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## Kirksville City Council holds public hearing, passes first reading of 2023 budget

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council began their regular meeting held on Dec. 5, with a public hearing concerning the city's 2023 budget. Finance Director Lacy King told the council the hearing was being held to give the public a chance to comment on how the city plans to manage expenditures

"Each year the city is required by Missouri statute to prepare an annual budget and as such, this budget shall be a complete financial plan of the city of Kirksville," she said, noting that it must include a budget message, estimated revenues from all sources, and proposed expenditures for each department.

She said that the 2023 budget includes aggregate expenditures in the amount of \$49,402,574, 40 percent of which is for utilities, 17 percent for emergency services, 14 percent for public works, streets, codes and engineering, 4 percent for recreation services, 2 percent internal service funds, which covers central garage and insurance, 4 percent for transportation services, 14 percent for community and economic development, and then 5 percent for administrative services that includes tourism.



"Of our total budget, 41 percent is for capital infrastructure in the amount of \$20.305 million," she said.

With no citizen comment, the council closed the public hearing and began to attend to action items on the agenda, which began with the approval of an ordinance, amending the city's 2022 budget.

King told the council that over the course of the year, changes are made to the budget due to such things such as the application of grants and infrastructure projects that are unable to be completed. She said those changes might push funding into the coming year's budget and that despite adjustments made last March, costs for this year have come in lower than expected.

"So what we're asking is to do a budget adjustment to reduce the budget based on what we'll actually spend in 2022," she said. "And as such, capital

outlay, for instance, has decreased almost \$7 million of the original savings from the estimates and then we did get awarded some grant monies to help offset those expenses."

She said that contracts and services was another impacted expense and that was decreased by \$1.17 million, most of that due to changes in obligations. Personnel has had a substantial decrease due to turnovers and retirements and then insurance reclassifications and reduced claims expense.

Based on the information she presented, she asked that the expenditure budget be reset from \$43,099,189 to \$34,037,616, which is a reduction of \$9,061,573.

Councilman John Gardner said that he appreciated the fiscal approach the city takes in terms of making sure they're reducing costs as much as they can.

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## Kirksville City Council seeks grants for welcome signs

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their regular meeting held on Dec. 5, passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Zac Burden and City Manager Mari Macomber to execute documents and apply to the Missouri Department of Economic Development under the local tourism assessment development grant program.

According to Administrative Services Coordinator Sarah Halstead, the city has an opportunity to apply for a ARPA Local Tourism Asset Development Grant through the Department of Economic Development and that there is \$10 million allocated for this region with the minimum award being \$250,000.

"We are looking at applying to replace existing welcome and way-finding signs and the tourism director is currently working to get the final costs on those as has been discussed," Halstead told the council. "We are looking at adding a couple more signs to basically meet the requirements of the grant that it is a \$500,000 project, \$250,000 match."

The grant application is due Dec. 14 and the city is looking at taking it out of the tourism budget.

"We are just asking for approval to proceed with the application and hopefully it'll work," Halstead said.

Macomber said that what the city is looking at is a welcome sign with an electronic billboard included in it and that they are still determining strategic locations for the signs.

Councilwoman Jennifer Walston asked if any consideration had been given to putting an electronic sign at Rotary Park.

"I know it's not like an edge of the community area but if it has that electronic billboard on it and as far as promoting things that might be going on in the community, people who live in town might actually never see what's being promoted on those signs and Rotary Park is — like everybody drives by that 15 times — well, I do, and I wonder if there isn't a central place where maybe it's not a welcome sign but something on that line," she said.

Macomber said that that was something they could look at and noted that the library has an electronic sign there as well.

"Where we would put it would be something we would need to try to figure out," Macomber said.

The council voted unanimously to pass the resolution.

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## Last day to donate to Hope's Kitchen fundraiser

Staff Reports

The Kirksville Daily Express is continuing its fund-raising drive to raise money for Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen, which is in its 23rd year of operation. Daily Express readers can continue to donate through today, Dec. 10. Money raised is used by ATSU students to feed locals in need of food during the school year on two Saturdays a month. This is the primary fundraiser for the program. For information on the Saturday meals are available, follow the Hope's Kitchen Facebook page.

### Donors so far include:

Brian Noe, Eva Jane Noe, in memory of Danny Noe; Rick and Lisa Buck family; David Henderson; George and Diane Schulte; Carol Harris; GNS Auto Body; Donna Davis, Dewayne Davis, Miranda Davis, Vanessa Davis, Zack Davis, Maggie Davis, in memory of Vanetta Jerome; Mark Twain Communications; Ronald and Cartalene Ruddell; Joyce

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Kay Mathes; Howard and Betty Hughes; Mike Harlan, Kristy Harlan, Jami Johnson, Misty Powelson, Nora Johnson, Natalie Powelson, Trae Johnson, Sydney Powelson, Kati Johnson; James, Sandra and Eric Przybylski; Andrew Rowe; Rochelle Bozarth; Brianna Vice; Linda Seidel, Lawrence and Louise Newman; Ben Beard; Kelley Snipes, Dorothy Snipes, Kevin Snipes, Cynthia Snipes, Korinne Snipes, Keith Snipes, Kole

Snipes, Kent Snipes, Kathleen Snipes, Kale Snipes, Kenna Snipes, Emma Honn; Marty and Tena Yaden; Robert and Jane Dager; Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Stock. Bob and Hilary Giovannini, David Giovannini and Annette Kenney, John Giovannini and Tinley Giovannini, Hunter Giovannini, Bri Schimanski, Andrew Giovannini, Beth and Bobby Poston, Dillon, Monika, Claire and

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## Missouri State Highway Patrol wishes you a safe Christmas season

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Missouri State Highway Patrol employees wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas. One way for it to be merry is for everyone to arrive at their holiday celebrations safely. Remember to wear your seat belt, obey all traffic laws, pay attention, and don't drink and drive.

Over the 2021 Christmas holiday, there were 881 traffic crashes during the counting period. In those crashes, eight people were killed and another 401 were injured. This year's traffic crash counting Dec. 26.

Travelers are reminded that holiday drivers will affect traffic patterns. If you're planning a trip during the holiday, keep this in mind. Drivers are encouraged to make sure they are well rested,



no matter how short their driving distance. Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly. Downloading the MoDOT Traveler Information app to your smart phone allows you to check road conditions before you travel. Be proactive: Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and allow enough time to reach your destination safely. Winterize your vehicle before bad weather arrives, but realize that sometimes, it's safest to stay home.

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# Thousand Hills Rotary Club joins forces with FosterAdoptConnect for Christmas

By Thousand Hills Rotary Club

The Thousand Hills Rotary Club partnered with FosterAdoptConnect in the Give Joy Rotary District 6040 Grant this week. The grant made it possible for FosterAdoptConnect to obtain the needed supplies to advertise, collect, store, and deliver gifts this holiday season to the children in foster care. The Give Joy Project focused on providing each child with



something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. All gifts will be pro-

vided to the Children's Division to deliver to the foster families and is bound to brighten the lives of many children this holiday. "A special thank you to all of our foster parents and Children's Division employees that give so much to support children and families within our community," Thousand Hills Rotary Club officials said. Pictured is Thousand Hills Rotary Club members Elsie Gaber and Linette Paige.

# Rotary Club of Kirksville members learn about FosterAdopt Connect

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 7 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Marylue Bell and Dawn McVay spoke about FosterAdopt Connect, a local 501©(3) not-for-profit orga-

nization. In addition to helping children in the foster care system, FosterAdopt Connect also supports families in fostering prevention through parent skill building which would allow kids to stay at home. Pictured



from left are Rotarian Dale Schenewerk, FosterAdopt Connect staff members Dawn McVay, Marylue Bell, and Sophie Nely, and Club President Marie Murphree.

# Covid cases on the rise in Adair County

By Adair County Health Department

The number of Covid-19 cases reported to the Adair County Health Department for the seven-day period from Nov. 29 through Dec. 5 rose to 29. Case numbers had been under 20 since early November. The spread of respiratory illnesses continues to increase across the country. Two strains of influenza, the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and the Covid-19 virus are filling hospital beds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently reported the deaths of

two pediatric patients from the flu. Respiratory illness is spread by droplets. To slow the spread of all four of these viruses, the CDC recommends that people consider wearing masks while case numbers are high. Wearing them in crowded indoor spaces and during family holiday gatherings — especially around family members most susceptible to severe disease — may lower the risk of contracting or spreading these illnesses. Getting vaccinated against the flu and Covid-19 will provide added protection. The Adair County Health

Department continues to administer Covid-19 vaccines and bivalent boosters for residents ages 12 and older as long as vaccine supplies last. December Covid-19 vaccine clinics are scheduled from 2-4 p.m., Dec. 13, 20 and 27 at the Health Department, 1001 S. Jamison Street in Kirksville. To schedule one, call the Health Department at 660-665-8491. Parents of residents under age 12 should contact their child's doctor or pharmacy about getting Covid-19 vaccines. Flu vaccines are also still available at area pharmacies.

# KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Kirksville City Council study session

The Kirksville City Council will hold a Study Session at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

## '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. 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.

## Children's Holiday Craft Fair

The Adair County Public Library will hold a Children's Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Adair County Public Library, 1 Library Lane in Kirksville. There will be seasonal crafts for children to make as gifts for family and loved ones. Sponsored by White Tails Unlimited.

## 2nd Annual 660 CMO Chili Cook-off for Toys for Tots

The 2nd Annual 660 CMO Chili Cook-off for Toys for Tots will be held on Dec. 10 from 5-8 p.m. at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 S. Baltimore Street. \$10 entry fee into the chili cook-off, free entry to eat with new kids toy ages 1 to 12 years old, or any coat. There will be food, drinks and music. For more info or questions, contact Nick at 660-342-4603.

## 38th Annual ATSU Reindeer Romp run and walk

The 38th Annual ATSU Reindeer Romp will be held on Dec. 10 at 9 a.m., at the Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street, Kirksville. There's a 4-mile run and 1.5-mile run/walk. Age divisions include men and women, 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. There will be food and toy box collections at both the Dukum Inn and Thompson Campus Center at A.T. Still University on race day. All registered runners and walkers receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, jingle bells, and post race refreshments. After the

race enjoy a soft tissue massage by the SAAO stretch clinic. The race will start at the same time promptly at 9 a.m. at the Dukum Inn and end there as well. Pick up packets Dec. 10 at the Dukum Inn after 8 a.m. \$25 Make checks payable to ATSU TCC. You can deduct \$3 from the entry fee if you donate three non-perishable food items at the time of registration. Top three runners in each age division receive medals. The 4 miles & 1.5 mile overall fastest male and female runners receive trophies.1.5 mile participants receive certificates. Contact Dan Martin or Ramey Weichert at 660-626-2213.

## Novinger Renewal's 2nd Annual 'Celebrating Christmas thru Music'

Does Christmas music help to get you in the holiday spirit? Novinger Renewal is coordinating its 2nd Annual "Celebrating Christmas thru Music" event on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in the former Novinger Methodist Church located at 606 Davis Street. The public is invited to attend the event that will feature vocals, instrumentals and community singing by a number of area residents. No admission will be charged, and free refreshments will be available. Attendees are also encouraged to tour this historic building, which is handicap accessible through the north door. Novinger Renewal, a non-profit organization established for historic preservation and community betterment, took on the task of maintaining the structure built in 1903 after the church closed in June of 2021. The building features many stained glass windows, the original woodwork and pews.

## Third Annual Holiday Marketplace at Sue Ross Arts Center

Kirksville Arts Association will again be hosting area artists and crafters in the Third Annual Holiday Marketplace at the Sue Ross Arts Center, located at 215

S. Franklin in Kirksville. The Marketplace will run through Saturday Dec. 10. This event, which began when the Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival was cancelled in 2020, has grown in the number of artists and crafters who exhibit and the number of visitors to the marketplace.

## Kirksville Ukulele Club

Play along with your Christmas favorites with the Kirksville Ukulele Club, Dec. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Grace Community Bible Church, 1501 E. Northtown Road, Kirksville. Do you like being a creator, and not just a consumer? Come to the Ukulele Club Tuesday and join a fun-loving group of individuals and families who like to make music. We will be working towards our Christmas concert, so if you love a Christmas music, all the more reasons to come! Ukeleles available to borrow during the club. As always, the Kirksville Ukulele Club is free for all!

## Five Star Nutrition ribbon cutting

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Five Star Nutrition on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. at 415 E. Northtown Rd, Kirksville. Five Star Nutrition is a new chamber member.

## Hospice of Northeast Missouri presents 'Dealing With Grief During the Holidays'

The holidays are generally perceived as "the most wonderful time of the year." But for those who are facing grief after the death of a loved one, the holidays may instead be a time filled with pain and sadness. Even those for whom grief is not as fresh, the holidays may serve as an annual reminder of the loss—not only of that person, but of tradition and celebration. If you are struggling to figure out how to celebrate this holiday season without a loved one or if you are supporting someone who is struggling

join us for this free seminar. The free seminar will take place from 12:30 – 1:20 p.m. on Dec. 14, at the First United Methodist Church on 300 E. Washington St. in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the South door. Questions about the free seminar may be directed to 660-627-9711.

## Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce After Hours

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will co-host with Alliant Bank, an After Hours 2022 Holiday Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m., at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. The event will be sponsored by Alliant Bank and catered by Wooden Nickel — Dan Vogt family. Music will be performed by Randy Smith. Additional parking will be available in the Lincoln Square Shopping Center, 510 S. Baltimore Street, with a shuttle escort provided for guests. There will be a cash bar as well as some non-alcoholic beverages.

## 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).

## Truman State Commencement scheduled for Dec. 17

The fall commencement ceremony to honor graduates will begin at 11 a.m. Dec. 17 in Pershing Arena. Allison Duncan, a bachelor of fine arts in creative writing and bachelor of arts in psychology candidate, will be the student speaker. Alumna Dusty Folwarczny will give the commencement address. A native of Winfield, Mo., Folwarczny earned her BFA in sculpture from

# Conservation leader Jessica Doleh finishes master's studies

By Miami University

OXFORD, OHIO — Kirksville resident Jessica Doleh has been applying the tools of science, education and conservation to become a leader in the conservation community. In December 2022, Doleh concluded a master's course of study with a Master of Arts (MA) in Biology from Miami University through Project Dragonfly.

Since joining the Global Field Program (GFP) master's in 2019, Doleh has traveled to Belize, Costa Rica and the Amazon and conducted projects that have made a difference in the Kirksville area.

Throughout Doleh's time in the GFP, Doleh developed a Master Plan — a kind of personal mission statement for what Doleh wanted to accomplish in the program. In many of Doleh's master's courses, Doleh designed projects that supported this plan, which culminated in a final portfolio, "Fostering a Connection to Nature through Non-traditional Interpretation," presented in a Capstone course.

Doleh works as a park specialist at Thousand Hills State Park.

The GFP master's degree and Earth Expeditions courses are designed for educators and other professionals from all disciplines and settings interested in making a difference in human and ecological communities. Because the GFP combines summer field courses worldwide with online learning communities, this master's degree can be completed part-time from anywhere. More information about the GFP is located at [MiamiOH.edu/cas/graduate-studies/project-dragonfly/global-field-program/index.html](https://MiamiOH.edu/cas/graduate-studies/project-dragonfly/global-field-program/index.html).

Miami University's Project Dragonfly reaches millions of people each year through inquiry-driven learning media, public exhibits and graduate programs worldwide. Project Dragonfly is based in the department of biology at Miami University, a state university in Oxford, Ohio. Miami was established in 1809 and is listed as one of the eight original Public Ivies.

