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Candidate filing period continues for cities of Kirksville, Brashear and Novinger, school districts in Kirksville R-III and Adair R-II

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Filing to become a candidate for the Kirksville City council continues through Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 5 p.m. You may file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin St., during regular business hours,



Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., except for designated holidays. The Municipal Election for city council will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Two seats are up during this election cycle, currently held by Rick Steele and Jennifer Walston.

To qualify, you must be 21 years of age prior to taking office; a U.S. citizen; a resident of Kirksville for one year preceding the election; and a registered voter. Anyone who has been found guilty of, or pled to, a felony does not qualify. Prior to filing, each person must complete an "Affidavit" with the Missouri Department of Revenue affirming that all state income, personal property, and real

property taxes on their place of residence have been paid. For more information, contact City Clerk Wanda Cagle at 660-627-1225.

Candidates that have filed as of Dec. 12 include Kevin A. Alm, Wesley Gerber, Marva Marie Clay and incumbent Jennifer Walston.

In Novinger, two alderman positions, both that are two-year terms, will be voted on in April 2023. The two-year

mayoral term is also up this year. The filing period ends on Dec. 27. Candidates must be at least 21, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the city for at least one year prior to the election. They must be a registered voter and current on all city, local and state taxes and not owe the city for any service provided. To file, call 660-216-9926.

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Lucas Hayes

2022 Nursing in Excellence Award winner announced

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

Lucas Hayes, a registered nurse at Northeast Regional Medical Center, was recently recognized as NRMC's 2022 Nursing Excellence Award recipient.

Hayes was surprised with the recognition during a presentation with hospital leadership where he was presented with a crystal plaque and a symbolic check for the cash award he received among other gifts.

Since joining Northeast Regional Medical Center in 2021, Hayes has oriented to several different units and become a preceptor and mentor to his peers.

"Lucas is always willing to float to the unit when asked without complaint," NRMC Chief Nursing Officer Elizabeth Guffey stated in his nomination form. "He is a great resource for both new staff and contract labor and is always willing to help and answer questions."

The Nursing Excellence Award was created to honor the critical role nurses have played in treating patients throughout the pandemic. The peer-nominated award program was open to qualifying RNs and LPNs working in a direct patient care po-

sition who consistently demonstrate characteristics synonymous with nursing excellence. These characteristics include outstanding care, compassion, service and innovation, and reflect the efforts of someone who is a demonstrated team player and/or mentor to others, is a leader in times of crises, and who regularly promotes health in the community.

"Lucas stays late and comes in extra to help when needed," Guffey stated in his nomination form. "He is reliable and shows up to his shifts on time and ready to work. He always has a positive attitude. It has been a pleasure to work alongside him."

About Northeast Regional Medical Center

NRMC is a 93-bed facility with a Level III trauma center, Level III STEMI center, Level III stroke center, and ACC Certified Chest Pain Center. With over 500 healthcare professionals, NRMC is a teaching hospital associated with the founding school of osteopathic medicine. NRMC has a 4-Star CMS Quality Star rating. For more information, visit nrmc.com or <https://www.facebook.com/NortheastRegionalMedicalCenter>. Northeast Regional Medical Center is owned in part by physicians.

'Celebrating Christmas thru Music'

Novinger Renewal holds 2nd Annual 'Celebrating Christmas thru Music' performance

By Novinger Renewal

Novinger Renewal got everyone in the Christmas spirit by holding its 2nd Annual "Celebrating Christmas thru Music" event on Sunday, Dec. 11 in the former Novinger Methodist Church. The event featured vocals, instrumentals and community singing by a number of area residents. Attendees were also encouraged to tour



Outreach Bells Choir — Sara Stock, director, left to right: Janie Fortney, Karen Mayhew, Dianthe Cable, Julie Henderson, Joyce Lundstrom and Jenny Bellington. PHOTOS BY DONNA BROADWELL

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C.O. Wellman



Kathy Bell, Connie Charles and Twila Jones.



Kim Henry



Ameren Missouri seeks a more than double rate increase

Rates for residential customers using 1,017 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will increase from approximately \$2.80 a month to approximately \$6.37 a month

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY — Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission to adjust the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on the bills of its electric customers.

Ameren Missouri made two filings. In its first filing (Case No. ER-2023-0181), Ameren Missouri proposes to adjust the FAC to reflect changes in its fuel and purchased power costs, net off system sales

revenues and associated transportation experienced during the four month period of June through September 2022. The second case is Ameren Missouri's true-up filing (Case No. EO-2023- 0182).

According to the Ameren Missouri filing, as a result of these two filings, the FAC for a residential customer using 1,017 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month will increase from approximately \$2.80 a month to approximately \$6.37 a month. The proposed change

would take effect on February 1, 2023.

Applications to intervene and participate in these cases must be filed no later than Dec. 23, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at www.psc.mo.gov.

Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650,



P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 1-866-922-2959, e-mail opcservice@opc.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov). The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency that represents the general public in matters before the Commission.

Ameren Missouri serves approximately 1.29 million electric customers in Missouri.

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Truman State to conduct Commencement Saturday

By Truman State University

Truman State University will honor December graduates during commencement ceremonies at 11 a.m. Dec. 17 in Pershing Arena.

Alumna Dusty Folwarczny will give the commencement address. A native of Winfield, Missouri, Folwarczny earned her BFA in sculpture from Truman in 2003 and made her way

to Chicago in 2006 to establish her sculpting practice and work in management consulting.

Allison Duncan, who will be receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, will be the student speaker.

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. More information can be found at truman.edu/registrar/commencement.

ATSU-KCOM student enjoys showing off campus' history to visitors in role as ambassador

By Courtesy of A.T. Still University

A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) student Maggie McCarthy, OMS II, knows there is something special about ATSU's Kirksville, Missouri, campus.

Home of the founding school of osteopathic medicine and the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, the campus is steeped in history, and McCarthy enjoys showing it off to visitors in her role as a student ambassador.

"I enjoy being able to show off the Kirksville campus to visitors we have," McCarthy said. "It's nice to be able to meet with prospective students and help ease their minds on interview day. One of my favorite aspects of being a student ambassador is being able to share my experiences at KCOM and why I chose to come here."

McCarthy, a Student Ambassador of the Month selection, is from St. Joseph, Missouri, and has a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Northwest Missouri State University.

She's making the most of her time in Kirksville, getting involved with many organizations. She's secretary of the Student Government Association, vice president of point of Care Ultrasound Society, and a member of Emergency Med-



Maggie McCarthy, OMS II

icine Club, OB/GYN Club, Still Caring Health Connection, Wilderness Medicine Club, Simulation Club, Biomedical Ethics, Hope's Kitchen, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, National Osteopathic Women Physicians Association, and Rotaract. She is also the OMS II representative for the ATSU Student Mental Well-Being Task Force, and a recipient of the Missouri State Medical Association Scholarship.

All of these experiences at ATSU are helping McCarthy prepare to take on her future goals.

"Currently, I am interested in going into emergency medicine or OB/GYN," McCarthy said. "Both of these specialties use ultrasound. ATSU's Ultrasound program and Point of Care Ultrasound Society have given me opportunities to develop strong skills that I will use one day in practice."

Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomes horticulture specialist

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Jennifer Schutter-Barnes to speak at their Dec. 8 meeting. Schutter-Barnes is a horticulture specialist with the University of Missouri Extension in Adair County. She presented on her work with the Extension. Pictured are Schutter-Barnes (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Immediate Past President James "Jim" O'Donnell.



Brad Fjelsta selected as CRC's new president and CEO

By Cooperative Response Center, Inc.'s (CRC)

Austin, Minn. – Cooperative Response Center, Inc.'s (CRC) Board of Directors announced today that Brad Fjelsta, CRC's senior vice president—operations, has been selected as its new president and CEO, officially starting his new role with the company on

February 3, 2023. Fjelsta will take over the head leadership position from current president and CEO Christopher Holt who will retire in February 2023.

Fjelsta has worked for CRC for over 21 years, originally serving as the company's controller and facilities manager. He was promoted to senior vice president—opera-

tions in 2010. Throughout his tenure at CRC, Fjelsta has successfully led many major projects for the company along with the responsibility for a number of its departments.

"CRC's Board of Directors conducted a nationwide search for the president and CEO position for the past six months," said Neil Hesse, general manager of Pen-

Tex Energy in Muenster, Texas, and CRC's board chairman. "We had a number of strong candidates but we concluded Brad's experience with CRC over the past two decades along with his vision for the future will continue to grow CRC in the best way possible for its membership and its employees."

Holt agreed with CRC's

board that Fjelsta is the best individual for the job. "Brad's passion for service, our employees, and members along with his institutional knowledge were the primary drivers of his selection," Holt said. "I'm confident he'll continue to grow CRC and not only maintain our position as the industry leader but help us move in new and ex-



Brad Fjelsta

citing directions as the utility and alarm monitoring industries evolve in the coming years."

KIRKSVILLE AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Kirksville's Planning & Zoning Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

Ribbon Cutting for Kirksville Leadership Institute

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold two ribbon-cutting ceremonies for

Kirksville Leadership Institute on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The first will be at Clothes Closet, 119 S. High Street at 11 a.m., followed by one at the Adair County Library, 1 Library Lane at 11:20 a.m. Join the chamber in celebrating the placement of Kirksville Leadership Institute Class of 2022's class project: Community Giving Boxes. These Community Giving Boxes are located at the Clothes Closet and Adair County Public Library, and they contain personal hygiene items for com-

munity members in need. Future donations are welcome! "Give what you can" so others can "take what they need."

Ribbon Cutting for Lupita's

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Lupita's, 114 W Harrison St, Kirksville, on Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Join them in celebrating the grand opening of the new permanent location for Lupita's, located in the well-known Pickler's Famous building. This new location will officially be open for business Friday, Dec. 16. Lupita's serves "Hispanic food with variations of Salvadoran and Mexican flavors and began as Lupita's Food Trailer.

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 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.

CHURCH OF GOD (HOLINESS)

1601 N Elson St Kirksville, MO

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"A Promise KEPT"

The Blessing of Christmas

The Church Choir will be singing
Sunday December 18 | 11 am & 5 pm

Christmas Treat Bags will be passed out
Sunday Morning! There will be a Candle Light Service following the 5pm Christmas Cantata!

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Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr. 660-626-3114

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OBITUARIES

Barbara (Bobbi) Josephine Conley

May 26, 1940 – Dec 7, 2022

Barbara (Bobbi) Josephine Conley left this world on Dec. 7, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with Frontotemporal Dementia.

She is survived by her husband Jack Conley of Dardenne Prairie, MO and their daughters and spouses Erin (Terry) Kilburn of Bella Vista, AR; Stacey (Jeff) Kelley of Brentwood, MO; and Regan (John) Quinn of Monroe City, MO. Her legacy lives on in her grandchildren Lauren (Bobby) Hance Welch, Hayden Kilburn, Alex Hance, Anne Marie Quinn, Rose Quinn, John Paul Quinn, Gianna Quinn, Robert Quinn, and great grandchildren Jack and Adelaide Welch. She was preceded in death by her mother Caroline, father Walter, brothers Walter, Quentin, Charles and Bill, sisters Birdie, Mamie, and Audrey, along with several nieces and nephews.

Born May 26, 1940, in Cove, Arkansas to Caroline Elizabeth (Cotnam) and Walter Paul Graves. As a small child, she moved with her family to California where she attended elementary school in National City. She attended Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada for two years, and completed her high school education in Browning, MO. She attended Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, MO where she met and married the love of her life, Jack, on July 31, 1960, in Winigan, MO.

After marrying Jack, he joined the Air Force, and they were stationed in Louisiana and Oklahoma. After his time in the Air Force, they made their home in Kirksville, MO. Bobbi worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Rider Drug and Mamselles Clothing store and later became a secretary at the Bank of Kirksville. She ended her working career as office manager for the Kirksville Livestock Market.

She enjoyed traveling, music, arts and crafts, and golfing. She was a member of the Pinch Penny Players and Traveler's Community Theater. She was an active member of Shadow Hills Church in Las Vegas before her health began to fail. Jack and Bobbi enjoyed their life of travel and lived in the Fort Myers, FL area, Las Vegas, NV and Gilbert, AZ before returning to Missouri to spend time near their daughters and grandchildren.

Bobbi will be remembered for her ability to bring a smile and laughter to everyone she met. Their home was always open, and they welcomed many to share a meal and companionship. She never met a stranger and always had a welcoming heart.

Though our hearts are broken, we are at peace knowing she is no longer fighting this devastating disease.

A Celebration of Life and Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, from 3pm to 5pm at the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Kirksville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to one of the following: The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration www.theaft.org 2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120 King of Prussia, PA 19406; First Christian Church 100 North High Street Kirksville, MO 63501; or Shadow Hills Church 7811 Vegas Drive Las Vegas, NV 89128.

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



KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Hospice of Northeast Missouri to facilitate ongoing support group around the grief of aging

Based upon the feedback of those participants who attended the seminar titled "Getting Older Is Not for The Faint of Heart", there was an agreement that an ongoing support group around the grief of aging is a needed resource in the community. Carol Davenport, Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement Coordinator, and Diane Johnson, hospice volunteer and retired communication faculty at Truman State, will serve as facilitators of the monthly meetings where participants will explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point." Many of us had lots of plans for those later years, but instead are dealing with physical issues that keep us from doing all the things we want to do. All are welcome to attend this monthly support group that will meet from 1 – 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church on 300 E. Washington St. in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the south door. The next meeting will take place on Dec. 20. The ongoing support group is sponsored by Hospice of Northeast Missouri, the only nonprofit hospice health care service in northeast Missouri that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties. For more information, call 660-627-9711.

12th Annual Coat Drive

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.

Adair County Health Dept. releases December Covid-19 vaccine schedule

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. 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.

