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## Kirksville celebrates Independence Day with 18th Annual Red, White & Blue parade

By Al Maglio  
NEMO Photography

The 18th Annual Red, White

& Blue Parade was held Saturday morning in downtown Kirksville, with hundreds on hand to watch. The theme of this year's

events was "Living the American Dream." The parade was preceded by a pancake breakfast, a car show and the farmers' market.



Stanley Bohon

## Bohon to turn 100 on July 10

By Special to The Express

July 10, 2022, is a date Stanley Bohon has looked forward to for years. Turning 100 has been a goal for him. Bohon walks everyday, does exercise/balance classes five days a week and rides the "Iron Horse," an exercise bike, four miles a day, so he claims. Bohon has a zest for life, he loves to make people smile at Highland Crest, where he resides. According to family members, his goal is to make it to at least 103 years old. The reason is that his mother, Ethel Bonduant Bohon, lived

to be 102 years old and he wants to beat her record. Bohon is a lifelong resident of Kirksville, where he practiced dentistry with his father, brother, nephew and son-in-law over a span of 44 years. He was married to Doris Pickens Bohon for 74 years. They raised three children, Rick, Connie and Libby. Bohon has seven grandchildren and soon to have seven great-grandchildren. Bohon was very involved with The First Presbyterian Church and Masonic Temple. He also, loved spending his winters in Ft. Myers, Fla.

## Voters asked to continue 911 device fee at candidate's forum

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Don Crosby of the 911 Joint Services Board, at the chamber of commerce candidate's forum held on June 23, made a pitch to voters to continue the 911 Device Fee proposal that will be on the Aug. 2 Primary Election ballot. Crosby has been on the board since its inception.

"When you think of 911, oftentimes you think about bad things," he said. "You know I call 911 when there's a fire, when I need a police officer to come because my house has been robbed, when there's a medical emergency."

He said that the good news is that voters are not going to be asked to give more money but rather they're being



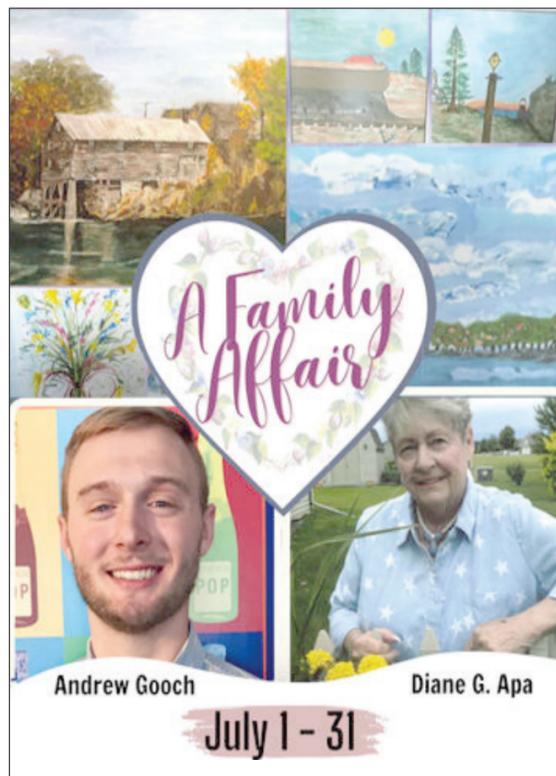
Don Crosby

asked to continue giving what they have for the last four years.

He said that the 911 Joint Services Board

made some promises to the voters in 2019 when the device fee originally

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## 'A Family Affair' art exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

By Kirksville Art Association

The Kirksville Arts Association is presenting Andrew Gooch and Diane G Apa's art in the upstairs Gaber Gallery of the Sue Ross Arts Center. Themed, "A Family Affair", the exhibit opened July 1, and will be open until July 31.

Gooch is a 22-year-old Kirksville native and 2022 graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc. with music composition and music education majors. He is the son of Rick and Janet Gooch and although having no formal art training, he has found drawing and painting to be relaxing

and challenging acts of the "vivid imagination."

Apa, who the grandmother of Andrew and also a Kirksville native, graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree majoring in Fashion Illustration and Design and received her art teaching certification from Northeast Missouri State Teacher College.

Hooch and Apa are both selling post cards of their art work. There are limited quantities, so be sure to stop by and head upstairs when visiting the art association's "Thank You For Your Service" exhibit on the main floor.

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## Car Show held in cinema parking lot

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

A car show was held in the cinema parking lot

across from the courthouse on Saturday. Cars filled the lot and spilled over onto neighboring Washington Street.



## Pancake breakfast held in front of courthouse

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

A pancake breakfast was held out front of the

courthouse on Saturday morning, sponsored by Kirksville service clubs. The event featured pancakes, sausage and coffee.



## Ribbon Cutting for Rebellious Rose Consignment Boutique

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the recent opening of one of their newest businesses this week. Rebellious Rose Consignment Boutique opened in June of 2022 at 1704 N. Baltimore.

The store was opened by Brooke Hurley and Teresa Boggs. The upscale boutique offers clothes for men, women and children in a full range of sizes. They also offer decorative household items, shoes, purses

and other accessories. In addition, there are some handmade items for sale.

The owners strive to change the inventory often and you may find the store looks a little different each time you stop in, which makes for a fun shopping experience.

They receive consignments from the community on Mondays and have been busy since the day they first opened. In fact, those wishing to consign their items should contact the store at 660-956-9005 to schedule an appointment.

Following the cutting



Pictured in the photo, left to right: Kristy Rowles, (Holiday Inn Express & Suites), Carrie Miller (Colton's Steakhouse), Brooke Hurley & Teresa Boggs, Rebellious Rose co-owners, Tammy Jones (vendor), Charla Rose (vendor) and Kelly Jones (Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce).

of the ribbon, Kristy Rowles, Chamber Ambassador, presented the

co-owners with their first dollar of clear profit, in a frame.



## KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Buddy Pack Program fundraiser

The DuKum Inn is hosting a Paint Night Fundraiser for The Food Bank on July 12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the Adair County Buddy Pack Program. Cost is \$40 per painter and includes a drink ticket for select well drinks or non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks. All sales are final. Register prior to the event at [painttheville.com](http://painttheville.com). For more information, go to [sharefoodbringhope.org](http://sharefoodbringhope.org)

### Kirksville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

The city of Kirksville's Tourism Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in the Small Conference Room at the EDA Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

### Summer off the Square concert

The Kirksville Art Association's annual Summer off the Square concert series will feature Mercy's Bridge at 7 p.m. on Friday. The show is sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary Mercy's Bridge plays uplifting country and gospel. 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.

### Adair County SB40 July schedule of activities at Community Learning Center:

Coffee & Cards – Join your friends at the Community Learning Center (CLC) each Tuesday at 9 a.m. to play cards (or a game of your choice) and enjoy a favorite drink. They will have coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water available. If you would prefer, feel free to bring your own drink to enjoy.

Guided Art – Join Angela on Tuesday, July 12 and 26 at 1 p.m. to try out new types of art and create some pieces that could be submitted in the annual art show. These are projects that have more steps and use different mediums that used during crafts.

Yard Games – On Tuesday, July 19 at 1 p.m., join them at the CLC for some outdoor fun. They will pull out all of their yard games and get some exercise while having fun.

Sewing Group – Come learn some basic hand sewing skills or bring your own project to work on. We will have materials available for basic hand sewing. Contact the CLC.

Fishing – Join them for fishing in the community (locations to be announced). If you do not have a fishing license or equipment, contact Melissa or Angela at the CLC by the Friday before they go. Registration for this activity is required.

Breathe Clean – Join Libbi on Tuesday, July 5 and 12 at 3:30 p.m. to learn the dangers of tobacco use along with how to avoid social pressure to begin or continue using tobacco products and build self-efficacy. Registration for this class is required.

Crafts – Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., the CLC offers a fun and relaxed craft time where you can make many things while enjoying music and visiting with your friends. You never know what they will come up with and each week is a new craft.

Get Fit – Come get healthy with your friends at the CLC on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Each week the group will choose the type of fitness activity they would like to do such as going for a walk, dancing, stretching, chair exercises, yoga, and more. All of the activities, with the exception of going for walks, can be done from a seated position so don't let that stop you from coming and having fun while getting fit.

Movie Party – Join them on Wednesday, July 6 at 3 p.m. to watch a movie on their new 75" interactive screen and snacks!

Science Fun – If you love science and experimenting with new things then this activity is for you. On Wednesday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m., the CLC will be the place to come to try out some fun science activities. Be prepared to get messy.

Ice-cream Soda Party – Wednesday, July 20 is National Ice-cream Soda Day. Join them to make your own ice-cream soda at 3:30 p.m. at the CLC. Sugar-free options will be available.

Afternoon BINGO – On Wednesday, July 27, join them at the CLC at 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon session of BINGO. Come and win BINGO Bucks to spend in the BINGO Store. Every player will earn at least one BINGO Buck that they can spend immediately or save for other items. This session will be in-person only.

BINGO – Join them at the CLC each Friday at 10 a.m. for BINGO and win BINGO Bucks to spend in the BINGO Store. Every player will earn at least one BINGO Buck a week that they can spend immediately or save for other items. If you aren't able to join in person, they offer a Zoom link so you can play from home. Give them a call or send us an email and they will get it to you.

Wii Tournament – On Fridays in July the CLC will hold a Wii Sports Tournament at 11:30 a.m. Come and play against your friends in a fun and interactive tournament while getting in a little exercise.

