preparations this summer, but Huse said that he has been pleased with the players' response and commitment so far in his first season.

"So far they've been really good," he said. "Our numbers have been pretty good. We probably average about 30 kids that are showing up at 6 a.m. to lift, which is really, really good I think. If you get everybody here who has shown up at least one day we'd be right around 40, so I think we'll be in that mid-40 range whenever it comes time to actually get started and get going."

Huse said he has also been happy with the players' willingness to work on learning new offensive and defensive systems with the coaching change.

"I love the effort that they've put in and the amount of time that they do," Huse said. "They're willing to learn a new offense and some new defensive stuff. Just the willingness to learn and show up has been really, really impressive to me."

So far this summer, the team has had a chance to go over

parts of the run offense in practices and has also put in some seven-on-seven work as well. Huse said that the team has done a solid job in picking up what they need to.

"They seem to be doing a really good job of getting the little nuances of it and figuring out how it works and how it goes," he said.

Things will start picking up the week of July 11, which is when Putnam County will begin its football camp.

Huse said that he wants to get everything put into place during camp so that when the players return to school in August, they will be ready for the start of the season.

"Our goal is to get basically the entire offense installed, so that way when we come back in August it's just a refreshing of it," he said. "That's the hope, that we get the entire thing installed, we give them a good understanding of what we're going to be, what we're going to do. The kids have a really good understanding of how practices are going to run, so that when we come back we can just flow right into it."



Putnam County head football coach Adam Huse (left) calls his players over to the endzone prior to a workout on the morning of June 29. ADAM TUMINO/DAILY EXPRESS

Column: As a Cubs fan, I am forced to be jealous of Cardinals fans

By Adam Tumino

Daily Express

Summer is supposed to be fun, and baseball season is supposed to play a major role in the enjoyment of these hottest months of the year. But if, like me, you are a Chicago Cubs fan, you may be ready for winter.

The Cubs have been massively disappointing lately, especially this season. But perhaps the worst part for me, a Cubs fan, is that I now live in what largely seems to be Cardinals country, and I have to be reminded daily that my favorite team's biggest rival does not bring their fans nearly as much misery.

The Cubs have the fifthworst winning percentage in baseball so far this season with a 29-46 record as of June 29. The four teams with worst records with the Cubs are the Reds, Nationals, Royals and Athletics, not teams that are generally considered powerhouses as of late.

The Cardinals are not really among the league's top teams this season with a record of 43-35 and second-place spot in the NL Central, but that puts them 12.5 games up on their lowly rivals. The Cubs are just 2.5 games up on the lastplace Reds.

Why are the Cubs so bad right now? Up until a couple years ago, the Cubs were one of the best teams in baseball over a stretch of four of five seasons. But they have not been able to create a period of sustained success like the Cardinals.

St. Louis has had only one losing season in the 21st Century, a 78-84 season in 2007. The Cubs have had 10 such seasons in that same span, and have had six losing seasons since 2007. That is excluding the season, in which the Cubs will almost certainly finish below .500.

The Cardinals have been able to be competitive almost every season while the Cubs go back-and-forth between stretches of good baseball and hard-to-watch

rebuilds. But why are the Cubs rebuilding again? They need to spend money and try to win each and every season. There are a few exceptions, but if you want to be a winning team, you need to spend money on payroll. The Cubs are not doing that.

It is not like the money is not there. The Cubs are an incredibly marketable team in one of the largest markets in the country, and on top of that, now have their own cable channel in Marquee Sports Network.

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts said that the addition of Marquee would allow the Cubs to spend more money in free agency and field a competitive team. Their payroll in 2019, the season before Marquee was unveiled, was approximately \$214 million. This season it is a shade under \$150 million,

which is right around the

league average. A large portion of that payroll is going to outfielder Jason Heyward, who in one season with the Cardinals posted a WAR of 6.9. Now in his seventh season with the Cubs, he has posted a combined WAR of 8.8 in that time.

The Cardinals are not outspending the Cubs by much this season, but have once again proven that they are capable of winning with a mix of veterans, prime free agents and younger home-grown players.

There is one major difference between the Cubs and Cardinals that can explain the Cardinals success and the Cubs inconsistency. The Cardinals are committed to winning. The Cubs are not.

Until the Cubs decide that they want to be on the same level as the Cardinals, I need to find something else to watch on my summer after-



Kansas State guard Nijel Pack (24) shoots next to West Virginia forward Isaiah Cottrell during an NCAA college basketball game in Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 14, 2022. AP PHOTO/REED HOFFMANN, FILE

One year into NIL era, fresh questions about its future

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first year of the athlete compensation era in college sports evolved into almost everything the NCAA didn't want when it gave the green light last summer.

What was envisioned as a way for college athletes to make some pocket money based on their celebrity has

turned into bidding wars for top recruits and transfers who can command millions for their services. State laws have been passed or overturned and funding in some cases is coming from deep-pocketed donors and alumni who have waded into the recruiting wars.

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Sports

P source: Kevin Durant asks for trade from Brooklyn Nets

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Durant has requested a trade from the Brooklyn Nets, according to a person with direct knowledge of the seismic decision that undoubtedly will have teams scrambling to put together enormous offers for the perennial All-Star.

The Nets have been working with Durant to find a trade partner, and he has multiple teams on his preferred list, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because neither the player nor Brooklyn revealed any details publicly.

ESPN first reported Durant's trade request. citing Phoenix and Miami as two of his preferred destinations.

Durant is a 12-time All-Star, four-time scoring champion, three-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time NBA champion. He also has four years and nearly \$200 million remaining on his contract, which means that it may take a haul of players, draft picks or possibly both for a team to acquire him.

Durant spent three seasons with Brooklyn, not playing in the first of those years while he recovered from a torn Achilles. He averaged 29.9 points in 55 games last season, after leading the U.S. to Olympic gold at the Tokyo Games last summer.

The news on Durant came three days after Kvrie Irving decided to exercise his \$37 million option to remain with Brooklyn this coming season.



Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Durant is shown during the first half of an NBA game against the Pacers at the Barclays Center, Apr. 10, 2022, in New York. AP PHOTO/SETH WENIG, FILE

Hornets forward Miles Bridges arrested on eve of free agency

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charlotte Hornets forward Miles Bridges was arrested in California on the eve of NBA free agency after a warrant was issued, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

LAPD spokeswoman Lizeth Lomeli confirmed that Bridges was arrested on Wednesday but did not release details on the charges. TMZ reported that Bridges is facing felony domestic violence charges.