Last free visit with Santa Claus

Main Street Kirksville and Downtown Cinema 8 are partnering to provide free visits with Santa Claus. The last visit with Santa Claus will take place this Saturday from 10 a.m. — Noon in the lobby of downtown Cinema 8, 115 N. Elson, Kirksville: 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.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce to close between Christmas and New Year

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.

CAPNEMO Winter Clothing Drive

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

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Shop Small Season

Through Dec. 31, when you spend \$10 or more at participating locations, you can fill out a shopped small ticket, drop it in the Spend \$10 Box, and enter to win. Grand Prize is a large gift basket made up of items donated by participating locations. Each item is worth at least \$10 or more in value. Last year's basket were worth over \$200. Second and third prize winners will also win smaller gift baskets of donated items and gift cards. Last year's baskets were worth \$150. As a thank you to participating business, the business name on the winning shopped small tickets will win \$25 in Kirksville Ca\$h. In early January, they will collect the boxes containing entries and combine all of the tickets into one big drawing. On Jan. 6, the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will draw three Shop Small tickets and declare the Shopped Small winners.

Adair County Public Library Book Club is Back

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

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Please call the local OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can also visit their website at oatstransit.org and view the local schedule under "Bus Schedules". Their offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan., for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Please keep this in mind as you schedule trips near these holidays.

FILING

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The city of Brashear has two, two-year alderperson seats open as well as the two-year mayoral seat. The filing period ends on Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. Candidates must be at least 21, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the city for at least one year prior to the election. They must be a registered voter and current on all city, local and state taxes and not owe the city for any service provided (including water and sewer). Names of the candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed with the city clerk. Call 660-323-5575 to make arrangements to file, if interested in running for one of the seat.

The Kirksville R-III School District has three school board seats available, all three-year terms. The filing period is open until Dec. 27. Interested persons may file at the Superintendent's Office located at 901 E. Hamilton Street, Kirksville. District hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Filing will not be available on days the district is closed due to inclement weather. For more information, contact Superintendent Robert Webb at 660-665-8658.

Adair County R-II School District will have three, three-years seats available for school board with the filing period ending at 5 p.m. on Dec. 27. Interested persons may file at the superintendent's office 205 W. Dewey Street, in Brashear. Contact Superintendent

Josh Brummit at 660-323-5272. Filing will not be open between Dec. 19 and Dec. 26, when the district's offices will be closed for the holidays.

Candidates for a three-year term on the Adair County Ambulance District Board of Directors, District 3 and District 6, will be held on April 4 as well, with the filing period through Dec. 27. Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the election district, and shall be at least 24 years of age.

Qualified persons may a declaration of candidacy in the office of the County Clerk, Adair County, 311 N. Elson Street, Kirksville., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Dec. 27.



'Tis The Season To Be Generous

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

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

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

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

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

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the historic building. 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.



Mel Fortney



Raymond Magruder

Nursing students make a difference in local communities

By Truman State University

Nursing students spend many hours in lectures and clinicals learning skills for the future, but one class in particular gives them the chance to make an impact Kirksville and surrounding communities.

At Truman State University in the Rural and Public Health Nursing course taught by Nola Martz, assistant professor of nursing, students complete a rotation at a local health department and another at a local school. Health departments in Adair, Knox, Schuyler and Sullivan counties, along with schools in Brookfield, Green City, Kirksville, Milan and Scotland County, are just a few of the places the University has partnered with where students can complete these clinical hours. During rotations, students will assist with patient assessments, immunizations, injections, health screenings, vision and hearing screenings, administer medications, wound care and much more.

“The students get to see first hand all of the beneficial services local health departments provide, and



Students help with school screenings in Scotland County.

that the school health nurse role is much more than ‘ice packs and band-aids,’” Martz said. “They also get a population focused perspective on the challenges these communities face in reaching

their health potential.”

During fall 2022, students helped at the school health fairs for Scotland and Brookfield and immunization clinics for Green City and Milan, as well as vision and dental

screenings for Ray Miller Elementary and Kirksville Primary. Students also helped at flu clinics in Adair, Knox, Schuyler and Sullivan counties.

“Preceptors and patients often comment on

the professionalism exhibited by our students, as well as how well prepared they are for their clinical rotations,” Martz said. “Some students have helped innovate efficient ways to organize

clinics and have served as extenders of those facilities’ workforce where they have limited resources to have full time staff.”

As an example, when COVID-19 vaccines became available student nurses in the Rural Public Health class filled roughly 70 volunteer vaccinator positions to assist local public health departments in five counties covering 36 outreach clinics in 67 days to vaccinate more than 10,000 residents of northeast Missouri. Without these students, the burden on the local vaccine providers would have been such that they simply did not have a sufficient workforce to accomplish this.

Through these experiences, students gain an understanding of the importance in looking at patients not just as a diagnosis in front of them, but also considering what their story may be and what kind of resources they have available. In addition to gaining valuable work experience, the students are able to make a positive impact at the locations where their clinicals are completed.



Jasser Khairallah, DO, '18 with ATSU-KCOM dean and professor Margaret Wilson, DO, '82, and Patricia Sexton, DHEd, professor and associate dean of medical education.

ATSU-KCOM alumnus named 2022 AOF Outstanding Resident in Addiction Medicine

By Courtesy of A. T. Still University

A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (AT-SU-KCOM) alumnus Jasser Khairallah, DO, '18, has been named the 2022 Outstanding Resident of the Year in Addiction Medicine by the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF).

Dr. Khairallah graduated from AT-SU-KCOM in 2018 and completed a residency in family medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, where

he was also the recipient of a REACH Research Fellowship.

Currently, he is a fellow in the Addiction Medicine program at Stanford University. Dr. Khairallah is also in the process of obtaining his master of jurisprudence in health law at Loyola University Law School.

Throughout Dr. Khairallah’s education and professional career, he has focused on topics such as opioid use disorder in minority patients and addiction treatment barriers.

Keep safety in mind when donating food

Food pantries also appreciate volunteers, money.

By University of Missouri Extension

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Donating to food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens this time of year is a way to reduce food waste and aid families in need. But be mindful of what you donate and who will eventually receive the donated items.

“We need to think ahead of time about their nutritional needs and make food available to them in a way that is safe and of high quality,” said Londa Nwadike, extension food safety specialist for the University of Missouri and Kansas State University. “And that it is something that they will be happy to bring home to their families.”

She urges consumers to check expiration dates before donating food. “Those dates can be confusing, but when donating food we want to be sure the

product is not past the ‘best by’ or ‘use by’ date,” Nwadike said.

Infant formula product dating is regulated at the federal level, but many states, including Missouri, do not regulate dating on other food products, Nwadike said. “So, food pantries actually can put foods out after the (expiration) date if they choose to. It’s OK from a regulatory perspective, and the food still may be safe,” she said.

Some warning signs that foods may not be safe to eat include cans that are dented or bulging. “Overall, it’s better not to provide canned foods that are dented,” Nwadike said. “Bulging is a bad sign; do not donate those. If it’s rusty, that’s another bad sign.”

Nwadike advises against donating home-preserved foods and repackaged foods. “We just don’t know what has hap-



pened from the time the food was removed from its original package and put into a smaller bag,” she said. “We don’t know how it was handled or if something was introduced to the original food.”

Nwadike suggests donating shelf-stable, nonperishable goods, which not only last longer but don’t require equipment by the pantry to handle.

“Things like produce are great, and people need to eat more fresh produce,” Nwadike said. “But if you want to donate fresh produce to your local food bank, check with them ahead of time to make sure they are willing to accept

it and can give it the care it needs to get to the final user safely and in the most nutritious way possible.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion publishes a nutrition guide called MyPlate, which can be an aid in donating healthy foods. MyPlate suggests a diet of fruits, grains, vegetables and proteins.

“A can of green beans is great to donate,” Nwadike said. “Also think about a can of tuna packed in water, grains (such as brown rice or crackers) and evaporated milk, including nonfat dry milk.”

Peanut butter is a popular protein to donate, but some people are allergic to peanuts. Sunflower butter is a nonallergenic option, she said. Also consider gluten-free options.

In addition to food, Nwadike said, food banks and pantries also accept donations of time and money. “If you provide cash, they are able to buy items in bulk and plan for them.”

Nwadike has written a fact sheet titled “Donating Safe and Nutritious Food to Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens” that is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/n1311.

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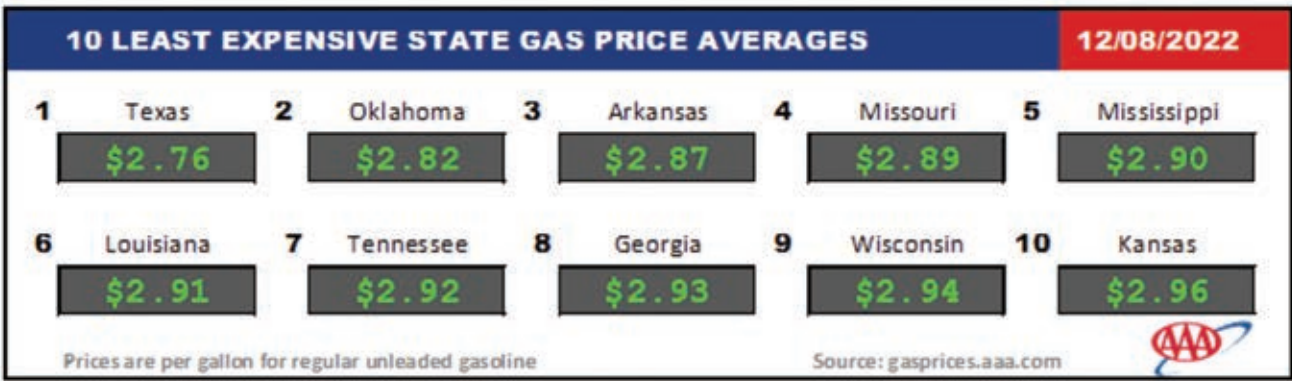
Streak of Missouri gas price average above \$3/gal ends at 317 consecutive days

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$2.89 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 15 cents less compared to this day last week and is eight cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Cape

Girardeau are paying the most on average at \$3.14 while drivers in Columbia are paying the least at \$2.63 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.33, which is 14 cents less compared to this day last week and one cent less than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

The Missouri statewide gas price average



fell below \$3 per gallon on December 3rd – the first time it reached that mark in 317 consecutive days, according to AAA historical gas prices. Additionally, drivers in the Show Me State are filling up with the lowest gas price average since October 2021. Crude oil prices have hovered between \$80 — \$73 per barrel on the week, continuing to

put downward pressure on pump prices.

“Missouri gas prices have been declining for 30 consecutive days,” said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarria. “Barring any major upheavals in the global oil and gas market, drivers can expect prices to fall as we approach the busy year-end holiday travel period.”

Drivers in Missouri are paying the 4th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at \$4.62 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can

find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.



October 2022 Missouri Monthly Jobs Report

By Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

Missouri non-farm payroll employment increased by 4,600 jobs from September 2022 to October 2022, and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point. Private industry employment increased by 3,500 jobs and government employment increased by 1,100 jobs. The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.6 percent in October 2022, from 2.4 percent in September 2022. Over the year, there was an increase of 72,400 jobs from October 2021 to October 2022, and the unemployment rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points, from 4.0 percent in October 2021 to 2.6 percent in October 2022.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Missouri’s smoothed seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point in October 2022, rising to 2.6 percent from the revised September 2022 rate of 2.4 percent. The October 2022 rate was 1.4 percent lower than the October 2021 rate. A year ago, the state’s seasonally adjusted rate was 4.0 percent. The estimated number of unemployed Missourians was 78,871 in October 2022, up by 4,337 from September. The number of employed declined by 2,024 in October 2022.

The national unemployment rate increased from 3.5 in September 2022 to 3.7 in October 2022. Missouri’s unemployment rate has been at or below the national rate for the last five years.

The state’s not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased in October 2022, rising by six-tenths of a percentage point to 2.4 percent from the September 2022 not-seasonally-adjusted rate of 1.8 percent. A year ago, the not-seasonally-adjusted rate was 3.3 percent. The corresponding not-seasonally-adjusted national rate for October 2022 was 3.4 percent.

Missouri’s labor force participation rate was 62.4 percent in October 2022, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 62.2 percent. Missouri’s employment-population ratio was 60.8 percent in October 2022, eight-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 60.0 percent.

Missouri’s unemployment rate was 2.6 percent in October 2022, 1.1 percentage points lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent. Missouri’s unemployment rate has been at or below the national rate for the last five years.

EMPLOYMENT

Missouri’s non-farm payroll employment was 2,932,500 in October 2022, up by 4,600 from the revised September 2022 figure. The September 2022 total was revised upward from the preliminary estimate with an increase of 1,400 jobs.

Goods-producing industries decreased by 100 jobs over the month, with manufacturing gaining 800 jobs and mining, logging, & construction losing 900 jobs. Private service-providing industries increased by 3,600 jobs between September 2022 and October 2022. Employment in private service-providing industries increased in professional and business services (3,600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (1,500 jobs); financial activities (600 jobs); information (600 jobs); other services (300 jobs); and educational and health services (200 jobs). Employment decreased in trade, transportation, and utilities (-3,200 jobs). Government employment increased by 1,100 jobs over the month with gains in local government (800 jobs); state government (200 jobs); and federal government (100 jobs).

Over the year, total payroll employment increased by 72,400 jobs from October 2021 to October 2022. Most major private-sector industry groups shared in the increase, with the largest gain in professional and business services (27,200 jobs); followed by leisure and hospitality (14,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (12,100 jobs); educational and health services (9,300 jobs); other services (3,500 jobs); financial activities (2,200 jobs); manufacturing (1,900 jobs); and information (200 jobs). Employment decreased in trade, transportation, and utilities (-200 jobs). Government employment increased over the year, with a gain of 1,500 jobs. There were increases in local government (2,500 jobs) and state government (1,600 jobs). Employment decreased over the year in federal government (-2,600 jobs).

