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Special prosecuting attorney appointed to review Thompson sign theft charge

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Brian Keedy, prosecuting attorney of Sullivan County, has been appointed as special prosecuting attorney to review the matter of Adair County 2nd District Commissioner Mark L. Thompson, who is al-

leged to have taken a campaign sign that belonged to Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan. Thompson's case was referred to the Adair County Prosecutor's Office by Kirksville police after a video surfaced of him taking the campaign sign. Keedy will be charged with making the determination if

any criminal charges will be filed with the court.

Keedy was appointed by Knox County Associate Circuit Judge Thomas P. Redington after Adair County Associate Circuit Judge Kristie J. Swaim recused herself from the matter. Keedy will receive the case file from the

Adair County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the near future. Officials from the prosecutor's office said that any law enforcement reports and evidence will continue to be a closed record until the filing of any criminal charges, in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law.



Brian Keedy

Candidates for District 3 state representative face-off at candidate's forum

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored its summer candidates forum for contested seats in the Aug. 2 primary election on June 23 at A.T. Still University. Participating candidates included Mark Shahan and Jeff Gottman running for the presiding commissioner position, Angie Sullivan and Martha Cole running for the clerk of the circuit court position, Patrick Nolan, David Goring and Andrew Boster for prosecuting attorney, and for state representative, Danny Busick and Gray M. Ewing. All candidates running are registered Republican. The forum was moderated by Elsie Gaber.

Candidates were given an opportunity prior to their debates to introduce themselves and offer up an opening statement. Candidates were then asked questions in a rotating fashion and each candidate was given two minutes to respond. Candidate 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. Last Saturday's paper covered the presiding commissioner and prosecuting attorney debates. This story will cover the District 3 State House of Representatives race.

Gary M. Ewing said that he was raised on a family farm and with the exception of four years serving in the military, he's been involved in the ag community his entire life. He said that currently, he and his wife, along with their daughter, raise registered Longhorn cattle over by Paris. They also have a livestock brokerage and a trucking company. The brokerage is nationally recognized, he said, and currently the highest rated in the state of Missouri, according to Livestock Network.

"We're parents, grandparents, small business owners, ranchers, and we're invested in this district," he said.

Because of that, he said, they have the same cares and concerns as everybody in this district.

"...I believe what is important to our district is of great importance to the state of Missouri and in turn can be a model for other states and even a nation," he said.

Danny Busick began by thanking Ewing for his time in the service and said that he was grateful for that. He said that he has served as the 3rd District rep for the last four years and that he has been very involved in the district and developed good relationships with the Adair County Commission, the Kirksville City Council, the mayor, the chamber of commerce and other local officials.

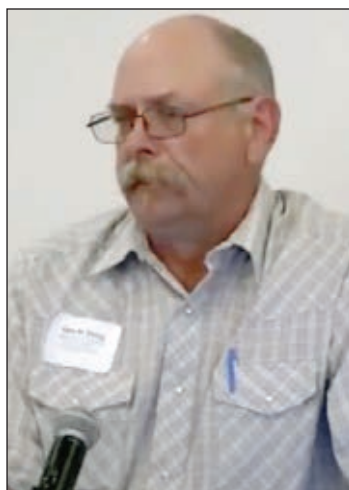
"I think that relationship has translated into some good policies we've done," he said. "I worked very hard to get the taxes kept here at home on the wind turbines and that was one of the first priority things we did when I became elected in 2019."

Busick said that he has also worked to get the armory in the hands of local officials so that it can be used by the community.

Busick said that he will have been married for 42 years on Aug. 2, the date set



Danny Busick



Gary M. Ewing

for the primary election, noting that he and his wife have raised eight children, two foster children, and now they have 14 grandchildren ages 2 to 12. He said he was proud to represent Adair County and the local area.

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Cleary to serve life plus 45 years

By Adair County Prosecutor's Office

On Tuesday, July 5, John Michael Cleary, formerly of Kirksville, appeared at the Knox County Courthouse in Edina, before Judge Thomas P. Redington for sentencing. A Knox County Jury had found Cleary guilty of one count of statutory sodomy in the first degree and three counts of child molestation in the first degree after a jury trial was held on June 3 in Knox County on a change of venue from Adair County.

Redington followed the jury's recommendation and sentenced Cleary to serve one sentence of life imprisonment and three sentences of fifteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. All sentences were ordered to be served consecutively.

These offenses were investigated by the Kirksville Police Department which took place at two separate locations in the Kirksville area between 2009 and 2012.



Cleary

Alzheimer's Association float takes 1st place at parade

By Special to The Express

The Alzheimer's Association, promoting their Walk to End Alzheimer's campaign, took first place in the All American Red, White & Blue Parade Float Contest, organized by the Kirksville Kiwanis Club.



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Brashear Park Neighborhood Historic Walking Tour returns on July 16

By City of Kirksville

Back by popular demand, there will be a second run of the Brashear Park Neighborhood Historic Walking Tour. With a strong turnout and sustained interest from the first tour in June, a second has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 16. In the event of rain, the tour will move to July 23 with the same start time.

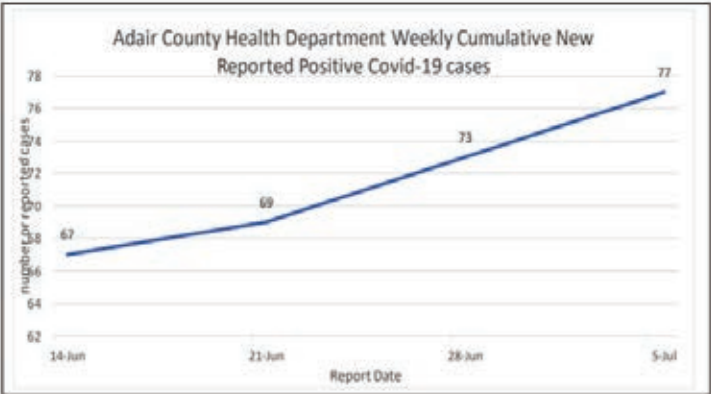
Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden will conduct the tour yet again, showcasing historic sites in the neighborhood. The tour will start at the gazebo on the southwest corner of Brashear Park. Learn about a historic part of town and see why #ThisPlaceMatters.



The Brashear Home at 1318 E. Normal Avenue.

“Exploring our local history is a great way to connect with the community,” said Burden. “I’m so glad to see people are interested in these tours and hope many will join us for this and future historical events.”

Participants are asked to RSVP for the walking tour by emailing events@kirksvillecity.com, or by calling Economic and Community Development at 660-627-1272.



Adair County records 77 new Covid cases

By Adair County Health Department

Cases reported to the Adair County Health Department this week climbed to 77, continuing an upward trend that began a month ago. The new cases were reported in the seven days from June 28 through July 4, 2022.

Hospitalizations remain low here, although one more Covid-related death has been reported. The overall known deaths among Adair County residents since the beginning of the pandemic is 54.

The continued increase in cases reflects the high transmissibility of the Omicron variants. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC) variants B.4 and B.5 currently account for 70 percent of all infections.

The CDC also reports the B.4 and B.5 variants are showing signs of causing more severe disease than the previous Omicron variants. Covid-19 vaccine developers are targeting these two variants in new vaccines which they are formulating and putting through clinical trials in anticipation of being released in the mid- to late fall.

The CDC continues to recommend that people get vaccinated and fully boosted

now, because the current vaccines are still proving effective in protecting against severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

The CDC recommends that children ages 6 months to 4 years be vaccinated, and that everyone ages 5 and older be fully vaccinated and receive one booster dose. Moreover, it recommends that those ages 50 and older and some individuals ages 12 to 49 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised also receive a second booster.

The Adair County Health Department continues to administer Pfizer Covid-19 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. The Health Department is now administering the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 6 months to 4 years old from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays.

To schedule an appointment for the appropriate dose of vaccine or booster, or if you have questions regarding the timing of primary vaccines and booster doses, call the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

JULY 1-5
Arson 3rd Degree (Residence) (M A)
Harley Kane Davidson, Kirksville

Driving While Revoked/ Suspended 1st Offense (M D)
Tyler Jon Goff Kirksville

False Report (M B)
Sandra Irene Stark, Kirksville

Forgery (F D)
Kelli Jean Simpson, Kirksville

Fraud or (Attempt) Use of Credit Card Device (MA) US\$750
Kelli Jean Simpson, Kirksville

Fraudulent Use of Credit/ Debit Device
Michael T. Adams, Kirksville

No Valid License — 3rd and Subsequent Offense (F)
Deborah Joann Darnell, Kirksville
Billy Duane Vice, Jr. Atlanta



Warrant Adair County
Brandon Ray Sizemore, Novinger

Warrant Adair County FTA
Tracy L. Cornelison, Kirksville

Commission approves FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

By Missouri Highways and Transportation

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission today approved the FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which lists transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies July 1, 2022

through June 30, 2027.

The STIP makes available \$10 billion of federal and state revenues for all modes of transportation over the next five years, making it the state's largest program. This includes \$100 million from the Governor's Rural Route program, which will address low volume roads in FY 2023. Of the remaining \$9.9 billion, the STIP

details \$7.65 billion in road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$1.5 billion each year over each of the next five years.

“Just a few years ago, our 2016 STIP made available a fraction of this program with only \$2.6 billion,” said MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR

Block Party on Sunday

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department will hold its second block party of the summer at Memorial Park (404 E. Cottonwood, Kirksville) on Sunday, July 10, from 3-5 p.m.

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 paintthetown.com. For more information, go to sharefood-bringhope.org

Kirksville Airport & Transportation Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Airport & Transportation Commission will hold a meeting at noon on Tuesday, July 12, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Blood Drive at The Crossing

The 32nd annual Kirksville Media Blood Drive will be held. KTVO, ABC, CBS, KIRX/ KRXL/ KTUF, KLTE, Sparklight, The Crossing and the St. Louis Cardinals are once again teaming up with the American Red Cross to help save lives through blood donations for the 32nd consecutive year. The Kirksville community is invited to roll up their sleeves on Thursday, July 29 from Noon to 6 p.m. at The Crossing, 810 E. Shepard.

Adair County E-911 Joint Services Board July 13 meeting

The Adair County E-911 Joint Services Board will hold a meeting at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, July 13, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Adair County E-911 Joint Services Board July 17 meeting

The Adair County E-911 Joint Services Board will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S Franklin Street.

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 the Kirksville Community Band, July 15 at 7 p.m., sponsored by the city of Kirksville. Expect concert

band music. 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 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 the 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 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.

