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2022: The Year in Review (July-December)

Staff Reports

Following are the big stories in Kirksville from July through December of 2022. Pick up a copy of last Wednesday's Daily Express to see the big stories from January to June 2022.

July 2022

Adair County 2nd District Commissioner alleged to have stolen campaign sign

Adair County 2nd District Commissioner Mark L. Thompson was listed in the Kirksville Police Department blotter on June 27-28, accused of committing a class four election offense. According to police, Thompson was caught on video stealing a campaign sign on private property. The charge is a misdemeanor.

Thompson answered a call to the county commissioners office on Tuesday and when asked if he would like to discuss the charges, said, "no." The sign belonged to Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan who is running for re-election on Aug. 2.

Police said that the report was submitted to the prosecuting attorney's office and that the prosecutor, David Goring, was likely to recuse himself. They said local judges may recuse themselves as well.

Prosecuting attorney, presiding commissioner and other candidates spar at chamber forum

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



Novinger History Day brings visitors from throughout the local area and beyond

Novinger History Day was held last Sunday, June 26, put on by Novinger Renewal. Visitors were able to tour the Isaac and Samuel Novinger family

home, which was built in 1848 and later moved to its current location and restored in 1986-88. Also on the tour were the Coal Miners Museum, the log homestead and the Methodist Church. There were displays in the community center and tour lectures at the town jail and the caboose. An Ice Cream Social was held as well as other events that filled out the day's schedule.



Kirksville celebrates Independence Day with the 18th Annual Red, White & Blue parade

The 18th Annual Red, White & Blue Parade was held Saturday morning in downtown Kirksville, with hundreds on hand to watch. The theme of this year's events was "Living the American Dream." The parade was preceded by a pancake breakfast, a car show and the farmers' market.

Voters asked to continue 911 device fee at candidate's forum

Don Crosby of the 911 Joint Services Board, at the chamber of commerce candidate's forum held on June 23, made a pitch to voters to continue the 911 Device Fee proposal that will be on the Aug. 2 Primary Election ballot. Crosby has been on the board since its inception.

"When you think of 911, oftentimes you think about bad things," he said. "You know I call 911 when there's a fire, when I need a police officer to come because my house has been robbed, when there's a medical emergency."

He said that the good news is that voters are not going to be asked to give more money but rather they're being asked to continue giving what they have for the last four years.

Special prosecuting attorney appointed to review Thompson sign theft charge

Brian Keedy, prosecuting attorney of Sullivan County, has been appointed as special prosecuting attorney to review the matter of Adair County 2nd District Commissioner Mark L. Thompson, who is alleged to have taken a campaign sign that belonged to Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan. Thompson's case was referred to the Adair County Prosecutor's Office by Kirksville police after a video surfaced of him taking the campaign sign. Keedy will be charged with making the determination if any criminal charges will be filed with the court.



Cleary to serve life plus 45 years

On Tuesday, July 5, John Michael Cleary, formerly of Kirksville, appeared at the

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

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



Block party held at Memorial Park

The city of Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department held their second block party of the summer last Sunday afternoon at Memorial Park. There were free hot dogs, chips, snow cones, cotton candy, water games, a bubble suds machine and water balloons. There was also a water sprinkler set up to keep the younger tots cool. The block party is one of four the city has planned for the summer.

Sheriff investigates human remains found in western Adair County

On July 10 at approximately 12:20 p.m., Adair County E911 Center received a call to check the well-being of an Adair County resident. At approximately 1:17 p.m., officers arrived at a property in the area of Youngstown Trail in western Adair County. While checking the area, officers located human remains. The remains were later identified as Stephen G. Munn.

A week later, sheriff officials began a search for Jesse Darrell Rongey, 38, of Adair County, whose last know location was in the area of Youngstown Trail. Sheriff officials said that Rongey should be considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached.

In July, the Adair County Prosecutor's Office filed 1st degree murder charges against Rongey, who continued to evade police. Rongey was later found deceased in the same vicinity.



Chariton Valley Association, Inc. announces pending change in leadership

Terry Combs, longstanding chief executive officer of Chariton Valley Association, Inc. (CVA), recently announced his decision to accept a new job opportunity, after nearly 26 years of dedicated service to the organization. Combs has begun his transition to the role of Chief Business Development Officer for Center for Human Services (CHS), which is based in Sedalia, Mo.

Combs offered that making the decision to leave CVA, the people they serve, their families and guardians, the staff, contractors, board of directors, and other partners was very difficult.

"While I am very excited about my new opportunity with CHS, CVA will always hold a special place in my heart," he said. "Additionally, I am proud of what CVA has been able to accomplish during my tenure and I am confident that I am leaving the organization even better than when I found it, with strong leadership, an assorted portfolio of quality services, and good fiscal health."

Barricaded subject apprehended without injury, charged with multiple felonies

Kirksville police responded to the 400 block of North Mulanix Street in reference to a reported assault with injury at approximately 3:28 p.m. on Friday, July 22. Police were informed a male suspect, Patrick Myres, 52, of Kirksville, was armed with a firearm and cutting instrument and had committed an assault in that area. Myres barricaded himself in a house in the 300 block of East Illinois Street.

The Kirksville Special Response Team was activated and responded to the scene. After multiple attempts to call Myres out, police made entry into the home and located Myres hiding in an attic. Myers was taken into custody without further incident and no further injuries were reported.

NEMO Fair grand champions and reserve champions

Adair County Champions: Champion Sheep — Lane Bell, Reserve Champion — Justin Farris, Champion Goats — Gabriel Hoppe, Reserve Champion — Madison Moots, Champion Poultry — Sarah Daning, Reserve Champion — Leah Darling, Champion Rabbits — Annalee Simpson, No Reserve Champion Rabbits, Champion Beef — Lacey Fisher, Reserve Champion — Lana Vansickle, Champion Swine — Kenzie Durham, Reserve Champion — Taylor Durham.

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Kirksville Police investigating arson/homicide, two juveniles in custody

The Kirksville Police Department is investigating an arson/homicide case where a 42-year-old Kirksville woman was killed.

At approximately 12:38 a.m., on Friday, July 29, Kirksville police, fire and emergency responders were dispatched to a residence on the 500 block of West Mary Street in reference to a structure fire. Police arrived and spoke with a witness who reported a subject running from the area around the time the fire was discovered. Police developed information that two juvenile males unlawfully entered the home and were responsible for the fire.

One resident of the home was unable to exit and died at the scene. Members of the Kirksville Fire Department arrived within four minutes of the call and found the victim within four minutes of their arrival. The victim was later identified as Belinda Garrett.

Ranch Rodeo team roping competition held

A team roping competition was held on Saturday at the NEMO Fairgrounds as part of the Kirksville Firefighters Local 2952 Ranch Rodeo, a fundraiser for the Kirksville Firefighters Community Outreach Fund.

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2022 Missouri State Fair Queen visits Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 28 meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Elsie Kigar spoke about her experiences as 2022 Missouri State Fair Queen. Kigar, a Scotland County high school senior, operates her own butchered beef business. She is the daughter of Alisa and Jim Kigar and is pictured with Rotary President Elect Melissa Stuart.



KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

WILDFlower Spa ribbon cutting

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for WILDFlower Spa, Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m., 1108 E. Patterson Street, Suite 4, Kirksville. WILDFlower Spa opened September 2021 and its owners invite you to ring in the new year by joining them for their ceremonial ribbon cutting. Featured services include massages, waxes, cupping, peels and so much more.

Ribbon cutting for Five Star Nutrition

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Five Star Nutrition, 415 E. Northtown Road in Kirksville, Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. Five Star Nutrition serves a variety of delicious and nutritious drinks, and they even offer a VIP Facebook group.

Kraft Heinz Kardboard Boat Race scheduled for Jan. 22

Get ready to put those leftover Christmas gift boxes to good use. Join the Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department at the Kirksville Aquatic Center on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 2-4 p.m., and take part in the Kraft Heinz Kardboard Boat Race. Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants must construct a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint, and attempt to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams will compete in age divisions based on the average age of the team and can win in multiple categories, such as Fastest Time and Best Design. This event is completely free for all participants and spectators thanks to event sponsor, Kraft Heinz. Register today at parks.kirksvillecity.com. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Tim AuBuchon Little Big Band Concert

Truman Jazz Studies Director Tim AuBuchon will present a program of original music for little big band (nonet) featuring Truman students and professional musicians from around Missouri. Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Andrew Schaper Conducting Recital

Andrew Schaper conducting recital featuring Schubert's Symphony No. 8 with the Truman State Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the

Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Rhonda Vincent headlines next performance of The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series

Northeast Missouri's own Rhonda Vincent will headline the next performance of the The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series, Jan. 27. Vincent and her band, The Rage, are the most awarded band in bluegrass history. She is an eight-time Grammy nominee and was inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2020. All events will take place at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but tickets are required and can be reserved at the Sue Ross Arts Center in downtown Kirksville, the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205 and the SAB window in the Student Union Building. The event will be held at the Baldwin Auditorium, 100 E Normal in Kirksville.

For additional information, visit lyceum.truman.edu, call 660.785.4133 or email lyceumseries@truman.edu.

Vivian Scott Recital with Wind Symphony I & II

Vivian Scott Recital with Wind Symphony I & II on Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Hall Auditorium on the Truman State University campus.

Special Olympics Missouri Polar Plunge

Special Olympics Missouri Polar Plunge will be held at Thousand Hills State Park—Forest Lake Swimming Beach in Kirksville, Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. This amazing event is a unique opportunity to show your bravery as you support local Special Olympics Missouri athletes by walking, running or crawling into the frigid winter waters. In 2022, the Kirksville Plunge had 100 plungers and raised more than \$26,380! This one-of-a-kind event promises a fun atmosphere complete with music, funny costumes and lasting memories for everyone. All participants must raise a minimum of \$75 by event day. Your \$10 registration fee will apply towards your \$75 minimum. For kids ages 9 and under: All participants must raise a minimum of \$25 by event day. There is no registration fee.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 2, at the White Oaks Barn, 23255 State Hwy. 11, Kirksville. Among the evenings activities will be the Kirksville Young Professionals "5 Under 40" Awards.

2023 Community Engagement Conference

The 2023 Community Engagement Conference will be held at Kirksville R-III William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, on Saturday, March 25,. Registration and more details to come.

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Museum of Osteopathic Medicine receives highest national recognition, awarded accreditation from American Alliance of Museums

The Museum of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University (ATSU) in Kirksville, has achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies, and to the museum-going public.

Adair County Primary Election results

Associate Circuit Judge for Adair County: Kristie J. Swain — 632/100 percent
Presiding Commissioner (Republican): Mark Shahan — 1,670/59.30 percent, Jeff Gottman — 1.146/40.70 percent
Clerk of the Circuit Court (Republican): Martha Cole — 1,500/54.80 percent, Angie Sullivan — 1,237/45.20 percent
Clerk of the County Commission (Democrat): Sandy Collop — 647/100 percent
Recorder of Deeds (Democrat): Tracy Hunter — 624/100 percent
Prosecuting Attorney (Republican): David Goring — 1,509/54.30 percent, Patrick Nolan — 914/32.89 percent, Andrew A. Boster — 356/12.81 percent
Collector of Revenue (Democrat): Sonja Harden — 643/100 percent
Treasurer Adair County (Republican): Lori J. Smith — 2,397/100 percent
County Question 1 for Adair County (911 Device Fee): Yes — 2,612/73.17 percent, No — 958/26.83 percent



Missouri governor visits Kirksville to promote infrastructure projects

Missouri Governor Mike Parson visited Kirksville on Tuesday, Aug. 9, to view the ongoing North Baltimore Street construction project. Parson held a brief gathering on the lawn out front of Menards on N. Baltimore, attended by a few dozen people. City officials said that Parson was touring rural infrastructure projects across the state over the course of the week.

East Locust Creek Reservoir to be named for Senator Roy Blunt

At their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) voted unanimously to name the East Locust Creek Reservoir (ELCR) in honor of Missouri's senior senator, Roy Blunt. Both the Sullivan County Commission and the water commission received a letter from Governor Mike Parson to consider naming the ELCR in honor of retiring Senator Blunt. Chairman Harve Rhodes placed the issue on the agenda for consideration.

"Given the sustained and successful efforts of Senator Blunt leading to approximately \$80 million in funding for the reservoir, the Commission thought it entirely fitting to honor Senator Blunt by naming the reservoir for him and his service to the reservoir and the region," said Rhodes in a press release issued by the water commission.

United Way chairpersons announced for 2023 campaign

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



Weichelt is manager of the A.T. Still University (ATSU) Thompson Campaign Center. She received her undergraduate degree from Truman State University with a major in Communications with a concentration in Public Communications. She also received her Master of Health Administration degree from ATSU. She is active as treasurer of the Adair County Democratic Club and is a member of the Noontime Rotary Club of Kirksville.