Read the full report at <https://meric.mo.gov/missouri-monthly-jobs-report>.

IRS reminds those over age 72 to start withdrawals from IRAs and retirement plans to avoid penalties

By IRS

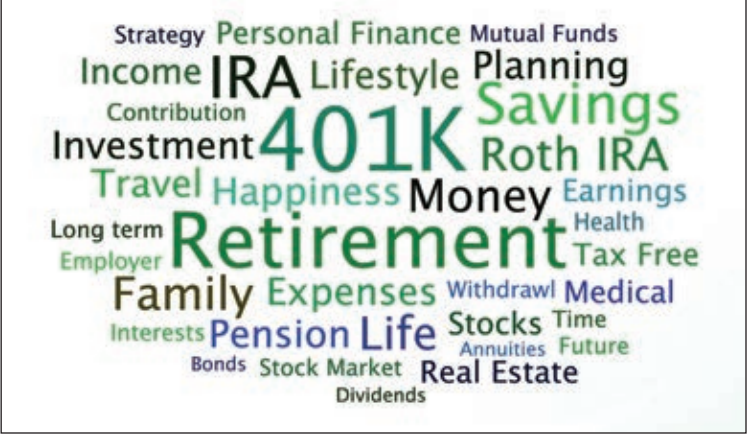
WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today reminded those who were born in 1950 or earlier that funds in their retirement plans and individual retirement arrangements face important upcoming deadlines for required minimum distributions to avoid penalties.

Required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are minimum amounts that many retirement plan and IRA account owners must generally withdraw annually after they reach age 72. Account owners can delay taking their first RMD until April 1 following the later of the calendar year they reach age 72 or, in a workplace retirement plan, retire. RMDs are taxable income and may be subject to penalties if not timely taken.

IRAs: The RMD rules require traditional IRA, and SEP, SARSEP, and SIMPLE IRA account holders to begin taking distributions at age 72, even if they’re still working. Account holders reaching age 72 in 2022 must take their first RMD by April 1, 2023, and the second RMD by Dec. 31, 2023, and each year thereafter.

Retirement Plans: In 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans; profit-sharing and other defined contribution plans; and defined benefit plans, the first RMD is due by April 1 of the later of the year they reach age 72, or the participant is no longer employed (if allowed by the plan). A 5% owner of the employer must begin taking RMDs at age 72.

RMDs may not be rolled over to another IRA or retirement plan. See the RMD Comparison Chart that highlights some of the basic RMD



rules that apply to IRAs and defined contribution plans. Roth IRAs do not require distributions while the original owner is alive.

RMD Calculations and 50 percent tax on missed distributions

An IRA trustee, or plan administrator, must either report the amount of the RMD to the IRA owner or offer to calculate it. An IRA owner, or trustee, must calculate the RMD separately for each IRA owned. They may be able to withdraw the total amount from one or more of the IRAs. However, RMDs from workplace retirement plans must be taken separately from each plan.

Not taking a required distribution, or not withdrawing enough, could mean a 50% excise tax on the amount not distributed. The IRS has worksheets to calculate the RMD and payout periods.

Inherited IRAs

An RMD may be required for an IRA, retirement plan account or Roth IRA inherited from the original owner. Retirement Topics — Beneficiary has information on taking RMDs from an inherited IRA or retirement account and reporting taxable dis-

tributions as part of gross income. Publication 559, Survivors, Executors and Administrators, can help those in charge of the estate complete and file federal income tax returns, and explains their responsibility to pay any taxes due on behalf of the decedent or person who has died.

2020 coronavirus-related distribution

Since 2020 RMDs were waived, an account owner or beneficiary who received an RMD in 2020 had the option of returning it to their IRA or other qualified plan to avoid paying taxes on that distribution. A 2020 RMD that qualified as a coronavirus-related distribution may be repaid over a 3-year period or have the taxes due on the distribution spread over three years.

A 2020 withdrawal from an inherited IRA could not be repaid to the inherited IRA but may be spread over three years for income inclusion. For more information see the Coronavirus Relief for Retirement Plans and IRAs page.

Taxpayers can find forms, instructions, publications, Frequently Asked Questions regarding Required Minimum Distributions and other easy-to-use tools at IRS.gov.

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Wedding & Engagement Announcements

Garrett-Vogel Nuptials
Allison Jean Garrett and
Carter James Vogel of
Moberly, MO, were united in
marriage on May 18, 2019.

Birth Announcements

Welcome, Hayley Ryan!
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Today's Details

7-DAY FORECAST FOR KIRKSVILLE

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy

HIGH: 45

POP: 0%

WED. NIGHT

Partly cloudy

LOW: 29

POP: 10%

THURSDAY

Cloudy, breezy and colder with flurries

35 22

POP: 50%

FRIDAY

Cloudy and breezy with a few snowflakes

29 17

POP: 50%

SATURDAY

Low clouds may break; breezy

31 15

POP: 15%

SUNDAY

Mainly cloudy; ice at night

34 23

POP: 10%

MONDAY

Cloudy

33 11

POP: 25%

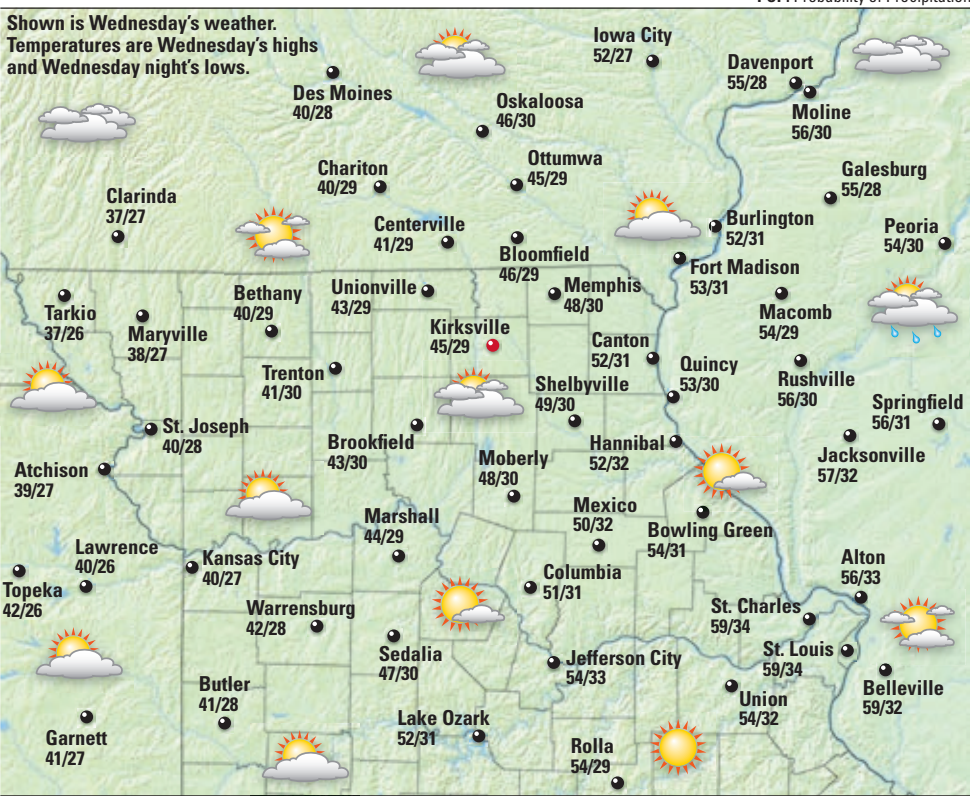
TUESDAY

Turning cloudy and colder

18 5

POP: 5%

POP: Probability of Precipitation



Conditions Wednesday

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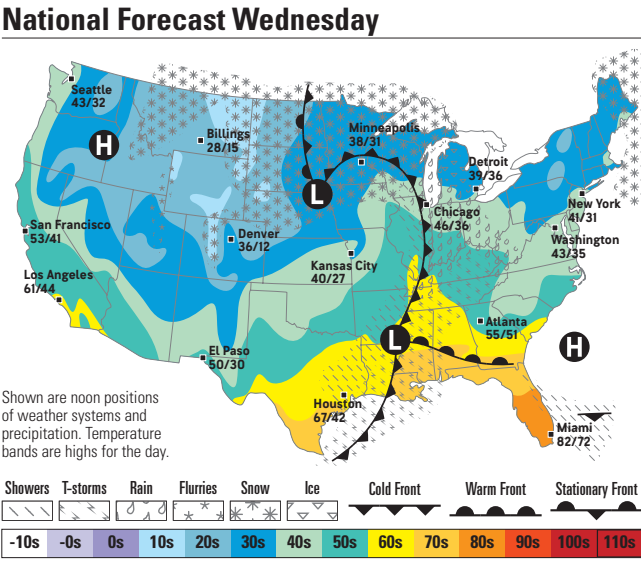
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A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

Outdoor Activity Forecast

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Ratings: 0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.



Almanac

Kirksville through Monday

Temperature

High/low.....36/27

Normal high/low.....40/22

Record high.....65 in 1991

Record low.....-11 in 1932

Precipitation

Monday.....0.00"

Past week's total.....0.19"

Month to date.....0.19"

Normal month to date.....0.79"

Year to date.....29.66"

Normal year to date.....41.48"

Winds

Average direction.....ESE

Average speed.....11.9 mph

Highest speed.....15 mph

Monday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

Last Week's Temperatures

Actual and normal highs/lows

The Region

City	Wed. Hi/Low/W	Thu. Hi/Low/W
Branson	54/31/s	44/26/c
Burlington, IA	52/31/pc	37/26/sf
Cape Girardeau	61/33/pc	48/30/pc
Carbondale	59/34/r	48/31/pc
Cedar Rapids	49/26/c	34/21/sf
Champaign	52/30/r	40/29/pc
Chicago	46/36/r	42/30/sf
Columbia	51/31/s	37/25/c
Danville	51/33/r	43/30/c
Davenport	55/28/c	35/23/sf
Decatur	53/33/c	42/30/c
Des Moines	40/28/c	34/21/sf
Evansville	59/35/r	49/33/pc
Galesburg	55/28/c	37/23/sf
Green Bay	37/33/sn	37/26/sn
Indianapolis	49/36/r	45/29/c
Iowa City	52/27/c	36/22/sf
Jefferson City	54/33/s	41/27/c
Joliet	48/33/r	40/29/sf
Kansas City	40/27/pc	35/22/sf
Lafayette, IN	49/36/r	44/32/c
Lincoln	54/32/c	40/28/c
Madison	49/31/pc	36/24/c
Milwaukee	43/36/r	41/32/sf
Omaha	37/25/c	32/19/sf
Ottumwa	45/29/c	35/20/sf
Peoria	54/30/c	38/28/pc
Rockford	49/32/r	39/27/sf
St. Louis	59/34/pc	42/29/c
Springfield, IL	56/31/c	40/27/pc
Springfield, MO	50/28/s	39/25/pc
Topeka	42/26/pc	41/23/c
Wichita	41/25/pc	40/21/pc

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	Wed. Hi/Low/W	Thu. Hi/Low/W
Albany, NY	34/21/s	36/32/pc
Albuquerque	40/20/pc	40/19/s
Anchorage	23/21/sn	30/7/c
Atlanta	55/51/t	59/37/sh
Baltimore	44/31/pc	47/41/r
Billings	28/15/c	30/13/c
Birmingham	65/44/r	56/37/sh
Boise	28/15/c	23/12/pc
Boston	40/30/s	42/39/pc
Buffalo	32/25/pc	38/35/sn
Charleston, SC	62/58/c	72/43/r
Charleston, WV	48/41/r	50/33/r
Charlotte	47/42/sh	49/33/r
Cleveland	42/38/sh	44/36/r
Columbia	49/46/c	66/37/r
Columbus	42/40/r	51/34/r
Dallas	60/37/pc	54/34/s
Denver	36/12/c	33/10/pc
Detroit	39/36/r	47/33/r
Fargo	34/28/sn	31/17/sn
Grand Rapids	39/36/r	43/31/r
Hartford	37/20/s	39/35/pc
Honolulu	82/66/pc	81/68/pc
Houston	67/42/pc	66/41/s
Jackson, MS	71/42/r	62/37/s
Jacksonville	76/63/c	73/44/t
Las Vegas	50/35/pc	52/35/pc
Little Rock	56/34/pc	52/32/s
Los Angeles	61/44/pc	61/45/pc
Louisville	55/42/r	51/36/pc
Memphis	60/38/r	52/35/s
Miami	82/72/s	85/69/pc
Minneapolis	38/31/c	34/23/sn
Nashville	58/42/r	53/35/pc
New Orleans	75/51/t	63/46/s
New York City	41/33/s	42/40/r
Norfolk	46/38/c	57/43/r
Oklahoma City	47/28/s	43/27/s
Orlando	80/65/c	79/56/t
Philadelphia	41/30/s	43/40/r
Phoenix	55/37/c	58/41/pc
Pittsburgh	42/33/pc	39/34/r
Portland, ME	39/26/pc	40/31/pc
Portland, OR	45/30/pc	41/26/pc
Rapid City	21/13/sn	22/12/sf
Sacramento	51/30/pc	51/30/pc
Salt Lake City	33/23/sn	29/17/pc
San Diego	61/43/pc	63/47/pc
San Francisco	53/41/pc	54/41/pc
Seattle	43/32/pc	43/31/pc
Shreveport	65/40/pc	64/36/s
Tampa	81/69/c	78/60/t
Tucson	52/29/c	57/34/s
Tulsa	48/30/s	45/27/s
Washington, DC	43/35/pc	45/40/r

Man trying to win back ex blindsided by her new beau

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife, “Jenny,” and I were together seven years, married for almost five of them. We have a young child together. We have been divorced for eight months. I have been trying to reconcile with her because she is the love of my life and I want our family to be together.