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United Way of Northeast Missouri holds ice cream

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri held a Fresh Apple Pie with Ice Cream fundraiser on July 2 as part of the 18th

Annual Red, White and Blue festivities, in the Bank Midwest parking lot in Kirksville. Pictured left to right: Bill Castles, Ramey Wheichelt, Pam Ryan, Robin Dawson and Bertha Thomas.

FORUM

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The first question for the candidates was: “Please explain the current status of personal property taxes in your thoughts and whether personal property taxes should be eliminated in the state of Missouri.”

Busick said there is a strong movement coming out of some of the areas to eliminate personal property tax and that he does not really have an objection with the overall idea of eliminating the personal property tax.

“I think there’s a better tax than that,” he said. “But there is two problems that concern me with that: One of them is this area up here, District 3 especially, is very reliant on personal property taxes.”

Busick said that he didn’t know the percentage in Adair County, but would say over 25 percent of the county’s revenue is derived by personal property tax. He said in Sullivan County, Putnam County and Mercer County, their revenues are almost a third derived by personal property taxes and that to eliminate them will affect schools, ambulance services and many other people and organizations.

“And so we can’t do without that third of that revenue,” he said. “I would be only in favor of that, if it was replaced by something else and guaranteed replaced..we need that revenue in these areas.”

He said that many of the urban counties don’t understand how dependent the rural areas are on personal property taxes.

“Hopefully we can fight that off or come up with another answer,” he said.

He said that another problem with eliminating personal property taxes was that many people in the local area are not native and not property owners and if the personal property tax was eliminated, they would pay no taxes.

“And so they will use our services and and gain the benefits but not pay a portion,” he said. “So that would be one of the reasons I would be against eliminating it at this time.”

Ewing said that it was his personal belief that with personal property taxes, there were loopholes in them that created inefficiencies. He said that he would have to look into whether it could be replaced with something more efficient and beneficial to county residents.

“The acknowledgment is that it is inefficient and there are loopholes and it needs to be fixed,” Ewing said.

The second question asked of the candidates was: “Is there any proposed bills you’re planning to introduce during the next legislative sessions? If so, please explain the process involved for them to eventually reach the governor’s desk for signing.”

Ewing said that he had ideas, but that he didn’t know the process of what goes on in Jefferson City — and that was ok with him.

“I didn’t know how to read before I went to school,” he said. “I didn’t know how to be a dad before I had children. And you know what? I know who I am and what I can do. And so that would be my answer for that one.”

Busick commented that one of the things that surprises him is how the most simple things there should be to get across to the governor’s desk, sometimes are the most difficult.

“Two years ago I found the bill on the armory and thought ‘oh, this is simple thing, we’ll get this run through,’” he said. “And you know, that bill passed finally this year. It wasn’t my bill — it was added on to another bill — but we worked hard to get it through there. But it was a second to the last thing the senate voted on before they adjourned. That’s how close it was: a simple bill that just to get the armory out of the hands of the state that they don’t need it anymore, into that.”

Another bill he thought would be simple to pass was legislation to allow the dentistry school in Kirksville to issue vaccinations to patients in response to covid. He said that there’s a doctor in the senate that just was totally opposed to it and that in the senate, if you have one person against something, it’s probably not going to get through.

“That’s sometimes a frustration to me with the senate, it seems like one person has too much power sometimes,” he said, noting that he was still going to try to get that bill passed through.

Another issue that concerned him was the diminishing populations of rural areas.

“Now it seems like more and more land is being owned by non-residents, and that’s killing our small communities around our small schools,” he said. “I’m doing some research on how to discourage that practice to keep that land in our local people’s

Get your heart pumping and give blood to help prevent a summer blood shortage

By American Red Cross

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The American Red Cross and Discovery are partnering for Shark Week and invite people to dive in to help save lives by giving blood in July. The Red Cross saw a steep drop in blood and platelet donations last month, and donors are asked to make appointments now to prevent a blood shortage this summer.

In June, the Red Cross collected approximately 12 percent fewer blood donations than needed — one of the largest monthly blood donation shortfalls in recent years. Here in the Missouri and Arkansas Region, 1,451 fewer donations were made than



expected. When less people answer the call to donate, the blood supply shrinks — and that could mean blood products aren’t ready for hospital staff to reach for in emergencies.

Thanks to Discovery, all who come to give blood in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package that includes:

- Beach bike
- Smokeless portable fire pit
- Paddle board
- Kayak

• \$500 gift card to put toward accessories

Those who come to give July 21-24 will get an exclusive Shark Week T-shirt from Discovery, while supplies last. Details are available at rc-blood.org/sharkweek.

By making and keeping blood donation appointments in July, donors can connect with patients through a life-saving gift. To book a time to give, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit Red-CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

hands instead of being in the hands of people from other states.”

Busick said that he owns five acres and that on every side of his property, it is owned by somebody from out of state.

The third question put forth to the candidates was: “Where do you stand on term limits for any office that are not already term limited?”

Busick said that he believes all offices should have term limits and most of them do now.

“We’re just down to one or two in the state that are not term limited,” he said. “I think on a national level, it should be done.”

He said that one problem with term limits is that the bureaucracy grows a little bit because a representative or senator is only there a limited time, allowing bureaucrats to have a little bit more control.

“And that’s not a good thing,” he said, noting that investigations into the waste produced by a state department may be delayed to a point until the elected representative is gone, which often means the discontinuation of the investigation. He said that term limits are a great thing but terms could maybe be a little bit longer and that eight years may be a little too short.

“I’m satisfied with eight years,” he said, “and if I get to serve this district for eight years, I will be greatly appreciative of that. I’ve always been grateful for serving you now.”

Ewing said that he believes there ought to be term limits on every one of the offices and that he’d go a step further and add age limits as well.

“Number one, career politicians, I think, lose

sight of why they’re there or why they went there,” he said. “Well, I think most of them do that.”

He said that a commercial airline pilot pilot is forced into mandatory retirement at age 65 and they are only in charge of a couple 100 people.

The final question asked of the two candidates was: “If elected, what three items would you say are your top priority to help bring into law in 2023?”

Ewing reiterated that he doesn’t know the process of creating a law but that he was going to advocate for the ag communities and small business ownership, which he believes are “free enterprise.”

“That I believe in strongly so I would advocate all positive things for that,” he said. “The other one would be education and, it’s not happening as broadly here as other places, but there needs to be parental involvement in the curriculum before it’s introduced into a school.”

Ewing said that parents should know curriculum choices before the fact and not after.

“I want the school to teach my children to read and write, not how to think and feel,” he said. “That is my job as a parent.”

Busick said that one of the things he has worked for is pushing the governor to spend MoDot funds in northern Missouri. He said that \$100 million has been added to MoDot’s budget to repair lettered highways and that the worst lettered highways were the ones north of the river.

“Okay, all of you know that,” he said. “That’s where I think the priority is — that money should go to north of the river — and so one of my priorities is to keep that money coming to North Missouri to repair the roads that have long since needed it.”

He said that the representatives from the urban state areas don’t understand that while there are fewer drivers in northern Missouri, there are plenty of farmers that have their products trucked to the state’s larger cities, filling their grocery stores with food products that are raised on lettered roads.

Another priority he said was solving the reasons for the continued decline of population in the state’s rural communities.

“There’s no better life than living in small town, rural Missouri,” he said. “I just believe that with all my heart, that there’s no better life. I raise my kids that way and these schools are, they may be small, a lot of them in our area, but they do a great job of educating people without teaching a lot of the nonsense that’s going on in some of our cities.”

He said that he very much wanted to support those schools and keep them alive. He said that he’s often asked why the smaller schools don’t just join the larger districts and he said that with maybe 30 miles in between schools, it wasn’t good for kids to have to travel that far.

“And so, so keeping the rural life alive is a priority,” he said.

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COLUMNIST

Overcoming adversity

The annual Fourth of July parade through our town began this year with a mystery. You see, a couple of the boys cornered Jimmy Angles yesterday down by Lewis Creek and hit him in the mouth. On purpose. Ordinarily, this wouldn't have made headlines in the Valley Weekly Miracle, or even the New York Post, but Jimmy played first trumpet in the band. Played ... past tense. The pain and swelling of his lips meant he couldn't play the great trumpet solos in Mr. Sousa's marches on the Fourth. It meant that the other three trumpeters all moved up a notch. The new "first" trumpeter just happened to be one of Jimmy's assailants. The horses came first, of course, with cowboys and cow-

girls and wannabe cowboys and cowgirls and used-to-be cowboys and cowgirls riding along and waving. Then came the 4Hers, dragging reluctant lambs and goats after them. But hey, they were shiny clean lambs and goats. The queen and several other cute high school girls followed in a convertible, and then came the band. The parade's brain trust, Doc and Dud, actually, planned it this way. It was decided over coffee that is was a far, far better thing we do to let the horses go first so the band wouldn't frighten them. If this meant the 4H kids and the band members had to dodge a few equestrian "products" on the street, so be it. A small town parade on the Fourth of July is where everyone goes to see how big



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

the kids have gotten over this past year, and to celebrate us all being different ... and the same ... for yet another year. But how about Jimmy Angles and the temporarily inactive trumpet mouth? We found out as the band came into view. Jimmy was out in front of them all, carrying the American flag. Happy birthday America! Brought to you by the 5,400 letter carriers who were bitten by neighborhood dogs last year. Let Fido watch TV for an hour and save a postman.

GUEST OPINION

Who's the Judge?

By Dr. Colin Sorhus

The day was hot and muggy, but his horse still managed to kick up some dust when he rode into town. Nobody knew who he was or what his past was but they knew they needed him. The townsfolk could tell by the way his gun was hung low on his hip and strapped down tight to his leg, that he was their man! He had the qualifications the town needed when a fast gun and hot lead was the law of the land. The law of the land has since been canonized and set forth in stacks of law books, precedence and case law. It has been over two hundred years since the gun was the law of the land, but there is one vestige of the old west that remains in our law enforcement and judiciary system which to voters should be troublesome. The law should be free of passion, based in evidence and logic, and evenhandedly administered that the ends of justice might be satisfied. So why are judges and law enforcement officers elected to their offices based in part on their political

persuasion? What possible relevance can there be for having a democratic judge, prosecuting attorney or a republican sheriff? Does this mean that because you are a card-carrying democrat/republican and when you face the judge that you will somehow get preferential treatment because you know the judge and you made a contribution to their campaign when they were running for office? The law is supposed to be evenhandedly administered, but surely the process could be tainted by the political process, political allegiances or even social friends and families. What chance does the voting public have to vote for the best person with the best qualifications and experience for the job except that he or she votes the same party ticket as I do and therefore must be the best person for the job. At least in the old west the sheriffs' qualifications were strapped to his leg and everyone could see them. Today however, we are relying on his or her political persuasion or party endorsement to deal out justice! Does that make any sense at all?