Truman in 2003 and made her way to Chicago in 2006 to establish her sculpting practice and work in management consulting. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for seating on a first-come, first-seated basis. Guests are asked to use the main entrance on the west side of the building. Graduates, faculty members and those who need to utilize handicapped parking spaces can use the east entrance. Restroom facilities are accessible on the arena level by the east stairs. For those who cannot attend in person, livestreams will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

## 10th Annual Kirksville Drive-Thru Community Christmas Dinner

The 10th Annual Kirksville Drive-Thru Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 18, from 4-6 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street. Drive-thru only. Enter the line via the circle drive on the east side of the building. Do not get out of your car, they will come to you. They will quit serving when they run out of food.

## Light in the Darkness

This service of music, prayers, scripture, and candlelight brings the hope of Christ into our grief and lament. Dec. 20 from 6-7 p.m., First UMC Kirksville, 300 E. Washington Street, Kirksville. Anyone in the community is welcome to join them for a time to acknowledge grief in the midst of the holiday season.

## Thousand Hills State Park First Day Guided Hike

The Thousand Hills State Park First Day Guided Hike will be held on Jan. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Redbud Trailhead by the lake. Ring in 2023 with a guided hike by park staff on the Red Bud Trail. The will be approximately two miles long on rugged terrain. Wear weather appropriate clothing and comfortable hiking shoes. A water bottle is recommended. Call the park office at 660-665-6995 with questions.

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ARREST REPORTS		
<b>Nov. 30-Dec. 1</b> No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Andrew Ryan Newark, Kirksville	Property/Abandoned, 3:35 p.m., 408 S. Franklin Street Sex Offense, Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child Less than 15-1st Offense (F), 2:46 p.m., 2608 Beverly Lane Assist Other Agency, 2:16 p.m., 1515 S. Cottage Grove Avenue Investigation, 1:36 p.m., 119 E. McPherson Street	Child/Custody Issues 6:54 p.m., 2206 N. Baltimore Street Traffic Stop, 3:58 p.m., North Green Street Traffic Stop, 3:50 p.m., Oxford Drive Property/Damage Vandalism, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 3:10 p.m., 716 E. Dear Street Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From All Other (M), 3:08 p.m., 508 Pear Tre Lane Fraud, Stealing All Other Property Under \$70.030.5 (3)(F), Forgery (F D), 2:51 p.m., 1007 S. Orchard Street, Arrestee: Matthew Spray, 34 Property/Damage Vandalism, MVA Minor, 12:53 p.m., 717 E. Dear Street Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), 12:33 p.m., 516 E. Pierce Street Assist Other Agency, Forgery (F D), 11:34 a.m., 516 S. Main Street MVA/Minor, 11:26 a.m., North Baltimore Street Warrant, 10:30 a.m., 516 S. Main Street, Arrestee: Brandon Sizemore, 31 Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 7:58 a.m., 416 S. Florence Street Fire, 3:39 a.m., 2509 N. Baltimore Street
<b>Dec. 1-2</b> Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D), Thomas Akers, Holts Summit Warrant, Vance Austin DeShawn Myers, Edina	Traffic Stop, Intermediate Driver's License or Temporary Instruction Permit, 1:32 p.m., South Sixth Street Rodrick Matondo, 32 MVA/Hit and Run, Leaving Scene of Accident, 12:59 p.m., 2700 S. Baltimore Street Property/Recovered, 7:28 a.m, 2702 S. Franklin Street Animal/Trap, 7:25 a.m., Doyle Way	<b>Dec. 3</b> Traffic Stop, 11:23 p.m., South Mulanix Street, Tracy Elliot, 29 Traffic Stop, 11:17 p.m., Washington Street, Shawna Beaty, 42 Check the Well Being, 10:47 p.m., 815 N. Mulanix Street Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 10:43 p.m., 1902 Teal Drive Ex Parte Full Order of protection/Violation (M), Property Damage (M) 2nd Degree, Harassment (M) 2nd Degree, Littering-1st Offense, Driving While Revoked/Suspended-1st Offense (M D), 8:50 p.m., 2105 S. Franklin Street Traffic Stop, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), Drugs Amphetamine/Possession (F D), Protective Custody, Drugs Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M D), 6:27 p.m., 1501 S. Jamison Street, Arrestee: Johnny Maize, 36 Traffic Stop, 7:58 p.m., 512 S. Baltimore Street, Manilla Johnson, 71 Traffic Stop, 7:22 p.m., State Hwy. P, Cullen McElhane, 20 Traffic Stop, C&I Driving, 7:19 p.m., 1300 N. New Street, Amber Johnson, 41 Trespass, 5:13 p.m., 205 E. Porter Street Theft/In Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, 4:25 p.m., 2206 N. Baltimore Street Warrant-Adair County X2, 3:49 p.m., 909 E. McPherson Street, Arrestee: Morgan Steele, 33 Traffic Stop, 2:18 p.m., North Elson Street, Felicia Pinks, 18 Warrant-Negative Contact, 1:51 p.m., 1003 W. Michigan Street Trespass, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Stealing From All Other (M), 1:19 p.m. Field Contact, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), 12:38 p.m., 710 W. Elizabeth Street, Arrestee: Tiffany Saner, 38 Warrant-Negative Contact, 12:31 p.m., 803 N. Walnut Street Traffic Stop, 10:42 a.m., State Hwy. 6 Parking Complaint, Parked Where Signs Pro-
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AREA NEWS BRIEFS

<b>12th Annual Coat Drive</b> RE/MAX Home Team will be holding their 12th Annual Coat Drive from Dec. 9 through Dec. 25. Help them share the warmth this holiday season by donating your new or gently used coats to those in need. Donations can be dropped off at their offices at 111 S. Baltimore Street, Suite A in Kirksville, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.	<b>Free visits with Santa Claus</b> 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. 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 or call Main Street Kirksville's Kirk Ranson at 660-342-0208.
<b>Capstone Exhibitions to be Displayed in Art Gallery</b> The Truman State University Art Gallery will present this semester's capstone exhibition through Dec. 10 in Ophelia Parrish 1114. The exhibition features the work of three senior studio art students. Kameron Clark and Anna Grahlherr are completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in painting, and Kit Cork is completing a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in ceramics. The bodies of work on display are the culmination of a semester of labor. This event is free and open to the public.	<b>Kirksville Area Chamber to close between Christmas and New Year</b> For the first time, the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 304 S. Franklin in Kirksville, will be closed the week between Christmas and the New Year. The office will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23 and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 at 8 a.m. You may leave a message on their machine and someone will return your call after the new year. Community members are encouraged to Shop Local and Shop Small as they kick off the annual Shop Small contest at participating merchants. Visit their website for a list of those businesses and the discounts they are offering, https://www.kirksvillechamber.com/shop-small.html and to see how to enter.
<b>Adair County Health Dept. releases December Covid-19 vaccine schedule</b> The Adair County Health Department continues to administer Covid-19 vaccines and bivalent boosters for residents ages 12 and older as long as vaccine supplies last. December vaccine clinic are scheduled from 2-4 p.m., Dec. 13, 20 and 27 at the health department, 1001 S. Jamison Street in Kirksville. To schedule a Covid-19 vaccine, call the health department at 660-665-8491. Parents of residents under age 12 should contact their child's doctor or pharmacy about getting Covid-19 vaccines.	<b>Breakfast with Santa tickets now on sale</b> 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. The last opportunity for Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 10, 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. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.
<b>Third Annual Holiday Marketplace returns to the Sue Ross Arts Center</b> Kirksville Arts Association will again be hosting area artists and crafters in the Third Annual Holiday Marketplace at the Sue Ross Arts Center, located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville. The Marketplace will run through Saturday, Dec. 10. This event, which began when the Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival was cancelled in 2020, has grown in the number of artists and crafters who exhibit and the number of visitors to the marketplace. 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	

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“I think we came into this year thinking we have a lot of unknowns in terms of how cost could go and it could have really gone the other way,” Gardner said. “So I really appreciate all the effort of the department heads and especially the grant numbers, which I think are perhaps going to be in excess of a million dollars this year — and that’s fantastic and I really appreciate that.”

In response to a question from Councilwoman Jennifer

Walston, King told the council that the \$9 million will become part of the ending fund balance for 2022, which in turn is part of the starting balance for 2023, and that for the larger projects that weren’t completed in 2022, the funds will move to the 2023 project budget.

“Now as far as savings and operations, there are some departments that do not have a lot of revenue sources, so those savings that we would have had by reducing the budget amount in 2022 are actually used as operational money in 2023,” King said. “So the balance at the end of the year in 2023 is

a puzzle, trying to see what we can do to help our citizens — that’s what we’re here for.”

Councilman Kabir Banal said that he appreciated what King and her team do, figuring out with each department what the wants and needs are for the city and at that same time, staying within a confined set of dollars.

“Hopefully in 2024, inflation will drop and we won’t see as many increases — but you have to do what you have to do to maintain the operation of the city for the citizens,” Bansal said. “So I appreciate everything you guys do.”

Mayor Zac Burden said that

the budget strongly reflects the values of the people of Kirksville, city staff and the city council.

“We offer our thanks to you and everyone else on the city team for putting this together and I look forward to casting a vote on that tonight on your first reading,” he told King.

The council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance on its first reading and will now vote to pass the second reading of the budget ordinance at their regular meeting on Dec. 19.

The 2023 budget is available for review on the city’s website as well as at the city clerk’s office at City Hall.

as in a giant Christmas card that will appear in the Dec. 24 Daily Express, so include your name, business or organization when you donate and include at least \$1 for each name you would like to see published. The list for that card will be finalized on Dec. 16.

For more info about Hope’s Kitchen, contact them at 319-883-0123 or email them at hopeskitchen@atsu.edu.

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Total collected this week \$885. Total collected this year is \$5,073.

Since the Daily Express began organizing the fundraiser in 2001, it has raised more than \$140,000 for the kitchen. Last year’s fundraiser raised more than \$4,100. That money goes directly into feeding folks who need it. Approximately 150 meals are made each time and they

are available for pickup or delivery.

The kitchen began in 1999 when Kirksville High School students Rachel Higgins and Megan Lesczynski started the volunteer effort. Today, more than 100 ATSU students volunteer to cook, man the phones taking orders and delivering the meals.

To donate, people can bring a check to the Daily Express office, located at 701 E. LaHarpe Street, Suite C. Money can also

be mailed to “The Kirksville Daily Express,” PO Box 809, Kirksville, MO 63501 or ATSU (800 W. Jefferson Street), with “ATSU/Hope’s Kitchen” in the address line. And there is also a PayPal link on the kitchen’s website (hopes-kitchen.com). Donations are tax deductible.

With a minimum donation of \$1, donors can have their names published in each week’s Daily Express fundraising summary, as well

as in a giant Christmas card that will appear in the Dec. 24 Daily Express, so include your name, business or organization when you donate and include at least \$1 for each name you would

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Digging through the attic/basement/closet for all those decorations. Rearranging the living room to accommodate that tired tree. Why go to all the work and mess?

I'll tell you why. You NEED your Christmas tree. Now more than ever. It holds memories that will fill your heart with more warmth than any blazing fireplace. More tenderness than the softest whisper. And more joy than a heart can bear.

Your tree lays there in its trash bag or worn cardboard box, just waiting to be touched by familiar hands. Though

not as sturdy as it once was—maybe a bit wobbly or bare in spots—it still embodies the magic of your family in its branches.

In a world shivering in cynicism and shallowness, you had your Christmas tree to remind you of all the things that mattered.

The paper chains and popcorn garlands that circled your tree told the story of sweet simplicity. The homemade ornaments your children made marked the passage of years more succinctly than any timepiece.

Styrofoam balls covered with sequins. Gumdrops snowmen, squished together with earnest hands and innocent eyes. Pipe cleaner candy canes that found themselves higher and higher up the tree each year as little arms grew longer.

Plug in that strand of twinkle lights. Remember the way their reflection glowed in your new baby's eyes?

Stand back and let the magic of yesterday jump from bulb to bulb. You will feel the softness of time snuggling around your heart like fuzzy, footed pajamas. Your arms will remember the weight of growing children; the eager tug of excited hands begging for a closer look.

Now. Wrap up a few things and place them under your tree. It doesn't matter what you put inside. It never did. The joy was always in the shaking, the guessing, the tearing open and peering inside.

Imagine those tiny Christmas Morning faces, dopey with unfinished sleep and glowing from holiday dreams. Remember how much you wanted to make those dreams come true. And remind yourself how much love you can fit inside the smallest, plainest box.

Your babies are all grown and gone. I know. Their lives are strewn here and

there, like carelessly tossed tinsel. They have their own Christmas trees now and they are filling them with new memories. But while they bustle about and busy themselves with the future, you can sit back and enjoy your own magnificent tree: the one that holds yesterday within its branches.

It is decorated with precious memories and priceless treasures. Golden giggles. Wide-eyed wonder. And love as purely given as three Magi offered to a baby King.

Don't waste another minute. Put up that Christmas tree. It is waiting to fill your heart with Heavenly Peace.



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Doc has all the answers

No, Doc," Windy said, "don't hurt or nothin' like that, but you know, with all the plagues goin' on right now, figured it's better to be safe than ... " "Sorry?"

"I ain't never sorry I come to see ya, Doc. You know that. Fell to sleep t'other night when all them ad shows is on ... you know. Like how to cut yer boots with a knife and feel younger by wearin' a new shirt ... that stuff."

Doc nodded. Windy Wilson was one of his closest pals, as well as being a patient. The adventures of this old cowboy camp cook and mule packer were usually good for a laugh, anyway. But ol' Windy really seemed upset this morning.

"Windy," Doc said, kindly. "I'm thinking this is a sorta personal problem? I deal with personal problems all the time, so why not just tell me about it?"



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"Thass what's so strange, Doc. I only caught a part of it when I was a-dozin' off, ya know? But I told myself ... Self, I better go talk to Doc, 'cuz that jest might be whass been holdin' me back on startin' some colts."

"Starting some colts? What's keeping you from starting some colts is you're old enough to know better! So what's this problem that the teevee said is keeping you out of the saddle?"

Windy looked up shamefaced. "They called it a deviated rectum."

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OPINION

Senator Cindy O’Laughlin speaks out against solar farms

18th District Missouri State Senator Cindy O’Laughlin is a member of the solar taxation commission which is looking at how solar farms are taxed. Some counties already have an agreement with solar farms but most don’t.

The following are some comments made by the Senator regarding solar energy:

First of all, solar is a “green energy” source which has yet to develop to the point where it is storable in large quantities and capable of being dispatched when it is needed. This makes it part of the mix of energy sources but not a reliable source to the point other sources aren’t needed. This is a long way off if ever able to be achieved.

The federal government is pushing solar power big time and flooding that market with money....money that we all are on the hook for. So between tax credits and other incentives some are pursuing this energy source and utility companies are required to meet a certain threshold for “green energy” renewables.

I am skeptical to say the least of some of the renewables and their ability to power anything without massive subsidy. Skeptical because right now they DO require massive subsidy and we do not have technology which allows us to utilize these sources in a way that is affordable and reliable. If you watch what is happening in Europe you see the result of countries trying to switch to renewables before technology allows affordable and reliable solutions. As a result many industries shut down because they can’t afford the rising costs of utilities, home owners can’t heat their homes and in the case of Germany the government has had to turn around and reopen the coal plants because they don’t have enough reliable power.

Which brings me back to the solar taxation committee. I also have several issues with what is happening in Callaway County and they are:

1. Adjacent homeowners are not being given any time to dispute these coming into their neighborhoods. I’m talking thousands of acres of solar panels. When has there been a time that any industry could come into a neighborhood without public notice and PLENTY of time to respond for those who wish to be heard?
2. These solar panels are covering prime farmland. One advantage our country has is we produce our own food. Should we be allowing thousands of acres of farmland to be covered by solar panels, thus taking that acreage out of production?
3. Small businesses WILL be affected. What about our fertilizer plants and grain elevators? Businesses which employ people and keep our local economies going? If you don’t live in a rural area you might not understand how important every single business is and the support they provide our communities. These businesses will disappear if enough land is taken over and from what I am looking at this is likely.