The problem is, since we separated, she has been seeing my ex-best friend, “Mack,” who was the best man at our wedding. I was crushed when I found out. I have tried to show Jenny that Mack is a manipulator and a liar and that he hasn’t been honest with her during their time together.

I know that I am clear-



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

ly the best man for Jenny, our son and our family. However, she continues to see Mack even after his true colors have been shown and after I have done everything to make things right with us and win her back. How should I proceed, knowing she’s making the wrong decision? --
RIGHTING A WRONG
DEAR RIGHTING:

Please accept my sympathy because it’s obvious you are hurting. You can’t save your marriage all by yourself. It takes two. Your ex is unwilling to accept that Mack hasn’t been honest, and sometimes people must learn the hard way. As much as you’d like to “save” Jenny, she’s going to have to make her own mistakes. Stay close so you can buffer your son if there are stormy seas ahead. If Mack is as bad as you say, their romance likely will not last.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

RayLee Holladay and her husband, Bubba, live in Lascassas, Tennessee, where they raise cows. About six years ago, WKRN-TV reported, RayLee had been seeking a venture of her own to bring in money on the farm when she discovered Rent The Chicken, a business founded by Phil and Jenn Tompkins of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Today, RayLee’s Rent The Chicken franchise is thriving. Customers can either rent egg-laying chickens for about six months, or hatching chicks, which can be returned about two weeks after they hatch. “It’s great for teaching kids a little responsibility,” RayLee said. “And this is a trial. It’s not like getting a puppy for Christmas.” Chickens can be rented by families or by schools, day cares and senior living facilities. If renters grow attached, they can adopt the fowl for an added fee. Since its beginning 10 years ago, Rent The Chicken has expanded into 24 states, the District of Columbia and into Canada.

Least Competent Criminal

The Rockdale County (Georgia) Sheriff’s Department posted a list of its top 10 most wanted fugitives on Facebook on Nov. 28, Fox News reported. One local criminal evidently felt left out, though: Christopher Spaulding, an area man with two warrants for his arrest, commented, “How about me?” The sheriff’s department responded, “We are on the way” and on Dec. 1 arrested Spaulding. Later, they commented, “We appreciate you for your assistance in your capture!” Spaulding’s warrants were for felony violation of probation.

Making a Statement

Mindy Janette Stephens, 46, was arrested on Dec. 1 and charged with illegal dumping after an incident that took place on Nov. 10 in Electra, Texas. According to KXAN-TV, Stephens, seen on security footage wearing a white hazmat suit and a yellow mask, deposited three 5-gallon buckets of human excrement at the front door of the Electra police department, then got in her SUV and drove away. Stephens told another media outlet that she had been renting an apartment to a man who had not paid rent or utilities for a year, and after she evicted him, she found the buckets of waste. “He’d been pooping in the buckets,” she said. She said she called the police department to ask what she should do with them, but officers weren’t helpful -- so she took the buckets to the station. City wastewater officials removed them, and Stephens bonded out of jail.

Harsh

An Olive Garden restaurant manager in Overland Park, Kansas, is out of a job after they sent a ranting message to team members about excessive time off, KCTV5 reported. “We are no longer tolerating ANY excuse for calling off. ... If your dog died, you need to bring him in and prove it to us. ... If you only want morning shifts, too bad, go work at a bank. ... Do you think I want to be here until midnight on Friday and Saturday? No. I’d much rather be at home with my husband and dog,” the message said. An Olive Garden representative said the message was “not aligned with our company’s values. We can confirm we have parted ways with this manager.”

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Kirksville basketball teams working through early part of season

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The early weeks of the 2022-23 season is still unfolding for the local varsity boys and girls basketball teams, and there have been plenty of varied results so far for the Kirksville teams.

The Kirksville boys team has gotten off to a hot start, winning three of the first four games of the season. A loss to Rock Bridge is the only defeat on the Tigers' schedule so far. Highlights include a 41-point win over Highland to open the season and a 25-point win over Moberly in the season's fourth game.

They averaged 58.3 points per game in those four games while allowing 45 points per game. It is a small sample size, but both numbers are slight increases on last season when the Tigers went 19-5.

The Kirksville girls team got off to a 1-3 start, with losses coming against Highland, Southern Boone and Moberly. The Tigers' win came in their home opener against Clark County, which they won 59-27.

Coming off a strong 21-5 season, the Tigers



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allowed 50.8 points per game in the first four while scoring an average of 48.3. The offensive average is hurt by a 34-point game against Southern Boone. The Tigers are averaging 53

points per game in the other three. Both teams will be back at home on Dec. 16 for games against Fulton, with the girls game scheduled to tip off at 6:15 p.m. and the boys to follow.



GLVC basketball teams through 1st leg of conference play

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The basketball teams of the GLVC have reached a break in conference season for the time being, with conference matchups ceasing until after the new year begins. The first stretch of conference season has seen some teams perform predictably well with others still looking to find their footing.

On the men's side, the standings predicted in the preseason poll have not necessarily materialized to this point, with some teams vastly overperforming their preseason expectations and others underachieving so far.

Preseason No. 1 team Indianapolis is approaching that top spot, winning its last two games to improve its conference record to 3-2, good for fourth place in the standings.

Southwest Baptist was picked to finish fourth, but is currently in 10th at 2-3. Lewis was picked third, but is currently in 11th place at 1-4.

Truman is also 1-4 after being picked to finish fourth. The Bulldogs beat Southwest Baptist in their last game, snapping a four-game losing streak to open conference season. It was a



Truman's Elijah Hazekamp makes a move against an Indianapolis defender in the game on Nov. 28. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

tough start for Truman, with four of its first five conference opponents picked to finish in the top six in the standings.

The team currently leading the standings with a 4-0 conference is Missouri-St. Louis, which was picked to finish seventh in the preseason poll. Second-place Illinois-Springfield was picked to finish ninth while third-place Quincy was selected 12th.

All the conference's teams have non-conference matchups leading up to the holidays and will have time to prepare for the next stretch of conference play.

Statistically, Missouri S&T leads the conference with a scoring average of 85.8 points per game, which ranks 15th in the nation. The top defense in the conference belongs to Indianapolis, which is allowing 59 points per game. This ranks seventh in the nation.

The top scorer is Missouri S&T's Julien Smith with 17.8 points per game. Rockhurst's Rich Bhyre ranks second in scoring at 17.1 points per game while leading the GLVC with 10.1 rebounds per game. Truman's Elijah Hazekamp is 10th in the conference with 14.5 points per game and

third with 7.7 rebounds per game. Hazekamp and Bhyre both have four double-doubles this season. Only 10 players in the nation have had more so far.

The women's standings are slightly more representative of the preseason poll, with three of the top four preseason teams in the top four in the standings. This is also true of the bottom of the standings, where three of the teams selected to finish in the bottom four find themselves there at this point.

Defending conference champion and preseason favorite Drury is once again atop the standings at 4-0. Truman, picked to finish in second place, is one of three teams with 4-1 conference records. The Bulldogs lost to Southwest Baptist after starting conference play 4-0.

Also at 4-1 is Lewis, the preseason No. 4 team, and a rather surprising Maryville team that was picked to finish in a tie for eighth place.

Missouri-St. Louis was picked to finish third but currently finds itself in ninth place at 1-3. Perhaps the most surprising team so far has been McKendree, picked to



Truman guard Hunter Strait looks to pass against Indianapolis on Nov. 28.



Truman forward Ellie Weltha battles under the basket against Indianapolis on Nov. 28.



Truman guard Hannah Belanger attempts a layup against Indianapolis on Nov. 28.

12th but currently in fifth place at 3-1.

Drury has achieved its 4-0 start by having the top scoring offense and scoring defense in the conference. They are scoring 78.8 points per game while allowing just 57.2 points per game. They rank 16th in the nation in scoring and have the 12th-best scoring margin on the season.

Truman is right behind Drury offensively, averaging 78.6 points per game to rank 18th in the nation.

Truman's Hannah Belanger still leads the conference in scoring with 22 points per game. This ranks sixth in the nation. Truman also has the conference's leading rebounder in forward Ellie Weltha, who is averaging 10.1 rebounds per game. She also ranks fifth in scoring with 16.4 points per game, making Truman the only team with two players in the top five in the conference in scoring.

Mahomes, Chiefs outlast Broncos 34-28; Wilson concussed

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The Kansas City Chiefs own the Denver Broncos — even when Patrick Mahomes throws three interceptions and a 27-0 lead turns into a nail-biter.

Mahomes counterbalanced his mistakes with a trio of touch-down passes and the Chiefs (10-3) outlasted the Broncos 34-28 on Sunday. Russell Wilson left with a concussion early in the fourth quarter as Denver (3-10) lost to Kansas City for the 14th consecutive time.

“Just three bad decisions,” Mahomes said. “Luckily for me, the rest of the team stepped up. Defense made a lot of stops in some critical moments when we were putting them in some bad situations. Even my special teams. (Punter) Tommy (Townsend) flipped the field a couple of times for us.”

Mahomes improved to 10-0 against Denver, becoming the fourth QB to ever beat one team 10 times without a loss. The Chiefs reached double digits in wins for the eighth straight season and they inched closer to their seventh consecutive AFC West crown.

The Broncos, well, they came up short again and lost a one-score game for the seventh time this season under rookie coach Nathaniel Hackett.

“We never finish the way we want to,” Broncos receiver Jerry Jeudy said after a career-best three-touchdown day, “but the one thing I can say for sure is that we never quit.”

The Broncos, who have lost five straight overall and eight consecutive AFC West games for the first time since divisional play began with the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, turned their 27-0 deficit into a ballgame by



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws during the first half of an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, in Denver. AP PHOTO/JACK DEMPSEY

scoring three touchdowns over a 3 1/2-minute stretch spanning halftime.

Jeudy’s third TD came from backup Brett Rypien, making it 34-28 shortly after the Broncos lost Wilson to a concussion on a 14-yard scramble to the Chiefs 2.

Rypien had a chance to put the Broncos ahead following linebacker Josey Jewell’s second interception of the game with just under six minutes left. But Rypien was hit by Chris Jones just as he released a deep throw toward Jeudy, and cornerback L’Jarius Sneed picked off the high pass with 4:21 remaining.

A personal foul on Frank Clark after that interception pushed the Chiefs back to their 15-yard line, but Mahomes & Co. chewed up the rest of the clock, never letting the Broncos get another crack at the upset.

Mahomes threw for 352 yards and one of his three touchdowns was a no-look hook pass to Jerick McKinnon, who had two TD catches.

Mahomes was scrambling for a first down when he shook defensive lineman D.J. Jones and flung a pass across his body to a wide-open McKinnon, who raced down Denver’s dejected sideline for a 56-yard touchdown and a 13-0 lead.

“I was committed to running,” Mahomes said, “and I saw I was about to get hit like I did last week in Cincinnati, so I just kind of flicked it. I was just trying to get it to him whatever way possible.”

Mahomes and McKinnon connected on a more traditional 10-yard TD on Kansas City’s next possession. At that point, Mahomes had 224 passing yards to Wilson’s 33, but things would get even worse

for Denver’s scuffling quarterback before they got better.

On fourth-and-2 at his own 45-yard line, Wilson tried to throw a screen pass to Brandon Johnson but didn’t get it high enough. Linebacker Willie Gay reached up and deflected the throw, corralled the ball in his left hand and stiff-armed Wilson with his right, sending him tumbling as he raced 47 yards for the touchdown.

“I was an athlete all through high school,” Gay said, “so I knew I was going to be able to get that.”

His pick-6 put the Chiefs in charge at 27-0 with 4:32 left in the half.

Jeudy caught his first two touchdown passes, from 18 and 5 yards out, after Mahomes uncharacteristically threw interceptions — to Josey Jewell and Patrick Surtain II — on consecutive possessions, making it 27-14 at the half.

On the opening drive after halftime, running back Marlon Mack caught a short pass from Wilson and raced 66 yards for the end zone to pull Denver within 27-21.

Mahomes countered with a 4-yard TD strike to JuJu Smith-Schuster.

“Luckily we got the win,” Mahomes said. “But you don’t win a lot of games when you’ve got three interceptions.”

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By improving to 10-0 against the Broncos, Mahomes joined Andrew Luck, who started 11-0 against the Titans; Tom Brady, who went 10-0 against the Falcons; and John Elway, who won his first 10 against the Patriots.

KELCE 10K

Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and Mahomes had a difficult day connecting, but coach Andy Reid said, “you’ve got to give a couple of shout-outs to Kelce” after he caught four passes (out of nine targets) for 71 yards.

That made Kelce the first tight end in NFL history to record seven straight 1,000-yard seasons, and he became the fifth tight end to top 10,000 yards, joining Tony Gonzalez, Jason Witten, Antonio Gates and Shannon Sharpe.

“Honestly,” Kelce said, “right now the winning means more than any of those stats.”

INJURIES

Broncos LG Dalton Risner (back) missed his first game of the year. RB Mike Boone (ankle) and WR Kendall Hinton (hamstring) couldn’t finish.

UP NEXT

Chiefs: At Houston next Sunday.

Broncos: Host Arizona next Sunday.

Mahomes’ brilliance for KC blighted by more turnover trouble

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andy Reid made it clear Sunday night that he wouldn’t simply forget about the uncharacteristic three interceptions that Patrick Mahomes had thrown against the Denver Broncos.

Those turnovers allowed a 27-point lead to nearly evaporate and almost doomed the Kansas City Chiefs to defeat.

Reid just wanted to make sure folks remembered Mahomes’ brilliance, too.

There was the no-look, side-arm fling over two closing Broncos defenders that landed softly in the hands of Jerick McKinnon, who took it 56 yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter.