I think we should consider another method for choosing those who will be judging and enforcing the law. Suppose the position requirements were set forth by those who know what is needed to fulfill the position. I would suggest it be the Bar Association since they would be the most knowledgeable to evaluate the prospective applicant for the position and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court or local authority for approval. The hiring of the new judge or prosecuting attorney or sheriff would not be a product of a good campaign or good fund-raising skills, but the successful application of a qualified candidate. Since I am sure this suggestion will fall on deaf ears, I hope that at the very least, the newspaper would publish a side-by-side comparison of the candidates for the judiciary and law enforcement offices including, accomplishments pertinent to the position, work history, work ethics and efficiency, so the average citizen can make a somewhat informed decision.

GUEST OPINION

Governor approves historic transit funding

Thank you to Missouri legislatures and, ultimately, Governor Mike Parson for approving historic funding levels for public transit by signing HB3004 into law. For the first time in two decades, Missouri is set to invest \$8.7 million in transit. This sum will be split amongst the 34 transit providers operating in the state. This increase is critically needed as Missouri is ranked 45th in the nation for transit investment and has allocated only \$1.7 million each of the last four consecutive years.

Federal funding support requires a 50:50 match for transit operations and an 80:20 match for capital programming. For years, Missouri transit providers have been working diligently to identify local funding sources through sales tax and private contracts to obtain the local funds needed to qualify for federal matches. The increased transit investment will help provide the non-federal or local match required to enable transit providers to get some of the \$91 billion in federal funds ear-

marked for transit as part of the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Missouri is finally back on track. This funding will help expand transit accessibility and continue allowing transit providers to deliver millions of rides annually so Missourians can gain access to jobs, health-care needs, education, goods and services. This is a big win. Thank you to everyone who stood in support of transit. Kimberly Cella, executive director of Citizen for Modern Transit and the Missouri Public Transit Association.

Opinion

COLUMNIST

Just Wait!

We laughed when Mom sprayed Raid bug spray under her arms by mistake. She flapped around the bathroom like a frantic chicken while my brothers and I watched the show, clicking the cameras of our memories. We would have such fun in the coming years, retelling the story of "scatter-brained old Mom" whenever we got together. Mom smiled indulgently at our snorts and chuckles. Her eyes bounced along our faces in turn, lifting her eyebrows sternly. "Wait..." she intoned. Wait for what? We didn't know and we didn't care. It was just funny. We howled when Mom preheated the oven to 325 degrees for three hours, forgetting to put the stew inside. Supper that night was bologna sandwiches with giggles as thick as ketchup on top. Mom let us have our fun; a wry smile curled her patient lips. "Just wait..." she repeated. We were too busy making jokes to pay attention. "Poor ol' Mom—she's losing it. Must be tough to get OLD!" We shook our heads in mock sympathy and elbowed each other's ribs. Getting ready for church one Sunday, Mom checked every room in the house for her purse. "It has to be here somewhere." Her voice echoed frantically from various rooms as she searched. We sat on the couch with our hands clamped across our freshly-washed faces to smother the hilarity that rose like geysers in our throats. She didn't feel the purse banging against her side. It hung from her shoulder, swaying and flopping as she charged through the house. "WE KNOW...JUST WAIT!!" Our chorus met her embarrassed glare, and we fled outside to wait for our ride to Sunday School.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

Well, the years have flown and we've all grown older. Mom enjoys stadium seating in Heaven, watching each of her smart-aleck-y kids lose the invincibility of youth. Time has rusted my once shiny, steel-trap mind. Now my thoughts spin like a dog with an itch on his back, twirling and resting and panting for air. I'll admit it—I've looked for my glasses a few times, only finding them when I caught a glance of my face in the mirror. My microwave has held heated rolls hostage many times, keeping them out of sight and mind until the end of the meal. Papers I laid down crawl away while my back it turned; I arm my voice with false bravado when I swear that 'they were right here just a minute ago...' As the years pass, I find myself remembering things I don't need to know (Sally Field was the Flying Nun. A giraffe's tongue is black.). But the important things? Like which child owns which first name? Forget it. This morning I sprayed my carefully curled helmet of hair with a generous mist from a can of Glade air freshener. I glanced toward the open door, and relief filled my odor-protected face. Nobody saw what I had done... I felt my mother's triumphant grin of vindication waft among the clouds of deodorant around my head. "TOLD YA!!" her angelic voice whispered, with just a hint of devilish glee thrown in for good measure.

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OBITUARIES

James (Jim) Dale Jones

Mar 11, 1945 – Jul 2, 2022

James (Jim) Dale Jones, 77, of Johnston, IA, passed away at home on July 2nd. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 17, 2022, from 1-4pm at the Des Moines Elks Lodge #98, 5420 NE 12th Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50327. A light lunch will be served.



Jim was born on March 11, 1945, in Kirksville, MO, to James Vernie and Luella (Buress) Jones. He grew up on the Buress-Jones Dairy southwest of Novinger, MO, of which he was very proud and that the farm is still in the family. Jim attended Golden Rule Country School and West Center Rural School until their closings, then Novinger R-1 schools, graduating with the high school Class of 1963. He attended the University of Missouri (Mizzou) and graduated in 1967 with a BS, Business Administration. In 1967 he married Janice Bailey and together they had two sons, James Paul and Christopher Dale. He began his career in 1968 at Bankers Life in Des Moines, IA, now Principal Financial Group, and retired after 40+ years of service.

He was a great father, coaching and helping with our baseball and soccer teams, attending scouting overnight campouts, and anything else spending time with us. In his younger years he was an avid runner, completing several marathons and other distance events. Later he took up bicycling and completed several RAGBRAI's. He was an avid reader of all things and was a common sight at the local library wherever he lived. His greatest joy was being Papa Jim to his grandchildren, they gave him much joy and he was so proud of all of them.

Jim is survived by his sons James (Cathy Dakovich-Jones) and their daughters Mara Claire and Ella Marie Jones of Pleasant Hill and Chris (Jan) and their sons Anderson Dale and Emerson Bailey Jones of West Des Moines; sister Joyce (Ken) Lundstrom of rural Novinger, MO; nephew Steven Lundstrom and his son Ries of Alton, IL; and niece Tracy (Greg) Richelman and their son Gannon of Campbell Hill, IL; as well as numerous extended family and friends. Jim loved his family and was very proud of them.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Johnston Public Library or Life Serve Blood Center in memory of Jim.

Frank Poland

Oct 17, 1951 – July 2, 2022

Frank Poland, 70, of Unionville, Missouri, passed away at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, July 2, 2022.



Francis Everett Poland, II was born in Putnam County, Missouri, on October 17, 1951, the son of Donovan and Betty (Beary) Poland, who preceded him in death. He attended rural schools in Putnam County at St. John and West Putnam and graduated from Unionville High School in 1969. He graduated from Northeast State University in 1974 with a B.S. degree. Frank married Susie Wells in Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 20, 1973, and she survives at home. Frank worked for Michaels Foundation in Unionville for ten years before beginning a long career with the United States Postal Service. He worked as a clerk and carrier out of the Kirksville, Missouri, Post Office from 1983 until retirement in 2013. Frank and Susie spent much of their married life in Brashear, Missouri, where Frank also farmed in addition to his work at the postal service. Frank loved to hunt deer with his nephews and raise cattle on his farm. He was an avid photographer of landscape and enjoyed being with his family.

Frank is survived by his wife, and his sister, Ruth Hoppe of Sonoma, California, as well as several in-laws, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Lance Poland and Daniel Poland, and his in-laws, Lyle and Glenna Wells.

Frank was cremated in accordance with his wishes. Graveside services will be at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Iowa, at 11:00 am Saturday, July 9, 2022, with a catered meal following service at the Cincinnati Community Center.

Memorials may be made payable to the St. John Cemetery (Powersville) and entrusted with Playle and Collins Family Funeral Home, 709 S. 27th St., Unionville, MO 63565.

Bradley Ray Finley

Jun 3, 1973 – June 29, 2022

Bradley Ray Finley, 49, of LaPlata, Missouri, formerly of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2022.



Brad was born June 3, 1973 in Aleo, Illinois, the son of Ken and Leah (Finch) Finley. On February 20, 1998, he married Jana Shallenberger. They later divorced. He was currently engaged to marry Meghan Davis.

Brad was a 1991 graduate of LaHarpe High School. He was currently employed by BNSF Railway. When he wasn't working, he could be found hunting, fishing or playing golf with family and friends. He enjoyed playing video games and was an avid Patriots and NASCAR fan.

Survivors include his fiancé: Meghan Davis of LaPlata, Missouri; his parents: Ken and Leah of LaHarpe; five children: Ashley (Landon) Yard of LaHarpe, Brittini Finley of Christopher, Illinois, Bradee Finley of LaHarpe, Tyler (Riley) Davis of Kirksville, Missouri and Caitlyn Davis of LaPlata, Missouri; one brother: Kenny (Chasity) Finley of Colchester; two sisters: Dian (Gerry) Marshall of Burlington, Iowa and Heather (Jake) Trimble of New London, Iowa and his three grandchildren: Jackson Shallenberger, Clayton Yard, and Bexley Yard of LaHarpe.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A visitation with the family will be held from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. Cremation will be entrusted to Banks & Beals following the visitation.

A memorial fund has been established for the family. To leave condolences for the family, please visit Brad's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Victor Earnest Klockenga

Oct 17, 1952 – Jun 23, 2022

Victor Earnest Klockenga, 69, of Novinger, Missouri, passed away Thursday morning June 23, 2022 at the Community Living Center in the VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri where he had been a resident off and on for almost two and a half years.



Victor was born October 17, 1952 the son of the late Earnest and Agnes (Luken) Klockenga and spent his childhood on the family farm in the Green Grove community north of Novinger, Missouri around neighbors with last names of Paris, Lawrence, Moore, Ackerman, Lawson, Hatfield, Montgomery, Grgurich, Stokes, Crossgrove, Richardson, and many more. He had to help with the chickens, cows, hogs, Sheep, and many cats and dogs.

Victor graduated from Novinger High School with the Class of 1970 and immediately enlisted in the Air Force hoping to be a pilot. His poor eyesight prevented him from being a pilot so they trained him in the radio technology and radio communications fields and he was stationed in Okinawa and the Philippines as well as several states in the US. He loved the Air Force but the government was downsizing the military at the time so after eight years in the service Victor was not allowed to re-enlist so he returned to civilian life.

After Victor left the Air Force he was hired by Motorola in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa for a few months and then was employed by a new startup communications company called MCI. That company was purchased by Worldcom and it was eventually integrated into Verizon Wireless.

Victor spent thirty-nine years in the radio technology field before his heath declined and he retired in 2011.