One of the members of the committee explained that this is not relevant, that a business closing because two parties to an agreement are working together and therefore the third business is no longer needed is just how the market works.

My response to that was how about we put a landfill in your neighborhood? Would that be suitable? Because it is a necessary service but nobody wants it in their neighborhood so it will have a vast effect on the surrounding area. These solar farms are not the result of the market demanding them and people responding to that demand. This is driven by massive amounts of tax money which then creates a demand as people chase the dollars.

4. What about possible environmental damage if there is a fire? The panels contain chemicals which if leaked into the ground would likely cause the ground to never be used again for anything productive. Rural fire departments faced with a fire of thousands of solar panels would be overwhelmed. Rural fire departments are staffed with volunteers and operate on a very slim budget. This danger, while it might be somewhat small, is still a very real danger. There is simply no way these departments could contain a fire.
5. There was a suggestion the solar farms be considered agricultural for tax purposes. That is simply an absurd suggestion.
6. Why aren’t the panels placed on untillable land? The answer is most likely cost. It would be far easier to put these up in an area which is already cleared and level for farming purposes.

These are just a few of the issues that I have regarding solar energy and as a member of the solar taxation commission I will continue to discuss the topic with other rural senators during future meetings.

*By Senator Cindy O’Laughlin*

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OBITUARIES

Robert William Fredricks

Robert William Fredricks, known as Bob, was born on March 25, 1941 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Ruben Fredricks and Anita (Eschner) Fredricks, who preceded him in death. He had 3 siblings: Thomas Fredricks (deceased in 1966) and Maris Fredricks (deceased in 2020) and Kathleen (Fredricks) Neville who lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On August 14, 1965 he married Marjorie Elizabeth (Mullan) in Springfield, Missouri, and in 2022 they celebrated their 57 th wedding anniversary. The couple bore two daughters: Cathi Joy Fredricks and Kimberly Elizabeth (Fredricks) Villacorta. Bob was blessed to welcome two sons-in-law, three grandchildren and one nephew into his immediate family. Cathi married Richard Guy, and they reside in Tonbridge, Kent, England with their daughter, Isabelle Abigail (age 12). Kimberly married Jaime Villacorta, and they reside in Miramar, Florida, with their children, Seth Ruben (17) and Hope Elizabeth (14). His nephew David Fabian (son of Kathleen) resides in Denver, Colorado.

Bob loved his extended family: The Arbers, The Longs, The Mullans, The Kolvers, The Hammans, The Shones, The Malloys, The Guevaras, The Villacortas and The Guys. He didn't allow distance to prevent him from keeping in touch with them or his friends around the world.

He was a graduate of Central Bible Institute (now Evangel University of Springfield, Missouri) and undertook graduate study in Biblical Literature at the University of Chicago, Divinity School (1964-69). In April 1969 he was granted license to preach by the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God, and in October 1971 he was ordained by the Indiana District Assemblies of God. In November 1969 the Fredricks became pastors of Evangel Assembly of God (now Hope Church) in Fort Wayne, Indiana and served there 1969-1984. February 1984 the Fredricks assumed the pastorate of First Assembly of God, Kirksville, Missouri (serving there 1984-2017). In April of 2021 he was honored for 50 years of continued Ordination by the Northern Missouri District of the Assemblies of God.

He often undertook wider ministerial responsibilities including Indiana Section 4 Secretary/Treasurer; Northern Missouri Section 5 Presbyter, Section 5 Secretary/Treasurer; District Men's Director and the District Seniors' Director.

He lived a life of service to others and was very active in the wider community. During his years in Kirksville, he convened the Kirksville Ministerial Alliance for more than 20 years, supported the Community Prayer Breakfast, organized the Interfaith Ministries including visits to nursing homes and jail services, wrote the Living Faith Column for the local newspaper and led prayers for city council meetings and the high school baccalaureate services. He was a keen Rotarian and a founding member of the Thousand Hills Rotary Club having an impeccable attendance record.

In retirement of 5 ½ years in South Florida, he continued his ministry, often teaching and serving others in his local church. Even on the day of his death had been writing letters of encouragement.

He was a source of joy and friendship to many people. He will be remembered for his faith, his clear thinking, his smile, humor and incredible laughter, his creative talents with needlework, his thoughtfulness and his love of God and others.

His Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 4pm at New Hope Church (6201 SW 160th Ave., SW Ranches, FL 33331). Please RSVP to office@ournewhope.com. The service will also be live-streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeSWR>.



Jamie Mari Wright

Aug 9, 1985 — Dec 2, 2022

Jaime Mari Wright, age 37, of Kirksville, formerly of Versailles, passed away Friday, December 2, 2022, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia.

Jaime was born on August 9, 1985, to Jim and Erlene Wright in Jefferson City, MO. After spending her early years at Versailles schools, Jaime went on to attend and graduate from Eldon High School. She earned her degree from the University of Central Missouri.

Jaime spent many of her years in Versailles, it's where she grew up and spent her early years in school, it's where she made many of her friends, and it's where she spent her adult years working in the family business. During her time in Versailles, Jaime also shared her talents in volunteer work with Versailles Community Betterment and taking the lead in bringing Movies in the Park to the community.

Jaime relocated to Kirksville to take her dream teaching job. She was so happy to be teaching her students about graphic arts. Her love for her students and passion for teaching was evident in her daily life and in the impact that she made on her students. In her first year of teaching, both her quiz bowl students and a photography student of hers won first place in Missouri SkillsUSA and went on to the National Contest in Atlanta.

Jaime was known for her creativity and generously shared her gifts for cooking, baking, hair bow making, knitting, and other crafts with friends and family. If she wasn't working, at church, watching a musical, attending book club or trivia night, or volunteering, you could find Jaime playing with her dogs and taking them to the Bark Park in Kirksville.

To know Jaime was to know her love for her Savior Jesus Christ. She became a Christian when she was young and was actively involved in church throughout her life. Jaime was a member of River-view Baptist Church in Osage Beach and worked with the Student Ministry and the Tech Team. In 2016 she joined the church on a mission trip to Mexico to help spread the message of the gospel.

Jaime was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Richard and Irene Kaneshiro; and her paternal grandfather, James R. Wright. She is survived by her parents, Jim and Erlene Wright of Versailles; her sister, Rebekah Wright of Versailles; her brother Derek Wright and his wife Barbara of Columbia, two nieces Natalie and Hannah Wright; and her paternal grandmother, Wanda Wright.

A celebration of Jaime's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 10, at Riverview Baptist Church, 989 State Highway 42, Osage Beach, Missouri 65065. Prior to the service, the family will receive friends at Riverview from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you knew Jaime, you know she did not like to dress up—so in order to celebrate Jaime in the way she would prefer, the family is asking everyone to dress casually.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.



Michael Karel Willman

Feb 6, 1941 — Dec 5, 2022

Michael Karel Willman, 81, of Ormond Beach, Florida passed away Monday, December 5, 2022 at his home.

The son of Michael Joseph and Minnie Ann Willman, he was born February 6, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. He attended public schools in Detroit and graduated from Pershing High School in 1959. He attended undergraduate at University of Detroit-Mercy 1959-61, moving to Kirksville, MO in 1961 to start Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 1965. On May 20, 1965 he was united in marriage to Janet Burchett. He did his internship at Zeiger Botsford in Detroit 1965-66 and practiced Family medicine for about 1 year in Detroit. He was drafted in 1967 to the US Army, serving a tour in Vietnam 1967-68 and Fort Leonard Wood, MO, he obtained rank of major.

Michael and Janet moved to Kirksville in 1969 where he served his Radiology residency until 1972. He practiced radiology at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital and taught radiology at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine from 1972 until he retired in 2001. In 2002 Michael and Janet moved to Ormond Beach, Florida.

Michael was inducted into KHS Orange & Black Hall of Fame 2020 for starting a sports medicine program in 1980's. He was a member and fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology (AOCR), where he served as their secretary from 1976 to 1982, and as the president of the AOCR 1984-1985. He served on the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, and held the office of secretary/treasurer from 1985 through 1995. Dr. Willman helped start the AOCR Education Foundation, serving as the inaugural president in 1986. He received the AOCR Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

He enjoyed golf, golf, family, studying the Bible and was involved in Kirksville schools sports medicine, YMCA, Kirksville Country Club, and KCOM.

Michael is survived by his wife, Janet; his children, Michael Roy Willman and wife Melissa, Paul Andrew Willman and wife Dana, and Amy Elizabeth Willman and husband Brian Cairns; eight grandchildren, Jeremy Willman and wife Joann, Austin Willman, Brayden Willman, Beckham Willman, Taylor Willman, Ally Willman, Tanner Willman, and Evie Cairns; and three great grandchildren, Tatum, Rowan, and Ashur Willman. He has three living sisters in Michigan, Maryann Masser, Shirley Rochowiak, and Carole Holas.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022 with a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home.

Memorials in memory of Michael are suggested to the AOCR foundation [www.AOCR.org/donations/donate](http://www.AOCR.org/donations/donate); or the KHS Booster Club. Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; [www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com](http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com).



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Halstead then presented another resolution to the council, stating the intent to seek funding through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District and authorizing the mayor and city manager to serve as authorized representatives and to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding for the city.

Halstead said that the city has applied for the grant many times and that funding received in the past was used to start the glass recycling program and the household hazardous waste program. She said the city has put in recycled content, picnic tables and benches, new furniture at the Aquatic Center and that they've had several successful applications through the grant program.

Halstead said that this year there is about \$140,000 available and the max award is \$35,000. It is a 75/25 grant. According to her staff report, the city is interested in submitting a grant for the construction of an off-street parking pad along Decker Road using recycled content permeable grass pavers made from recycled material.

“You put them in the ground and then you can actually even add these little circles that just snap in to make a line for parking spaces that we're looking at as well so it does delineate where people are to park,” she said, noting they were also looking to add them at Memorial Park.

She said the project is estimated to be \$33,000, which would make a \$24,750 grant with a local match of \$8,250.

“We wanted to look at a new way to do this and we thought these were two great locations to give it a try,” Halstead said.

“I think this is really exciting,” said Walston. “I meet with this sidewalk group under the airport transportation commission and I know we've talked a lot about asphalt and concrete alternatives and finding projects to use them on sort of as an experiment to see kind of how functional they are in different applications. And so I'm I'm excited to hear about this.”

“We will also include signage so that people are aware it's not just grass but they can actually park there,” Halstead said. “You'll be able to see the markers of where the parking spots are as well.”

Mayor Zac Burden said that it's a “neat opportunity” to highlight a different kind of project and

that they might want to use it in additional projects in the future.

“Other communities that are served by this granting authority as well might want to go, ‘how did Kirksville pull that off’ and want to see what that looks like,” Burden said.

Halstead said the reason the pads are eligible for the grant is because they are made of 100 percent recycled polyethylene plastic, which is approximately just shy of 14,000 pounds of diverted waste. She said they are looking at approximately 3,200 pavers that are about 18 by 23 or 24.

The council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

The council then approved a resolution to approve Jviation, a Woolpert Company, to perform engineering and planning services at Kirksville Regional Airport through 2027. Macomber told the council that the city receives funds from the federal government and those are administered through the Missouri Department of Transportation.

“Because of that, they're very specific in that we cannot just hire any engineering firm — they have to have aviation experience,” she said. “So we have worked with Jviation for many years.”

She said that when the city does this request for

qualifications, they are in place for a minimum of five years and the contract is currently ending. She said that Jviation was the only one to respond but they have done “quality work” for the city and they are approved by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

The council approved another resolution authorizing the city manager to execute Amendment No. 2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for engineering services related to bid and construction services, and necessary services required to receive approval and acceptance of all regulatory requirements for Phase Two of the Wastewater Treatment Plant meeting Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Permit requirements.

Mocomber told the council that HDR did the design work and the construction oversight for the \$18 billion-plus wastewater treatment plant project. She said that the city has been working with HDR, since that time or even prior to that, on the permitting and receiving that permit approval from the Department of Natural Resources.

“We are now in Phase 2, which is a mandate from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and

the EPA that we address the UV protection at the wastewater treatment plants,” she said. “So Phase 2, we've been working with HDR on an agreement; instead of just saying yeah, we're going to ask you to bid this out and oversee the construction, we also have put a caveat in there that they have to finish the permitting. Permitting has been going on for a very long period of time and we want them to get that resolved.”

Macomber said that for the work the city has requested, HDR has submitted a pricing of \$209,000 and that the permitting needs to be completed by May 2025.

The council vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

The council then unanimously approved a resolution reappointing Macomber as the city representative, and appointing Burden as an alternate, to the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District (NEMO SWMD) Council and the NEMO SWMD Executive Board for two-year terms to expire Dec. 31, 2024.

The council's final action of the evening was to reappoint Carolyn Cox, Tony Vazzana and Scott Meredith to the Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission (LPRC) for full-term appointments ending January 2026.

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If faced with a traffic emergency, motorists can contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 1-800-525-5555 or 55 on a cellular phone. This emergency number will ring into the nearest Highway Patrol headquarters. Motorists should use this number if they are in a traffic crash, witness a crash or crime, or pass a stranded motorist in need of assistance, etc.

Troopers encourage motorists to protect themselves from all types of hazardous drivers by making sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. Obey all traffic laws, and if alcohol is part of your holiday, designate a sober driver. Every driver can help make our roadways safer this holiday season.

Too many people die in traffic crashes each year in Missouri. The choices you make when you're behind the wheel matter. Make good choices, so you'll never have to say, “If I could just go back.”

# Embracing Local History Part 28 - BARTHEBA (CAIN) COLLETT - ONE-OF-A-KIND PIONEER WOMAN AND HER KING - CHAPTER I

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

The story of this pioneer woman takes us back once again to The Cabins area of pre-Adair County. John Cain (1773-1856), as you may recall from previous episodes, had traveled from North Carolina to Kentucky, then to Howard County, Missouri, within the first 50 years of his life. The mother of his four oldest children had died in 1823.

Two years later, this 52-year-old widower had “robbed the cradle” by marrying 19-year-old Emily Hill (1807-1860) in 1825. Their first of 12 children was born January 17, 1827, in Howard County, Missouri, and named Bartheba. Some have speculated that the parents may have intended to name her after the Biblical Bathsheba, but spelled the name wrong. Or, maybe it was just an original name. Regardless, her tombstone forever says her name was spelled BARTHEBA.

At some point in her life, she acquired the nickname of “Bash.” However, some have said that her name would be better fitted if it were “Brash.” The dictionary uses these words to define brash: assertive, self-confident, strong, forceful, rash, bold, brazen, unashamed, and several more. It seems that all of these described Bash at one time or another.

Bash was only three when her parents moved in 1830 from what was then the southern part of Howard County, Missouri, to the area called The Cabins in pre-Adair County. It should be remembered that The Cabins had also been in Howard County up until 1829 when Randolph County



was established, and then The Cabins was in that jurisdiction. However, this northern part of Randolph County was a virtual wilderness, which only a few years before had been occupied by Indian tribes until they ceded Northern Missouri to the U.S. government in 1824.

The Cains came only one year after the Big Neck War and were the leaders in re-establishing The Cabins community. John Cain, later in life, built a large two-story house on his property. It was constructed over a sandstone basement which had a brick floor and running water. The latter was achieved because it was built over a constant-running mineral spring. This community along the Chariton River boasted many natural springs. On the Cain property to the southeast of the house was another natural spring, and a small stone springhouse was built over it. One can today drive down First Settlement Road on the east side of the Chariton River off of Highway 6 and see a red-roofed springhouse which has been preserved. Unfortunately, the large Cain home is gone.