The Hornets said in a statement they "are aware of the situation involving Miles Bridges. We are in the process of gathering additional information. We will have no further comment at this time."

Paul, has not immediately returned phone calls left by The Associated

Bridges, the Hornets' leading scorer last season, is set to become a restricted free agent and could command a max contract in the coming weeks. His arrest comes on the eve of NBA free agency, which begins

Bridges' agent, Rich Thursday night with rapper who goes by the teams able to speak with free agents.

> The 24-year-old Bridges averaged career highs with 20.2 points and seven rebounds in what amounted to a breakout season for the four-year NBA veteran while playing alongside All-Star point guard LaMelo Ball.

Bridges, who played at Michigan State, also is a name RTB MB.

The Hornets extended Bridges a qualifying offer on Tuesday, which allows them a chance to match any offer sheet made by another team.

"As an organization we love Miles," Hornets general manager Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday. "We are going to bring him back. He has been great for the franchise and I believe, with his work ethic, he's only going to get better."

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound Bridges said after the season he wanted to return to the Hornets, but he recently changed his Twitter bio from "forward for the Charlotte Hornets" to "It's me," adding some intrigue to the situation.

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The current frenzy has given rise to serious concerns about recruiting practices and competitive balance and, in turn, questions about where NIL compensation short for name, image and likeness — goes from here. Will Congress get involved? Will schools take on a primary role?

"The way this money situation is exploding on schools, they're going to compete themselves into the ground," University of Illinois labor law professor Michael LeRoy said. "They can't all win under these rules."

Some would say there are no rules, or that rules set up by the NCAA and in state laws have no teeth and are treated more like suggestions.

"When you see Nick Saban losing his cool over recruiting, it's a sure sign that damage is being done at the highest levels of NCAA athletic competition," Le-Roy said, referring to t he Alabama football coach's comments in May alleging Texas A&M "bought every player on their team."

The NCAA interim NIL policy says there is to be no pay for play, no recruiting inducements and that athletes must provide a service in exchange for pay. With the schools themselves left out of the loop in the wheeling and dealing, so-called booster collectives sprung up to provide earning opportunities — and, critics say,

recruiting enticements. Basketball player Nijel Pack made one of the first big splashes in April. When his transfer from Kansas State to Miami was announced, it was made public he would get

a two-year, \$800,000 deal with a medical tech company that came with a car. Pack already is featured in an advertisement.

There have been media reports of football and basketball recruits and transfers being promised millions of dollars in NIL deals — all against the rules because they haven't enrolled.

The NCAA Division I Board of Governors in May warned that enforcement staff would investigate and take action against the most "outrageous violations." with the schools being penalized for boosters' improper conduct.

Dionne Koller, a professor and director of the Center for Sport and the Law at the University of Baltimore law school, said she's not surprised how NIL has unfolded. The market, she said, was at a boiling point.

"Because we now let the genie out of the bottle," she said, "this is

what's happening." Short of congressional action to sort out NIL issues, some wonder if athletes will be declared employees of their schools and have NIL issues addressed through collective bargaining.

Proponents say their position is strengthened by last fall's memorandum from National Labor Relations Board general counsel Jennifer Abruzzo, who wrote college athletes fit the definition of "employees" under fed-

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Koller said she agrees there is a strong legal basis for calling athletes employees.

"Whether we actually get to the point of collective bargaining, I'm still in wait-and-see mode because this is something that can be changed by statute," she said. "The NLR Act can be amended to say college athletes can't be considered employees. Whether Congress would do that, that's a political question and something we have to keep in mind."

LeRoy said there is nothing to prevent public schools from adopting collective bargaining or Congress from passing an industry-specific collective bargaining law, just as it did in 1926 with railroads and in 1936 with airlines.

Marc Edelman, a law professor at Baruch College in New York, said Abruzzo's memo set the stage for unionization. The NCAA, on the losing end of court cases in antitrust lawsuits, has long opposed unionization and its newly redrawn constitution makes clear athletes cannot be paid by their schools for playing sports.

To be determined would be whether only athletes in revenue-producing sports would be included. There also would be Title IX implications with regard to how men's and women's

interests are addressed.

LeRoy, who wrote the 2014 book "Collective Bargaining in Sports and Entertainment: Professional Skills and Business Strategies," said now that athletes can make NIL money maintaining a semblance of competitive balance should be the impetus for unionization.

Without it, LeRoy said, the five to 10 most wellheeled programs will sign elite, money-motivated recruits and further separate themselves from other programs.

"No league can win when you don't have some kind of competitive balance in your rule system," he said. "Rule No. 1 for a league is have anti-competitive rules in order to be competitive. That's to say, they have to put restraints on a labor market in order to spread talent around and to make the league interesting from a fan standpoint.

"The way this is rapidly evolving, it's going to accentuate the difference between the haves and the have-nots. I personally don't see 65 Power Five teams hanging together in the same grouping un-

der this current system." That topic is among the many under discussion as the NCAA's three divisions restructure themselves, a process that picked up momentum last year.

LeRoy envisions the conferences as the "employers," or "management," in collective bargaining and key areas of negotiation being revenue sharing, a salary cap and creative ways to deal with NIL. He offered a couple possibilities: backloaded NIL agreements requiring athletes to stay at a school three or four years before they collect their money, or setting an annual per-team limit on NIL earnings.

Tom McMillen, president and CEO of the LEAD1 Association, which represents top-tier athletic directors, suggests a less radical approach. He said athletic departments should oversee NIL activities to ensure compliance.

McMillen said expanded group licensing involving the schools and all athletes would more equitably distribute NIL money. Because schools that receive federal aid must comply with Title IX, male and female athletes would have equal opportunities to cash in.







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Sports

COVID-19 at Wimbledon: 3 top-20 men out after positive tests

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — Reigning Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic famously decided not to get vaccinated against COVID-19 — which prevented him from playing at the Australian Open in January following a legal saga that ended with his deportation from that country, and, as things currently stand, will prevent him from entering the United States to compete at the U.S. Open in August.