And much later, when things became tense, the throw from the pocket as Mahomes was getting dragged down that found JuJu Smith-Schuster in the end zone.

That touchdown ultimately proved to be the difference in the 34-28 victory.

“Every quarterback that has played in this league for a while has a game like that,” Reid said. “The one great thing about him is he kept firing and had a lot of big plays, and so you can’t take away the three interceptions, but there sure were some good ones in between those. And it’s a great learning experience. But every great one’s had that as well. It’s one of those days and we were able to work through and everyone kept battling and finished the game.”

Mahomes has lamented for weeks the “one dumb play” he seems to make each game.

They’re a big reason the Chiefs have had at least one turnover in eight straight games, something Reid has

never experienced in his Kansas City tenure.

The turnovers Sunday? Ill-advised throws, to be sure, but also spectacular plays by the Denver defense.

“I promise you,” Mahomes said, “I know I’m messing up. When I go to the sidelines, I’m hot. Those coaches come to me and they know I understand, but they still let me know what I can get better at. I just cannot put our team in that situation.”

Maybe the Chiefs (10-3) can survive them against the Broncos, who fell to 3-10 with the loss.

Maybe they could against the Texans, whom they visit this Sunday. But probably not against the Seahawks the following week.

Almost certainly not against anyone in the post-season.

The Chiefs remain tied with the Bills for the AFC’s best record, but Buffalo has the head-to-head tiebreaker with four games to go.

So the pressure is on Kansas City to clean up those mistakes if it wants to earn that lone first-round playoff bye.

“You are not going to play your best football every week,” Mahomes said, “but how can you build on your past week for the rest of the season to make sure you are playing your best football when the playoffs come around?”

WHAT’S WORKING

The Chiefs running back group of McKinnon and Isiah Pacheco was too much for Denver to handle Sunday. McKinnon had seven catches for 122 yards and two scores, along with 22 yards on the ground, and Pacheco carried 13 times for 70 yards — including a bulldozing run

over two woebegone safeties to finish the game.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The pass defense continually broke down in the second half, allowing the Broncos’ Jerry Jeudy to haul in eight catches for 73 yards and three scores. One of those came from backup Brett Rypien, who was pressed into action when Russell Wilson was knocked from the game with a concussion.

STOCK UP

It’s hard for Chris Jones’ stock to get any higher, but one of the league’s dominant defensive tackles had another monster game Sunday.

Jones had his 11th sack of the season, another quarterback hit, deflected a pass and his pressure led to a pick that helped Kansas City survive the Denver comeback.

STOCK DOWN

Wide receiver Skyy Moore’s disappointing rookie season continued Sunday. The second-round pick had just one catch on two targets for 7 yards after being held without a catch in last week’s loss in Cincinnati.

KEY NUMBER

14 — The Chiefs extended their record for consecutive wins over one opponent to 14 against the Broncos. The teams meet again on New Year’s Day at Arrowhead Stadium, when another would tie the third-longest streak by any team against any other since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. The Dolphins hold the record with 20 over the Bills from 1970-79, while the 49ers beat the Rams 17 consecutive times from 1990-98. The Patriots had 15 straight wins over the Bills from 2003-10, as did the Redskins over the Lions from 1970-97.



Grant Wahl smiles as he holds a World Cup replica trophy during an award ceremony in Doha, Qatar on Nov. 29, 2022. Wahl, one of the most well-known soccer writers in the United States, died early Saturday Dec. 10, 2022 while covering the World Cup match between Argentina and the Netherlands. BRENDAN MORAN, FIFA VIA AP

Soccer journalist Wahl’s body returned to US

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The body and possessions of soccer journalist Grant Wahl were repatriated to the United States on Monday after his death last week while covering the World Cup in Qatar, the State Department said.

The department said Wahl’s remains and his belongings arrived at New York’s John F. Kennedy Airport around 8:30 a.m. ET. They were accompanied by a consular official from the U.S. Embassy in Doha who had had custody of Wahl’s remains since shortly after he collapsed during Friday’s match between Argentina and the Netherlands and later died. State Department spokesman Ned Price said the U.S. had no reason to believe Wahl’s death was the result of and praised Qatari authorities for fully cooperating with the embassy in arranging the repatriation.

“We have seen no indication of foul play or anything nefarious at this point,” Price told reporters in Washington.

Wahl, an American journalist who helped grow the popularity of soccer in the United States and reported on some of the big-

gest stories in the sport, was 49.

Tributes to Wahl have poured in since his death and on Monday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken added his voice to the chorus of appreciation.

“I so appreciated Grant Wahl, whose writing captured not only the essence of the beautiful game but also the world around it,” Blinken wrote on Twitter about an hour after the repatriation was complete. “I send my deepest condolences to his family, and thank our embassy team and Qatari partners who worked together so effectively to fulfill their wishes,” Blinken wrote.

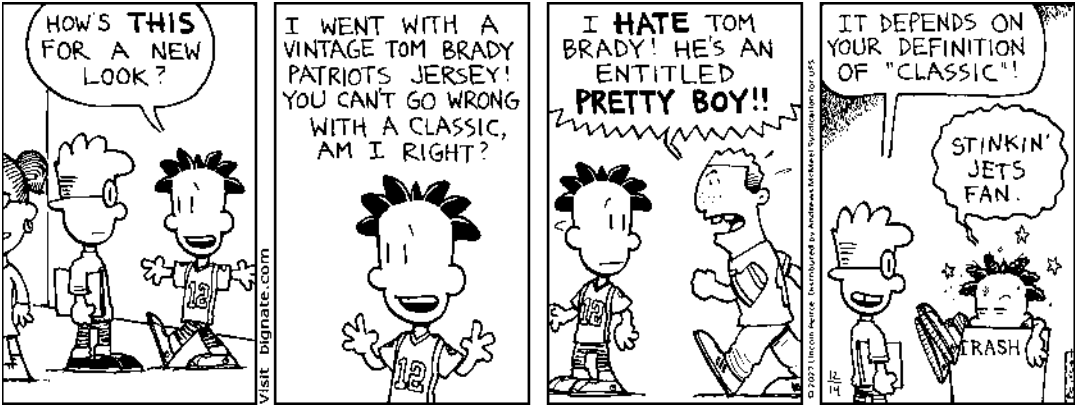
Wahl, who had complained of respiratory problems earlier in the week and had been treated for a possible case of bronchitis, fell back in his seat in a section of Lusail Stadium reserved for journalists during extra time of the game, and reporters adjacent to him called for assistance.

Emergency services workers responded very quickly, treated him for 20 or 30 minutes on site and then took him out on a stretcher. The World Cup organizing committee said he was taken to Doha’s Hamad General Hospital, but it did not state a cause of death.

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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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22 Intense anger
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24 Ticket info
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30 Part of the eye
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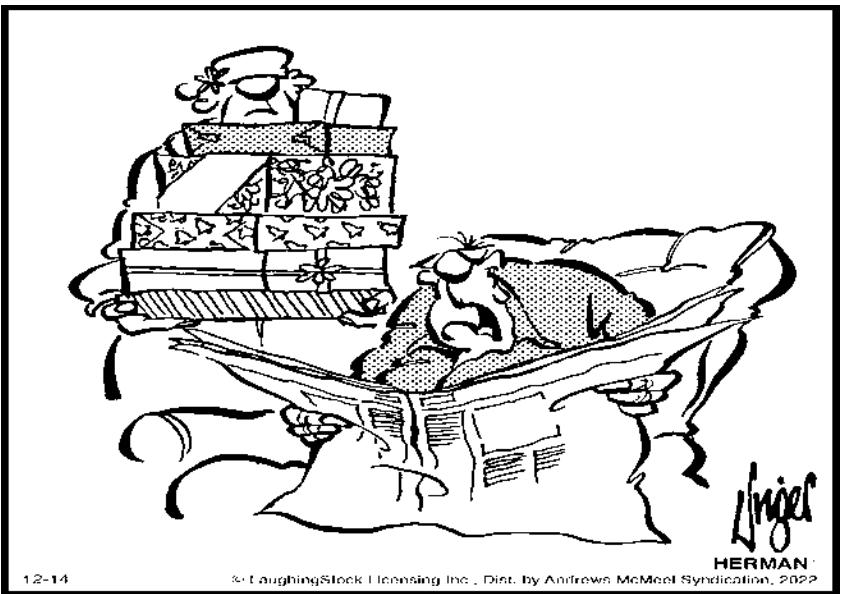
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35 Rushes off
36 Tammy — Bakker
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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Ask questions and be honest with yourself and others regarding your feelings and intentions. Sticking to the truth and following a route that feels right will help you achieve your goal this year. Engage in activities that eliminate stress rather than escalate it. You will make better decisions if you choose to learn and keep up with whatever is trending or marketable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Leave nothing to chance. Have patience with others, but don't take on responsibilities that belong to someone else. Take precautions when faced with controversy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You're on a roll, and nothing can stop you. Challenges will be easy for you to handle. Share your vision with people who can help you achieve your goal. Mix business with pleasure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Volunteer for something, and you'll meet someone interesting. A proactive approach will ensure you get things done on time and to your liking. Do something that reflects the spirit of the season.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Share your thoughts and feelings with a loved one and resolve differences. Keeping the peace will help you sail into next year with the hope of good things to come. March will not help you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take the high road if someone spews negativity in your direction. A kind word will make a difference and help change the atmosphere in the room. Put your energy into tidying up loose ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A little festive cheer with clients, colleagues or a loved one will get you in the festive spirit. Touch base with peo-

ple you won't see over the holidays or volunteer to help those in need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take a moment to think about what's happening around you. Be safe instead of sorry when dealing with weighty matters. Question everyone and everything before you shift into high gear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stretch your mind, be innovative and update your skills to fit today's trends. You have plenty to gain if you set a course that takes you from beginning to end. It's time to get things done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Stick to your plan and carry on, regardless of what others do. By putting your heart and soul into things that matter to you, you'll get meaningful results. Don't let uncertainty slow you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't disclose your feelings. An opinionated approach when dealing with others won't help you get what you want. The way to bring about change is through positive action and hard work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Walk on eggshells. It will be easy to disrupt domestic situations if you don't choose your words wisely. Focus on being helpful, positive and patient, and you'll dodge an emotional bullet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep your life simple. Don't change anything that's not necessary. Clearing up time-sensitive business will help stabilize your life. Touch base with an older friend or relative.

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The City of Kirksville will accept bids for the replacement of 911 Phone system and Radio Dispatch Console, until 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at the office of the City Clerk, 201 South Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501. All erasures or alterations of any kind may be rejected as unresponsive. No bid will be considered unless properly signed by the bidder, his legally authorized agent, or representative, with address, phone number and date provided.

By action of the City Council, the municipal purchasing officers are encouraged to select products manufactured, assembled, or produced in the United States of America.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and Davis Bacon and/or State Prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract, Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 11246. MBE, WBE and Section 3-DBE bidders are encouraged to bid. The successful bidder shall be paid a lump sum price to fully complete the project.

All bids shall be F.O.B. City Hall, 201 South Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501. The City of Kirksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularities and/ or formalities as deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of Owner, and to negotiate contract terms with the successful Bidder, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or conditional Bids. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum.

Bid specifications are available by contacting Jon Cook, jcook@kirksvillecity.com, 660-665-3734.

To be considered, submit three (3) copies of your bid addressed to City Clerk, City of Kirksville, 201 South Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501, and plainly marked on the lower left corner of the envelopes - Sealed Bid – 911 Phone System and Radio Console. Any bids received after the designated time of the announced bid opening shall be refused and returned to Bidder. The City of Kirksville does not discriminate in its decisions on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or on any other basis that would be in violation of any applicable federal, state or local law.

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NFPA urges added caution this holiday season, as Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are among the leading days of the year for U.S. home fires

By National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Many hallmarks of the holiday season, including Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and festive meals, present potential fire hazards that contribute to an annual increase in U.S. home fires at this time of year. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are among the leading days of the year for home fires.

“December is a leading month for home fires, in large part because many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires year-round,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “Plus, as colder temperatures impact much of the country, use of heating equipment increases significantly.”

Fortunately, Carli notes, the majority of winter fires can be prevented with a little added awareness and planning.

“By knowing where potential fire hazards exist and taking some basic safety precautions to prevent them, people can enjoy a festive, fire-free holiday season,” said Carli.

The NFPA Winter Holidays page offers a wide variety of tips and resources to reduce the risk of fires, while the latest NFPA statistics underscore the increased risk of fire during the holiday season and beyond:

Christmas Trees

An estimated average of 160 home fires involving Christmas trees caused two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and \$12 million in direct property damage per year between 2016 and 2020.

Some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment, including decorative lights, was involved in more than two of five (44 percent) of home Christmas tree fires. Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires (19 percent) were started by



decorative lights.

The majority (74 percent) of Christmas tree fires occur in December and January.

Decorations

An estimated average of 790 home fires that began when decorations (other than Christmas trees) caught fire caused an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.

One in five home decoration fires occurred in December.

Year-round, 35 percent of home decoration fires began with candles; in December, the number jumped to 45 percent.

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Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with roughly 2.5 times the daily average; Christmas Eve ranked second.

Falling asleep was a factor in 10 percent of the home candle fires and 12 percent of the associated deaths.

Cooking

Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires (49 percent) and home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Fires caused by heating equipment, the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires year-round, peak during the winter months, when temperatures drop and more people use heating equipment to keep their homes warm. Put a Freeze on Winter Fires, an annual

NFPA campaign with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), works to educate the public about ways to stay safe during the colder months, offering tip sheets and other resources to help reduce the risk of heating fires and other winter hazards.

About the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)

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Adair County SB40 December Calendar

By Adair County SB40

Adair County SB40 hopes that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. There lots of fun activities at the Community Learning Center and in the community to experience in December. Below are several that you won't want to miss getting on your calendar.

