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## Missouri governor visits Kirksville to promote infrastructure projects

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Missouri Governor Mike Parson visited Kirksville on Tuesday, Aug. 9, to view the ongoing North Baltimore Street

construction project. Parson held a brief gathering on the lawn out front of Menards on N. Baltimore, attended by a few dozen people. City officials said that Parson was touring rural infrastructure proj-

ects across the state over the course of the week.

“That construction project, which began in June, is a joint project between the City of Kirksville, Governor’s Cost Share Program and MoDOT,” city officials wrote in a press release. “The cost of the project — just over \$2 million — was split between the City and the Governor’s Cost Share Program.”

Parson, who was introduced by Kirksville City Councilman Kabir Bansal, began his remarks by thanking MoDot, the Missouri Department of Transportation.

“MoDot, since I’ve been governor, has been a great working partner and we’ve asked them to do a lot more,” he told the audience gathered on the lawn, noting the

state’s projects to rebuild bridges. “I mean, we are asking a lot of this agency to continue to grow in the state of Missouri.”

He said that coming from the rural town of Bolivar, he knew the roots of Kirksville and the surrounding area.

“When I became governor, I realized there’s Kansas City and or St. Louis and we got big urban areas and they play a significant role in the state, but I also know there’s thousands and hundreds of thousands of people like all of us here today that want good roads, they want good bridges, that want infrastructure, they want businesses to grow” he said. “The truth of the matter is we all want better infrastructure no matter where each and



Governor Mike Parson greets Kirksville residents before delivering a speech about infrastructure projects.



Governor Mike Parson addresses the audience on the lawn out front of Menards.

everyone of you live.”

Parson said that when people choose to buy homes, they do so with the thought in mind of the adequacy of the surrounding infrastructure.

“For communities to grow and be competitive you’ve got to have the infrastructure in place,” he said. “So that’s why we did a lot of these cost share programs outside the normal plan that we do for Missouri roads.”

Parson said that he wants to partner with

Kirksville and that he wants locals to pick their projects as they know what it most important to them and the community.

“If you do your part, then I’ll do mine,” he said. “And that’s exactly how the cost share program works.”

He talked about the city and the county partnering on projects then spoke about the importance of broadband infrastructure

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## United Way chairpersons announced for 2023 campaign

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

Ted Frushour, president of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, announced today that Ramey Weichelt and Amanda Selby will serve as co-chairs of this Fall’s 2023 United Way of Northeast Missouri Capital Campaign.

Weichelt is manager of the A.T. Still University (ATSU) Thompson Campaign Center. She received her undergraduate degree from Truman State Univer-

sity with a major in Communications with a concentration in Public Communications. She also received her Master of Health Administration degree from ATSU. She is active as treasurer of the Adair County Democratic Club and is a member of the Noontime Rotary Club of Kirksville.

“I accepted the responsibility of leading this year’s drive because of my dedication to work with the United Way board and its agencies to create true,



Ramey Weichelt (left) and Amanda Selby will serve as co-chairs of this Fall’s 2023 United Way of Northeast Missouri Capital Campaign.

substantial change for a better life for our neighbors, their children and the generations of northeast Missouri residents,” Weichelt said. “I have

been impressed with the dedication of the United Way board and the 11 agencies they represent.”

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## East Locust Creek Reservoir to be named for Senator Roy Blunt

By Press Release

MILAN — At their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) voted unanimously to name the East Locust Creek Reservoir (ELCR) in honor of Missouri’s senior senator, Roy Blunt. Both the Sullivan County Commission and the water commission received a letter from Governor Mike Parson to consider naming the ELCR in honor of retiring Senator Blunt. Chairman Harve Rhodes placed the issue on the agenda for consideration. Breaking precedent, and with the permission of the commissioners, the public was invited to share their thoughts and opinions relative to the naming of reservoir before taking up the resolution for consideration.

Earlier this year, the water commission adopted a naming convention guided by “Legacy” and “Heritage” to honor the history and heritage of Sullivan County and to honor the legacy of the families and those who supported the creation of the reservoir. As a part of that, some 137 features that could or should be named were identified.

“Given the sustained and successful efforts of Senator Blunt leading to approximately \$80 million in funding for the reservoir, the Commission thought it entirely fitting to honor Senator Blunt by naming the reservoir for him and his service to the reservoir and the region,” said Rhodes in a press release issued by the water commission. “I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention Governor



Senator Roy Blunt

Parson who has also been a hero in making the reservoir a reality. I was glad to place consideration of the name change on the agenda.”

Presiding Commissioner Chris May stated, “From the beginning of his tenure as our senator, Roy Blunt made the reservoir his top priority. I have personally witnessed the astounding work of the senator and his outstanding staff. Their efforts went far beyond the funding, which was considerable itself. The senator and/or his staff helped every step of the way.”

Brad Scott, general manager of the NCMRWC stated, “The reservoir project got off the ground thanks to the efforts of Senator Kit Bond. Senator Bond asked Senator Blunt to carry the banner for the reservoir and he never wavered in his support. Truly, Senator Blunt’s efforts were astounding. The project has been blessed by tremendous bi-partisan support of all of the elected officials that represent the area.”

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## Initiative on adult-use marijuana legalization qualifies for Nov. ballot

Secretary of State certifies Legal Missouri 2022 citizens’ initiative petition

By Press Release

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri voters will soon have an opportunity to determine whether the Show-Me State becomes the 20th in the nation to regulate, tax and legalize marijuana for adult use.

The Legal Missouri 2022 campaign on Tuesday announced that its citizens’ initiative petition — signed by more than 400,000 supporters — contained the necessary number of valid voter signatures to qualify for the Nov. 8 general election ballot, as determined by the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office.

State officials certified 214,535 voter signatures across

the state’s eight congressional districts as valid, exceeding the required minimum of 184,720 needed to make the fall ballot.

“Our statewide coalition of activists, business owners, medical marijuana patients and criminal justice reform advocates has worked tirelessly to reach this point, and deserves all the credit,” said John Payne, Legal-Mo22 campaign manager. “Our campaign volunteers collected 100,000 signatures, on top of paid signature collection. That outpouring of grassroots support among Missourians who want to legalize, tax and regulate cannabis made all the difference.”

“We look forward to engaging with voters across the state in



the coming weeks and months. Missourians are more than ready to end the senseless and costly prohibition of marijuana.”

The proposed constitutional amendment will be listed on the ballot as Amendment 3 and would allow Missourians ages 21 and older to possess, consume, purchase and cultivate marijuana.

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## Regional economic development organization launches new website

By Missouri Northeast Development Partnership

Missouri Northeast Development Partnership, a coalition of communities and organizations cooperatively marketing the region to attract new investment and help existing businesses expand, announced that through

a joint effort, they are launching a new website: [www.missourinortheast.com/](http://www.missourinortheast.com/)

Rebecca Miller, Manager of Marketing and Communications at Macon Electric Cooperative said, "some things you will find on our new website include incentives and key industries in Northeast Missouri,

information on the workforce in the area, available buildings and sites, and much more."

It is Missouri Northeast's mission to attract quality businesses to the region from anywhere in the world, and to maintain foundational efforts to improve the region's competitiveness.

Developed in 2008,

Missouri Northeast represents cities, counties and organizations in the Northeast Missouri region. The main purpose of Missouri Northeast is to create jobs and increase the capital investment of the region. We continue to have a definite presence on the regional, state, and national level with



an emphasis on marketing the region to prospective new industry, networking, economic development, education, and providing a common voice on issues that affect the region.

For more information, please contact Missouri Northeast at 660-263-8811.

More information can also be found online at [www.missourinortheast.com/](http://www.missourinortheast.com/) or on Facebook @MissouriNortheast.

## Schuyler County water district receives over \$4 thousand in construction funding

By Press Release

Schuyler County Consolidated Public Water Supply District #1 recently received a check in the amount of \$4,026.86 from the Missouri Public Utilities Commission, presented to them by the Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA).

The district is a system member of MRWA, the administrator of the

Missouri Public Utility Commission Interim Loan Program. The Missouri Public Utilities Commission provided the construction funding, which allowed the district to complete water distribution system improvements. The check received by the district from the Missouri Public Utilities Commission is a rebate of interest costs during

the construction of the improvements.

District Board President James Werner commented, "this is the result of years of hard work with federal and state agencies to keep our water district in compliance and to continue to provide safe, potable drinking water to district customers."

Werner thanked district staff and elected of-



Pictured left to right: Stanley Martin, board member, Mike McGoldrick, board vice president, James Werner, board president, Marla Elder, board member, R.D. Homer, board member.

ficials, past and present, that brought the improvements to completion, and gave special recognition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural De-

velopment (USDA-RD), particularly to USDA-RD Loan Specialist Samantha Diffenderfer for her "tireless assistance" in making the project affordable

to the district. Additionally, Werner thanked the public finance firm D.A. Davidson & Co. for their work on the structuring and managing of the loan.

## PARSON

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"There's one thing we all know when we live in kind of a rural area, is how important that broadband is today," he said. "You don't operate businesses today, even in your personal life or education or telemedicine, we've got to be have the capability."

At that point in his speech, a car drove by with its horn blaring and the driver flashing his middle finger out the window toward the governor.

Ignoring the distraction, Parson said that the state had made the largest investments in its history of \$400 million to build broadband networks across the state.

Parson's then pivoted to work force issues, noting that in the 50 years



A few dozen people came out to hear the governor last Tuesday.

history of the state, when it first began keeping records, unemployment in Missouri is at 2.8 percent, the lowest in the history of the state.

"A lot of that has to do with keeping people in the workforce, trying to keep businesses open during some of the most difficult times in our state's history, and

the problem now is how do we continue to build the workforce because we still need people out there working," he said. "So we want to do that but I tell you Missouri's on the right track."

He said that it's no secret how the state has resolved its issues in the last four years, that it was all about common sense.

"Just about the way you would do it if you were sitting in my shoes," he said. "All you want to do is help people out every day to build their communities and to make people want to stay in Missouri."

He said that as a par-

ent, grandparent and Missourian, it was important to keep people in the state and give the kids an opportunity. He said that MoDot is building the foundation and that the local infrastructure projects were not a one and done deal.

"We're not here today and gonna be gone tomorrow and say, 'Kirksville, you're all on your own, I'll see you some other time,'" he said. "Next year, we're gonna be doing more projects and we're gonna have more projects in this area."

Parson added that \$100 million has been invested in the state's lettered roads to ensure good transportation for farmers and ranchers and the everyday people that live on them.

"When it comes to infrastructure, a lot of things are going," he said. "We want to partner with you, we want to partner with the counties and the cities even more."

## UNITED

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Selby is assistant director of Residential Admissions at ATSU. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management and her Master of Science from Western Governor University. She received her Doctor of Education in Health Professions from ATSU. She volunteers as a High Intensity Interval Training Instructor for ATSU employees. She was an active 4-H member in her youth and volunteered as the Adair

County 4-H Horseman-ship project leader.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with United Way to support the community that I grew up in. I have been looking for ways to get more involved in the community and I cannot think of a better way to do so than with this organization," Selby stated.

This year's campaign will kick off on Sep. 22 at the White Oaks Wedding Barn located adjacent to Troy Mills. Representatives of the agencies will be on hand to explain the work they do in serving the residents of North-

east Missouri.

The United Way of Northeast Missouri annually provides funding to: the Salvation Army, Community Opportunities, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Boy Scouts of America/Great Rivers Council, Macon Diversified Industries, Adair County Family YMCA, Adair County 4-H, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Heartland RSVP, and KIRK TRAN. Other program initiatives of the United Way include the Oasis Tutoring Program and the United Way 211 Referral Program.