Victor was a fighter and battled advanced COPD and stage 4 lung cancer for over eleven years. As the disease progressed he returned to his mother and father's farm helping where he could (especially cooking) and had extended stays in the VA Hospital for treatments when needed. He called the CLC his second home.

Victor was united in marriage to Susan Schneekloth on February 7, 1992 in Shakopee, MN and she preceded him in death on June 10, 2001.

Victor is survived by four brothers, Gerald (Carol) Klockenga of East Peoria, IL, Stephen Earl Klockenga of Greentop, MO, Merlyn (Cathy) Klockenga of Sioux Falls, SD, and Gregory Klockenga of Novinger, MO, as well as four nieces, several great-nieces and great-nephews, and even some great-great; one aunt, Erna Jane Post, and numerous cousins.

We will miss our brother but we thank God that his pain has ended. What a fighter!!!

Public visitation will be held Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. On Monday, June 27, 2022 family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. service time at Faith Lutheran Church in Kirksville. Reverend David Lukefahr will officiate the service and organ selections will be provided by Sandra Fleak. Interment will follow the service at Greentop Cemetery in Greentop.

Memorial donations in memory of Victor may be made to the Greentop Cemetery or to the donor's choice and may be left at Faith Lutheran Church, Travis-Noe Funeral Home or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Bank of Kirksville will merge with United Fidelity Bank

By Press Release

Fidelity Federal Bancorp ("Fidelity") and subsidiary United Fidelity Bank, fsb, Evansville, IN ("United") announced that the company had entered into a definitive stock purchase agreement to acquire all outstanding stock of Rockhold Bancorp ("Rockhold"), and will merge its subsidiary bank, Bank of Kirksville ("BOK") into United. Immediately following closing of this transaction, along with the pending transaction with Cowden Bancorp, Inc., Cowden, Ill., the combined entity will have approximately \$4.6 billion in total assets and will serve its valued customers through 31 bank-

ing offices.

Fidelity Federal Bancorp and United Fidelity Bank President and CEO Don Neel noted, "It has been our continued goal to move into markets with stable core deposit funding, and dynamic lending opportunities. As part of our opportunistic growth strategy, we also seek out prime locations and identify outstanding employees. Our partnership with Bank of Kirksville meets all those goals. This is an exciting time for not only United but for all our customers, associates, and communities.

BOK Chief Executive Officer Norman C. Belitz stated, "We look forward to the opportunity to partner with

the highly experienced and talented staff at United and believe that the local communities will benefit from their increased loan capacity and product portfolio. In addition to their exceptional reputation for serving their communities, we have found that United's philosophy with respect to customer and community service mirrors our own."

The transaction is subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals and is targeted to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022. Cummings & Company, LLC served as Fidelity's financial advisor and SmithAmundsen as Fidelity's legal counsel. The Capital Corporation served as

Rockhold's financial advisor and Stinson LLP as Rockhold's legal counsel.

Based on interim financial information as of May 31, 2022, upon completion of the transaction, United will have approximately \$4.6 billion in assets and will be able to serve its customers through 31 banking centers. United currently serves the following Indiana cities: Evansville, Carmel, Newburgh, Ft. Branch and Mt. Vernon. In addition, United has banking center locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Long Beach, California, Chicago, Illinois, Fayette and Shelby Counties in Illinois, Denver, Colorado, Destin/Ft. Walton, Florida and Ft. Myers, Florida.

MARTY JAYNE RECEIVES PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP PIN



At the July 6 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Marty Jayne (right) received a Paul Harris Fellowship pin from Foundation Chair Jeff Romine for his significant financial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Jayne is 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. ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

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Embracing Local History, Part 6: An Aroma in the air and torches by night

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical
Society and Museum

It was a seemingly peaceful July day in 1829 in the one-year-old “Cabins” settlement in the future Adair County, when some of the settlers smelled a familiar aroma in the air. It was coming from the Native American camp. It wasn’t a bad smell — far from it. It was the good smell of food roasting on a fire — a hog roast, to be exact! Now, the settlers knew that migratory people such as Big Neck’s Ioway tribe did not settle down to raise domestic farm animals such as hogs. And, wild boars were not part of the wildlife in this area at that time. But, the “civilized” settlers, such as themselves, who came from southern Howard County, had brought cows, horses, sheep, and hogs with them to raise in their new home.

For these reasons, the settlers felt sure the Ioway intruders were roasting one of their hogs! After inspection, they saw they were right. The story goes that some of the tribal dogs had killed at least one of the Myers brothers’ hogs, and Big Neck was having a feast with it. James and John Myers and a small party of settlers went to confront Big Neck and his people. They demanded that the offenders pay for the hog. And, while they were at it, they also mentioned to Big Neck, quite forcefully, that the Chief’s party ought to leave this part of the country in compliance with the signed treaty of 1824! Of course, this was a sore subject with Big Neck who knew some of the English language and could gather what these white men were talking about. He argued that he did not agree with the treaty and he rather preferred that

the settlers be the ones to “puckachee” (leave)! After many words, everyone went away angry! That night, the Myers family woke up to beating drums, shrieking and the light of torches outside their windows. Then, the cabin door flew open and in came warriors with painted faces and feathered headgear, chanting and whooping with raised tomahawks. The family cowered in a corner of the cabin believing they were about to be chopped to death. The natives took hold of Thursey Myers and one of her children who were near hysteria and, as they had done just days earlier to a child, took charcoal and marked lines around their heads indicating scalplings to come. Big Neck himself came in and held up 3 fingers. He made sure the whites knew they had three days to leave or there would be consequences. Then,

the war party retreated without injury. Now, the settlers were sufficiently frightened. Everyone at The Cabins heard about these latest threats before the night was over. James and John Myers and a couple other men from the settlement left immediately, riding the rest of the night to reach their old home area back in what was then southern Howard County. However, things had changed in their old home area since they left the year before to settle at the new place called The Cabins. The very large Howard County had been reconfigured to create a new county. While the Myers brothers and their small group of settlers had spent their first winter at The Cabins, government wheels were turning. On January 22, 1829, the new County of Randolph was officially established with Huntsville as the



county seat. Now, it was Randolph County which was responsible for the wilderness land up the Chariton River to the future Adair County and all the way to the northern border of Missouri. Overnight, The Cabins settlement had changed from being in Howard County to being a part of Randolph County. Arriving at the cabin of William Blackwell near Huntsville, the desperate riders from the north spread the word that there was urgent “Indian trouble” at their settlement. A messenger then frantically rode another twenty miles or so to the Myers Post Office to alert Squire John

Wilkinson Myers Sr., father of the Myers brothers from The Cabins. History has not identified this rider, but reportedly he pushed his horse so furiously that the poor steed fell dead at the Post Office. Word spread of this “Indian uprising” in the north, and the story got more exaggerated each time it was told. Immediately, a militia of about thirty armed men was formed to confront these so-called “savages” who dared to cause trouble in northern Missouri territory when the land had been ceded to the whites now for five years!

(Next time: Vigilantes in Hot Pursuit)

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IT'S GET ACQUAINTED WEEK

TURNING THE PAGE: This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, July 5, 1912
A biplane owned by Nick Sparling and piloted by George Underwood crash landed near Kirksville after attempting to fly to Greentop on the first leg of a four-town visit as part of the Fourth of July celebrations for those towns. The biplane left Kirksville, and after about a mile and a half flight, the strong winds forced the biplane down. Underwood was not injured in the crash. The biplane was damaged extensively, but owner Sparling was confident it could be rebuilt and made flyable again. Nick Sparling had planned to have Underwood fly the biplane from Kirksville, to Greentop, Queen City, Novinger, and then back to Kirksville. The July 4 celebrants were disappointed because many in the area had never seen a biplane fly before.

100 Years Ago, July 3, 1922
An early morning explosion and fire destroyed four Novinger businesses and damaged many more as well as numerous other structures. The explosion occurred in the Sullivan Drug Store as owner, John Sullivan unlocked the door of his business at 7 a.m. Sullivan was critically injured in the blast that threw his body across the street and covered him with debris. Sullivan never regain consciousness and died four days later in a Kirksville Hos-



pital. Initial speculation was that the blast was caused by a 15-gallon carbonated water tank used by the drugstore's soda fountain.
100 Years Ago, July 5, 1922
Three Kirksville men were arrested by Adair County Sheriff E. D. Waddill on charges of chicken theft. The trio were accused of stealing 40 chickens from Adam Schillie and Charlie Jones of the Pure Air vicinity. The chickens showed up at a chicken market in Kirksville. Two of the men were released on \$1,000 bond, and the third was being held in jail.
90 Years Ago, July 10, 1932
A Kirksville woman's life-long companion, a dog, died. Through a local undertaker, she requested that a burial permit be issued to bury her companion in a Kirksville cemetery. The request was denied, and she decided to have the dog buried on her daughter's farm near Kirksville. She asked the

undertaker for a sealed metal casket in which to inter her dog. Not having one, the undertaker had one made to the necessary size specifications. The dog was not embalmed, but the airtight metal casket was expected to preserve the remains for years. The dog was a reportedly a highly educated animal and knew many tricks, including how to say its prayers.
70 Years Ago, July 6, 1952
A crowd of from 15-20 thousand persons jammed the Northeast Missouri Fairgrounds July 3 and 4 for a two-day Fourth of July celebration. The event was sponsored by the El Kadir Shrine Club and featured fireworks both nights, acrobats, a magician, animal acts, F-51 fly-overs, a 100-lap stock car race and late model car races. Many residents watched the fireworks from roads around the fairground. The highway patrol reported that Highway 63 was jammed with vehicles from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

PROGRAM

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mation for non-highway modes of transportation and a section detailing planned operations and maintenance activities for the next three years. This additional information is provided to allow Missourians to more easily see how their transportation funding is invested. The Final STIP is available online at <https://www.modot.org/statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip>

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Tips for safer farming

By Special to The Express

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the

Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- Know farm equipment. Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.

- Conduct routine safety checks. Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

- Practice cleanliness. Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- Be mindful of your clothing and hair. Many accidents involve a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

- Use rollover protection structures. ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.



- Avoid extra passengers. It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

- Exercise caution when handling chemicals. Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

- Wear protective gear. Wear appropriate gear

and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

- Employ lock out/tag out control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic,

mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.



Maintenance key to functioning farms

By Special to The Express

The family automobile is not the only piece of equipment that requires routine upkeep to ensure it is operating properly.

Life on a farm can come to a screeching halt if farm equipment is not properly maintained. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars on agricultural equipment, such as tractors, tillers, hoppers, and dozers. Adhering to maintenance schedules can prevent breakdowns and decrease the need for potentially costly emergency repairs.