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



Kirksville Parks & Recreation holds annual Kids Mini Mud Mile

Hundreds of kids took part in the 3rd Annual Kids Mini Mud Mile held at the North Park Sports Complex last Saturday. Children ages 3-15 navigated the one-mile mud-filled obstacle course that offered a plethora of challenges. The run began with a series of mounds that dropped into muddy water pits. Other obstacles included a pair of tubes that kids slid down into a mud pit, a rope swing that flew over a mud hole, a zip line over a mud filled runway and the final challenge, a crawl through the mud under rope that crisscrossed above them to make a barrier to keep them from standing.

Elsie Kigar of Bible Grove crowned the 2022 Missouri State Fair Queen

Elsie Kigar was named the 2022 Missouri State Fair Queen in a ceremony held Thursday, Aug. 11. Kigar received the highest score of 41 contestants vying for the title in the two-day competition, held in the Mathewson Exhibition Center. Kigar will reign over the remaining State Fair events and be an ambassador for the State Fair and Missouri agriculture throughout the coming year.



Princeton Review Includes Truman Among Best Colleges

Truman State University is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates to earn their college degree, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company included Truman in the 2023 edition of its annual college guide, "The Best 388 Colleges." This book features only about 14 percent of America's four-year colleges and is one of The Princeton Review's most popular publications. The company chooses which colleges make the list based on data it annually collects from administrators at hundreds of colleges about their institutions' academic offerings.

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The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to

Adopt a Buddy Pack

1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekends. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take home over the weekend.

You can help feed a child with Buddy Packs.

A gift of \$270 allows us to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year.

All funds stay in your county!

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Covid cases fall in Adair County

By Adair County Health Department

The Adair County Health Department has received reports of 59 new cases of Covid-19 for the seven-day period from Dec. 20 through 27. That number is down from 67 cases reported during the previous period.

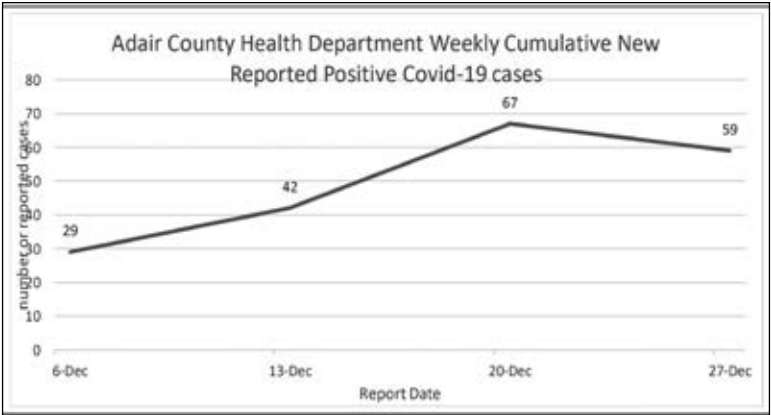
The Adair County Health Department recommends the following to reduce the spread of Covid-19, Influenza A and B, and the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV):

- Make a plan with your family and friends to lower the risk of infection, such as social distancing and masking.
- Monitor your health daily and contact your health-care provider if you have any symptoms of these respiratory illnesses.
- Stay home from work, school, family events, and crowds if you feel sick.
- Adjust your traveling plans if you are sick or if you will be around others at higher risk

for serious illness.

- Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19.

The Health Department continues to administer Covid-19 bivalent boosters for residents ages 12 and older from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays as long as vaccine supplies last. The Health Department also continues administering the seasonal flu vaccine to those ages three and older. Parents of residents under age 12 should contact their child's



doctor or pharmacy about getting Covid-19 vaccines.

To obtain information about slowing the spread of respira-

tory illnesses or to schedule a Covid-19 or flu vaccine, call the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491.

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Fraternity celebrates 100 years on campus

Truman's chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma marked its 100th anniversary with a weekend of festivities, Aug. 26-27. More than 100 alumni returned to Kirksville in celebration of the historic event, participating in a chapter golf outing and a luncheon at the organization's house on Davis Street. As the fraternity's Beta chapter, the Truman branch is the second-oldest chapter of "Sig Tau" in the country. The fraternity officially turned 100 on July 30 of last year, but the formal celebration was rescheduled due to the pandemic. University President Sue Thomas and Sigma Tau Gamma CEO Buz Barlow Jr. both spoke at the luncheon, with the keynote address provided by Bryan Witherbee ('94).

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Cub Scout Roar held at Rotary Park

Kirksville Cub Scout Pack 404 held their 1st-ever Cub Scout Roar on Saturday, Aug. 27. The troop held a similar Roar in the spring that was considered a great success. The scouts were able to spend the day doing

a variety of activities such as shooting arrows in an archery range as well as BB guns in an inflatable Daisy gun range. Other activities included shooting off water rockets and racing sail boats they built in the Rain Gutter Regatta. The purpose of the event is to show local area youth the fun they can have in scouting.

Golf Patriot Day honors the legacy of SFC Matthew Charles Lewellen

The SFC Matthew Charles Lewellen Patriot Golf Day was held at the Kirksville Country Club on Friday, Sept. 2, named for the Kirksville soldier killed in an ambush while training troops in Jordan. Patriot Golf Day was not a golf tournament but a day to honor all those that made the ultimate sacrifice. All proceeds go to SFC Matthew Charles Lewellen's scholarship fund, which last year benefited four local students with \$2,500 each.



Water tower disappears from Kirksville skyline

The downtown water tower that has loomed over the city since 1954, was brought to the ground in pieces beginning Friday. In 2015, an inspection of the water tower found numerous substantial deficiencies. It was determined that the tower had reached the end of its useful life. A new 1,000,000-gallon



water tower was constructed in 2020 near Patryla Park. It has assumed all water responsibilities. Allstate Tower, Inc. was awarded the demolition contract.

69th Annual La Plata Soybean Festival held

The 69th Annual La Plata Soybean Festival was held around the square in La Plata over four days of Labor Day Weekend. Events held include the annual parade and the crowning of the Queen Soya. Other events included a car show, Little Mr. and Miss Soya pageant, musical entertainment, a tractor pull and contests.



Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held at Rieger Armory

The Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Rieger Armory in Kirksville, home of the Hall of Fame. Four national guardsman were celebrated including Lt. Col. James E. Rieger for whom the armory is named. Other inductees were Major William Robertson (deceased), Major Charles A. Gates (deceased) and Lt. Col. James Schaffner, the only living inductee.

Three new members inducted into Kirksville Football Hall of Fame

Three new members were inducted into the Kirksville Football Hall of Fame during a half-time ceremony at the annual Hall of Fame Game last Friday, Sept. 9, at Spainhower Field. A formal induction ceremony was held the morning of Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Kirksville Country Club. The events were hosted by the Orange & Black Foundation.

The 2022 Kirksville Football Hall of Fame Inductees were: Sean Bartlett who graduated from Kirksville in 1991 after a stellar football career on both sides of the line of scrimmage, Mike Munn, who dominated both sides of the ball when the gritty Kirksville Tigers took the field in the fall of 1968, and Patrick Williams, KHS '75, who earned All Conference honors as a defensive back in the fall of 1974 on a team that had only one win. That win, however, broke a KHS 36 game losing streak and began the turnaround of the football Tigers.



Mascots March for Meals for Adair County

The Food Bank For Central & Northeast Missouri hosted the 4th annual Mascots Marching For Meals for Adair County on Saturday, Sept. 17. The 1.8 mile trail walk began at the YMCA Pavilion in Kirksville and continued around the school campus. School and local business mascots were present along the route. Proceeds from the event benefited the buddy pack program in Adair County.

Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Turkey Festival held

The Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Turkey Festival was held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Downtown Kirksville Square. The event featured exhibits, activities, whiskey, axe throwing, beer, great food and great music. There were exhibitor booths honoring area contributors to local turkey hunting, the Ville Escape Room—axe throwing, a turkey calling contest., a Cornhole Tournament and a concert by Frank Bang, well-known blues performer and lead guitarist for Buddy Guy.



Adair County SB40 holds Recognition of Service event

Direct Support Professional recognition week is an annual event held nationwide as a way of recognizing the critical support and care that direct support professionals provide to people who have developmental disabilities. Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board expressed appreciation for those services throughout the week with random drawings for prizes.

In addition, on Sept. 16, the board held its annual event awarding several area direct support professionals Certificates of Recognition in appreciation of their outstanding services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The nominations for the awards were submitted by individuals with disabilities, their family members and peer support staff.

Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival fills downtown with visitors

The 47th Annual Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival was held Saturday, Sept. 24 at the downtown square. The downtown area was filled with over 100 local and non-local artists and crafters, as well as a wide variety of food vendors and entertainment. The event, which attracted thousands of visitors, was put on by the Kirksville Arts Association.



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Kirksville City Council approves zoning change sought by Hannibal Regional

The Kirksville City Council, at their Oct. 3 regular meeting, approved an ordinance rezoning 172.52 acres on the north side of Illinois Street between the 1800 and 2100 blocks, from R-5, Planned Mobile Home Park, to C-1, Local Business. The land is being purchased by Hannibal Regional Healthcare System, which plans to build medical and human service facilities on the land. Hannibal Regional had originally asked the council to rezone 240 acres of property, which sits at the corner of the Hwy. 63 Bypass and Illinois Street.

The council originally began discussion on the rezoning at their meeting on Sept. 19. The city's planning and zoning commission, at a Sept. 14 meeting, voted

6-2, with one member absent, to recommended to the council against the change in zoning. Also fighting the change were neighboring property owners. At their Sept. 19 meeting, after two-plus hours of hearing arguments for and against the proposal, the council was set to vote for a change in zoning for parts of the 240-acre property, but could not at the moment, determine the legal boundaries that would comprise the commercial acreage. They rescheduled the hearing for Sept. 26, after the legal language could be determined.

At the Sept. 26 meeting, an amended ordinance that had reduced the amount of property to be zoned by 54 acres was met with opposition from Mayor Zac Burden, who said that he couldn't vote for the project unless the acreage to be rezoned was reduced even further. Because more than 30 percent of the neighboring property owners had protested against the zone change, the council needed a super majority vote for the zoning change to happen. Councilman John Gardner, citing his employment with A.T. Still University, abstained from the vote that night, stating he had a conflict.

At the Oct. 3 meeting, Burden said that he was pleased with where they've been able to go with the rezoning and he felt they were able to meet a lot of the needs that have been addressed and that they would be able to get in the healthcare facilities that folks are looking to see. He said that by bringing the zoning down by about a third, it was the responsible zoning some residents were looking for.

Bridges on Hwy. 63 to be named for fallen local soldiers

In honor of three local fallen war heroes, a dedication ceremony was held at the Rieger Armory on Saturday, Oct. 1, where signs were unveiled identical to those that will be hung in the near future by MoDOT from bridges in Adair and Macon counties. Missouri State Senate Bill 258 was signed into law designating the bridge on Hwy. 63 crossing over Business Hwy. 63 in Adair County, to be named U.S. Army Sgt. Brandon Maggart Memorial Bridge; the bridge at Hwy. 63 crossing over Patterson Street as U.S. Army SFC Matthew C. Lewellen Memorial Bridge; and the bridge on Hwy. 63 crossing over the BSNF Railroad/Marceline Sub in La Plata as U.S. Army PFC Adam L. Thomas Memorial Bridge.

NEMO Community Connect event held at Moose Lodge

The NEMO Community Connect event was held on Friday, Oct. 7, at The Moose Lodge in Kirksville. NEMO Community Connect was a one stop shop where individuals and families from surrounding communities have access to free services and assistance. Participants were able to connect with housing, employment, documentation assistance and social services. Free medical services, dental services, haircuts, lunch, housing assistance and many other services were also available.



Boy Scout Isaiah Meinen is an Eagle Scout

Boy Scout Troop member Isaiah Meinen completed his Eagle Scout on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Meinen went to the Black Diamond District and passed his Board of Review. He will be serving as Troop 404's Junior Assistant Scoutmaster until he turns 18.

Kirksville Walk to End Alzheimer's held

The Kirksville Walk to End Alzheimer's was held last Saturday, Oct. 22 at Stokes Stadium on the Truman State University campus. Walkers were decked out in purple and personalized t-shirts — and over a dozen teams honored a loved one either living with or who has died from Alzheimer's. Promise Garden flowers were given to walkers with each color corresponding to their connection to the disease.



Sue Ross Arts Center hosts exhibit by nationally recognized artist

The Kirksville Arts Association currently has a new exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center — a large collection of original paintings by nationally recognized watercolor artist Dana Forrester. Forrester is a native of Kirksville and now resides in Independence. Forrester is a graduate of Truman State University with a B. S. in Art Education and has completed graduate studies at both Truman and the Kansas City Art Institute. He was elected as a Signature member to the American Watercolor Society in 1981 and to the National Watercolor Society in 1980. He has taught many workshops, lectured at numerous events and has served as a judge in many art festivals and exhibitions. In 2021, Forrester was recognized as an artist of the month by the Missouri Arts Council.

COLUMN

Peas make it a good year

Mom always said that eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day brings good luck throughout the coming year. I looked it up: some cultures suggest you eat 365 peas, one for every day, to assure prosperity.