Parent-to-Parent Group – This group will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at the CLC. The next meeting of the Parent-To-Parent group will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2-4 p.m. Child care will be provided. Parents: Please email [clc@sb40life.org](mailto:clc@sb40life.org) or call Melissa Cline at 660-665-9400 to let us know how many children you will have with you so we know how many kiddos to provide childcare for. Also, we plan to have snacks — cheesy goldfish and animal crackers, bottled water — for the kids. If your child needs an alternative snack, please bring it with you.

Welcome,  
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## OBITUARIES

### Wesley Eugene May

Jan 15, 1940 – Jun 29, 2022

Wesley Eugene May, 82, of Columbia, formerly of Moline, IL passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at The Neighborhoods by Tiger Place in Columbia, Missouri.



Wesley was born January 15, 1940 in Novinger, MO to Victor David and Blanche Viola (Roberts) May. Wesley was raised on the family farm north of Novinger. He attended the Novinger Public Schools graduating High School in 1958.

Wesley married Marilyn J. Starbuck on June 17, 1962 in Queen City, MO and to this union three children were born Edith Viola, Beckie Lou, and David Wilson.

Shortly after high school graduation Wesley started his first job as a baker with the Palace Bakery in Kirksville, MO. Shortly after his first daughter was born he moved to Moline, IL and began working for John Deere in the machine shop at John Deere Plow and Planter works. He stayed there thirty five years retiring December 31, 1998. His work at Deere was challenging but he loved what he was doing always making a replacement part from a block of steel to just getting the factory back up and running. Deere was continually sending Wes to school to better his profession going to places like Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta and the Quad Cities.

Wes enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and gardening. He had a house full of deer and fish trophies, he has been in 48 of the 50 United States, and he was a member of the Moline Horticultural Society for over forty years. Thru John Deere he was a member of first the IAM and later UAW Local 434. He was a member of the National Rifle Association for over fifty years. He was a member of the Milan Rifle Club, Inc. from retirement until he moved back to Missouri to be near his children.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn May; two children Edith (Edie) Swisher and husband Chris, David May and wife Lisa all of Columbia, MO. Four grandchildren Courtney Swisher, Brittney Swisher, Tori May, and Ian May. A sister Josephine Billington of Greentop, MO; brother Luther May (Daisy) of Novinger, MO; and sister Carolyn Nolen (David) of Thompsonville, IL; brother-in-law Paul Lucas of Queen City, MO. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Beckie Lou, and one sister Mildred Lucas.

Public visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Travis-Noe Funeral Home with Sam Burkholder officiating. Interment will follow at Novinger Cemetery in Novinger, Missouri.

Memorial donations in memory of Wesley may be made to the ALS Association and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Phillip Sorenson

Feb. 8, 1940 – Jun. 24, 2022

Phillip Eugene Sorenson, 82, of Kirksville Missouri passed away June 24, 2022 at The Pines in Kirksville.



Phillip was born on February 8, 1940 in Waterloo, Iowa and was the son of Paul and Helen (Lawson) Sorenson. In July of 1960, he married Donna Ross they had two children Wade Sorenson and Kim Sorenson Featherston.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna and daughter, Kim Featherston.

He is survived by one son, Wade (Lynn) Sorenson, one brother, Dean (Mary) Sorenson all of Kirksville, Missouri; grandchildren, Jessica (Trent) Utt of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Emily (Jacob) Chase of Kirksville, Missouri, Zoey Featherston, Paige Featherston, Taylor (Scott) Lyons of Kirksville, Missouri and Dilyne (James) McMurphy of Edmond, Oklahoma; two step grandchildren, Justin (Kelli) Featherston of Kirksville, Missouri and Whitney Featherston of Kansas City, Missouri; 11 great grandchildren, Carter Lyons, Olivia Lyons, Lawson Lyons, Harper Lyons, Quinn Lyons, Ayden McMurphy, Adelyn Utt, Mallory Utt, Kinsley Utt, Reed Chase and Colt Chase; two step great grandchildren, Kyrie Featherston and Kyler Featherston

Phillip grew up Brashear, where he graduated from high school. He had many different jobs working with his hands. In his spare time, he loved fixing up old cars. Phil loved all animals especially cats.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Faith United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Maple Hills Cemetery.

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

### Dale B Trask

May 15, 1936 – Jun. 26, 2022

Dale B Trask was born in Cantril, Iowa on May 15, 1936, a son of Chauncey Edward and Ruth B (Northrup) Trask. He graduated from Kahoka High School with the Class of 1954.

After high school, Dale enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas and Quartermaster School in Fort Lee, Virginia, he was assigned to the 10th Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany where he served as the assistant regimental supply sergeant. He was honorably discharged after three years of service.

While stationed in Germany, Dale was introduced to Maria Koenigbauer by mutual friends. They married and became the parents of three daughters: Elizabeth, Linda, and Laurie.

Following military service, Dale was employed as a station agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, serving at locations in Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. The family resided in Memphis, MO from 1958 until 1971 at which time they moved to Columbia, MO.

Dale attended evening classes at Columbia College where he graduated, at the age of 45, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He held professional accreditation as a Certified Purchasing Manager from the National Association of Purchasing Management.

He was employed at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1971 until his retirement in 1998. He served as the military supply officer for the University's Army and Air Force ROTC programs and worked as a buyer in the Procurement and Materials Management department.

Dale researched and authored a history of the Northrup and Trask families. He was a Past Master of Memphis Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Maria, their three daughters: Elizabeth (Michael) Grissom of Columbia MO, Linda (Larry) McDaniel of Gladstone, MO, and Laurie Trask of Columbia, MO, three grandchildren; Ali McDaniel, Jenna McDaniel, and Sean Grissom. He is also survived by his brother Harry Alan Trask of Arlington, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Maurice Wade, and James William Trask, sister Mary Ruth Gray and half-brothers Edward Almon and Gene McFarland Trask.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Memphis Cemetery in Memphis, MO.

Memorials are suggested to the Memphis Depot, in care of the Downing House Museum and can be left at or mailed to the Gerth Funeral Service, 115 S. Main St., Memphis, MO 63555.

### James Engelhard

Jan. 25, 1938 – Jun. 14, 2022

James (Jim) Edward Engelhard, age 84, of Excelsior Springs, Missouri passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Park Baptist Church, Brookfield with Pastor David Blakely officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, Missouri. Arrangement are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Brookfield, Missouri.

James Edward was born January 25, 1938, in Marceline, Missouri, the son of Elgin Ernest and Mabel Marie (Roberts) Engelhard. He graduated Marceline High School in 1956 and served in the Army obtaining the rank of Specialist-4. He married Margaret (Margie) Ann O'Dell on August 23, 1959, in Brookfield, MO where they resided with their two sons, Dennis and Dan.

Jim relocated his family to Kirksville, Missouri after taking a job promotion in 1974. After living in Kirksville for many years, he and his wife Marge moved to Excelsior Springs in 1998, again with a job promotion, where he resided until his death.

Jim was employed with Ameren (formerly known as Union Electric and Missouri Power and Light) for 40-years retiring in 2008. During his employment he served as District Auditor and Chief Line Worker. He was also employed as Parts Manager at the Ford Dealership in Brookfield, and for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Jim was involved in many community groups including Boy Scouts, Jaycee's, Kiwanis, the Masonic Lodge in Marceline, and the Eastern Star. He was on the Brookfield City Council where he also served as Mayor. He was a member of Park Baptist Church in Brookfield where he taught Sunday School. He was a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Kirksville and was a founding member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Kirksville.

He enjoyed farming and outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing, and spending time at Lake of the Ozarks. He was known as a master mower by many of his neighbors and was skilled in many handyman tasks. He enjoyed watching and cheering his grandchildren's many sporting and school events. He enjoyed teasing his (only) granddaughter, Jenna, that she was his favorite granddaughter. Jim was also an avid reader of Western books and loved watching the Western Channel!

Jim is survived by his wife Marge of the home, his son, Dan and wife Kelly of Oak Grove, Missouri, and three grandchildren, Jacob and Jackson of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Jenna of Oak Grove, Missouri, a sister-in-law Bernice Engelhard of Marceline, and Cousin Eleanor Gour, Utah.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Louis Engelhard of Marceline, and son, Dennis.

## Hospice of Northeast Missouri representative speaks to Thousand Hills Rotary Club

By Thousand Hills Rotary Club

This month marks the 33rd anniversary of the beginning of the Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills. The club meets every Thursday morning at 7 am. Beginning with the meeting on Thursday, July 7th, the club will be meeting in a new location, the conference room at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street in Kirksville.

On Thursday, June 22, Heidi Templeton gave a program on Hospice of Northeast Missouri-A Service of Hannibal Regional, at the club's weekly meeting. Hospice of Northeast Missouri began as Hospice 2000 in response to the need for end-of-life care in the local area. It wasn't long before the non-profit organization realized the need was extensive and reached

much further than the originally planned service area of a 30-mile radius of Kirksville. Community members and A. T. Still University partnered together to seek grant funded opportunities for expansion. They were able to secure a large Rural Health Outreach grant that allowed them to begin expanding into the 10 counties they now serve on a regular basis.

Templeton discussed the services provided by the organization. Hospice of Northeast Missouri offers health care services focused on comfort for patients with a terminal diagnosis. Their team of professionals establish a plan of care for each individual, based on their needs. They work closely with family members to provide hands-on assistance and education. Hospice



Pictured left to right: Founding members of Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills; Ernie Loft and Elsie Gaber, Heidi Templeton; Hospice of Northeast Missouri-a Service of Hannibal Regional, and incoming Rotary Club President, Marilyn Romine.

care can be provided in a private home or a health care setting.