Keep it clean

Cleaning the surface of equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Learn the equipment

Over time, it is possible to employ your

senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment is working properly. Familiarize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

Routine maintenance checks

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks. Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments.

Explore a career in agriculture

By Special to The Express

The agricultural industry provides a variety of opportunities to professionals interested in this often misunderstood field.

According to the employment resource AG-Careers.com, more than 250 career profiles are available to people interested in a career in agriculture. And while jobs in agriculture may not be as prevalent as they were a few centuries ago, when 72 percent of the workforce was employed in farm occupations in the United States, agriculture remains a booming industry that greatly affects the nation's economy. Today, one in 12 American jobs is depends on agriculture, according to the career resource Payscale.

The following are some potential professions for those considering careers in agriculture.

- Agricultural business manager: This person oversees the business operations of a farm by providing organization and leadership during the production process. He or she contacts creditors, selects seeds, buys new equipment, and ensures the distribution of product.

- Agricultural lawyer: Attorneys who specialize in agriculture deal with water and environmental issues, represent agricultural labor in disputes, ensure proper marketing techniques are followed, handle real estate

and land use issues, and much more.

- Animal control officer: These officers enforce local and regional laws that pertain to the treatment and care of animals. They patrol for distressed animals and ensure cruelty-free practices are adhered to.

- Grain buyer: Grain buyers build relationships with producers so they can purchase grain for their particular companies. They negotiate purchase agreements,

source grain supplies and issue purchase orders.

- Poultry hatchery manager: Hatchery managers oversee all of the aspects involved in poultry hatching. These can include management of personnel, handling and sorting of eggs, maintenance of equipment, coordination of pick-ups and deliveries, and overseeing quality control.

- Soil scientist: Among the many tasks they might perform, scientists in the field of agriculture

test soil samples for minerals and contaminants. By studying the soil, scientists can recommend which crops the land can support, how much livestock can feed in an area and the implications of agriculture on the area as it pertains to managing natural resources.

A career in agriculture presents many exciting opportunities in a number of different applications. It's a vast industry that utilizes professionals with an array of skillsets.

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Rep. Greg Stanton, D-Ariz., speaks at a rally for basketball player Brittney Griner on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in Phoenix. Griner has been detained in Russia for more than four months and is currently on trial, accused of possessing vape cartridges containing cannabis oil. AP PHOTO/ROSS D. FRANKLIN

Mercury hold public rally in support of Brittney Griner

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — They shared laughs, smiles, memories. There also were tears, fears, unease. Through the range of emotions, one common thread bonded them together: Brittney Griner. Wearing “BG” shirts and holding signs, several hundred fans gathered for a public rally in support of Griner on Wednesday, hoping their sentiments would reach the WNBA player 6,000 miles away in a Russian jail cell. “It’s really painful and hard to watch, and it’s really taken a toll on a lot of us,” said Kelly Gedney of Surprise, Arizona. “We can feel the fear that she has. It’s scary to me that she’s in a cage when she is traveling to her court cases. She’s been wrongfully detained and we’re going

to do everything we can to get her home.” Griner has spent the past four months in a Russian prison and is currently on trial. She’s accused of possessing vape cartridges containing cannabis oil when she arrived at the Moscow airport while returning to play for her Russian team, facing a prison term of up to 10 years if convicted. The WNBA and U.S. officials have worked to free Griner, without success. Griner was able to send a handwritten letter to President Joe Biden, saying she feared spending the rest of her life in prison while pushing the administration to not forget about other American detainees. President Biden called Griner’s wife, Cherelle, on Wednesday to tell her that he is working to free her as soon as possible.

“One hundred thirty-nine days have passed since my wife has been able to speak to me, to our family and our friends,” Cherelle Griner said during the rally, stopping to compose herself several times. “I’m frustrated my wife is not going to get justice. I know you all are frustrated, too. That’s why you’re here.” The rally at the Footprint Center, home of the Phoenix Mercury and Suns, was part celebration of Griner’s accomplishments on and off the court with a call to action. The rally featured videos of Griner giving back to the community, dancers and a dramatic poem reading as many of Mercury teammates sat together in chairs on the right side of the court. Phoenix Suns player Torey Craig spoke, as did Mercury player Brianna

Turner. “To know BG is to know such a kind spirit, a nice person, such a giver — I can go on and on about the type of person she is,” said Turner, who also was able to exchange letters with Griner. “We need to get her back home. She deserves to be home. She needs to be back with her family and friends. We are BG.” Arizona Congressman Greg Stanton, the former Phoenix mayor, also was on hand after pushing a resolution calling for Griner’s immediate release passed by the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this week. “Today was important, a show of unity, speaking in one voice that we expect our president, our administration to do what it takes to bring our fellow American back home,” Stanton said.



Adam Tumino

Column: Best sports movies and TV shows for summer

Unless you are a big fan of baseball or the WNBA, the summer months can be lacking in good sports content. Wimbledon is almost over. The NBA and college basketball are still four months away. The start of the football season is closer, but still pretty far away. In the meantime, sports movies and TV shows are a good way to fill the void. Those fans missing basketball right now have the best selection to pick from, as basketball seems to get the best movies and shows out of the major sports.

“Hoosiers,” one of the greatest sports movies ever made, stars Gene Hackman as a former college basketball coach who was fired from his college job after hitting a player. He winds up at Hickory High School in Indiana and wins over his new players and town while making an unlikely run at the title. Just because the end result of “Hoosiers” is predictable does not mean that it isn’t still a lot of fun. This movie perfectly captures what small-town high school basketball was like at the time. All of the games are excitingly shot and director David Anspaugh is able to balance several plot lines very well. A more recent basketball project is the 2022 HBO miniseries “Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty.” Quite possibly the tonal opposite of “Hoosiers,” it starts with the late Jerry Buss, played by the great John C. Reilly, buying the Lakers prior to the 1979-80 NBA season and drafting Magic Johnson.

“Hoosiers” captures the relative innocence of high school basketball, while “Winning Time” shows the Lakers doing drugs and having sex almost as much as they play basketball. Financial issues, a tumultuous mid-season coaching change and clashing egos in the locker room create most of the show’s drama, Johnson’s relationship with a disillusioned Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his rivalry with Larry Bird set up the show’s very best scenes. “Winning Time” is far from perfect, but is an impossibly entertaining look at a team and a player, Johnson, that forever changed the NBA and the world of sports. Football fans having a hard time waiting for the start of the preseason have fewer good movies to pick from, but “Remember the Titans” is certainly a good choice. Starring Denzel Washington, maybe the best actor of his generation, as coach Herman Boone, it is based on the true story of a recently integrated high school football team in Virginia.

Is the team able to put their racial biases aside and come together as a team? Is the Black head coach able to win over the town? Does the Titans’ season come down to a last second scoring chance in the title game? Of course they are, he does and it does. Some scenes in this movie do a decent job showing the racism that the real Boone and the Black players faced, but at other times comes off as a little naïve in its portrayal of racial harmony, making it seem as if racism can be erased by a good football team. It is nevertheless entertaining, featuring good performances from Washington and Wood Harris before his career-defining work as Avon Barksdale in “The Wire.” “Invincible,” a seemingly lesser-known football movie starring Mark Wahlberg, is one of the more underrated sports movies I have seen. Wahlberg plays Vince Papale, a 30-year-old bartender who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1976 and improbably makes the team.

There was a real Vince Papale, who played for the Eagles after a couple of seasons in the World Football League, which lasted for only two years. The movie takes some creative liberty with Papale’s story, omitting his organized football experience and showing him playing pickup games with friends instead of the in the WFL. The football scenes are shot in a very exciting way, and include a great scene where the Eagles take on the mighty Cowboys in a preseason matchup that does a great job showing how overwhelming it would be to run onto the field in a massive stadium prior to a game. Many sports movies are deeply flawed, and only a select few manage to measure up to or even surpass the real thing, but they can still be a good way to pass the time until the real thing starts up again.

EXPLAINER: Is Griner’s guilty plea a step toward freedom?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — When Brittney Griner pleaded guilty Thursday to drug possession in a Russian court, hopes rose that her months of detention could soon be over, either through a U.S.-Russia prisoner swap or a pardon from President Vladimir Putin. But Russian courts often move slowly, Russian resentment over the high-profile case could obstruct a deal and the fate of an American imprisoned for espionage may be critical to freeing Griner.

Here’s a look at the case against the basketball star and its complications. **WHAT ARE THE CHARGES?** Griner, a standout for the WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, was arrested in February at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport after vape canisters with cannabis oil were allegedly found in her luggage. She faces up to 10 years in prison on charges of large-scale transportation of drugs. She admitted guilt Thursday in the second session of her trial, but



Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner (42) shoots during Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Finals against the Chicago Sky, on Oct. 10, 2021, in Phoenix. AP PHOTO/RALPH FRESO, FILE

said she had no criminal intent and that the canisters were there because she had packed hastily. **WHAT’S THE NEXT STEP?** Griner’s admission makes a conviction cer-

tain, but that may not come quickly. The next session of the trial is set for July 14, and it is unclear if that will conclude testimony.

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May 22, 2019, file photo — Troy Vincent, NFL executive vice president of football operations, speaks to the media during the owners meetings in Key Biscayne, Fla. AP PHOTO/BRYNN ANDERSON, FILE

NFL makes strong push for flag football with eye on Olympics

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flag football will be played at an international, multi-sport event for the first time next week during the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. The NFL may be the sport’s biggest cheerleader. “When we talk about the future of the game of football, it is, no question, flag,” NFL executive Troy Vincent told The Associated Press. “When I’ve been asked over the last 24 months, in particular, what does the next 100 years look like when you look at football,

not professional football, it’s flag. It’s the inclusion and the true motto of ‘football for all.’ There is a place in flag football for all.” Vincent points to the growing number of men and women playing flag football globally. He’s encouraged that six states — Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Nevada and New York — have sanctioned flag football as a varsity sport in high school with 20 more states interested or in the process of piloting to get it sanctioned.

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Minors rep asks Congress to restrict MLB antitrust exemption

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The executive director of the nonprofit Advocates for Minor Leaguers has recommended that Congress enact legislation nullifying Major League Baseball’s antitrust exemption as it applies to minor league players.

Harry Marino on Wednesday asked the Senate Judiciary Committee to pursue a “Minor League Curt Flood Act” in response to a letter from the four-member committee, chaired by Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat. The letter sent by the committee on June 28 asked the advocacy group about the effect of baseball’s 100-year-old antitrust exemption on working conditions in the minor leagues.

Applying antitrust law to the employment of minor league players could allow them to seek free agency sooner, strengthening their leverage to ask for better salaries and other working conditions.