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But we're not done trying to improve our print and digital products. While we strive to be the primary source of local news and information, there are still areas that we're struggling in that only our readers can help us with. We want to know what's going on in your neighborhood, in your business and in your life — the good things that you're experiencing that you want to share with the community.

As part of our campaign to bring more resources to our readers, for the last couple of months we've been running four special pages each week: a Business page and Health page on Wednesdays, and an Agriculture page and Outdoors page on Saturday. While we've been able to fill these pages with what we hope is useful content, our overreaching goal is to fill these pages with community content that's relevant to locals. That's why we're inviting our readers to submit to us anything in your work or play that you believe your friends and neighbors might enjoy knowing about.

For the Business page, if your company has hired anyone new, promoted anyone,

had an employee win an award or attend a conference, we want to publicize that. We want to share with the public your success and the many good things you might be doing that benefit and/or affect the community. While our sales staff can help you promote a big event you have planned, the news department is here to share with the community the successes your business and employees have achieved. If you feel what you've done as a business is important, submit it to us so that everyone can know.

For our Health page, we know there are a lot of medical clinics and affiliated healthcare providers in the local area that have a message that they wish to share with the public. Whether it's the findings of local research, ways to promote a healthy diet or lifestyle, or the best treatments for common ailments, we're sure that the local medical community has a lot to share with the people of our community. Same as with our business page, we would also like stories about new training that your staff has received, a new hire with an exclusive area of expertise, a promotion of a staff member or the attendance at an important conference by clinic staff. Whatever is important to you, it's important to us and we want to provide you the recognition you deserve.

On Saturdays we have a page that is dedicated to agriculture, and with a big farming community surrounding Kirksville, we know that there are plenty of local stories about the commitment of farm families and the products they provide us. These are the stories that our readers crave and delight in reading. Share

with us the upgrades to your ranch or farm, the successes of the season, the new projects that are happening on your property and/or new additions or changes you've been making or planning. Please tell us what's important to your operation and share it with your neighbors and friends that read The Express. They'll be glad to hear from you.

Also on Saturdays, we have an Outdoors page that has had stories and pictures of gardening projects as well as outdoor activities such as camping or similar pursuits. If you have a garden you're proud of, send us a picture and a brief (or long) explanation of how you were able to build it. If your family went on a camping trip or a hike or even visited the beach for a day, get a picture of you having fun and send it to us. We've purposely kept the definition of what the Outdoors page is as broad as possible and want to see it filled with locals enjoying the outdoors.

Our hope is to fill these pages with stories and pictures about local people, friends and neighbors, but we can't be everywhere so we need you to be there for us. If you feel your picture is good enough to post on social media, then send it to us as well. We appreciate our readers and want to include them in the success of The Express, which will be made possible when they adopt the paper as their own.

Finally, we have an editorial page on Saturdays that we want to fill with local opinions and columns. We'd like to invite anyone in the community that has an opinion, to share it with us, be it a brief letter or a column expressing your



**MARTY BACHMAN**  
EDITOR

thoughts on what's going on in the local community. It can be about your appreciation of an event that occurred in town, it can be constructive criticism about a problem you see and what you feel can be done to change things for the better, or it can be an opportunity to share with Express readers your thoughts on any subject you feel is important. If you want, send us a picture of yourself so that we can include it with your opinion.

While we have an editorial section in the Saturday newspaper, we don't run these opinions online, so you don't have to worry about the gauntlet of Facebook experts and critics that are quick to judge your work with snide and inappropriate comments showing they either didn't read your article or they don't have a clue as to what it meant. If someone really feels the need to respond to you, they will have to do it the old-fashioned way — they have to mail or email a letter that might run the following Saturday.

So to conclude, it is our sincere desire to involve the community in helping to build the Kirksville Daily Express into a newspaper that we can all be proud of; a product that truly reflects what is going on in the farthest reaches of our community. Please, flood us with your pictures and stories and let's share with your friends and neighbors the fun and success you are having at work, at home and at play. Thank you!

COLUMN

## Aug. 13, International Lefthanders Day

I am a member of an exclusive group of humans. Though small in number—only 15% of the world's population are members—we have infiltrated every arena of life and learned to adapt to the majority's lifestyle with unflinching, albeit graceless, determination.

We eat on the outer edges of dinner tables. We have to reach across our bodies to turn doorknobs. And our handshake is executed with a different one than we use to wave goodbye.

Confused? I'll bet you are...if you're right-handed.

August 13th marks the 46th annual 'International Lefthanders Day'. This date is set aside each year to pay tribute to those of us (thirty million in the U.S. and hundreds of millions worldwide) who write with 'the wrong hand'.

Our holiday was created by Lefthanders' International, a group formed in 1976 to address the myths and misconceptions about being left-handed.

There are no greeting cards; if there were, you can be sure they'd open from left to right. And nobody gets the day off work. But it's exciting to think that maybe this year's celebration could gain the recognition that will afford all left-handers the 'right' to be proud of their remarkable abilities to live in a world that does most everything backwards where we're concerned.

For most 'southpaws', being left-handed is a minor inconvenience. We've spent our lifetimes learning to deal with our surroundings: slanting our writing paper at odd angles, bending our hands this way and that to use kitchen utensils and office equipment made for 'righties'.

There are advantages, too. My mother told me that left-handed people are potential geniuses. I like to think she was right. More scientific and less biased studies show that many of us develop a good sense of distance and proportion because of the receptors we've developed on both sides of our brain.

We can be more emotionally independent and determined than our right-handed friends, and we tend to be high-achievers.

Like the rest of the population, we are a capable, varied mix of human traits...with an especially keen ability



**ROBIN GARRISON LEACH**  
ROBIN WRITES

to maneuver through fast food drive-thru's and drive-up ATM's.

'International Lefthanders Day' gives us a chance to notice and help dispel the many negative connotations associated with the sinister, (on the left) side of life. The English word 'left' comes from the Anglo-Saxon 'lyft', meaning weak or broken.

In French, the word is 'gauche', which we interpret as 'uncouth, clumsy'. The German word for left-handed is 'linkish', a synonym for awkward.

For a time, being left-handed was grounds for divorce in Japan.

There are numerous negative references to the left in the Bible, and even Buddha steers his followers toward the 'right-hand' path.

Our American vernacular is subtly brutal to lefties. You never want to be 'out in left field'. It's not flattering to receive a 'left-handed complement'. And you can only swear to the truth-or-pledge your allegiance-with the right hand.

It is not graceful to have 'two left feet'. The foil-covered food growing mold in your frig is called 'leftovers'. And, sadly, nobody is waiting for 'Mr. Left' to come along.

Despite the aspersions and inconveniences, we lefties share a certain pride in our handedness. Our silverware must be moved to the other side of our plates and our writing styles may bring a chuckle, but we enjoy our unique slant on life. It makes us special.

So. Look around on August 13th. Find that person whose arm is dragging through ink he just penned on his report. Notice the clever design of your left-handed friend's coffee mug...it is not hers to enjoy; it faces outward when she drinks.

Take a minute or two to try using a manual can opener or a pair of scissors with your non-dominant, left hand.

Join hands, (left to right, please) and celebrate with us on this 46th 'International Lefthanders Day'. I wouldn't want you to feel left out.

Contact Robin at [robinwrites@yahoo.com](mailto:robinwrites@yahoo.com)

COLUMN

## Running for governor

Looking around at all the yard signs and hearing politicians tell us on television what a lying crook their competition is, I have to admit I miss Guv Reeve.

Guv had a real first name, but I sure don't recall it now, because this was back in the 1960s and 1970s in the high desert of California. He had his first name legally changed to Guv so everyone would know what he was all about. Every four years, he ran for governor. I worked for the Victor Valley Daily Press in Victorville, which is just 30 miles from Barstow, where everyone's

car breaks down on the way to Vegas.

The other folks in the newsroom knew me as the "weirdo reporter" because if someone needed some serious couch time, they were pointed toward my desk.

Guv was maybe in his early 50s when I met him. He came into the newsroom one morning surrounded by four attractive middle-aged women, and all of them were smiling and handing out free cookies.

Guv and I closeted ourselves for the story while everyone else munched cookies, and I learned the Guv Reeve story.

He was a self-proclaimed preacher and lived in a large cabin

about 20 miles away in the desert mountains. Yes ... with the sunshine girls.

His mission, he explained, was to gather food and clothing, and when they had enough for a large cardboard box, they would pack it up, find the name of a village in Mexico that he thought might be poor, and mail it to them. Every time one of those boxes "ripened" and was ready for taping, they'd find a different village on the map.

His election platform was fairly simple: no taxes, more jobs, constant access to free cookies, and the love of God spreading throughout every person in Cal-



**SLIM RANDLES**  
HOME COUNTRY

ifornia. You'd think a message that powerful would make his election a slam dunk, but the folks in California elected Ronald Reagan their governor, instead. I met him, too, but he didn't have cookies.

No taxes? Cookies? Some days I really miss Guv Reeve.

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## OBITUARIES

### Pauline Ellen Billington

Pauline Ellen Billington (Garlick) was born in Oneida, NY and raised on a dairy farm in Cleveland, NY. Born to Eva and Raymond, the youngest of 5 children, they were brought up loving Jesus. Pauline prayed many times for her soul to be saved, but the first time she asked Jesus into her heart she was 7 years old. She was baptized a few years later. After she graduated high school, she attended Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, NY where she met the love of her life and husband of 56 years, Eldon Billington. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1966. Pauline took a job with IBM in Endicott, NY and after a year put in a transfer to the closest place to Missouri, which was Rochester, MN.



In Rochester they both found jobs at IBM, joined the Rochester Water Shows, bought a hobby farm, had two daughters Bonnie and Barb and made frequent trips to Missouri. Pauline and Eldon were a true team and did everything together. In 1988, they briefly moved to Kansas City, MO with IBM however moved back to Rochester after Barb was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 11. Pauline was the most amazing caretaker to her daughter Barb during that time and the Mayo Clinic saved Barb's life. In 1997, Pauline retired from IBM after 31 years and they, along with Barb, built their home in Greencastle, MO. Pauline loved being a partner to her husband, a mother to her two daughters, and a grandma to her three grandchildren Isaiah, Beau, and Ionee. As a husband-and-wife team, they enjoyed fishing, hunting, and worshipping through song and sermons. Pauline had a servant's heart and was the most incredible host to people who visited her home throughout the years. Through the years, Pauline and Eldon attended Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cornerstone Church, and Grace Pointe Free Will Baptist. Pauline met many friends during this time and was influential to many young Christians. Her hope is that everyone she loved here on Earth will meet her in Heaven someday.

In March 2022, Pauline was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer and fought courageously through radiation treatments, multiple surgeries, and targeted therapies to stay here on Earth for her family. On August 8th, 2022 at 11:01pm she went to her Heavenly home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pauline is survived by her husband Eldon Billington, her two daughters Bonnie Billington Packer (Mike), Barb Billington, her three grandchildren Isaiah, Beau and Ionee Jurens, her siblings by birth and marriage, Esther Damon, Caroline Wine, David (Alta) Garlick, and Ruth (Calvin) Collins, Clyde (Ellie) Billington, Lyndia Billington, Cindy Foster, Bryan Sr. (Brenda) Billington and many nephews and nieces, aunts and uncles, and the best of friends; who will remember her for her kindness, love, and patience for everyone.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Clyde Billington and mother-in-law, Helen Cooley.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, Missouri, with Pastor Rick Chapman presiding. Burial in the Lipp Cemetery will immediately follow the service. The family will receive friends from noon until the start of the service.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Pauline may be made to the Grace Pointe Freewill Baptist Church in Hannibal, Missouri, and left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Linda Sue Bachman

May 7, 1950 – Aug. 6, 2022

Linda Sue Bachman, 72, of Kirksville passed away Saturday, August 6, 2022, in Moberly, Missouri.

