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## 36th Annual Novinger Country Christmas Craft Festival held last Saturday

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Christmas in Novinger, the 36th Annual Novinger Country Christmas Craft Festival was held last Saturday at three locations in town. The 36th Country Christmas Craft Festival was held at the Novinger School and saw hundreds of shoppers pass through. The Novinger Community Center hosted a Holiday Bazaar that included vintage and collectible items, crafts homemade food goodies, jewelry, quilts, home de-

cor and direct sales products. Shopper's Delight was held at the Novinger Firehouse on Hwy. 6, and hosted all types of direct sales vendors along with some craft items, homemade food products and more. T The Country Christmas Craft Festival and Holiday Bazaar are fundraising events for Novinger Renewal, Inc., a non-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve the history of the area and community betterment. Go to [kirksvilledailyexpress.com](http://kirksvilledailyexpress.com) to see a video of craft festivals.



## Ten rural Missouri hospitals closed since 2012. Scotland County hopes to avoid that fate

By Rudi Keller  
Missouri Independent

MEMPHIS, Mo. — In March, Scotland County Hospital's auditors delivered a stark warning. After five consecutive years of losses, only federal COVID-19 payments received over the previous year had kept the 25-bed hospital's bank account solvent.

In the fiscal years covered by the audit, accounting firm BKD reported, the hospital lost \$7.9 million — \$2.3 million in 2020 and \$5.6 million in 2021. The losses, the audit stated, “raise substantial doubt” about its ability to stay open.

“Every year they have that in the auditor's report,” said long-time board member Bob Neese, who resigned in September. “It was the same old dire message that you're going to have to do something, there's going to have to be some changes if you are going to be able to continue going forward.”



Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, Missouri, is facing financial and administrative turmoil with auditors warning it is in danger of failing. RUDI KELLER/MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

Changes have already come to Scotland County Hospital, though not as many would have expected. The Missouri Independent recently reported on administrative turmoil at the hospital that saw its two top executives abruptly fired after a secret board meeting — setting off a wave of accusations of financial wrongdoing, possible criminal inquiries and the resignation of half the hospital's board of directors. No charges have been filed. No detailed explanation has been given.

Yet while the leadership

drama at Scotland County Hospital is unique, its financial woes are not. Ten rural Missouri hospitals have closed since 2012. If Scotland County becomes the 11th, emergency care would be almost an hour away in Kirksville.

The dire financial challenges of Scotland County Hospital are similar to those facing rural hospitals around the country, said Brock Slabach, chief operations officer of the National Rural Health Association.

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## Firings, corruption accusations create turmoil at struggling Missouri hospital

Scotland County Hospital fired its CEO and closed its pharmacy, leaving a cloud of suspicion over a facility that has lost money in each of the past five years

By Rudi Keller  
Missouri Independent

MEMPHIS, Mo. — Joni Lloyd was in her pajamas when the call came. Lori Fulk, chair of the Scotland County Hospital District Board of Directors, was calling. She asked Lloyd, the vice-chair, to come to her house to talk.

When Lloyd arrived the evening of Aug. 15, she found Fulk was not alone. An emergency board meeting was underway, called without public notice. Two of the six board members, Bob Neese and Joe Doubet, were deliberately excluded. The others on hand were board members Nic Hatfield and Travis Trueblood; Meagan Weber and Brent Pierick, at the time

newly selected to share the title chief operating officer; and Achim Hoyal, listed in the minutes as a consultant.

“That evening, a vast conspiracy was laid out,” Lloyd said shortly before resigning during a Sept. 27 board meeting.

Lloyd declined a request for an interview for this story. Her account is taken from a video of the Sept. 27 meeting published by the Memphis Democrat and descriptions in a Sunshine Law complaint to the Missouri Attorney General's office.

“I was manipulated, threatened and made to fear by words that were spoken,” Lloyd wrote in her complaint.

The closed meeting minutes for Aug. 15 report the

board received a financial report “with concerns of malicious impropriety and content.” The four members present voted to fire Dr. Randy Tobler, the hospital's CEO since 2014, and Michael Brandon, the chief financial officer, who would be “walked out and terminated and all access rescinded.”

In an interview, Doubet said before he'd even been officially informed Tobler was fired he overheard gossip about “\$16 million that Dr. Tobler had apparently embezzled.”

Brandon said his wife heard gossip “that Dr. Tobler and I had been arrested by the FBI, which was completely untrue.”

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## Kirksville's Hometown Holiday, Christmas Parade and other festivities to commence on Saturday

Staff Reports

This weekend, get in the holiday spirit with Kirksville's Hometown Holiday, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 26. Some of the city's favorite traditions return, along with some new events and activities for people to enjoy. The Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade returns as part of Kirksville's Hometown Holiday celebration in downtown Kirksville. The 11th annual parade begins at 5:30 p.m., starting along Franklin Street and traveling around the Square. The theme for this year's parade is “Winter Wonderland!” In lieu of an entry fee,

the Kiwanis Club of Kirksville this year asked parade participants to donate new children's mittens, gloves, hats, coats, and scarves. This warm clothing will then be donated to children in need in the community. Parade-goers can also bring warm children's clothing to the parade, which will be collected along the parade route. Waiting at Dover Park is a new tree fixture created by local artist Brandon Crandall. The display will come to life during a lighting ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. and will be included in the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas parade route. The lights display will continue to be

lit from dusk to dawn through December. The Fouch Family, former owners of Fouch's Christmas Tree Farm, serve as this year's parade grand marshals. They will flip a switch at 6 p.m. to light up the trees. After that, several activities will be going on around the square from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stop by Pickler's Famous to grab some cookies and get your picture taken with Santa. Enjoy Living Windows in several storefronts. And hot chocolate stations will be set up on the square. Also on Saturday, get a head start on your shopping by visiting local businesses that

are a part of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Through Dec. 31, when you spend \$10 or more at participating locations, you can fill out a shopped small ticket, drop it in the Spend \$10 Box, and enter to win. Grand prize is a large gift basket made up of items donated by participating locations. Each item is worth at least \$10 or more in value. Last year's basket was worth over \$200. Second and third prize winners will also win smaller gift baskets of donated items and gift cards. Last year's baskets were worth \$150. As a thank you to partici-

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By Kirksville Arts Association

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The marketplace this year includes some of the most popular current and former Red Barn exhibitors. New this year will be Wanda Cagle of WJ Stitchery, Jeanne Scott of Gone to Pot Studio and David Schell Wooden Bowl Nightlights. Returning are Mike Killen of Scroll Saw Creations, Barb Fitzgerald of Love Grammy, David Walker of Re Cork Creations, Robin White with Designs by Robin, John and Andrea O'Brien of The Splintered Spool, Pam Schell of Schell Creations, Linda Colton Baskets and Maureen McHale Photography.

New this year will a fine art sale in



the Gaber Gallery in the mezzanine level of the Sue Ross Arts Center. The sale will include paintings and other unique items that have been donated to Kirksville Arts and will now be made available for purchase.

The Holiday Marketplace provides an opportunity to purchase hand crafted items at affordable prices. The Sue Ross Arts Center will be open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Thanksgiving travelers buckle up and don't drive distracted; get where you're going safely

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY – As Missourians hit the road to spend Thanksgiving with loved ones this week, the Missouri Department of Transportation is urging drivers to be cautious, patient and use good judgment behind the wheel. Impaired driving, distracted driving, excessive speeds, and increased traffic are just a few of the concerns that can accompany holiday travel.

The night before Thanksgiving, sometimes referred to as Blackout Wednesday, has become a popular night for outings at bars, which can result in heavy drinking. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from

2016 to 2020, more than 800 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday period, making it one of the deadliest holidays on the nation's roadways.

In Missouri, the Missouri State Highway Patrol reported 12 people were killed and 61 were seriously injured in crashes between the Wednesday before and the Sunday after last Thanksgiving. This year, MoDOT is hoping a combination of public awareness, enforcement, and an increased promotion of sober rides will be successful in reducing or even eliminating traffic fatalities during the holiday.

To support these efforts, MoDOT has partnered with the Gover-

nors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), Lyft, and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (Responsibility.org) to provide discounted rides during evening hours of the holiday season. A special discount code for Lyft rides will be promoted during the holiday on social media and in select locations using a variety of platforms, including in bar screens, jukebox ads, and, in some cases, outside digital ads. The discount codes are made available through a grant provided by GHSA, Lyft, and Responsibility.org and are intended to encourage patrons to take advantage of this safe transportation alternative.

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# Community

## JANET ROMINE SPEAKS TO KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB



The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Janet Romine to speak at their Nov. 17, meeting. Romine is the Dean of Libraries and Museums at Truman State University. She presented on the development of an Innovation Lab within Pickler Memorial Library! Pictured are Romine (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elizabeth Clark. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

## KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The 8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by Cornerstone Church, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 24 at the Cornerstone Church, 1702 N. Elson Street in Kirksville. Join them for a traditional dine-in Thanksgiving Day meal. Call 660-956-4480 if you have any questions.

### Shopping Expo Black Friday Event

Shopping Expo Black Friday Event craft and vendor show. Come see all the local crafts and vendors come together in one location, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 25 at the Kirksville Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street, Kirksville.

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### Major announcement by USDA Rural Development regarding funding application

On Monday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Milan Community Center, 205 N. Market Street, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) will host USDA Rural Development (USDA RD) who will be on-hand to make a major announcement regarding a funding application that was made by the NCMRWC. While the details of the announcement are not known, the NCMRWC applied for a loan and grant package that would refinance existing bonds, pay for water plant enhancements, cover certain elements of the Roy Blunt Reservoir construction and provide the final loan to finish construction that will be serviced by the NCMRWC and the state of Missouri. State and federal executives and elected officials will be on-hand for the announcement, along with Kyle Wilkens, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development.

### 'Christmas on the Radio: Miracle on 34th Street' - Curtain Call Theatre

Enjoy this Christmas classic with voice acting and live sound effects in a 1940s style "radio broadcast." Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10 at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$12 and on sale at Hy-Vee or at the door. Curtain Call Theatre Building, 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirksville.

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### Winter Ball to be held at Moose Lodge

Restoring Hope and The Excel Day Program invite you to the Winter Ball on Thursday, Dec. 15! The Ball will be held at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge (2405 E. Illinois St., Kirksville) from 5-8 p.m. with a meal served from 5-6 p.m. Semi-formal attire is encouraged! RSVP by Friday, Nov. 18 to Veronica (660-341-3940) or Kristin (660-216-5698).

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OBITUARIES

Mark Stephen Workman

Apr. 21, 1952 – Nov. 13, 2022

Mark S. Workman, age 70, passed peacefully on November 13, 2022 with his partner, Beth Hudson, by his side.

He was born in Kirksville, Missouri on April 21, 1952, to Betty and George (Duke) Workman.

Mark grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, and graduated from Hannibal High School in 1970. After attending Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, he served in the United States Navy from 1971 to 1975. He then returned to Hannibal, and worked for the Hannibal Fire Department. Several years later Mark moved to Kirksville, where he lived until his death.

Mark was a gentle man, with an easy-going outlook on life. He loved his family very much, and always wanted the best for those around him.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Betty and George Workman.

He is survived by his partner, Beth Hudson, of Kirksville, and her family, including Bevan Flynn (Keaton, Keeley, Kaden), Brad and Stacie Hudson (Laura, Lillian, Lee), Mark’s son, Samuel Workman (Andrea) of Hannibal, and his sister, Shari Welch (Stephen) of Shoreline, Washington.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 26, 2022 with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, 2100 East Shepherd Avenue, Kirksville, MO. Mr. Brad Hudson will officiate.

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



Kenneth Clayton Goodwin

Apr 25, 1930 – Nov 19, 2022

Kenneth Clayton Goodwin, 92, of rural Edina, MO passed away Saturday, November 19, 2022, at his residence in rural Edina. He was born April 25, 1930, the son of Clayton M. and Theresa Bruegenhemke Goodwin. His father died when Kenneth was 12 years old and he began farming and working with his brother Richard in various enterprises until he began farming independently. He bought his first farm in 1961 and continued farming and raising livestock the rest of his life.

He attended rural elementary schools and went to high school at St. Joseph School in Edina. He married Marilyn Virginia Lawson on May 31, 1958 and they observed their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

They were the parents of three children: James Kenneth Goodwin (Bruce Hopson), Jane Ann Moore (Ronald Moore) and Mary Elizabeth (Kenton) Bohon. Two grandchildren, Mitchel Dean (Bailey) Bohon and Abigail “Abby” Bohon who survive. He is also survived by a sister, Reta Smith of Moberly, MO and several nieces and nephews. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Richard A. Goodwin, sisters Betty Klote and Lois Ann Rice and step-father, Joseph Marra.