It was in this remote and sparsely populated community that Bash grew up and would spend her entire life. The next three children born to Bash's parents were sons, Jackson, Little John, and George Washington Cain. It was not until 1839 that Bash finally got a sister, and by that time, Bash was 12 years old. One could



easily say that Bash grew up as a tomboy, a tough young girl undoubtedly learning to hunt and do hard work along with her brothers which contributed to her brashness. But, she also learned many cooking and homemaker skills from her mother. Weaving became one of her specialties.

In 1837 when Bash was 10 years old, a widower named William Collett and his 16-year-old son, Asa King Collett, who went by King much of the time, moved into The Cabins area from the southern part of Howard County. King's mother, Jane (Hubbard) Collett, had died in lower Howard County when he was a boy of 9. King did have two older sisters and a brother, but they married and stayed in Howard County prior to King and his father coming to The Cabins.

In this new location, William Collett purchased a large section of land near the Cain family. There, William is said to have grown the first crop of wheat and the first field of timothy hay in what would become Adair County (as mentioned in a previous episode of this history).



When the Conner brothers (Wash and Lewis) moved to this area in 1838, they leased land from William Collett to start a tannery to process animal hides for farmers, hunters and trappers. King began working for this business in 1838 when he was 17. As a young man, King was described as “an imposing figure with burning eyes.”

Following the U.S. annexation of Texas which was previously Mexican Territory, a dispute developed over the boundary between Texas and Mexico. U.S. and Mexican forces clashed at the Rio Grande in April 1846, and Congress was convinced to declare war.

Asa King Collett enlisted for service in this Mexican-American War and was gone a year until peace was attained. He was not the first in his family to participate in military service as his father, William Collett, had served in the War of 1812, and his grandfather, also named William Collett, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

The U.S. Army, under Major General Winfield Scott, invaded the Mexican heartland and

captured the capital, Mexico City, in September 1847, ending the Mexican-American conflict. It is interesting to note that this same General Winfield Scott was discussed in Part 17 of this history. He was the one who assumed command of U.S. troops in the Black Hawk War on June 15, 1832, and negotiated its end, despite the fact that his men carried the dreaded disease of cholera with them to Chicago and to Fort Armstrong in Illinois.

Soon after 26-year-old King Collett returned home from war to The Cabins in Missouri, he married his neighbor, 20-year-old Bartheba “Bash” Cain, on January 9, 1848. Bash's father, John Cain, with the help of his neighbors, built a small 1 ½ story house for the couple on part of his land. Incredibly, this house still stands today and can easily be seen on First Settlement Road in Adair County. However, this is not the original location of the home as it was moved a short distance from across the road in 1867.

The 18' x 33' house was constructed of native walnut with vertical board and batten walls. It had a stone foundation and wooden shingles. It contained a living room and kitchen on the first floor with stairs leading to two attic-like rooms above.

We will leave the Collett marriage right here for now. But, if you think they lived blissfully in this little cottage for the rest of their days, you would be mistaken. There is much more to their story which continues in the next episode.

(Next time: Bartheba (Cain) Collett – One-of-a-Kind Pioneer Woman and Her King – Chapter II)  
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# TURNING THE PAGE: This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago,  
December 4, 1912

The Adair County Court judges by a vote of 2-1 took a stance against pool halls in the county. Judges Hopson and Reed voted against renewing the licenses of two pool halls in Adair County, while Judge Shoop voted in favor of renewing. The court did not intend to renew any more pool hall licenses as they expire which meant that existing pool halls would have to close when their current licenses expire. Judge Reed's term of office was to expire at the end of 1912, and he was to be replaced by judge-elect, C. B. McClanahan. Much speculation existed as to McClanahan's stance on the pool hall issue. His vote on the issue could determine the future of pool halls in Adair County. McClanahan did not make his views on the issue public, and proponents of pool halls were hoping he would join Judge Shoop in voting to renew pool hall licenses. On the other hand, if McClanahan sided with Judge Hopson, it seemed likely that there would not be a legal pool hall left in Adair County within six months. Judges Hopson and Reed contended that pool halls were places of bad associations, encouraged gambling, and had a detrimental moral effect upon the community.

110 Years Ago,  
December 10, 1912

Adair County farmer, Mace Behymer, who farmed about eleven miles south of Kirksville

died as result of severe burns he received while fighting a fire that destroyed his barn. The fire claimed 11 head of horses, 4 cows, several tons of hay, and many bushels of corn and oats. Behymer had sold his farm and was in the process of selling his livestock and farm implements with the intention of moving to LaPlata. Authorities believed his barn was intentionally set on fire on December 1. In his effort to save the animals in the barn, he was badly burned on the face, hands, and feet. In addition, he had internal injuries as result of flame inhalation. An investigation did not reveal any suspects in the tragic fire. Just ten days before the Behymer barn fire another barn belonging to a neighbor was destroyed by a fire of suspicious origin.

100 Years Ago,  
December 11, 1922

An unusual accident occurred at the Ringo Point School as four kids were injured when they were thrown off a horse. The accident happened as the kids rode the horse to water. After watering the horse, the four were returning to the schoolhouse when the horse either stumbled or jumped throwing all four to the ground. Two of the kids sustained broken arms and the other two were bruised.

85 Years Ago,  
December 8, 1937

Two violent deaths shocked Kirksville residents within a two-day period and kept county



coroner Dr. C. D. Davis and city and county law enforcement officials busy. The first death occurred on December 5. A Brashear man who was attending a dance at the Labor Temple Hall located over the Jones Candy Kitchen on the northwest corner of the square was found unconscious in the alley behind the candy kitchen. He died the next day at Stickler Hospital as result of a fractured skull. A day later a 22-year-old Adair County miner admitted that he fought with the victim after the two had been drinking beer at the Snappy Service Inn and began arguing. A fight ensued in the alley behind the candy kitchen, and the victim was knocked down hitting the back on his head on a concrete step. Less than 24-hours later, the second violent death, a suicide took place at Leola's Café, 111 S. Elson Street, in downtown Kirksville. While customers sat eating and chatting about 5:30 p.m., a shot rang out in the

back. The wife of the proprietor and a customer went to the back room where the victim was found dead with a gunshot wound to his temple. Occupants of the café were stunned when they learned that the proprietor of the café walked to the back room, picked up a pistol, and shot himself in the head. Coroner Davis indicated the death was a suicide, but he scheduled an inquest.

80 Years Ago,  
December 6, 1942

Three children at the Normal Mound school northeast of Kirksville were denied attendance because they refused to salute or pledge allegiance to the American flag. The family members were of the Jehovah Witness faith. The three children were eventually expelled from the school after their continued refusal to salute or say the pledge. The father contended that it was contrary to the religious teaching of Jehovah Witnesses “to

go against the teachings of the Scripture” and pledge allegiance to anything but God. The United States Supreme Court in an 8-1 decision handed down in June 1940 held that school children may be required to salute the American flag to promote patriotism. The Adair County Prosecuting Attorney requested a ruling on the matter from the state attorney's office. In the meantime, the children remained out of school pending the state's response. In a similar case involving a Jehovah Witnesses' refusal to serve in the U. S. Armed Forces, a 22-year-old resident of the Ringo Point community was sentenced to five years in federal prison for failure to report to the Adair County Selective Service Board for induction into the military service. The convicted man's brother was also being tried for draft evasion by the federal court in Hannibal.

75 Years ago,  
December 5, 1947

The Army Corp of Engineers, meeting in Pierre, South Dakota, announced that bids would be opened for the flood control project to widen and straighten the Chariton River in Schuyler, Adair, Macon, and Chariton Counties. The project, slated for completion in 1951, carried a price tag of \$950,000. The project included twelve miles in the Adair-Macon County unit, three miles in the Schuyler County unit,

and twelve miles in the Chariton County unit for a total of 27 miles. Army engineers attending the meeting in Pierre said the project would begin as soon as feasible after a bid was accepted.

75 Years Ago,  
December 8, 1947

Two Kirksville city night officers learned what it was like to spend the night in the Adair County jail. They learned a lesson not because of what they did wrong, but because of an accident. They picked up two individuals who were drunk on a Kirksville city street and were in the process of placing the two in separate jail cells. As they entered the jail the officers locked the outside door and left an inner heavy wooden door open while they placed the female in a second-floor cell and the male in a first-floor cell. As they proceeded to leave the jail, they found that the heavy wooden door was shut with no way to unlock it from inside the jail. There was no one outside the wooden door to unlock it. They made themselves comfortable as best they could until Sheriff Alex Brown returned to the jail later in the night. The Deputy Sheriff Harve Sevits enjoyed telling the story of the officers' plight as he did the same thing a few days before. The two detainees appeared in city police court, pled guilty to public intoxication, and paid fines.

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# Cheers to Charcuterie!

By St. Louis District Dairy Council

Over the past few years, the popularity of charcuterie boards has expanded from restaurant appetizers to holiday get-togethers and everything in between. The infinitely customizable assortment of meats, cheeses, fruits, breads and spreads can add a pop of color and flavor to your table and provide many options for your family and guests. Do not be intimidated by this sometimes, difficult to pronounce word; there is no set recipe, which makes for a creative project each time!

### What is Charcuterie?

Charcuterie is a French term for the art of preparing and assembling cured meat and meat products. Charcuterie-style meat and cheese boards have become very popular outside of France, and this concept has evolved to include many foods besides meat, along with a variety of presentation variations and ingredient themes. Charcuterie cones, skewers, jarcuterie (layered in a small mason jar) and desert boards (although not technically charcuterie) are a few examples of this expanding trend.

### Cheese Please!

Everyone knows cheese is the main event! “Not only does cheese pair well with all food groups, it is also an incredibly nutrient-rich food and a great source of protein and calcium,” states Kelsey Bentlage, registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. Select two to four types of cheeses to get started, depending on the size of the board. Soft ripened cheese like Brie or Camembert, semi-hard cheese like Gouda or cheddar and unique flavored cheese like blue or marinated feta are options that provide a mixture of flavors and textures.

### Tips for the Perfect Board

Prepare a charcuterie board with a collection of foods from different categories. This ensures a wide variety of textures, flavors and colors to choose from, and makes it appealing to the eye as well. Here are suggested selections to include in the perfect board:

**Cheese:** Opt for a variety of textures, colors and shapes. Pre-slice for ease of serving and allow cheese to sit out to room temperature for enhanced flavor. Soft cheeses can be served in a small dish with a cheese knife.



**Meat:** Popular meat options are salami, prosciutto, pepperoni and ham. Roll or fold meats and stack.

**Fresh Fruits and Vegetables:** Grapes, apples, berries and dried fruits such as apricots and cherries are popular fruit choices. Cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumbers and radishes provide additional color and texture.

**Bread and Crunch:** Sliced baguette, crackers, pita chips, pretzel chips and nuts are all great options. Placing them in small bowls or plates on the side will save room on the board, if needed.

**Extras:** Complete the board with extra elements that add unique flavors. Examples include jams or preserves, olives, hummus, salted butter, pickled vegetables, dips and honey.

For more information on dairy’s health benefits or to download the “Cheese Pairing Guide”, visit [www.stldairycouncil.org](http://www.stldairycouncil.org) or contact Kelsey Bentlage with St. Louis District Dairy Council: call (314) 835-9668 or e-mail [kbentlage@stldairycouncil.org](mailto:kbentlage@stldairycouncil.org). For delicious and nutritious recipes, check us out on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](#).



## RECIPE Simple Charcuterie Board

By St. Louis District Dairy Council

A charcuterie/cheese board is perfect for a small or large gathering with family or friends this holiday season. Serving cheese on a large plate or cheese board in the middle of a table allows accessibility from all sides- surely a good idea as everyone digs in!

### Ingredients

- 8 ounces sharp cheddar, cubed or sliced
- 8 ounces Gouda, cubed or sliced
- 8 ounces havarti, cubed or sliced
- 1 wedge, Brie cheese
- 1 can black olives, drained
- 2 cups fresh fruit- grapes, berries, or apple slices
- 2 cups fresh vegetables- carrot sticks, cucumber slices, snap peas, cherry tomatoes
- 2 packages salami, Prosciutto or pepperoni, rolled
- 2 packages crackers, any kind
- ½ cup almonds
- ½ cup cashews
- ¼ cup jam or preserves, portioned in a small bowl

### Instructions

- Use a rimmed baking sheet or large serving board. Gather ingredients and then arrange them on the board in the order on ingredient list.
- Space out cheeses. Provide cheese knives or tongs if needed.
- Fill in some of the gaps with olives, fruits and vegetables.
- Stack and tuck rolled meats in clusters on the board between other ingredients.
- Add crunchy elements like crackers and nuts.
- Place jam or extra crackers in small bowls around the board if extra space is needed.



# The Benefits of Dark Chocolate (& Cocoa)

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Audrey Hepburn once said, “Chocolate was my only love, and it never betrayed me.” While we hope you love more than just chocolate, having a good excuse to enjoy it may be what you’ve been hoping for this month.

‘Friday, December 16, is National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day. And whether you like dark chocolate on almonds, strawberries or even if you prefer it plain, there are good reasons to add 70% cacao dark chocolate to your diet.

**Dark chocolate can:**

- Keep your heart healthy. If you love chocolate, the feeling is mutual. Dark chocolate contains flavanol—compounds that turn into antioxidants

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SATURDAY

A thick cloud cover and milder

HIGH: 47

POP: 25%

SAT. NIGHT

Clear to partly cloudy

LOW: 24

POP: 0%

SUNDAY

Periods of clouds and sunshine

47 26

POP: 0%

MONDAY

Low clouds breaking for some sun

46 33

POP: 5%

TUESDAY

Breezy; morning flurries, then sprinkles

47 39

POP: 65%

WEDNESDAY

Times of clouds and sun

48 28

POP: 15%

THURSDAY

Mainly cloudy, a snow shower; colder

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POP: 50%

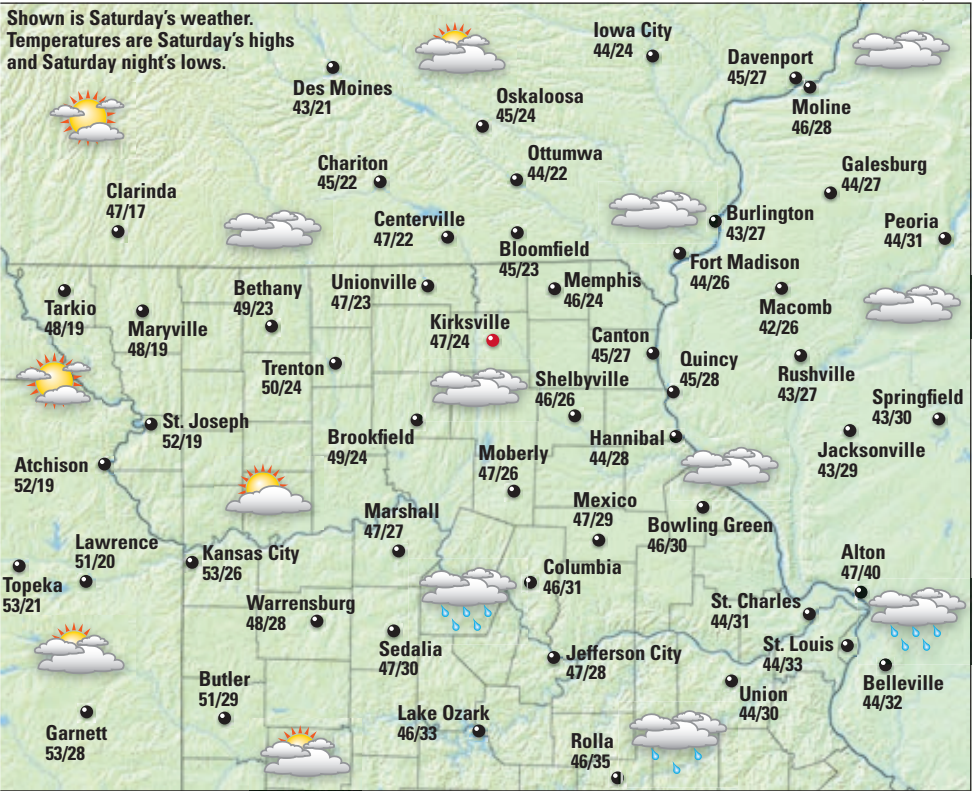
FRIDAY

Low clouds and colder

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POP: 15%

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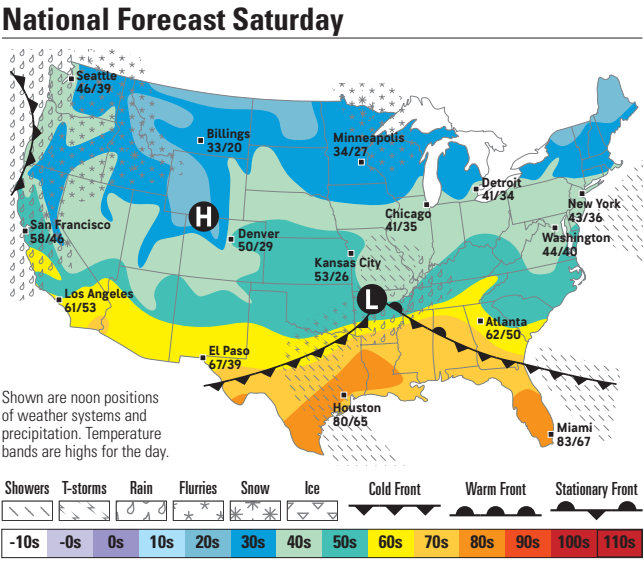
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Outdoor Activity Forecast