Marino’s letter to Congress was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Advocates for Minor Leaguers has pushed in recent years to improve pay, housing and other employment standards for players who generally make between \$4,800 and \$15,400 annually.

Those players are subject to Uniform Player Contracts when they enter professional baseball, preventing them from becoming minor league free agents for seven seasons. Marino argued that those UPCs keep players from seeking salaries beyond the MLB-mandated league minimums, ranging from \$400 to \$700 per week, paid only in season.

The Curt Flood Act of 1998, which President Bill Clinton signed, applied antitrust laws to MLB affecting the employment of major league players.



Sen. Richard Durbin speaks before Vice President Kamala Harris at the C.W. Avery Family YMCA in Plainfield, Ill., Friday, June 24, 2022. ASHLEE REZIN/CHICAGO SUN-TIMES VIA AP, FILE

Marino argued that a Minor League Curt Flood Act would threaten the legality of the minor league UPCs.

“Upon being drafted, players would be able to negotiate the length and terms of their initial minor league contracts with their major league teams,” Marino wrote.

Because baseball’s amateur draft and international signing period are covered by collective bargaining with the major league players’ association, those structures would remain even with a Minor League Curt Flood Act. But it’s unclear how the sport’s minor league system would operate if players were freed from UPCs.

Contracts at the major league level are governed by rules collectively bargained between MLB and the players’ association. There is no minor league union.

In its June 28 letter, the committee also asked Marino about the effects of repealing the Save America’s Pastime Act, a provision included on page 1,967 of a \$1.3 trillion spending bill in 2018 that exempted minor league players from federal minimum wage requirements. The bill was an attempt to pre-empt a lawsuit filed four years earlier by players alleging

MLB violated the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The suit was settled in April. Two people familiar with the negotiations, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the release of details was not authorized, said the possible settlement was in the \$200 million range. The two sides asked a federal court in California for permission to file by July 11 for approval of the settlement.

In its initial letter, the committee noted that MLB claimed the Save America’s Pastime Act “was necessary to prevent minor league contraction.” Despite its passing, MLB still pulled affiliation from 40 of 160 teams after the 2020 season.

Marino recommended that Congress repeal the Save America’s Pastime Act, which “would allow minor league players to sue under the federal minimum wage and overtime laws.”

The other members of the committee that sent Marino the letter in June are Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa; Richard Blumenthal, D-Connecticut; and Mike Lee, R-Utah.

Baseball’s antitrust exemption was created by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1922 case involving the Federal League, when Justice

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote in a decision that baseball was not interstate commerce but exhibitions exempt from antitrust laws. The Supreme Court reaffirmed the decision in a 1953 case involving New York Yankees farmhand George Toolson and in the 1972 Curt Flood decision, saying any changes should come from Congress.

Perhaps the biggest impact of the exemption is that it allows MLB to prevent a franchise from moving to a different city without MLB permission. Marino noted that passing a Minor League Curt Flood Act would have a “more limited impact” than fully repealing MLB’s antitrust exemption.

The U.S. Justice Department filed a statement of interest last month in a lawsuit filed by four minor league teams urging that “lower courts should limit the ‘baseball exemption’ to conduct that is central to the business of offering professional baseball games to the public.” The lawsuit, filed by teams that lost their big league affiliations when MLB cut the minors before the 2021 season, is pending in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

MLB did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



Patrick Mouratoglou, the coach of Romania’s Simona Halep sits in the players box for her match against Amanda Anisimova of the US in the women’s singles quarterfinals on day ten of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Wednesday, July 6, 2022. AP PHOTO/KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH

Let coaches coach? After Wimbledon, men’s tennis will try it

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — As in many sports, tennis has its share of well-known coaches. Unlike in other sports, tennis does not always allow them to coach.

Indeed, at Wimbledon, Novak Djokovic can’t get any sort of instructions from Goran Ivanisevic at Centre Court during the men’s semifinals on Friday. No other players and coaches were supposed to be communicating while matches were happening, either, whether it was Simona Halep with Patrick Mouratoglou, Andy Murray with Ivan Lendl, Rafael Nadal with Carlos Moya or anyone else in the women’s or men’s singles brackets.

While the WTA women’s tour tried various forms of in-match coaching over the past decade-plus — allowing, and broadcasting, face-to-face conversations during changeovers, for example — the ATP men’s tour has stayed away from it at its main tournaments other than a brief tryout in the late 1990s (there have been test runs involving chats through headsets at a season-ending event for younger players).

And coaching during Grand Slam matches has been forbidden. Until now.

Once play at the All England Club wraps up Sunday, the ATP will follow the WTA’s lead and open a trial run over the rest of this year to permit limited interaction between the folks on the court and their employees in the

stands. That means coaches will be able to offer help to women and men at the last major of 2022, the U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 29 in New York.

“It’s exciting for coaches because now, all of a sudden, the stuff and strategy you talk about before matches, you can talk about during matches. You can tweak things. If things aren’t going well, you can get a chance to look at Plan B or C,” said Brad Gilbert, a former player who reached No. 4 in the rankings and a coach for Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick and others.

“Any innovation is good,” added Gilbert, at Wimbledon for ESPN. “And before you say something isn’t good, you need to see it and see how it plays out.”

The ATP’s announcement that coaching is coming opened a debate in the sport. There are those who lobby for change to increase fan interest and those who say this sort of thing goes against the basic one-on-one, all-alone element of tennis.

Djokovic is one player, and French Open runner-up Casper Ruud is another, who said they see merit in both of those stances.

“I admire (the ATP) for trying something new,” said Ruud, a 23-year-old from Norway who has been coached by his father, former pro Christian. “At the same time, it’s the beauty of our sport that we have to figure out the game and everything ourselves.”

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Even if it does, a verdict would not come immediately: Russian court verdicts are not simple pronouncements, but laboriously detailed recaps of testimony and evidence, which are time-consuming to prepare and can take hours to read aloud.

If the court accepts Griner’s claim that she was careless rather than criminal, it might hand her a suspended sentence. Suspended sentences can also be politically driven, as when opposition leader Alexei Navalny received one in an embezzlement case. However, that might oblige her to stay in the country.

A conviction would be a prerequisite to arranging a prisoner exchange. It would also allow Griner to apply for a presidential pardon.

“It is clear that we have not completed the necessary judicial procedures. Until this happens, there are no nominal, formal, procedural grounds for any further steps, not to mention anything else,” Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Thursday.

IS A PRISONER EXCHANGE IN THE WORKS?

Russian media consistently suggest that Griner could be exchanged for Russian arms trader Viktor Bout, who is serving a 25-year sentence in the U.S. for conspiracy to kill American citizens and providing aid to a terrorist organization. Russia has agitated for Bout’s release for years. But the wide discrepancy between Griner’s cannabis offense and Bout’s global dealings in deadly weapons could make such a swap unpalatable to Washington.

The United States has agreed to asymmetric swaps with Russia before. In 2010, the United States exchanged 10 Russian “sleeper agents,” including the glamorous Anna Chapman, for four Americans who confessed to spying.

In April, there was a numerically equivalent exchange but of prisoners serving notably different sentences. American Trevor Reed, who was convicted of assaulting a police officer while intoxicated, was swapped for Konstantin Yaroshenko, who is serving 20 years

for extensive cocaine smuggling.

Although Russia has been eager for Bout’s release, Ryabkov complained that “attempts by the American side to make noise in public ... don’t help the practical settlement of issues.”

IS PAUL WHELAN A WILD CARD?

Whelan, a corporate security executive, was arrested in Moscow in 2018 and sentenced to 16 years in prison for espionage. The case has been less publicized than Griner’s, but after the Reed-Yaroshenko exchange, the United States would be under pressure to avoid another one-for-one swap that does not include Whelan.

However, because Whelan’s espionage conviction is more serious and for a longer term than what Griner faces, that could balance an equation that would make trading both of them for Bout conceivable.

“The U.S. needs to find a concession that Russia will accept in order to return either or both Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan,” his brother David told The Associated Press.

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Multiple NFL clubs support high schools in their respective states with helping fund the initiative. The Atlanta Falcons unveiled a girls flag wall in their stadium in May. The league says 450 schools, and more than 10,000 girls participate in flag football across the country.

It was an important step when the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics declared women’s flag football as an emerging sport in 2020. The National Junior College Athletic Association did the same.

“It’s a cost-effective sport feasible for all to play,” Vincent said.

The NFL partnered with the International Federation of American Football to bring flag football to The World Games with an eye on the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

“That’s the ultimate goal to make flag football an Olympic sport,” Vincent said.

Sixteen of the world’s best flag football teams will compete for gold for the first time at The World Games kicking off Sunday at Birmingham’s historic Legion Field. Flag football is one of 33 sports in the program at the Olympic-style, multi-sport event, following its inclusion by the International World Games Association in 2020.

“We are thrilled to have flag football join the official sports program at The World Games for the first time,” IFAF President Pierre Trochet said in a statement. “This is a milestone in the sport’s development and a fantastic opportunity to showcase flag as a truly world-class, international sport.”

The World Games are back in the United States for the first time since 1981. The United States men’s and women’s teams both pre-qualified for the tournament by winning gold at the 2021 IFAF Flag World Championships held in Jerusalem last December. A re-

cord 39 national teams across four continents competed. The remaining 14 teams earned their place through IFAF’s international qualifying process.

Austria, France, Italy, Mexico and Panama also qualified men’s and women’s teams. Denmark and Germany have the remaining men’s teams. Brazil and Japan have the other two women’s teams.

“This is not something that we dominate because it’s football, the national pastime in America,” Vincent said. “You watch these young ladies and men play in other countries. They come to play. It’s a transitional sport. It’s a cross-functional sport. The best flag players come from soccer, lacrosse, cricket because these are men and women who have tremendous agility. It’s a fast-paced game played in space. You don’t have to play it for years and years. You can develop. You can transfer those skills that you learned in soccer, lacrosse, cricket to flag football.”

New online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 14

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Gardening has many rewards, says David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension. “One of them is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others.”

The MU Extension Master Gardener program is designed to do just that, Trinklein said. “Its motto, ‘helping others learn to grow,’ em-

phasizes service to others as the program’s main objective.”

A new session of online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 14.

“These classes represent a viable option for people who can’t take the weekly classes in person,” Trinklein said.

The course is taught by Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler. Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as

a series of scripted and narrated presentations. Students work through 14 learning modules at their own pace. A composite score of 70% on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course.

Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, insects and diseases, landscaping and landscape plants, turf management and pesticide safety.

Core training is the first step toward certi-

cation as an MU Extension Master Gardener. Trainees must also complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service, Trinklein said. Local Master Gardener coordinators can help online trainees find volunteer opportunities to meet the service hour requirements.