Kenneth was a farmer and livestock producer and lived all of his life in rural Knox County, MO. He was awarded the Balanced Farming honor in 1967 and 1971 and attended many classes and training sessions to learn of improved methods of crop and livestock production.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and also traveling in the U.S. and a trip abroad to England. He worked with many border collies and hunting dogs when in good health.

He was loyal to his family, a good neighbor and friend to many people during his lifetime.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Edina, MO from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Father Simeon Etonu will be the celebrant and Deacon Ken Berry will give the homily. Music will be provided by Jim and Kyle Clark and Lisa Bowen.

Casket bearers will be Mitch Bohon, K.D. Bohon, Ronald Moore, Clayton Rice, Kevin Goodwin and Jerry Bruegenhemke. Honorary bearers will be Jeff Smith, Dickie Bowen and Ed Bruegenhemke.

Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Northeast MO Hospice or the Donor’s Choice. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Edina, MO 63537.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Thanksgiving office closure

All city of Kirksville offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. City offices will reopen for regular hours on Monday, Nov. 28. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will close at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, for maintenance. It will remain closed on Nov. 24 and 25, then resume normal hours on Saturday, Nov. 26. For more information, contact the city clerk at 660-627-1225.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Shop Small Season

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through the South door. Questions about the free seminar may be directed to 660-627-9711.

Free visits with Santa Claus

Main Street Kirksville and Downtown Cinema 8 are partnering to provide free visits with Santa Claus. Visits with Santa Claus will take place the following Saturdays in December from 10 a.m. — Noon in the lobby of downtown Cinema 8, 115 N. Elson, Kirksville: Saturday, Dec. 3, Saturday, Dec. 10, Saturday, Dec. 17. The event is open to the public. Bring your camera and be sure to capture the moment! For additional information, contact [kvdowntown@gmail.com](mailto:kvdowntown@gmail.com) or call Main Street Kirksville’s Kirk Ranson at 660-342-0208.

Breakfast with Santa tickets now on sale

Tis the season for Breakfast with Santa! Tickets are now on sale for the city of Kirksville’s annual Breakfast with Santa program. This year’s event will be held at Mi Casa Restaurant, located at 512 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet featuring breakfast burritos, hash browns, breakfast nachos, donuts, muffins, and fruit, along with a special visit from Santa! Tickets are \$15 per person for ages 5 and up. Children 4 and under eat for free. There are four separate opportunities for Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., and then Saturday, Dec. 10, again at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Seating is limited, and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Kirksville Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at [parks.kirksvillecity.com](http://parks.kirksvillecity.com). For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Paint the Ville – Holiday Cactus

Register your first through eighth grade artist for one or all of the monthly Kid’s Club events. Artists will create a masterpiece under the direction of Paint the Ville instructor, Rachel Messer. Classes are held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. All participants must pre-register, and class size is very limited. To register your child, visit the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Office at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at <https://parks.kirksvillecity.com/>! Each course is \$20 and all supplies are included. Featured paintings will be Dec. 8: Holiday Cactus. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

CAPNEMO Winter Clothing Drive

Community Action Partnership of Northeast Missouri presents a Winter Clothing Drive, through Dec. 21. The drop off location is at the Community Action Partnership of NEMO, 215 N. Elson Street in Kirksville. Drop off times are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All gently used items are welcomed. Help keep our community warm by donating winter coats, blankets, gloves and winter hats. For more information or arranging pickup, email [athurman@capnemo.org](mailto:athurman@capnemo.org) or [lpplatz@capnemo.org](mailto:lpplatz@capnemo.org).

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Adair County Public Library Book Club is Back

Join the Adair County Public Library for their 2022-23 Friends of the Library Book Discussion group. Meetings will be held in the Special Collections Room at 5:30 p.m. Talk to the front desk staff if you would like to purchase these books through the library. Cost for an entire set of the books is \$72. Jan. 10, 2023: Our First Civil War by H.W. Brands; Feb. 14: Has It Come to This? By Kimberly Tilley; March 14: Booth by Karen Joy Fowler; April 11: Tied Up in Knotts: My Dad and Me by Karen Knotts.

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Please call the local OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can

also visit their website at [oatstransit.org](http://oatstransit.org) and view the local schedule under “Bus Schedules”. Their offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan., for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Please keep this in mind as you schedule trips near these holidays.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

The Motion of the Crowd – Gregory Rick and Ryan Fontaine in Conversation- The Motion of the Crowd will combine Gregory Rick’s large-scale paintings with Ryan Fontaine’s kinetic sculptures. Rick’s narrative paintings explore his personal experiences and the con-

temporary moment in the sprawling context of empire and colonization. The sounds and atmospheric effects of Fontaine’s kinetic sculptures provide multisensory layers to the dynamic scenes. Rick recently completed his MFA at Stanford University, winning a Dedalus Fellowship and SFMOMA’s SECA Art Award. The exhibition is organized in collaboration with HAIR + NAILS Gallery in Minneapolis, run and curated by Ryan Fontaine and Kristin Van Loon since 2016. The event will run through Dec. 1.

Adopt-A-Child sign up open through Dec. 2

The annual Adopt-A-Child Christmas Program is designed to provide a spe-

cial Christmas gift for more than 300 children in Adair County, 0 to 16 years of age, who otherwise might not receive a gift. Sign up for Adopt-A-Child runs through Dec. 2. You can do so at the Salvation Army, 1005 W. Gardner Street, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon by calling 660-665-7885, or via Facebook Messenger at [facebook.com/TSAkirksville](https://www.facebook.com/TSAkirksville). Only the child’s legal guardian may apply. Please provide proof of address, income, and ID, which are required for eligibility. Adopt-A-Child is sponsored by the city of Kirksville, 93.7 FM KTUF, and the Salvation Army. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 660-665-3734.



# Tis The Season To Be Generous

The Kirksville Daily Express and the Kirksville Crier plan to provide area residents with the opportunity to make the holiday bright for others.

We will be taking donations from our readers and contributing them to Hope’s Kitchen, which provides a meal for the hungry two Saturdays a month during the school year (August-May). Meals are prepared at Mary Immaculate Church and are available for pickup or delivery. Go to the Hope’s Kitchen Facebook page to find the dates meals will be made.

Every penny contributed will go to purchase food for Hope’s Kitchen. Each Saturday the Kirksville Daily Express will publish the name of each individual contributor of one dollar or more to the Hope’s Kitchen fund for that past week. (Please donate \$1 for every name you want listed). The names will also be part of a giant Christmas card published in the Dec. 24 Kirksville Daily Express, and Dec 28 Kirksville Crier.

To donate, make checks payable to Hope’s Kitchen and bring them by the Daily Express office, 701 E. LaHarpe Street, Suite C or mail it to The Kirksville Daily Express, PO Box 809, Kirksville, MO 63501. Money can also be mailed to ATSU (800 W. Jefferson Street), with “ATSU/Hope’s Kitchen” in the address line. There is also a Paypal link on the kitchen’s website [www.hopes-kitchen.com](http://www.hopes-kitchen.com). Donations are tax deductible.

All Contributions must be received by Dec. 10, and the Christmas card list will be finalized on Dec. 16.

TRAVEL

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With the number of statewide traffic fatalities approaching 900 for the year, MoDOT is urging motorists to be vigilant, always buckle up, obey posted speed limits and never drive impaired or distracted.

“Tragedies like these are almost always preventable, and there are easy, simple actions we can all take to end them,” said Jon Nelson, assistant to the state highway safety and traffic engineer. “Buckle up, put down your phone, slow down, and never drive impaired. It only takes one bad decision, some-

times in a split second, to destroy a life. Do your part, and let’s enjoy this Thanksgiving with zero traffic fatalities.”

Drivers can stay informed of road conditions and delays on MoDOT’s Traveler Information Map at [traveler.modot.org](http://traveler.modot.org), also available as a free mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

# Blessing of the Hunt grand prize winners

Staff Reports

Cornerstone Church's annual Blessing of the Hunt was held Nov. 10 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Winner of the .22 rifle was Dakota Nisly (left) of Kirksville and the grand prize winner was Cooper Stevens of Kirksville, who took home an enclosed tower deer stand and a Ruger deer rifle.



## FIRINGS

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Neither Tobler nor Brandon has been criminally charged.

The board and hospital executives are under pressure to save the financially troubled 25-bed hospital, which has lost money in each of the past five years. The hospital is a primary source of care for a five-county region, where it operates three outpatient clinics in addition to its inpatient facility, and an audit in March warned it may fail.

For the past two months, The Missouri Independent has investigated the turmoil, accusations of financial wrongdoing and possible criminal inquiries at the critical access hospital. Details of the tumult were revealed through Sunshine Law requests, interviews with people inside and outside the hospital and the reporting of the local newspaper, the Memphis Democrat.

Weber, who was named CEO after Tobler was fired, initiated the criminal investigations within days of Tobler's ouster. Records provided under a Sunshine Law request show she used an online system to file a complaint about health care fraud with the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Health and Senior Services.

In an email to The Independent, she said she called the FBI and an agent was sent to interview her.

"They recommended a forensic audit at this time, and will not move forward with us until that is completed," Weber wrote.

Sunshine requests have not produced any documents that specify what auditors are reviewing. Fulk, Weber and Hoyal declined requests for interviews.

In a statement she read at the Aug. 30 board meeting, Fulk said she believed did what she thought was needed "after being presented information showing some financial irregularities."

She said she could not give specifics because of legal concerns.

"We want to assure the public that the steps necessary are being taken to protect this facility," Fulk said.

Brandon, in an interview, said he has never been told why he was fired.

"That would be something that would be very nice to know," he said.

Tobler provided a statement to The Independent but declined a request for an interview.

"The citizens of Scotland County deserve to know what is happening at Scotland County Hospital," Tobler said. "I intend to cooperate with any investigations that occur, and do all in my power to promote transparency and obtain justice."

### Hospital politics

Scotland County Hospital was created in 1970 under Missouri's hospital district law. It is governed by six directors, elected from districts in Scotland County.

It is a critical access hospital, a designation under federal law intended to support vital health services in rural areas. Hospitals receive cost reimbursement from Medicare and access to discounted drugs for outpatient prescription services. The hospital serves a population of about 12,300 in five counties.

Tobler, an obstetrician/gynecologist practicing at the hospital since 2006, became chief executive officer in 2014. He replaced Marcia Dial, who had held the position for 26 years.

His ouster upset an orderly transition. In March, Tobler submitted his resignation, effective Sept. 3. Weber and Pierick were to take over administration as joint operating officers. In the days following the Aug. 15 meeting, things moved rapidly. At the hospital's request, on Aug. 16 the Missouri State Highway Patrol dispatched a trooper to be at the hospital until Tobler and Brandon were off the premises, said Cpl. Justin Dunn, spokesman for Troop B.

"Due to the fact that they were terminating an employee or associate of the hospital, they requested our presence to be nearby just in case law enforcement was needed," he said.

Brandon said the trooper, as well as a Memphis Police Department officer, was present in the room when he met with Fulk. He was not allowed to gather his own personal belongings before he left, he said.

Tobler met with Fulk and Lloyd in the afternoon. And the board met again, this time with Neese and Doubet notified, that evening.

Doubet and Neese, in interviews, said they were initially told they were excluded from the Aug. 15 meeting for their own protection. Neese said he was later accused by Fulk and Hoyal of being involved with Tobler's dealings. He was also accused of personally benefiting from a hospital land deal. Neese denied profiting from the deal, where he was authorized to bid on behalf of the hospital by the previous CEO, Dial, on a parcel up for auction.

Hoyal took center stage at the next board meeting, Doubet said, though he says he didn't know who Hoyal was when he arrived.

Since it was a closed meeting, convened on seven-hours notice, there was no audience. So the presence of someone who wasn't a board member or employee of the hospital was odd. Doubet introduced himself.

"I said 'Hello.' I said 'My name is Joe Doubet. I am the secretary of the board."

"And he said 'I'm the fixer.' And I said 'the fixer? What are you going to fix?' He said, 'I don't know, but when I find it, I'm going to fix it.'"

From that flip answer, Hoyal presented the full board with the accusations made the previous night.

"He said 'this is the most negligent, incompetent board I've ever seen,'" Doubet said.

There was a third board meeting that week, the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. On the minutes of board meetings for Aug. 15, 16 and 18, Hoyal is listed as a consultant.

By the next week, Hoyal was the hospital's interim financial officer. In response to Sunshine requests, Weber wrote that the hospital had no records Hoyal was employed before being named interim chief financial officer on Aug. 24. The hospital records show no payments to Hoyal as a consultant, Weber wrote.

Neese and Doubet said they have tried, and failed, to find out who authorized Hoyal to look at hospital financial records. The board never voted to engage him as a consultant, they said.