In addition to the medical team members, Hospice also has a medical social worker, hospice aides, a bereavement team and local volunteers. Aides can assist with light housekeeping duties. Volunteers can assist with patient activities, provide companionship or even give the family caregivers a little break. The bereavement team will provide counseling for the family for up to one year

after the death of the patient.

Templeton shared that after receiving services from Hospice of Northeast Missouri, many families state they wish their loved one had signed up for hospice services earlier. Templeton is reaching out to the communities they serve to help educate the public on the many beneficial services they offer. Hospice is available 24/7 by calling 660-627-9711. You may also visit their website at <https://hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org/>.

## 911

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passed, and that they had kept their promises. He said that in 2019, the service was funded by a telephone tax on landlines and that landlines have mostly gone away so there's not as much revenue coming in.

"There's two other ways in Missouri that you can fund 911," he said. "One of them would be with either the sales tax or the device fee."

Crosby said that Missouri was one of the last states in the nation to adopt device fees and currently, residents are paying \$1 per month, per device for a cell phone, which is partially funding the 911 program. He said that in 2019, while they realized a sales tax would generate nearly three times as much money as a device fee, they purposely pursued the device fee to see if they could continue to provide the same quality of service. He said that at the time, if in five years, the device fee wasn't enough to cover costs, they would then pursue a sales tax.

"Good news, the device fee was sufficient," he

said. "And so we're coming back to you five years later and saying, please consider renewing the device fee, it will cost you a lot less than a sales tax and it will still get us what we need."

Crosby said that right now, 3/4 of the costs to the 911 center is supported by the agencies that use it: the city Kirksville, Rural Fire, Truman State University, the ambulance district and the county sheriff. The device fee adds another \$186,000, which provides enough to cover all costs.

"We have done great things with that," Crosby said. "I told you we met our promises. We do have a five year capital budget. We've expanded our services by having a training officer, quality assurance and we did get grant money so this is why we can afford this."

Crosby said that grant money was used to purchase a new radio console and phone system, as well as allowing them to make renovations to the system.

"So that's the good news is that we've been able to do that, keep the prices low and keep the cost of the taxpayers low," he said.

## The pros and cons of early retirement

By Special to The Express

Retirement is a milestone that is often the by-product of decades of hard work. Though a growing number of working professionals have no intention of ever retiring, the vast majority of adults look forward to the day when they can call it a career.

The prospect of early retirement is enticing to millions of people. Though retiring early may seem like a no-brainer for individuals in position to do so, a careful consideration of the pros and cons of early retirement can ensure people make the best decision.

### Benefits of early retirement

For many people, early retirement is less about finding a beach to relax

on and more about pivoting to a second career. In fact, a recent report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicated that 74 percent of workers plan to get a new job after they retire. In such instances, early retirement is often about turning a long-time passion into a second career. That can help adults achieve a lifelong dream, making it one of the better reasons to retire early.

Another advantage to retiring early is the chance to spend more quality time with family. One study from the American Psychological Association found that more than half of working professionals now check work emails after work hours, including on weekends. Forty-four

percent even check their email while on vacation. Early retirement enables individuals to escape that round-the-clock career commitment, affording retirees a chance to spend more unfiltered quality time with the people they love most.

Retiring early also provides an opportunity to escape a daily grind that many people have indicated has become increasingly burdensome in recent years. The 2021 Work and Well-Being Survey from the American Psychological Association found that 79 percent of the roughly 1,500 adults surveyed had experienced work-related stress in the month prior to participating. Work is a leading cause of stress for many people, and stress has been

linked to a host of health problems. Individuals who can retire early can benefit from less stress in their lives.

### Disadvantages to retiring early

Retiring early can seem like a dream, but it could turn into a nightmare for people whose finances aren't as robust as they need to be to support a lengthy retirement. One report from the Boston College Center for Retirement Research found that around 50 percent of working families face a significant decline in their standard of living during retirement. Life expectancy has been on the rise in developed countries since 1900, so retiring too early carries some significant finan-



cial risk for people who have saved but not necessarily saved enough.

Retiring early also could make people more vulnerable to cognitive decline than they would be if they keep working. One study from researchers at Scotland's University of St. Andrews found that people who wait until age 67 to retire experience less cognitive decline than people who retire prior to turning 67.

Out-of-pocket medical

costs are another significant disadvantage to retiring early. Employer-sponsored medical insurance tends to cost individuals less than private plans, which is a significant consideration for individuals at a point in their lives when they may need to visit doctors more often.

Early retirement has its advantages and disadvantages. Individuals must consider both to make the best decision for them.



## Tips for negotiating with contractors

By Special to The Express

Spring is the season for fixing up a home. Homeowners who aren't interested in doing the work themselves turn to contractors to ensure the job is done not only to code, but on time and efficiently.

After receiving an initial estimate from a contractor, homeowners may wonder if there is any additional wiggle room in contractors' costs.

Certain contractors are willing to negotiate while others are firm in their prices. However, learning the basics of negotiation can put homeowners in position to save money on dream renovations.

### Do your homework

Getting the best price typically require shopping around and not settling on the first bid. Experts recommend getting at least three estimates on the same job — and be sure to let each contractor know that you are soliciting multiple bids. This alone may entice a specific contractor to give you his or her best offer up front. Avoid simply choosing the lowest bid. Look at quality of work, reputation and reviews. If you like a costly contractor more than another, see if that contractor is willing to match a lower bid to win the job.

### Pick the right season

As with other industries, home renovation work heats up during certain seasons or times of year. General contractors may be more willing to negotiate for a lower price depending on when their busy season may be. Jobs may slow down in winter, for example.

### Talk about supplies

Even after getting a good bid, you may be able to speak with your contractor about lowering costs even more by choosing less costly supplies. Find out if contractors can source materials from a low-cost supplier. In addition, discuss if you can purchase your own supplies.

### Ask to do a portion

Be honest with the contractor about your budget and figure out if there is any way for you to do some of the work to lower costs. The contractor can give you jobs that are within your abilities, which can shave dollars off the final price.

### Know your rights and laws

Understand the laws governing contract language in your state or province. Contracts should also spell out the change order process so that expectations of changes and costs will be known in advance.

These are just some of the tactics homeowners can use when negotiating the price of home remodels or improvements.

## How to navigate a salary negotiation

By Special to The Express

Women are vital components of the global workforce. Despite the contributions of women, Pew Research Center's analysis of median hourly wages of both full- and part-time workers indicates that women earn less than their male counterparts — even when they're doing the same work and have the same educational backgrounds.

The gender gap has remained relatively stable in the United States over the last 15 years, with women earning 84 percent of what men earned in 2020. Estimates indicate it would take a woman an extra 42 days of work to earn as much as a male colleague.

Salary negotiations can be intimidating for any employee. But for women already at an earnings deficit, such negotiations can be even more difficult. Here are some tips to make salary negotiations go more smoothly.

### Speak up

It would seem that any promotion would automatically come with a pay raise, but this is not always the case. When the time comes to consider taking a promotion, it is important to have a salary number in mind. Saying nothing may not earn you a raise, or your boss may not give you what you believe you deserve.



### Do your research

Some jobs come with a standard pay rate across the board. These include government and civil service jobs, union jobs, or hourly positions. However, you can determine if a job is negotiable by researching data on sites such as Payscale and Glassdoor to figure out what positions are worth. Arming yourself with information makes you ready to present data supporting your salary demands.

### Don't be afraid to ask

Even if an offer seems acceptable, it is alright to ask for more money, according to The Balance: Careers. A company may actually increase the base pay or offer other perks such as larger bonuses, stock options or full 401(k) matching.

### Avoid "Imposter syndrome"

Thoughts, beliefs and feelings can hold you back, especially when it comes to salary negotiations. Most professionals at some point in

time experience what's often referred to as "Imposter syndrome." This is a name given by a team of psychologists in 1978 that referred to people who had difficulty acknowledging their achievements, although their peers respected them. Doubting capabilities, worrying about someone calling your skills "fake" or discounting your achievements are symptoms of imposter syndrome. Comparing yourself to others — especially those who are more advanced — may lead to uneasiness as well. Focus more positively on what you do at work and be proud of what you have achieved. This will help you sit more confidently in front of employers negotiating for your benefit.

Workers need to advocate for themselves and ask for salaries they believe are commensurate with their skill levels and positions. It can be daunting to negotiate for a better salary, but there are many ways to simplify such negotiations.

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## T-Mobile increases access to 5G home internet in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Iowa

By Press Release

T-Mobile announced that it's leveraging its massive 5G network to bring T-Mobile Home Internet to nearly 5 million more homes in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Iowa, and more than 1.4 million homes across Missouri, including Kirksville.

Across these five states, more than 1.1 million households still have no access to home broadband. Now, there's finally an alternative, with home broadband from T-Mobile.

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have access to high-speed internet. That's just ridiculous," said Mike Katz, Chief Marketing Officer at T-Mobile. "So today, we're giving nearly 5 million more homes across Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma a new, affordable option for fast, reliable 5G internet. With 5G Home Internet, along with efforts like Project 10Million, T-Mobile is doing real work to bridge the Digital Divide."

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\$30 per month for families with Magenta MAX, T-Mobile's most popular phone plan. There's no hidden fees, no annual contracts, no data caps and no complicated installation. It's fast, reliable home broadband that runs on T-Mobile's leading 5G network.

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## City, state public health officials confirm first probable case of monkeypox virus in Missouri

By DHSS

(KANSAS CITY, MO) – The Kansas City Health Department (KCHD) and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announced today a single probable monkeypox case in a Kansas City, Mo. resident with recent out-of-state travel history.