More than two years after the pandemic began, coronavirus cases are on the rise around the world lately, due mostly to certain variants, and the health — and vaccination status - of individual athletes is once again a key issue. At Wimbledon, where the All England Club is following British government guidance that requires neither shots nor testing, three of the top 20 seeded men have withdrawn over the first four days of action because they got COVID-19, with No. 17 Roberto Bautista Agut pulling out Thursday.

That's raised the specter of an outbreak among players at the Grand Slam tournament, where there essentially is an honor system: If you don't feel well, you're encouraged to get a test on your own; if you test positive, you're encouraged to reveal that and take yourself out of the bracket.

"I won't lie: When I have a cough or something, I get paranoid. It's what we kind of have to learn to live with. I feel bad

itive. A place like Wim- he says he will not get a bledon is definitely not where you want to have it," said Ajla Tomljanovic, a 29-year-old from Australia who is ranked 44th and won Thursday to set up a third-round match against 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejcikova.

"If you have symptoms or you're feeling under the weather, it's your responsibility. I think we all travel with home kits; at least I do. And then once you've tested positive, that's where it comes in that you just say you have it," Tomljanovic said. "Because you could have lower symptoms and try to play, but that wouldn't be the right thing to do."

At Roland Garros last month, Krejcikova lost her opening match in singles, then withdrew before trying to defend her doubles championship there after saying she tested positive for COVID-19.

This is not just a tennis issue, of course. It's something people are grappling with in all lines of work: when to test, and whom to tell.

In sports, it's arisen in Major League Baseball, where some players have been unable to travel for games at the Toronto Blue Jays because of Canada's rule against allowing entry to unvaccinated foreigners — the same sort of restriction that kept Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia with 20 Grand Slam titles, from participating in tournaments in California and Florida earlier this season and would stop him from going to

shot against COVID-19. In the NBA, Brooklyn Nets star Kyrie Irving appeared in only 29 of 82 regular-season games this past season, largely because of his decision not to get vaccinated.

Nearly all women and men in the top 100 of the WTA or ATP tour rankings did get vaccinated. For some, it was all about wanting to avoid getting sick.

"Pretty easy: Vaccines work. Everyone has a right to choose, but more or less, the reason we don't die from diseases from 50 years ago is because we got vaccines," said eighth-seeded Jessica Pegula, who is from Buffalo and won Thursday to reach Wimbledon's third round for the first time. "Of course, it came out really fast, so, sure, there's always that thought: 'I hope nothing happens.' Some people had bad experiences. But for me, I thought it was worth the risk."

For others tennis players, it was more about ensuring they could continue to make a living.

"The ATP, similar to the NFL, the NBA, MLB, they're kind of making you get it, in a way. They're saying: If you don't get it, you might not be able to play certain tournaments or in these games, and we're going to kind of make things so miserable that you're going to have to get it," said Sam Querrey, an American who reached the Wimbledon semifinals in 2017. "So for me, it was a combination that I think it was good to get it, and it makes your



FILE — Italy's Matteo Berrettini wears a mask at the end of the third set during the men's singles quarterfinals match against Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime on day nine of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Wednesday, July 7, 2021. At Wimbledon, where the All England Club is following British government COVID guidance that requires neither shots nor testing, three of the top 20 seeded men have withdrawn over the first four days of action because they got COVID-19, with No. 17 Roberto Bautista Agut pulling out Thursday, June 30, 2022. AP PHOTO/ALBERTO PEZZALI, FILE

professional standpoint."

Some players say they respect the choice by Djokovic, who has said he got COVID-19 twice, to stick to his no-vax stance even if it hurts his ability to keep pace with Rafael Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion, in the major trophy count.

"The sport needs him — needs him in the sport and at big events," said Denis Shapovalov, a 23-year-old Canadian seeded 13th at Wimbledon who said he did not have an easy time deciding whether to get the shots himself but in the end, "I figured it was better to be safe than sorry."

All has been back to pre-pandemic "normal" at Wimbledon this year after 2020, when the tournament was canceled altogether, and 2021, when players were in a bubble-type environment and needed to take COVID-19 tests, and stadium capacity was kept low in Week 1 and spectators were required to wear masks.

An All England Club spokesperson COVID-19 policies are "under constant review" and pointed to updates made this week, such as increased cleaning, enhanced ventilation, making masks available to players and recommending that masks be worn on official tournament transportation.

"I didn't even know that people were testing positive," said Coco Gauff, the 18-year-old American who was the runner-up at Roland Garros this year, "until I saw another player wearing a mask."

Bautista Agut wrote on Twitter on Thursday that his symptoms weren't very bad but that withdrawing was "the best decision."

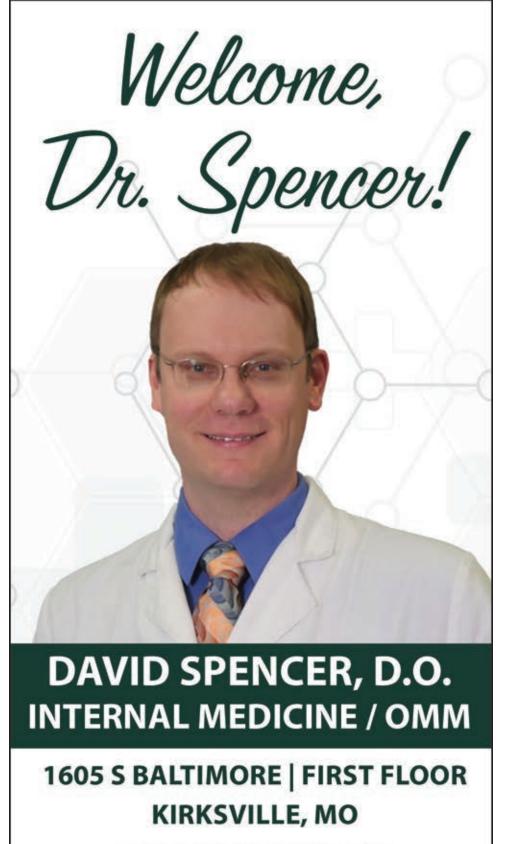
One of his coaches, Tomàs Carbonell, said in his own social media post in Spanish: "Roberto could have tried to play the match because his symptoms aren't bad. Out of respect to his colleagues and to the tournament, we decided not to go on court, even if the rules would have allowed it."