I'm not focused on prosperity, and my stomach couldn't handle 365 black-eyed peas all at once. But I DO want good luck in 2023. So, I'm following Mom's advice.

I didn't just buy a can of peas and heat them up. That's too easy. I bought dried peas—the ones in a bag on the bottom shelf of aisle 4, right under the instant rice and instant potatoes. They looked sad and ugly and yucky, but I was determined to do this right. One should have to work a little for good luck.

Sausage will add flavor. I have a recipe I've evidently made before; it was stained with unidentifiable grease spots. In my ignorance, I must have cooked them mid-year, providing only a smattering of luck. This year I'll start off right and eat peas on the correct day.

The dish cooked up nicely. The peas looked and smelled much

better coming out of the oven than they did going in; they were mushy and hot instead of hard and clattery against the pan. I'm planning to eat a bunch of them. I will even share a little luck with the rest of those in my house. And while I won't count to see how many I gobble down, I'm sure my appetite will cover most of the days of 2023.

Then, I'll wait for the big pay-off. If those black-eyed peas are really going to do their magic, I am ready to have a good year. I've made a list of things I know will happen once I've ingested my lucky legumes:

1. My glasses will always be right where I left them, and I'll never look for them while I have them on.
2. Every cashier I hand money to will thank me. He or she will smile. My change will go in my hand FIRST, instead of atop the bills. I hate that.
3. The dentist will tell me I have clean, cavity-free teeth that need no scraping, drilling, or filling.
4. Every Sunday, John will fix supper. And Monday. And maybe one other day during the week. I'm not greedy. Just those three times, every week.
5. My very old computer will



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last another year...even if it won't update anymore.

6. When I go to the grocery store, I'll never again have to engage in conversation with the bratty child in the cart behind me at checkout. He won't want to know my name, won't be curious as to why I'm buying Fritos, and his nose will not be festooned with decorative, cold-communicable mucus.

7. Somebody, somewhere, will see my column, pronounce me a literary genius, and offer me a book deal. It could happen. I ate the stupid black-eyed peas.

It's a little scary to trust a full year of days to a pan of greasy, garlicky legumes. As a Christian, I'm not supposed to believe in luck. God is in control of my life—I know that.

I'm hoping, though, that He'll find my pea-cooking effort amusing in its sheer, feeble humanity. And since He knows exactly how many of those peas I ate, I trust Him to provide the allotted number of good days in the New Year. Wish me luck.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

COLUMN

A time to enjoy the snow

Somehow the snow is a little like Christmas. We can expect it. We can listen to the television weather and expect it. But still, when it comes it's like a gift — a wonderful unwrapped gift — because it is the wrapping.

Doc found it when he turned on the porch light before dawn and the sheer whiteness of it came to him, and he smiled and let the cup of coffee warm his hands and the coffee itself warm his insides.

Snow — whether it's an inch or three feet — tucks us in, he thought. It's an act of love, covering each of us equally, as a mother would do. There should be an ordinance, he thought, smiling, that no one should be required to get out and drive in it, shovel it, curse it, until at least the initial magic has passed. Soon enough, we realize, it will be plowed into muddy strips on our streets and slushed into the gutters and our shoes



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will complain and we'll have to be careful not to track it in the house. That comes later. Road closures ... they come later, too. When these heavy gray heavens pull back to reveal the moon and the sun, the cold will come, along with the threat of ruptured pipes.

But not now. Right now, in the holiness of early morning, Doc had the best of the snow. The gentle, eternally silent blessing of winter.

It should stay that way at least through breakfast, he thought. At least through breakfast.

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Ring in the new year with black-eyed peas

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is a tradition said to bring wealth and good fortune in the new year, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Michele Warmund.

This custom dates to around A.D. 500 when people ate black-eyed peas for luck during the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. In the U.S., eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is a southern tradition for good fortune in the coming year. When eaten with cornbread and collards or other leafy green vegetables, the cornbread symbolizes gold and the vegetables stand for the prosperity of green money, says Warmund.

Eating black-eyed peas in the U.S. may also go with the adage, "Eat poor on New Year's and eat fat the rest of the year." Adding liquid to the dry peas for cooking causes them to swell, representing expanding wealth, she says.

In another version of this custom, a clean penny or dime goes into the cooking pot. According to lore, the person served the coin will enjoy the most prosperity in the new year. This custom is not advised since a coin may become a choking hazard.

Black-eyed peas (Vigna unguiculata), also known

as cowpeas, are a type of bean. Several parts of the plant are edible, including the leaves and the small, immature pods, but it is most often eaten as a dry, shelled pea. A common variety of black-eyed peas with a bush-type growth habit is Arkansas Black-eye #1, while a common vining type is California Blackeye #5.

Gardeners who want to grow their own black-eyed peas should sow seeds an inch deep May 10 to July 15 when the soil warms to at least 60 F.

Give plants with about 1 pound of 12-12-12 fertilizer per 100 feet of row in a band 2-3 inches from the base of the plants until just after they bloom. Apply sparingly, as black-eyed pea plants can fix nitrogen from the atmosphere. Plants tolerate drought but benefit from irrigation during dry periods.

In general, black-eyed peas grow like common bush or pole types of green beans but need more time to mature—about 80 days from seeding to harvest for use as a dry pea and 50-60 days for green beans.

Harvest beans when they are tender and pods snap when broken. For fresh, edible peas, delay picking until the pods and peas are larger and begin to turn yellowish but are plump and still green. Green pods and peas are highly perishable and best eaten shortly after harvest.

OPINION

Missouri can lead the way to a food secure future for all

By University of Missouri Extension

In a state where agriculture is the No. 1 industry, Missouri can be a powerful leader in making sure every Missourian is food secure. At its core, food security means no child goes to bed hungry and no adult must choose between buying needed medicine and putting food on the family table.

In October, the University of Missouri System hosted its 2022 Extension and Engagement Week. Each year, MU with its university partners and stakeholders across the state focus on big challenges to improve Missourians' lives. In the past, we've addressed rural broadband access, workforce development and health access and equity need. Initiatives with real-world impact emerge from these weeklong "deep dives." This year, we focused on food.

We looked at the challenges, issues and opportunities around food systems, including production, distribution, value-added agriculture, nutrition and access — all so vital to every one of us and our planet's health.

At the heart of this complex network is food security: How can we work together to ensure that people everywhere have enough to eat to be healthy and contributing members of society? Even here, in one of our nation's top food-producing states, 11.4 percent of all Missourians are food insecure, including 14.1 percent of children. In some counties, one out

of every three children have need.

You cannot have a truly thriving economy at any level; you will not have educational excellence at any level; and you will not have good health at any level if people are food insecure.

There is no one solution for these issues. It will take all of us to find answers.

To that end, the Food Systems Network at the MU Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security is helping to connect a diverse array of partners to help build strong and resilient community-based food systems across Missouri and beyond. They welcome your input.

Resources like the interactive All Things Food Story Map help us better understand Missouri's food systems and their links to food insecurity. The Missouri Hunger Atlas helps pinpoint, down to the census tract level, the extent of food insecurity in all 114 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis.

MU and its partners are also taking action.

- A new statewide food systems faculty position will help identify and coordinate partners and interdisciplinary work to address Missouri food system challenges.

- Our fourth annual 4-H Feeding Missouri Food Drive — with Feeding Missouri and Missouri Farmers Care Drive to Feed Kids — seeks to raise the equivalent of 800,000 meals by May 1, 2023, through food and monetary donations and volunteer hours.

- Missouri 100, an advisory group to UM System leadership, will donate \$10,000 to each of the UM System's four campus food pantries for students. This gift, along with Hogs for Hunger donations from this year's Missouri State Fair, gets the 4-H Feeding Missouri drive more than halfway to its goal.

- Finally, thanks to state government leaders' investment in MU Extension, we have the support to fill about 80 open positions that are at various stages of the recruiting process. Nearly all will be for county positions in 4-H Youth Development, Nutrition and Health, Human Development, Livestock, Agronomy, Dairy, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Natural Resources, Community Health and Labor and Workforce Development.

We are excited about this growth. Please share these job postings at <http://muext.us/careers>. We need qualified and dedicated people to join our team.

Whether we are addressing broadband access, workforce development needs, health equity or nutrition and food security for all, our university's land-grant mission inspires us to empower people and communities across Missouri, our nation and our globe. It's how we best Serve Missouri and Deliver Mizzou.

Op-ed by Marshall Stewart, chief engagement officer, University of Missouri System, and MU vice chancellor for extension and engagement.

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OBITUARIES

Steven William Western

Apr 16, 1945 — Dec 24, 2022

Steven William Western, age 77, of Topeka, IN passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 9 am following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born to Glen & Nancy "Viola" (Beck) Western on April 16, 1945 in Kirksville, MO. On July 26, 1969 he married Carol Pryor at Coffee Christian Church in Downing, MO.

Raising cattle was Steve's passion and also how he made his living for the majority of his life. He owned and operated his own trucking business and Steve Western Livestock, sending cattle all over the United States and to other countries. Steve also worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad in the 1960's and was a long time member of Topeka Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include, his wife of 53 years, Carol Western; four children, Richard (Debby) Western of Greentop, MO, Lucinda Western of Wyoming, Stephanie (Larry) Davenport of Sturgis, MI, and Tricia (Tony) Hawk of Albion, IN; thirteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Sam (Diane) Western of Kirksville, MO and Tom Western of Greentop, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Jeffrey Leon Western; a brother, Tim Western; and a sister-in-law, Roberta Mark.

A funeral service will be held in Steven's honor on Friday, December 30, 2022 at 11 am at Topeka Baptist Church, 104 North St, Topeka, IN 46571. Pastor Bob Wilson will officiate.

Family and friends will be received from 4-7 pm on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. There will also be an hour of visitation prior to the service on Friday at the church.

The family of Steve Western wishes to send their thanks to Roger Harshman, Dr. Lisa Lane, Dr. Warren-er, administration, nurses, all caregivers at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville, Indiana, and Parkview Hospice for their compassionate care.

Memorial donations may be directed to Topeka Baptist Church or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be share with the family online at info@yeagerfuneralhome.com



Theo Iris Fox-Ely

Mar 22,1939 — Dec 27, 2022

Theo Iris Fox-Ely, age 83, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Tuesday (December 27, 2022) at LaPlata Nursing Home where she had resided since 2018.

She was born March 22, 1939, in Macon County, Missouri, the daughter of C. Irvin and Blanche Lea Hatfield.

On August 9,2006, at Kirksville Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dale R. Ely, and he preceded her in death on February 26, 2009.

Theo is survived by her three children, Martin Fox Sr. of Columbia, MO., Denise and Stanley Ellsworth of Green Castle, MO., and Iris & George Mills of Kirksville, MO. Sixteen grandchildren, Seventeen great-grandchildren and One great-great grandchild

Theo is survived by one sister Lodema Kirkpatrick of Ottumwa, IA, one brother Van and Beverly Hatfield of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and one sister-in-law Delores Hatfield of Spencer Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, and 6 siblings.

Theo received her education at LaPlata schools and graduated with the Eighth Grade Class of 1954. She Graduated from Kirksville College of Cosmetology in 1977 and was a practicing beautician in the Kirksville area for several years.

Theo was an avid hunter, fisher and enjoyed archery. She loved to dance and listen to music, loved watching her hummingbirds, wildlife, and work in her flower beds. She was a member of the Hamilton Street Baptist Church of Kirksville.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00p.m. Friday (December 30,2022) at Old LaPlata City Cemetery in LaPlata, MO., with Deacon Doug Athon officiating. No public visitation will be held.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Theo Fox-Ely may be made to LaPlata Cemetery of LaPlata. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Travis- Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501



John Michael 'Johnny' Smith

Oct 24, 1946 — Dec 25, 2022

John Michael "Johnny" Smith, 76, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022 at The Pines in Kirksville.

Born October 24, 1946 in Kirksville, Missouri, Johnny was the son of Rollie Dale and Lila Norine (Wright) Smith. On October 7, 2006 in Nevada, Missouri, Johnny was united in marriage to Zelda Steele who survives. He is also survived by his father, Rollie Smith of Kirksville, MO; two sons, Michael Smith of Kirksville, MO, and Bill Smith of Valley Falls, KS; two daughters, Carla (Gary) Mayer of Baring, MO, and Michelle Hughes of Des Moines, IA; one sister, Susie (Smith) Patten of Marceline, MO; five grandchildren, Rachel (Lance) Pelc, Tyler Smith, Cassidy (Marcus) Smith, Ashley Mayer, and Megan Mayer and fiancé, Brandon Hudnall; brother-in-law, Ralph (Vicky) Steele; sister-in-law, Marieta (John J.) Allen; as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Norine; mother-in-law, Evadene Steele; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Wilda Steele, and his nephew, Jeffry Allen.

Johnny was a graduate of Kirksville High School with the Class of 1964. He was a proud thirty year Veteran of the United States Army, Reserves, and National Guard. Johnny worked at Donaldson's as a fork lift operator until it closed. He then drove a truck until September 2020.