Activities at the Community Learning Center:

Coffee & Cards – Each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., join them for coffee and cards or board games. They also have tea and hot chocolate if you would prefer.

Game Time – Come play board games with your friends! They have a cabinet of games with something for all. If the weather is good, they can also pull out their yard games.

Gifts to Give – On the first three Tuesdays in December at 2 p.m., they will be making fun easy gifts that you can give to others.

Music Moves – Join Kaelie for the bi-monthly free music therapy group. This a fun activity for people of all ages to explore music and movement while having fun and making connections.

Movie Party – Come enjoy a movie and snacks with them at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Feel free to bring a snack to share. They will have hot chocolate and cookies while watching a Christmas favorite: Polar Express.

Crafts – Each Wednesday you are invited to join them for a fun and simple craft at 10 a.m.

Get Fit – Want to get in shape and be healthy but hate to exercise on your own? They've got you covered! Join them on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for some fun and easy exercises. Each week participants will have the opportunity to choose from several different types of exercise including walking, "Sweating to

the Oldies', or one of the other workout videos. If the weather is nice, they often go for walks.

Healthy Habits – Come learn how to live and maintain a healthy life. You will learn how to set and achieve your goals and learn new ways to improve your health and well-being.

BINGO – Join them each Friday at 10 a.m. to play BINGO and win BINGO Bucks to spend in the BINGO Store while having fun with your friends.

Other Activities and Information to Know:

Parent-to-Parent Group – This group is for any parent/guardian of a child, birth-through the end of school, with a disability and meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CLC. You do not need to be receiving services through Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board to participate. Childcare will be available during the meeting. Email (clc@sb40life.org) or call (660-665-9400) the CLC by Wednesday, Dec. 14 if you will need this service.

Sensory Room Open House – The Community Learning Center Sensory Room is done. Come visit them on Thursday, Dec. 29 for a special Open House, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and explore all of the new sensory items including a bubble tube, marble wall, lighted fiberoptic chords, sensory swing, and scene projector. They will also have out some of our other fun sensory items to explore.

Music Jams Group Music Therapy for Kids with Special Needs – Kaelie Gerber, MT-BC, (who teaches the Music Moves class) is offering a class for children, Pre-K through 2nd grade on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 4:15 p.m. This 45-minute group held at the Crossing Church in Kirksville, offers age-appropriate music activities to address



social skills while playing instruments, singing, moving, and having fun. For more information, cost, or to sign up, visit <https://musicmovesalbia.weebly.com/music-jams.html>.

Other Important Dates to Know:

Project STIR is returning to the Community Learning Center in January. We encourage you to register for the class even if you have taken it in the past. This class can help you learn to become a strong self-advocate. Contact the Center for a application if you are age 18+ and interested in participating in the class.

Adair County SB40 is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Spotlight Awards! These awards are for people with a developmental disability who deserves special recognition for their work to promote authentic inclusion and have made a positive difference for people with developmental disabilities in their community. The four awards that you can nominate a person for are Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award, Youth Leadership Spotlight Award, Community Volunteer Spotlight Award and Entrepreneur or Employee of the Year. You can pick up a nomination form from one of the SB40 locations or email your nomination. For more information check out the December newsletter. All nominations need to be returned by Feb. 1, 2023.

The 2023 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum will be held July 18-23 at the University of Missouri Columbia. Deadline for applications of this free event for youth age 16-18 is April 15. Be sure to get you applications in now. You can find more details in our newsletter or visit <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf>.



Missouri 5th graders invited to participate in 40th annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

Contest's national winner will receive trip to Washington, D.C.

By Missouri Dept. of Public Safety

JEFFERSON CITY – To help children learn about staying safe and to raise awareness of missing children, the Department of Public Safety is inviting Missouri fifth graders to participate in the annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The national winner and his/her parents and teacher will be invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 40th annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony on May 24, 2023. Transportation and lodging will be provided.

One fifth grader from Missouri will be selected as the state winner. That student's poster will be submitted to the national competition. In addition, the state winner will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice, the sponsor of the contest.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children's Day. Missing Children's Day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers, and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and an occasion to honor those dedicated to this important cause.

Download the application kit online. The completed application and signed consent and release form must be submitted to the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Attention: Michelle Parks – State Contest Manager; P.O. Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by Jan. 25, 2023. Contact Michelle Parks with any questions at (573) 526-1464.

Contest Rules:

- Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
 - Artwork should reflect the theme “Bringing Our Missing Children Home.” This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
 - The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one, or a combination of, illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife) and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.
 - The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches.
 - The original poster – not a scanned copy – must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist, either typed or written legibly.
- The Missouri winner will be notified in March 2023.

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A full-page portrait of actress Catherine Zeta-Jones. She has long, wavy dark brown hair and is looking slightly to the side with a soft smile. She is wearing a light grey, off-the-shoulder, long-sleeved sweater and light blue high-waisted trousers. Her hands are in her pockets. She is wearing a wide silver cuff bracelet on her right wrist and several rings on both hands. The background is a solid light blue.

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WALTER SCOTT'S Personality

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

JIM PARSONS

The *Big Bang Theory* star, 49, takes on the real-life role of TVLine's Michael Ausiello in the movie based on the editor-in-chief's best-selling memoir, *Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Other Four-Letter Words*. The film version, shortened to *Spoiler Alert* (in limited release Dec. 2, nationwide Dec. 16), is a love story of how Ausiello and his husband Kit Cowan's (**Ben Aldridge**) relationship is transformed and deepened when Kit is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

You read the *Spoiler Alert* book long before the idea of the movie came around. What was your initial reaction to the story? I found it very easy to connect to because there was enough in common with Mike and Kit's timeline and my own husband's (Todd Spiewak) and my timeline: a long-term relationship, and we met in the same city around the same time. More than anything, I just found myself extraordinarily, deeply moved by the journey that Mike goes on as a character, and that Mike and Kit go on as a couple. I cried a lot when I was reading it and I found a very deep connection to it. I thought it was a beautiful tale of humanity.

It is definitely a three-hankie movie. What do you think is the main theme? The lesson is that in order to live your fullest life and to love your fullest, you will have your heart broken. That's going to happen. You're going to love people that things happen to, you're going to have love in your life that will hurt at some point. I don't know if it sounds ironic or not, but that, in the end, is living your best life.

You knew Michael from his work at TV-Line. Is that why you chose to play him instead of the Kit Cowan role? It wasn't that I thought that I was in any way a good replica of the actual Michael. It was more the energy of him in the relationship. Maybe from my own experience in life and knowing who I am as an actor and what I bring, I felt I was just better in that part.



What was it like working with Sally Field, who plays Kit's mother? At first, it was intimidating. I do remember distinctly the first time she was on set, and we were going to work with her. It was nice that it happened about a week and a half into shooting, which was good for me and Ben, I feel, because we had our feet under us as far as getting used to being on the set and playing these characters. She's certainly not intimidating because of anything she does. She doesn't come in and throw her weight around or anything like that. But what she does do every single time she comes on set is she brings this really passionate energy and a real rigor of getting to the truth of whatever it is. You can feel that. That's what makes her so great to work with. With her, you're always working with somebody who is so grounded in the reality of it and has such a depth of emotion for any scene or any given situation. She was great.

Jessica Radloff just released her book on *The Big Bang Theory*, for which you talked to her for 20 hours. What was it like to relive that period of your life? Every time that we would talk, she would come at me with new stories and memories that other people she was interviewing had brought to her. It was the most glorious way of triggering memories and being reminded of things that, on my own, I would have probably forgotten for the rest of my life. **P**

Go to **Parade.com/spoiler** to find out how they landed Sally Field for the movie.

The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our radar this week. Go to [Parade.com/entertainment](https://www.parade.com/entertainment) for more must-watch options.



KINDRED (DEC. 13 ON HULU)

From the celebrated Octavia Butler time-travel novel, *Kindred*, comes the story of Dana James (Mallori Johnson),

a young Black woman and aspiring writer who has uprooted her life to Los Angeles in hopes of establishing a future that feels all her own. But before that happens, she is pulled back in time to a 19th-century plantation that will reveal secrets about her family's

past. All eight episodes of the limited series will be available the same day.

"It's been about 40 years since the book was released," says showrunner Branden Jacobs-Jenkins. "It's about refreshing the themes and asking ourselves how they may have been challenged or expanded upon by the rich evolution of social thought since."

Also refreshing is the casting of an unknown for the main role. "The thing about Octavia Butler is she's interested in singular people who you don't expect to be the heroes," he says, and Mallori Johnson, 27, fit the bill. "She's got an amazing amount of emotional range, depth and intelligence. She felt contemporary and wasn't like someone we'd ever seen before on television."

Want more Maya and Amy? Go to [Parade.com/poehler](https://www.parade.com/poehler) for a video treat.

BAKING IT! (DEC. 12 ON PEACOCK)

Treat yourself to a double-whammy of fun with the season two premiere of *Baking It!*, followed by a *Baking It!* holiday special that features a kitchen full of celebs.

Host Maya Rudolph, 50, is joined by Amy Poehler (replacing Andy Samberg) as a new batch of home bakers from across America whip up holiday treats in hopes of winning the cash prize. Once again, the judges will be a tough group of critics—the grandmothers, who are excellent bakers themselves.

"Cooking and baking in general—especially as someone who started later in life—is low-risk, high-reward," said Poehler, 51. "It's such a great way to give something a try, and if it doesn't work out it's not the end of the world, you just...throw it right in the street."

If that's not enough festive tomfoolery, the *Baking It!* holiday special will air on NBC the same night. Rudolph and Poehler invite Fred Armisen, Kristen



Bell, Nicole Richie and J.B. Smoove to "cele-bake" the holidays in a friendly competition to raise some dough for their favorite charities. Bell serves up Austrian Schaumrollen and pickle soup, Richie makes sticky apple cake, Smoove cooks up vegan banana pudding cake and Armisen tries out his mother's recipe for Venezuelan Hallacas.



AVATAR: THE WAY OF THE WATER (DEC. 16 IN THEATERS)



Sam Worthington, 46, and Zoe Saldana, 44, return to the big screen to reprise their roles as Jake Sully and Neytiri in this sequel to *Avatar*. In the film, Jake and Neytiri leave their home to explore the regions of Pandora and are forced to fight a difficult war against the humans. Here are some significant *Avatar* numbers.

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The number of years between the first and second *Avatar* films.

7 minutes, 14 seconds

How long Kate Winslet, 47, who plays warrior Ronal, stayed underwater. She beat Tom Cruise's six-minute underwater filming record (for *Mission: Impossible—Rogue Nation*).

\$1 billion+

How much the *Avatar* sequels (four in all) will cost to film.

Go to [Parade.com/avatar](https://www.parade.com/avatar) for everything you need to know about the movies.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: A 30TH CELEBRATION

(DEC. 15 ON ABC; DEC. 16 ON DISNEY+)

It isn't quite a tale as old as time, but it has been a little over 30 years since the 1991 premiere of *Beauty and the Beast* (and five years since the live-action remake). To celebrate, The Wonderful World of Disney presents a two-hour *Beauty and the Beast: A 30th Celebration*. It's loaded with stars, including **H.E.R.** as Belle, **Josh Groban** as Beast, **Joshua Henry** as Gaston, **Martin Short** as Lumière, **David Alan Grier** as Cogsworth, **Shania Twain** as Mrs. Potts and **Rita Moreno** as the narrator. Here we take a look back at the beloved animated film.

Belle's blue-and-white dress and hairstyle were inspired by Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.



Angela Lansbury (Mrs. Potts) thought that another character would be better suited to sing the ballad, "Beauty and the Beast," but directors Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise asked her to record it at least one time for a backup. That's the version that ended up in the movie.



Go to [Parade.com/beast](https://www.parade.com/beast) for the scoop on the TV musical.

Belle's love of reading is meant to be a sign of intelligence, a trait that had previously not been shown in a Disney "princess." It is also a hint to the movie's message: "Don't judge a book by its cover."



When Gaston sings "Screw your courage to the sticking place" in "The Mob Song," it's a reference to Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

Songs take up 25 minutes of *Beauty and the Beast* and there are only 5 minutes without any musical score at all. The film won two Oscars, Best Music, Original Song and Best Music, Original Score.



CASTING RECALL

Scheduling conflicts with *Star Trek: The Next Generation* forced **SIR PATRICK STEWART** to turn down the role of Cogsworth (played by David Ogden Stiers).



REGIS PHILBIN auditioned for the Beast (played by Robby Benson). Val Kilmer, Laurence Fishburne and Mandy Patinkin also were considered.



DONNY OSMOND and **PATRICK SWAYZE** were possibles for Gaston (played by Richard Wright). Osmond later played Gaston in the stage version of *Beauty and the Beast*.

JULIE ANDREWS was considered for the role of Mrs. Potts (played by Angela Lansbury).



THE YELLOWSTONE SAGA



1883

How did the Duttons come to Montana? This 10-episode limited series explained. It's the first chapter in the creation of the Dutton Family ranching empire and the 130-year legacy that is the Yellowstone Ranch. Shortly after the Civil War and Reconstruction, James and Margaret Dutton (**Tim McGraw**, 55, and **Faith Hill**, 55) decide to leave Tennessee and head west to find land for their own ranch. In Fort Worth, Texas, the couple, and their children, Elsa (Isabel May) and John (Audie Rick), join a wagon train to Oregon, led by Shea Brennan (Sam Elliott, 78). The journey is a difficult one, and along the way Elsa dies of an infection in Paradise Valley, Montana, the result of being shot with a poisoned arrow during a Lakota attack. She is buried on what becomes the Yellowstone Dutton Ranch. Losing their daughter on the trip was tragic, but it was her death that led James and Margaret to finding a place to build a better life. This one-and-done limited series is available to stream on Paramount+.