The daughter of George Lee and Martha Geneva (Hurley) Veach, she was born May 7, 1950, in Bosie, Idaho. On March 3, 1966, in Kirksville she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Bachman, and he preceded her in death on February 3, 2010.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Shawn Wiles; one sister, Tina Veach and two brothers, Jerry Veach and Gerald Wayne Burns.

Linda is survived by two sons, Robert Lee Bachman of Sedilia, MO and Joshua Dean Bachman and wife Angela of Hallsville, MO; three grandchildren, Lauren Wiles, Ethan and Nathan Wadlow; and two brothers, John Veach and David Veach of Kirksville.

Linda grew up in Graysville and Kirksville where she attended school. She worked a short time at a local hospital and then was a stay-at-home mother and raised her family. She was a loving mother, always put others first, would do anything for you and everyone loved her. She enjoyed antiques, babysitting and loved her family.

Visitation will be Friday, August 12, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; [www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com](http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com).



### Marlene Winslow

Aug. 29, 1935 – Jul. 17, 2022

Marlene Winslow, nee Campbell, 86, of Belleville, IL, born August 29, 1935, in Yarrow, MO, died Sunday July 17, 2022, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon, IL.



Mrs. Winslow taught school for ten years at the Porter School near Kirksville, MO. She served for many years as an election judge during elections. Marlene was an accomplished piano player and loved her word search puzzles. She enjoyed playing bunko for many years with her friends and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, James Winslow, whom she married on August 28, 1955, and who died on September 5, 2018; her parents Marion and Thelma, nee Morgan, Campbell; and a sister, Marie, nee Campbell, Morgan.

Surviving are two daughters, Robin Winslow and Mitzi Winslow.

A visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 with a Memorial service to follow at 11 a.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will be at La Plata Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kirksville Humane Society or to Kirksville Methodist Church.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

### Dorothy Louise (Eaton) Young

May 1, 1936 – Aug 9, 2022

Dorothy Louise (Eaton) Young, 86, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at her home.



The daughter of Tracy and Loretta Florance (Seward) Eaton, she was born May 1, 1936 in Callao, Missouri. On May 28, 1954 in Kirksville, Missouri, Dorothy was united in marriage to Ellis Wayne Young who preceded her in death on February 7, 2015. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, William Edward Eaton, two sisters, Ada Sue Mihelle, and Willa Dean Gaunt, as well as one great granddaughter, Allie Rae Snider.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Robert Wayne Young of Maysville, MO; one daughter, Sharon Elaine Trueblood of Kirksville, MO; three sisters, Trayetta Fay Eaton, Della Jean Selby, and Mary Ann (Eugene) Welch; seven grandchildren, Kevin Wayne and Diana Skaggs, Christy and Phillip Mein, Cathy and Allan Cunningham, Kody and Coby Snider, Kasey and Lacy Snider, Clint Young, and Shane and Jessica Skaggs; thirteen great-grandchildren, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Dorothy received her education in the Callao public school. She was employed thirty plus years at Florsheim Shoe Factory in Kirksville until her retirement.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing, canning, gardening, shopping, and cooking.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with family receiving friends for one hour before service time. Interment will follow at Union Temple Cemetery, southwest of Kirksville, Missouri.

Pallbearers will be Kody Snider, Kasey Snider, Shane Skaggs, Timmy Garrett, Matt Greathouse, and Andy Whitton.

Memorial donations may be made to Union Temple Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

## LEGAL

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Additionally, the tens of thousands of Missourians previously charged with non-violent marijuana offenses would have their records automatically expunged — a critical criminal justice reform that if passed, would make Missouri the first state where voters took such a step.

Current Missouri law and most similar programs in other states require those seeking to vacate their convictions to first petition the courts, an expensive and time-consuming process.

A 6 percent state sales tax on marijuana would generate estimated annual revenue of at least \$40.8 million, with an optional local sales tax of up to 3 percent yielding additional local government revenues of at least \$13.8 million, a state auditor's analysis projects.

The actual public benefit could potentially be much higher: sales on Missouri's medical marijuana market now average \$30 million a month — \$1 million per day, or an annual pace of \$360 million.

Those public dollars, in turn, would cover implementation costs including

expungement, with remaining funds allocated to veterans' services, drug addiction treatment and the state's chronically underfunded public defender system.

The automatic expungement provision does not apply to violent offenders or those whose offenses involved distribution to a minor or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.

Organizations endorsing LegalMo22 to date include the ACLU of Missouri, the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Empower Missouri, the St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County chapters of the NAACP, the Reale Justice Network and the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and its six chapters across the state.

In 2018, marijuana possession accounted for more than 50 percent of all drug arrests in Missouri. Of the nearly 21,000 marijuana arrests here that year, the vast majority were for simple possession of very small amounts.

The disproportionate impact of those arrests are documented in a 2020 ACLU report which showed that Blacks are 2.6 times more likely than whites to

be arrested for marijuana possession in Missouri — even though their national marijuana usage rates are comparable.

In some Missouri counties, the disparity is as much as 10-to-1.

The initiative's automatic expungement provision will provide a clean slate to those whose past convictions become what the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law calls "the punishment that never ends."

"Despite having fully paid their debt to society, they find that the impact of their record lingers, blocking educational, employment, and housing opportunities," the UMKC Law report concludes. The persistence of criminal records also takes a heavy toll on an individual's health."

Law school researchers found that only 125 Missourians (among the estimated 1.3 million to 1.8 million with criminal records) were able to expunge their records in 2019.

The adult-use campaign comes nearly four years after Missouri voters overwhelmingly agreed to enshrine the use and sale of medical cannabis in the state Constitution.

The state Department of Health and Senior Services has since issued more than 190,000 medical cannabis

cards to Missouri patients and caregivers

The Legal Missouri 2022 initiative also seeks to broaden participation in the legal cannabis industry by small business owners and among historically disadvantaged populations, including those with limited capital, residents of high-poverty communities, service-disabled veterans and those previously convicted of non-violent marijuana offenses, among other categories.

A new category of cannabis licenses reserved for small businesses would, over time, add a minimum of 144 licensed facilities to the existing 393 licensed and certified cannabis businesses in the state: 18 in each of the state's eight congressional districts, with at least six per district operating as dispensaries and the remainder designated as wholesale facilities.

This is a new licensing category that allows operators to both cultivate the plant and manufacture cannabis products. The new license holders would be selected at random, by lottery.

For more information on the adult-use ballot initiative, including details on how to volunteer or donate to the campaign, visit [www.legalmo22.com](http://www.legalmo22.com).

## BLUNT

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Upon being informed of the naming, Blunt stated, "I'm very grateful to the North Central Missouri Regional Water Com-

mission for this honor. I want to thank everyone in the community, both past and present, who helped make this project a reality. When you don't have a reliable water supply, it's difficult for families, farmers, businesses, and school districts

to plan for the future. The reservoir will help provide that certainty, improving the quality of life and strengthening

economic development. I am committed to ensuring the federal government continues to make this project a priority."

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## Embracing Local History Part II – THE CAPTURE OF CHIEF BIG NECK

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

Now that the U.S. Government had sanctioned the taking of innocent hostages of the Ioway tribe, it became even more necessary for Chief Big Neck to be found and brought to justice. This practice of substitute punishment became a matter of federal policy at Fort Leavenworth known as group guilt or an economy of interchangeable Indians, according to the book *The Prison of Democracy* (2019). Because Big Neck was of the Ioway tribe, others of that tribe would pay for his crimes until he was found.

Indian Agent General Andrew Swearingen Hughes from the Indian Agency across the Platte River from Northwest Missouri was assigned the task of locating the elusive Big Neck and bringing him in.

In his native Kentucky, Andrew Hughes had been “a lawyer of some eminence and a brilliant advocate,” as stated in the *History of Buchanan County* (1881). This reference also told that he served in the Kentucky legislature and was described as a “remarkable man, kind of heart, and a man of real genius.” When he moved to Clay County, Missouri, he was appointed as an Indian Agent to the Ioway and Sac and Fox Tribes, and also became a general in the state militia. These tribes had ceded their Northern Missouri land to the U.S. Government in 1824, and all but Big Neck and his people had fulfilled their promise two years later to move west of the Platte River, which was then the western border of Missouri.

The Indian Agency was to provide protection for this Indian settlement and promote trade for them. Agent Hughes was in charge of this agency.

This area where the Ioway tribes were living in 1829 would in a few years be purchased and added to the geography of Missouri. (For more information on the U.S. Government’s acquisition of the Indian land west of the Platte River, read about the Platte Purchase of 1836.) This added 3,149 square miles to the northwest corner of Missouri, now comprising six present-day counties and portions of the northwest suburbs of Kansas City and the cities of St. Joseph and Maryville.

Later, Hughes Township in Nodaway County, Missouri, a part of the Platte Purchase, would be named for General (Agent) Andrew S. Hughes. But, in our story, he is best known for having finally located and captured Chief Big Neck.

General Hughes began his mission on August 14, 1829, taking with him five other men. One of these was an interpreter and guide named Vance Murray Campbell who was a white man married to an Indian of the Ioway tribe. In their journey, the Hughes party met two young braves who had returned from a visit with William Clark in St. Louis. Clark had requested that they aid in finding Big Neck. One of these braves was the son of Cutnose, a Fox chief, and the other was Appanoose, son of the principal chief of the Sacs and Foxes. They and other braves with them were of great assistance to the Hughes party.

After much searching, Appanoose was able to learn that

Big Neck was encamped between the Flint and Iowa Rivers in present Southeastern Iowa north of what is now Burlington. (This was nine years before Iowa even became a territory and seventeen years before it became a state.) Three days after learning this information, they found Big Neck’s camp of sixty five including women and children. The Big Neck War had taken place in July 1829, and it was October of 1829 when Big Neck was located. From the date in August when the Hughes party started on their quest, it had taken them two months as they followed the trail of Big Neck 400 miles through the unsettled Iowa country before the Indian chief was found.

Agent Hughes used persuasion rather than force to convince the Chief and his people to surrender to the U.S. government. Hughes told him that Agent William Clark in St. Louis had sent for him. Big Neck, of course, remembered William Clark as the man who had accompanied him and others to Washington D. C. in 1824. Big Neck thought of him as a friend. Many Indians at that time thought of the U.S. Government as the “Great Father.” Hughes told Big Neck that one of the Great Father’s war chiefs, General Leavenworth, also wanted to see him.

Because Hughes was not acquainted with Big Neck’s band of Indians, both Campbell and Appanoose acted as interpreters and mediators. Afterward, General Hughes remarked to Clark, “Had it not been for the efforts of Appanoose, the consequences of the meeting might not have

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Appanoose, Native American from Iowa credited with helping General Hughes mediate the surrender of Chief Big Neck and his tribe in 1829. Portrait painted by Charles Bird King, circa 1824

been so pleasant.” (Later, Appanoose County in southern Iowa would be named for this Native American.)