“There are Master Gardener programs in every state of the union and in most provinces of Canada,” Trinklein said.

For more information, visit mg.missouri.edu.



Damage from rose rosette disease. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, BUGWOOD.ORG

Rose rosette continues to plague garden roses

By MU Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Rose rosette is a devastating disease of roses. There is no cure. Infected rose bushes should be removed from the landscape and destroyed, said David Trinklein, horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

The disease first appeared on wild multiflora roses, which are considered a noxious weed in many states, including Missouri. At first, there was delight that a natural biological control for this troublesome rose was found, Trinklein said. Then it also started infecting garden roses.

The culprit is a tiny bug, he said. An eriophyoid mite spreads the pathogen. For gardeners familiar with the two-spotted spider mite, the eriophyoid mite is only about one-fourth the size of a spider mite and nearly impossible to see without a hand lens. The mites can’t fly, but wind can carry them. If the mite has the virus in its gut, one bite of the rose bush on which it lands can infect the plant.

You can’t prune the disease away. “Viruses are systemic to the plant,” Trinklein said. “It’s in all parts of the plant all the way down to root system. There is no cure, and it’s a slow death for the rose bush.”

The symptoms are very distinct. First, malformed leaves will unfurl. As the disease progresses, the plant will produce rosy-purple stems with excessive thorns and feathery leaves. The common term is “witches’ brooms.” The plant will gradually stop producing flowers and eventually die.

To keep the infection from spreading, gardeners need to tear out the plant, including the roots, carefully place all the plant material into a bag and take it somewhere where it can be destroyed.

Of course, before destroying a rose bush you should verify that it is actually infected with rose rosette, Trinklein said. New growth of many garden roses has a reddish color but lacks the other abnormalities caused by rose rosette. Trinklein suggests taking a picture of the diseased plant and sending it to your county MU Extension center. Alternatively, you can send a sample of the plant to the MU Plant Diagnostic Clinic (mizzou.us/PlantDiagnosticClinic).

Because the disease is so devastating, plant scientists and horticulturists are searching for ways to protect roses from infection, Trinklein said. So far, efforts to find a control for the mites have not succeeded. Typical miticides that work well on the two-spotted spider mite have little effect on the eriophyoid mite. Some authorities have suggested using pesticides that act as suffocants, such as horticulture oils or insecticidal soap. But the chances of controlling the mite before it starts feeding are very remote, he said.

Infection can also take place without the mites. “It can be spread during the grafting process, which is a common production practice for most garden roses,” Trinklein said. “This makes it very important that you purchase roses from a reliable source.”

Time heals all, and for rose rosette it will take time to stem the tide.

“When a majority of wild roses are eventually killed by the disease, then that host will no longer act as a reservoir for the pathogen,” Trinklein said. “Once we get rid of that natural storehouse of inoculum, it will be more difficult for the disease to spread.”

In the meantime, Trinklein says don’t give up on roses.

Fire up the grill for fish

By Special to The Express

Grilling season presents ample opportunities to explore new culinary horizons. Just about anything that can be cooked indoors also can be prepared outdoors over an open flame. And many foodies insist that grilling produces unique flavors that simply cannot be replicated when cooking via other means.

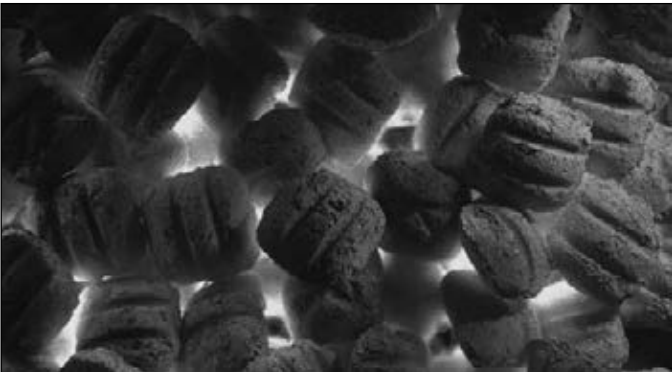
Individuals looking to stray from grilling season staples like hot dogs and hamburgers can try this recipe for “Mojito Fish Steaks” courtesy of Andrew Schloss’ “Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More” (Chronicle Books).

Mojito Fish Steaks
Makes 4 servings

4 firm-fleshed fish steaks, such as salmon, swordfish, kingfish, or sable, each 6 to 8 ounces, about 3/4-inch thick

2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for brushing

sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



For the Mojito Mop:

3 tablespoons light rum

Juice and finely grated zest of 1 large lime

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce

1 tablespoon sugar

4 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves

Light a grill for indirect low heat, about 200 F. If using a charcoal grill, build a small charcoal fire at one end of the grill. If using a gas grill, set a burner at one end of the grill to medium-low. Put the grill grate on the grill and clean the grill grate with a wire brush.

Coat the fish steaks with

2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the mop: In a small bowl, stir together the rum, lime juice, canola oil, hot-pepper sauce, sugar, and 3 tablespoons of the mint leaves.

Brush the grill grate with olive oil. Put the fish on the grill away from the heat, spoon 1 tablespoon of the mop over each fish steak, cover the grill, and cook until the fish steaks flake to gentle pressure, about 1 hour, basting with mop about every 5 minutes.

Serve each fish steak scattered with the remaining chopped mint and the lime zest.



How to improve the flavor profile of grilled foods

By Special to The Express

Many people insist grilling has no peers when it comes to cooking methods. Part of the allure of grilling is undoubtedly the chance to spend time outdoors in warm weather, which is when many people do the bulk of their cooking over an open flame. But grilling also produces unique flavors that simply can’t be replicated.

It might be impossible to match the flavor of foods cooked over an open flame, but that doesn’t mean those flavors can’t be augmented. Grillmasters can try these strategies to improve the flavor profile of their favorite grilled dishes.

- Add some wood. Wood is often utilized to add some extra flavor when smoking foods, but it also can add flavor when grilling in a more traditional way. Wood chips can be soaked in water or even

wine or beer so they don’t burn so quickly that the flavor gains are negligible. Wood chunks or logs will burn slower than chips, so there’s no need to soak them. Wood imparts a unique flavor to grilled foods, making meals even more delicious.

- Apply a dry rub to the food. Dry rubs are made from dry ingredients like herbs and spices. Dry rubs don’t penetrate the meat too deeply, which means they don’t need much time to add flavor. That’s ideal for people who decide to grill at the last minute and want to add flavor even if they don’t have the time to marinate their meat.
- Bring meat to room temperature prior to putting it on the grill. Meat that goes directly from the refrigerator to the grill is likely to cook unevenly, which can affect the overall flavor of the meal. But this issue is easily over-

come by taking the meat out of the fridge about 20 to 30 minutes before putting it on the grill. Doing so lets the meat reach room temperature and increases the likelihood it will cook evenly.

- Season your vegetables, too. Meat and other proteins might garner the bulk of the grilling attention, but vegetables are worthy additions to any grill grate. Grilled vegetables can be made even more flavorful with some light seasoning with a little kosher salt and/or black pepper before placing them on the grill. As the vegetables cook, they will absorb the salt, which adds to their flavor profile. Dried herbs also can be used to season grilled vegetables for even more flavor.

Grilled foods are incredibly flavorful. That flavor profile can be even better when grillmasters employ a few simple techniques.