Bautista Agut's COVID-19 departure followed those of No. 8 Matteo Berrettini, the runner-up to Djokovic a year ago, on Tuesday, and of No. 14 Marin Cilic, the 2014 U.S. Open champion and 2017 Wimbledon runner-up, on Monday.

Asked after her victory Thursday what her level of concern is after the recent run of positive tests, No. 4 seed Paula Badosa replied quickly: "Zero."

That, the 24-year-old who represents Spain explained, is both because she is vaccinated and already came down with, as she put it with a laugh, every "type of COVID possible."





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IRS seeks to offer jobs to thousands of workers this summer

By IRS

WASHINGTON — To boost its workforce and better help taxpayers and businesses, the Internal Revenue Service announced today that it's looking to hire over 4,000 contact representative positions at several IRS offices nationwide this summer.

A contact representative provides administrative and technical assistance to individuals and businesses primarily over the phone, through written correspondence or in person. These full-time positions fall under a special hiring condition called direct-hire authority. Full-time, bilingual (Spanish) positions are also available. No prior tax experience is required.

"The IRS continues to increase its workforce in 2022 to improve the taxpayer experience," said IRS Taxpayer Experience Officer and Wage and Investment Commissioner Ken Corbin. "We have a variety of jobs available all over the country. Contact representatives, among other things, deal directly with taxpayers by helping them with their tax obligations."

The IRS offers competitive pay and benefits, on-the-job training, and opportunities for advancement. The pay range for these positions begin at a GS-05 level. Shift availabilities vary by location but there are openings for day shift, (hours between 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.) mid shift (10 a.m. - 10 p.m.) and swing shift (2 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.) in 22 cities nationwide, including Puerto Rico.

Virtual information-sharing events

The agency is hosting virtual information sharing events in June where the IRS will explain the required qualifications and job duties for the contact representative position and provide tips for navigating the application process. Participants will also hear from employees who will provide insights about the work they do day-to-day.

Register Friday, June 3 at 12 p.m. EST

Register Tuesday, June 7 at 3 p.m. EST

Register Friday, June 10 at 6 p.m. EST

Register Tuesday, June 14 at 12 p.m. EST

Register Tuesday, June 21 at 3 p.m. EST

Register Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m. EST

In-person events

In-person events will be held mostly in June, are open to the public and will be held in the following cities: Andover, Mass.; Atlanta, Ga.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Fresno and Oakland, Calif.; Brookhaven, N.Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Memphis, Tenn.; and Caguas, Puerto Rico. Registration for these and more can be found on the IRS careers page.

Interested job seekers are encouraged to bring their resumé and two forms of identification (i.e., state driver's license and/or state identification card, birth certificate, U.S. passport, military ID or Social Security card). Qualified applicants will receive tentative job offers at the in-person events.

Preregistration is recommended and social-distancing is required to attend the in-person job fairs. Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, mask wear is optional for these job fair sites. For complete details on the virtual events and to register to attend one of the in-person events, visit: jobs. irs.gov/events.

The IRS is an equal opportunity employer. All employees must be U.S. citizens, pass an FBI fingerprint check and tax compliance verification, and meet the mandatory education, training, and experience qualification requirements.

Macon area students embark on Missouri Youth Tour 2022

By Ella Bruno

Four delegates were chosen to represent Macon Electric Cooperative at the 2022 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour. The delegates chosen, Ella Bruno from Macon R-1 High School, Ava Williams from North Shelby High School, Gentry Perkins and Shelby Stull from Atlanta C-3 High School, were given the "trip of a lifetime."

The trip spanned from June 13 through June 19 where delegates traveled to Washington, D.C. in order to tour major landmarks and historical places. The trip began as all 93 delegates from across the state made their way to Columbia to attend the welcome reception.

At this event it was revealed that there were six finalists to be interviewed the following week to become the Missouri representative on the Youth Leadership Council. One delegate, Ella Bruno, sponsored by MEC, was selected as one of these finalists. On June 14 the delegates embarked on their flight to Washington, D.C., planning to stay for the next six days.

Upon arrival, they began by touring the MLK, Washington, FDR, and Jefferson Memorials. On June 15, the group presented themselves in matching polos for media day as all delegates had meetings with different congressional representatives. The MEC girls had a planned meeting to see

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Pictured from left to right: Gentry Perkins, Ava Williams, Shelby Stull, Owen Neely, and Chris Massman.

Sam Graves while soon baseball game. after touring the new Eisenhower and WWII Memorials.

for everyone as all delegates ended the night with a sunset cruise by yacht while gliding down the Potomac River. June 16, was an eye- awakening trip to Arlington National Cemetery and taking a moment of silence to experience the Changing of the Guard.

MEC provided wonderful meals along the way everyday, but this day was extra special as delegates dined at Carmines. The occasion was already well spent, but delegates loaded the buses to see the Washington Nationals vs. Philadelphia Phillies

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The next two days were spent experiencing historic landmarks MEC and NRECA and places such as: the provided nonstop fun lifestyle and home of George Washington at Mt. Vernon, the Smithsonians, and the White House. Memorials such as: Iwo jima, WW II, Vietnam, Korean, Air Force, and Lincoln Memorials gave an in depth look on the history of the United States. As the week closed,

friendships of a lifetime were made, while the thought of going back home seemed unbearable. Ninety-three delegates and 10 chaperones spent almost every waking hour together and by the end it was safe to say a family was made.

"MEC made this dream possible and one would not trade it for anything," said Ella Bruno. "If you are



Perkins.



Pictured left to right: Ava Williams, Gentry Perkins, Shelby Stull, and Ella Bruno.

ative member, visit one of your classes to talk about a scholarship opportunity, don't miss out on a 'trip of a lifetime."

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Pictured left to right: Shelby Stull, Ava Williams, Ella Bruno, and Marcia Humphrey.

Outdoors



Family-friendly outdoor activities

By Special to The Express

Children who spend a lot of time outdoors benefit from exposure to nature in myriad ways, some of which may surprise even the most devoted outdoorsmen.