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Kirksville through Thursday

Temperature

High/low.....45/36

Normal high/low.....41/23

Record high.....67 in 1991

Record low.....-13 in 1917

Precipitation

Thursday.....0.14"

Past week's total.....0.00"

Month to date.....0.14"

Normal month to date.....0.55"

Year to date.....29.61"

Normal year to date.....41.24"

Winds

Average direction.....E

Average speed.....9.4 mph

Highest speed.....15 mph

Thursday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

Last Week's Temperatures

Actual and normal highs/lows

The Region

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Branson	47/39/r	55/39/s
Burlington, IA	43/27/c	40/31/pc
Cape Girardeau	46/38/r	52/33/pc
Carbondale	44/35/c	51/31/pc
Cedar Rapids	42/24/c	40/27/pc
Champaign	43/31/c	46/28/pc
Chicago	41/35/c	42/33/pc
Columbia	46/31/r	50/32/pc
Danville	44/34/c	44/32/pc
Davenport	45/27/c	42/28/pc
Decatur	43/32/c	45/30/pc
Des Moines	43/21/c	41/25/pc
Evansville	44/36/c	50/31/pc
Galesburg	44/27/c	42/29/pc
Green Bay	36/30/sf	37/27/c
Indianapolis	46/35/c	45/32/pc
Iowa City	44/24/c	40/26/pc
Jefferson City	47/28/r	52/32/pc
Joliet	43/32/c	41/33/pc
Kansas City	53/26/pc	49/36/pc
Lafayette, IN	44/33/c	44/32/pc
Lincoln	44/31/c	41/25/pc
Madison	46/27/c	48/28/pc
Milwaukee	41/35/c	39/32/c
Omaha	43/21/pc	46/32/pc
Ottumwa	44/22/c	42/26/pc
Peoria	44/31/c	45/30/pc
Rockford	41/32/c	41/31/pc
St. Louis	44/33/r	49/32/pc
Springfield, IL	43/30/c	46/27/pc
Springfield, MO	48/37/r	52/38/s
Topeka	53/21/pc	52/35/s
Wichita	54/26/pc	52/39/s

Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, i=ice

The Nation

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	35/25/s	32/26/sn
Albuquerque	54/31/s	55/34/s
Anchorage	11/8/sn	23/21/sn
Atlanta	62/50/c	56/48/r
Baltimore	45/37/pc	47/36/c
Billings	33/20/c	37/16/c
Birmingham	72/59/c	67/50/t
Boise	42/34/sn	40/30/sn
Boston	36/28/c	35/28/c
Buffalo	38/31/c	38/30/sn
Charleston, SC	63/51/pc	58/48/sh
Charleston, WV	57/47/c	55/36/pc
Charlotte	54/45/c	50/41/r
Cleveland	44/37/c	40/34/c
Columbia	56/46/pc	52/47/r
Columbus	47/40/c	45/35/c
Dallas	69/51/r	62/51/pc
Denver	50/29/c	61/34/s
Detroit	41/34/c	41/31/sf
Fargo	32/17/c	33/27/pc
Grand Rapids	37/33/c	39/26/c
Hartford	39/27/pc	35/28/sn
Honolulu	83/73/s	83/73/s
Houston	80/65/t	76/62/t
Jackson, MS	77/60/c	70/55/t
Jacksonville	72/57/pc	77/58/c
Las Vegas	59/46/c	55/39/c
Little Rock	59/47/r	51/42/pc
Los Angeles	61/53/r	59/43/r
Louisville	52/41/c	52/35/pc
Memphis	58/48/r	56/44/pc
Miami	83/67/s	81/66/s
Minneapolis	34/27/c	35/26/c
Nashville	56/47/r	56/38/pc
New Orleans	77/64/c	73/65/r
New York City	42/36/pc	43/36/r
Norfolk	51/46/c	54/42/c
Oklahoma City	53/37/r	53/42/c
Orlando	60/62/s	61/62/pc
Philadelphia	46/38/pc	49/39/r
Phoenix	66/44/pc	69/49/s
Pittsburgh	43/39/c	44/32/sh
Portland, ME	33/17/c	31/22/pc
Portland, OR	46/40/r	43/35/pc
Rapid City	43/25/c	55/23/c
Sacramento	54/43/r	50/41/c
Salt Lake City	42/37/c	46/28/sn
San Diego	64/52/pc	62/50/r
San Francisco	58/46/r	54/44/sh
Seattle	46/39/r	45/35/c
Shreveport	80/60/c	64/54/r
Tampa	81/63/s	78/63/pc
Tucson	68/41/s	71/44/s
Tulsa	53/38/r	53/47/s
Washington, DC	44/40/pc	48/40/c

Relationships get tangled as student meets new peers

DEAR ABBY: I'm a high school junior in a predicament. Early in my sophomore year, during a school trip, I developed strong feelings for a girl named "Joelle." She's a grade ahead of me, meaning I don't see her often or have many chances to talk to her during school except for the occasional chance meeting.

Because of our lack of contact, I thought my feelings were subsiding, so I started a relationship with another girl, "Amber." However, shortly after beginning this new relationship, I had a long conversation with Joelle and quickly realized I'm in love with her.

While I still have feelings for Amber, it crush-

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY

es me not to be with Joelle. To make matters worse, if I end things with Amber, there's no guarantee Joelle would give me a chance -- she's bisexual (but primarily lesbian) and she's close friends with Amber. I don't want to throw away my relationship with Amber over what may amount to a pipe dream, but I really am in love with Joelle. Please help.

-- JUMBLED HEART IN

SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR JUMBLED: Amber deserves better than to be involved with a guy who is in love with someone else. Because Joelle is not only "primarily" lesbian but also close friends with Amber, do not pin your hopes on anything but friendship with her. Ever. You have two more years of high school ahead of you. During that time, you are going to meet other attractive young women who will return your feelings. These two aren't that.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Likely Story

Police in Mathura, India, reported to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act court that more than 500kg of marijuana, confiscated and stored in two police stations, had been "eaten" by rats, Gulf News reported. Officers told the judge that mice and rats, although small, do not fear police. A district judge ordered police to eradicate the "mice menace" and provide proof that the critters actually consumed the weed by Nov. 26.

That's One Way To Do It

With home prices in New Zealand taking their biggest drop in 30 years, one homeowner who's looking to sell is trying to sweeten the offer. The owner of 22 Dungle Avenue in Flat Bush is offering a free Tesla with the purchase of their \$1.8 million home, Sky News reported. The new owner will be asked to choose the color of the electric car, which will be ordered new and delivered to the home from the manufacturer. And with six parking spots, they can park it sideways if they want.

Family Values

On Oct. 26, 12-year-old Ayden was picked up unexpectedly by his dad from a birthday party in Los Angeles and was told they were going to a park.

Instead, KABC-TV reported, the man started driving to Las Vegas, and Ayden became concerned because he believed his dad was driving drunk. (The fact that Dad was wearing a Las Vegas Raiders helmet might have been a clue.) Ayden called 911 and explained his situation; he told the dispatcher the car has "Raider plates on the front and in the back." Officers finally caught up with the car, and Ayden's dad faces charges of DUI and child abuse.

Extreme Measures

Jermaine Bell, 38, spent more than three years in jail fighting charges against him for an armed robbery in 2018, Local10-TV reported. When he heard the guilty verdict in a Miami-Dade County, Florida, courtroom on Nov. 21, Bell guzzled a cup of bleach, becoming so sick that he had to be removed from the courtroom on a stretcher. He survived the self-imposed attack, but officials are unclear where he obtained the bleach. Rev. Jerome Starling, a distant cousin of Bell's, saw him "drinking something that's not right, and that his attorneys are letting him drink it, the corrections are letting him drink it. And all of a sudden, I see him collapse. And I'm like, 'What just happened?'" Starling recounted. Bell's family members are pursuing the matter.

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# Final look at GLVC football standings, statistics

By Adam Tumino  
Daily Express

The 2022 season was an eventful one for the football teams of the GLVC. Whether it was teams finding post-season success or individual players have standout seasons, there was a lot to see on the field this year.

Now that all the GLVC teams are done playing for the year, let's take a look back at some of the top moments and performances of the season, as well as take a final look at the stats and standings.

Truman and Indianapolis both finished the season with 9-2 overall records, with Indianapolis going 6-0 in conference play and Truman going 5-1, with the only conference loss coming in the regular season finale against Indianapolis.

Indianapolis got the nod for the NCAA Division II Playoffs with Truman coming up just sort of playoff selection. The Bulldogs consolation was another opportunity to play in the America's Crossroads Bowl against Tiffin, where Truman held on to win a thrilling game by a final score of 28-27.

Indianapolis was unable to find success in the playoffs, losing to Pittsburg State 35-0 in their opening game.

Behind these two teams in the standings was Southwest Baptist with a 4-2 conference record and 6-5 overall record. The Bearcats were the only other GLVC team to post a winning record this season.

McKendree and Missouri S&T both finished with 2-4 conference records, but McKendree was 5-6 overall while Missouri S&T was 3-7. Quincy had two more overall wins at 4-7 that William Jewell did at 2-9, but both teams went 1-5 in conference play.

William Jewell's lone conference win came in the season finale against Quincy, and it was the first conference win for the Cardinals since the 2018 season, snapping a 26-game conference losing streak.

There were also some thrilling games throughout the season, chiefly Quincy's 63-62 overtime win over McKendree on Oct. 15. These were the two highest point totals for GLVC teams this season. Truman was third with a 59-point output, also against Quincy, on Oct. 29.

Truman had the top rushing performance of any GLVC team this season, gaining 423 yards on the ground against McKendree on Nov. 5.



Truman running back Shamar Griffith runs by a Tiffin defender in the game on Sept. 24. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Truman's Blake Weakley celebrates a sack of McKendree quarterback Turner Pullen in the game on Nov. 5.

There were plenty of great individual performances as well. Indianapolis running back Toriano Clinton had the highest-scoring game of the season with five touchdowns in a game against McKendree on Oct. 8. He also set a GLVC high in rushing yards in that game with 272.

The most yards gained in a single game was 514 by Southern Baptist quarterback Cooper Callis. He did so against William Jewell on Oct. 9. The most passing yards in a game this season was 503 by Quincy quarterback Tionne Harris against Indianapolis on Oct. 22.

Three players had two-interception games this season. Kivonte Houston and Michael Brown of Indianapolis each had one such game, as did Truman's Ben Thomas.

Considering the entire season, Thomas and Houston led the conference with five interceptions each. Other defensive leaders this season included Missouri S&T's Ben Straatman and Quincy's Peyton Plunkett with eight sacks each. Quincy's Peyton Chappel led the conference with 70 solo tackles and 102 total tackles.

The GLVC had two 1,000-yard rushers this season, led by Southwest Baptist's Abel Carter with 1,275. Clinton had 1,001 yards and led the conference with an average of 125.1 rushing yards per game. Truman's Shamar Griffith was third with 973 rushing yards.

The GLVC's two leading receivers were both McKendree players. Yogi Flager led the conference with 1,144 yards while teammate Jacob Bachman had 837 yards while leading the conference with 100 receptions. Flager also had 10 receiving touchdowns to lead the conference.

Considering that McKendree had the conference's top two receivers, it should not come as a surprise that they also had the top quarterback. Turner Pullen had one of the best seasons in the nation, finishing with 3,541 passing yards, 30 touchdowns and a completion percentage of 70.1 percent, all of which led the conference.



Truman quarterback Collin Sutton celebrates a touchdown run against McKendree on Nov. 5.



The Truman football team celebrates a win over Tiffin on Sept. 24.

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## My love, hate relationship with fantasy football

If there is one thing that everyone loves, it is hearing about someone else's fantasy football team.

This season was my first time trying fantasy football after years of considering it. Am I glad I finally tried fantasy football? Well, I yes and no.

My feelings about my fantasy football experience are more complex than I expected. Overall, I have been having fun, and most importantly, I have been winning.

My team is 10-3 so far and I have a chance to win my league.

I did not think I was a football expert by any means, but it appears that I am actually a genius and could probably be the general manager of a real NFL team, if only one would give me the chance.

Honestly, if I was not winning I probably would not be having any fun at all. I am not necessarily a competitive person, but it does feel good to check the scores multiple times each Sunday and see my team ahead.

Some of my success came from the draft, some came from waiver pickups and some came from pure luck. I have had players perform extremely well and carry my team to victory and I have had multiple players have subpar games and have won regardless.

Sometimes it is a kicker making six field goals in a game to put me ahead, or the 49ers defense getting a late interception to seal a victory, for them and for me. I have also gotten lucky with injuries, with the players on my team staying relatively healthy throughout the year.

I have had some injuries recently, however, and this has led me to rethink how much I am enjoying fantasy football.

I think that fantasy makes its players selfish when it comes to their teams, and I found myself falling into that trap when injuries started to add up. Instead of being upset that a great player would be missing several games of their career I am upset about how their injuries affect my fantasy outcome.

I do not get as upset as many fantasy players do. Just searching social media for an injured player's name will lead you to posts from people being unreasonably angry about the fact that a person they do not know has a knee injury.

Players do not even have to get hurt to anger fantasy football players. If an NFL player has a rough game, thousands of people will go online and complain or borderline harass the player in question.

It is frankly a bizarre thing to do, yelling at a stranger who plays a game because they did not have as many catches as you wanted them to. Football players and other athletes are aware that they will likely be the target of criticism based on their performance, but often people take their anger too far.

I thankfully do not care enough about my fantasy team to actually get angry at players, but it still feels weird to a small piece of my mood dictated by whether or not Titans running back Derrick Henry scores a touchdown against the Texans.

I do not care about the Texans or the Titans, and I try not let sports of any kind affect my mood negatively. But there is still a small part of me that gets upset if one of the players on my team does not play well.

Why should I care? These players are much, much better at their sport than I am at anything, but I still feel like they owe it to me to play well.