The basic charge Hoyal made, Neese said, was that Tobler had surreptitiously obtained ownership of an entity called Memphis Community Pharmacy. Opened in 2019, proceeds above costs were supposed to go to the Scotland County Hos-

pital Foundation, created at the same time.

Intended to help the hospital capture drug discounts under federal law, Hoyal alleged that \$16 million couldn't be accounted for.

The pharmacy was closed on Aug. 17. Documents on file with the Missouri Secretary of State's office show the pharmacy was owned by a corporation controlled by the hospital board.

The pharmacy never produced enough revenue to divert \$16 million, Brandon said. All the revenues are recorded in the hospital's financial statements, he said.

"To me it is absurd that number is being thrown around," Brandon said.

The story told by Hoyal and Fulk at the Aug. 15 and 16 meetings went far beyond accusing Tobler of misconduct. The "vast conspiracy" described by Fulk, Lloyd said, included Tobler and Neese as well as the hospital's long-time law firm, its long-time auditor and state Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin. Fulk included O'Laughlin in the circle of conspiracy by alleging the foundation, a not-for-profit forbidden by federal law from engaging in political activities, donated \$50,000 to her campaign fund.

"That was false," Lloyd said, facing where Fulk could be seen on a remote camera attending the Sept. 27 meeting from home.

O'Laughlin, a Republican, was elected to the Missouri Senate in November 2018, about six weeks before the foundation was created. Her reports to the Missouri Ethics Commission do not show any contributions from the foundation and there is a limit of \$2,400 on any single donation.

IRS filings show net assets of \$159,000 in the foundation on June 30, 2020, with \$7,229 in cash expenses for the year.

"This is the craziest thing you've ever seen," O'Laughlin, who will serve as majority leader of the state Senate next year, said in an interview with The Independent.

There is not even a kernel of truth in the allegation, she said. Her family owns a trucking and concrete company and it has never done business with the hospital or any associated entity.

"I don't know why I am even in it," she said.

After convincing the board to dump Tobler, Hoyal next took up the task of convincing them to hire him as chief financial officer. Hoyal presented his resume and demands for employment at the Aug. 18 meeting. The resume showed a bachelor's degree in accounting earned over eight years from Western Governors University, an online college. Some of his written demands included:

- A seven-year contract paying \$175,000 annually, automatically adjusted for inflation, plus a \$100,000 tax-paid bonus.
- Ownership of a 12-acre lot, owned by and adjacent to the hospital, with construction to rebuild two houses with amenities like hot tubs, an enclosed barbecue patio, and garages with room for seven cars.
- Give his father, Dr. Neil Hoyal, a \$100,000 bonus and a \$30,000 annual raise.

The final contract signed Sept. 30 gives Hoyal a \$200,000 annual salary — \$60,000 per year more than Weber, the CEO — but no automatic inflation adjustment. It is almost double the salary Brandon received for the same position.

Hoyal interviewed at one time for a position as a revenue cycle manager but was not hired, Brandon said.

Brandon's salary, \$103,000 a year, was based on a survey of executive pay at similar-sized hospitals. It was set at the 25th percentile of the range found by the survey, meaning three-fourths of hospital financial officers were paid more. The 75th percentile amount was \$175,000 per year, he said.

"Paying \$200,000 seems like a stretch," Brandon said.

Hoyal did get a seven-year term, two years longer than Weber and six years more than Pierick is guaranteed. And he received better job protection. Both Weber and Pierick can be terminated with 90 days notice for no reason. Hoyal's contract states he can be fired "if and only if by conviction of a misdemeanor or felony."

Michael Harris, a St. Louis attorney specializing in employment law, said the clause is "of little value" because of the lengthy time between criminal charges being filed and a conviction.

Most contracts for executives include provisions allowing termination for a variety of causes, Harris said.

"They used to call them bad-boy clauses," Harris said, "though that is probably not politically correct any more."

One way to state it generally is "conduct that is materially detrimental to the organization," he said. "It is kind of a catch-all so if someone does something really stupid, or really wrong, you have to have the ability to sever ties."

Another hole in the contract, Harris said, is the severance clause. It is almost impossible to understand, he said, and paying a buy-out doesn't release the hospital from any other claims Hoyal may pursue in court.

"The organization is very thinly protected against the CFO's misconduct in this case," Harris said.

Before presenting his demands, Doubet and Lloyd said Hoyal called them.

"He talked a little bit and he told me, 'if you have my back, and my people's back, then I'll have your back. You know how this works,'" Doubet said. "He said, 'time is of the essence. The government is coming in here and freezing all your assets. And you're going down for this unless you let me help you out.'"

During the Sept. 27 board meeting, Lloyd accused Fulk of giving Hoyal her number.

"Giving him board members' cell numbers so that he could threaten us is unethical and egregious," Lloyd said.

Reached by phone, Hoyal said he could not respond.

"At this time, I am unable to talk about it, per the lawyers," Hoyal said. "I don't want to say anything that would get me in trouble."

His father, however, had plenty to say after Neese, Lloyd and Doubet spoke at the Sept. 27 meeting. Dr. Neil Hoyal said all his son did was point out a problem and he has been "libeled and slandered" in return.

"I resent your accusations against my son because I happen to know his motives are pure, regardless of what you think," Neil Hoyal said. "You have something to hide, and that's the problem."

### Aftermath

The turmoil caused by Tobler's ouster caused the biggest shakeup on the board in de-

acades. And it will test whether Doubet was right when he wrote he was resigning, in part, because of the "lack of outrage in this community over the fact that a person can lose their job over an allegation..."

Next April, four of the board's six seats will be up for election. One seat will be for a full six-year term, the others to fill out the remaining years on the terms of resigned members. Voters won't see candidates on the ballot, however, unless two or more candidates file. State law allows local political subdivisions to avoid the cost of an election when only one candidate files.

At its meeting Oct. 25, the board ditched a plan to convert from district to at-large elections before April's vote. With the board members angry over Tobler's departure now out of office, the idea was dropped.

"Now that we have a full board and a willing board we don't feel like it is as urgent a situation as a few months ago," Weber said during the meeting.

In a joint interview, Neese and Doubet said the ouster of Tobler was the culmination of a scheme plotted by Fulk. After the Aug. 16 meeting, where he first heard the accusations against Tobler, Doubet said he and Lloyd were chatting with Fulk in the hospital parking lot.

"She stated that she's been trying to get rid of Tobler for six years and she finally accomplished it," Doubet said.

She gave no indication that she was unhappy with Tobler prior to his firing, Doubet said.

"It'd be different if you see tension all the time, or you know, argumentative stuff but there was nothing," he said.

Soon after, Lloyd, Neese and Doubet took the unusual step of reporting their own board to the Attorney General's Office for Sunshine Law violations. So did Echo Menges, editor of the Memphis Democrat and chair of the Missouri Sunshine Coalition.

Neese reported "our entire hospital is being jeopardized by the actions of a few rogue board members, an outsider, Achim Hoyal, who has made outlandish allegations and demands, and the supposed new CEO, Meagan Weber, who has fully bought into what appears to be a con and is now a coup."

On Sept. 18, the hospital's attorney received a letter from Jason Lewis, chief counsel for governmental affairs with the attorney general's office. It said the attorney general was investigating the complaints about the board's Aug. 15 meeting.

"Our review of this meeting and its aftermath continues," Lewis wrote.

The letter made several demands — including "cease holding meetings that do not include all board members" and that the board attend a Sunshine Law training session by the office within 60 days.

Fulk has tried to defend the board's actions. Speaking on the phone, she said she cannot talk in detail because board attorneys have warned her to remain silent.

"What they chose to comment on, I can't speak to," Fulk said. "There will come a time when hopefully I can."

Neese, speaking Sept. 27, said the accusations against Tobler and others had "murdered careers and reputations."

"May God have mercy," Neese said, "because I don't believe the lawyers will."



# Sparklight showcased work at KREDI Town Hall

By Kirksville Regional Economic Development

Kirksville Regional Economic Development (K-REDI) held an open Town Hall Meeting on Friday, Nov. 4. The meeting was held at the Economic Development Alliance and gave the opportunity for members of the community to be part of the economic develop-

ment effort by sharing ideas, voicing opinions, and asking questions. KREDI members were also present to showcase the work being done by their businesses in the community. Sparklight Director of Field operations and General Manager in Kirksville, Martin Stitzer, was present to answer questions and showcase work

the company had been doing locally. Sparklight has invested more than \$18 million in Kirksville over the past three years on new technology, upgrading the fiber optic network, and introducing products and services designed to connect their customers to what matters most. Additionally, the Sparklight Charitable Giving Foundation

has been able to make several donations to non-profits to serve the community as well. Executive Director Carolyn Chrisman, stated, “We appreciate the support of our businesses and the work they are doing to make our community and economy better. We congratulate Sparklight on their projects and future endeavors!”



## HOSPITALS

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Almost half of the country’s 1,850 rural hospitals are operating in the red, Slabach said, and one-fourth are financially vulnerable. “It is just a continuous circle of issues that keep feeding back on itself,” he said. Rural hospitals serve small populations — Scotland County hospital takes care of 12,300 people in five counties — so making any service pay is difficult. Insurers often pay less for services provided at rural facilities; that can lead to difficulties paying competitive salaries for professional staff. The pandemic added to those difficulties and many providers are finding it difficult to return to pre-pandemic service levels. “Rural communities have a worse economic outlook than urban communities,” said Dan McKinney, administrator of the Hermann Area District Hospital. “I think we are going to see some tough times.”

### Emergency help

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Scotland County Hospital received \$12 million in extraordinary federal aid that helped pad its bank account against losses. On June 30, 2019, the last day of the fiscal year, there was enough cash to operate for 29 days. A year later, the balance was good for 197 days of operation. This past June 30, it had shrunk to 61 days. The federal help came in three forms: Medicare advance payments, which had to be repaid; Paycheck Protection Loans available to businesses generally; and provider relief payments intended to cover revenue missed by canceling non-emergency surgeries and procedures. Scotland County took a \$3.6 million advance on its Medicare payments in March 2020. For all hospitals in Missouri, those payments totaled \$2 billion, with another \$104 million to physicians and other providers. Of the 35 critical access hospitals — rural providers like Scotland County — 20 received payments totaling \$72.3 million. Repayments began after 11 months, with 25 percent withheld from current Medicare payments. The withholding amount increases to 50 percent after 11 months and starts accruing interest after 29 months. If a hospital loses Medicare market share — as Scotland County Hospital has each year since 2016 — repayment becomes harder. Hermann Area District Hospital, a critical access hospital in east central Missouri, did not take the advance payments, McKinney told

The Independent. “We explored it and looked at it. There were other revenues coming down the road, too,” he said. “It was more problematic than it is going to be worth.” Those other revenues included PPP loans and provider payments. For Scotland County Hospital, the aid that did not have to be repaid was worth \$8.4 million — \$4.8 million from PPP loans and \$3.6 million in provider payments. Many rural hospitals are asking for a longer repayment period, or for a portion to be forgiven, Slabach said. “So far, Congress and (the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) have been unable or unwilling to make significant changes to the program,” he said.

### New revenue

One strategy Scotland County Hospital is pursuing is to capture one-time cash payments to help ease it through changes. It hired the consulting firm BDO to analyze its Medicare cost reports for possible amendments and estimate lost revenues due to the pandemic. On July 26, the hospital board approved an application for \$470,000 in Medicare reimbursements. Medicare is supposed to cover costs, and rural hospitals — often because of low volumes — have costs that can’t be charged directly to an individual patient’s care. Another look is often beneficial, Slabach said. “Cost reporting is an art, not a science,” Slabach said. “It is based on a lot of assessments in valuations; you could have different people looking at things differently but get different answers.”

In an application to a separate USDA program, BDO helped prepare an application for \$754,000 to cover lost revenue due to the pandemic. Another one-time payment could help cover the costs for traveling nurses hired to fill staffing gaps. Federal law provides reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for local governments equaling 70 percent of extraordinary public costs during a disaster. Medicaid is the only source of new regular revenue not available before the pandemic. Missouri voters approved Medicaid expansion in 2020 and the state started processing applications Oct. 1, 2021. It means that adults earning less than 133 percent of the federal poverty guideline receive coverage. And in the 30 states that expanded coverage before Missouri, Slabach said rural hospitals are financially stronger. But even though voters approved Medicaid expansion in 2020, its impact is just beginning to

be felt. Republican lawmakers at first refused to fund it, setting off a legal battle that resulted in the state Supreme Court ordering Missouri to open enrollment. Significant delays in processing applications followed, resulting in the federal government intervening to get Missouri back in line with federal regulations. Supporters of expansion originally predicted 250,000 to 300,000 people would be eligible for coverage. Enrollment surpassed 265,000 early this month. The math is simple, Slabach said. While Medicaid doesn’t cover the entire cost of care, something is better than nothing. “Any patient that came to my facilities with available resources to pay the bill, that was a good thing,” Slabach said. “Otherwise it would go into bad debt or charity care.” Where a medical provider is located will play a big role in how much charity care is replaced by Medicaid, Slabach said. “Medicaid is not a big deal in western Kansas or northern Missouri, where lower numbers of people are eligible,” he said. “But if you go into southeast Missouri, it is another story.”