According to a 2006 study published in the journal Human Dimensions of Wildlife, fifth graders who attended school at a local prairie wetlands where lessons in science, math and writing were integrated in an experimental way had significantly stronger reading and writing skills than their peers who attended more traditional schools. Another study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that holding a class outdoors one

day a week significantly improved the daily cortisol patterns of students, reducing their risk of stress and improving their ability to adapt to stress.

Parents who want their children to reap the rewards of being exposed to the great outdoors can encourage educators to incorporate nature into school curriculums and also embrace these family-friendly outdoor ac-

• Nature treasure hunt: A treasure hunt in nature can keep kids engaged on family hiking excursions and provide an excellent opportunity for parents to teach children about the assortment of plants, birds and wildlife that live in the parks and along the trails near their home.

• Outdoor art class: Families don't even need to leave their properties to spend quality time together outside. Pick a pleasant afternoon and set up an outdoor painting station, encouraging everyone to paint what they see. Fall is a great time to host an outdoor art sessions thanks to the assortment of vibrant colors that have become synonymous with autumn landscapes.

• Bonfire: Outdoor activities need not be limited to daylight hours. A post-dinner backyard bonfire can entice everyone outside, where families can tell scary stories as they make s'mores.

• Stargaze: Stargazing is another way families can spend time outdoors and learn a few things at the same time. Some blankets, a thermos of

vide the perfect complement to a sky full of bright stars. If visibility is compromised in the backyard, find a local spot where everyone can get a clear view of the night sky.

• Fruit picking: Apple picking is a popular autumn activity, but families need not wait for the autumn harvest to enjoy a day picking fruit or vegetables at a nearby farm. Visit a local farm during its harvest season, teaching children about how the foods they love are grown and

ages can enjoy.

hot cocoa and a chart of constellations can pro-

eventually make it to the family dinner table. Families looking to spend more time together in the great outdoors can look to a number of activities people of all

NFPA encourages swimmers and boaters to know the risks of electric shock drowning

With summer here and the July 4th holiday weekend just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, ma-

rinas, and launch ramps. While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Continued education about the presence of electrical hazards in water can help reduce the risk of electric shock drowning from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. "Have a qualified electrician inspect vour boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities, and make sure they are regularly maintained to ensure all life-saving measures and protection



systems are functioning

properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and pool and boat owners:

Swimmers

Never swim near a marina, dock, or boat-

While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittent-

If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Pool owners

If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary - replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

Boat owners

Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

Each year, have the boat's electrical system

fied marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects

the boat. Check with the marina owner to let you know if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical

Code® (NEC®). Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa. org/watersafety.

Firecracker penstemon explodes with patriotic color

By University of Missouri **Extension News**

COLUMBIA, Mo. Flowering stems of firecracker penstemon pop with color and add a burst of red flowers to landscapes in summer.

Firecracker penstemon (Penstemon eatonii) is just one of about 270 species of penstemon, also known as beardtongue. "Its showy stamens protrude from the flower and resemble a hairy tongue," says Michele Warmund, University of Missouri Extension horticulturist.

Firecracker penstemon's brilliant, red tubular flowers bloom on long stalks and attract hummingbirds. It is native to arid regions of the western United States at elevations of 3,000-11,000 feet, but it adapts to other sites. In Missouri, penstemons grow best in full sun and welldrained soils, especially soils with low fertility. When flowering, plants grow about 3 feet high.

Firecracker penstemon plants may be hard to find, but seeds are available online, Warmund says. "They need a cold-moist period of stratification for seed germination," she says. To stratify, plant seeds outdoors in the fall at a shallow depth or sow them in a container indoors on top of potting mix and cover them with 1/8 inch of the mix. Water the potting mix lightly and place containers in a refrigerator for about 112 days. After this time, remove the container from cold storage and place it in a warm area for germination.

Transplant small seedlings to individual pots. After the danger of frost passes (around May 10 in Missouri), place planted containers outdoors or in a flower bed, rock garden or xeriscape (an area that requires little irrigation). Take care to maintain low fertility, water infrequently and remove spent flower stalks for reblooming. When plants become crowded, divide them in spring or fall.

Penstemons are shortlived perennials that grow in clumps and naturally reseed themselves to repopulate the landscape. Sunny glades, tops of bluffs, abandoned fields, quarries and roadsides are common sites for wild penstemon in Missouri. Five of the seven penstemon species growing wild in Missouri produce mostly white flowers, Warmund says, but some species bear purple, lavender or pinkish-purple blooms. Wildflower nurseries offer plants and seeds of several penstemon species.

Penstemon plants are generally pest free but can develop root rot if overwatered or planted in poorly drained soils. Taller-growing species, such as P. digitalis and P. grandiflorus, occasionally fall over from root lodging when exposed to strong winds and heavy rainfall.



Firecracker penstemon has been found only roadside in this area of the upper Snake River plains. PHOTO BY MATT LAVIN. SHARED UNDER A CREATIVE COMMONS (BY-SA) LICENSE.

MU Extension offers fall gardening series

By MU Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. -University of Missouri Extension offers a fall vegetable gardening weekly webinar series in August and September.

The four-session Zoom series is an opportunity to learn new techniques as well as proven methods that benefit fall gardens, said MU Extension horticulture specialist Debi Kelly.

The first session, Thursday, Aug. 18, covers "lasagna gardening," a no-till method that uses layers of organic materials to create a nutrient-rich soil where plants thrive.

MU Extension spe cialists will discuss soils and cover crops on Aug. 25. On Sept. 1, attendees will learn ways to extend the gardening season to grow vegetables that are often more flavorful than early-season produce.

The final session, Sept. 8, covers tool maintenance and garden cleanup. Kelly says these important end-of-season practices help gardeners prepare for the next growing season.

Register at mizzou. us/FallGardening2022. For more information, contact Kelly at kellyd@ missouri.edu or 636-797-5391.