The Hughes party and their prisoners, with all of Big Neck’s tribe following them, headed for the Mississippi River. There, Hughes planned to charter boats to take them to St. Louis where the accused would face the long-awaited “justice.”

Traveling in this group was quite unsettling. Hughes knew he was outnumbered and feared that a hostile outbreak among the tribe might occur at any moment. He ordered his men to have their guns ready at all times. When they arrived at what was called the Mississippi Rapids near the present-day Montrose, Iowa, Hughes could not procure enough boats to transport all of them downriver. So, he came up with a plan. Despite his lack of trust in the tribe, Hughes was not without compassion for them. He knew they were destitute and hungry. Some had even died along the trail. He provided money to the women and children and a few braves and sent them to a nearby trading post to buy food and provisions. While they were gone, Hughes planned to go down the river with Big Neck and the braves who acknowledged their participation in the Big Neck War.

That’s when a miracle happened! Suddenly, the women and children who had reached a place called “the bluffs” came running back. They flung themselves at the feet of

General Hughes and begged that the lives of Big Neck and all of their tribe be spared! They had seen, coming down the river, a fleet of boats filled with United States soldiers! They were sure this had been planned and they were all going to be murdered!

But, Agent Hughes was as surprised as they were to see this fleet of boats. He learned these troops were only there by happenstance. They were commanded by a Lieutenant Morris and headed for Jefferson Barracks. Hughes was certain these men and boats had been sent by Providence to spare him and his men from being attacked by Big Neck’s tribe! The Hughes party and their prisoners boarded the fleet, bid the rest of the surprised tribe goodbye, and proceeded down the Mississippi to St. Louis.

There, the prisoners were delivered to the U.S. Marshal’s office. Upon word of the arrival of Big Neck, the nineteen Ioway prisoners at Jefferson Barracks were released to return to their village. Agent Hughes thought his work was now done. In total, he had traveled some 2,000 miles to carry out his assigned mission to capture Big Neck. But, incredibly, Hughes’ involvement was not yet over!

(Next time: The Trial of Chief Big Neck and the Aftermath)

## TURNING THE PAGE: This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

### 85 Years Ago, August 12, 1937

Construction was to begin immediately on the extension of Highway 63 through the northeast part of Kirksville. The new extension, for which a contract had been signed a few days earlier, was to run from the corner of Baltimore and Illinois Streets northward across the O.K. Railroad tracks and curve westward to connect with the existing Highway 63 where it intersected with Highway 6 west (present day Potter Avenue). Under the construction plan there was to be a grade crossing at the railroad rather than an underpass as there was at the Green Street O.K. Railroad crossing.

### 85 Years Ago, August 13, 1937

Dr. Eugene Fair, 59, president of the Northeast

Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University) died in St. Louis, following a brain hemorrhage he suffered four days earlier. He had been president of the college for twelve years, succeeding Dr. John R. Kirk. Dr. Fair received his education at the Kirksville Normal School and the University of Missouri before completing post graduate training at Columbia University in New York. In his 30-years as an educator he taught in rural schools in Missouri, the Kirksville Normal School, University of Missouri, George Peabody University in Nashville, and Northwestern University in Illinois. The College Board of Regents announced that Dr. L. A. Eubank, would serve as acting president until a replacement for Dr. Kirk was found.

### 85 Years Ago, August 15, 1937

Kirksville was getting an armory which would be the home of Company K of the Missouri National Guard. The federal government offered a \$27,000 grant to build an armory in Kirksville. Local governmental entities were obligated to come up with \$5,000 additional money to purchase building materials and provide a suitable building site. Construction of the building was a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. The WPA employed thousands of men on relief rolls during the depression of the 1930s. Most of the money from the federal government was to be used to pay labor costs while the local community was to provide money for materials. After haggling for several days by local governmental officials

and with public input, the Adair County Court voted to donate the necessary \$5,000. The local government also had to provide the land on which to construct the armory, and it was decided to build the armory on South Elson Street on the site of the old Benton School building. It was anticipated that the armory would likely be used no more than one day a week by the national guard. The remainder of the time it would be available for community use. Nat B. Rieger was the captain of Company K of the National Guard.

### 75 Years Ago, August 11, 1947

Four local fishermen were fined \$200 each in Adair County Circuit Court after they pled guilty to dynamiting fish in the Chariton River. The men were observed dynamiting at the river by the



local game warden. Sheriff Alex Brown reported that the men spent the previous night in the Adair County Jail. Fish was on the menu for supper that evening, but the men declined to eat. Apparently, they lost their appetite for fish!

### 75 Years Ago, August 12, 1947

The Kirksville City Council in a unanimous vote revoked the license of Wayne Ball, owner-operator of the Club Royal, a tavern located at 212 W. Harrison Street in Kirksville. The decision came after a stormy hearing in which charges of lying, running a disorderly and

fighting house, police inefficiency, and brutality on the part of the tavern operators were made in the verbal exchange. According to the report “Ball was verbally pugnacious during the hearing and had frequent run-ins with Chief of Police Leonard Crow.” The exchange between Ball and Crow ended with each party calling the other a “liar.” A couple of weeks before the hearing a brawl involving five men and a woman took place at the tavern and Kirksville Mayor Albert Bartlett issued a warning to Ball of the impending revocation hearing.

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## Russell's No. 6 being retired across NBA, a 1st for league

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill Russell's No. 6 jersey is being retired across the NBA, a first for the league.

The NBA and the National Basketball Players Association announced Thursday that the number worn by the 11-time champion, civil rights activist and person good enough to be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach was being permanently retired by all 30 teams.

"Bill Russell's unparalleled success on the court and pioneering civil rights activism deserve to be honored in a unique and historic way," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "Permanently retiring his No. 6 across every NBA team ensures that Bill's transcendent career will always be recognized."

Players who currently wear No. 6 — including the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James — may continue doing so. But the number cannot be issued again, the league said.

All NBA players will wear a patch on the right shoulder of their jerseys this season, the league said, and every NBA court will display a clover-shaped logo with the No. 6 on the sideline near the scorer's table.

The Boston Celtics have "separate and unique recognition for him on their uniforms" planned, the NBA said.

Russell died on July 31 at the age of 88. He was the most prolific winner in NBA history, an 11-time champion during a 13-year career — winning the last two of those titles as a player-coach — and the first Black coach in any of the major U.S. pro sports to win a championship.

He marched with Martin Luther King Jr., stood with Muhammad Ali and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.

And having his number retired leaguewide puts him in a very exclusive club.

Major League Baseball permanently retired No. 42 — in honor of Jackie Robinson, who broke the big league's color barrier — with the understanding that those who were wearing that number could continue to do so. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees was the last in the majors to wear No. 42, doing so through his final season in 2013.

The NHL, upon Wayne Gretzky's retirement in 1999, said his No. 99 would be retired leaguewide in honor of that sport's all-time scoring leader.



Bill Russell, left, star of the Boston Celtics is congratulated by coach Arnold "Red" Auerbach after scoring his 10,000th point in the NBA game against the Baltimore Bullets in Boston Garden on Dec. 12, 1964. The NBA great Bill Russell has died at age 88. His family said on social media that Russell died on Sunday, July 31, 2022. Russell anchored a Boston Celtics dynasty that won 11 titles in 13 years. AP PHOTO/BILL CHAPLIS, FILE

And now, Russell gets the same treatment. It also seems fitting that he and Robinson — both barrier-breakers — are linked again. Russell called Robinson a hero, once saying that "he showed me the way to be a man in professional sports."

Robinson, clearly, held Russell in high esteem as well. Rachel Robinson, his widow, asked Russell to be a pallbearer at her husband's funeral in 1972.

"This is a momentous honor reserved for one of the greatest champions to ever play the game," NBPA Executive Director Tamika Tremaglio said. "Bill's actions on and off the court throughout the course of his life helped to shape generations of players for the better and for that, we are forever grateful. We are

proud to continue the celebration of his life and legacy alongside the league."

There have been more than 250 players in NBA history to wear a No. 6 jersey, including 24 who did so in at least one game last season — most notably, James, who has alternated between 6 and 23 throughout his NBA career.

Nobody has worn No. 6 for the Celtics since Russell's final season, 1968-69.

Russell is one of 12 players currently enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame who wore No. 6 at at least some point in their careers. The others: Julius Erving, Patrick Ewing, Ben Wallace, Don Barksdale, Chuck Cooper, Larry Costello, Tom Gola, Cliff Hagan, Alex Hannum, Buddy Jeanette and Neil Johnston.

### COLUMN

## MLB is so much more fun when teams try to win

It is so much fun when teams try to win. If the last couple weeks of the MLB season have reminded us of anything, it's this. Since the trade deadline earlier this month, it became even clearer which teams actually are trying to win and which teams have completely surrendered for this year and years to come.

The Padres' trade for Nationals superstar Juan Soto was one of the biggest and most exciting trades in league history. The Nationals sent two young major league level players and three prospects to Washington for Soto, and oh yeah, first baseman Josh Bell who is having the best season of his career.

The Padres also acquired third baseman Brandon Drury from the Reds, establishing them as a real threat to the Dodgers in the NL West, although the Dodgers seem unwilling to yield any ground.

But the trade between the Padres and Nationals highlights a problem in professional baseball. Some teams are utterly unwilling to try and win.

The Nationals won a World Series just three years ago, with Soto in his rookie season. Instead of trying to build a perennial contender around Soto, who at just 23 may already be the best hitter of his generation, they shipped him off for a handful of young players who may or may not be good in a few years.

If you already have a generational talent in his early 20s, why get rid of him in favor of some teenagers who have yet to play a game above Single A?

There is no reason for an MLB team to not field a competitive roster every season, and yet the Nationals, Reds and a handful of other teams are trotting out minor-league lineups every day in the hopes of maybe earning a wild card spot in three years.

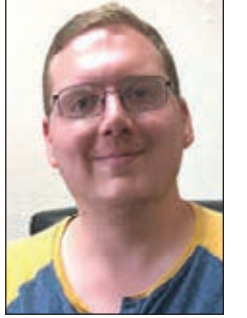
The Nationals are still starting Patrick Corbin every fifth game despite his numbers, which are difficult to look at. He is 4-16 so far this season with an ERA of 7.02 across 110.1 innings while allowing a league-high 86 earned runs and 161 hits. Washington is essentially punting every fifth game, which is unfair to the other players on the team, the fans and Corbin himself.

Meanwhile, the teams that are trying to win are playing exciting baseball, drawing big crowds and generating interest. Even a team like the Baltimore Orioles is putting a competitive team on the field, putting them right in the middle of the wild card race even after selling off a little bit at the deadline.

Teams like the Dodgers and Mets, who spend lots of money in the off-season, are playing like true World Series contenders while teams like the Cubs and Reds, who traded away franchise players and cut payroll, are among the worst teams in the league.

We have to watch bad teams try to rebuild despite the fact that every MLB team can afford to sign whoever they want whenever they want. Instead fans of several teams have to watch bad players play bad baseball so team owners can maximize their revenues.

Teams that win make money too. Unfortunately it seems that multiple owners would rather make money losing because it is easier.



Adam Tumino

## Serena's Legacy: Plenty of wins, plenty of stands on issues

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A couple of days before Serena Williams claimed the 22nd of her 23 Grand Slam singles titles at Wimbledon in 2016, she was asked what she makes of it when people refer to her as one of history's greatest female athletes.

Her reply: She prefers being characterized as "one of the greatest athletes of all time."