Johnny was a great person who always saw the good in people. he enjoyed visiting with family and friends; taking care of birds and his cats were very important to him. He also enjoyed the farmers market on Saturday's, and did the yearly Polar Bear Plunge for many years along side of his granddaughter, Megan Mayer.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #1751 of Kirksville.

Public visitation will be held Thursday, December 29, 2022 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. service time in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2022 with Doug Athon presiding. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Yarrow Cemetery in Yarrow, Missouri.

Pallbearers will be Michael Smith, Bill Smith, Ralph Steele, John J. Allen, Gary Mayer, and Derek Grgurich.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Johnny may be made to St. Judes Children's Hospital and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and their employees (ages 21-40) to become involved in the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee, which focuses on retaining and engaging young professionals in the area through lunch & learn opportunities, professional development, and other various events. KVYP is here to help them connect with the community. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Hampton Inn Truman Room or via zoom. Feel free to reach out to KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

New Bridge on Route W in Scotland County Opens

The new bridge on Route W in Scotland County at Tobin Creek opened to traffic today, making this the 13th bridge on the Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program. "We are very pleased with the progress being made in this design-build program and have had very few challenges which helps us stay on track to complete all 31 bridges by the end of 2023," said Missouri Department of Transportation Project Director Jeff Gander. Lehman-Wilson is the contractor for the FARM Bridge Program.

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You can help fed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270

allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefood-bringhope.org/give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

City offices to close for upcoming holidays

In observance of New Year's, all city offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, and reopen for regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Aquatic Center will close early at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, but be open for regular hours on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

Regional Visions Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

Regional Visions Exhibit will be at the Sue Ross Arts Center, Jan. 9—Feb. 24, 2023. The art center is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge to visit the exhibit and children are welcome. Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville.

2023 Indoor Triathlon Challenge begins Jan. 9

Join Kirksville Parks and Recreation and the Adair County Family YMCA for the 2023 Indoor Triathlon Challenge. The event will run from Jan. 9 through March 15, 2023. During this eight-week challenge, participants will complete either a full triathlon, half triathlon, or ultra triathlon. Participants will have full access to the YMCA and the Aquatic Center, as well as all classes offered at those facilities. Those who complete the mileage goals will receive the 2023 Indoor Triathlon sweatshirt. Biking mileage can be earned through the use of a rowing machine,

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recumbent or spin bike, outdoor cycling, or participation in group aerobic classes. Swim distance can be accumulated by lap swimming, water walking, or water aerobics classes. Running mileage can be tallied while on the treadmill, elliptical machine, running outside, or participating in group aerobic classes. Registration is \$40 for members of either facility, or \$80 for non-members. If you have an active membership at the YMCA or the Aquatic Center, register at that facility. Non-members may register at either facility or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com. For more information about this program contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

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

An ongoing support group around the grief of aging 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." 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 ongoing support group is sponsored by Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri. For more information, call 660-627-9711.

Last day of 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 was worth over \$200. Second and third prize winners will also win smaller gift baskets of donated items and gift cards. Last year's baskets were worth \$150. As a thank you to 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.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

A Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit will be held from Jan. 24—March 3, 2023.

Exercises in Letting Go – Nirmal RajaExercises in Letting Go explores loss through Nirmal Raja's expansive practice, including painting, fibers, ceramics, photography, installation, and video. In part, Raja instrumentalizes objects and clothing left behind by loved ones to make work about burden, grieving,

caregiving, memory, and the mystery of death and other types of loss. Raja is an interdisciplinary artist and curator based in Milwaukee.

Home/Body – Madeleine LeMieux – in the Charlyn GalleryHome/Body is a series of works that combine fibers, sculpture, and painting to explore the relationship between embodied experiences and the domestic environment that often contain them. Madeleine LeMieux is Art on the Move coordinator and instructor at the University of Missouri.

Gallery hours are: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday Noon to 4:30 p.m. Art Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. The art gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. Additional information at gallery. arttruman.com The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center, entrance on the west side of the building.

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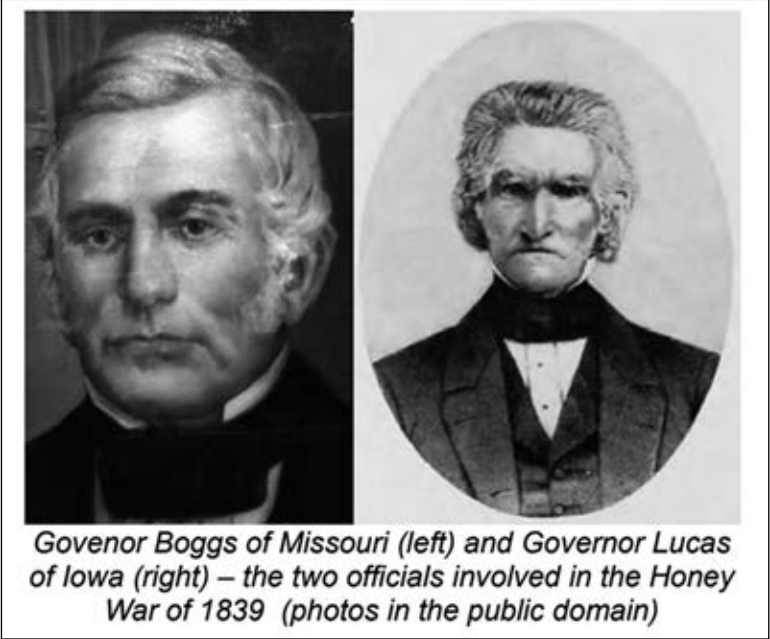
Embracing Local History Part 31 – THE HONEY WAR

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical
Society and Museum

A somewhat strange thing happened at the northern border of land attached to Macon County, Missouri, in 1839 which we should insert here. Macon's northern border at that time was the Iowa/Missouri line. This would become the northern border of the territory attached to Adair County in 1841, so it is part of our history. The measuring of boundaries was not always simple in primitive times. And, so it was for the border between the State of Missouri and what was then the Iowa Territory. The history of Northern Missouri would not be complete without mention of the 1839 Honey War! It seems that few people know about this short lived war which was not really a war at all. Incredibly, no hostile shots were ever fired nor blows struck in the Honey War. It turned out to be more of a disagreement, but no less an important point in history. Iowa was not yet a state when all of this border trouble called the Honey War began. The land that would become Iowa became a part of the Territory of Wisconsin in 1836. It was 1838 when it became the Territory of Iowa. It would not become a state until December of 1846. So, why was it called the Honey War? Well, it truly was over honey — yes, the stuff made by bees that humans eat! At least in part. As with much of our local history, the full explanation of the Honey War goes back to the Native Americans. In 1816, a surveyor named John C. Sullivan was hired to draw a border as described in a treaty with the Osage Indians. This involved the line between Iowa and Missouri. Mr. Sullivan had one job, and ... well, that's when the whole problem started. He mixed up magnetic north and polar north, so his line came out



crooked. However, no one knew it for years! In 1837, Missouri Governor Lilburn Boggs had the line resurveyed by J. C. Brown, and he had all kinds of trouble finding the landmarks which Mr. Sullivan had used in his survey. The result was that Brown's line turned out to be 9 ½ miles north of the Sullivan Line. In 1838, the Missouri Legislature claimed the Brown line as the new border. This new line gave Missouri 2,616 additional square miles of fertile land on which to charge taxes. It also contained several coveted bee trees with large honeycombs. This area was in what is now Lacey-Keosauqua State Park. In 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized, and this border dispute was still not settled. Missouri Governor Boggs sent Sheriff Uriah Gregory from Kahoka, Missouri, to collect Missouri taxes in the disputed area. But, the people who lived there considered themselves Iowans and not Missourians and kicked the sheriff out twice! Soon after, three valuable bee trees in the disputed area were mysteriously chopped down! This was a big deal because honey was highly valued and in short supply in those days. Citizens of this area were very mad and ready to fight the Missourians because they suspected Sheriff Gregory of committing this crime and taking the honey in lieu of the taxes. A few months later when Sheriff Gregory was sent back a third time in November 1839, the Van Buren County, Iowa, Sheriff arrested him and threw him in jail.



Missouri Governor Boggs was so angry about this that he sent a militia to the border. Iowa Governor Robert Lucas responded with his own militia, except that they were a ragtag bunch who were pitifully equipped. They brought old muskets, swords left over from the War of 1812, pitchforks, clubs, and even household items such as broomsticks, a sausage stuffer, butter churn, and anything they could lay their hands on to use as a weapon! As the two militias waited for orders, they were very uncomfortable as it was winter, and they were battling rain, snow, and cold weather with inadequate equipment and supplies. They did not come adequately prepared for a long stay at the border. The Missouri Militia even shamelessly raided a store in LaBelle, Missouri, for food. (The state government later reimbursed the store owner.) Meanwhile, some level-headed authorities (if you can imagine that) met and came to the conclusion that it would look terrible if people actually died fighting over a border within the confines of the great United States! So, they negotiated an armistice. Missouri was first to tell its militia

to go home. When the Missouri Militia learned this, they were actually upset because they had been promised pay if they were engaged in a battle. If they went home without firing a shot, it meant no pay. So, the disgruntled soldiers took a portion of venison from a deer they had shot earlier and divided it in half. They hung the carcasses from a tree and labeled one Gov. Boggs and the other Gov. Lucas. Then, the men shot them to pieces and buried them after having a mock military funeral! When it was decided that the Honey War was over, the militias returned home, and Iowa released Sheriff Gregory from jail. For years, Iowa held charges against him, but they were finally dropped. The State of Missouri paid him what was then the hefty sum of \$250.75 for all his trouble in trying to collect taxes! After this war that never occurred, the border matter was then turned over to the federal government to decide. The issue went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and took until 1851 for a decision to be made. The decision was to keep the original Sullivan

line. To seal this decision, 21 cast iron posts were placed on this 200+-mile border every 10 miles. With the passage of time, these posts fell over and became buried under vegetation and even under roads. In 2005, these posts were unearthed by a surveying company hired by the Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources. All but two of these iron posts were found. One missing post was supposedly melted down for scrap iron during one of the World Wars. There is a rumor that the other missing post may have been taken by a contractor as a souvenir. Today, if one wants an adventure, you can visit two interesting markers which sit on the Missouri/Iowa border. One is an original 1850 iron marker inscribed with “Missouri” and was placed at what was then the northwest corner of Missouri. (This was before the Platte Purchase as mentioned in Part 11 of this history.) Beside this marker, a monument with a plaque was erected in 1989 by a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This marker explains what the “Missouri” marker means, and it reads as follows: “This iron marker, remnant of the Honey War, was placed at this point in 1850 to identify the northwest corner of Territory of Missouri as determined by the Sullivan Survey in 1816. Placed by Virginia Daughters Chapter, NSDAR, 1989.” These two markers are located north of Sheridan, Missouri, in the northwestern part of Worth County, the smallest county in Missouri, and near the Platte River. They are on 100th Road, 500 feet east of Birch Trail, at the bottom of a steep hill. One is advised not to visit after a rain as the road past the markers is described as “pretty much a cow path.” (Next time: Who was John Adair?) © Copyright 2022 by Blytha Ellis

Turning the Page: This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, Dec. 28, 1912

After the disappearance of a horse from a hitching rack in Novinger, speculation was growing in Adair County that a well-organized gang of horse thieves was at work in the area. The owner of the horse that was taken in Novinger was Martin Corey and was ridden to Novinger by Corey's son. The saddle and bridle were taken along with the horse. The disappearance of Corey's horse followed a similar disappearance of a horse in Kirksville about a month before. In the prior incident the horse was owned by L. G. Sykes and was taken from a rack in Kirksville. Law enforcement officials warned that they would take drastic action against the horse thieves when they were apprehended.

110 Years Ago, Dec. 31, 1912

The two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eiffert died of diphtheria at the family home in Kirksville. The Eifferts lost another child to diphtheria just three weeks earlier. Before the availability of a diphtheria vaccine, the bacterial infection was extremely dangerous for children. The bacteria cause lesions of the infected mucous membranes such as the tonsils, larynx, and pharynx. Obstruction of the airway may follow causing severe illness and death. Diphtheria is highly contagious and is transmitted by droplets from the mouth and nose of an infected individual. Because of children's close contact, they are highly susceptible to acquiring the disease.

105 Years Ago, Dec. 31, 1917

“Who Gets the Dog” was the question before Justice of the Peace R. M. Pickell when the case of Harry Phillips, ex-city alderman, versus Kirksville Mayor G. A. Goben for the pos-

session of a fox terrier was tried in his court. According to Phillips, Mayor Goben took the dog from the Phillips family and refused to return it on the claim that it was the mayor's dog. Phillips then sought and received a writ of replevin from the court that required the mayor to return the dog to Phillips until a resolution could be decided by the court. Justice Pickell ruled that neither of the men produced enough evidence to justify their claim of ownership of the dog. The case was continued to allow Phillips and the mayor more time to acquire additional evidence to support their claims.