At Hermann Area District Hospital, Medicaid isn’t a big source of revenue. But expansion has cut charity care, McKinney said. Through August, he said, unpaid services are down almost \$70,000 for the year, a decline of almost 50 percent, and reimbursements through Medicaid are up about \$100,000. “We are seeing a little, from our standpoint, but it doesn’t look to be significant,” McKinney said.

### The future

Like many rural providers, Scotland County Hospital is facing difficult choices. Costs are rising, it is difficult to find qualified professionals willing to work in remote areas and the power to negotiate reimbursements from insurers is limited. The board fired Randy Tobler, the CEO, and Michael Brandon, the chief financial officer, in August. Before he was fired, Brandon said he and Tobler were working for financial stability. “We were trying to right the ship and get back to that point where we were close to breaking even,” he said. “My view of it was shifting our focus more to outpatient care, ramping up outpatient care for surgeries and for oncology treatments.” After the troubling audit, an internal email from April shows, ideas being considered to save money and increase revenue included reducing the number of inpatient


beds to 10 or fewer, expanding specialist outpatient services and ending childbirth services. A report on which services are financially viable is due soon from Stroudwater Associates, paid by the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to Slabach’s association. Tobler in June warned Stroudwater of the public relations challenge explaining changes to the hospital. “I think we’re all scratching our heads with what appears to be a self fulfilling prophecy of doom and gloom in the community,” Tobler wrote in an email. “Secrets are impossible to keep, and for that reason once out, better to get it out in the open. It’s communicating to an anxious public while we retool that has us flummoxed.” The USDA grant supporting Stroudwater’s work is being used to provide advice and financial insights for a large number of rural hospitals, Slabach said. Three consulting firms are doing the work, chosen by each hospital to fit their individual needs. “Each hospital gets an action plan that can be used by management to implement changes to make them more resilient for the future,” Slabach said. New hospital CEO Meagan Weber, new chief financial officer Achim Hoyal and board chair Lori Fulk declined to be interviewed for this report. One option for financially troubled critical access hospitals is to reorganize as a rural emergency hospital. Federal rules are still being written, but the conversion will mean eliminating all inpatient services while maintaining an emergency room and increasing outpatient care. It is a difficult choice and for some hospitals, irreversible.

Like Scotland County, Hermann Area District Hospital has consistently lost money. But because his hospital is 34 miles from Mercy Hospital in Washington, Mo., within the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area, McKinney cannot change back if he converts to the new designation. The rules for the program limit that choice for hospitals within 35 miles of urban hospitals. Also like Scotland County, the Hermann hospital had positive cash flow from federal COVID aid. “We are back into losing over \$1 million this year,” McKinney said. Personnel costs are a big part of that loss, he said. To keep beds staffed at minimal levels, he’s stuck using traveling nurses and the extra cost is about half of the projected loss for this year. Of the 24 licensed beds, McKinney said 14 are staffed. To open those additional beds would require additional staff, he said. Hermann can’t afford more traveling nurses and it can’t afford to raise salaries to compete with its market, he said. Hospitals in the nearby St. Louis metro area pay more and give regular raises while he has trouble providing minimal raises, perhaps every five years, McKinney said. Nurses and lab technicians can make \$7 to \$8 an hour more than he can pay, he said. “When you can go down the road half an hour and make \$15,000 a year more, what do you do?” McKinney said. Finding adequate staff willing to work for pay the hospital could afford was a challenge in Scotland County, Brandon said. In 2021, the hospital reviewed salaries at the 34 other critical access hospitals and set a goal of paying at least 25 percent of the median for each position,


he said. In the spring internal discussions at Scotland County, one expensive service considered for elimination was in-patient obstetric services. “It is a costly service mostly due to travel agency nurses,” Brandon said “Obstetrics was one of the areas where you would really see some savings.” But during a board meeting after firing Tobler — Scotland County’s hospital obstetrician as well as its CEO — Fulk and Weber promised to preserve childbirth services. Hermann stopped childbirth services many years ago, McKinney said. It is a hard decision but it is worse if administrators keep “things that are heartthrobs and people like to have,” he said. Converting to a rural emergency hospital would eliminate “swing beds,” a significant source of revenue for many facilities. A swing bed is one occupied by a patient who would otherwise be discharged from the hospital to a nursing facility. Instead, Medicare pays for the patient to receive that rehabilitative care at the hospital. The costs are fully covered for 30 days and a patient pays a copay for the next 70 days. The program has community benefits beyond the cost, Slabach said. “It is a very useful and helpful program as post-acute care centers in a lot of rural places are closing now,” he said. “It keeps patients close to home and provides business for rural hospitals that would have lost them to an urban center for rehabilitation.” The future is murky for rural hospitals, McKinney said. “To just stay afloat, you are going to have to make some changes,” he said. “But the problem is, what are the changes?”

# PUBLIC MEETING


## MoDOT NE District Unfunded Needs Public Meeting



Wednesday, November 30  
4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Audrain County Courthouse  
Community Room (basement)  
101 N Jefferson St, Mexico



Missouri Department of Transportation  
1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636)  
www.modot.org/northeast



The purpose of the meeting is to share transportation needs that are not funded in the 17 counties in MoDOT's NE District. There will be a presentation made at 5 p.m. at the meeting; however, anyone can stop by anytime within the 90 minute timeframe. Comments about the unfunded needs list can be made in person at the meeting, by phone, by mail, email, or by calling customer service at 1-888 ASK MODOT.



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Increasing clouds

LOW: 41

POP: 25%

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy with a passing shower

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POP: 80%

FRIDAY

Sunny to partly cloudy

49 34

POP: 5%

SATURDAY

Partly sunny; rain at night

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POP: 25%

MONDAY

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POP: 10%

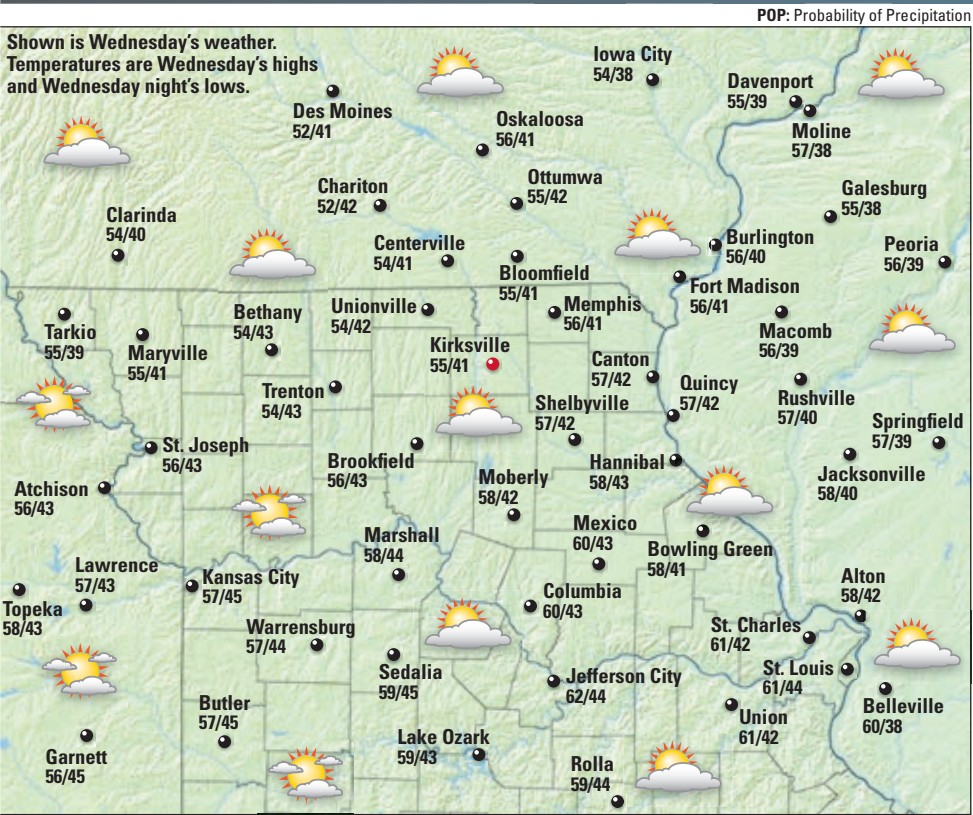
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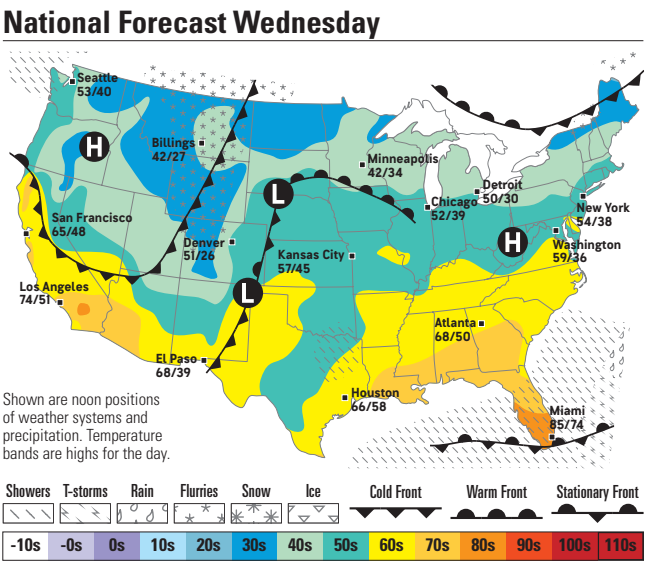
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Kirksville through Monday

Temperature

High/low..... 54/24

Normal high/low..... 48/29

Record high..... 70 in 2003

Record low..... 0 in 1937

Precipitation

Monday..... 0.00"

Past week's total..... 0.21"

Month to date..... 2.74"

Normal month to date..... 1.72"

Year to date..... 29.05"

Normal year to date..... 40.09"

Winds

Average direction..... SW

Average speed..... 6.7 mph

Highest speed..... 14 mph

Monday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

60° 50° 40° 30° 20°

12am 6am 12pm 6pm 12am

High 54 Low 24

Last Week's Temperatures

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Rathbun Tail	--	2.20	none
Moulton	36	18.40	+0.10
Novinger	20	0.35	+0.15
Prairie Hill	15	1.48	-0.03
South Fork Chariton River			
Promise City	25	3.00	none
Mississippi River			
Keokuk	16	3.09	-0.05
Quincy	19	11.32	-0.38
Quincy Lock & Dam	18	4.61	+0.05

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Woman's second marriage gets the cold shoulder

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I left a manipulative and abusive marriage after 18 years. My parents fully supported my decision. When I became engaged to the wonderful man who is now my husband, my mother and many other family members told me that second weddings were “not important” and I should have just gone to the courthouse. I had a very small wedding. Even my parents didn't get us a gift. Mom wouldn't help with planning, either (my husband and I paid for everything), and said I didn't deserve gifts for a second wedding. All totaled we received five gifts from 50 guests. I didn't expect anything and was grateful for what we got, but the assumption that this marriage wasn't important because it is my second hurt me very much. Am I wrong for being so deeply hurt? --HAPPIER NOW IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HAPPIER: You stated that your first husband was manipulative and abusive. Is that also true about the household in which you were raised? I can understand why you would be hurt and offended by what your mother said. It was cruel, dismissive and unnecessary. In fact, it was so tactless I cannot help but wonder if it was calculated to hurt. If this is typical of her, it may be time to reevaluate your relationship, protect yourself and step back. Remember, your best “revenge” is your happy marriage.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Unclear on the Concept

As 61-year-old James Hodges, who is legally blind, walked down the street in Columbia County, Florida, on Oct. 31, Deputy Jayme Gohde noticed the walking stick folded up in Hodges' back pocket and thought it was a gun. She stopped him and handcuffed him after he refused to produce his ID. But, The Washington Post reported, she and her sergeant learned he had no outstanding warrants and he clearly wasn't armed, so she was prepared to release him. Then Hodges asked for her name and badge number, and her sergeant said, according to body cam footage, “You know what, put him in jail for resisting.” On Nov. 7, charges against Hodges were dropped; on Nov. 8, Sheriff Mark Hunter announced that the sergeant had been demoted and Gohde was suspended for two days without pay. Both will receive remedial civil rights training.