That one, brief response from Williams said quite a lot — about her one-of-a-kind talent with a racket in hand, about her status as an icon, about her willingness to stand up for herself, about why women's sports should not be thought of any differently than men's sports.

That all came to mind again Tuesday, when Williams indicated she is preparing to walk away from her professional tennis career as the start of the U.S. Open approaches on Aug. 29 and her 41st birthday next month nears.

Yes, with shouts of "Come on!" marking the journey, she's won the most major singles championships in the professional era of ten-

nis, which began in 1968; more than the 22 for Steffi Graf or Rafael Nadal, more than the 21 for Novak Djokovic, more than the 20 for Roger Federer, more than the 18 for Chris Evert or Martina Navratilova, more than anyone else. And, yes, Williams won a total of 73 tour-level singles titles and spent more than six years' worth of weeks ranked No. 1. And she combined with older sister Venus to claim 14 Grand Slam women's doubles titles. And then there are the four Olympic gold medals. And so on. And so on.

Still, mere numbers can't capture everything Williams has represented during a distinguished career that began when she was a teenager in the 1990s and is remarkable for not just the successes but also the longevity, including a record 10 major championships after turning 30.

"She's lasted longer than most, if not all, female tennis pros. She's transcended tennis and become a leader on many important cultural, social and gender issues. She has lived an extraordinary life," Evert wrote in a text



Serena Williams, of the United States, hugs the championship trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, during the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in New York. Saying "the countdown has begun," 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams said Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, she is ready to step away from tennis so she can turn her focus to having another child and her business interests, presaging the end of a career that transcended sports. AP PHOTO/MIKE GROLL, FILE

message to The Associated Press, "and will undoubtedly continue to crash the glass ceiling in the future."

Indeed, what Williams did without a racket in her hand is rather noteworthy, and extends past the millions in endorsement deals; the flirtations with acting; the interest in fashion design and penchant for bringing the catwalk to the court with body suits and knee-high boots and whatever else she decided to try; the celebrity and place in pop culture; and, most recently, the work as a venture capitalist ("Seventy-eight% of our portfolio happens to

be companies started by women and people of color, because that's who we are," Williams said).

"It is important to take a step back and think about everything that Serena has brought to our sport and what she has accomplished both on and off the court," said Steve Simon, the head of the WTA women's tennis tour. "She is one of the greatest champions, an entrepreneur, a mother, an investor in women's business ventures and an inspiration to women and girls across the world."

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# Trevor Bauer's accuser files countersuit to defamation claim

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A San Diego woman who alleges Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer sexually abused her has filed a countersuit to his defamation claim, alleging the baseball star beat her and left her bruised, according to a court filing.

Bauer has denied abusing the woman he met through social media. He sued her for defamation in April, claiming she lied about details involving their sexual encounters in order to destroy his reputation and career while enriching herself.

Major League Baseball has suspended Bauer for two years, a ruling made after Bauer sued the woman. Bauer has said he engaged in consensual rough sex with the woman but did nothing to warrant a suspension.

The woman's battery claim filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles alleges again that Bauer punched and choked her on two occasions during sex in 2021. The Associated Press generally does not name



FILE — Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Trevor Bauer (27) delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves on Sunday, June 6, 2021, in Atlanta. A San Diego woman who alleges Bauer sexually abused her has filed a countersuit to his defamation claim, alleging the baseball star beat her and left her bruised. AP PHOTO/BRYNN ANDERSON, FILE

people who claim to be victims of sexual assault.

Bauer's attorneys released a statement Thursday pointing to a judge's decision last year denying the woman a restraining order. The judge said she had been "materially misleading" in part of her request.

"She 'materially misled' the court and could not meet the lowest burden of proof in our justice system — because her claims were false," attorneys Shawn Holley and Jon Fetterolf said. "She is

being sued for defamation to be held accountable for her lies and the damage it has caused. Her countersuit is a regurgitation of her judicially disproven claims and yet another attempt ... to defame Mr. Bauer and seek to profit from her lies."

The woman's lawsuit says her life has been "turned into a nightmare by a powerful man who mercilessly battered her and counted on facing no consequences whatsoever for his despicable conduct." After one

encounter, the woman ended up with two black eyes, according to the filing.

The lawsuit demands a jury trial and unspecified damages.

In her response to Bauer's defamation suit, the woman denied allegations by his lawyers that she made a "false, misleading or defamatory police report" and denied she had altered or filtered photographs in requesting a restraining order in June of 2021.

The woman denied she had a plan to destroy Bauer's reputation or career, or exploit him for money, although she admits "she was angry at Plaintiff because he had sexually assaulted her."

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge declined to grant the restraining order. The Los Angeles District Attorney's office declined to file criminal charges against Bauer.

Bauer is also suing two media outlets for defamation over their coverage of the allegations.

Bauer is appealing his suspension by MLB. There is no timetable for a ruling.



In this March 10, 2020, file photo, Chicago Bulls coach Jim Boylen cheers on players during a game against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Chicago. Boylen will remain as coach for USA Basketball for the next window of World Cup qualifying, coming up later this month with games against Uruguay and Colombia. AP PHOTO/PAUL BEATY, FILE

## USA Basketball picks roster for August World Cup qualifiers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — USA Basketball has picked its 12-man roster for the opening second-round window of World Cup qualifying, as the Americans look to move closer to clinching a spot in the field for next year's event.

Jim Boylen will return as coach, assisted again by Ty Ellis and Othella Harrington.

The roster will include six players — Michael Frazier II, Langston Galloway, David Stockton, DaQuan Jeffries, John Jenkins and Eric Mika — who were with the Americans for the last qualifying window in July.

The other six players for games on Aug. 25 in Las Vegas against Uruguay and at Colombia on Aug. 29 are Tyler Cavanaugh, Malik Ellison, Dewan Hernandez, Mac McClung, Robert Woodard II and McKinley Wright IV.

The Americans went 5-1 in the opening round of qualifying from the FIBA Americas Region, easily becoming one of the 12 teams that moved on to the second round.

Of those 12 advancing nations, seven will make next year's World Cup, which will take place in the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan. The World Cup is the primary qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

There are three two-game windows in the second round of qualifying — for the Americas Region, they are Aug. 25 and 29, Nov. 11 and 14, and finally Feb. 23 and 26. If the U.S. tops Uruguay and Colombia, it likely could clinch a World Cup berth in the November window.

Canada (6-0) is the only team from the Americas Region that went unbeaten in the first round of qualifying. Also in Canada's group for the second round: Venezuela (5-1), Argentina (5-1), the Dominican Republic (4-2), Panama (2-4) and the Bahamas (2-4).

The U.S. is in a second-round group with Brazil (5-1), Uruguay (4-2), Mexico (4-2), Puerto Rico (3-3) and Colombia (2-4).

The top three teams from each group will advance to the World Cup from the Americas Region, along with the best overall fourth-place team.

## FIFA moves World Cup start in Qatar up 1 day to Nov. 20

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — FIFA has formally moved the World Cup start up by one day to give host nation Qatar an exclusive Sunday evening slot with a global audience.

Qatar will now play Ecuador in Doha on Nov. 20 — just 101 days after FIFA's decision Thursday — stretching the World Cup to 29 days from the 28 agreed seven years ago when a June-July tournament was pushed back to

avoid the searing desert heat in midsummer.

The surprise late switch was signed off by a FIFA committee comprising its president Gianni Infantino and presidents of the six continental soccer bodies.

FIFA said the vote was unanimous.

The plan was revealed Wednesday after several rounds of ticket sales to fans worldwide since last year.

"FIFA will seek to address any issues arising from this change in a case-by-case basis," soccer's world body said Thursday regarding fans whose travel plans are affected.

The risk to fans "is sufficiently outweighed by the value and benefits of the proposal" commercially, FIFA previously said this week in a letter to soccer officials proposing the switch.

The date change was said to be supported by tournament organizers in the tiny gas-rich emirate, South American soccer body CONMEBOL and the two teams' national soccer federations.

Qatar will now make its World Cup debut kicking off against Ecuador at 7 p.m. local time on Nov. 20 after an opening ceremony on the field at the 60,000-capacity Al Bayt Stadium.

The meeting of the world's No. 49 and No. 44-ranked men's national teams was originally scheduled 24 hours later on Nov. 21 after the finals tournament draw was made April 1 in Doha.

In the original schedule, the opening ceremony was still planned to take place before Qatar-Ecuador despite it being the third game of the tournament, and with just an hour of free time after the final whistle of the second game on the schedule, England vs. Iran.

It is unclear why Qatar's first game was not scheduled in April as the tournament opener.

FIFA acknowledged in its letter this week the "significant value from a ceremonial, cultural and commercial point of view," to have the opening ceremony before the tournament's first game featuring the host nation.

## Judge won't toss lawsuit against Utah transgender sports ban

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge on Wednesday rejected the request by Utah officials to throw out a lawsuit challenging a state ban on transgender kids who want to compete in youth sports.

The ruling comes ahead of a hearing scheduled for Thursday where Judge Keith Kelly will assess whether to put the law passed by the Republican-majority Legislature this year temporarily on hold.

Kelly ruled that the three transgender girls who brought the lawsuit have shown they are harmed by the law that took effect on July 1 and therefore have legal standing for the case to move forward.

Thomas Lee, a former state Supreme Court justice hired by the state to help defend the ban, argued in the hearing that the girls are just

"concerned bystanders" who lack standing to bring the lawsuit, KUTV reported.

Parents of the three girls and their attorneys contend in the lawsuit that the law wrongly keeps their children from participating in sports while violating the state constitution that prohibits discrimination and guarantees equal rights and due process.

The issue of whether transgender girls should be allowed to participate in female sports has become flashpoint across the U.S. with Republican lawmakers passing legislation to block them based on the premise it gives them an unfair competitive advantage. Transgender rights advocates counter that the rules aren't just about sports, but another way to demean and attack transgender youth.

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## Broncos sport NFL's richest, most diverse ownership group

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Denver Broncos now sport the wealthiest owner in the NFL and the league's most diverse ownership group.

Four of the six members of the Walton-Penner ownership group, which was welcomed into the NFL this week, are either women or minorities.

Walmart heir Rob Walton, the oldest child of Walmart co-founder Sam Walton, bought the Broncos along with his daughter, Carrie Walton Penner, and her husband, for \$4.65 billion, a global record for a professional sports franchise.

Walton said Wednesday that his son-in-law, Greg Penner, will serve as CEO of the team. Penner said he'll soon hire a team president. Those roles had been held by Joe Ellis, who is staying on this year as an advisor.

Penner said he'll be the point person "but this is an incredible group. We're going to draw on all of them."

The ownership group includes limited partners Mellody Hobson, Condoleezza Rice and Lewis Hamilton. Hobson is CEO of Starbucks, Rice is a former U.S. Secretary of State and Hamilton is the winningest Formula One driver in history.

Walton thanked Ellis for his 27 years of service and paid tribute to the late Pat Bowlen. He purchased the team in 1984 for \$78 million and died in 2019, a month shy of his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Pat Bowlen built a great legacy and a record of winning and championships," Walton said. "We plan to do everything we can to build on the championship tradition of this great organization. ... Simply put, it's an honor to steward this historic franchise. Our No. 1 priority is putting a winning team on the field to win Super Bowls."

Before Walton's group purchased the Broncos, the NFL's wealthiest owner was Carolina's David Tepper, whom Forbes estimates has



Rob Walton, center, is flanked by Condoleezza Rice, left, and Mellody Hobson during a news conference at the Denver Broncos' headquarters Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, in Centennial, Colo. Rice and Hobson are limited partners in the Walton-Penner ownership group which has purchased the Broncos. AP PHOTO/DAVID ZALUBOWSKI

a total net worth of \$16.7 billion. Walton's estimated net worth is \$60 billion.