“This week, one of our excellent nurses suspected one of our patients may have monkeypox virus,” said Dr. Marvia Jones, Director of the Kansas City Health Department. “We are considering this a probable case of monkeypox virus until we receive final confirmation from the CDC labs. We appreciate the work our disease investigation and nursing staff have done to educate themselves on this rare virus and be on alert for it.”

Initial testing was completed June 18, 2022, at

the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory, and confirmatory testing for monkeypox is pending at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on initial epidemiologic characteristics and the positive orthopoxvirus result at the state laboratory, health officials consider this a probable monkeypox infection.

KCHD disease investigators are working to determine if the patient may have been in contact with any individuals while infectious. Health officials will make notification with any individuals if they are deemed at risk for exposure. This contact tracing approach is appropriate given the nature and transmission of the virus. The person did not require hospitalization. To protect patient confidentiality, no further details relating to the patient will be disclosed. State health officials including epidemiologists,

disease control staff, and the laboratory are coordinating closely between KCHD and CDC.

There is no indication there is a great risk of extensive local spread of the virus, as monkeypox does not spread as easily as the COVID-19 virus. Person-to-person transmission is possible through close physical contact with body fluids, monkeypox sores, items that have been contaminated with fluids or sores (clothing, bedding, etc.), or through respiratory droplets following prolonged face-to-face contact.

Monkeypox is a rare, but potentially serious viral illness, which belongs to the Orthopoxvirus family, and typically begins with flu-like symptoms and swelling of the lymph nodes, and progresses to a rash on the face and body. Most infections last 2 to 4 weeks. Monkeypox is typically endemic to

parts of central and west Africa, and people can be exposed through bites or scratches from rodents and small mammals, preparing wild game, or having contact with an infected animal or possibly animal products.

Beginning in 2022, multiple cases of monkeypox have been reported in several countries that do not normally report monkeypox, including the United States. On May 18, 2022, a U.S. resident tested positive for monkeypox after returning to the U.S. from Canada. As of June 18, 2022, the CDC reports 113 confirmed cases of orthopox/monkeypox across multiple states. Anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, can spread monkeypox, but early data from this outbreak suggest that gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men make up a high number of initial cases.

According to federal health officials, clinicians should consider a diagnosis of monkeypox in people who present with a consistent rash, especially if they 1) had contact with someone who had a rash that looks like monkeypox or someone who was diagnosed with confirmed or probable monkeypox, 2) had skin-to-skin contact with someone in a social network experiencing monkeypox activity; this includes men who have sex with men who meet partners through an online website, digital application (app), or social event (e.g., a bar or party), 3) traveled outside the US to a country with confirmed cases of monkeypox or where monkeypox activity has been ongoing, or 4) had contact with a dead or live wild animal or exotic pet that exists only in Africa or used a product derived from such animals

(e.g., game meat, creams, lotions, powders, etc.).

People who have a new or unexplained rash, sores, or symptoms, or have a confirmed exposure should see a healthcare provider and avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until they have been seen. If a person or their partner has monkeypox, they should follow the treatment and prevention recommendations outlined by their healthcare provider and avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until all sores have healed or have a fresh layer of skin formed.

Suspected cases may present with early flu-like symptoms and progress to lesions that may begin on one site on the body and spread to other parts. Illness could be clinically confused with a sexually transmitted infection like syphilis or herpes, or with varicella zoster virus.



## Consider food safety when donating to pantries

By MU Extension

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Donating to food pantries and food banks is a way for neighbors to help neighbors, reduce food waste and aid families in need, says Londa Nwadike, extension food safety specialist for the University of Missouri and Kansas State University.

While donations are greatly appreciated at food pantries, Nwadike said, be mindful of what you donate. “Many times, people don’t want to throw food away, so they donate it, but it is always important to ensure that when donating food, we also think about it from a safety perspective,” she said.

“Many of the people who consume food from food pantries are from groups that are more vulnerable to foodborne illness – the young, old, pregnant and sick,” Nwadike said.

Nwadike recommends not donating the following foods:

- Home-canned or home-prepared foods.
- Opened or repackaged foods.
- Food in damaged packages or dented cans.
- Food past its labeled “best by” date.
- Spoiled, moldy foods.

“Always check with the food pantry or food bank before donating fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen foods and any food that requires refrigeration to

ask if they are able to safely handle those foods,” she said.

Nwadike suggests donating nonperishable items like these:

- Fruits that are canned in light syrup or juice or are dried, such as peaches, apple sauce and pineapple.
- Canned vegetables that are low in sodium, such as corn, peas and carrots.
- Healthful grains, such as whole-grain crackers, brown rice and granola bars.
- Protein foods, such as canned tuna or salmon (water packed), canned chicken and nut butters.
- Nonperishable dairy products, such as evaporated milk, shelf-stable milk and nonfat dry milk.

Aside from donating food, there are other ways to help food pantries, Nwadike said. “Food pantries also appreciate monetary donations so they can buy what they need the most in bulk, and they also appreciate volunteer time,” she said.

### More information

- “Donating Safe and Nutritious Food to Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens,” [extension.missouri.edu/n1311](https://extension.missouri.edu/n1311) (downloadable fact sheet).
- “Working Together To Reduce Food Waste,” [extension.missouri.edu/n1318](https://extension.missouri.edu/n1318) (downloadable fact sheet).
- MU Extension Food Safety website, [mizzou.us/FoodSafety](https://mizzou.us/FoodSafety).

## Complete Family Medicine celebrates anniversary

By Press Release

On July 1 Complete Family Medicine celebrated its 5th Anniversary since joining Hannibal Regional, a not-for-profit healthcare system based in Hannibal, Mo., in 2017.

Since becoming a part of the HRHS family, Complete Family Medicine has doubled in the number of clinic locations across Northeast Missouri as well as the number of providers and team members. CFM now has locations in Lancaster, La Plata, Macon, Moberly, Brookfield and Kirksville

and has plans to open a clinic in Chillicothe in the fall of 2022.

Several of these cities are home to multiple clinics, including Moberly, which has both an Urgent Care/Pediatrics location and a Family Medicine location and Kirksville, which has the main Family Medicine/Urgent Care clinic, the CFM Specialty Group, the CFM CARES Center in partnership with Kirksville R-3, the Student Health Center and University Counseling Services in partnership with Truman State University, and an Occupational Medi-

cine/Worker’s Compensation Clinic.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri also became a part of Hannibal Regional in January of 2022, adding even more investment into the care of Northeast Missouri.

It is the goal of Complete Family Medicine and Hannibal Regional to continue to expand their services and locations to better serve the northeast Missouri communities. CFM is very thankful for the continued support and appreciates the opportunity to serve and guide their communities to an even better healthcare experience.



## Avoid heat-related illness

By MU Extension

BUTLER, Mo. — Even if you think you’re getting used to the sweltering weather, you need to watch out for signs of heat-related illness.

Forms of heat-related illness include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, says Tammy Roberts, University of Missouri Extension nutrition and health education specialist.

Heat cramps are usually a result of heavy sweating, sometimes several hours after a person has been out of the heat, Roberts said. The cramps can be very painful and usually affect the arms, legs or abdomen. “To help prevent heat cramps, drink a fluid that has electrolytes during and after long periods of heavy sweating,” she said.

Heat exhaustion happens

when the body loses the ability to cool itself. This can occur when a person has been sweating heavily and not replacing fluids and electrolytes. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include headache, dizziness, loss of coordination, impaired judgment, anxiety, clammy skin and a weak, rapid pulse. Individuals with these symptoms needs to be cooled down and slowly drink fluids. Have them checked by a doctor.

Heat stroke, the most serious heat-related illness, is life-threatening. It occurs when the body has lost too much water and salt. That loss, along with the body’s inability to cool itself, makes body heat rise to dangerous levels. Symptoms of heat stroke include a high body temperature with no sweating, nausea and vomiting, seizures, difficulty breathing, high blood pressure,

and any of the symptoms of heat exhaustion mentioned above. If you suspect someone has heat stroke, call 911 and try to cool the person as quickly as possible.

Anyone can suffer from a heat-related illness, but at greatest risk are infants and young children, senior citizens, people who are obese, and those who are already physically ill.

Roberts urges people to drink plenty of fluids during times of extreme heat. “Water is a great choice. Fluids with electrolytes are recommended for long periods of heavy sweating.”

Digesting food actually creates heat in your body, so if the heat is bothering you, Roberts suggests eating smaller but more frequent meals.

Heat-related illness can be serious, but it is avoidable. “Remember, shade and water are your friends,” she said.

## Wimbledon appealing fine from women's tour over Russia ban

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — The All England Club is appealing a fine levied by the WTA women's professional tennis tour for banning Russian and Belarusian players from tournaments in Britain because of the war in Ukraine.

The Lawn Tennis Association — the British federation for the sport — also is expected to appeal a financial penalty imposed by the WTA after no players from Russia or Belarus were allowed to take part in grass-court tune-up events last month at Eastbourne, Nottingham and Birmingham.

The fines, totaling \$1 million, were first reported by The Daily Mail. The newspaper said the LTA was docked \$750,000, and the All England Club \$250,000.

"It's the subject of a



Spectators watch as Italy's Georgia Pedone serves during a girls singles match on day eight of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Monday, July 4, 2022. AP PHOTO/ALBERTO PEZZALI

legal process, so I can't comment specifically on that," All England Club CEO Sally Bolton said Monday. "We stand by the decision we made. We're deeply disappointed at the reaction of the

tours to that decision, and I probably can't say any more than that at this point in time, I'm afraid."