I probably will not be participating in fantasy football in the future, but who knows. Maybe if I end up winning my league I will be tempted to play again. I am certainly still invested in my team this year, for better or worse.

As calm as I try to remain and as unaffected I try to be, if Henry does not score on Sunday I will absolutely lose my mind.



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## AP source: Cardinals, Contreras agree to 5-year contract

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Willson Contreras is going to St. Louis to replace Yadier Molina at catcher, agreeing to an \$87.5 million, five-year contract with the Cardinals on Wednesday.

A person familiar with the negotiations confirmed the move to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal was pending a physical.

The addition of Contreras fills a major void for St. Louis, which won the NL Central this season with a 93-69 record. Molina retired after spending his entire 19-year career with the Cardinals, making 10 All-

Star teams and winning nine Gold Gloves.

Contreras was one of the Chicago Cubs' last holdovers from their 2016 World Series championship. He made his big league debut that year and helped the franchise to its first title since 1908.

The fiery, strong-armed catcher hit .243 with 22 homers and 55 RBIs in 113 games in his last season with his first major league team. He was on the market this summer — leading to an emotional day at Wrigley Field for what looked like his final home game with Chicago — but he remained with the team after the trade deadline.

The 30-year-old Contreras received

a \$19.65 million qualifying offer from Chicago, but he turned down the proposal.

Contreras was the best option in a thin market for free agent catchers that also included Christian Vázquez and Gary Sánchez.

Contreras also has played first base, third base and the corner outfield spots in the majors. The three-time All-Star made 39 starts at designated hitter this year.

The Venezuela native is a .256 hitter with 117 homers and 365 RBIs in 734 career games over seven seasons. He hit a career-best 24 homers in 2019 and drove in a career-high 74 runs in 2017.



# Bouncing back: Kansas City seeks 14th straight win over Broncos

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Forget “We’re on to Cincinnati.” The catchphrase coined eight years ago by Bill Belichick after the Patriots were blown out at Kansas City was updated this week by Chiefs coach Andy Reid following his team’s latest loss to the Bengals.

Now, it’s “We’re over Cincinnati.”

Reid was peppered with questions this week about the Chiefs (9-3) bouncing back after squandering a chance to maintain control of the AFC playoff race when they blew another late lead in a 27-24 loss to Cincinnati last weekend. That marked the third time this calendar year Joe Burrow got the best of Patrick Mahomes, including last year’s conference championship at Arrowhead Stadium.

After about the fourth question, Reid made it clear his focus was on the Broncos, not the Bengals.

Same with Mahomes, who is 41-9 in games after Halloween over his career and has never lost to the Broncos (3-9) in nine tries.

“In this league,” Mahomes said, “you have to move on or you’ll make one loss turn into two.”

The Chiefs have been adept at sequestering their losses under Mahomes, who has only lost back-to-back three times in his career, including just once in Kansas City’s last 64 games.

When the Broncos, who have lost 13 consecutive times to the Chiefs, traded for Russell Wilson in the offseason, this game looked like a marquee matchup and certainly must-see TV.

While Mahomes is having another MVP season, though, Wilson has struggled mightily since coming to Denver, throwing just eight touchdown passes for a team that’s not even averaging 14 points a



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) is pressured by Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle B.J. Hill (92) in the first half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. AP PHOTO/JEFF DEAN

game. The Broncos have already assured themselves of a sixth straight losing season and will sit out the playoffs for a seventh consecutive time, raising the possibility of yet another off-season shakeup.

The Broncos haven’t won on American soil since Sept. 25. Their 13.8-point scoring average is the worst in franchise history and the league’s lowest in more than two decades.

It’s all a massive let-down after an off-season of change — new owners, new coach, new quarterback — set the city abuzz with expectations of the Broncos finally beating Mahomes and ending the Chiefs’ divisional dominance.

Wilson has looked nothing like the nine-time Pro Bowler he was in Seattle, rookie coach Nathaniel Hackett has surrendered both operational decision-making and play-calling duties during games and an injury epidemic has swept aside the likes of Javonte Williams, Tim Pat-

rick and Garrett Bolles, making a recovery even harder.

The Broncos’ latest embarrassment was getting Mahomes, the MVP favorite, flexed out of the Sunday night slot and into the afternoon after they struggled through four games under the lights, scoring 16, 11, nine and 16 points.

“When you don’t win, things like that are going to happen,” Hackett said.

Kansas City can clinch its seventh straight AFC West crown with a win Sunday coupled with a loss by the Los Angeles Chargers.

### FAIR FIGHT

The Chiefs’ winning streak over the Broncos is the league’s second-longest by one team over another, behind only the Patriots’ 14 consecutive wins over the Jets.

Six of the Broncos-Chiefs games have been decided by one score, including Mahomes’ NFL debut in the 2017 regular-season finale when he led

Kansas City to a 30-27 overtime win at Denver. Since then, he leads the NFL with 22,799 passing yards and 181 touchdown passes.

### REID ADMIRER

With a win Sunday, Reid will become the third coach in NFL history with double-digit wins in eight consecutive seasons, joining Belichick (2003-19) and George Seifert (1989-96). Among Reid’s biggest admirers is Hackett, who strives to emulate his creative play design.

“He’s one of the greatest coaches to ever coach the game. I always judge it with coaches being with different quarterbacks, different teams and showing success at all those different places with different people,” Hackett said. “I definitely strive to be anything I can like Coach Reid.”

### HEY, I KNOW YOU

The Chiefs signed Melvin Gordon to their practice squad a couple of weeks ago after Denver released the two-time Pro Bowl running back because of his fumbling issues, especially near the goal line. The Chiefs were short on depth with Clyde Edwards-Helaire on IR with a high ankle sprain.

While Gordon will no doubt be itching to play against his former team, the Chiefs are healthy with Isiah Pacheco and Jerick McKinnon atop the depth chart.

### TURNOVER TROUBLES

The Chiefs have turned the ball over at least once in seven consecutive games, a first under Reid, and they have a minus-4 turnover differential that is better than just five other teams. Yet the Chiefs still lead the league in scoring, and that raises the question: Just how good could Kansas City be if it held onto the ball better?



Chiefs head coach Andy Reid watches from the sideline during the first half against the Rams Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. AP PHOTO/ED ZURGA

# Chiefs seeking to extend win streak over Broncos to 14

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY (9-3) at DENVER (3-9) Sunday, 4:05 p.m. EST, CBS

FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK NFL LINE: Chiefs by 9 1/2.

AGAINST THE SPREAD: Kansas City 4-8, Denver 4-8.

SERIES RECORD: Chiefs lead 69-54.

LAST WEEK: Chiefs lost to Bengals 27-24, Broncos lost to Ravens 10-9.

CHIEFS OFFENSE: OVERALL (1), RUSH (17), PASS (1), SCORING (1).

CHIEFS DEFENSE: OVERALL (16), RUSH (6), PASS (23), SCORING (15).

BRONCOS OFFENSE: OVERALL (27), RUSH (24), PASS (21), SCORING (32).

BRONCOS DEFENSE: OVERALL (3), RUSH (19), PASS (3), SCORING (2).

TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL: Chiefs minus-4, Broncos plus-1.

**CHIEFS PLAYER TO WATCH:** LB Nick Bolton is making a convincing case to be selected to his first Pro Bowl in his second year in the league. He had a team-leading 16 tackles last week against Cincinnati, pushing him into fifth place in the league with 122, and he has interceptions in each of the past two games. He does it all while wearing the green dot on his helmet, making him the coach on the field for the defense.

**BRONCOS PLAYER TO WATCH:** QB Russell Wilson has just eight touchdown throws in 11 starts and is on pace for a career-worst 54 sacks. He has just one multi-touchdown game and that came back on Oct. 2 at Las Vegas. If the Broncos are to have any chance at ending their skid against the Chiefs, Wilson is going to have to break out of his season-long slump and lead the Broncos, who are averaging fewer than 14 points, to a breakout game. But he’ll have to do it with reserve receivers.

**KEY INJURIES:** Chiefs guard Joe Thuney (ankle) is expected back this week. WR Kadarius Toney (hamstring) also did some work in practice after missing most of the past two games. Broncos WR Courtland Sutton, LB Dakota Allen and FB Andrew Beck are the latest in a rash of pulled hamstrings in Denver. Sutton won’t play Sunday. K Brandon McManus has a sore thigh on his kicking leg, but is expected to play in the game.

**KEY MATCHUP:** Chiefs TE Travis Kelce vs. Broncos defense. Denver will have to double Kelce and they’re hoping CB K’Waun Williams is able to play so he can pitch in and help out the linebackers. Williams has been dealing with elbow, wrist and knee injuries and hasn’t played since Nov. 13.

**SERIES NOTES:** The Chiefs had dominated the division and the Broncos over the past six-plus seasons, winning 13 straight against Denver. The previous Broncos win came on Sept. 17, 2015, when they

scored two touchdowns in the final minute for a 31-24 stunner. Since then, Kansas City has won seven straight in Denver and Patrick Mahomes is 9-0 against the Broncos.

**STATS AND STUFF:** Kansas City is 39-6 against the AFC West since 2015. ... The Chiefs have won their next five games the previous time they were coming off a loss. ... Kansas City is 49-3 since 2018 when holding opponents to fewer than 27 points. ... Mahomes will be starting his 76th game for Kansas City, tying Alex Smith for fourth in franchise history. ... The Chiefs could tie a franchise record with their 18th consecutive game with at least 300 yards. ... Chiefs RB Isiah Pacheco has TD runs in each of the past two games. ... Bolton has seven games with at least 10 tackles, tied with Donnie Edwards (2000) for the most in a season for Kansas City. ... Chiefs TE Travis Kelce needs 26 yards receiving to reach 10,000. He would become the fifth tight end to reach that mark. ... Kelce needs 32 yards receiving for his seventh consecutive 1,000-yard season, which would extend his own franchise record. ... The Broncos have secured their sixth straight losing season and a seventh consecutive year without a playoff berth. ... The good news for Wilson: he completed 77.3% of his throws at Baltimore last week and didn’t have an interception for the fourth consecutive game. But he didn’t lead the Broncos into the red zone, much less the end zone. ... Wilson has five TDs and no interceptions in two starts against Kansas City. ... Midseason pickup RB Latavius Murray has rushed for a TD in both of his games in Denver this year and he ran for a TD against the Chiefs while with Baltimore last season. ... RB Marlon Mack had 148 scrimmage yards in his only career game against the Chiefs in 2019 while with the Colts. ... WR Jerry Jeudy had 65 receiving yards in his return from injury last week. ... TE Greg Dulcich led the team with six catches for 85 yards last week. ... S Justin Simmons had two interceptions last week and has 24 for his career. ... Simmons is the only player in the NFL with at least three interceptions in each of the past five seasons. ... ILBs Alex Singleton and Josey Jewell each had 17 tackles at Baltimore, making them the second pair of teammates since 2000 to accomplish the feat. The others were the Ravens’ Kelly Gregg and Ray Lewis in 2002. ... DT DeShawn Williams is coming off his second career two-sack game.

# Chiefs add veteran DT Williams to 53-man roster for Broncos game

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs promoted veteran defensive tackle Brandon Williams to their 53-man roster on Thursday and there’s a chance the long-time Baltimore Ravens run-stopper will play when they visit the Denver Broncos this weekend.

The Chiefs waived defensive tackle Taylor Stallworth earlier this week. That created an opening on the roster for Williams, who was signed to their practice squad on Nov. 30 and has spent the past week-plus learning the playbook.

“I was actually with Brandon his rookie year in Baltimore, so I knew him as a rookie,” Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo said. “They change quite a bit from their first year

in the league, and that’s interesting. I’ve had other guys that I’ve had young, and years go by, and then I’m with them again, and they’re just different people.”

Williams was a third-round pick of the Ravens in the 2013 draft and went on to make more than 300 tackles with 6 1/2 sacks over the next nine seasons. But they did not bring him back after last season, choosing to re-sign Calais Campbell and adding Brent Urban and Michael Pierce in free agency along with Travis Jones in the draft.

Chiefs defensive line coach Joe Cullen, who spent five seasons with Williams in Baltimore, pressed for them to sign him.

“I’d tell you a good player,” Chiefs coach Andy Reid said last



Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid watches for the sideline as his team played against the Cincinnati Bengals in the first half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. AP PHOTO/JOSHUA BICKEL

week. “Joe speaks very highly of him and still thinks he can contribute. He’s been doing it a long time, but we welcome that. He’s a great kid and good football player.”

In other news, guard Joe Thuney and wide receiver Kadarius Toney practiced for the second consecutive day on Thursday, raising hopes that both will be available when Kansas City plays the first of

two games over a four-week span against Denver. Thuney had been dealing with an ankle injury and Toney with a hamstring strain.

The Chiefs, who are tied with Buffalo for the best record in the AFC at 9-3, can clinch a seventh consecutive West title Sunday if they beat the Broncos and the Los Angeles Chargers lose to the Miami Dolphins that night.



# Griner freed: WNBA star swapped for Russian, heads home

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — American basketball star Brittney Griner headed home Thursday night, freed from Russian prison in exchange for the U.S. releasing notorious Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout in the culmination of an eight-month saga of high diplomacy and dashed hopes.

But the U.S. failed to win freedom for another American, Paul Whelan, jailed in Russia for nearly four years.

The deal, the second in eight months amid tensions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine, secured the release of the most prominent American detained abroad and achieved a top goal for President Joe Biden. Yet it carried what U.S. officials conceded was a heavy price.

"She's safe, she's on a plane, she's on her way home," Biden said from the White House, where he was accompanied by Griner's wife, Cherelle, and administration officials.

Biden's authorization to release Bout, the Russian felon once nicknamed "the Merchant of Death," underscored the heightened urgency that his administration faced to get Griner home, particularly after the recent resolution of her criminal case on drug charges and her subsequent transfer to a penal colony. Griner, who also played pro basketball in Russia, was arrested at an airport there after Russian authorities said she was carrying vape canisters with cannabis oil.

Griner is a two-time Olympic gold medalist, Baylor University All-American and Phoenix Mercury pro basketball star, whose arrest made her the most high-profile American jailed abroad. Her status as an openly gay Black woman, locked up in a country where authorities have been hostile to the LGBTQ community, injected racial, gender and social dynamics into her legal saga and brought unprecedented attention to the population of wrongful detainees.

The Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed the swap, saying in a statement carried by Russian news agencies that the exchange took place in Abu

Dhabi and that Bout had been flown home. Russian media showed Griner walking off a Russian plane in Abu Dhabi where she was greeted by a U.S. official. Two Russians greeted Bout with a hug.

Later, Russian TV showed Bout walking off the plane on a snow-covered tarmac in Moscow, his mother and wife hugging him, giving him flowers.

Biden spoke by phone with Griner, and she was expected back in the U.S. within 24 hours, Biden said. U.S. officials said she would be offered specialized medical services and counseling.

Both Russian and U.S. officials had conveyed cautious optimism in recent weeks after months of strained negotiations, with Biden saying in November that he was hopeful that Russia would engage in a deal now that the midterm elections were completed. A top Russian official said last week that a deal was possible before year's end.

Even so, the fact that the deal was a one-for-one swap was a surprise given that U.S. officials had for months expressed their determination to bring home both Griner and Whelan, a Michigan corporate security executive jailed in Russia since December 2018 on espionage charges that his family and the U.S. government have said are baseless.

"We've not forgotten about Paul Whelan," Biden said. "We will keep negotiating in good faith for Paul's release."

However, U.S. officials said they did not see an immediate path to bringing about Whelan's release, saying Russia has treated his case differently because of the "sham espionage" charges against him. Still, they said they believe communication channels with the Russians remain open for negotiations for his freedom.