90 Years Ago, Dec. 28, 1932

Kirksville Producers Creamery began making its first butter and would start selling cream in a few days. The new creamery building was constructed on North Main Street and is still standing. The manager, D. J. Hoffman, was experienced at producing butter and cream and had won state and national awards for his products. He indicated that all the equipment was new and a few days of experimental production was taking place before sales to the public would begin. The finished product was sold under the label: “Clover Leaf Pride of Kirksville.”

85 Years Ago, Dec. 27, 1937

The Adair County Recorders Office issued thirteen marriage licenses in one day which according to the county marriage license books was a record. In addition, two marriage licenses were issued a day or two before, and all the couples intended to be married on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Christmas and holiday marriages had always been popular according to the Adair County Recorder, but 1937 set a record. Adair County residents who were issued licenses were: Eugene M. Violette and Bessie Starr;

Noel E. Davis and Dorothy Johnson; Leo Martin and Opal Thorington; Pearl Thorington and Josie Klingsmith; Delbert Johnson and Dorothy McGee; Aubrey B. Green and W. Cecile Guy; Willard Dale Gordon and Mildred May Platz; John D. Fletcher and Genevieve Marie Pyle; Lewis Fleshman and Margaret Walker; Edgar Nations and Bessie Mae Dimmitt; Joe E. Aeschliman and Wynema Pauline Welsh; Virgil S. Buck and Reva C. Feighley.

75 Years Ago, Dec. 28, 1947

A fire on the south side of the Kirksville square destroyed one business and damaged several others. The fire which started in the Shaffer Studio located on the second floor above the Kroger Uptown Store was destroyed. The estimated total damages were between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to all the businesses. The stock and equipment of the Kroger grocery store sustained extensive damage from smoke and water. Smoke and water also caused extensive damage to the store owned by Claude E. Bailey as well as to his furnished apartment on the second floor of the building he owned. There was also some damage to the Mart Drug Store, Powell Shoe Store, and Herboth Clothing Store. All the stores were closed for business to assess the damage, clean up, and restock the shelves with new merchandise. The building in which the fire started was the old Kirksville Savings Bank owned by Mrs. Alta Grim. In the Shaffer Studio, which was previously owned by I. L. Solom, hundreds of prints of people living in Kirksville and vicinity as well as many treasured scenes of Adair County's past were destroyed in the fire.

70 Years Ago, Dec. 26, 1952

A Kirksville man, Glen David Moore, died shortly after 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve when

he was run over by a 91-car southbound Wabash freight train. The tragedy occurred between West Cottonwood Street and the C.B.&Q. crossing. The train engineer told Kirksville police that he saw something between the rails, and at first thought it was a large piece of brown paper. As he got closer, he realized it was a body, and by then the train could not be stopped. Moore's body was dragged about 23 feet. He was taken to a local hospital, but he died of head and internal injuries shortly after arrival. Moore was a baker at the Palace Bakery and had left work at 8 p.m. and was walking to his home on North Don Street when the accident took place. Adair County Coroner, Robert B. Davis, called for an inquest which determined that Moore's death was accidental.

60 Years Ago, Dec. 28, 1962

Kirksville Magistrate Court Judge Helen Crabtree warned liquor dealers that they had better start requiring more proof of the age of young people before selling them intoxicating beverages. She told The Daily Express that three different sources had reported rumors to her of someone in Kirksville who was supplying false ID cards to minors for five dollars. Many students were known to have false ID cards.

100 Years Ago, Dec. 30, 1922

Kirksville's two newspapers—The Kirksville Daily Express and the Kirksville Daily News—announced their consolidation effective January 1, 1923. The consolidated name of the new newspaper was the Kirksville Daily Express and News with E. E. Swain as editor and publisher. Swain committed to honor all subscription contracts of current subscribers of both newspapers allowing an



extended subscription to ensure each subscriber received what they paid for. The consolidation of the two newspapers gives the new Kirksville newspaper a circulation of 5,000 and makes it the largest daily newspaper circulation of any city in the state with a population of less than 20,000. The consolidation is in line with a trend throughout the country for towns of less than 50,000 to have only one daily newspaper. The movement is strongly supported by both local and national advertisers. Kirksville businesses were strongly in favor of consolidating to one newspaper, so much so that they signed an agreement not to advertise in any other newspaper in the county. Negotiations for the consolidation were in progress for several weeks. C. C. Howard, the publisher of the Kirksville Daily News, planned to relocate to California, while Swain planned to manage the expanded publication in Kirksville. Because of the larger circulation, the advertising rate would increase, but advertisers would still save because they would only need to advertise in one newspaper. Subscription rates were to remain about the same as prior to consolidation. The city carrier rate of \$5 per year remained in effect, while the rate for delivery in Adair and adjoining counties was \$3 per year. The new newspaper was to publish a newspaper under a Sunday dateline rather than the Saturday dateline that was used prior to the consolidation. © 2022 by Larry Evans

REVIEW

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ATSU celebrates museum's national accreditation

A.T. Still University (ATSU) celebrated the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine's rededication and national accreditation on its Kirksville campus on Friday, Oct. 14. The ceremony included museum tours and a special dedication of Elsie's Medicinal Garden as well as a presentation of a City of Kirksville proclamation. The Museum of Osteopathic Medicine has achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition afforded the nation's museums. According to A.T. Still University officials, accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies, and to the museum-going public.

Kirksville Police Chief unveils new department shooting range

Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson unveiled the department's new shooting range on Friday, Oct. 21, a place where officers, deputies and troopers can practice using their weapons and develop strategies for situations where use of a gun may be required. The location is off of a dirt road behind the Adair County Humane Society. He said that the shooting range provided an opportunity for the department to have partnerships with all the regional law enforcement agencies — where they could develop and train together so they know how to handle various situations and be on the same page in the event of a shooting.

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2022 NEMO Job Fair held at Moberly Area Community College

Dozens dressed to impress when they attend the 2022 NEMO Job Fair at Moberly Area Community College last Friday, Oct. 28. Area employers were on-site ready to meet with potential employees with some even conducting interviews.



Adair County Historical Society and Museum holds annual banquet

The Adair County Historical Society held their annual banquet on Nov. 5 at the Truman State University Student

Union. The fund-raising event had been canceled the previous three years due to the Covid pandemic. Society President Blytha Ellis moderated the dinner program, which was themed on Dr. A.T. Still, founder of the medical school in Kirksville that bears his name. Dr. Patrick Lobert performed as Dr. A.T. Still at the banquet, in an excerpt of his much longer one-man show, "Dr. A.T. Still Tells Osteopathy's Story." Ellis gave a rundown of the progress the historical society and museum have achieved in the last three years.



Veterans Day ceremony held at Rieger Armory

A Veterans Day ceremony was held on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Rieger Armory in Kirksville. The day's activity was highlighted by performances from the Kirksville R-III Symphonic Band, which played a half-dozen patriotic-themed melodies. John R. Buckwalter, Adjutant, VFW Post 2508, emceed the program, beginning with the reading of a proclamation. Michael Elmore, Department Adjutant, Missouri DAV, then introduced the event's guest speaker, Commander Corey L. Pritchard, U.S. Navy (Retired). Pritchard is a 1988 graduate of Kirksville High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics for Southeast Missouri State University and a Master's of Business Administration from Webster University.



Blessing of the Hunt held at NEMO Fairgrounds

Cornerstone Church's annual Blessing of the Hunt was held Nov. 10 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Speakers included Doug Laird, who, in the state of Missouri owns the antlered doe world record. An update was delivered from members of the Outdoor Dream Foundation, which takes terminally-ill and disadvantaged youth on hunts, both locally and nationwide. There was also talks on conservation hunting safety and hundreds of door prizes were given out, including the top prize of an enclosed tower deer stand with a Ruger deer rifle.



36th Annual Novinger Country Christmas Craft Festival held

Christmas in Novinger, the 36th Annual Novinger Country Christmas Craft Festival was held last Saturday at three locations in town. The 36th Country Christmas Craft Festival was held at the Novinger School and saw hundreds of shoppers pass through. The Novinger Community Center hosted a Holiday Bazaar that included vintage and collectible items, crafts homemade food goodies, jewelry, quilts, home decor and direct sales products. Shopper's Delight was held at the Novinger Firehouse on Hwy. 6, and hosted all types of direct sales vendors along with some craft items, homemade food products and more. The Country Christmas Craft Festival and Holiday Bazaar are fund-raising events for Novinger Renewal, Inc., a non-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve the history of the area and community betterment.



Kirksville Kiwanis Club holds 11th Annual Christmas Parade

The 11th Annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade was held in downtown Kirksville, Saturday night, Nov. 26. The parade began along Franklin Street and traveled around the Square. The theme of the parade was "Winter Wonderland!" In lieu of an entry fee, the Kiwanis Club of Kirksville asked parade participants to donate new children's mittens, gloves, hats, coats, and scarves, which was donated to children in need in the community. Parade-goers also brought warm children's clothing to the parade, which was collected along the parade route.

December 2022

Adair County Treasurer set to lead statewide county association as president in 2023

Adair County Treasurer Lori Smith is set to lead the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) as president in 2023 after being elected during the association's 51st Annual Conference held Nov. 20-22 at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach, Mo. Smith, who has been the Adair County Treasurer for nearly 30 years, will assume her new position with MAC on Jan. 1, 2023.



Missouri Livestock Symposium hosts hundreds at agricultural trade show

The Missouri Livestock Symposium, the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers, was held on Dec. 2-3 at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville. The trade show offered a lineup of nationally-known speakers covering timely topics, and a large agricultural trade show.



2022 Nursing in Excellence Award winner announced

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.

Kirksville man sentenced to 10 years in death of 17-year-old girl

On Friday, Dec. 9, Shawn Combs, of Kirksville, appeared before The Honorable Thomas P. Redington in the Circuit Court of Adair County, where the defendant entered a guilty plea to the class C felony offense of Involuntary Manslaughter in the First De-

gree. Combs recklessly caused the death of 17-year-old minor female. Combs admitted to giving the girl drugs, which were later determined to have contained fentanyl, which ultimately caused her overdose and her subsequent, untimely death. Redington sentenced Combs to the maximum sentence of 10 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and Combs was denied probation.

Chamber Director Sandra Williams to retire at year's end

After 16 years at the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, 14 of them as the director, Sandra Williams has decided to retire. Williams will end her career on Dec. 30.



"I've been thinking about it for a long time," Williams said about her decision. "My husband would like for me to retire so that when he has days off, we have more time to do things together where I'm not obligated to meetings or events and things."

Center for Human Services announces merger with Chariton Valley Association

The Board of Directors for both the Center for Human Services (CHS) and Chariton Valley Association (CVA) have voted to approve the merger of CVA with CHS. The merger will be an extension of CHS efforts, and the top priority remains for this process to be a seamless transition for all service recipients and their families. CHS will serve as the parent company with CVA retaining its name and service operations as historically offered. Both organizations desire a greater benefit for service recipients while increasing operational efficiencies from the union. The merger between the two companies is set to take effect between Jan. 1-15, 2023.