Bolton said the club appealed its WTA fine. As for whether the ATP

men's tour also assessed a penalty, she said: "We're still waiting to hear from them."

The club announced in April that, following guidance from the British government, athletes

from Russia and Belarus would not be allowed to compete at Wimbledon this year, which kept out such players as the No. 1-ranked man, reigning U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev, and

two-time major champion Victoria Azarenka.

In response, the WTA and ATP took the unprecedented step of saying they would not award rankings points to any players at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament, which began last week and is scheduled to end on Sunday.

"It was an incredibly difficult and challenging decision to make. It was not one we took lightly. We thought carefully about the ramifications of taking it. But it was absolutely the right decision for us. It was the only viable option in the context of the government guidance in place. And we stand by that decision," Bolton said. "We accept that others will take a different view, but we absolutely stand by the decision."

Spokespersons for the two tours did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

## Attorneys seek Deshaun Watson NFL investigation documents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Attorneys for multiple women suing Deshaun Watson over allegations of sexual misconduct are seeking the documents from the NFL's investigation into the former Houston Texans quarterback.

According to the motion filed Friday by the women's attorneys, Tony Buzbee and Cornelia Brandfield-Harvey, the legal team seeks any and all reports and files from the NFL's investigation into Watson, including recorded interviews, witness statements and communications. The notice of intention to take deposition by written questions also asks for photographs and "any other type of documents in your files and/or documents regarding the investigation of Deshaun Watson."

Watson, who was later traded to the Cleveland Browns, has denied any wrongdoing and vowed to clear his name.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson throws a pass during an NFL football practice at FirstEnergy Stadium, Thursday, June 16, 2022, in Cleveland. AP PHOTO/RON SCHWANE

A hearing with NFL disciplinary officer Sue L. Robinson, a retired judge, ended last week in Delaware. Robinson is expected to rule before the Browns open training camp late next month on whether the 26-year-old violated the league's personal conduct policy and whether to impose discipline.

Two people who were in attendance during last week's hearing told The Associated Press that the NFL insisted on an indefinite suspension, while Watson's legal team argued there's no basis for that punishment.

Last month, Watson settled 20 of 24 lawsuits accusing him of sexual misconduct when he played for the Texans.



In this artists rendering provided by the Oakland Athletics is a home plate view of their proposed ballpark at Howard Terminal near Jack London Square in Oakland, Calif. The San Francisco Bay and Development Commission are to vote Thursday, June 30, 2022, on the Oakland Athletics' application to remove Howard Terminal's port designation. A vote in favor would clear the way for designation as a mixed-use development site. BJARKE INGELS GROUP/OAKLAND ATHLETICS VIA AP

## Agency clears way for Oakland Athletics \$12B ballpark plan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A California agency on Thursday cleared the way for the Oakland Athletics to continue planning a \$12 billion waterfront ballpark project.

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission voted 23-2 to reclassify a 56-acre terminal at the Port of Oakland as a mixed-use area where a new ballpark could be built. The vote is the first in a series of legal hurdles the team would have to overcome before it gets permission to break ground for the project.

The commission followed the recommendation of its staff, which found the team demonstrated removing the terminal from port use "would not detract from the region's capability to handle the projected growth in cargo."

The A's are the last professional franchise remaining in Oakland after the NBA's Golden State Warriors relocated to San Francisco and the NFL's Raiders to Las Vegas in recent years. The defections weigh heavily on the Bay Area city of roughly 400,000 people, some of whom pleaded with the commission Thursday to work harder to keep the team and the accompanying jobs.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf said the approval moved the city closer to bringing "this bold vision into a beautiful reality and keep our A's rooted in Oakland for generations to come."

"Our city has historically been overlooked for major economic development, but today that story about Oakland changes," she said in a statement.

The two commissioners and members of the public who opposed no longer classifying Howard Terminal for port priority questioned whether the Port of Oakland would have the room needed to expand as shipping traffic grows if a massive real estate development were in its midst.

Erin Wright, a third-generation longshoreman and member of ILWU Local 10, said the maritime community opposes the project because it would interfere with the shipping and receiving of cargo.

"Everyone with a working brain knows that the building of houses in an industrial zone is going to have a huge negative impact on all operations and lead to a downturn and degradation of our seaports," he said.

"Our port is busier than it's been in my 33 years. We need (Howard Terminal) for operations. We are using it, we have been using it every day," he added.

Last year, the Oakland City Council approved preliminary terms for the project but A's President Dave Kaval said the financial terms didn't work for the team. Kaval said the team was proceeding with "parallel paths," planning new ballparks in Oakland and Las Vegas.

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## Joey Chestnut is chomp champ again in July 4 hot dog contest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Frankfurt-munching phenom Joey "Jaws" Chestnut gobbled his way to a 15th win Monday at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest, powering down 63 hot dogs and buns at the annual exhibition of excess.

In a decisive showdown comeback, women's record-holder Miki Sudo downed 40 wieners and buns to win the women's title after skipping last year's frank fest because she was pregnant.

Monday also marked the contest's return to its traditional location outside Nathan's flagship shop in Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood. The event was relocated in 2020 and last year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's beautiful to be back here" in front of a throng of spectators, Chestnut told ESPN after his feat, which the 38-year-old managed while wearing a surgical boot because of a leg injury.

"It hurts, but I was in the zone for a little bit. I was ignoring it," said Chestnut, but the pain eventually slowed his pace in the 10-minute competition.

Last year, the Westfield, Indiana, resident topped his own record by consuming 76 franks and buns.



Joey Chestnut reacts after winning the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest in Coney Island on Monday, July 4, 2022, in New York. Chestnut at 63 hotdogs to win the men's division of the contest. AP PHOTO/JULIA NIKHINSON

Sudo, of Tampa, Florida, set the women's record at 48 1/2 wieners and buns in 2020, before taking last year off while expecting. She and Nick Wehry — a fellow competitive eater whom she met through the Nathan's contest in 2018 — welcomed son Max on July 8, 2021.

From dad's arms, the baby watched his 36-year-old mother notch her eighth Nathan's win. She told ESPN afterward that she hoped he would someday take a message away from it.

"I want to set an example," she said, "to do things that you love and push yourself to your absolute limits and, when things get difficult, to still give it a try. And, you know, you might actually just come out victorious."

Sudo then took over parenting duties while Wehry tried for the men's title.

In conjunction with the spectacle, Nathan's donates 100,000 franks to the Food Bank for New York City.

## Despite title game, USFL already focusing on next season

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The USFL accomplished what the last two attempts at spring football failed to do — make it through its first season.

As the league prepares for Sunday night's championship game between the Birmingham Stallions and Philadelphia Stars at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, where it goes from here is the bigger question.

Fox Sports president Eric Shanks announced earlier this week that the USFL will return next season. Ratings have been steady, with games averaging 1.034 million viewers on Fox and NBC. The overall average is lower (715,000) when games on USA Network and FS1 are included.

While those ratings are slightly above the 2019 Alliance of American Football, which ceased operations after eight weeks, they are behind the 2020 XFL viewership average of 1.9 million. The XFL ceased operations midway through its season, mostly due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think we've said pretty consistently that the number one goal for this season was to establish that we could do viewership at the same level as other sports that have been part of the spring calendar for a long time (Formula 1, Major League Soccer, English Premier League). I think we've more than held our own," Fox Sports executive vice president Michael Mulvihill said.

The league took a huge step toward ensuring financial stability by playing all of its regular-season games in Birmingham, Alabama. League officials announced 17,500 fans took in the first game on April 16 between the Stallions and New Jersey Generals but did not release figures for the other 39 games, which appeared to be played in a mostly-empty stadium.

The plans for next year include the same eight teams, but they will play games in at least two cities or as many as four.

The league was able to adjust to concerns throughout the season. The sensor inside the football for tracking was altered after feedback from quarterbacks and kickers about it how it was affecting them. The league also expanded rosters due to injury concerns late in the year.

"This league was put together by people that understand what an alternative football league is about," Philadelphia coach Bart Andrus said. "People may have experienced the other part of it, losing the league or not having one make it. But they understand what it takes. I think that's been the difference."

Besides Shanks, the USFL includes former Dallas Cowboys standout and Fox NFL commentator Daryl Johnston as executive vice president of football operations, along with Brian Woods, the founder of The Spring League, as president of football operations and Mike Pereira as the head of officiating.



Former Dallas Cowboys standout and longtime NFL on FOX game analyst Daryl Johnston. AP PHOTO/MARK TENALLY, FILE

"We will always consider ourselves as a standalone professional football league that hopefully continues to build that relationship with the NFL," Johnston said. "There are some things that we're talking about internally that hopefully will come to fruition. We want to create that synergy with them, where it's a relationship that benefits both sides."

USFL games averaged 2 hours, 58 minutes, which is 14 minutes faster than an NFL game. While league officials were happy with the game pace, they would like to see more plays and more attempts at 2- and 3-point conversions.

The USFL averaged 158 plays per game — 20 fewer than the NFL. Even though teams could attempt a 3-point conversion from the 10-yard line after touchdowns, it only happened five times during the regular season with one successful conversion.

The USFL has a working relationship with the NFL but doesn't want to be seen as its developmental league. But it is also not a challenge to the NFL, which puts it in a strange middle ground.

The 2023 season is expected to start in mid April so that the USFL doesn't have to compete against the NCAA basketball tournament and the Masters. The XFL plans a return next season with an expected start of February 18, the week after the Super Bowl.

But the primary focus for the weekend will be on Sunday. The Stars (6-4 regular season) upset the 9-1 Generals 19-14 in last weekend's semifinals. The Stallions (9-1) advanced with a 31-17 victory over the New Orleans Breakers (6-4).