One Man's Trash ...

German collector Alexander Smoljanovic is on the hunt for a special item to complete his collection, Metro News reported. Smoljanovic wants a purple Sulo 240-liter wheeled trash can, available only in the United Kingdom, to round out his collection of more than 100 full-size wheelies. “I have miniatures and real wheelie bins from USA, Australia, France, U.K. and Germany. Almost every color is available. The most valuable colors are purple, gold, silver and transparent,” he said. He hopes for a donation, but he's willing to pay for the elusive purple wheelie. “Some people tell me, ‘Now I consider my wheelie bin from another angle.’”

What's the Point?

Japanese convenience store Lawson is testing a new candy that tastes like emptiness, Oddity Central reported. “Aji no Shina? Ame,” or “Tasteless? Candy,” apparently has a slight odor but almost no flavor. The makers are hoping that people who use candy just to keep their mouths and throats moist will appreciate the flavorless variety.

Look, Up in the Sky!

Dustin Procita lives in rural northern California among cattle ranches and farms. On the evening of Nov. 4, Procita “heard a big bang. I started to smell smoke and I went onto my porch and it was completely engulfed in flames,” he told KCRA-TV. Procita saved one of his two dogs from the fire, which he believes was caused by a meteorite landing on his house. Video taken by people nearby shows a bright ball of light falling from the sky; the Taurid meteor showers were happening in that area when the fire occurred. Firefighters battled the blaze for several hours before getting it under control. Procita said he might have to buy a lottery ticket: “They said it's a 1-in-4 trillion chance.”

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# Truman football team accepts 3rd invitation to America's Crossroads Bowl

By Adam Tumino  
Daily Express

Despite narrowly missing out on the GLVC title and a slot in the national playoffs, the Truman State football team is not finished playing quite yet. The Bulldogs accepted an invitation to once again participate in the America's Crossroads Bowl, marking the team's third-straight appearance in the game. It will be held on Dec. 3 in Hobart, Indiana. The game features a representative from the GLVC and one from the GMAC. Truman won the inaugural America's Crossroads Bowl for the GLVC after the 2019 season, beating Ohio Dominican 21-7. The game was canceled in 2020, but it was back last year with Truman beating Hillsdale 34-17. If the Bulldogs want to remain the lone champion of the America's Crossroads Bowl, they will need to beat a familiar foe in Tiffin University. These two teams met back on

Sept. 24 at Stokes Stadium with Truman winning a thriller in overtime by a score of 18-17. Truman's defense was strong in the game, surrendering nearly 400 yards of total offense but managing to hold the Dragons to just one touchdown in regulation. Offensively, Truman struggled to move the ball for much of the game, but were able to get in position late for Grant Ross to hit a 39-yard field goal with just 50 seconds remaining in the fourth to tie the score 10-10. Tiffin possessed the ball first in overtime, finding the end zone in just two plays to go up 17-10. But Truman responded, scoring three plays into their possession when running back Shamar Griffith ran into the end zone from six yards out. Rather than kick the extra point and continue the game, Truman elected to go for a game-winning two point conversion. Quarterback Nolan Hair completed a pass to Zach Zerwig at the one-yard line.

Zerwig then spun through a tackle and reached the ball just over the goal line to convert the try and give Truman the win. Hair was 19-of-33 passing in the game for 156 yards and an interception. Griffith ran for 75 yards and a touchdown while Denim Cook ran for a two-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Tiffin was led by quarterback Christian Carter, who was 26-of-39 passing for 251 yards and an interception. He also ran for 48 yards and a touchdown. Running back Darius Pinnix ran for 78 yards and a touchdown. Truman went on to finish the season with an 8-2 record overall and 5-1 conference record. They are currently ranked No. 23 in the AFCA Coaches Poll. Hair finished the regular season with 1,468 passing yards with a completion percentage of 61.5 percent. He threw 13 touchdowns and six interceptions. Griffith ran for 881 yards and nine touchdowns while Cook ran for



The Truman football team celebrates its overtime win against Tiffin on Sept. 24 at Stokes Stadium. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

362 yards and six touchdowns. Zerwig finished third on the team with 326 yards, trailing only Tate Crane with 342 yards and Matt Hall with 368 yards. Hall also led the team with 37 receptions and five touchdowns. Defensively, Truman was led by linebacker Isaiah Estes with 71 total tackles while defensive backs Ben Thomas and Ryan Olivas led the team with four interceptions each. Linebacker Ulysses Ross led the Bulldogs with 9.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. Tiffin finished the season 6-4 overall and 6-2 in the GMAC. Carter completed 63.7 percent of his passes on the season for 1,821 yards, eight touchdowns and five inter-



Truman running back Shamar Griffith runs by a defender on a touchdown run in overtime against Tiffin on Sept. 24.

ceptions. Pinnix led the team with 796 rushing yards and nine rushing touchdowns. Anthony Love was the team leader by far with both 65 catches and 760 yards. Tiffin's leading tackler on the season was Sir

Zion Dance with 75 total tackles. Chucky Lewis had five interceptions to lead the team while Montez Kelley's 6.5 sacks led the Dragons. The 2022 America's Crossroads Bowl is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m.



Truman running back Denim Cook dives into the end zone against Tiffin on Sept. 24.



Truman head coach Gregg Nesbitt (right) and offensive coordinator Jason Killday look on during the game against Tiffin on Sept. 24.



Participants of the 2022 Max Gutensohn Golf Classic with staff from the Adair County YMCA, from left to right: Corey Diemer, OMS II, Travis Rushton, OMS II, Reagan Adair, OMS II, Spencer Newell, OMS II, Kristin Rouser, Misti Hollenbeck-Harris, Isaiah Prebe.

## 2022 Gutensohn Golf Classic raises \$1,500 for Adair County YMCA

By A.T. Still University

Students and faculty from A.T. Still University-Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) raised \$1,500 for the Adair County YMCA during the 2022 Max Gutensohn Golf Classic on Aug. 29, 2022. More than 70 students and faculty participated in the annual tournament at the Kirkville Country Club. In addition to 18 holes of golf, a longest drive competition and closest to the pin challenge were held. Numerous faculty members also made donations.

Organized by ATSU-KCOM's Sports Medicine Club, all proceeds earned are donated to the YMCA to help fund after-school programs, sports programs, and more. "This event would not have had the same

impact without receiving the support from the Kirkville community as well as a majority of faculty at ATSU-KCOM," said Spencer Newell, OMS II. "A huge thank you to all who provided sponsorships and donations. A popular part of the event was the friendly competition between students and faculty that built on relationships outside of the academic setting."

# Missouri Sports Hall of Fame welcomes Class of 2022 at enshrinement in Columbia presented by Great Southern Bank

By Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

Mid-Missouri was the focus Sunday when the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame hosted its Enshrinement in Columbia presented by Great Southern Bank. CEO & Executive Director Byron Shive presided over a ceremony that drew more than 800 to the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, as 14 individuals and seven high school teams/programs were inducted. Additionally, the Columbia Orthopaedic Group was bestowed the John Q. Hammons Founders' Award.



Front row, left to right: Ron Whittaker (representing Mexico Track & Field), Stephanie Labuary (representing Geary Labuary), Miki Bohon (representing Hickman Girls Swimming & Diving), Dr. Kerwin Urhahn, Dr. Mark Adams, Chairman Kris Conley, Justin Gage, Jeff Sherman, Brian Smith, Wendy Spratt, Mike Griggs and Michelle Boyd. Back row, left to right: CEO & Executive Director Byron Shive, Mark Thomas (representing Boonville Football), Dale Labuary, Jill Nagel, Ron Lykins, David Sturm, Chad Moller, Kent Fewell, Brian Ash (representing Blair Oaks Baseball), Kelly Odneal (representing Westran Softball), Linda Lampkin and Todd Landolt (representing Hermann Volleyball), and Scott Backes (representing Tipton Golf). MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME





Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, right, celebrates a touchdown as Chargers safety Derwin James Jr., left, and cornerback Bryce Callahan get up off the ground during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif. AP PHOTO/JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA

# Kelce scores 3 touchdowns, Chiefs rally past Chargers 30-27

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce ended up putting on a performance that made The Fonz proud. Mahomes connected with Kelce for three touchdowns — including the go-ahead score with 31 seconds remaining — as the Kansas City Chiefs rallied past the Los Angeles Chargers 30-27 on Sunday night to stay atop the AFC.

Mahomes met Emmy Award-winning actor Henry Winkler before the game. Winkler, who played Fonzie for 12 seasons on the iconic television show “Happy Days”, received a signed jersey on the sideline. Kelce got in the act by wearing a t-shirt before the game that had a picture of The Fonz and said “Football. Family. Fonzie”.

When Mahomes and the Chiefs got the ball at the KC 25-yard line with 1:46 remaining, he had his usual cool and calm presence. “When I went in the huddle, it was let’s just do it. Everyone had the mindset of take it one play at a time and get it when it counts,” said Mahomes, completed 20 of 34 passes for 329 yards.

After the Chargers had pulled ahead 27-23 on Justin Herbert’s 6-yard touchdown pass to Joshua Palmer with 1:46 left, Mahomes directed a six-play, 75-yard drive that took just 1:15.

It was the 11th time in the regular-season that Mahomes had a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter.

Despite missing two receivers due to injuries, he completed 3 of 4 for 48 yards on the drive and scrambled twice for an additional 22.

The Chiefs also benefited from a third-down holding call on Chargers’ safety Derwin James after an incomplete pass.

After a 16-yard run by Mahomes and Kansas City timeout, Mahomes hit Kelce on a short crossing route that Kelce took to the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown,

“We didn’t have our full arsenal of weapons. I was ready for the matchup,” said Kelce, who had six catches for 115 yards. “I knew they were going to play man-to-man and Patrick was going to look for me when it was 1-on-1. I was able to finish the game off on a positive note.”

Herbert and the Chargers had one final chance, but Nick Bolton intercepted a deflected pass to seal it for the Chiefs (8-2), who swept the season series from Los Angeles (5-5) and took a three-game lead in the AFC West. It is the third straight year the Chargers have had a late lead at home against the Chiefs and were unable to finish.

“You should be frustrated. To not beat those guys is disappointing because we felt like our level was good enough to win, but we didn’t finish plays in that fourth quarter to get it done,” Chargers coach Brandon Staley said after Los Angeles lost its second straight to fall to 5-5.

With a one-game lead over four teams in the conference, Kansas City is in position to claim home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Kelce scored at least three touchdowns for the second time in his career. He scored four in a Monday night win over the Raiders on Oct. 10.

Chiefs rookie Isiah Pacheco rushed for a career-high 107 yards.

“Patrick and Travis calm everything down on both sides of the ball. The good players really stepped up when we needed it,” coach Andy Reid said. “I’m proud of our guys for stepping up offensively and defensively. That’s big-time football at the right time.”

Herbert went 23 of 30 for 280 yards and two touchdowns, both to Palmer, who had eight receptions for 106 yards. It was easily the Chargers’ best offensive performance in nearly a month as the unit was bolstered by the return of receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams.

Allen, playing only his third game due to a nagging hamstring injury,

had five receptions for 94 yards, including a 46-yard catch up the right sideline on the go-ahead drive to put the ball on the Chiefs 16-yard line.

“Mike (Williams) is about as tough as it gets, and Keenan (Allen), too. They’re special competitors, so any time that you get those guys out on the field, something good is going to happen. But, unfortunately, it didn’t go our way today,” Herbert said.

Austin Ekeler had 100 yards (83 rushing, 17 receiving) and a touchdown.

## KELCE’S RECORD NIGHT

It was Kelce’s 34th game with at least 100 yards receiving, surpassing Rob Gronkowski for the most by a tight end in NFL history. Eight of his 11 TDs this season have come in prime-time games.

Kelce gave Kansas City a 13-10 lead early in the second quarter on a 4-yard screen pass where he imitated Pro Football Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders’ high-skipping dance on his way to the end zone.

Kelce’s 32-yard touchdown on the opening play of the fourth quarter put the Chiefs on top 23-20. Kelce caught the ball at the LA 26 after Asante Samuel Jr. made a diving attempt, broke a tackle by Nasir Adderley at the 16 and went up the right sideline for the score.

## QUICK START

After Harrison Butker’s 33-yard field goal on the opening possession gave the Chiefs a 3-0 lead, the Charges promptly answered on their first drive in three plays. Palmer beat Juan Thornhill in single coverage and Herbert found him for a 50-yard touchdown.

It was the first time in 20 regular-season games that Kansas City had allowed a touchdown on an opening drive.

## UP NEXT

Chiefs: Host the Los Angeles Rams next Sunday. Chargers: Return to the road to face the Arizona Cardinals next Sunday.