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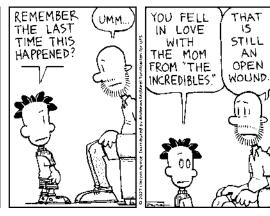




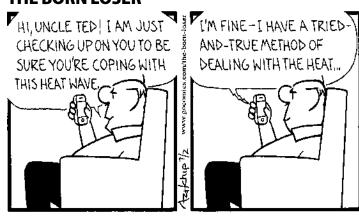
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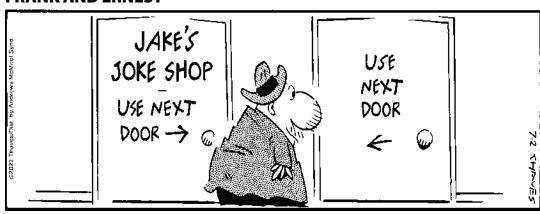
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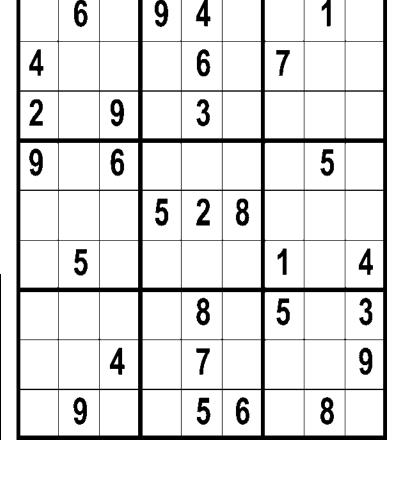
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Here's How It Works:

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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CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Back of the

neck 5 Stork cousin

9 Longhandled implement

12 Server operating system 13 Broad

valley 14 Ms. Lupino 15 Sea barrier 16 Summercamp site 17 Bottle cap

18 Surface 20 Ceramic squares 22 Showy and pretentious

23 Show distress 24 Wallop 27 Joie de

vivre 31 Seabird 34 Wizened 35 Lucy Lawless

role 36 Colorless 38 Earth 40 Droop

41 "Paint the Sky with Stars" singer

42 Possessed 44 Cup edge 46 DEA

operative 49 More broad 52 Honda rival 54 "Vive le

-!" 55 Ocean predator 58 Quark's place

59 Dazzle 60 Roulette color 61 Actor Richard -62 Apply

makeup

63 Laurel or Lee 64 Blissful spot

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hard 5 Like some chatter 6 Sheep's cry

7 Type 8 Take charge (2 wds.)

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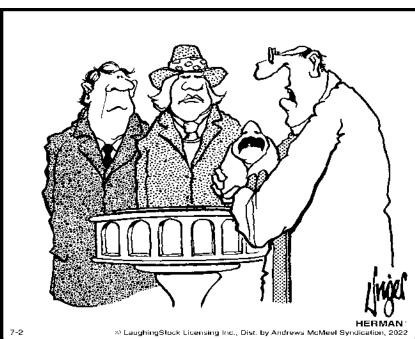
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"I'd be crying too if I'd just been named Eminem Drake!"

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Take a deep breath and tackle this year from a different perspective. Slow down, pace yourself and settle into a minimalist mindset that will counter any indulgent temptation. Think about making changes that ease stress and bring you peace of mind. Make learning and pursuing a healthy, active lifestyle your priorities, and you'll feel better about yourself and your future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Look at your options, then head in the most manageable direction. Cut back where you can, eliminate what isn't necessary and concentrate on the people and pursuits that mean the most to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Inconsistency will be your downfall. Don't jump from one belief to another for the wrong reason. Have the backbone to say what's on your mind, and act accordingly, regardless of opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Verify any information you receive before using it or passing it along. Control uncertain situations to avoid disappointment. Work to change your direction or improve your qualifications. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Make a plan to allocate

funds to ensure you get things done your way. Meet up with someone you enjoy spending time with. Share your dreams, hopes and wishes. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Make plans to do something with friends that will challenge you mentally and push you to be at your best. Doing something you have

cational pursuit will get you excited about the possibil-

ities ahead. Decluttering your space will prompt you to

never done will result in personal growth. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A short trip or edutake better care of yourself. Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be careful what you say. Dealing with a friend or relative could be problematic. Stick close to home, and avoid situations that can cost you emotionally, financially or physically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You'll have a good eye when it comes to home decor. Plan to do some entertaining or get into a discussion with someone you love and respect. Romance will enrich a relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't jeopardize your health or reputation. Listen attentively, and you'll get a good idea of what others are willing to do for you. Don't play favorites, but do praise those who come through for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Seize the moment, size up your situation, devise a sound plan and pursue changes that will make you happy and content with your life. Personal gain, physical improvement and romance are

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You may desire change, but don't do anything you'll regret. Pay attention to detail and iron out any issue you think might be a problem, then proceed with good intentions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll discover a fantastic way to use your skills to help others if you get involved in something meaningful. Trust your instincts, and factcheck all information you receive.

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In the Estate of PEGGY LYNN PARRY, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PEGGY LYNN PARRY, Decedent:

On June 3, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of PEGGY LYNN PARRY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The personal representative's name and address is:

Michael J. Parry, 203 West Mill Street, Shelbina, MO 63468.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

James D. McConnell, 127 East Walnut, Shelbina, MO 63468, 573-588-2115 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.

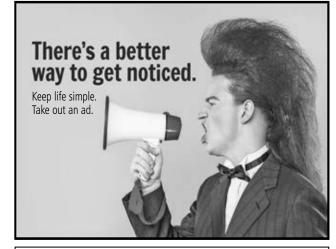
Date of the decedent's death: March 25, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
JUDGE KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM

Case Number: 22AR-PR00067
JUVENILE DIVISION

In the Estate of CHARLES E CONKIN, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

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

On June 09, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of CHARLES E CONKIN, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives are:

Artis E. Ball, 605 Fairview Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501

Susan C. Branscom, 107 Manor Road, Kirksville, MO 63501 The personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and

pnone number is: Wallace W. Trosen, One Crown Drive, Suite 102, Kirksville, MO 63501,

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project: Preferred Family Healthcare Trenton Clinic Addition

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at which time a private bid opening will be held for construction of the above listed project. Bids must be received electronically via email and should be clearly marked "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" and bearing the project name. Bids are to be sent to the project architect's email: kevin@ rollingsarchitects.com

All equipment, materials, and quality of work must be in accord with the drawings and specifications on file with the office of Consulting Architect, Robert Rollings Architects, LLC, 1806 W. Broadway, Sedalia, MO 65301

Copies of the Contract Documents may be viewed for free online at Drexel Technologies, Inc. 913-371-4430, http://planroom.drexeltech.com. Digital plans may be purchased for download. Paper and digital sets on CD may be purchased at the cost of production and shipping. Credit cards are accepted. Checks for digital and/or paper sets must be made payable and mailed to Drexel Technologies, Inc. 10840 W. 86th St., Lenexa, KS 66214-1632.