Philadelphia is led by receiver/returner Maurice Alexander, who led the league in kick returns. Meanwhile, Birmingham linebacker DeMarquis Gates had 10 tackles for loss and 5 1/2 sacks. The Stallions won the first meeting 30-17 on May 15.

Johnston also wants to make sure that everyone takes a moment to celebrate getting to the end of the season once the trophy is raised.

"I've talked to everybody about this," he said. "Let's make sure we take the time to celebrate what we've accomplished and pat each other on the back because it's been a lot of hard work by a lot of really, really good people that's gotten us to this point."



FILE — New Orleans Pelicans forward Zion Williamson watches a shoot-around before Game 6 of the team's NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Phoenix Suns, April 29, 2022, in New Orleans. Two people familiar with the decision say Williamson has agreed to a five-year extension worth \$193 million. The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because NBA rules do not allow the extension to become official until July 6. AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT, FILE

## Agent: Williamson agrees to 5-year, \$193M extension

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Zion Williamson's lost season to injury and unusual absence from the New Orleans Pelicans during his recovery didn't stop the club from betting big on their long-term future together.

The star forward agreed Saturday to a five-year, \$193 million extension with New Orleans that has the potential to be worth as much as \$231 million, Williamson's agent, Austin Brown, told The Associated Press.

Classified as a maximum rookie extension under the NBA's labor agreement, the deal sets the stage for the 6-foot-6, 280-pound, high-scoring power forward to give an All-Star caliber boost to a squad that recently proved it could make the playoffs without him.

ESPN first reported the agreement, also citing information provided by Brown, who is the co-director of CAA Sports' basketball division. The Pelicans have not yet announced the extension, which under NBA rules cannot be signed until July 6.

The move signifies a desire by the 2019 No. 1 overall draft choice out of Duke to see how much his return could help a squad that improved dramatically late last season and made a surprisingly competitive playoff showing.

It is also a show of faith by the Pelicans in the injury-plagued Williamson, who has played a total of 85 games in his first three NBA seasons — and missed all of last season with a foot injury.

This spring, the Pelicans won two Western Conference play-in games before taking top-seeded Phoenix to six games in the first round of the 2022 playoffs. They did so

with a squad led by high-scoring wing Brandon Ingram, veteran guard CJ McCollum, center Jonas Valanciunas and a supporting cast of young players who blossomed under first-time NBA head coach Willie Green.

One season earlier, Williamson averaged a team-high 27 points and became a first-time All-Star during what was his lone NBA campaign that was not mostly or entirely wiped out by injuries.

Williamson played in just 24 games as a rookie because of a preseason right knee injury (lateral meniscus).

He played in 61 of 72 games in his second season. But he hurt his foot during the 2021 offseason while performing basketball drills with his stepfather, with whom he had previously entrusted his off-season training.

The Pelicans didn't reveal the injury until the first day of training camp in September, saying they hoped he'd be ready to play by the regular-season opener on Oct. 20. Williamson initially agreed with that timeline, which proved exceedingly optimistic. He wound up missing the entire regular season and playoffs.

Williamson also chose to spend a significant portion of the season away from New Orleans and the Pelicans. He chose to rehabilitate in Oregon, where his shoe sponsor, Nike, is based.

During that time, the Pelicans offered few updates on Williamson, any mention of whom was later conspicuously absent from Pelicans promotional material regarding season ticket renewals for the 2022-23 season.

No NBA player has declined a maximum extension of their rookie NBA contract,

although the awkwardness between Williamson and the Pelicans led to speculation that Williamson might be the first.

But Williamson rejoined the team in March and appeared emotionally invested in its playoff run, routinely engaging in celebrations of triumphant moments near the bench.

And when the season ended, Williamson said if New Orleans offered a maximum extension, he "wouldn't be able to sign it fast enough."

"It was a different feel this year. You saw it on the court," said Williamson, who had a different coach in each of his first three NBA seasons. "We have a special group. I truly believe that."

In late May, several weeks after the Pelicans season had ended, the club announced that Williamson had been cleared to engage in basketball activities without restrictions.

With Williamson sidelined and Green a rookie head coach, the Pelicans started 1-12 last season. But they steadily climbed into contention for a Western Conference postseason berth.

They had begun improving even before acquiring McCollum from Portland two days before the NBA trade deadline. McCollum helped them rally to clinch a ninth overall seed and a home play-in game.

The Pelicans defeated 10th-seeded San Antonio. They then won a second play-in game over the Clippers in Los Angeles to advance to the first round of the playoffs against top-seeded Phoenix.

New Orleans won twice in that series, which was tied at 2 games apiece before the Suns closed it out with consecutive victories.

## OAKLAND

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The A's top-level minor league team, the Las Vegas Aviators, have played since April 2019 at a new stadium several miles northwest of the Strip. It has 8,196 seats and 22 air-conditioned suites but is not considered suitable for long-term use by the A's.

The Triple A team reported drawing an average of 6,590 fans during the 2021 season. The A's, by comparison, have drawn noticeably few fans to RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland, which seats more than 63,000.

In Las Vegas, local news outlets have since 2021 tracked

visits by A's team executives and have reported, sometimes citing unnamed sources, about team interest in several properties on or adjacent to the Las Vegas Strip.

Both T-Mobile Arena, home to the NHL Vegas Golden Knights since 2017, and Allegiant Stadium, a domed 65,000-seat, are within walking distance of Strip resorts. The NFL's Las Vegas Raiders relocated from Oakland in 2020 and play at Allegiant Stadium.

A's executives have been focusing on two locations and have met with the owners of the Tropicana Las Vegas, an aging icon built in 1957 and namesake of a key Las Vegas Boulevard intersection, ac-

ording local media.

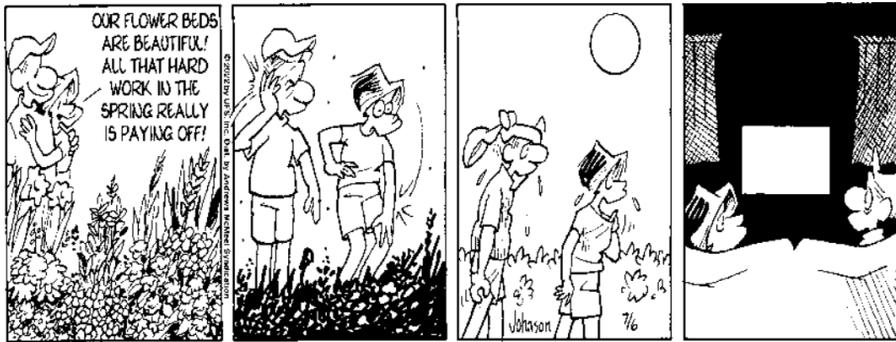
In Oakland, the A's proposal includes a \$1 billion privately financed 35,000-seat waterfront ballpark at Howard Terminal, which is currently being used as overflow parking for containers and trucks. The project also would include 3,000 residential units, office and retail space, hotel rooms and an indoor performance center.

The team's lease at the aging RingCentral Coliseum runs through 2024. The league has said rebuilding at the current location is not a viable option. In May, Major League Baseball instructed Oakland's brass to explore relocation options if no ballpark agreement could be reached.

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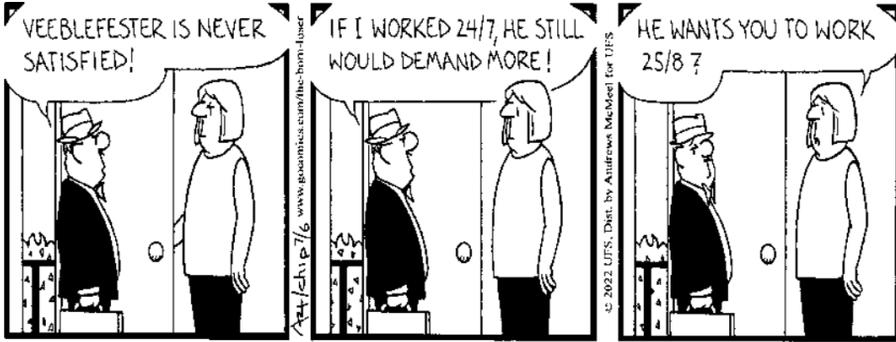
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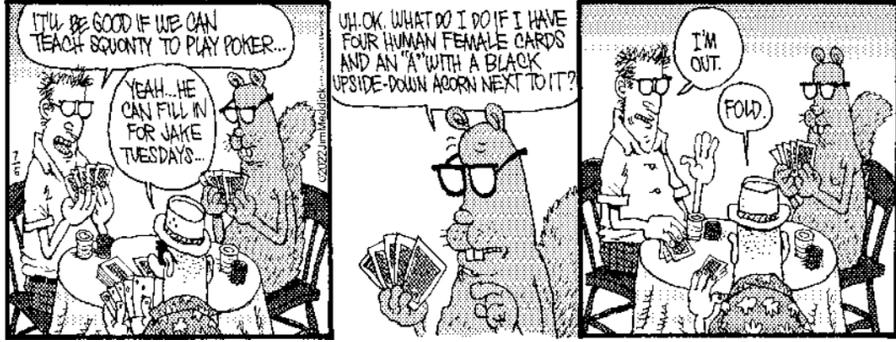
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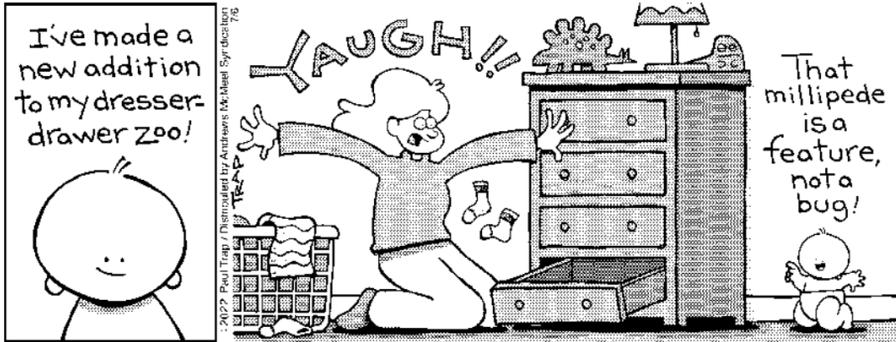
**FRANK AND ERNEST**