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SATURDAY

Low clouds

HIGH: 49

POP: 25%

SAT. NIGHT

Clouds breaking

LOW: 35

POP: 0%

SUNDAY

Rather cloudy and mild

52 37

POP: 5%

MONDAY

Mild with on-and-off rain and drizzle

52 47

POP: 85%

TUESDAY

Breezy and mild with clouds and sun

49 24

POP: 25%

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy and colder

34 20

POP: 10%

THURSDAY

Partly sunny

35 22

POP: 15%

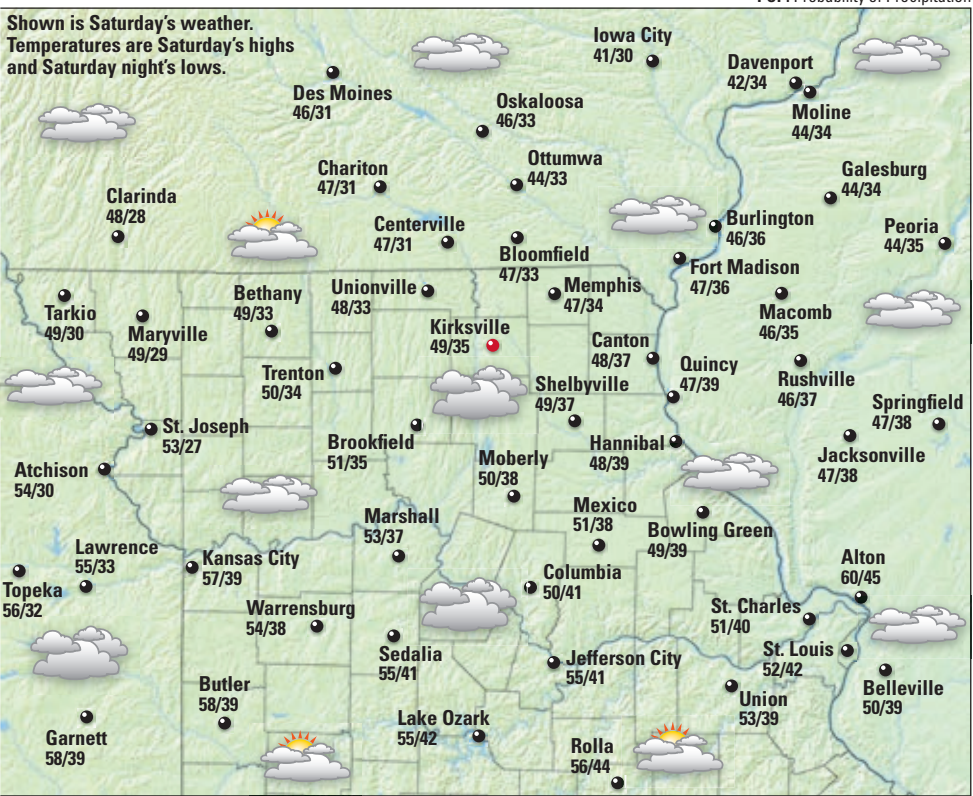
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Plenty of sunshine

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POP: 0%

POP: Probability of Precipitation



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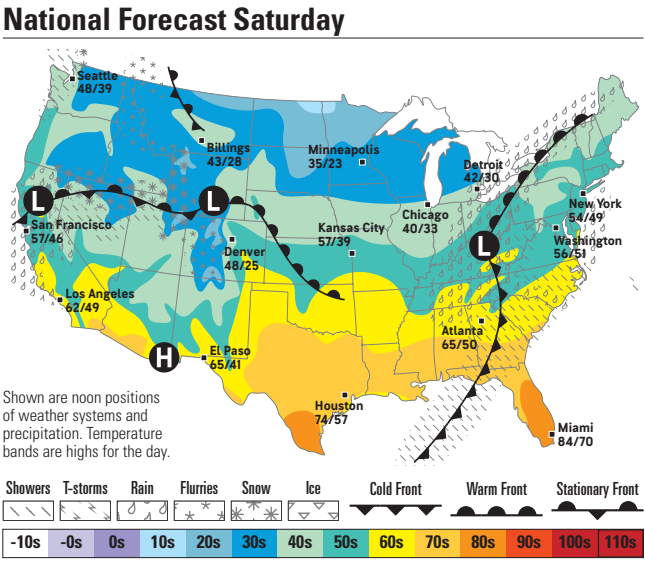
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Outdoor Activity Forecast

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



Almanac

Kirksville through Thursday

Temperature

High/low.....66/45

Normal high/low.....35/18

Record high.....66 in 2022

Record low.....-15 in 1917

Precipitation

Thursday.....0.00"

Past week's total.....0.20"

Month to date.....1.44"

Normal month to date.....1.69"

Year to date.....30.91"

Normal year to date.....42.38"

Winds

Average direction.....SSW

Average speed.....15.8 mph

Highest speed.....24 mph

Thursday's Temperatures

Midnight - Midnight

Last Week's Temperatures

Actual and normal highs/lows

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

The Region

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Branson	64/45/c	69/52/pc
Burlington, IA	46/36/c	49/35/c
Cape Girardeau	56/41/c	63/48/pc
Carbondale	55/42/c	62/50/pc
Cedar Rapids	40/29/c	41/30/c
Champaign	45/34/c	52/41/c
Chicago	40/33/c	46/36/c
Columbia	50/41/c	58/44/pc
Danville	46/36/c	53/42/c
Davenport	42/34/c	47/35/c
Decatur	46/37/c	53/42/c
Des Moines	46/31/c	44/30/c
Evansville	53/39/sh	63/51/pc
Galesburg	44/34/c	50/37/c
Green Bay	32/28/c	37/26/pc
Indianapolis	45/35/r	54/44/c
Iowa City	41/30/c	46/32/c
Jefferson City	55/41/c	62/44/c
Joliet	41/31/c	48/35/c
Kansas City	57/39/c	56/42/pc
Lafayette, IN	47/34/c	53/44/c
Lincoln	46/36/c	52/39/c
Madison	50/38/c	57/39/pc
Milwaukee	38/32/c	45/33/pc
Omaha	45/29/c	43/31/c
Ottumwa	44/33/c	46/32/c
Peoria	44/35/c	49/37/c
Rockford	42/32/c	48/33/c
St. Louis	52/42/c	59/47/pc
Springfield, IL	47/38/c	53/41/c
Springfield, MO	60/44/c	64/51/pc
Topeka	56/32/c	55/40/c
Wichita	57/35/c	50/40/c

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River Stages

(in feet)	Flood Stage	Thu. 7 a.m.	24-hr +/-
Chariton River			
Chariton	19.5	4.16	+0.02
Rathbun Tail	--	2.13	-0.80
Moulton	36	18.69	+0.01
Novinger	20	0.57	-0.09
Prairie Hill	15	1.80	none
South Fork Chariton River			
Promise City	25	3.05	+0.02
Mississippi River			
Keokuk	16	3.31	-0.04
Quincy	19	11.40	-0.28
Quincy Lock & Dam	18	4.10	-0.49

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The Nation

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	51/44/sh	47/32/r
Albuquerque	53/37/pc	49/33/sh
Anchorage	22/20/c	31/24/c
Atlanta	65/50/t	68/51/pc
Baltimore	55/48/r	60/40/pc
Billings	43/28/s	36/21/pc
Birmingham	67/51/t	72/53/pc
Boise	39/25/c	37/19/s
Boston	55/50/r	56/37/r
Buffalo	49/35/r	39/36/c
Charleston, SC	71/57/r	72/50/pc
Charleston, WV	59/43/r	59/44/c
Charlotte	61/48/r	66/44/pc
Cleveland	51/34/sh	49/43/c
Columbia	65/50/r	68/41/pc
Columbus	52/38/r	54/44/c
Dallas	73/55/pc	76/63/pc
Denver	48/25/c	37/22/c
Detroit	42/30/sh	44/35/c
Fargo	24/11/c	22/13/c
Grand Rapids	39/30/c	44/32/c
Hartford	53/48/r	52/34/c
Honolulu	82/67/s	82/70/pc
Houston	74/57/s	78/67/pc
Jackson, MS	72/50/t	76/58/pc
Jacksonville	77/60/r	75/51/pc
Las Vegas	63/48/c	56/39/sh
Little Rock	66/50/c	72/58/pc
Los Angeles	62/49/r	63/47/pc
Louisville	57/42/r	62/50/c
Memphis	60/50/c	72/59/s
Miami	84/70/pc	84/70/pc
Minneapolis	35/23/c	30/20/pc
Nashville	61/41/r	69/53/pc
New Orleans	74/52/t	73/65/pc
New York City	52/49/sh	57/43/pc
Norfolk	62/52/r	64/43/pc
Oklahoma City	62/43/pc	64/46/pc
Orlando	82/67/t	78/64/pc
Philadelphia	56/50/sh	60/40/pc
Phoenix	68/53/pc	61/45/r
Pittsburgh	52/36/r	48/42/c
Portland, ME	50/43/c	49/31/r
Portland, OR	49/38/sh	47/34/pc
Rapid City	41/29/pc	41/21/c
Sacramento	59/42/r	57/38/s
Salt Lake City	44/33/sn	40/24/sn
San Diego	63/53/r	61/51/sh
San Francisco	57/46/r	57/47/pc
Seattle	48/39/c	46/33/pc
Shreveport	72/53/pc	74/65/pc
Tampa	77/67/r	77/67/pc
Tucson	70/51/pc	58/42/r
Tulsa	64/47/pc	67/53/pc
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Platonic friendship suffers when communication dries up

JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single man who has a close female friend who is also single. We live about a half-hour apart, so for the last 25 years, much of our relationship happened on the phone. We talked almost daily.

Two years ago, I noticed she had stopped calling me unless it was to make plans to get together. Then I noticed that when I called her, she'd let it go to voicemail and not return my call for days. About a year ago, she stopped returning my voice messages altogether. I tried reducing my calls drastically, but no dice. I also tried switching to texts, but she doesn't respond to those, either.

You might conclude that she's unfriending me, but that's not the case. We still get together often for dinner or a movie, usually at her suggestion via email, and she still acts like we are

on the phone. It's one thing to want to cut back on that, or even to stop calling me. But ignoring my (now infrequent) calls or texts seems hurtful. Is this normal, and should I still consider such a person one of my closest friends? -- GHOSTED IN THE WEST

DEAR GHOSTED: A sudden change in pattern is not normal. SOMETHING has changed. Because you can't get her to explain what has caused this change in her behavior, consider taking a page out of her playbook. Communicate with her via email only in response to her emails to you, and find some other friends who will treat you courteously.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Mistaken Identity

Police officers in London were summoned to Laz Emporium, an art gallery, on Nov. 25 after a call about a "person in distress," Sky News reported. In a gallery window, the figure of a woman could be seen slumped over, with her face in a bowl of soup. Officers broke into the gallery, only to find that the "woman" was a mannequin, and the scene was art. The American artist, Mark Jenkins, created the piece, titled "Kristina," on a commission from the gallery's owner, Steve Lazarides. Turns out these officers weren't the first to be fooled; paramedics were called out to assist the woman in October.

Extreme Measures

An Argentinian soccer superfan became alarmed on Dec. 13 as he headed home to watch his team's match with Croatia in the World Cup semifinals, Oddity Central reported. The 53-year-old was frustrated at the slow progress of the bus he was riding, so when the driver stopped and stepped out to buy something at a kiosk, the soccer fan allegedly hopped into the driver's seat and took off toward his home. He drove about 4 miles, then abandoned the bus and its occupants and continued on foot. But police officers caught up with him and took him into custody -- and he missed the whole game.

Awesome!

This week's "And What the Heck Have YOU Done?" story comes from Golden, Colorado, and 8-year-old Maddock Lipp. On Dec. 1, The Denver Post reported, Lipp skied with his family on Mount Heogh in Antarctica, achieving in his short lifetime a big feat: He has skied on all seven continents and is unofficially the youngest person to do so. Lipp said he liked Antarctica best because he "got to ski next to the penguins." He hopes to nab a Guinness World Record for the accomplishment.

Not-So-Smooth Reactions

A photographer in Western Cape, South Africa, set off alarm bells after he posted some shots on Facebook that eerily resembled scenes from "The War of the Worlds," LAD Bible reported. Jan Vorster's shots from Dec. 2 showed creepy creatures emerging from the surf, which provoked 22,000 comments -- but Vorster, 62, said the spidery "creatures" are just dead aloe vera plants. "I thought I could use this as a metaphor for how people see these plants as aliens, but we are actually the two-legged aliens messing up their world," he said.

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Kirksville head football coach Kevin Krietemeyer celebrates with senior Kendrick Hartman during the game against Chillicothe on Sept. 2. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



Kirksville girls golf coach Emily Powell celebrates with members of the team after the Tigers won their fourth straight conference title on Sept. 26. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville's Lauren Xander (back) serves as her doubles partner Katlynn DeLeon prepares for action against Marshall on Sept. 1. ADAM TUMINO



Putnam County's Vincent Jones celebrates after catching a touchdown against Trenton on Sept. 16. ADAM TUMINO



The Schuyler County football team runs onto the field before their game against King City on Oct. 7. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Jordan Meng prepares to swing in the first game of a doubleheader against Marshall on Oct. 8. ADAM TUMINO



Members of the Kirksville boys soccer team celebrate a goal against Hannibal on Sept. 1. ADAM TUMINO



Macon senior MyKel Linear runs onto the field prior to the game against Highland on Sept. 23. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Jalen Kent looks to get by a Winfield defender in the game on Oct. 28. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



Truman quarterback Collin Sutton (1) celebrates a touchdown run against McKendree on Nov. 5. ADAM TUMINO



Truman State celebrates an overtime win over Tiffin on Sept. 24. ADAM TUMINO



La Plata center fielder Ashlynn Lewis gets into position as fans cheer the team on during the sectional game against Canton. ADAM TUMINO



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Stable Chiefs face reeling Broncos in midst of playoff push

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs are perhaps the most stable franchise in the NFL these days, led by a coach in Andy Reid who commands league-wide respect and a quarterback in Patrick Mahomes who is in the mix for a second MVP award.

So it's no surprise they have clinched the AFC West and are tied with Buffalo for the conference's best record.

Then there's the Denver Broncos (4-11), the Chiefs' opponent Sunday, who mortgaged much of their future to acquire struggling Russell Wilson from the Seahawks and just fired coach Nathaniel Hackett with two games left in his first year.

So it's also not surprising they'll be sitting out the playoffs for the seventh straight season.

"They played us tough this last one. They gave us everything that we could ask for," said Mahomes, who nevertheless led the Chiefs (12-3) to a 34-28 victory in Denver three weeks ago. "We have to go out and play our best ball. If you look at the tape, you see the talent that they have and how hard they play."

It will be up to 67-year-old Jerry Rosburg to finally get that talent playing at a high level.