# Bale salvages 1-1 draw for Wales against US in World Cup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AL RAYYAN, Qatar — A young United States team was nearing victory in its World Cup return. Then Walker Zimmerman needlessly plowed into Gareth Bale.

Bale converted the resulting penalty kick in the 82nd minute, giving Wales a 1-1 draw Monday night that left the Americans feeling frustrated and made their path to the knockout stage more precarious.

“You feel like you have the game and you’re going to win the game,” midfielder Brenden Aaronson said. “It’s a punch in the face.”

Tim Weah put the Americans ahead in the 36th minute off a pass from Christian Pulisic, scoring in front a crowd that included his father, former FIFA Player of the Year and current Liberia President George Weah.

Back in the World Cup after missing the 2018 tournament, the United States had only to close out the final minutes. But Brennan Johnson made a throw-in that Aaron Ramsey cut back to Bale, who had his back to the goal near the penalty spot. Zimmerman’s sliding tackle took out Bale’s left leg, and Qatari referee Abdulrahman Al-Jassim pointed to the penalty spot.

“He probably just puts his leg not for the ball but to try and get in the way of me hitting the ball,” Zimmerman said. “So I kind of went through him and I think I still got the ball. But clever move — I wish I would have seen him out of the corner my eye.”

Shooting in front of the Red Wall of supporters, Bale sent his kick past goalkeeper Matt Turner for his 41st goal in 109 international appearances, salvaging a point for Wales in its first World Cup match since 1958.

“Obviously, a difficult game,” Bale said. “First half was not how we wanted to play and the United States played really well. We played quite poorly.”

Next up for the United States is a high-profile matchup Friday against England, which opened with a 6-2 rout of Iran. Wales faces the Iranians.

The top two teams advance. “It think it’s pretty clear — a disappointing result for us,” Turner said.

Weah, just 22, was part of a new-look American team that is the tournament’s second-youngest.

Yunus Musah, at 19 years, 358 days the youngest American to start a Cup match, started the move to Weah’s goal when he headed the ball to Josh Sargent at the midfield stripe. Sargent dished off to Pulisic, who burst up the middle of the field. On his fourth touch Pulisic rolled the ball ahead to Weah, who timed his run perfectly to break in ahead of Neco Williams.

From near the penalty spot, Weah used the side of his right foot to poke the ball over the left thigh of sliding goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey for his fourth goal in 26 international appearances.

“It’s a dream come true for every attacker, for every player to score in a World Cup,” Weah said, “and I did that tonight in front of my fans, my teammates, my family.”

In the 750th international U.S. match, the Americans started a U.S. Cup record 10 players from European clubs, with only Zimmerman from Major League Soccer. DeAndre Yedlin, who entered in the 74th minute, was the only American with previous World Cup experience.

Sargent nearly put the Americans ahead in the 10th minute when he hit a post with a header from Antonee Robinson’s cross.

After the U.S. dominated the first half with 66% possession, Wales switched to a three-man attack and had 67% in the first 15 minutes of the second. Ben Davies’ header in the 64th minute was pushed over the crossbar by a leaping Turner.

The match was played in the Arabian desert west of Doha at rebuilt Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, lit in brilliant colors and featuring an exterior facade meant to replicate undulating sand dunes. The U.S. Soccer Federation sold about 3,300 tickets, and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken was on hand in the crowd of 43,418.

“The nerves were there,” Pulisic said. “Now we have to figure out how to put that together for 90 minutes.”

## CARDED

Sergio Dest, Weston McKennie, Tim Ream and Kellyn Acosta received yellow cards.

## TRAINER’S ROOM

U.S. midfielder Gio Reyna was held out because of what coach Gregg Berhalter said was tightness without specifying. Berhalter envisioned him playing against England.



Wales’ Gareth Bale, right, successfully appeals for a penalty after a foul by Walker Zimmerman of the United States during the World Cup, group B soccer match between the United States and Wales, at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. AP PHOTO/THEMBA HADEBE

# HALL

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## The Class of 2022 is as follows:

Justin Gage – Jefferson City H.S./ University of Missouri/Chicago Bears & Tennessee Titans

Jeff Sherman – Former Central Methodist University men’s basketball coach

Brian Smith – University of Missouri wrestling coach

Jill Nagel – Columbia Rock Bridge High School girls basketball coach

Dr. Kerwin Urhahn – Retired Exec-

utive Director of MSHSAA

Dale Labuary & the late Geary Labuary – Former Monroe City & California football coaches

Hermann High School Volleyball Program

Chad Moller – Former Mizzou Associate Director of Athletics-Strategic Communications

Mike Griggs – Former Director of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department

Hickman High School Girls Swimming & Diving Era of 1979-1999

Wendy Spratt – Columbia College softball coach

Boonville High School’s 1974 State Championship Football Team

Kent Fewell – Retired Columbia Hickman High School baseball coach

Ron Lykins – University of Missouri Wheelchair Basketball coach

Blair Oaks High School’s 2006 & 2007 State Championship Baseball Teams Michelle Boyd – Truman State University Head Athletic Trainer

Mexico High School Boys Track & Field Era of 1974-1979

David Sturm – Longtime high school umpire and referee from Salisbury

Westran High School Softball Era of 1984-1999

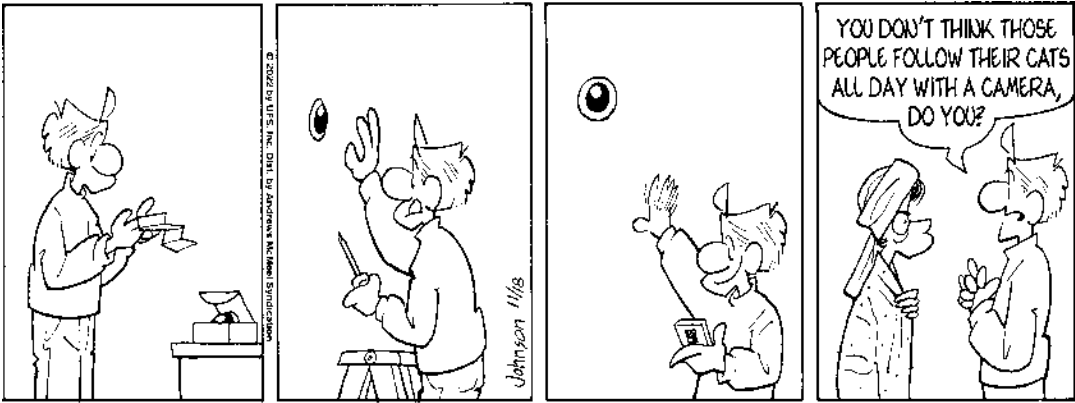
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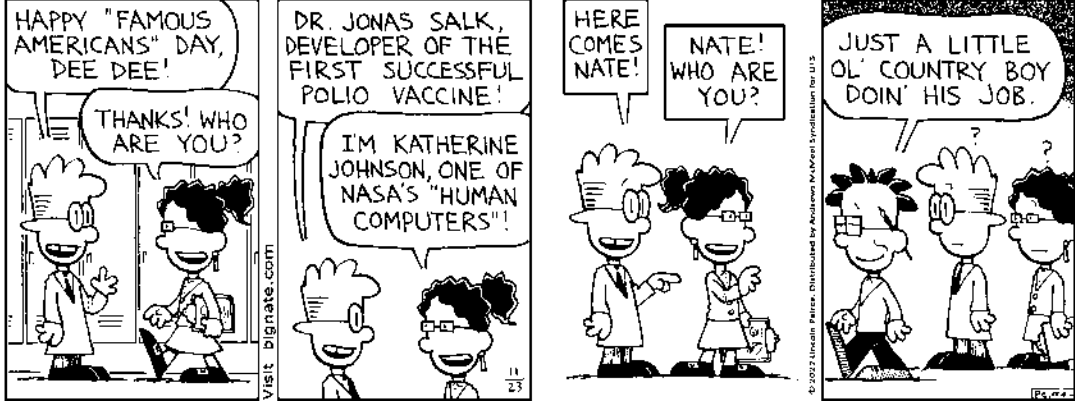
The Hall of Fame previously hosted Enshrinements in Columbia in 2015 and 2019. That came after its Governing Board in 2011 approved a plan to host induction ceremonies away from Springfield, as a way for supporters of inductees to attend closer to home and as a way to raise funds for the Hall of Fame. This is the Hall of Fame’s 12th November Enshrinement outside of Springfield, which hosts an Enshrinement every winter.



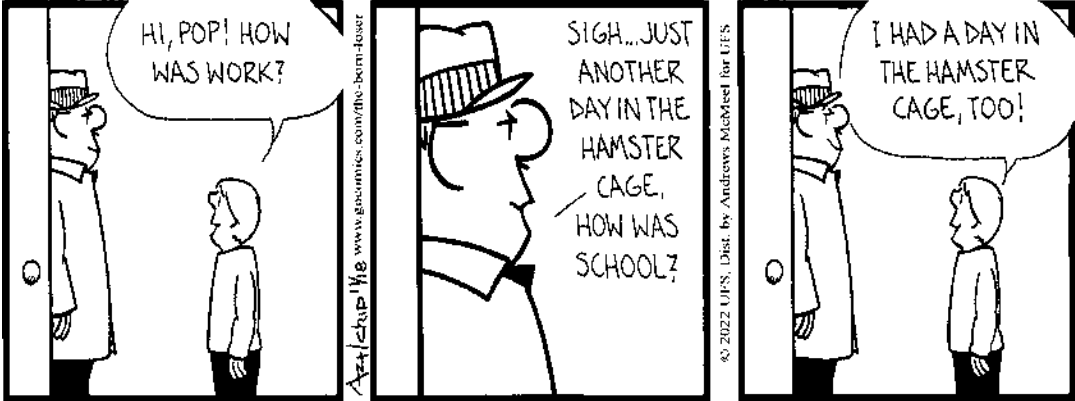
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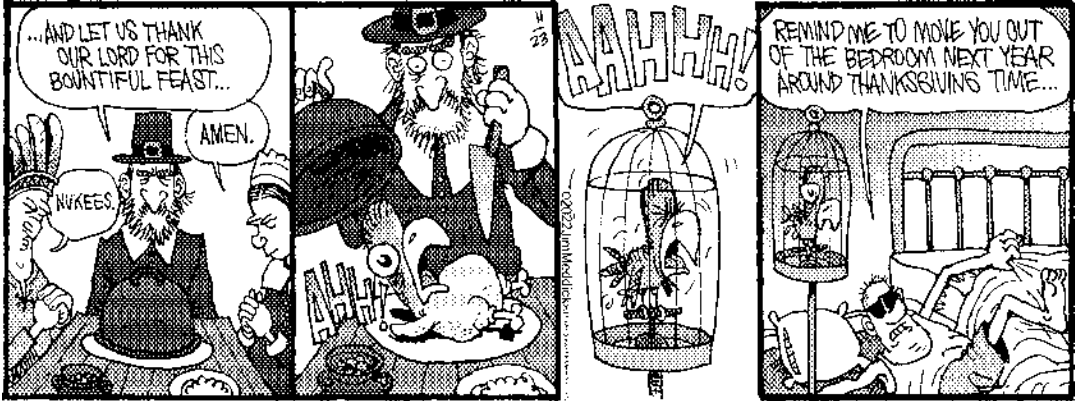
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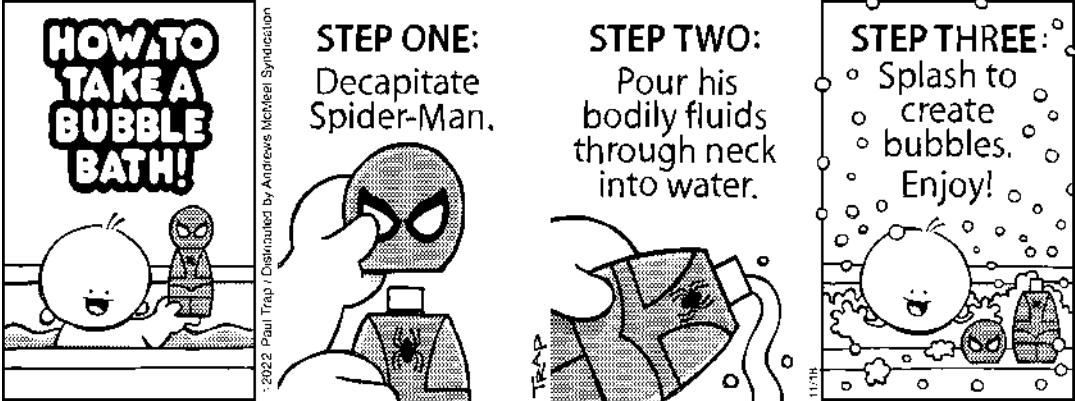
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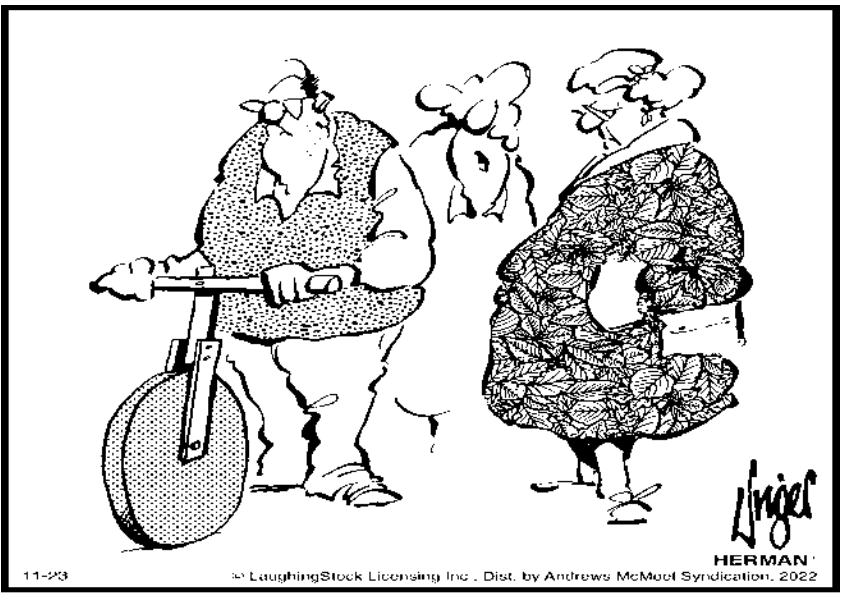
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You have options. Look around you and decide what's doable, then head in that direction. Take an unusual path or set up your lifestyle to suit your needs, regardless of how others choose to live. Let excitement drive you, and your skills, intelligence and desire for adventure take you to destinations that open your mind to new possibilities.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Don't get into a scuffle over trivial matters. Know when to give in and let someone else take the wheel. Weigh the pros and cons, and look at the long-term effects of the decisions you make.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Reach out and offer help where it's needed. There is power in being present and in acting on behalf of those who can't fend for themselves. Look for a worthy cause you can support.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Use your intelligence to make a point. How you handle others and approach controversial subjects will be key. Hone your negotiating skills and be honest and innovative.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Complete your to-do list, lower your stress level and move on to an activity that puts a smile on your face. Knowing when to work and when to relax will help you maintain balance and good health.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Put more faith in yourself and your ability to finish things on time. Step up and put your skills to the test while outmaneuvering anyone who gets in your way. Nurture relationships.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- You will set a new standard and receive praise if you surprise everyone with your ability, technique and insight. Don't question or second-guess what you want to do or say.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Taking an active role will positively impact how things turn out. Don't trust anyone else to speak or act on your behalf. Avoid conflict and concentrate on finishing what you start.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Choose a path that gives you free rein to use your skills, knowledge and connections. Put a plan in place and team up with people you know you can count on.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- You will enjoy mixing and mingling, but you must beware of people who try to persuade you to donate time or money. Ask questions, and don't hesitate to say no if something doesn't feel right.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Not everyone will like the changes you want to make. Approach opposition with candor and charm, and you'll gain insight into how you can get others to see and do things your way.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Be ready to act. View situations, consider how to make improvements and implement changes that feel comfortable. It's up to you to force issues if it will help you get things moving.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Clear a space at home that will allow you the peace and quiet required to accomplish your objective. A chance to make extra cash or stretch your budget to fit your needs looks promising.