"We didn't want to lose the opportunity today to secure the release of one of them," said Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Whelan's brother David said in a statement he was "so glad" for Griner's release but also disappointed for his family. He credited the White



In this image made from video provided by Russian Federal Security Service, WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner sits in the plane as she flies to Abu Dhabi to be exchanged for Russian citizen Viktor Bout, in Russia, Friday, Dec. 9, 2022. RUSSIAN FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICE VIA AP

House with giving the Whelan family advance notice and said he did not fault officials for making the deal.

"The Biden administration made the right decision to bring Ms. Griner home, and to make the deal that was possible, rather than waiting for one that wasn't going to happen," he said.

In a statement released by Griner's agent, her family thanked the Biden administration as well as the Whelan family, who they said "have been generous with their support for Brittney and our family during what we know is a heartbreaking time."

In releasing Bout, the U.S. freed a former Soviet Army lieutenant colonel whom the Justice Department once described as one of the world's most prolific arms dealers. He was arrested in Thailand in 2008 and extradited to the U.S. in 2010.

Bout was serving a 25-year sentence on charges that he conspired to sell tens of millions of dollars in weapons that U.S. officials said were to be used against Americans. Biden issued an executive grant of clemency to free the arms dealer from a federal prison in Illinois to effect the prisoner swap.

The deal drew criticism from some prominent Republicans, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, his party's nominee to become speaker once the GOP retakes control of the chamber in January.

"This is a gift to Vladimir Putin, and it endangers American lives," he said of

Bout's release. "Leaving Paul Whelan behind for this is unconscionable."

The U.S.-Russia exchange was carried out despite deteriorating relations between the powers prompted by Moscow's war against Ukraine. The White House said Kyiv was provided assurances that the terms were limited to the prisoner swap and would not impact U.S. support for Ukraine's defense.

Over the summer, the imprisonment of Americans produced the highest-level known contact between Washington and Moscow — a phone call between Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov — in more than five months.

In an extraordinary move during otherwise secret negotiations, Blinken revealed publicly in July that the U.S. had made a "substantial proposal" to Russia for Griner and Whelan. Though he did not specify the terms, people familiar with it said the U.S. had offered Bout.

The public overture drew a rebuke from the Russians, who said they preferred to resolve such cases in private, and carried the risk of weakening the U.S. government's negotiating hand for this and future deals by making the administration appear desperate. But the announcement also communicated to the public that Biden was doing what he could and to ensure pressure on the Russians.

The release also followed months of back channel negotiations involving Bill Richardson, the former U.S. ambassa-

dor to the United Nations and a frequent emissary in hostage talks, and his top deputy, Mickey Bergman.

Following Griner's arrest at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in February, she pleaded guilty in July but still faced trial because admitting guilt in Russia's judicial system does not automatically end a case.

She acknowledged in court that she possessed the canisters with cannabis oil but said she had no criminal intent and their presence in her luggage was due to hasty packing.

Before being sentenced on Aug. 4 and receiving a punishment her lawyers said was out of line for the offense, an emotional Griner apologized "for my mistake that I made." She added, "I hope in your ruling it does not end my life."

Her supporters had largely stayed quiet for weeks after her arrest, but that approach changed in May once the State Department designated her as unlawfully detained. A separate trade — Marine veteran Trevor Reed for Konstantin Yaroshenko, a Russian pilot convicted in the U.S. in a cocaine trafficking conspiracy — spurred hope that additional exchanges could be in the works.

Whelan has been held in Russia since December 2018. The U.S. government also classified him as wrongfully detained. He was sentenced in 2020 to 16 years in prison.

Whelan was not included in the Reed prisoner swap, escalating pressure on the Biden administration to ensure that any deal that brought home Griner also included him.

# Brittney Griner's release celebrated by basketball world

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brittney Griner's loved ones and extended basketball family were ecstatic when news broke Thursday about her release from a Russian prison and that she was on her way back to the United States.

It has been nearly 300 days since the WNBA star was arrested at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in February, when customs officials said they found vape canisters with cannabis oil in her luggage. She was convicted and sentenced to nine years in prison in August. Now four months later, she's headed home after the U.S. and Russia had a high-level prisoner exchange Thursday. The exchange did not include the return of another American, Paul Whelan, who has been jailed for nearly four years.

"Today, my family is whole but as you all are aware, there are so many other families who are not whole," said Brittney's wife, Cherelle Griner, at a White House briefing. "BG and I will remain committed to the work

of getting every American home, including Paul, whose family is in our hearts today as we celebrate BG being home."

Griner, who turned 32 in October, was going back to Russia in February to play for her overseas team, UMMC Ekaterinburg. She went to Russia to supplement her WNBA salary, earning over \$1 million to play in Russia.

"There has not been a day over the past 10 months where we all haven't had Brittney Griner on our minds and in our hearts, and that has now turned into a collective wave of joy and relief knowing that she will soon be reunited with her family, the WNBA player community, and her friends," said WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert, who admitted to being very emotional when she heard the news this morning. "BG has shown extraordinary courage and dignity in the face of enormous adversity."

While it's unclear right now if Griner wants to ever play basketball again, she would be welcomed back with open



South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley watches during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Stanford. AP PHOTO/GODOFREDO A. VÁSQUEZ

arms by both the WNBA and USA Basketball. The WNBA season begins May 19. Engelbert said she'd give Griner and her family some space and time before any discussion about her return to the league.

"It's been a long, horrible ordeal and we really look forward to her return and hearing her voice," Engelbert said.

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley has been a prominent advocate for Griner's return. Staley, who coached Griner on the 2020 Olympic team, feels that playing again

could be helpful to the dominant center.

"It's been a place in which we can block out everything else, join arms with our teammates. Listen to the incredible crowds that support our game. There's so much love that the basketball community has for Brittney that they want to show her," Staley said. "We want her back in her happy place. So I hope that Brittney laces them up. But if she does not, I truly would understand why. We're still going to support it. We're still going to lift her up."

Staley said she broke down with tears of joy when she heard the news Thursday morning. Like Staley, WNBA players have done their best to keep Griner's name in the national spotlight over the last eight months by talking about her in interviews and posting about her on social media.

On Thursday, they flooded social media with their joy.

"My heart is really singing with joy right now. Our sister is finally free," WNBA player Chiney Ogumike said. "This is a monumental moment for everyone who has shown compassion for our WNBA sister over the last 294 days since BG was wrongfully detained."

Griner is under contract with the Phoenix Mercury, who were allowed by the league to pay her full salary of nearly \$228,000 last season without it counting against their salary cap.

The team was thrilled that their eight-time All-Star was coming home.

"Miraculously, mercifully, the count of days detained has ended at 294, and our friend,

our sister is headed back home where she belongs," the Mercury said in a statement. "The emotions for our organization, just like for our fans and so many across the world, are those of joyous celebration, deep gratitude, grief for the time lost, and sincere hope for all families still awaiting the return of a loved one. BG's strength in this process, her unwavering belief that resolution would come, and the hope she displayed every day is what kept all of us believing this day would come."

Griner's agent, Lindsay Colas, pledged that "BG and our coalition of activist athletes" will be lending their voices to help free other Americans detained abroad, including Whelan.

"Throughout this ordeal, BG has carried herself with courage, grace and grit; and President Biden made us a promise, and then kept his word and did what was necessary to bring her home," Colas said in a statement. "We are forever grateful for his follow-through on that commitment."



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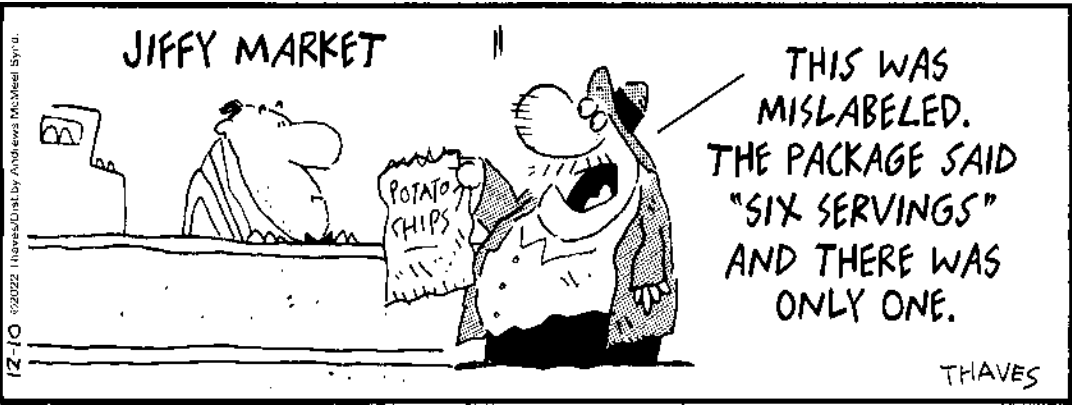
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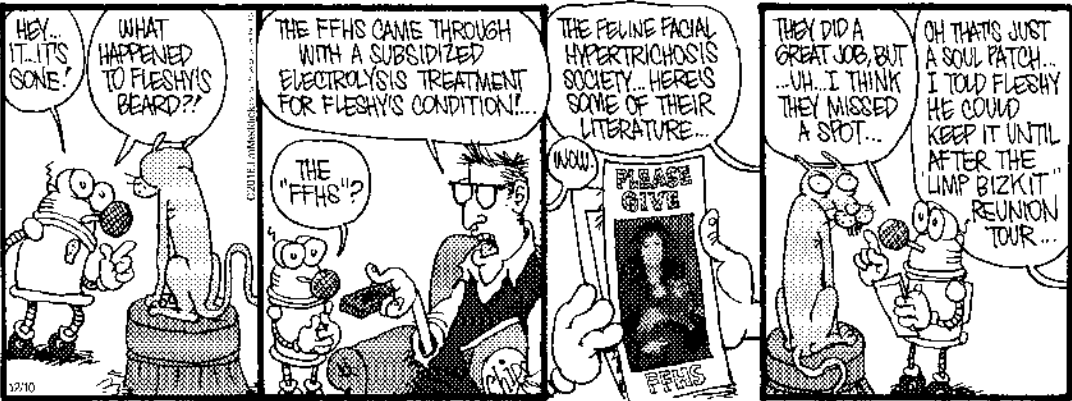
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SUDOKU

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

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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32 Owed right now

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38 Frisky mammals

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48 Polite cough

49 Seat on the aisle

50 Mind reader's gift

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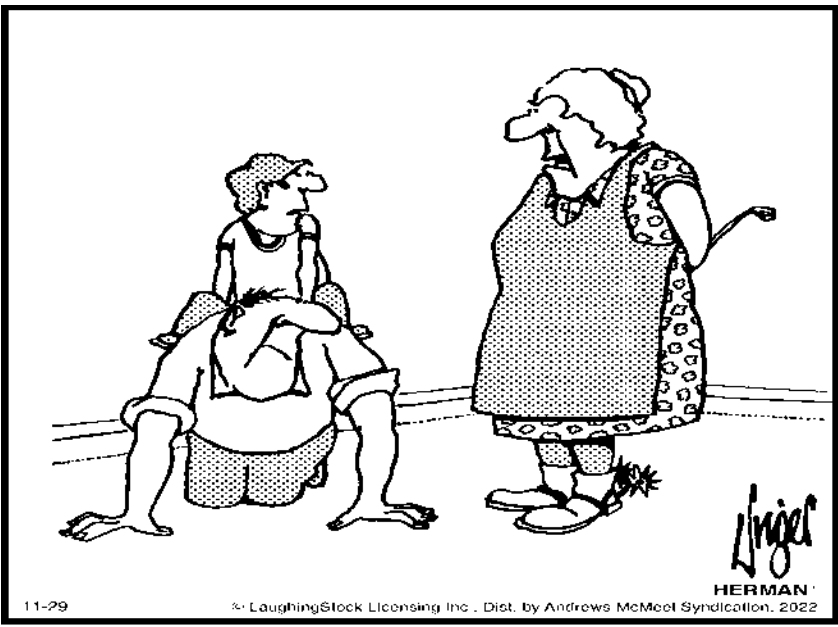
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A quick pace will keep you out of trouble. The busier you are, the better off you'll be this year. Don't waste time on people and situations that hold you back. Stay focused on what you can achieve. Keep track of your progress and measure your success by your achievements. Avoid risky behavior and indulgence.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Practice caution around clamorous people. Talk is cheap; wait and watch to see what transpires. Don't get left to do the work alone. Protect your assets and your sanity.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Putting in a few extra work hours will pay off. Focus on fixing up your place, planning an event or challenging yourself with a fitness goal that will make you look and feel your best.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Set aside time to have fun. Join forces with like-minded people who make you laugh. Avoid discussions with people looking for an argument or trying to change your lifestyle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Review every detail before you decide to do something that can cause emotional mayhem or problems at home. Consider how you live and how you can make your surroundings more convenient.

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your mind and offer information that helps you make better decisions.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Share your intentions and find out who can be of help. Review paperwork, check expiration dates and ensure you have taken care of debt or promises you've made. An orderly approach to everyday living will keep you on track.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Contemplate your options and do what will bring the highest return. A change may be forthcoming, but if it isn't right for you, take a pass and keep looking for what you want. Get some exercise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Spend more time with family and friends. Share your insight and experience, and you'll give hope to someone who is going through a rough time. Think about fixing up your living quarters.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Stay active and set goals. Too much idle time will lead to pointless worry. Use your time wisely; it will give you space to figure out your next move. Avoid deceptive people.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Keep an open mind and remain flexible. Use your resources to keep the momentum flowing. Call on trustworthy people and offer cost-efficient options that suit your financial situation.

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You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Adair County, by Petition, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a Quiet Title in and to the following described real estate, situate in the County of Adair and State of Missouri, to wit:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, Original Town of Brashear, Missouri

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the Attorney for the Petitioner is Joshua E. DeLeeuw, 601 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the first day of publication, a Quiet Title may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.  
First Date of Publication: December 3, 2022  
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LaPlanta, MO 63549

and

BRENDA RUTH HERRON,  
405 West State Street  
Hurdland, MO 63547

Plaintiffs,

v.

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716 St. Louis Avenue  
Excelsior Springs, MO 68024

and

SAMANTHA KAY SHELTER,  
716 St. Louis Avenue  
Excelsior Springs, MO 68024

and

DEBORAH PIPES,  
11414 Sage Stanley Drive  
Houston, TX 77089-4206

and

VICTOR VALVERDE,  
Address Unknown

and

SANDRA VALVERDE,  
Deceased

and

TRACEY LEE POTTER,  
Deceased

and

MARYBETH AND  
ANDREW PATTERSON  
Address Unknown

and the unknown grantees,  
assignees, trustees, legal representatives  
and all other persons, corporations, heirs  
or successors claiming by, through or  
under the Defendants

Case No. 22AR-CV00746

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO:

Defendants Tracey Potter, Sandra Valverde, VictorValverde, Marybeth Patterson, Andrew Patterson, Unknown Grantees, Assignees, Mortgagees, Trustees, And Legal Representatives and All Other Persons, Corporations, Heirs Or Successors Claiming By, Through, Or Under the Above-Named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has been commenced against the Defendants named above in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to determine and declare the Plaintiffs and Defendants Matthew Robinson and Samantha Kay Shelter, are the owners of the following described property in Adair County, Missouri, to-wit:

An undivided 1/2interst on land (commonly known as 1290 Oxford Drive Kirksville, MO 63501) commencing 374.75 feet North and 1058.66 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast Fourth of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 63, Range 15, thence West 70 feet, thence North 141 feet, thence East 70 Feet, thence South 141 feet to the place of beginning. This deed is made and accepted subject to the following restrictions: No building shall be erected closer than 8 feet of both the West and East line of above described tract, or closer than 25 feet of South line. No advertisement signs shall be erected on premises except small sign directly advertising the land owners' business. Property cannot be used or sold at any time for entertainment business, the sale of liquor or of the sale or raising of livestock. There shall be no pets kept on said premises. These restrictions shall be permanent and run with the land. Grantors are also conveying the right to connect to the existing sewer and water line.