The Broncos turned to the career assistant, who has 18 years of NFL coaching experience, to bridge the gap from Hackett's firing into next season. He was special teams coordinator in Baltimore for a decade with stops in Atlanta and Cleveland, and was hired by the Broncos in September to hire in-game management when Hackett struggled in his first two games.

"He actually worked for (Ravens coach) John



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) head for the end zone past Seattle Seahawks linebacker Jordyn Brooks (56) to score during the second half of an NFL football game Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL

Harbaugh for a number of years," Reid said. "One of the top special teams coaches in the NFL and a good football coach, period. But a tremendous special teams coach. Good guy."

Turns out the affection goes both ways.

"He's a fine man. He's been so gracious with my family over the years," Rosburg said of Reid, who was Harbaugh's mentor in Philadelphia. "He's a model for all coaches. We should all aspire to be like Andy Reid."

While Wilson is suffering through the worst season of his career, Mahomes is on another tear for the Chiefs, putting himself in position to break the NFL record for yards passing in a season — albeit in a 17-game schedule rather than 16.

And Rosburg has seen enough of Mahomes over the years that he's plenty impressed by him.

He's just not so excited about facing Mahomes in his first game running the show for Denver.

"I could list them, and you all know them," Rosburg said of the Chiefs' playmakers. "Who would sign up for this? You get to coach in the National Football League? OK, here are the Kansas City Chiefs. Here I am, choose me."

PLAYOFF POSITION

While the Chiefs are tied with the Bills for the AFC's best record, Buffalo would get the No. 1 seed and lone first-round bye because of its head-to-head win in October in Kansas City. So not only do the Chiefs need to beat Denver, and

probably Las Vegas next week, they also need the Bengals or Patriots to beat the Bills down the stretch.

DOMINANCE OF DENVER

The Chiefs have won 14 straight against their longtime division rival, a franchise record for any opponent. It's the fifth-longest streak by any team against an opponent in NFL history, and one more would tie for the third longest. The last time the Broncos beat the Chiefs was a 31-24 victory on Sept. 17, 2015, in Kansas City.

FIXING WILSON

The priority for the Broncos is fixing Wilson, who was brought in at a high cost (three players, four prime draft picks to Seattle) and signed to a five-year extension with

about \$165 million in guarantees. But this version of Wilson has been head-scratching: He's on pace for career worsts in touchdowns, completion percentage and sacks.

"I believe in myself at the highest level," Wilson said. "It's not going to happen this year, but the mission is still the same and that's to help bring Super Bowls to Denver. That's the goal."

COACHING CAROUSEL

Rosburg makes five different Broncos coaches for safety Justin Simmons since he was taken in the third-round of the 2016 draft. If owner and CEO Greg Penner wanted his opinion on, say, defensive coordinator Ejiro Evero getting a shot at the head coaching job, Simmons would gladly give it. Denver's

defense has been one of the best in the league until a clunker last weekend in a 51-14 loss to Baker Mayfield and the Los Angeles Rams.

"I just want to win," Simmons said. "When stuff like this happens like with Coach Hackett, I think about what I could've done better to help keep his job stable. Whatever it is, whoever it is, I just want to win."

WEAPON RETURNING

The Chiefs expect to have wide receiver Mecole Hardman back for the first time since an abdominal injury in Week 9 put him on injured reserve. He practiced the last couple of weeks, but has not been inactive for games. He was on a tear before getting hurt, too, scoring five touchdowns in his last three games.

Chiefs expect WR Hardman back on field after nearly 2 months

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs expect to have wide receiver Mecole Hardman on the field for the first time in nearly two months on Sunday when they play the Denver Broncos in the penultimate game of the regular season.

Hardman has been out since Nov. 6 with an abdominal injury that landed him on injured reserve. He returned to practice a couple of weeks ago, but the ailment caused the already lean Hardman to lose weight he's had to put back on. The time off also diminished the endurance.

"As the week went on," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said of last week, "he got a bit tired and sore, and I think that was good. He worked his way through what he needed to get through, and now it's a matter of getting him through a game."

"I presume," Reid said, "unless there's a setback that he'll be there."

The Chiefs have overcome his loss by deploying their deep wide receiver group in different ways. The return of Kadarius Toney from a hamstring injury a couple of weeks ago has bought Hardman some additional time to recover.

Few players on the roster can match Hardman's speed, making him a unique downfield threat and very effective on jet sweeps. Hardman



Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid answers a question after an NFL football game against the Houston Texans Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, in Houston. The Chiefs won 30-24 in overtime. AP PHOTO/DAVID J. PHILLIP

reached the end zone six times in the four games before he got hurt, three of them on touchdown passes and the other three on various rushing attempts.

"I think getting Mecole and KT back will just add another dimension," Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes said. "I mean, they can

do the jet sweeps and stuff like that, but just adding that speed to the field makes teams have to honor it."

It's not as if the Chiefs, who are 12-3 and tied with Buffalo for the best record in the AFC, have struggled without Hardman. Their offense leads the league in yards per game and trails only the Eagles in scoring.

"Marquez (Valdes-Scantling) has done a great job of filling that role and so has Skyy (Moore)," Mahomes said, noting the addition of Hardman and Toney will open things up for other players.

The Chiefs are among the league's healthiest

teams as January approaches, getting tight end Blake Bell back for the first time last week. The AFC West champions' only notable absences are running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire, who remains on injured reserve with a high-ankle sprain, and tight end Jody Fortson, who is on IR with an elbow injury.

"(Edwards-Helaire is not ready yet. He's close but not ready," Reid said. "High-ankle sprains, those are tough deals on running backs. He's working through everything. He's busting his tail there."

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Pelé, Brazil’s mighty king of ‘beautiful game,’ has died

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAO PAULO — Pelé, the Brazilian king of soccer who won a record three World Cups and became one of the most commanding sports figures of the last century, died Thursday. He was 82.

The standard-bearer of “the beautiful game” had undergone treatment for colon cancer since 2021. The medical center where he had been hospitalized for the last month said he died of multiple organ failure as a result of the cancer.

“Pelé changed everything. He transformed football into art, entertainment,” Neymar, a fellow Brazilian soccer star, said on Instagram. “Football and Brazil elevated their standing thanks to the King! He is gone, but his magic will endure. Pelé is eternal!”

A funeral was planned for Monday and Tuesday, with his casket to be carried through the streets of Santos, the coastal city where his storied career began, before burial.

Widely regarded as one of soccer’s greatest players, Pelé spent nearly two decades enchanting fans and dazzling opponents as the game’s most prolific scorer with Brazilian club Santos and the Brazil national team.

His grace, athleticism and mesmerizing moves transfixed players and fans. He orchestrated a fast, fluid style that revolutionized the sport — a samba-like flair that personified his country’s elegance on the field.

He carried Brazil to soccer’s heights and became a global ambassador for his sport in a journey that began on the streets of Sao Paulo state, where he would kick a sock stuffed with newspapers or rags.

In the conversation about soccer’s greatest players, only the late Diego Maradona, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are mentioned alongside Pelé.

Different sources, counting different sets of games, list Pelé’s goal totals anywhere be-

tween 650 (league matches) and 1,281 (all senior matches, some against low-level competition.)

The player who would be dubbed “The King” was introduced to the world at 17 at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, the youngest player ever at the tournament. He was carried off the field on teammates’ shoulders after scoring two goals in Brazil’s 5-2 victory over the host country in the final.

Injury limited him to just two games when Brazil retained the world title in 1962, but Pelé was the emblem of his country’s World Cup triumph of 1970 in Mexico. He scored in the final and set up Carlos Alberto with a nonchalant pass for the last goal in a 4-1 victory over Italy.

The image of Pelé in a bright, yellow Brazil jersey, with the No. 10 stamped on the back, remains alive with soccer fans everywhere. As does his trademark goal celebration — a leap with a right fist thrust high above his head.

Pelé’s fame was such that in 1967 factions of a civil war in Nigeria agreed to a brief cease-fire so he could play an exhibition match in the country. He was knighted by Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II in 1997. When he visited Washington to help popularize the game in North America, it was the U.S. president who stuck out his hand first.

“My name is Ronald Reagan, I’m the president of the United States of America,” the host said to his visitor. “But you don’t need to introduce yourself because everyone knows who Pelé is.”

Pelé was Brazil’s first modern Black national hero but rarely spoke about racism in a country where the rich and powerful tend to hail from the white minority.

Opposing fans taunted Pelé with monkey chants at home and all over the world.

“He said that he would never play if he had to stop every time he heard those chants,”

said Angelica Basthi, one of Pelé’s biographers. “He is key for Black people’s pride in Brazil, but never wanted to be a flagbearer.”

Pelé’s life after soccer took many forms. He was a politician — Brazil’s Extraordinary Minister for Sport — a wealthy businessman, and an ambassador for UNESCO and the United Nations.

He had roles in movies, soap operas and even composed songs and recorded CDs of popular Brazilian music.

As his health deteriorated, his travels and appearances became less frequent. He was often seen in a wheelchair during his final years and did not attend a ceremony to unveil a statue of him representing Brazil’s 1970 World Cup team. Pelé spent his 80th birthday isolated with a few family members at a beach home.

Born Edson Arantes do Nascimento, in the small city of Tres Coracoes in the interior of Minas Gerais state on Oct. 23, 1940, Pelé grew up shining shoes to buy his modest soccer gear.

Pelé’s talent drew attention when he was 11, and a local professional player brought him to Santos’ youth squads. It didn’t take long for him to make it to the senior squad.

Despite his youth and 5-foot-8 frame, he scored against grown men with the same ease he displayed against friends back home. He debuted with the Brazilian club at 16 in 1956, and the club quickly gained worldwide recognition.

The name Pelé came from him mispronouncing the name of a player called Bilé.

He went to the 1958 World Cup as a reserve but became a key player for his country’s championship team. His first goal, in which he flicked the ball over the head of a defender and raced around him to volley it home, was voted as one of the best in World Cup history.



FILE — Brazil’s Pele is hoisted on the shoulders of his teammates after Brazil won the World Cup final against Italy, 4-1, in Mexico City’s Estadio Azteca, June 21, 1970. Pelé, the Brazilian king of soccer who won a record three World Cups and became one of the most commanding sports figures of the last century, died in sao Paulo on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022. He was 82. AP PHOTO, FILE

The 1966 World Cup in England — won by the hosts — was a bitter one for Pelé, by then already considered the world’s top player. Brazil was knocked out in the group stage and Pelé, angry at the rough treatment, swore it was his last World Cup.

He changed his mind and was rejuvenated in the 1970 World Cup. In a game against England, he struck a header for a certain score, but the great goalkeeper Gordon Banks flipped the ball over the bar in an astonishing move. Pelé likened the save — one of the best in World Cup history — to a “salmon climbing up a waterfall.” Later, he scored the opening goal in the final against Italy, his last World Cup match.

In all, Pelé played 114 matches with Brazil, scoring a record 95 goals, including 77 in official matches.

His run with Santos stretched over three decades until he went into semi-retirement after the 1972 season. Wealthy European clubs tried to sign him, but the Brazilian government intervened to keep him from being sold, declaring him a national treasure.

On the field, Pelé’s energy, vision and imagination drove a gifted Brazilian national team with a fast, fluid style of play that exemplified “O Jogo Bonito” — Portuguese for “The Beautiful Game.” His 1977 autobiography, “My Life and the Beautiful Game,” made the phrase part of soccer’s lexicon.

In 1975, he joined the New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League. Although 34 and past his prime, Pelé gave soccer a higher profile in North America. He led the Cosmos to the 1977 league title and scored 64 goals in three seasons.

Pelé ended his career on Oct. 1, 1977, in an exhibition between the Cosmos and Santos before a crowd in New Jersey of some 77,000. He played half the game with each club. Among the dignitaries on hand was perhaps the only other athlete whose renown spanned the globe — Muhammad Ali.

Pelé would endure difficult times in his personal life, especially when his son Edinho was arrested on drug-related charges. Pelé had two daughters out of wedlock and five children from his first two marriages, to Rosemeri dos Reis Cholbi and Assiria Seixas Lemos. He later married businesswoman Marcia Cibeles Aoki.

US to let MLB stars play for Cuba in World Baseball Classic

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — The United States will permit Major League Baseball players from Cuba to represent their home country in the World Baseball Classic next year.

The decision announced Saturday in a news release by the Baseball Federation of Cuba (FCB) could be a big step in once again turning Cuba’s national team into heavy hitters on an international stage.

Major League Baseball confirmed Monday that the U.S. granted the

license to FCB. It clears the way for MLB stars such as José Abreu, Yordan Alvarez, Randy Arozarena, Yoán Moncada and Luis Robert to play for Cuba in the WBC in March if they choose to accept a potential invitation.

It’s up to each country’s national governing body to pick the players on its WBC team. Final 30-man rosters are due Feb. 7 for the WBC, which begins March 8 with Cuba facing the Netherlands in Taiwan.

While the sport of choice for much of Latin

America is soccer, baseball dominates in Cuba. The island has gained fame around the world for its baseball talent.