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• 3 Days

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, **Danny L. Covey** dated **9/16/2013** and recorded on **9/17/2013** in **Book 993 Page 130**, in the Recorder's office for **Adair County, Missouri**. The successor trustee will on **December 9, 2022** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at **1:00 PM**, at the **South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, 106 West Washington, Kirksville, Missouri** sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:

**ALL OF LOTS FIVE (5), SIX (6), AND SEVEN (7), IN BLOCK SEVENTEEN (17), IN NORTHEAST ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF KIRKSVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.**

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for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

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Successor Trustee  
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4x 11/16/2022, 11/23/2022, 11/30/2022, 12/07/2022  
CSM File 26-22-00870

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**ADAIR COUNTY  
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI  
ADAIR COUNTY BRIDGE 07100151  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for Adair County Bridge 07100151 on Willmathsville School Road will be received by the Adair County Commission, at the office of the County Clerk, (temporary location at 311 N. Elson St., Kirksville, MO), until 3:00 p.m. local time on December 19, 2022. The Bids received will be publicly opened and read at 9:30 a.m. on December 20, 2022 at the Adair County Commission Office (temporary location at 23016 Potter Trail, Kirksville, MO). The Project consists of removing the old wooden bridge and construction of a 60-foot long x 24-foot steel girder bridge with concrete abutments, concrete deck, and bolt-on steel railing. The project will utilize 10" diameter x 5/8" wall pipe for piling, galvanized steel girders, and corrugated metal decking furnished by Adair County. All other material shall be furnished by the contractor. The project also includes traffic control items, rock blanket, excavation, embankment, aggregate road surfacing, seeding, fencing, and related appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the Issuing Office of the Engineer, Howe Company, LLC 804 E. Patton Street, Macon, MO, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 plus \$25.00 shipping for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to Howe Company, LLC. Upon request and receipt of the document fee indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Bid Documents can also be obtained in PDF form from [www.howecompany.com](http://www.howecompany.com). Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office and [www.howecompany.com](http://www.howecompany.com). Bidders must obtain their bid documents from Howe Company, LLC or [www.howecompany.com](http://www.howecompany.com) and be on the plan holders list to bid the project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: **Adair County, Missouri**  
By: **Mark Shahan**  
Title: **Presiding Commissioner**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, for default in the payment of indebtedness secured by Deed of Trust executed by EDWARD RAYMOND MAGERS, dated the 7th day of March 2014, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for Adair County, Missouri, in Book 999, Page 538 on March 7, 2014, conveyed to Trustee, the following described property situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, to wit:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST FOURTH OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 15, IN THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT 266 FEET 1 INCH WEST AND 292 FEET 6 INCHES NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST FOURTH OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE WEST 70 FEET, THENCE NORTH 120 FEET, THENCE EAST 70 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (PART OUT OF LOT 6 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 10-62-15).

Conveyance was made to the Trustee, in trust to secure the payment of certain Promissory Note(s) in said Deed of Trust referred to above; and WHEREAS, the Lender has removed the Trustee named therein, and pursuant to the authority reserved in said Deed of Trust, the Lender and holder of the Promissory Note(s) secured thereby has named, constituted and appointed by a written instrument C. David Rouser to serve as Successor Trustee; and WHEREAS, default has occurred and default continues on the payment of said Promissory Note(s) referred to above;

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said Promissory Note(s), who has elected to declare the entire indebtedness due and payable, and in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, C. David Rouser, Successor Trustee, will sell the property referred to above, at public venue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the South side of the Adair County Courthouse in the City Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, on the 15th day of December, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., and more particularly at 10:00 A.M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of securing the above referenced Deed of Trust.

This NOTICE constitutes an attempt to collect a debt as described within the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

C. David Rouser, Successor Trustee  
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Greentop City Hall @ 660-949-2520**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE / UCC SALE / NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL**

By authority granted by Bhaktel LLC ("Debtor") to Celtic Bank Corporation ("Secured Party"), for default in the payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by (a) that certain Deed of Trust executed by Debtor, dated December 30, 2015, recorded on January 8, 2016 as Document No. 201600000059 in Book No. 1024, Page 865, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri (the "Deed of Trust"), and (b) that certain Commercial Security Agreement executed by Debtor, dated December 30, 2015 (the "Security Agreement"), the undersigned will on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 01:00 PM at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, 106 West Washington Street, in Kirksville, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (subject to the terms of sale stated below), the following property situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, as described in said Deed of Trust and Security Agreement, to wit:  
A part of Lot 1, Block 2, of COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA, a subdivision filed for record in Plat Book 7, Page 6 of the Adair County Records; situated in Section 15, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, City of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod found at the Southwest corner of Surveyors Record Book 4, Page 228; thence along said Survey as follows: North 00 degrees 04 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 369.81 feet to an iron rod found; thence South 82 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 151.71 feet to an iron rod found; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 350.72 feet to an iron rod found; thence 22.59 feet along an arc to the left with a radius of 530.00 feet and a chord that bears North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 22.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 127.52 feet to the point of beginning.

As set forth on Survey by Cleaver and Associates, L.L.C., dated December 12, 2015; revised December 17, 2015 by Order No. 10846 (hereinafter described as the "Real Property") and the following personal property described below and in the Security Agreement:  
All Inventory, Chattel Paper, Accounts, Equipment, General Intangibles and Fixtures. In addition, all of the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, whether now existing or hereafter arising, and wherever located:

All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and any additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added nor or later;

All products and produce of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement;

All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement;

All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement, and the sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process; and,

All records and data relating to any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Debtor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media.

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Personal Property"). (The Real Property and the Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property")

to satisfy said debt and costs.

The terms of the sale are that the highest bidder for the Property must deposit at least 10% of the winning bid with the party conducting the sale immediately after the conclusion of the sale in the form of cashier's check, payable to AT, Inc. The balance of the bid price will be due in the form of wire transfer by 5:00 p.m. Kirksville, Missouri time on November 29, 2022, at the offices of AT, Inc., 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800, St. Louis, Missouri 63105, (314) 621-5070. No Property, trustee's deed, or bill of sale will be delivered until all funds have cleared and are available for use. The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for the payment of applicable sales taxes, if any.  
Debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Property that Secured Party intends to sell. Debtor may request an accounting by contacting AT, Inc., Attn: Gregory D. Todd, at 314-620-5070.

THERE SHALL BE NO WARRANTY RELATING TO TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT, OR THE LIKE IN THIS DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW. FURTHER, THERE SHALL BE NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW. ANY CONVEYANCE BY SECURED PARTY SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, COVENANT, OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND (WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) BY SECURED PARTY OR ANY PARTY CONDUCTING THE SALE. AS A MATERIAL PART OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR DELIVERY OF ANY TRUSTEE'S DEED OR BILL OF SALE, ANY PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY SHALL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" BASIS WITHOUT RECOURSE OF ANY KIND, WITH ALL FAULTS, AND WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WHATSOEVER. ANY PURCHASER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH PURCHASER IS A SOPHISTICATED PURCHASER AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROPERTY AND THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROPERTY FOR SUCH PURCHASER'S INTENDED USE.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Impresses deeply  
5 Long-faced  
8 Singer — Rawls  
11 Japanese clog  
12 Southwest art colony  
14 Web address  
15 Rank below marquis  
16 Hindu royalty  
17 Keep off the air  
18 Employ again  
20 She played Jessica  
22 Wrecker’s job  
23 Overseer  
24 Sea eagles  
27 Lendl of tennis  
29 Tender pod  
30 Belief  
34 Book feature  
37 Sushi morsel  
38 Actress Tracee Ellis —  
39 Open up  
41 Send forth

- 43 Mekong native  
44 Make like a mouse  
46 PC message  
49 Molasses-based drink  
50 Meter maid of song  
52 Roulette color  
54 Kind of dance  
55 Affirmative votes  
56 Still-active volcano  
57 Pacino and Unser  
58 Chevron shape  
59 Do a fall chore

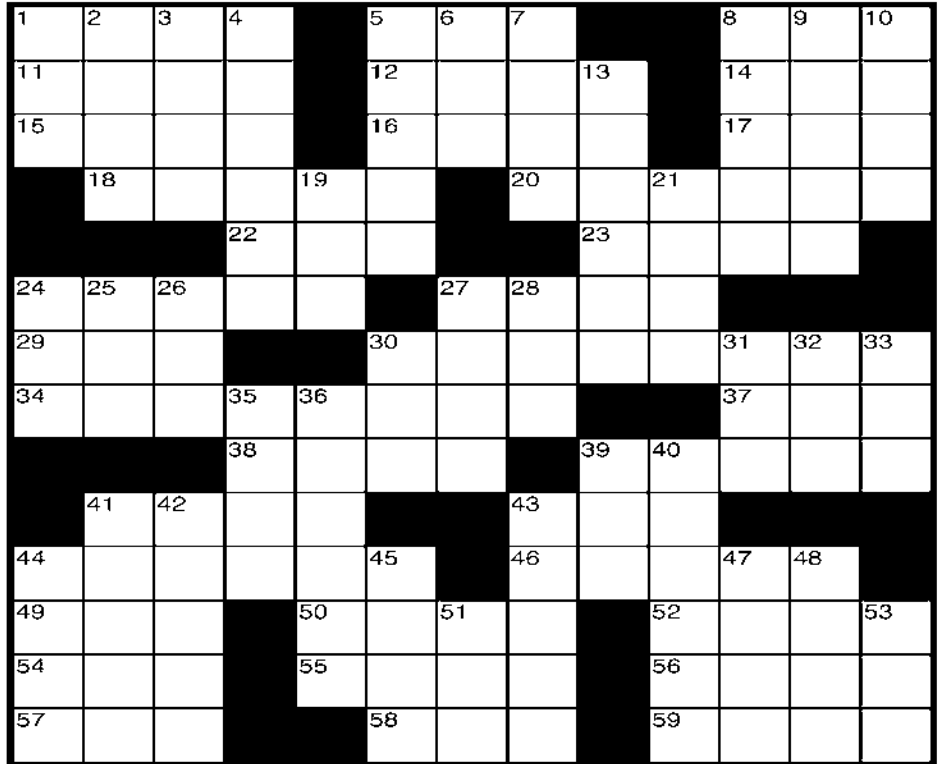
- DOWN**
- 1 Get older  
2 Become frayed  
3 To be, to Henri  
4 Military greeting  
5 Toss here and there  
6 Road map org.  
7 Spanish title

Answer to Previous Puzzle

F	U	R	O	R			P	E	T	A	L		
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8 Grease jobs  
9 Paperless exams  
10 Radius neighbor  
13 Storied sailor  
19 Help letters  
21 Used up  
24 Pollution control org.  
25 Gym iteration  
26 Short snooze  
27 Late spring flower  
28 Torment  
30 DJ’s supply  
31 Recent (pref.)