Any questions regarding the Contract Documents, should be directed to Kevin Wade at Robert Rollings Architects, LLC, in writing, by fax (660)829-9752 or email kevin@rollingsarchitects.com.

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Roadway deaths down slightly for the first half of 2022

By Press Release

JEFFERSON CITY — Following an especially deadly 2021, Missouri traffic fatalities have dropped 7% compared to this same time last year. Preliminary data shows from Jan. 1 — June 22, 413 people were killed in Missouri traffic crashes, down from 445 in the same period in 2021. The July Fourth holiday weekend marks the halfway mark of summer and the halfway point of the 100 deadliest days of summer, which has historically seen the highest number of traffic fatal-

"These modest gains in numbers over last year are encouraging, but we have a long way to go to achieve our ultimate goal of zero roadway deaths," said MoDOT Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. "We can all work together to use Missouri's road in a safe manner that protects our own lives and the lives of those around us. Let's use this summer to drive Missouri toward zero deaths."

While zero fatalities may seem improbable, several counties in Missouri have seen just that so far this year. Since the beginning of 2022, 35 counties across the state have had zero traffic fatalities. There have also been four separate instances of consecutive days with zero fatalities.

With the busy July Fourth holiday weekend, MoDOT is encouraging all Missourians to help reach their destination safely by always doing these four simple actions: Buckle up. Phone down. Slow down. Drive sober. Whether driving through a work zone, sharing the road with motorcyclists, or cruising around streets with committing to these safe behaviors will help save lives.

Lane closures for temporary work zones on Missouri highways will stop at noon Friday, July 1 and not resume until the morning of Tuesday, July 5. There are some exceptions for permanent lane closures for construction work or in the case of an emergency.

To help make your travel safer, visit Mo-

pedestrians in the area, DOT's Traveler Information Map at www. traveler.modot.org and find the most updated travel information, traffic conditions and work zone locations. Missouri's strategic highway safety plan, Show-Me Zero, provides more information for how all Missourians can do their part to achieve zero traffic fatalities. The plan can be viewed at www.savemolives.com.

Kirksville Fire Department issues safety tips for Fourth of July

By Kirksville Fire Department

In 2020 in Missouri, there were 485 emergency room visits related to fireworks. More than 88 percent of those fireworks injuries occurred in the two-week period leading up to and following Independence Day. During that period, 430 people with fireworks injuries sought treatment in emergency rooms or were admitted for inpatient care.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, far more fires are reported in the U.S. on a typical Fourth of July than any other day of the year, and fireworks account for more than half of those fires.

The NFPA also reports that in 2018, fireworks caused an estimated 19,500 reported fires, including 1,900 total structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside

and other fires. These fires caused five deaths and \$105 million in direct property damage.

The Kirksville Fire Department has provided a list of best practices for fireworks, that way residents can have a safe and fun holiday.

- Purchase fireworks only from a properly licensed retailer.
- Always wear eye protection, and earplugs if
- you have sensitive ears. • Tie back long hair and don't wear loose fitting clothes.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Never try to re-ignite fireworks that have malfunctioned.
- Never have any part of your body over fire-
- Keep young children
- away from fireworks. Never throw or point
- fireworks at other people. Never carry fire-



works in your pocket.

- Make sure to have water nearby in case of a fire or an accident.
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and leaving them in a trash can.
- Never light fireworks indoors.
- Don't use fireworks while consuming alcohol.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Don't save fireworks from season to season.
- Fireworks should only be ignited by an
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors in an open space clear of spectators, buildings, vehicles, debris, and flam-

mable materials, or on a driveway, sidewalk or other fire-resistant surface. Remember, fires are caused by careless handling of fireworks in areas exposed to sparks or live fireworks.

- Keep spectators a safe distance away from permissible fireworks at a minimum of 25 feet for ground items.
- Do not place used fireworks in combustible trash cans or bags.
- Never experiment or make your own fire-
- Pets may be frightened by the noise and lights of fireworks; keep pets inside or away from the area when in use.

Treasurer Fitzpatrick encourages Missourians to check unclaimed property list

By Scott Fitzpatrick Missouri State Treasurer

JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick is launching an annual effort to return unclaimed property to Missourians. Beginning today, the names of more than 129,400 individuals, small businesses, and non-profit organizations with unclaimed property will be listed in over 100 publications across the state. Missourians can also search and view the lists by county on ShowMeMoney.com.

"I want to return unclaimed property to as many Missourians as possible. We are required by law to run these lists in newspapers, but we are also making them available online so that all Missourians have access to these county lists regardless of their ability to pay for a newspaper," Fitzpatrick said. "I encourage all Missourians to check the unclaimed property list and claim any money that is rightfully yours. I also encourage Missourians to take a look at the list and if you see a name you recognize, let that person know. It is always free to claim your Unclaimed Property and many claims can be filed online."

County lists are accessible here: https:// treasurer.mo.gov/ UCP/2022-New-Unclaimed-Property-Account-Owner-Lists-by-County.aspx

St. Louis County has the largest list of names with 28,449 names while Worth County has the shortest list with only 30 names.

Most unclaimed property consists of cash from bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and contents of safe deposit boxes that have been abandoned. It can also include uncollected insurance policy proceeds, government refunds, utility deposits, and wages from past jobs.

Fitzpatrick currently manages over \$1 billion in unclaimed assets in more than five million owner accounts. One in 10 Missourians has unclaimed property, and the average return is nearly \$300.

Since taking office in 2019, Fitzpatrick has broken many unclaimed property records, including returning the first \$1 million of his administration in less than 10 days, returning unclaimed property to more Missourians in one year than any prior treasurer, returning \$100 million to Missourians faster than any prior treasurer, and returning more unclaimed property in one fiscal year than any prior year.

State law requires notices be published annually in a newspaper in each Missouri county listing the names of individuals whose unclaimed property of \$50 or more has been turned over to the Missouri State Treasurer's Office in the past year.