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The names of all parties to said action are stated in the caption hereof and the name and address for the attorney for the Plaintiffs is Wallace W. Trosen, #1 Crown Drive, PO Box 267, Kirksville, MO 63501.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 3rd day of December 2022, (the date of first publication), Judgement by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 22nd day of November 2022.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLES

## ACROSS

1 Periphery  
4 Michigan neighbor  
8 Go off at an angle  
12 Wyo. neighbor  
13 Vonnegut or Cobain  
14 Blouse part  
15 "Sister Wives" network  
16 Held oneself back  
18 Tangy  
20 Purchase  
21 PC abandon key  
23 Like good brandy  
26 Bird's abode  
29 Risque  
32 House mem.  
34 Type of lock  
35 Khan of note  
36 Super Bowl org.  
37 Compass pt.

38 Open  
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40 Caddie's  
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42 Restaurant  
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66 TV Tarzan

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### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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8 Contend- ing	31 Thick rope
9 Untold centuries	33 Cushy job
10 Scratch out a living	39 Links org.
11 2012 Taylor Swift album	41 Dents
17 Not home	44 Cunning
19 Pierre's head	46 Welcome
22 Shipping container	48 French state
24 Bert's buddy	50 Stick around
25 Table	51 Accused's need
26 Moscow turndown	52 — 500
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	56 Pamplona shout
	57 "Oedipus —"

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## ACROSS

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60 Email button

**DOWN**

- 1 Gobble (down)
- 2 First-aid plant
- 3 Separate violently
- 4 Turn down a page (hyph.)
- 5 "Titanic" award
- 6 "Ant-Man" — Rudd
- 7 Homepage addr.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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17 Kind of sprawl	44 In poor taste
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22 So-so grades	46 Wife of Geraint
23 Grow weary	47 Boxy vehicles
24 Nightspot	48 Customs request
25 Natural hairdo	49 Batman's garb
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**Garrett-Vogel Nuptials**  
Allison Jean Garrett and  
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Hannibal startup shines during sunflower oil shortage

By University of Missouri Extension

HANNIBAL, Mo. – A northeastern Missouri farm is making sunflower oil amid a global shortage linked to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Family-owned and operated, Show Me HH Farms, of Hannibal, offers cold-pressed sunflower seed oil, a primary cooking oil in many parts of the world. Sunflower oil's light yellow color, mild flavor and ability to withstand high cooking temperatures make it a favorite of cooks. Before the war, Ukraine and Russia supplied as much as 75 percent of the world's supply of sunflower oil, according to William Meyers, emeritus professor of agriculture and applied economics at the University of Missouri's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute.

Show Me HH owners Kent and Kathy Brown and their son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Amberlyn, sell the oil at farmers markets, at their farm and at retail outlets. Their sunflower fields, open to the public when sunflowers are in full bloom, provide a striking backdrop for photos. The Browns began their small-batch operation in 2021 after consulting on food safety and equipment needs with MU Extension specialist James Meyer and the Ralls County Health Department. Meyer also told the Browns about Missouri Grown USA (www.MissouriGrownUSA.com), a Missouri Department of Agriculture program that supports Missouri agricultural products. The response has been good, the Browns say. Customers like the oil's mild,



With their massive seed heads turned to the sun, sunflowers grown in northeastern Missouri are used to make sunflower seed oil, a highly sought-after cooking oil that is in short supply worldwide. PHOTO COURTESY OF AMBERLYN BROWN.

nutty flavor, says Amberlyn, especially in salad dressings and when sautéing. “When used at high temperatures, there is no distinguishable flavor, and that appeals to customers as well,” she says. The Browns grow high-oleic sunflowers on

20 acres of their farm, which is otherwise dedicated primarily to traditional row crops. They harvest the sunflower heads using a combine with a special header. After harvest, in late October or early November, they clean and crush

dried sunflower seeds. Seeds go into a press that squeezes out the oil. The Browns sell the separated waste for cattle feed. The process is slow – about 10 hours for a 30-gallon drum of oil. The oil is black when first extracted and bottled. They rack it like wine to allow the dark parts to settle and clear. A sunflower head is not a single flower but consists of many small ray flowers. The massive sunflower heads may contain up to 2,000 seeds. The oil content of the seeds is high – more than 40 percent. High temperatures and dry weather made for plenty of sunshine at the farm this year, when the Browns nearly tripled their production of sunflowers on the same amount of acreage. The sunflower is a native plant in Missouri. It was grown more than 1,000 years ago by the Cahokia mound builders in what is now the St. Louis area, says Rob Myers, adjunct associate professor and director of the Center for Regenerative Agriculture at MU. Myers says the first known commercial processing of sunflowers in the U.S. was in Missouri in 1926, when growers worked with the MU Engineering Experiment Station and the MU Department of Chemistry to process sunflower oilseed. In Missouri, sunflowers can be planted from early April to July. The crop grows in a wide range of soils and tolerates drought. The MU Extension publication “Sunflowers: A Versatile Native Crop” is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/g4701.

Things everyone can do to support rural economies

By Metro Creative

Efforts to revive small business sectors have helped countless communities regain their prosperity and sense of community pride. Those efforts have been wildly effective in many urban areas, and they also can help rural economies recover from the many challenges they've been confronting since the Great Recession, which occurred between 2007 and 2009. Rural communities have faced many unique challenges since 2007. For example, a 2019 study published in the journal Rural Sociology found that 46 percent of remote rural counties were depopulating, while just 6 percent of metropolitan counties were facing population losses. Reviving rural communities does more than help the people who call those communities home. Thriving rural

communities can ensure access to fresh foods for people in both rural and urban areas, thus keeping costs down. Thriving rural communities also can reduce reliance on government assistance programs. With access to well-paying jobs, more people in rural communities can live above the poverty line. That's a significant benefit, as the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that roughly 85 percent of counties combatting persistent poverty are rural. Attempts to revive rural economies will require a collective effort on the part of people from all walks of life, and there's much everyone can do to pitch in. Buy products from local farms. When buying foods, looking for products from local farms and/or domestic farms can benefit consumers in various ways. Many individuals find locally grown

foods more flavorful than products imported from foreign countries. And buying local, whether the farm is on the outskirts of the metropolitan area you call home or elsewhere in your own country, provides some much-needed economic stimulation to rural communities. Look beyond foods. Rural communities produce more than food. Soaps, lotions, candles, decorative items, and other products people use everyday are produced on farms and within rural communities. Choosing these products over mass-produced alternatives made in other countries or in places where profits are less likely to be funneled back into local communities is a great way to support rural economies. Support legislation that benefits rural economies. One of the most effective ways to lend a hand to rural economies is

to support legislation that can help them. There are many reasons why rural economies have fallen on hard times, and a lack of digital infrastructure has undoubtedly contributed to those struggles. All businesses benefit from a strong online presence, and communities can attract more remote workers if their digital infrastructure is improved. Those improvements are often the subject of local, state and even federal legislation. Individuals who want to help rural economies can urge their representatives to support legislation that can help rural communities build their digital infrastructure so it's on par with that which has already been established in more populous areas. Rural economies are struggling. However, there's much everyone can do to pitch in and support efforts to revive rural communities.



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Role of humble earthworm in sustainable agriculture

By Metro Creative

Home gardeners and commercial agricultural enterprises are increasingly integrating more natural and sustainable practices into plant production. Although chemical pesticides and fertilizers can improve crop yields, chemicals can deteriorate soil efficiency and may affect the ecosystem in negative ways. In lieu of turning to a laundry list of products to help the soil, farmers and home gardeners may benefit from relying more heavily on the humble earthworm. Earthworms are beneficial According to CABI, an international, inter-governmental, not-for-profit organization that provides information and applies scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment, earthworms are useful for the management of biodiversity. Earthworms are any gardener's friend. These shy, light-sensitive creatures burrow through the soil, pulling leaves

and other plant matter deep within. When the earthworms consume this detritus, the decomposed plants as well as the worms' droppings provide nutrients to the soil. Together with microbes, earthworms convert biodegradable materials and organic waste into nutrient-rich products. They also may help reduce instances of soil-borne diseases. The benefits to worms do not end there. Earthworms also aerate the soil, enabling water to be absorbed, which helps develop strong plant roots. Earthworm burrows serve as channels where roots can elongate into deeper soil layers, enabling plants to grow more securely and deeply. This, in turn, can help reduce soil erosion. While research is ongoing, there are some reports that the unique talents of earthworms can help convert land that is largely barren into fertile soil. Breeding earthworms It may be in gardeners' and farmers' best interests to raise earth-

worms. According to the science information site Sciencing, earthworms are hermaphrodites, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs. Despite this, most worms need a partner to reproduce — although certain types will reproduce alone if partners are scarce. Worms can be purchased or found for breeding. A worm box, which can be made or bought from gardening shops, is a box made from untreated wood. The earthworms will need a temperature of at least 25 F, and dark, moist soil. Place moistened paper scraps into one half of the worm box. Place the worms on top and give

them opportunities to hide. Place small amounts of organic matter, such as kitchen scraps, coffee grounds and leaves, on the paper layer every day. Leave the other side of the worm box empty, as this will be where the worm dropping compost will eventually collect. After two or three months, there will be quite a number of hatched worms to release into the garden along with the compost. Leave some worms behind to continue to reproduce. Earthworms amend the soil in natural ways that can reduce the need to use chemical products and protect biodiversity.

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**8:15 a.m.** Worship Service Peace, Milan  
**9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Study Faith  
**9:00 a.m.** Sunday School Faith  
**10:15 a.m.** Worship Service Faith  
**10:00 p.m.** Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirkville.org

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
**9:30 a.m.** Morning Worship.  
**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time.  
**11:00 a.m.** Church School/all ages  
**5:30 p.m.** College Fellowship

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

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

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Worship

**Southside Baptist Church**  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgers  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.** Preaching  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Service

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

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

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

**Faith Baptist Church**  
502 N. Florence  
Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price  
**10:00 a.m.** Bible Study  
**11:00 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**12:00 p.m.** Noon Lunch  
**1:30 p.m.** Worship

**The Crossing Church**  
810 E. Shepherd Ave.  
**9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.** Sunday Service  
www.thecrossing.net

**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jorden, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America  
**9:30 a.m.** Worship  
**11:00 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages  
**12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.** Small groups  
KirkvilleGCBBC@gmail.com  
www.KirkvilleGCBBC.com • 660.665.1615

**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley  
**9:30 a.m.** Worship In Person & Online  
kvumc.org

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

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastor: Rob Linhart  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Service

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
**9:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday Bible Study  
fbck@sbcglobal.net  
www.fellowshipcbc.org • 660-665-0633

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

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

**Catholic Newman Center**  
**11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Sunday  
**7:00 a.m.** Monday  
**9:00 p.m.** Wednesday

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

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

**Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church**  
2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S.  
Elder Dillion Thurman, minister  
Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
**10:30 a.m.** Song Service  
**11:00 a.m.** Preaching

**Meadow Brook Christian Church**  
602 E. Washington  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 Morning** Worship

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

**Life Church of Kirksville**  
112 W. Potter  
Jeremy Pingle, Pastor  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday Morning Service

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

**Cornerstone Church**  
1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO  
Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor  
Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor  
**Sunday 10 am** - Morning Worship  
**Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm** Family Ministry Night  
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

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

**Gifford Christian Church**  
Minister: Darren Potter  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**Lake Road Chapel**  
22963 Potter Trail  
Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kelly  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday Morning Worship Service  
www.lakeroadchapel.org

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**6:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

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

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor  
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

**First Assembly of God**  
2401 S. High  
Jeff Arp, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** Morning Worship  
(Communion First Sunday of the Month)  
**6:30 p.m.** Evening Praise  
www.KirkvilleFirst.com

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

**Novinger Baptist Church**  
Highway 6 & 149  
Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
High & Harrison  
**9:30 a.m.** Worship Service  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
2000 E. Normal  
Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Sunday Services  
Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison  
**9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Sunday Services

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
124 N. Mulanix  
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor  
**10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1301 N. Elson  
Curtis Denney, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sabbath School (Saturday)  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship Service (Saturday)  
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

**United Methodist Church**  
Brashear Charge, Brashear  
Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship  
**7:00 p.m.** Singspiration - 1st Sunday

**Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church**  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Worship

**Illinois Bend Community Church**  
Highway 3  
Pastor Terry Hunsaker  
**8:30 a.m.** Worship  
**9:30 a.m.** Bible Study  
660-349-0052

**Baring Community Church**  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship.

**Downing Christian Church**  
430 E. Prime Street  
Minister Walker Franke  
Associate Minister Larry Smith  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:30 am** Worship Service  
**6:00 pm** Evening Service  
660-379-2329

**Willow Bend Church**  
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**New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard**  
**9:15 a.m.** Bible Study  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship

**Greentop Community Church**  
Highway K, Greentop, Mo.  
Pastor: Lynae McFarland  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service

**Trinity United Fellowship Church**  
Pastor: Lorne Arber  
**9:00 a.m.** Worship  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School

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

**Shekinah Mennonite Church**  
15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville  
John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry  
**9:30 a.m.** Bible Study  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship  
**6:00 p.m.** 2nd Sunday - hymn sing  
**6:00 p.m.** 4th Sunday of month Topic

**Bethel Community Church**  
12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T  
Marvin Cross, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**6:00 p.m.** Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Worship.

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

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

**Winigan Christian Church**  
Ryan Crist, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service

**First Baptist Church**  
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**6:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

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

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

**LaPlata Christian Church**  
Scott McNay, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** Worship Service

**Christ's Family Church**  
531 N. Baltimore  
Glenn Berry, Pastor  
**9:00 a.m.** Adult Sunday School  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship Service  
www.ctckvmo.com • ctckvmo@gmail.com

**Queen City Christian Church**  
Queen City, Mo.  
Bud Cornwell, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Bible School  
**10:30 a.m.** Communion/worship Hour

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

**Brashear Community Bible Church**  
Donny Powell, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Morning Worship  
660-323-5305

**First Baptist Church of LaPlata**  
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor  
**9:00 am** "Donut Hole" Fellowship  
**9:00 am** Sunday School  
**10:00 am** Worship Service  
**6:00 pm** Evening Worship  
**6:00 pm** Monday – AWANA  
http://laplatabc.org/  
Email: laplatabc@gmail.com

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

**Worthington Baptist Church**  
Worthington, Mo.  
Roger Busnell, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning worship  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

**The Salvation Army**  
1004 W. Gardner  
Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Worship Service  
**5:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

**Queen City First Baptist Church**  
6th at Washington St.  
Robert Smith, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Worship

**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA**  
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O  
Pastor, Bill Iammatteo-Code  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship Service

**Hurdland First Baptist Church**  
Robert Shobe, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service  
**7:30 p.m.** Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study

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

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

**Locust Hill Community Church**  
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo  
William Gaines, Pastor  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Worship

**New Harmony Free Will Baptist**  
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School  
**10:45 a.m.** Morning Worship


**Word Alive! Family Church of Faith**  
Hwy 63, Greentop  
Pastors: Robert Gange  
**10:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church  
**Schuyler County Church of Faith**  
Highway 136 East, Lancaster  
Sonny Smyser, Pastor  
**8 a.m. & 10 a.m.** Sunday Services  
**11:00 a.m.** Adult Sunday Class  
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

**Gospel Outreach Church**  
209 W. Washington  
Norman Keller, Pastor  
Gonda Manning, Co pastor  
**7:00 p.m.** Thursday Services  
**7:00 p.m.** Sunday Services

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



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**John 14:16**