"We wanted to add people that brought different perspectives and experiences and certainly we have that here," Penner said. "Lewis, being the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time) Formula One driver, Dr. Rice with all of her experience in politics and academics and world affairs, Mellody, as a you know, an incredible businesswoman and her track record there.

"We're big believers in bringing together different perspectives and experiences and backgrounds and that we think will make us more successful."

All but Hamilton, who is still in racing season, gathered at team headquarters a day after NFL owners unanimously approved the sale Tuesday in Minnesota. The Broncos new ownership group met with staff and players before practice, and star safety Justin Simmons said he was proud to see so many faces of color.

"To see some diversity and to see strong, Black women in the ownership group, I mean, what an inspiration for so many people," said Simmons, who is biracial. "There's little

girls out here whose dads play on the team and they can look up at the ownership of the Broncos and they can see someone that looks just like them. I think that's really great.

"But I think the biggest thing on top of that is they didn't just do that to do that," Simmons said. "I mean, these are really powerful, qualified individuals that deserve this, earned this, worked for this. And that to me is inspiring."

Hobson called it "such an honor and a privilege to be an owner of this remarkable organization. ... The moment is humbling and it's historical, and yet, I feel at home."

Hobson said when she was first approached about joining the ownership group, she encouraged Walton to also bring aboard her friend Hamilton.

"Lewis is my chosen little brother," she said. "As soon as this opportunity came up, I said, 'You have to have Lewis.' I met Lewis in his rookie season as an F1 driver. We bonded over time. As many of you know, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth and I call him, 'Sir Little Brother.'"

"He has this winning mentality not just on the track but in everything

that he does. He cares deeply about people, about our planet and as the first and one (Black F1 driver) in his sport, about diversity, equity and inclusion."

Rice, who grew up in Denver, joked that her late father John Rice Jr., who was a minister, dean of students at Stillman College and big football fan, "has to be thinking, 'She finally got a really important job.'"

Penner, who said he doesn't anticipate bringing aboard any more limited partners, demurred when asked if John Elway or Peyton Manning would be involved with the team going forward.

The new owners met with both on the field Wednesday. Elway told The Associated Press earlier this year that he'd like to advise the new owners to help them in their first year.

"We're just going to learn from both of them," Penner said. "I think it's going to be a really good relationship."

While saying he was thrilled that GM George Payton acquired quarterback Russell Wilson this spring, Penner gave no timeline for a contract extension that's expected to be worth about \$260 million over five years.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady puts on his jersey during an NFL football training camp practice with the Miami Dolphins Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, in Tampa, Fla. AP PHOTO/CHRIS O'MEARA

## Brady taking 11-day break from Bucs for personal reasons

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady was excused from training camp on Thursday, the first day of what Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles said was a planned, 11-day absence from the team to address "personal things."

Bowles said the 45-year-old quarterback's break from practice was arranged before camp began, adding that Brady won't return until after the Bucs' preseason game at Tennessee on Aug. 20.

"Tom has been excused today. ... He's going to deal with some personal things. This is something we talked about before training camp started. We allotted this time because he wanted to get in and get chemistry with the guys with two weeks of training camp, knowing he wasn't going to play the first two (preseason) games," Bowles said after the Bucs concluded two days of controlled scrimmages against the Miami Dolphins.

Tampa Bay opens the preseason Saturday night against the Dolphins. The Bucs will also travel to Nashville for two days of practice ahead of their game against the Titans.

Backup quarterbacks Blaine Gabbert, Kyle Trask and Ryan Griffin will share snaps during Brady's absence.

"He didn't want to take away reps from Blaine, Kyle, as well as Griff, as far as going into these next two games. That's something he can handle," Bowles said. "We trust him. We talked about it. It was scheduled way before training camp."

Brady, who retired in February only to change his mind six weeks later, was also excused from practice for personal reasons last Friday — two days after getting a scheduled day off for his 45th birthday.

Bowles said his confidence level is "pretty high" that Brady will be in the lineup for next month's regular-season opener at Dallas.

"Per our conversation, I'm not worried," Bowles said.

## FIFA

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The first game until Thursday's decision was Netherlands-Senegal in Qatar's Group A, starting at 1 p.m. local time on Nov. 21. That now moves back to the cooler hours of the 7 p.m. Monday slot vacated by Qatar-Ecuador.

Sponsors could also have their plans disrupted, according to Ricardo Fort, a former marketing executive with World Cup top-tier backers Coca-Cola and Visa, who described

the late date change as "a huge problem."

"They (sponsors) invited and confirmed hospitality guests, booked flights & hotels, and contracted with all the necessary logistics. Imagine changing it all!" Fort wrote on his Twitter account.

Changing the opening game does let FIFA follow recent trend of the host nation having an exclusive day to play the first of the 64-game tournament.

Still, it marks another way the first World Cup in the Middle East and the first of the 22 World Cups ever played

outside of the northern hemisphere summer is upending soccer tradition.

FIFA got agreement from soccer officials worldwide in 2015 to delay the tournament previously set for the usual June-July period when temperatures routinely hit 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) in Qatar.

Qatar committed to stay on soccer's normal calendar and promised innovative stadium cooling technology when it bid for World Cup hosting rights in 2009-10.

When FIFA accepted the inevitable need to delay until Qatar's cooler months, a tough negotiation with European leagues and clubs led to the 2015 agreement for a shorter, 28-day program to minimize disruption for domestic soccer that relies on weekend games.

European leagues such as England's Premier League, Germany's Bundesliga and Italy's Serie A will play through the Nov. 12-13 weekend, just seven days before the new opening game date.

Those leagues will shut down during the

World Cup, which ends with a Sunday, Dec. 18 final on Qatar's National Day. The Premier League is the first to resume on Dec. 26.

While an opening game on Sunday evening in Qatar should play well with viewers in Asia and Europe, in the United States the kickoff will be 11 a.m. EST. That puts the World Cup opener in direct competition with NFL pre-game coverage.

The U.S. soccer team plays its World Cup opener against Wales in the late Monday game in Qatar.

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Similar legal cases have been playing out in Idaho, West Virginia and Indiana.

As of March, the Utah High School Activities Association knew of only one transgender girl playing in K-12 sports who would be affected by the ban. The association, which organizes leagues for 85,000 students, has said there have been no publicly made allegations of competitive advantage concerning any of the state's four transgender youth athletes.

## SERENA

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Williams spoke out about being Black in her sport — she was the first to win a Grand Slam tournament since Althea Gibson in the 1950s — and in her country. She stayed away from a tournament in California for years after she and her father heard racist taunts there. She talked about being a woman in tennis, about being a woman who dealt with complications

in childbirth, about being a mother (her daughter, Olympia, turns 5 on Sept. 1, and Williams wants to have another baby).

She and Venus helped their sport reach a broader audience and helped bring a broader slice of society into their sport (Coco Gauff, the 18-year-old African-American who was the runner-up at the French Open in May, said Tuesday she plays what she called "a predominantly white sport" because she "saw some-

body who looked like me dominating the game").

"I don't particularly like to think about my legacy. I get asked about it a lot, and I never know exactly what to say," Williams wrote in an essay released by Vogue magazine. "But I'd like to think that thanks to opportunities afforded to me, women athletes feel that they can be themselves on the court. They can play with aggression and pump their fists. They can be strong yet beauti-

ful. They can wear what they want and say what they want and kick butt and be proud of it all."

There were, to be sure, moments that she perhaps was not as proud of, confrontations with match officials that led to getting docked a point or a game in U.S. Open losses to Naomi Osaka and Kim Clijsters — maybe the sorts of episodes she was referring to in her essay when she said: "I've made a lot of mistakes in my career.

Mistakes are learning experiences, and I embrace those moments. I'm far from perfect, but I've also taken a lot of criticism, and I'd like to think that I went through some hard times as a professional tennis player so that the next generation could have it easier."

Her serve was a gift, as were the powerful groundstrokes that she and Venus — her opponent in nine all-in-the-family Grand Slam finals — made a permanent part of

the game. So, too, was an unbending will and desire to always come out on top, whether the person across the net was Big Sis or anyone else, whether she was trying to win a point during a match or make a point in an interview.

"I want to be great. I want to be perfect," Williams said. "I know perfect doesn't exist, but whatever my perfect was, I never wanted to stop until I got it right."

In tennis, of course, and beyond.

## Tips for comfortable camping

By Special to The Express

The beauty of the great outdoors beckons millions of nature-loving individuals each year. Camping is a great way to fully immerse oneself in nature. However, there's often a learning curve with tent camping, especially in regard to sleeping comfortably.

A tent is designed to keep campers out of the elements and to prevent bugs from bothering campers while they sleep. Tents come in a variety of shapes and sizes — with some larger tents even capable of sleeping six or more people. One of the most important components to consider when planning a camping trip is sleeping and bedding. A good night's sleep is worth its weight in gold, and can mean the difference between an enjoyable experience and cranky, out-of-sorts campers.

The following are some guidelines to maximize tent comfort while camping.

### Tent size and location

Calculate how many people will be on the camping trip and how much space they will need to rest comfortably. Purchase or rent a tent that will provide enough space. Multiple tents also can be used if the goal is to separate family members.

The next consideration is where to set up camp. Look for a level area that is relatively free from debris. Clear away any rocks and twigs, as debris under the tent can damage it and make it harder to fall asleep.

Families may want to camp a short distance from restroom facilities if they are available, which will make it easier for the midnight bathroom breaks that inevitably crop up.

### Invest in quality gear

In addition to the tent, campers will need a tarp/ground cover to place under the tent. This helps prevent moisture seepage from the soil.

Next, determine how everyone will sleep, whether on the ground or in cots. Cots can be the most comfortable options, but they take up a lot of space and can be heavy to transport — which is less than ideal when backpacking to a campsite. Inflatable mattresses or sleeping pads can be used in conjunction with sleeping bags to provide a soft, cushioned surface. Some are affordable at \$40 while others may cost as much as \$300. Costlier options may be best for frequent campers.

### Account for the temperature

Temperature will go a long way toward improving or compromising comfort. Choose sleeping bags rated for the temperature. If you'll be doing plenty of fall or winter camping, you'll have a place to sleep that's designed to be used at the time of year you're camping.



When sleeping in warm temperatures, dress so you can add or remove layers as needed. A portable, battery-operated fan also can be a game-changer if it is hot and stuffy in the tent.

### Adjust sound accordingly

Some people love drifting off to sleep to the sound of crickets, while others are kept awake by the nighttime sounds of nature. Foam earplugs can mute some of those sounds and even the snoring of a tent partner. Campers also can set

up a charged smartphone with a white noise app and use that to block out unwanted noises.

### Additional tips

When traveling with kids, bring a few creature comforts along, such as a favorite pair of pajamas or stuffed animals. This can make the unfamiliar sounds and sights of sleeping outdoors a little less scary. Also, if possible, do a trial run camping in the yard to gauge how kids react in advance and plan accordingly to make improvements.

## A beginner's guide to fall planting and maintenance

By Special to The Express

Spring and summer are perhaps the busiest times of year for gardeners. However, fall also is a prime time to tend to gardens.

The tree and bare root retailer Bower & Branch advises that soil temperatures in many regions of the country may still be warm enough to encourage root growth well into the start of winter. Furthermore, fall is often the ideal time to plant, fertilize and keep a garden going or to get a head start on next year's bounty.