**MONTY**



**THAT A BABY**



**SUDOKU**

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

				6	9	4		
	9	7	5	4				6
	4		9		7			
8		3	2	9			7	
	7		1		6			
	9		4	6	7			1
		8		3		2		
3			6	4	2	8		
	2	5	8					

**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

7	6	8	9	4	2	3	1	5
4	3	5	8	6	1	7	9	2
2	1	9	7	3	5	8	4	6
9	7	6	3	1	4	2	5	8
1	4	3	5	2	8	9	6	7
8	5	2	6	9	7	1	3	4
6	2	1	4	8	9	5	7	3
5	8	4	1	7	3	6	2	9
3	9	7	2	5	6	4	8	1

**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dynamite inventor
  - 6 Over-indulge
  - 11 Excessive interest
  - 12 Hunter constellation
  - 13 — uno
  - 15 Nearly won
  - 16 Stopped
  - 18 Double curve
  - 19 Explosive letters
  - 21 Home, in the phone book
  - 22 Woodwind
  - 23 Blackthorn
  - 25 Sweet murmur
  - 28 Serfs' masters
  - 30 PC button
  - 31 Ozarks st.
  - 32 Jr. naval officer
  - 33 Boot liner
  - 35 Movie award
  - 37 Visualize
- DOWN**
- 1 Wimple wearer
  - 2 Columbus sch.
  - 3 Mooch
  - 4 Put up
  - 5 Old harp
  - 6 Intrepid
  - 7 Rollover subj.
  - 8 Agreeable

Answer to Previous Puzzle

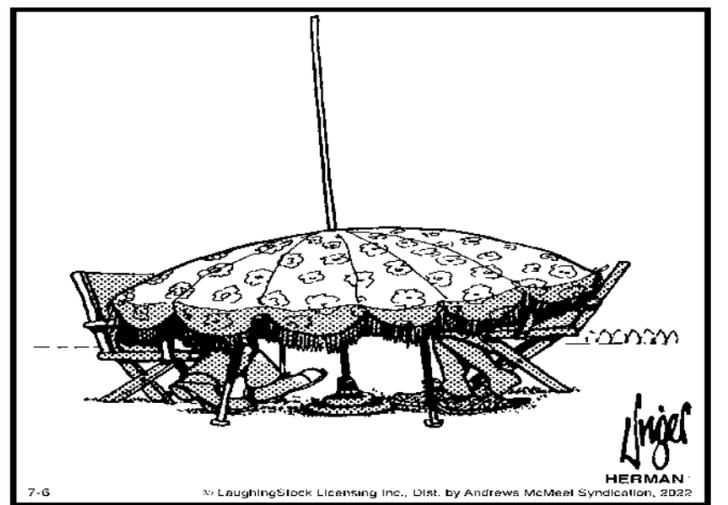
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A	W	E		N	O	I	R		G	E	R	E		
P	A	T		S	T	A	N		E	D	E	N		

- 9 Pushes off
- 10 Tackles' neighbors
- 14 Dory need
- 15 Mexican money
- 17 One who chooses
- 19 Carnivore's delight (hyph.)
- 20 Like Thor
- 22 Cheers for toreros
- 24 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
- 25 Dry-climate plants
- 26 Take the dais
- 27 Slimy vegetable
- 29 Health resort
- 34 Cancel
- 36 "— Heaven"
- 39 Blizzard maker
- 43 Microwaves
- 44 Homer opus
- 45 Rapier's kin
- 46 Otherwise
- 47 Socks set
- 49 Prince Valiant's son
- 51 Calendar square
- 52 Stately tree
- 53 Deli loaf

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		
11							12					
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**HERMAN**



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Take your time, think matters through and keep things in perspective. The decisions you make will impact your life as well as other people. Show compassion, and put thought and energy behind your promises. Precision and attention to detail and quality will determine your success. Have a solid plan in place before you share your intentions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Exhaust all your options before making a move. Getting along with others will be mandatory if you want to get things done on time. Stick to what's feasible, and avoid overreacting and overspending.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Pay attention to how you present yourself. Your image will make a difference when networking. A chance to impress someone you feel drawn to will pay off. Go for the brass ring!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Keep your emotions in check. Refuse to let someone upset you or back you into a corner. Look for ways to improve what you can offer, and move forward quickly. Don't let anyone hold you back.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Keep your thoughts to yourself. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change someone. Look for a chance to nurture and improve your relationships, and you will inspire others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Don't shun your responsibilities. Take care of duties before moving on to more enjoyable or creative tasks. Having a clear mind will make it easier for you to develop an original plan.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Put your strengths to the test, and don't stop until you reach your goal. Self-improvements will fetch

compliments and encourage talks about intentions and plans with someone you love.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Keep everything in perspective. Too much of anything will leave you in a quandary. Concentrate on positive changes at home, and nurture relationships you have neglected.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Put everything you've got into making your environment better. Spend time at home going over pending matters and cleaning up unfinished business. What you accomplish will buy you some freedom.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- You can think big, but when it comes to putting your plans in motion, do so with a minimalist approach. Use only what's necessary to reach your target. Waste not, and you'll have no regrets.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- You'll find it difficult to say no to a persuasive talker or someone who's trying to sell you something. When temptation sets in, rethink your steps. Personal improvement will pay off.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- You'll be quick to make decisions. Put a hold on voicing your opinion or making promises you haven't thought through. Don't limit your possibilities by tying up your time and energy.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Seize the moment, do something you find inviting and immerse yourself in mastering what you set out to achieve. Don't wait for someone to take charge. Romance is encouraged.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
JUDGE MATTHEW WILSON

Case Number: **22AR-JU00037**  
**JUVENILE DIVISION**

In the Interest of A.T.C. Male  
DOB: 4/24/2020 Age: 2

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**The State of Missouri to: UNKNOWN FATHER**

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The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the Juvenile Office attorney is:  
C. David Rouser  
ROUSER LAW OFFICE LLC  
400 N. Franklin Street  
Kirksville MO 63501  
(P) 660.665.7515  
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Date of first publication is June 15, 22, 29 & July 6 2022  
Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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JUDGE MATTHEW WILSON

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**JUVENILE DIVISION**

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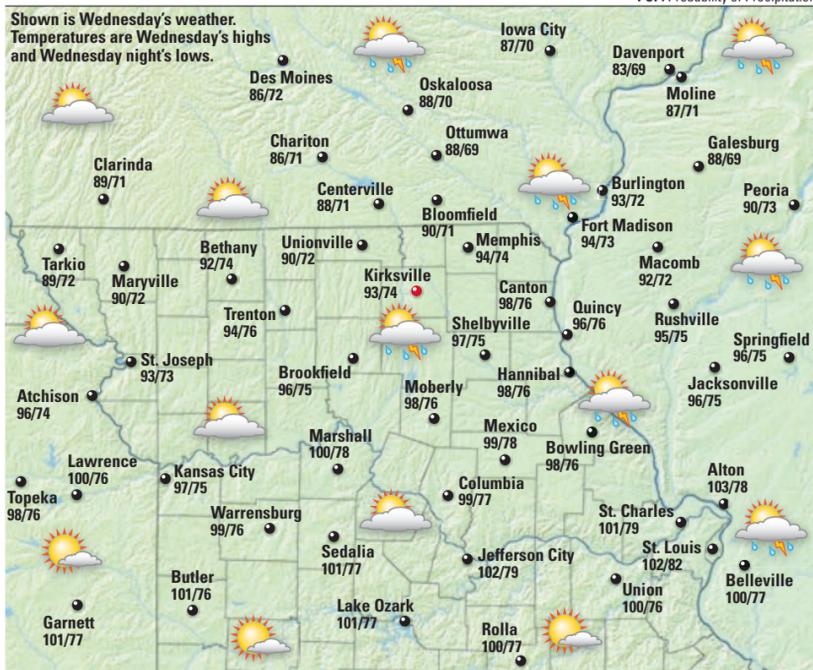
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Some sun with a t-storm in the area; hot	Partly cloudy, warm and humid	Very warm; an afternoon t-storm possible	Mostly cloudy, humid; a stray p.m. t-storm	Partly sunny and humid	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Variably cloudy with a thunderstorm; humid	Times of clouds and sun
<b>HIGH: 93</b> POP: 40%	<b>LOW: 74</b> POP: 10%	<b>90 71</b> POP: 30%	<b>85 67</b> POP: 55%	<b>86 66</b> POP: 5%	<b>89 68</b> POP: 5%	<b>89 68</b> POP: 55%	<b>90 64</b> POP: 5%