Yellowstone fans love how creator Tyler Sheridan, 52, keeps building onto the Dutton family story, looking both backward and forward. On December 18, we meet more of the family, this time in *1923* (Paramount+), starring Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren. *Parade* took a look at how the *Yellowstone* spin-offs fit together and tried to make sense of the Dutton family tree. —Paulette Cohn



1923

The next tale in the Dutton saga, the upcoming *1923*, is set during the Prohibition and Great Depression eras following World War I. It's also on Paramount+ and stars **Harrison Ford**, 80, as Jacob Dutton, the patriarch of the Yellowstone ranch, husband to Cara (**Helen Mirren**, 77), and brother of James (of *1883*). Montana in the early 20th century was beset by pandemics, drought and other threats to the ranch and to the Duttons who called it home. "This is a juicy, juicy story and I love it," Ford said at the premiere.

YELLOWSTONE

Set in current times (2018) and starring **Kevin Costner**, 67, as John Dutton, *Yellowstone* has been a ratings hit. As the patriarch of the Yellowstone Ranch in Montana, the largest contiguous ranch in the United States, John fights to keep his land intact. Like *King Lear*, *Yellowstone* is a family drama as John, who is the sixth patriarch of Yellowstone Ranch, is facing a similar dilemma to the Shakespearean king: Can one of his children—Beth (**Kelly Reilly**, 45), Kayce (Luke Grimes, 38) or Jamie (Wes Bentley, 44)—be trusted to preserve his way of life and the Dutton family legacy, or will his death see the end of his heritage and the land sold off to build a resort for the wealthy to come and play?



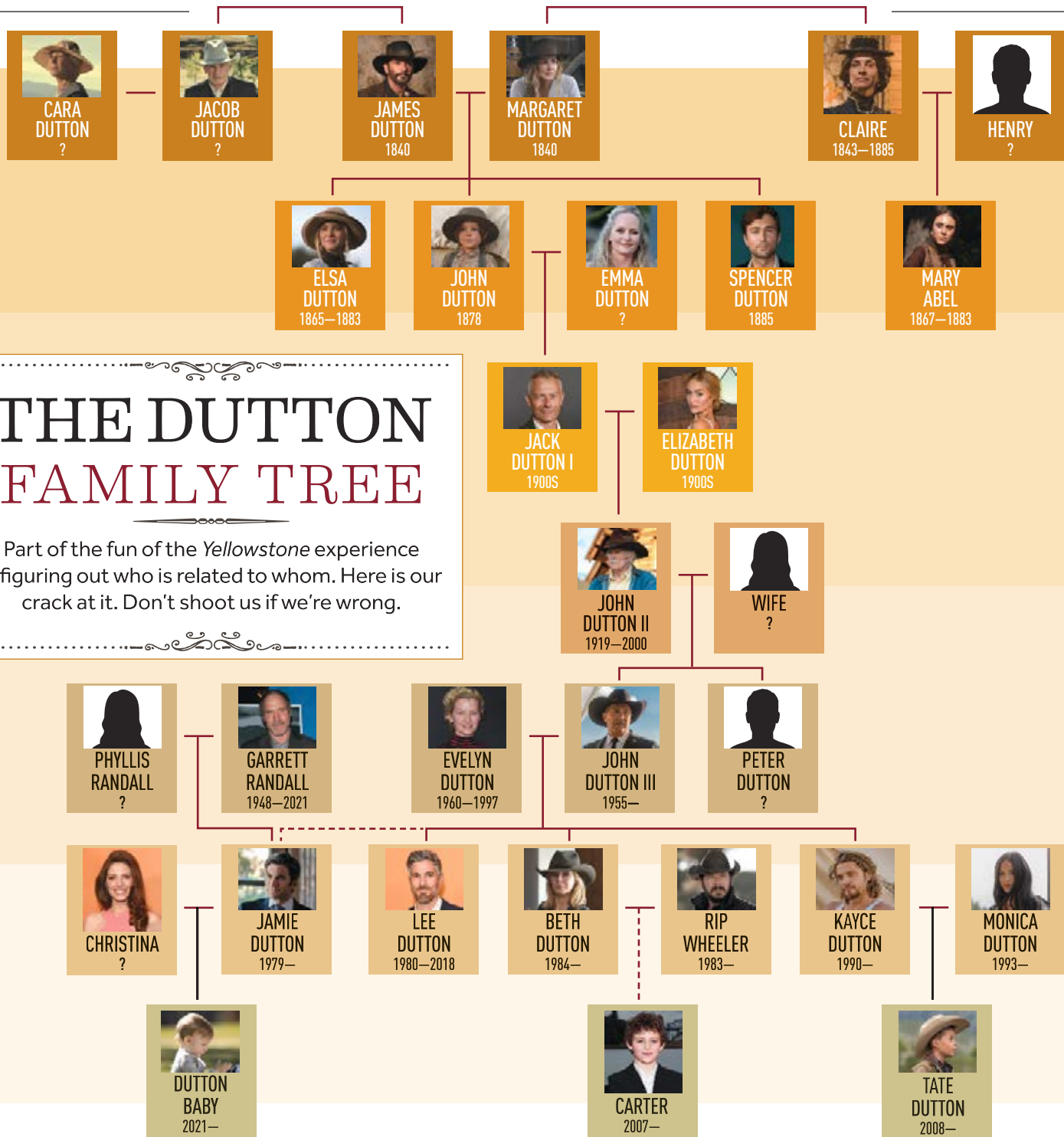
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This spin-off currently has no release date. The connection to *Yellowstone*? In season four, John Dutton sent ranch hand Jimmy (Jefferson White, 35) to a Texas ranch called "the four sixes," hoping the experience would mature him. (The ranch is real, and is now owned by Tyler Sheridan!) The series will explore the history of the property, which was founded when Comanches still ruled West Texas.

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THE DUTTON FAMILY TREE

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FOR THE YELLOWSTONE FAN



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The Wonderful Life of **CATHERINE ZETA-JONES**

The Oscar winner on how dreams really do come true, what it was like to be Kirk Douglas's daughter-in-law and the joys of working on two new projects, *Wednesday* and *National Treasure: Edge of History*.

BY MARA REINSTEIN



COVER AND FEATURE OPENER BY JOHN RUSSO

OK, YES,

Catherine Zeta-Jones is an Oscar-winning star with almost 50 standout acting credits. But when she gushes, “I love my life!” at the end of our *Parade* interview,

there’s zero reason to believe she’s just delivering a line.

For starters, she’s Zooming from her 10-room estate in Spain located on the outskirts of the village of Valldemossa. “This is a sanctuary for family and friends,” she says. She explains that her parents, Patricia and David, are staying with her while her husband of 22 years, actor Michael Douglas, 78, is filming on location in Paris. She recently saw her kids, Dylan, 22, and Carys, 19, and is thrilled that they’re “well-rounded, humble and two great citizens of the planet.” She’ll soon head to the family’s apartment overlooking Central Park in Manhattan and then enjoy the holidays.

“I’m very blessed,” says the Wales native, looking luminous after 9 p.m. “I enjoy being with my parents. I have my dogs and my family. My husband and I love being there for our kids even though they’re growing up. We also love to travel and go to art galleries and theater.”

Zeta-Jones, 53, still thrives on working as well, as noted by two high-profile projects that have a lot of name recognition.

In the Tim Burton-directed dark comedy series *Wednesday* (now streaming on Netflix), she plays the iconic Morticia Addams—the alluring mother of the titular teen character (Jenna Ortega) and the keeper of a few long-buried family secrets involving husband Gomez (Luis Guzmán). Zeta-Jones trades in Morticia’s trademark all-black ensemble for a blonde bob and chic khakis in *National Treasure: Edge of History* (premiering Dec. 14 on Disney+), a follow-up adventure to the 2000s film franchise. Her Billie character is a billionaire black-market antiques expert desperate to get her hands on an ancient relic. A group of scrappy young friends stands in her way.

For both series, “I lucked out because these are stories already in people’s consciousness,” she says. “My grandmother who passed away and my six-year-old niece would both know *The Addams Family*. When I told my son that I was doing *National Treasure*, he was so into it because he loved the movies. I also had so much fun working on both shows, so this was a little bit of a dream come true.”

Call it one of many that she’s achieved since landing in Hollywood nearly 30 years ago. She reflects on it all for *Parade*.

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Top: Zeta-Jones loves playing Morticia Addams in *Wednesday*. Bottom: She dons a blonde wig to play a black-market antiques expert in *National Treasure: Edge of History*.

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Did your motherly instincts kick in when playing the mom to a snarky teen in *Wednesday*?

It always helps bringing the “real” into your work, but I also found it rather touching. We learn that Morticia was this popular cheerleader at school who’s really different from Wednesday. And when you have a daughter, you wish you could just put an old head on young shoulders. My daughter would say, “Mom, I’m not you!” But you’re half of me, right? So, that’s life. And it’s interesting to play.

You also work with young actors in *National Treasure*. How’d you like that?

It’s very refreshing as an actor to go into an environment where there’s a lot of energy and hormones! But these kids understand the business and have a work ethic. That’s what impressed me with Jenna in *Wednesday* and Lisette [Alexis] in *National Treasure*. They put in the hours and came prepared. They weren’t just stamping a time card. They’re hungry.

You started performing professionally on stage at age nine. Is that how you developed your own work ethic?

Certainly! And by age 13, I was already in London’s West End. I left school at age 16 to do a national tour, and then I had the lead role in *42nd Street* at age 17. I still can’t believe I was doing eight shows a week with a chaperone and a tutor away from mom. I had to make that sacrifice because there was a whole chunk of growing up I didn’t have. But I wouldn’t have changed it for anything because it was like joining a boot camp for the only thing I ever wanted.

What did your parents make of this crazy lifestyle?

Well, my parents weren’t theatrical. [Her mom is a seamstress; her dad owned a sweets factory.] But they also weren’t pushy. I was accepted at a dancing school at a young age, and everything just happened from there. They’ve been incredibly supportive, as have my two brothers. When you’re the only girl and the protégé, it can be tough. I’m surprised they didn’t have a voodoo doll of me and stick pins in it!

Why didn’t you want to be a movie star?

I never thought it was in the cards for me. I remember saying after *42nd Street*, “What happens now?” I was a hooper. I didn’t go to an acting school or study Shakespeare. So, I felt like I was in a box until a French director [Philippe de Broca] cast me in his first movie [1990’s *1001 Nights*]. A year later, I did a very successful UK series called *The Darling Buds of May*. The first episode aired on a Sunday night; on Monday morning, my life changed. I couldn’t even ride the tube.

How did you end up in Hollywood?

I had a small part in a movie called *The Phantom* [in 1996] with Billy Zane. I only shot about three days at Universal Studios, but I had a six-month work visa. I thought, *Oh, I’ve got a visa. That means I can stay and meet an agent and show people my work.* So, after those three days [in Hollywood], I went home, sold my house and car and gave my two cats to my mom. I knew this was my lot in life.

From top: At 17 years old, Zeta-Jones starred in *42nd Street* in London’s West End, but it was her 1991 role on a UK television series called *The Darling Buds of May* that changed her life. Her Hollywood career began with *The Phantom* in 1996.



AND ALL THAT JAZZ

MOST BELOVED MOVIE *Mary Poppins* [from 1964] because it's so British. It used to come on TV every Christmas, so it's instilled from my childhood.



LAST TV BINGE We did *Breaking Bad*. It was a long time ago, but it was the only where we were like "We must get to the end!" I love Bryan Cranston so much.

SECRET CAREER PLAN B I'd love to have a chance in my life to be that person on stage in a stadium during a concert. I'd be a cross between Carly Simon, Adele and Alicia Keys, just sitting at the piano and rocking out.

I'M PRETTY GOOD AT . . . I'm a bit of a set decorator in my homes. I'm always online going down a rabbit hole looking at colors and fabrics and trims.

I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT . . . Cooking! I can measure milk and eggs and flour and mix it and stick it in the oven, OK? But I can't just open the cupboards and prepare something in your house. That, to me, is cooking.

FAVORITE MICHAEL DOUGLAS MOVIE *Falling Down* [1993] because it was a very dangerous role for him. He was so good in movies before that, but this role [a broken middle-aged man] showed a different dimension. I remember seeing it and thinking *That's a really interesting Michael Douglas*.



By age 28, you were a star thanks to *The Mask of Zorro* and had met your husband [Michael Douglas] at a film festival. Did you worry about peaking too soon?

Well, it was a big year for me, and I've always been ambitious. I do think you get better as you get older as an actress. But if I hadn't peaked at that young age, I don't know if I would have been able to relax in my 30s as a woman and a wife.

Because when I had my children, I wanted them to have as normal a life as possible.

What did "a normal life" entail?

Michael's mother [actress Diana Douglas] was from Bermuda so soon after our kids were born, we moved out of the States and put them in schools there. It's a British colony, so I got to drive on the correct side of the road! And it was very close to New York. We were there for ten years, and it was a profoundly wonderful time. I knew I'd never get those years back. I missed my childhood, but I didn't want to miss my motherhood.



You also won an Oscar in 2003 for playing Velma Kelly in *Chicago*. How did that affect you?

I was completely honored and stunned and thrilled. Musicals are either very good or horrid. There is no grey area. So, to be lauded in that way was very fulfilling. *Chicago* was also the capstone for all my years doing musical theater. I loved that my passion was put on celluloid and encapsulated forever. Did it take the pressure off? I guess it did. It made me OK with all my life choices.

From top: Zeta-Jones broke into the big time with 1998 film, *The Mask of Zorro*. In 2003, she earned an Oscar for her performance in the musical *Chicago*.

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FAVORITE CATHERINE ZETA-JONES MOVIE Every now and then, *Chicago* will come up on the TV feed. It always brings a warm fuzzy feeling in my tummy. *No Reservations* [from 2007] was really fun too.