Here are some tips to make the most of the fall gardening season.

- Think about fall annuals and bulb planting. Near the end of September, start planting cool-weather-loving pansies and violas for pops of color as summer flowers fade. Also, it's a good idea to stock up on bulbs that will bloom in the months to come before they sell out in stores. Wait until the temperatures really cool down before planting them in desired spots for spring sprouts.

- Sow salad seeds. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and arugula tolerate cooler temperatures. Try new and interesting lettuce varieties and en-

joy salads well into the fall season.

- Take inventory of the sun. Positioning a garden carefully means maximizing hours of sunlight, which begin to dwindle in the fall. Experts say gardens grow best in sunny locations that receive six hours of direct sunlight each day. This is where container gardens can be helpful, as they allow gardeners to move plants into spots that will get ample sunlight.

- Fill in landscaping gaps. Some fall plants can add color around the landscape and brighten up homes to add curb appeal. In addition to pansies and violas, asters, kale and chrysanthemums are fall blooms. Keep in mind that mums can come back year after year. So take them out of those flower pots and get them into the ground. They can be enjoyed next year as well, sprouting in early spring and developing leaves and buds through late summer.

- Clean up unwanted growth. Fall is an ideal time to cut back spent vegetable plants and get rid of errant weeds. Rather than bagging leaves, mow them with a grass catcher and then add the mix to a vegetable garden as an ex-



cellent soil insulator. The nitrogen and carbon will fertilize the soil, enhancing growing possibilities and limiting weed growth.

- Propagate plants in the fall. As temperatures gradually begin to cool, start taking cuttings from perennials, gathering seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons and dividing hardwood cuttings, says the resource Gardening Know How. Consult with a garden center or horticulturist on the proper ways to propagate stems using rooting hormone and other techniques.

- Continue to water plants. Water is essential in the fall and winter as roots can still be growing. Gradually reduce watering duration as plants go dormant.

Fall planting and maintenance can extend gardening season and improve the chances of growing a healthy spring garden.



## Fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors with kids

By Special to The Express

The great outdoors can be an inviting place with plenty of opportunities for adventure. It's also a treasure trove of sights and sounds that can serve as a springboard for a lifelong yearning for knowledge.

Children of the 1980s and before may remember long days spent outside with requirements to "come back in when the street lights turn on." Today's children may not have as much freedom, but they still can benefit from both unstructured and structured play outside. The following are some outdoor activities families can enjoy together.

- Fossil hunting: Whether there is a natural fossil bed nearby or not, children can use plastic colanders and shovels to dig in the dirt or sand to see if any treasures can be found.

- Collect and paint rocks: Collect stones and then paint them with vivid designs or sayings. Once painted, families can place them back into their natural surroundings for others to discover.

- Make a nature collage: Take a hike or a stroll through a nearby park and collect little treasures along the way. Glue these items to a piece of cardstock or cardboard to create a collage that will serve as a memento of the day.

- Run through a sprinkler: Pools can be great fun, but something as simple as a garden sprinkler can keep everyone occupied for a few hours.

- Visit a botanical garden: Tour a nearby botanical garden to get an opportunity to see flowers and plants that may not be native to the area. Bring sketch pads and draw your favorite plants.

- Go camping: Whether you camp in the backyard, in the woods or at a campsite, spending a night immersed in nature can be an unforgettable experience. Camping equipment can be rented or borrowed, if necessary.

- Enjoy a picnic: Bring a meal outdoors to a quiet spot, like a park or garden.

- Take a boat ride: Enjoying the great outdoors from the water brings an entirely new perspective. Purchase tickets for a fishing charter or take a tour of a local waterway.

- Feed ducks or other birds: Children can see wildlife in its natural environment, and provide some supplemental nutrition in the process. Bring along wild birdseed (bread is not a healthy option) and sprinkle some along shorelines or in the water to watch the birds arrive.

- Do a scavenger hunt in nature: While on any excursion, you can engage in a scavenger hunt. Have a list of five to 10 items to find, such as a pink flower, a leaf with a stem and a black rock. See who can find them all the fastest.

Spending time outdoors provides plenty of opportunities for family-friendly excitement and fun.

## How to prepare for drought in advance

By Special to The Express

Drought is becoming a more frequent problem. According to NASA, the last 20 years have produced some of the driest conditions in the American west on record. When drought occurs, it is now more severe and pervasive than it once was, which underscores the im-

portance of planning for drought before it occurs.

Government efforts to combat climate change, which NASA indicates is behind the increase in drought over the last two decades, might produce large scale change needed to protect against drought. But there's also steps private homeowners can take to prepare for

drought before it occurs.

- Check your well pump regularly. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security urges homeowners who have a well pump on their properties to check them regularly for leaks. If the pump turns on and off while water is not being used, it has a leak. Addressing the leak promptly helps to conserve water, which is one of the most effective means to combatting drought.

- Plant native species. The U.S. Forest Service notes that native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. That means they will require less water and will be hardy enough to withstand heat waves in areas where especially high summer temperatures are the norm.

- Raise the blades on your lawn mower. The DHS notes that lawn mower blades raised to at least three inches encourage grass roots to grow deeper and hold soil moisture. That can help lawns survive drought without much intervention, including extra water during times when water restrictions are in place.

- Reseed lawns with drought in mind. When reseeding a lawn, consider the potential for drought. The DHS recommends individuals in areas affected or likely to be affected by drought plant drought-resistant lawn seed. Drought-resistant grasses, which include Bermuda and Zoysia grass, can withstand prolonged periods without water. However, before reseeding, consult a local lawn and garden professional to ensure the grass will thrive in your area.

- Devise a wise watering strategy. Come late spring, devise a watering strategy to take you through the dog days of summer. Water-efficient irrigation systems can protect flowers, plants and shrubs during prolonged periods marked by little to no precipitation. In addition, less water will be lost to evaporation when watering during early morning or evening hours when temperatures tend to be less extreme and the sun is not as high. If possible, hand water during these times of day or set irrigation system timers to do so.

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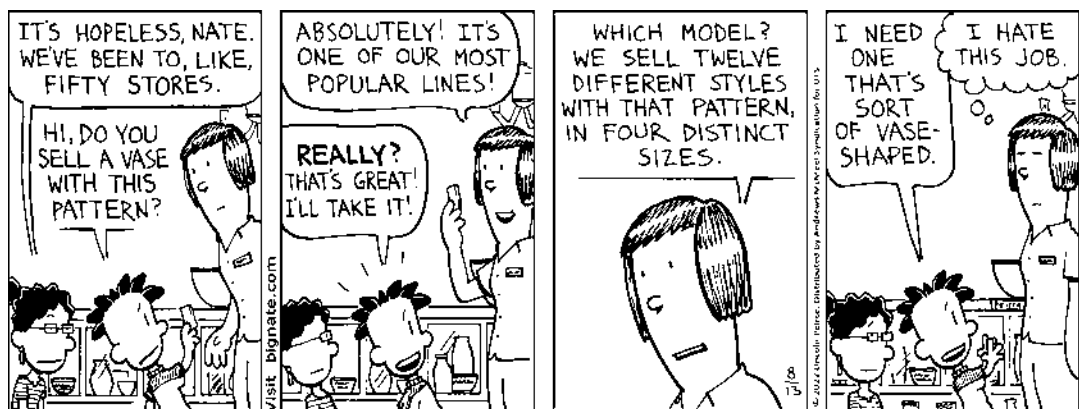