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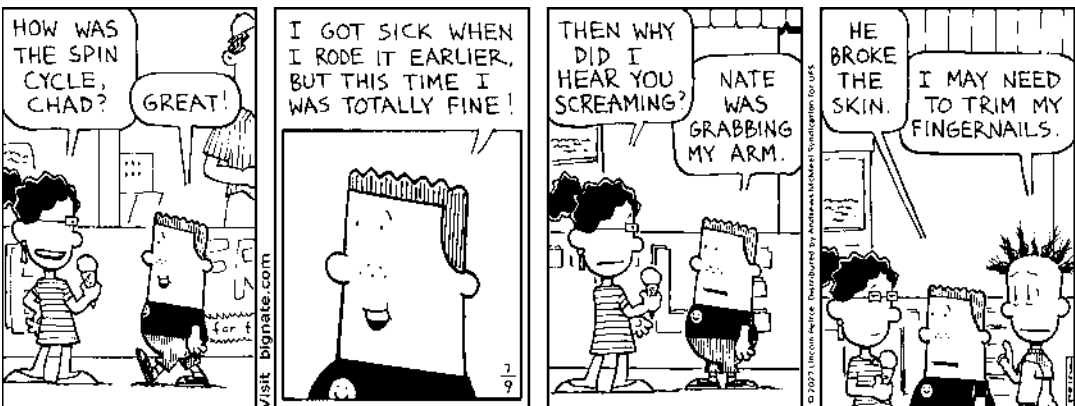
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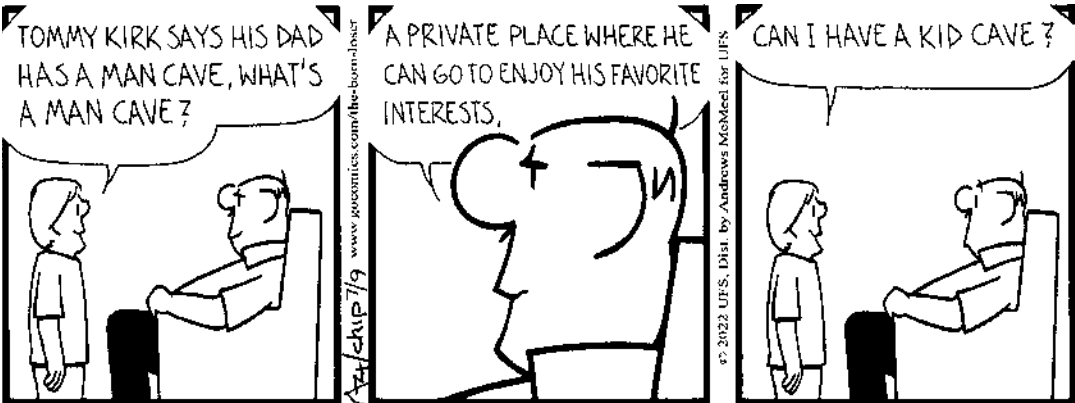
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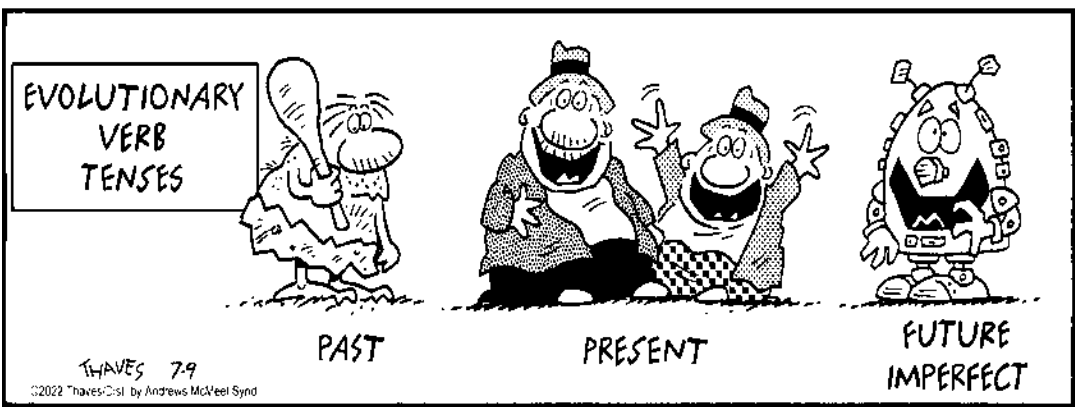
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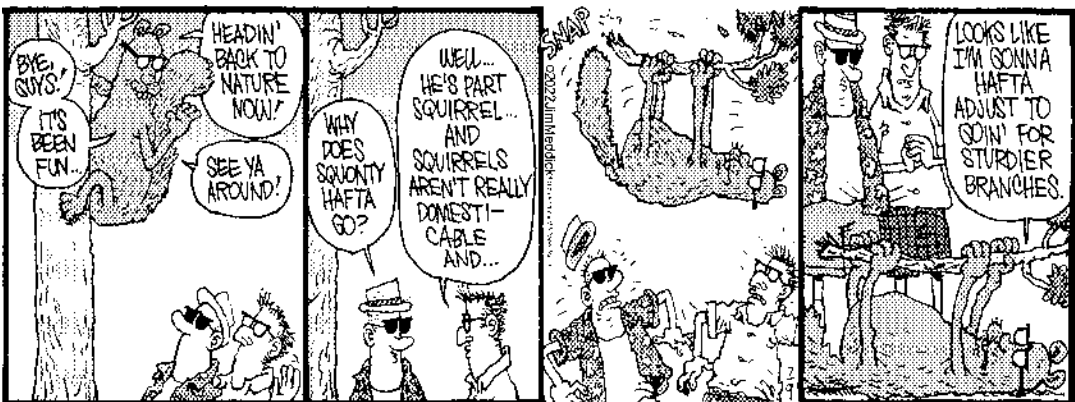
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- ACROSS
- 1 Vain dude
- 4 Egyptian boy king
- 7 Sonar signal
- 11 Big bird
- 12 Hourly pay
- 13 Kitchen appliance
- 14 Hydroelectric project
- 15 Exercise aftermath
- 16 Buckle, as lumber
- 17 Torah reciter
- 19 Furnish
- 20 Long-tailed rodent
- 21 Bump
- 22 Social mores
- 25 Melbourne mate
- 28 Previously
- 29 Dormitory
- 31 "Ka-pow!"
- 33 French monarch
- 34 Picks up the tab
- 36 Twilight, to a poet
- 37 Compelled
- 40 Pushed to the limit
- 42 England's FBI
- 43 Not many
- 44 Unsmiling
- 46 Political bash
- 49 Make arrangements
- 50 Rode the banister
- 52 Butter square
- 54 Wine barrel stopper
- 55 Painless
- 56 Watch-dog's warning
- 57 Movie lot locales
- 58 Stir-fry pan
- 59 — day now
- DOWN
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- 2 —
- 3 Khayyam
- 3 Mountain lion
- 4 Unspoken
- 5 Word of disgust
- 6 Golf bag item
- 7 Drives
- 8 "Terrible" czar
- 9 Brain, maybe
- 10 Econ. indicator
- 12 Terre Haute's river
- 18 Slangy pal
- 19 Vegas lead-in
- 21 Summer month
- 22 Always, to Poe
- 23 Walked heavily
- 24 Beneficiary
- 25 Shepard or Ladd
- 26 Wild goat
- 27 Gutter locale
- 30 Copied
- 32 Glove sz.
- 35 Unwavering
- 38 Frostings
- 39 Pep
- 41 Cobbler's tool
- 43 Frolic about
- 44 Stick together
- 45 Speak violently
- 47 Links org.
- 48 Kitten's toy
- 49 "This Old House" network
- 50 Baste
- 51 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
- 53 Give it a go

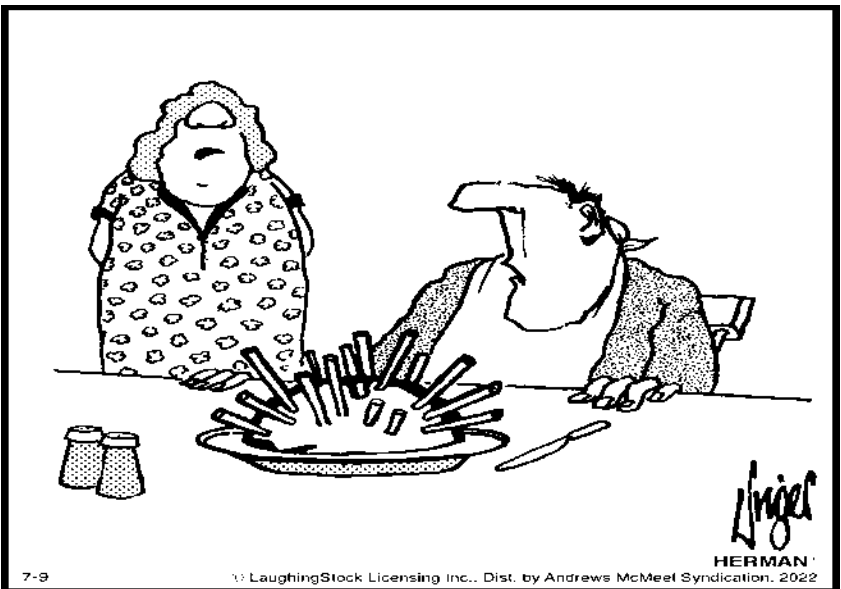
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"It was supposed to be macaroni pudding."

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Expand your interests. Look for unique ways to advance your skills, knowledge and experience. Consider what attributes you can add to your resume or how best to cut back financially to make your lifestyle fit your income. Determine what's important to you and fine-tune your lifestyle to fulfill your dreams. Distance yourself from people bent on tempting you.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Pay attention to personal growth, financial gains and changes of direction. Focus on what interests you most and join groups that can help you expand your knowledge and earning potential.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A serious discussion with a loved one will bring you closer

to each other. Be open and receptive, and you'll discover something that will help set the stage for a valuable piece of teamwork.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Someone will offer a false impression. Beware of manipulative people who plan to put you in a difficult position. Be smart, stick close to home and protect what you have worked hard to achieve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Rethink what you want to convey. If you agree to something too quickly, you'll end up in an awkward position. Listen to what others say, assess the situation and make suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't mess with authority figures. Stick to the rules and stay under budget. Don't let your emotions take you down a path that's not sustainable. Monitor your finances. Declutter your space.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Pay attention to how you look, feel and treat others. Investing in a make-over or changing your fitness routine to ensure a healthier lifestyle will make you rethink your future.

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13 Grab a cab

14 Functions

15 Wire measure

16 Jump around the South Pacific (2 wds.)

18 Late bloomer

20 Bulldog cousin

21 Sports org.

23 Actress Sedgwick

26 Crocus “bulb”

29 Connecticut campus

32 Ballet or literature

34 Length x width

35 Dice throw

36 Frazier of boxing

37 Snow boot

38 Sprite

39 Shuttle dispatchers

40 Educational org.

41 Furtive sound

42 “Beg pardon!”

43 Rapier’s kin

45 Not hither

47 Opening

49 New

53 Ancient manuscripts

58 Caviar

59 Bounce

60 Melt together

61 Scotland Yard div.

62 Savoir-faire

63 Amazing act

64 Ron —, Tarzan portrayer

DOWN

1 Arizona city

2 Elevator man

3 Soda fountain order

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5 1948 treaty grp.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 Wood residue

10 Prism maker

11 Psychic power

17 Heat in the microwave

19 Ms. Thompson of films

22 Memory units

24 Indian prince

25 Developed

26 Daisy Mae’s creator

27 Give a speech

28 News summary

30 Hole-making tools

31 High up

33 Gridiron group

39 Prefix for second

41 Lumpy fruit

44 “The Mummy” setting

46 First sign

48 Wisp of smoke

50 Sotto —

51 Harmful

52 Disney dog

53 West Coast hrs.

54 Police blotter info

55 Photo

56 Take legal action

57 That, in Tijuana

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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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7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirksville.org

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
www.hamiltonstreet.org

Rehoboth Baptist Church
100 Pfeiffer Rd.
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

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

Kirkville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study
www.kvcc.org

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
firstbaptistkirkville.com

Faith United Methodist Church
1602 E. Illinois
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Southside Baptist Church
1010 W. Burton
Pastor: Aaron Rodgersson
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Preaching
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

First Church of God
2900 S. Halliburton
Chad Earhart
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
www.kirkvillechurchofgod.com

Kirkville Nazarene Church
2302 N. Lincoln Road
Mark Czanderna, Lead Pastor
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
www.kvnazarene.org==

Central Church of Christ
2010 S. Halliburton
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Faith Baptist Church
502 N. Florence
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
810 E. Shepherd Ave.
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service
www.thecrossing.net

Grace Community Bible Church
1501 E. Northtown Rd.
Benjamin Jorden, Pastor
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free 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
KirkvilleGCBC@gmail.com • www.KirkvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

First United Methodist Church
300 E. Washington
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley
9:45 a.m. Worship In Person & Online
kvumc.org

Pure Air Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
TBA Bible Study

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
fbcc@sbglobel.net
www.fellowshipbpc.org • 660-665-0633

Yarrow Methodist Church
Highway N., Yarrow
Guest Pastors
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
www.fellowshipbpc.org

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Catholic Newman Center
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday
7:00 a.m. Monday
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
602 E. Washington
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship

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

Life Church of Kirksville
112 W. Potter
Jeremy 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 Slearman, Associate Pastor
Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship
Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

Countryside Christian Church
S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills
Preacher, Harold R. Engel
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet
www.countrysidekv.com

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. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
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.KirkvilleFirst.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 School
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
660-349-0052

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
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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
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church
12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T
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, Pollock
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 Elson
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
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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
660-323-5305

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://laplatabc.org/
Email: laplatafb@gmail.com

Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.
Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Worthington Baptist Church
Worthington, Mo.
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 Iammatto-Code
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor
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 N. Elson
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
Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church

Schuyler County Church of Faith
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
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services

Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.
Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Worship

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