### Conditions Wednesday

#### UV Index & RealFeel Temperature

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82	92	97	100	101	93

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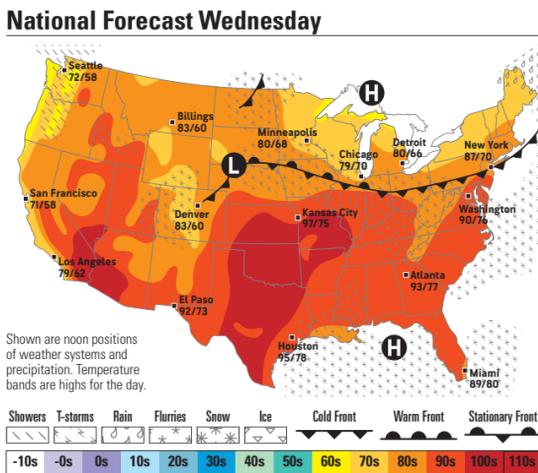
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#### Kirksville through Monday

Temperature	High/Low
High/low	94/72
Normal high/low	85/65
Record high	108 in 1936
Record low	48 in 1967

Precipitation	Amount
Monday	0.00"
Past week's total	0.03"
Month to date	0.03"
Normal month to date	0.67"
Year to date	17.85"
Normal year to date	22.56"

Winds	Direction	Speed
Average direction	SSW	
Average speed		9.6 mph
Highest speed		16 mph

#### Monday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

#### Last Week's Temperatures

Actual and normal highs/lows

Day	High	Low
T	81	52
W	88	64
Th	87	62
F	81	64
S	79	61
Su	87	60
M	94	72

### The Region

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Branson	103/76/s	103/76/s
Burlington, IA	93/72/t	86/73/t
Cape Girardeau	100/79/t	100/77/t
Carbondale	99/78/t	95/76/t
Cedar Rapids	85/68/t	83/65/t
Champaign	95/73/t	89/72/t
Chicago	79/70/t	82/68/t
Columbia	99/77/pc	99/76/s
Danville	90/71/t	88/70/t
Davenport	83/69/t	83/71/t
Decatur	96/75/t	92/73/t
Des Moines	86/72/t	82/69/t
Evansville	98/78/t	96/76/t
Galesburg	88/69/t	84/68/t
Green Bay	75/62/c	80/61/pc
Indianapolis	93/73/t	90/74/t
Iowa City	87/70/t	87/69/t
Jefferson City	102/79/pc	101/77/s
Joliet	84/70/t	82/65/t
Kansas City	97/75/pc	94/76/s
Lafayette, IN	91/70/t	87/67/t
Lincoln	96/75/t	91/74/t
Madison	98/76/pc	95/75/t
Milwaukee	74/67/pc	77/66/pc
Omaha	87/73/pc	84/69/t
Ottumwa	88/69/t	84/68/t
Peoria	90/73/t	89/73/t
Rockford	82/67/t	84/66/t
St. Louis	102/82/t	98/81/t
Springfield, IL	96/75/t	90/74/t
Springfield, MO	99/76/s	99/76/s
Topeka	98/76/pc	94/77/s
Wichita	102/76/s	100/76/s

### The Nation

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	81/60/pc	79/66/pc
Albuquerque	89/69/t	90/69/t
Anchorage	68/56/s	69/57/r
Atlanta	93/77/t	94/77/t
Baltimore	92/72/t	88/70/t
Billings	83/60/t	85/62/pc
Birmingham	95/77/t	94/77/t
Boise	94/66/s	94/64/pc
Boston	82/67/pc	79/66/pc
Buffalo	78/63/pc	82/65/pc
Charleston, SC	91/78/t	91/76/t
Charleston, WV	86/72/t	84/71/t
Charlotte	95/76/t	95/74/t
Cleveland	81/68/pc	81/68/t
Columbia	95/78/t	96/77/t
Columbus	88/73/t	87/69/t
Dallas	103/81/s	103/82/pc
Denver	83/60/t	85/60/pc
Detroit	80/66/t	80/65/t
Fargo	81/64/pc	82/61/c
Grand Rapids	80/65/t	82/63/t
Hartford	85/62/pc	76/67/pc
Honolulu	87/75/s	87/74/s
Houston	95/78/t	96/78/pc
Jackson, MS	91/75/t	93/74/pc
Jacksonville	94/75/t	95/74/t
Las Vegas	101/79/s	104/80/s
Little Rock	99/79/s	98/81/s
Los Angeles	79/62/pc	82/63/s
Louisville	96/79/t	94/77/t
Memphis	99/81/c	100/81/pc
Miami	89/80/t	90/80/sh
Minneapolis	80/68/t	85/68/c
Nashville	96/79/t	97/78/t
New Orleans	89/78/sh	90/79/t
New York City	88/71/pc	87/71/pc
Norfolk	92/75/s	89/73/t
Oklahoma City	101/77/s	102/75/s
Orlando	94/76/t	93/77/t
Philadelphia	90/74/t	84/72/t
Phoenix	105/83/pc	105/84/pc
Pittsburgh	83/71/t	80/68/t
Portland, ME	81/58/pc	76/61/s
Portland, OR	76/62/pc	75/60/pc
Rapid City	79/61/t	84/62/t
Sacramento	84/58/s	88/59/s
Salt Lake City	98/75/s	99/76/s
San Diego	101/65/pc	72/63/pc
San Francisco	71/58/pc	71/57/pc
Seattle	72/58/pc	71/55/c
Shreveport	98/78/c	98/79/s
Tampa	94/80/t	92/80/t
Tucson	99/76/pc	100/78/pc
Tulsa	103/80/s	104/83/s
Washington, DC	90/76/t	87/75/t

### River Stages

(in feet)	Flood Stage	Mon. 7 a.m.	24-hr +/-
<b>Chariton River</b>			
Chariton	19.5	4.60	-0.50
Rathbun Tail	--	2.20	none
Moulton	36	18.70	none
Novinger	20	0.43	-0.06
Prairie Hill	15	1.79	+0.05
<b>South Fork Chariton River</b>			
Promise City	25	3.40	-0.20
<b>Mississippi River</b>			
Keokuk	16	5.58	-0.07
Quincy	19	11.84	+0.26
Quincy Lock & Dam	18	7.16	-0.39

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## Married woman's epiphany opens path to a new life

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for two decades to a man who is incapable of connecting with anyone. It didn't become apparent until after we were married. He is very good at surface relationships but cannot go deeper than that. Because of this, he abused, isolated and ignored me. He didn't realize he was causing harm since he didn't regard me -- and still doesn't regard me -- as a person with emotions.

A friend I've known for a decade recently has confessed he's attracted to me. This man communicates with me without words. We connect easily and completely. We kissed one time, and for the first time I understood why people enjoy kissing and how it unites two people. With my husband, it's just a task to complete.

My husband has, for the most part, stopped abusing me. He has become a fairly decent man as long as I don't expect much from him. I can't decide if I should stay as the invisible wife or take a chance at being seen, cherished and loved.

The new relationship cannot move forward unless I'm divorced; but there's no guarantee we would be married or would even want to be. We definitely love



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each other, but still have a lot to learn about one another. Should I stay where it's safe but heartbreakingly lonely, or take a chance that could either end well or very badly? -- **INVISIBLE WOMAN**

**DEAR INVISIBLE:** For the last 20 years you have been living what you describe as a "heartbreakingly lonely" existence. Why have you tolerated it? If you do what you are considering and things don't work out, are you strong enough to go it alone in the future? Like any other investment, whether to pursue this depends upon your tolerance for risk. If you divorce, it should not be "for" anyone else, but only for yourself.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a co-worker who bullies the team into attending funerals. These are not individuals who are close or well known to me or to the others. If a family member (or even an in-law) of someone who works with us

passes away, this person demands to know the funeral details and then bullies me (and the others) into going.

Abby, I understand one goes to funerals for the people who have lost someone and to pay respects. But I also think funerals are a touchy subject, and it is inappropriate to go if you don't even know the deceased's name or aren't close with the co-worker who sustained the loss. I always send flowers, a card and my condolences. Why must I also sit graveside? What is a good response (besides "No") when I am cornered to attend a funeral without starting WWII with this co-worker? -- **FORCED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR FORCED:** All you need to say, in addition to "NO" is, "I'm not comfortable doing that, SO DON'T ASK ME AGAIN." Then stick to your guns and refuse to allow yourself to be arm-twisted into doing anything ON YOUR OWN TIME with which you are uncomfortable.

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## News of the weird...

### The Aristocrats!

"Biff, schedule my Botox injection. The drive to the Hamptons is too much to bear." According to Insider, New Yorkers who battle weekend traffic to their Long Island enclaves are rushing to urologists for a cure for "Hamptons bladder": prostate artery embolization for men, which reduces the size of the prostate, and "bladder Botox," which decreases urinary frequency for women. "They come out to the Hamptons and have to stop four or five times on the way, but can't find a restroom," said Dr. David Shusterman, a Big Apple urologist. "When they're in a car with a bunch of people, they're embarrassed because they have to go to the bathroom every hour. I've lost three friends because I'm the driver and refuse to stop for them." One happy customer said he's "like a kid" after the procedure. "There's no dread now."

### Bright Idea

During a flight from Detroit to Denver on June 25, an unidentified passenger was reprimanded by a flight attendant and other passengers after he AirDropped a sexually explicit photo of himself to all the other passengers, the New York Post reported. One passenger, @DaddyStrange333, posted a video to TikTok documenting the incident; in the video, the flight attendant asks the man, "Why are you doing that?" "Just having a little fun," he replies. His fun came to an abrupt end when the flight landed and FBI agents escorted him off the plane. A Southwest Airlines spokesperson confirmed that the "unfortunate incident" occurred and that the airline "maintains zero tolerance for this obscene and unacceptable behavior."

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