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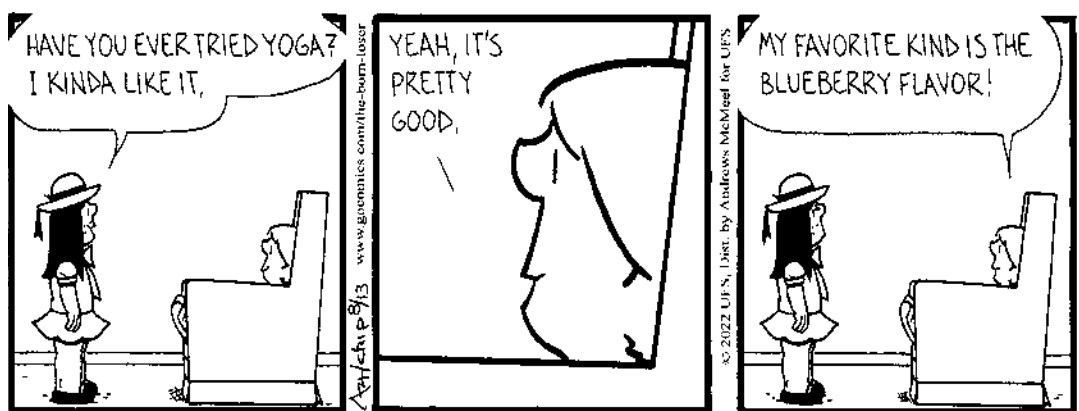
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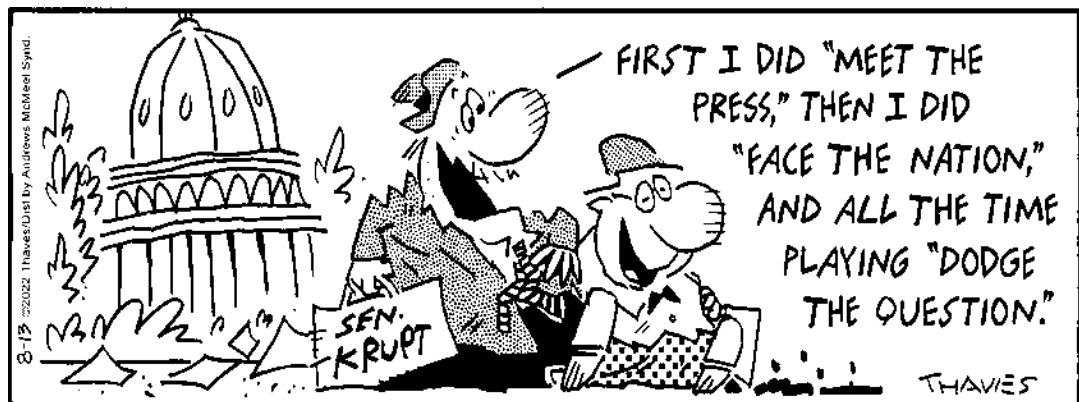
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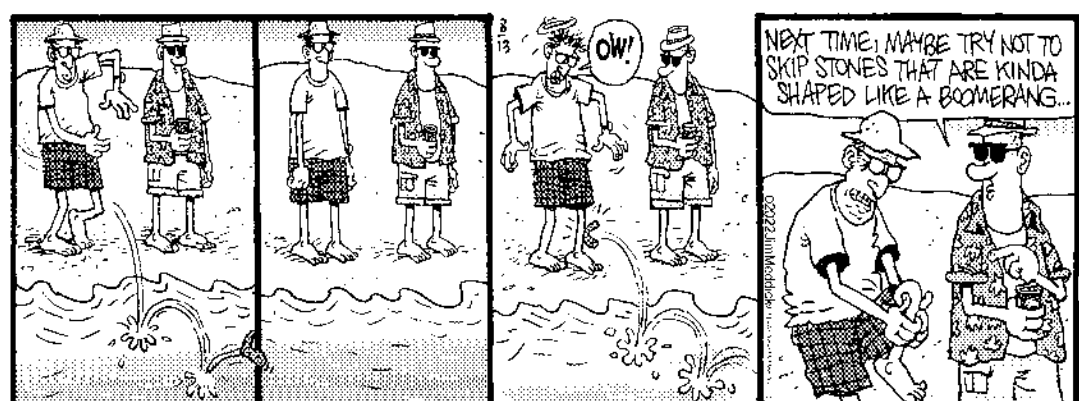
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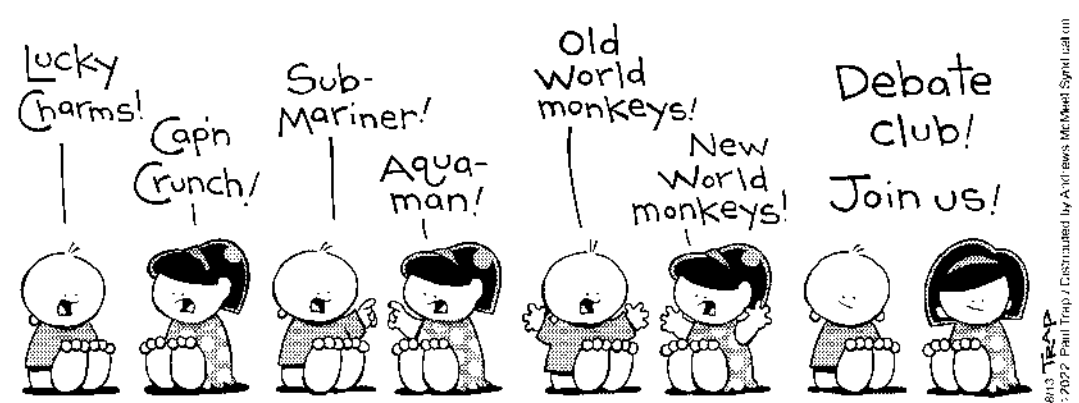
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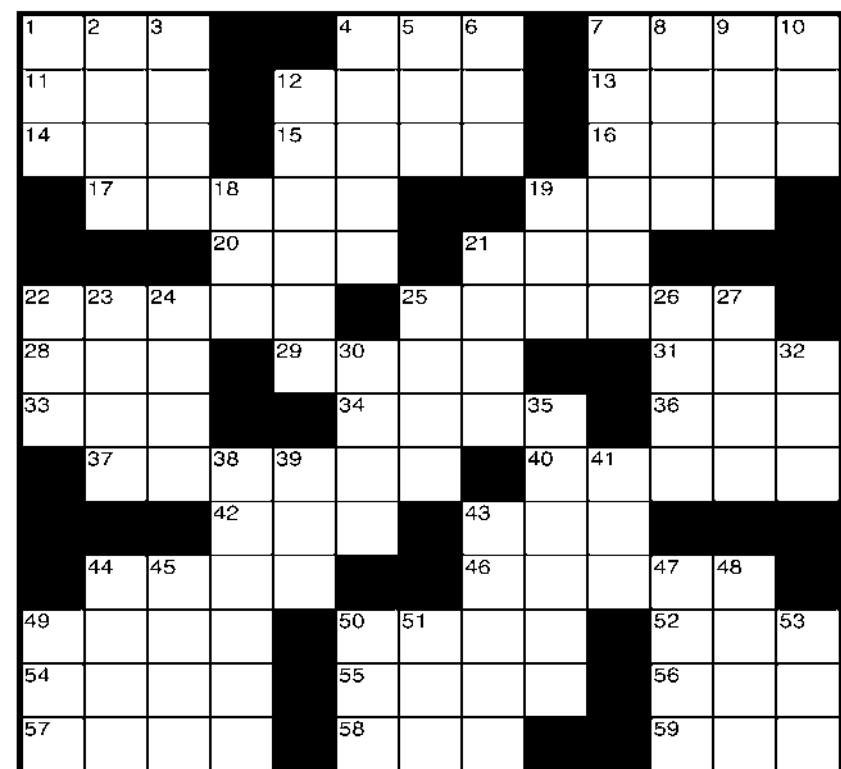
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sanction
  - 4 Gullet
  - 7 Fastidious
  - 11 Pro vote
  - 12 Sampras of tennis
  - 13 Jason's ship
  - 14 Pipe bend
  - 15 Bullfight shouts
  - 16 Advertise
  - 17 Aquarium denizen
  - 19 Do some welding
  - 20 "Insecure" star Issa
  - 21 Mammal's requirement
  - 22 Go to the polls
  - 25 Boring tools
  - 28 Lunchmeat
  - 29 Classical poet
  - 31 Fleming of spydom
  - 33 Lanka lead-in
  - 34 Pass over
  - 36 Hex halved
  - 37 Quiver contents
  - 40 Benefit
  - 42 Gore and Capone
- DOWN**
- 1 Caustic solution
  - 2 Morays and congers
  - 3 Chat
  - 4 Skirmish
  - 5 Packed away
  - 6 Unsold of the NBA
  - 7 Inherent character
  - 8 Winged god



- 9 Feverish chill
- 10 Preschooler
- 12 Spud
- 18 Part of a circle
- 19 Sticky fruit
- 21 BMW rival
- 22 Codgers' queries
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- 25 Targets
- 26 Moreno or Ora
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Think it through before you spend on something you don't need. Money matters can make or break you this year. Remain consistent, and you'll avoid confusion. Make improvements that will encourage you to look and feel your best. Stop worrying about others; concentrate on achieving your dreams. Discover your happy place and nurture what's important to you. Make romance a priority.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Build a solid foundation. Refuse to let outsiders limit what you are trying to achieve. Recognize who is in your corner and who is an obstruction. Don't waste time arguing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Information you gather while mingling will help you decide what's best for you. Consider adding to your skills, knowledge and network. A change of mind will lead to a change of heart.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- A simple gesture or suggestion will open a conversation that leads to a moneymaking opportunity. Personal growth will give birth to a new you. Romance is in the stars.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- A kind gesture will do as much for you as it will for those you help. Set high standards and live up to them. Mix business with pleasure, and progress will follow. Avoid health risks.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Be open to suggestions and willing to change. An optimistic attitude will cut through any tension that unfolds. Invest time and money into your surroundings. Romance is triggered.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- How you handle others will affect your finances. Offer suggestions, but don't pay for someone's mistakes. You

have more options than you realize. Revamp your space and pursue personal goals.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Before giving others the benefit of the doubt, be resourceful. Don't comply or adjust to changes that don't suit your needs. Walk alone if that's what it takes. Romance is favored.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Your passion will set the standard for what's to come. Bring about change that encourages you to use your skills creatively. A social event will enable you to see things differently.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Let your intuition help you make better decisions. You'll come out ahead if you trust what you know and can do. Don't be shy; it's OK to do things differently. Personal gain is within reach.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Implement change instead of talking about what you want to pursue. Pay attention and verify facts before you trust or let someone have jurisdiction over what happens. Control your destiny.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Don't confuse others by skirting issues that need addressing. Show gratitude, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. A good work ethic will help you finish what you start. Stand by your word.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Step outside your comfort zone. A change will help you see things differently and encourage you to participate in events that can improve your community. Voice your opinion.

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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY., MO.**

Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 22AR-PR00084

In the Estate of ELIZABETH ANNE GILLIS, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted**  
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ELIZABETH ANNE GILLIS, Decedent: On August 1, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ELIZABETH ANNE GILLIS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's address is: MAUREEN GILLIS, 911 E. ILLINOIS STREET, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: ANDREW REX FARWELL, 715 NORTH BALTIMORE, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-665-2115.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: April 22, 2022

Date of first publication: August 6, 2022

Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
Judge or Division: Case Number: 22AR-PR00086

**KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM**  
In the Estate of MARGERY SUSAN BRYANT, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted**  
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARGERY SUSAN BRYANT, Decedent:

On August 5, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of MARGERY SUSAN BRYANT, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The name and address of the personal representative is: JOHN L. BRYANT, 2306 N EAST STREET, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: C. DAVID ROUNER, 400 N. FRANKLIN ST., KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-665-7515.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: May 12, 2022  
Date of first publication: August 16, 2022

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Adair County Circuit Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Adair County Public Library**  
**One Library Lane, Kirksville, MO 63501**

On the 17th day of August 2022, at 5 p.m. the Adair County Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at which time citizens may be heard on the proposed library tax rate beginning July 1, 2022. The tax rate was established by vote of the people on April 1, 1986. Assessed valuation and tax rate figures are included in the notice as follows. This notice is given as provided by Section 67.110 RSMo.

**ADAIR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSESSED VALUATION & ESTIMATED INCOME**  
Operating Tax Rate \$ .1500

	2022 ASSESSED VALUATION	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2021 ASSESSED VALUATION
REAL ESTATE	239,265,760	\$237,606,710*
PERSONAL PROPERTY	98,376,351	80,885,412
STATE ASSESSED RAILROAD & UTILITY	49,734,450	44,298,573
STATE ASSESSED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT	\$564,871	\$645,725
TOTAL TENTATIVE VALUATION	\$428,590,863	\$413,888,844
Total Tentative Amount To be Budgeted	\$615,457.00	

\*Does not include TIF funds

Final levy is subject to revised figures from State or County sources.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ADAIR COUNTY SB40 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD**  
**2022 TAX LEVY**

In compliance with 67.110 RSMo, a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville, MO. Attendees may request the Zoom link by email to [sb40@sb40lifemo.org](mailto:sb40@sb40lifemo.org), at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board, a political subdivision. The tax rate shall be set to produce revenues, which the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, shows to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION by categories	PRIOR TAX YEAR - 2021	CURRENT TAX YEAR - 2022
Real Estate	\$237,606,710	\$237,606,710
Personal Property	80,885,412	97,675,483
Railroad & Utilities	48,075,860	49,734,450
Commercial Aircraft	645,725	564,871
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$367,213,707</b>	<b>\$385,581,514</b>

FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BUDGETED FOR 2022	PROPOSED TAX RATES 2022 (PER \$100)
General	\$606,000	\$606,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.15</b>	<b>\$0.15</b>

New Construction Total: \$2,813,990

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ADAIR COUNTY SB40 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD  
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**Kirksville R-III School District Tax Rate Hearing Notice**

A hearing will be held in the Board Room at the District Administration Center, located at 1901 East Hamilton Street, Kirksville, Missouri, on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 5:45 PM, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Kirksville R-III School District, a political subdivision. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues from the property tax required by the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	Estimated Current Tax Year 2022	Prior Tax Year 2021
Real Estate	\$221,894,807	\$224,606,847
Personal Property	\$83,444,081	\$69,085,603
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	\$305,338,888	\$293,692,450
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	\$305,338,888	\$293,692,450
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)	16,500,169.00	

The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$5,195,952	1.7017	\$4,898,056	\$1.6678
Teacher	\$5,195,952	1.7017	\$4,898,056	\$1.6678
Debt Service	\$2,500,725	0.8190	\$2,405,341	\$0.8190
Capital Projects	\$305,339	0.1000	\$293,692	\$0.1000
Total	\$13,197,968	\$4.3224	\$12,495,145	\$4.2545

Total New Revenue:	\$607,438
New Revenue from New Construction and Improvements:	\$578,067
New Revenue from Reassessment:	\$29,372
Percentage of New Revenue from Reassessment:	0.2911%

\*Estimates reflect the most accurate information provided by the County Clerks at the time of this posting. These figures are based on information available as of Monday, August 8, 2022. It is possible the estimate may change by the Tax Rate Hearing or that the Board of Education may make changes until September 1, 2022.

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