Gas prices dip slightly ahead of expected record setting July 4th travel weekend

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$4.64 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents less compared to this day last week and is \$1.89 more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Jefferson City are paying the most on average at \$4.86 while drivers in Joplin are paying the least at \$4.44 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$4.94, which is seven cents less compared to this day last

week and \$1.87 more than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

Recently crude oil prices declined slightly but remain above \$105 per barrel. While gas prices have slid week-to-week, price fluctuations are still possible as the busy Independence Day holiday weekend gets closer. Despite unusually high gas prices, AAA predicts a record 42 million Americans will drive 50 miles or more to celebrate the upcoming holiday, with 47.9 million traveling in total. Weekly gasoline supply and demand reports have not been released as the Energy Information Administration stated that technical issues would prevent it from releasing its weekly Petroleum Status Report on Thursday.

"Drivers are seeing minor relief at the gas pump with prices dropping an average of nine cents a gallon compared to last week," said AAA Spokesperson Nick Chabarria. "Prices could fluctuate as the busy Independence Day holiday approaches. Despite unusually high gas prices, automobile travel is expected to set a new record with 42 million Americans driving to their holiday destination. The record travel could put more pressure on demand at a time when supplies are very tight."



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www.faithkirksville.org **Hamilton Street Baptist** Church

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Rehoboth Baptist Church

First Presbyterian Church (USA) 201 S. High at McPherson Communion 1st Sunday

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. 11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages

5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

Kirksville Church of Christ Elders/Pastors: Dan Green Dean Hansen

10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study www.kvcoc.or

First Baptist Church 207 E. Washington Jason Marlin Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages **10:45 a.m.** Worship & Kidz Worship firstbaptistkirksville.com

Faith United Methodist Church Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship

Southside Baptist Church 1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching

6.30 p.m. Evening Service First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburtor Chad Farhart 9:00 a.m. Sunday School **10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com

Kirksville Nazarene Church 2302 N. Lincoln Road Mark Czanderna, Lead Pastor

9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Central Church of Christ**

2010 S. Halliburton **9:30 a.m.** Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service **Faith Baptist Church** Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch 1:30 p.m. Worship The Crossing Church 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd.

Benjamin Jorden Pastor ated with the Evangeli Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages **12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.** Small groups www.KirksvilleGCBC.com •

First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard &

9:45 a.m. Worship In Person & Online **Pure Air Baptist Church** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Church of God of Prophecy

807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Fellowship Baptist Church 1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville Larry Gibson, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study fbck@sbcglobal.net

www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633 Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Guest Pastors

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service Mary Immaculate Catholic Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

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9:00 p.m. Wednesday Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church 2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, minister Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching Meadow Brook **Christian Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo. 7:30 a.m. Sunday

Life Church of Kirksville 112 W. Potte emy Pingle, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service Community Presbyterian Church

210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Rev. John Becker, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Cornerstone Church**

1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor

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6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth

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Gifford Christian Church Minister: Darren Potter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Lake Road Chapel 22963 Potter Trail Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kelly

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service

www.lakeroadchapel.org Church of God (Holiness) 1601 N. Elson

Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **New Hope**

Evangelical Church 620 Steer Creek Way 9:30 - 10:20 a m Rible Class 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worshin 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Darrell Draper, Pastor 660-341-0000

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor 660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183 First Assembly of God 2401 S. High Jeff Arp, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship (Communion First Sunday of the Month) 6:30 p.m. Evening Praise www.KirksvilleFirst.com

First Liberty Full Gospel 1302 E. Filmore Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Novinger Baptist Church Highway 6 & 149 Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

High & Harrison 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter **Day Saints** 2000 E. Normal Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services

Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix

Rev. Amy L. Fallon. Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Seventh Day

Adventist Church 1301 N. Elson Curtis Denney, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday **United Methodist Church**

Brashear Charge, Brashear Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday **Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church**

10:00 a.m. Sunday Schoo 10:45 a.m. Worship **Illinois Bend Community**

Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Baring Community Church 11:00 a.m. Worship

Downing Christian Church 430 E. Prime Street Minister Walker Franke Associate Minister Larry Smith 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service

660-379-2329 Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule **New Hope Methodist**

Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship **Greentop Community Church**

Highway K, Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Trinity United Fellowship** Church Pastor: Lorne Arber

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School **Lancaster United Methodist Church** Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School **Shekinah Mennonite Church** 15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing

6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

10:30 a.m. Worship

Bethel Community Church

12 miles NE of Kirksville Marvin Cross, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Lancaster Baptist Church Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster Lonnie Johnson, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Grace Bible Baptist Church Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Winigan Christian Church

Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **First Baptist Church** Winigan, Winigan, Mo. Sam Burkholder, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Fairview Baptist Church 53610 Knob Hill Road, Poll Sam Burkholder, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

Bible Missionary Church 508 S. Main St. Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Full Gospel Church** 404 North Flson

Ola York, Pastor 2:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Saturday Afternoon Service LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Christ's Family Church**

531 N. Baltimore Glenn Berry, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service www.cfckvmo.com • cfckvmo@gmail.

Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Bud Cornwell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School

10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour **United Pentecostal Church** 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship

Brashear Community Bible Church Donny Powell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

First Baptist Church of LaPlata

B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship 6:00 pm Monday - AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com

Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist 8 mi N W of Kirksville on Rt R

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Worthington Baptist Church** Roger Busnell, Pastor

9.30 a.m. Sunday School **10:30 a.m.** Morning worship **7:00 p.m.** Evening Worship The Salvation Army 1004 W. Gardner Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Queen City First Baptist** Church 6th at Washington St.

Robert Smith, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship St. John's Lutheran Church **ELCA**

North of Queen City go East on Rt. O Pastor Bill lammatten-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service **Hurdland First Baptist Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **7:30 p.m.** Sun. & Weds. Worship and/ or Bible Study

Colony Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship **Cornerstone Community**

Church

Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404 9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults **Locust Hill Community Church**

Rt. I, Novelty, Mo William Gaines, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship **New Harmony Free Will Baptist** 3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Word Alive! Family Church Pastors: Robert Gange 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult

service, Childrens Church Schuyler County Church Highway 136 East, Lancaster Sonny Smyser, Pastor

8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class 3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon **Gospel Outreach Church** 209 W. Washington Norman Keller, Pastor Gonda Manning, Co pastor

Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop Community Church on Hwy A. Pastor Joshua Wesley

10:30 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Thursday Services 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services





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