MY VACATION DESTINATION I love India. It's so diverse. It was one of those places that I always wanted to go and once I did, it was everything and more than I anticipated. I loved the food and the culture and diversity.

LAST TIME I ASKED FOR AN AUTOGRAPH After I gave Adele her Oscar, I asked her to sign a piece of paper. I didn't say it was for me! I also have a photograph of us backstage, so I made a little shadowbox of the items.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: LMPC VIA GETTY IMAGES; AJ PICS/ALAMY; MOVIESTORE COLLECTION LTD/ALAMY; CINEMATIC COLLECTION/ALAMY

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Does Michael offer words of encouragement or acting advice?

We never talk or discuss work. Well, he gave me advice one time. I played Griselda Blanco in a [2017] Lifetime movie called *Cocaine Godmother*. She was a drug lord. I was going to Vancouver to shoot it and as I was leaving, he said, “Just remember, honey—you don’t have to do a lot. Because you’re terrifying when you don’t do anything.” I’ll take that!

Why haven’t you two ever done a joint project?

Well, we were both in *Traffic* [2000]. We weren’t on screen together, but it was a very special for us because I was pregnant with my son during filming. I was so excited to work with Steven Soderbergh and would have read the phone book for him. I asked if he could add my pregnancy to the story. And he said yes. I’m giant in it!

Do you watch a lot of movies together?

We do a complete binge on our comfy couch before we cast our ballots for the Oscars. Oh my gosh, we loved *Licorice Pizza* last year. But we really don’t do that a lot. We like to watch basketball and soccer and tennis and

way too much news and political commentary. We love to travel, but we’re also both homebodies.

How does it feel to be empty nesters?

You know the age-old story that it goes by so quick? It does! I just don’t know how it happened. But we’ll be together for the holidays. We like to eat and play board games. And the day after Christmas, we always go to a friend’s house in the Caribbean.

Given their DNA, it’s pretty surprising that your kids aren’t actors.

They’d love to join the business! My son has done theater production since high school.



Zeta-Jones met Michael Douglas at a film festival; the couple married in 2000.



What’s the most nervous you’ve ever been on a set?

Oh my gosh. I do a self-exorcism before every shoot. I make my husband so nervous. Then after the first day, I’m fine. But you know, I’ve worked with some really great talents. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts were all in [2004’s] *Ocean’s Twelve*. But I’d have to say [I was nervous] doing [2004’s] *The Terminal* because I had both Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg. The two of them together? That’s big.



What was it like having Kirk Douglas as a senior member of the family? What did you all learn from him?

I wish the whole world could have just sat next to my father-in-law like I did for 20 years and just listened to his stories. There's a real Hollywood legend. This ragman's son and Russian Jewish immigrant became Kirk Douglas! And when you live to be 103, those long-term memories of the names and situations and the dramas of the Hollywood system are just fascinating.

They've both been to drama camp. But they also love learning and are history buffs. My son graduated from Brown University this year and he studied political science. He's doing internships and working on political PACs. My daughter is currently studying foreign relations and diplomacy at school. They got their brains from me, though my husband likes to differ.

It's also a lot of pressure for children to have two famous parents, no?

My kids know that daddy and mommy are part of a very small percentage of a huge industry that actually got to a certain point. And they know about celebrity-dom. So, they don't want to be famous; they just want to be good actors. But look, it's hard to be the son or daughter of *anybody*. You don't have to be in Hollywood.

You played Olivia de Havilland in *Feud*, which was a series about Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. Those were your father-in-law Kirk Douglas's peers!

I mean, I had no research to do. He knew everybody! Kirk would tell us how rough it was for him doing 10 movies a year. And it was even tougher for women. You get hot and you're put in this meatpacking cattle-herding machine. Then it all stops and you're shushed away. God forbid you were in your 30s or you're playing a mother.

Doesn't it make you grateful that you came up in the business when you did?

You know, Kirk had a wonderful American dream story, and I have a bit of it too. I'm still very British. I'm not American. I just wanted to go to America. And it's been a terrifying and uncertain and thrilling and exciting ride. America has been very good to me, and I'm forever indebted and humbled for it. **P**



Zeta-Jones is proud of her children, Dylan, 22, and Carys, 19, whom she calls "great citizens of the planet."

THE MYSTERY OF MARILYN

Even 60 years after her death, Marilyn Monroe still fascinates us. Singer Mariah Carey is such a fan she bought Marilyn's white baby grand piano when it went up for auction, and is co-producing a musical version of *Some Like It Hot* on Broadway. It's even news when one of Marilyn's former residences goes on sale. And the bombshell has been the subject of many movies, including this year's controversial, *Blonde*, based on a book by Joyce Carol Oates, and a documentary called *The Mystery of Marilyn Monroe: The Unheard Tapes*. And a mystery she certainly is—one that *Parade* has tried to solve over the years. Here's a peek at some of our cover stories on Marilyn Monroe. —Anne Krueger

"The Marilyn You Don't Know"

JULY 27, 2008

The world saw Marilyn as a sex symbol, but there was an empowered woman underneath, according to gossip columnist Liz Smith writing for *Parade*. "What the public fails to realize," Smith said, "is that all her life Marilyn was a working woman. She was tough and smart, with a burning desire to lift herself up."



"Why Won't They Let Her Rest in Peace?"

AUGUST 5, 1973

Eleven years after she passed away, a new book by Norman Mailer was raising questions about Marilyn Monroe's death—and life. Mailer's book, which *Parade* called "a shameful, rehashed potboiler," suggested that Marilyn might have been murdered in some sort of mafia-related plot. *Parade* rejected the book's premise and explored the star's early life in foster homes, her mental health challenges and problems with barbiturates. The story noted that former husband Joe DiMaggio still sent fresh flowers every day to her crypt in Westwood Village Memorial Park. Marilyn was gone but not forgotten.



"We Knew Her When"

FEBRUARY 16, 1947

This cover of a brown-haired Marilyn is proof that *Parade* had its eye on the star before she rose to fame. Our "cover girl" was described as "one of the hundreds of sirens who yearly wink, smile, sneer or glow from the racks of magazine stands." But Marilyn was on her way up, "making the climb to film success," the magazine reported. The year was 1947, and she had a bit part in the Betty Grable movie *Mother Wore Tights*.

"Some Like It Hot"

DECEMBER 7, 1958

Parade caught up with Marilyn on the set of *Some Like It Hot*, the Billy Wilder movie with Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis that became a hit. Wilder had directed her in another big film, *The Seven Year Itch* (famous for the skirt-over-the-subway-grate scene) and was willing to put up with her interesting acting rituals, including frantic hand flailing before each scene (to relax). "When you get her in front of a camera, she has a certain indefinable magic that comes across, which no other actress in the business has," Wilder told *Parade*.



Marilyn in a Christmas movie?

Well sort of. *O. Henry's Full House* (1952) was a retelling of some of the author's most well-known stories, including "The Gift of the Magi." The film was narrated by author John Steinbeck, and Marilyn was in the "The Cop and the Anthem" story. You can watch it on Prime Video or Apple TV, and you can catch *Blonde* and *The Mystery of Marilyn Monroe* documentary on Netflix.



Marilyn lived here!

A 1930s townhome built for Warner Bros. to house young starlets, including Monroe, Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich, is listed for sale from ACME Real Estate at \$899,000. The two-bedroom unit in an older Los Angeles neighborhood is 1,199 square feet and features a bathroom with its original yellow and purple tile. If these walls could talk...

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for photos of Marilyn
through the years.

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WHY DO SOME FOODS TASTE BETTER FOR BREAKFAST THAN OTHERS? IN OTHER WORDS, WHY DON'T WE LIKE DISHES SUCH AS LASAGNA IN THE MORNING?

—Paul Tulowiecki, East Syracuse, New York

Our current preferences are mostly habits that arose at various times in recent history due to beliefs about what was healthful, the advent of foods that were convenient, a few marketing triumphs, and more. In other words, nothing substantive indicates any foods in particular are inherently tasty at that time of day.

In the past, breakfast was likely to be leftovers because they were handy. Then, in the mid-1800s, a vegetarian created cold cereal, which became popular over time because it's so quick and easy to prepare. The idea of selling pre-juiced oranges for breakfast was a marketing bonanza for the California Fruit Growers Exchange in the early 1900s. The "Drink an Orange" campaign bundled a juicer with a pair of oranges and described orange juice as "healthfulness itself."

During the Depression, bacon was successfully promoted (with the help of a study) as a morning "health food" because it "replaces the energy you lose during sleep." And eggs are a staple because chickens lay their eggs early in the day, thus making fresh protein readily available.

So all this could change!

A WORLD OF BREAKFAST

Breakfast flavors and favorites vary across the planet. Can you match the popular breakfast with the country?

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| 1. Switzerland | a. Yogurt |
| 2. China | b. Chai/Fried Donut |
| 3. Costa Rica | c. Dim Sum |
| 4. Kenya | d. Muesli |
| 5. Greece | e. Speckled Rooster |

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

THE SOCK PROBLEM

FEBRUARY 27, 1994

I am writing to find out if I have a marital problem. My wife does the laundry in our house weekly. I have two pairs of argyle socks and they look nearly identical—one navy blue and the other black. My wife matches the socks incorrectly much more often than she does correctly. Is this due to subconscious resentment? If all four socks are in front of her, it seems to me that her chances are 50 percent for a wrong match and 50 percent for a right match. What do you think?

—Brad Evans, Birmingham, Alabama

SOLUTIONS

THE SOCK PROBLEM

The answer is: On chance alone, the socks will match incorrectly two thirds of the time. The possible pairings are as follows:

Navy 1 + Navy 2 Match	Navy 1 + Black 1 Mismatch	Navy 1 + Black 2 Mismatch
Black 1 + Black 2 Match	Navy 2 + Black 2 Mismatch	Navy 2 + Black 1 Mismatch

And if you only have two pairs of socks, it's your wife who has the marital problem.

BREAKFAST AROUND THE WORLD

COSTA RICA

SPECKLED ROOSTER

(gallo pinto) is stir-fried rice and beans cooked with onion, cilantro, red pepper and salsa, often served with eggs and plantains.



SWITZERLAND

MUESLI

is a healthy, cold mixture of raw rolled oats with seeds, nuts and fresh or dried fruits.

CHINA

DIM SUM

is popular for breakfast, especially for brunch. It's a rotating spread of steamed buns, dumplings, rice noodle rolls, congees, bite-size chicken, pork spareribs and other tidbits.



KENYA

If it's breakfast in Kenya, it's time for a sweet-smelling cup of chai (milky tea with spices) and a fried donut, called a MANDAZI.

GREECE

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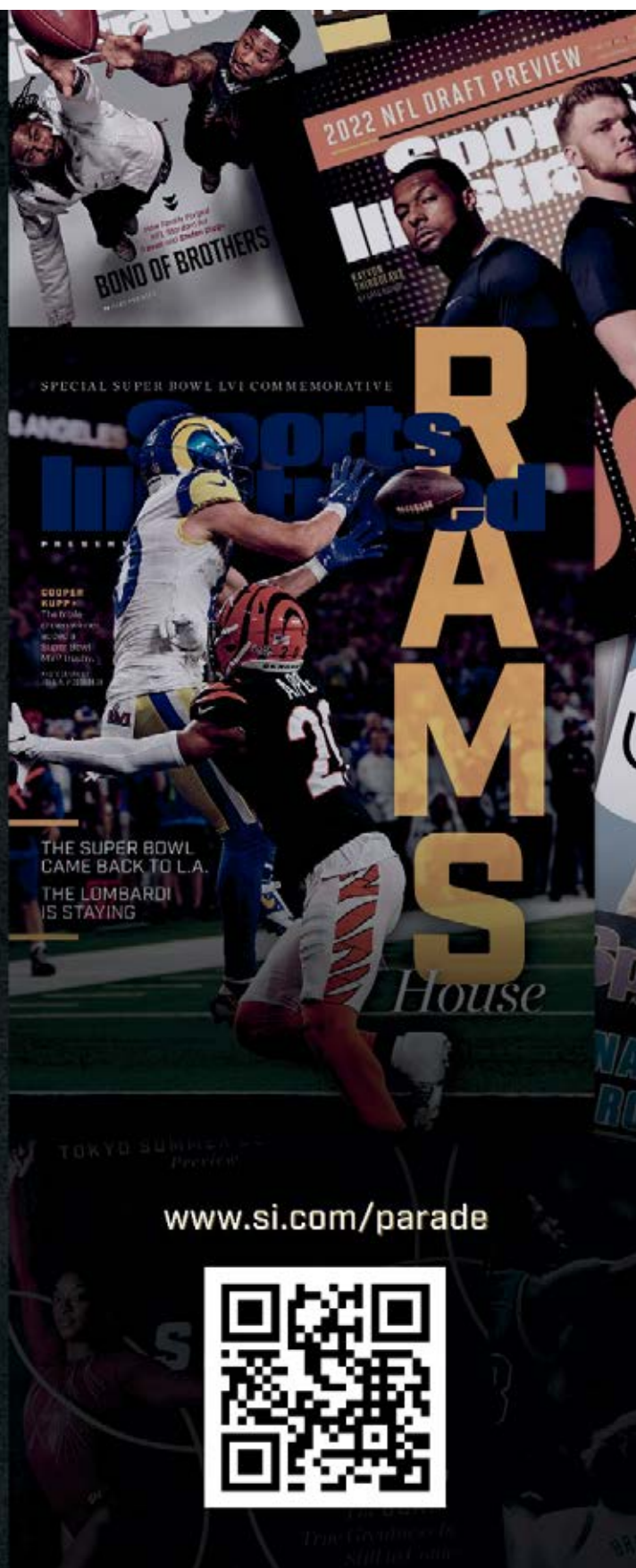


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