32 Corp. biggie  
33 North Dakota state tree  
35 Buffalo’s lake  
36 Witness  
39 Thud  
40 Borrowed car  
41 Same  
42 Childhood malady  
43 Renter’s agreement  
44 Baja Ms.  
45 Chicken —  
47 Modicum  
48 Join  
51 — kwon do  
53 Charlotte of “Bananas”



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cotton pod  
5 Freight amts.  
8 Cut, as coupons  
12 Soothing herb  
13 Reaction to a mouse  
14 Nylons  
15 Astronaut Shepard  
16 Literary compilation  
17 Zest for life  
18 — -dinner mint  
20 Fine-tune  
22 Smoke detector output  
23 Codgers’ queries  
24 Spinnakers and jibs  
27 Set straight  
30 “Water-falls” group  
31 Adder’s cousin  
32 That, in Acapulco  
34 — it up (have some laughs)

- 35 Boss, briefly  
37 Well-chosen  
38 Talking birds  
40 Ranch animal  
42 Spanish gold  
43 Soup cooker  
44 Brawl weapons  
46 Earth color  
49 Fashion length  
50 Sunbathe  
52 Monumental  
54 Marathon or 10K  
55 Ceiling decor  
56 Change  
57 Celebrity meas.  
58 Fabric meas.  
59 Kernel

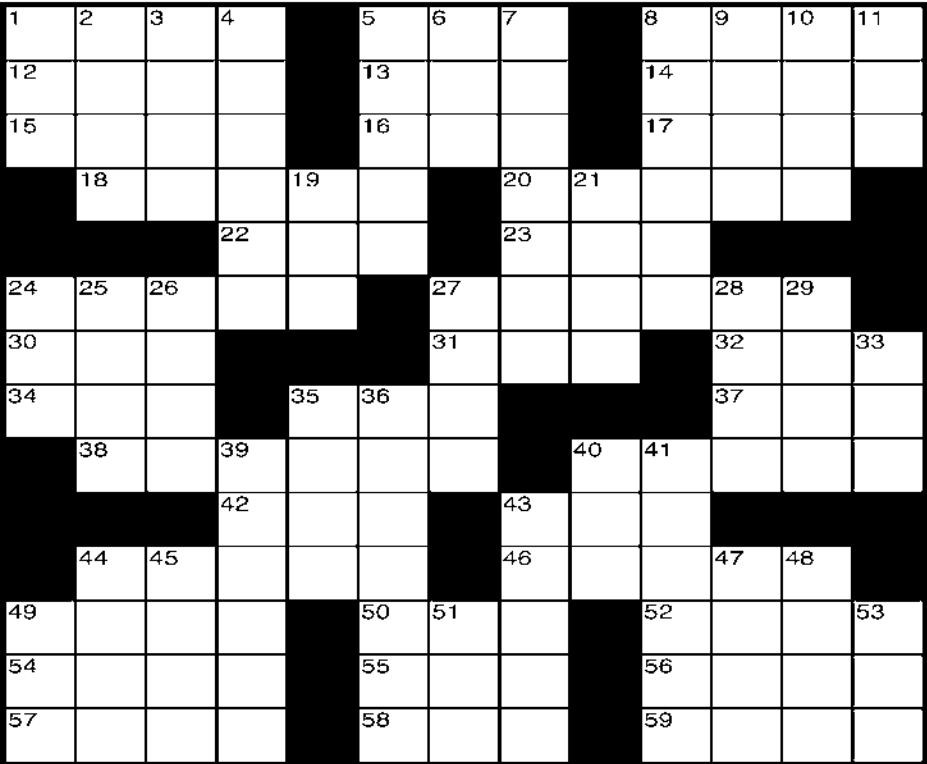
- DOWN**
- 1 Ewe’s plaint  
2 Earthenware jar  
3 Take it easy  
4 Kind of soup  
5 Figure out

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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T	A	P			Y	E	A	S		E	T	N	A	
A	L	S			V	E	E			R	A	K	E	

6 Stiller of “Zoolander”  
7 Hockey team  
8 Mousetrap bait  
9 The Kinks’ tune  
10 Author Dinesen  
11 Ink partner  
19 Aurora, to Socrates  
21 Senate leader  
24 Pig’s digs  
25 Pickling ingredient  
26 Gross  
27 Paddle cousins  
28 At hand  
29 Bakers’ meas.  
33 Gulp down

35 Shopping plaza  
36 Like a haunted house  
39 More meddlesome  
40 Ad — committee  
41 Different ones  
43 Bodies of water  
44 Decree  
45 Early Peruvian  
47 Dueler’s weapon  
48 Go by horseback  
49 Bride’s title  
51 Help out  
53 New England cape



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# SBA administrator calls on Americans to ‘Shop Small’ on Small Business Saturday across America

By U.S. Small Business Administration

WASHINGTON – Isabella Casillas Guzman, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the voice in President Joe Biden’s Cabinet for America’s 33 million small businesses, calls on Americans to “Shop Small” throughout this holiday season and on Small Business Saturday, which falls on Nov. 26.

“As our economy continues to stabilize, it’s more important than ever that consumers shop and dine small during the

holiday shopping season,” said Guzman. “...Small Business Saturday is another chance for us to further strengthen America’s entrepreneurs with our local and online spending and promotion.”

Small Business Saturday, founded by American Express, is a day dedicated to supporting the diverse range of local businesses that create jobs, help boost the economy, and enhance neighborhoods around the country. According to American Express, the projected total reported spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retail-

ers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday last year hit a record high with an estimated \$23.3 billion<sup>1</sup>. The SBA has cosponsored Small Business Saturday since 2011, and the Agency continues to help entrepreneurs leverage new opportunities with the 13th annual Small Business Saturday.

Small business owners look forward to another strong year, and the SBA is doing its part by expanding and retooling resources to support all small business owners throughout their entrepreneurial journeys. For more information on

SBA’s programs and services and to find an office near you, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

To learn more about Small Business Saturday, visit [www.sba.gov/saturday](http://www.sba.gov/saturday).

[1] The American Express 2021 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey was conducted by Teneo on behalf of American Express. The study is a nationally representative sample of 2,426 U.S. adults 18 years of age or older. The sample was collected using an email invitation and an online survey. The study gathered self-reported data and does not

reflect actual receipts or sales. It was conducted anonymously on November 28, 2021. The survey has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.0 percent, at the 95 percent level of confidence. Projections are based on the current U.S. Census estimates of the U.S. adult population, ages 18 years and over.

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# Small Business Grant Program applications being accepted

By The Missouri Department of Economic Development

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has announced the appropriation of \$10 million by the Missouri General Assembly to assist small businesses that were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. \$2 million of those funds will be designated toward small businesses owned by minority/and or women.

The minimum amount of grant awarded per qualifying small business will be \$2,500 and the maximum amount will be \$25,000 based on the amount of decreased gross revenue/receipts reflected between the 2019 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The program is being funded through the U.S. Department

of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Small businesses eligible for the Small Business Grant Program:

- Applicant is organized as a for-profit entity
- Applicant must be Missouri-based (located and operated in the state of Missouri)
- Applicant must, at the time of the application, employ 50 or fewer full-time employees which includes the owner. Full-time employee is defined as an individual who is scheduled to work 35 or more hours per week.
- Applicant must have been in operation in Missouri since before Jan. 1, 2020 and currently operating. Therefore, qualified applicants would have to have been in business during 2019 and filed a tax return.

- Applicant must self-certify that, barring unforeseen circumstances, it plans to remain in business through the calendar year 2023.
- If applicant is a type of entity required to register with the Missouri Secretary of State (SOS) to conduct business in Missouri, applicant must be registered and in good standing with the SOS.
- Applicant must be enrolled in E-Verify and provide a copy of its signed Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as required by 285.530 RSMo, unless applicant is a sole proprietor with no employees.
- Applicant has a Missouri Tax ID Number (EIN)
- Applicant has a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

- Applicant has submitted a Vendor Input Form and received a SAMII Vendor ID Number

Small Businesses that are ineligible for the SB Grant Program include:

- Businesses not meeting the above listed requirements.
- Chains or franchises with five or more location
- Individuals (other than sole proprietors)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Governmental entities
- Casinos, casino hotels, and other gambling establishments
- Medical marijuana businesses
- Publicly traded companies
- Applicants that are debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds
- Applicants that have permanently closed without plans to reopen
- Applicants currently in a

bankruptcy proceeding

- Applicants with less than \$2,500 in decreased gross revenues/receipts as calculated by treasury regulations and other federal guidance requiring that a small business was negatively economically impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to receive assistance.

Eligible applicants qualified to receive SB Grant Program funding must submit proof of declining revenues or gross receipts to be demonstrated by the applicant’s submission of tax filing information that shows a decrease in gross revenue/receipts in 2021 as compared to gross revenue/receipts in 2019.

*The following is a link to a copy of the entire news release regarding the Small Business Grant Program at <https://ded2.mo.gov/media/pdf/small-business-grant-program-financial-guidelines>*



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Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/31/22

### Gardner-Collier Jewelry

- 25% OFF of regularly priced Colored Stone Jewelry, Diamond Studded Earrings, Diamond Pendants, Watches, & MORE!

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### Grease Lightning

- Synthetic Blend Oil Changes for \$50.00

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/15/22

### Hidden Treasures

- 10% OFF of 50% OFF Tags (that equals 60% OFF the months color)

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/24/22

### Jim’s Gems

- 10% OFF of any gold 10K or 14K Jewelry

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/31/22

### Kirkville Brewing Company

- \$1.00 OFF ALL 12 oz. Drinks - or - \$5.00 OFF of 1/2 Gallon Drinks
- FREE Muffin - or - Cookie With a Purchase of Hot Coffee

Offer Dates: 11/27/22 - 12/31/22

### Kirkville Motor Company

- 10% OFF of ANY SERVICE (Excludes Tires)
- 20% OFF of ANY SERVICE (Excludes Tire Rotations & Oil Change)

Coupon needed to redeem.  
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### Shoe Sensation

MULTIPLE SALES visit:  
[www.ShoeSensation.com](http://www.ShoeSensation.com)

### Sieren’s Palace

- 40% OFF of Selected Vera Bradley Handbags
- 50% OFF of Selected Styles of Vera Bradley Handbags

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### La Fuente

- 10% OFF of a Purchase of \$25.00 or more

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### Sip Downtown

- FREE \$10.00 Gift Card with the Purchase of a \$50.00 Gift Card

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/23/22

### Bailey’s Window Cleaning

- 20% OFF of all gift certificates

Offer Dates: 11/15/22 - 12/24/22


### WILDFlower Spa, LLC

- BOGO Free, ALL wildflower products!

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/10/22

- FREE \$10 gift certificate with the purchase of a gift certificate valued \$55+!

Offer Dates: 11/26/22 - 12/24/22



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**

Shop Small 10am-8pm	Parade 5:30pm	Tree Lighting 6:00pm	Living Windows & Santa 6:15-8pm
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