But in recent years, hundreds of those players have defected from Cuba to play professionally elsewhere. Most notably, many have become United States residents and stars with major league teams in the U.S.

The defections are largely due to a not-so-uncommon geopolitical spat between the two seaside neighbors, leaving Cuban players stuck in the middle.

Cuban athletes competing on the island can’t earn a paycheck under the communist government, which prohibited professional sports following the Cuban revolution 60 years ago.

Longtime sanctions by the U.S. make it largely impossible for Cubans to play professionally for an American team without defecting. Meanwhile, Cuba historically has not allowed Cuban players who defected on their national team rosters.

The defections have taken a toll on Cuba’s performance in internation-

al baseball competitions. For example, the Cuban baseball team failed to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after years of previously winning medals in the sport.

In November, Cuba changed its tune and invited several top players who defected to represent the country in the World Baseball Classic, a tournament that features some of the sport’s top players competing in Japan, Taiwan and the U.S.

Weeks later, Cuban officials accused the Biden administration of blocking those players from

representing Cuba.

In a statement Saturday, FCB President Juan Reinaldo Pérez Pardo called the permit a “positive step,” and said the Cuban federation should have more information about the team’s WBC roster once it has more details about the license granted by the U.S.

At the same time, Pérez Pardo also criticized the U.S., tweeting Saturday that “it is arbitrary and discriminatory that a permit from the government of this country (the U.S.) is needed to attend” the WBC.

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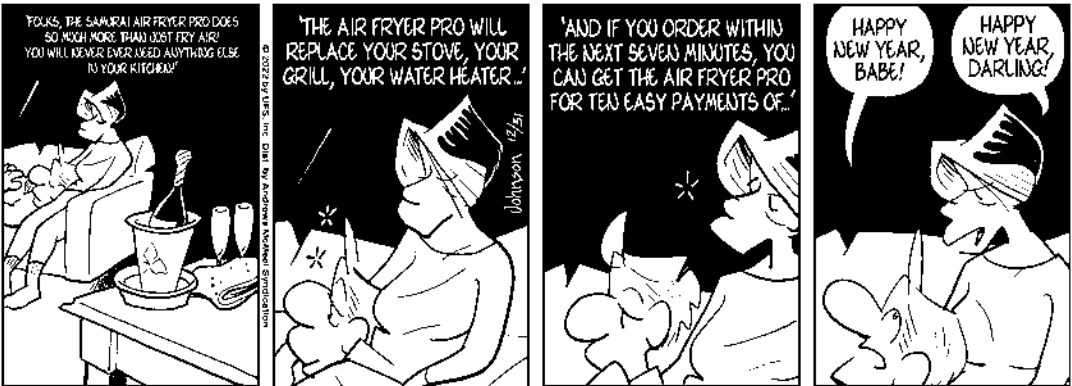
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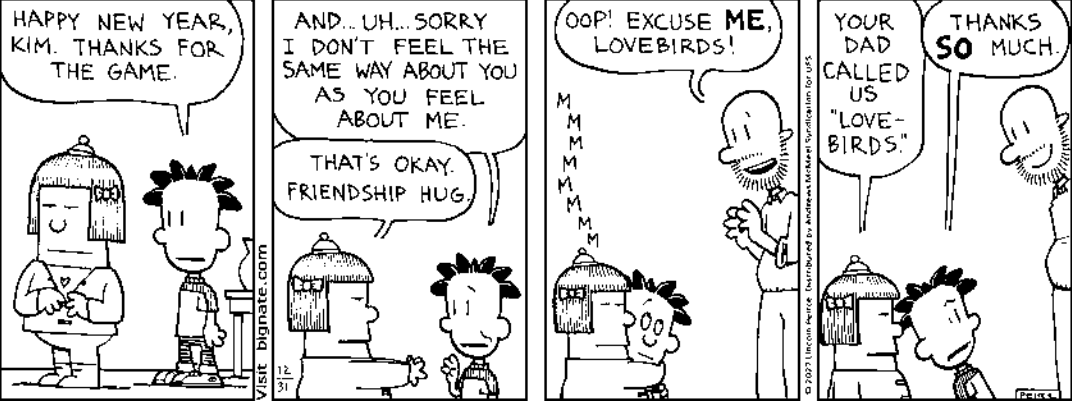


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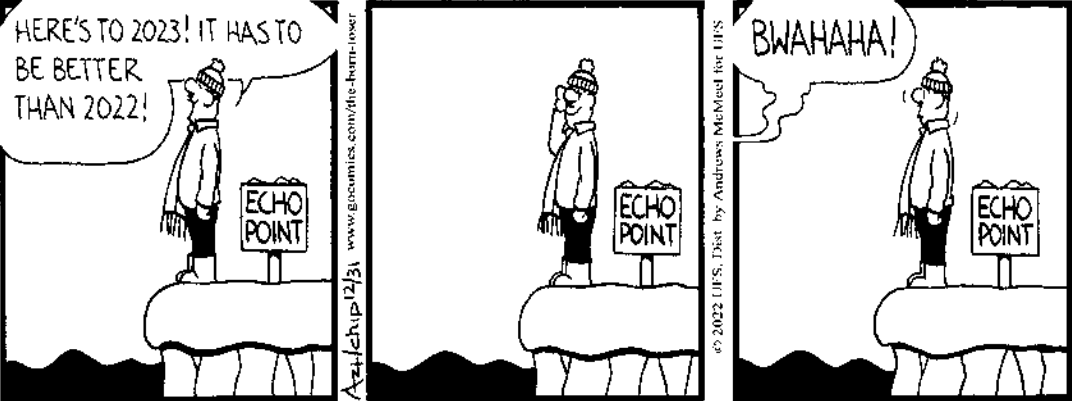
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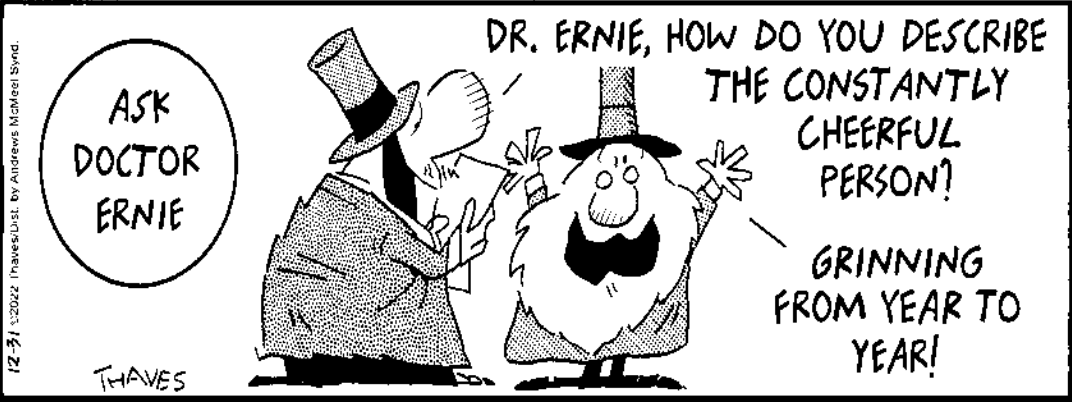
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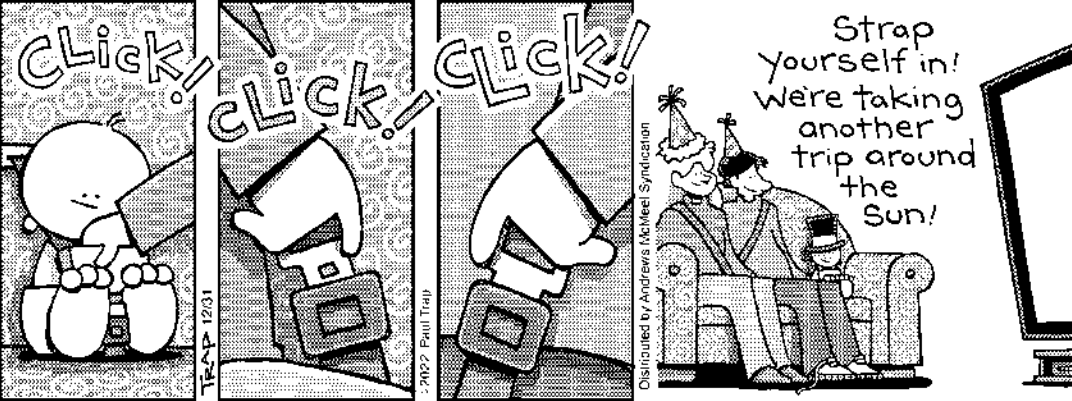
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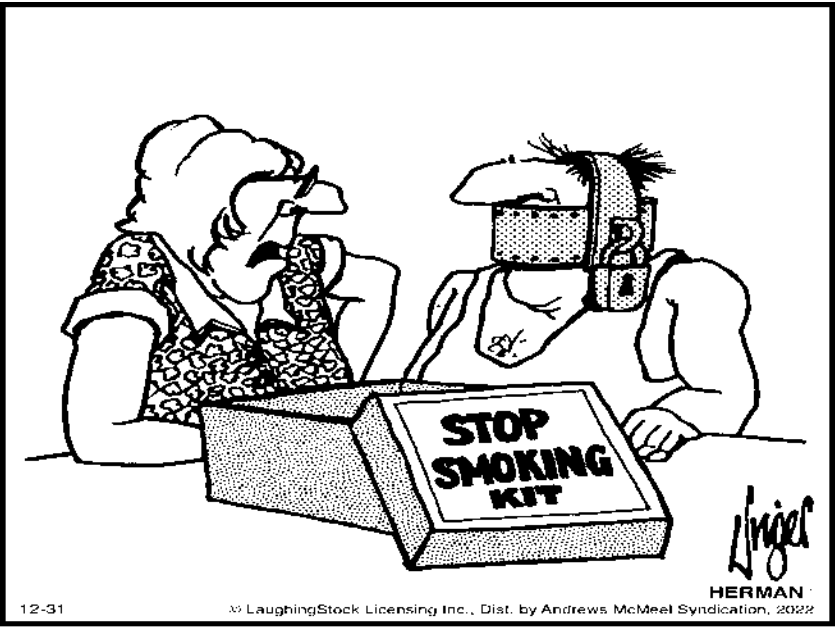
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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Simplicity, moderation and a keen sense of when it's time to make a change will help you dictate what comes next. A new approach to doing things will cut costs and position you for greater financial glory. Concessions will be necessary but worthwhile if it gives you the freedom to live and do things your way. Personal gain and romance are favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Relax and enjoy the festivities without getting involved in a debate with someone who will never share your opinion. It's time to say goodbye to 2022 and open your arms to a new year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- There will be a lack of understanding among family and friends. Do your best to keep the peace and not take sides. You'll be far more effective if you practice the art of listening.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Protect your back and share information carefully. Sit back and observe. Avoid overindulgence, and don't put up with anyone trying to coerce you into doing something that doesn't appeal to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be careful what you say. Emotional mayhem will surface if you don't try to get along with others. A positive outlook will encourage others to make worthwhile suggestions. Mingle and network.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep your intentions secret. A reserved approach will encourage you to contemplate what's important and how to implement the changes necessary to live life your way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- How you help others will affect how you approach the new year. A shift in how you think and do things will spark resolutions you can put in place. It's a new year, and time to sport a new attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Think before committing to something that puzzles you. Choose moderation and keep an eye on what's happening around you to avoid problems. Stability is your ticket to success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't let trivial matters get to you. Look for the good and positive in everything and everyone, and you'll be a magnet for good vibes and a fun time. A suggestion will lead to a new beginning.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Sit tight when dealing with emotional issues. Don't start something you can't finish or get into a discussion with someone critical and negative. Look inward and live in the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Leave nothing undone. Plan your day from top to bottom to ensure things run smoothly. Take care of your responsibilities first and tgeb turn your focus to friends and celebration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Aim to please, but don't make empty promises. Reminisce and recap the highs and lows of the year and what you'll do differently in 2023. Take a moment to thank those who have helped you.

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IN RE: Gregory S. Stiner and Lisa M. Stiner, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Gregory S. Stiner and Lisa M. Stiner, husband and wife dated September 17, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri as Book 841, Page 597 and modified by Final Judgment entered in Case No. 20AR-CV00522 recorded December 5, 2022 in Book 1145, Page 351 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit: ALL OF LOTS 3 AN [AND] D4 [4], BLOCK 2, ORCHARD PLACE ADDITION TO KIRKSVILLE, [ADAIR COUNTY,] MO [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION]

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ACROSS

1 Smear

5 All-out fight

8 “Bad” prefix

11 Ready to harvest

12 Sped off

14 A Gabor sister

15 Sp. miss

16 Hunch

17 Top

18 Hits hard

20 In a dull manner

22 Wood for floors

23 Orange Bowl org.

24 Piano key wood

27 Clarified butter

29 Willard’s pet

30 Secured, in a way (2 wds.)

34 Spoof

37 Flower lover

38 Actress — Bonet

39 Tolerate

41 Was in debt

43 Keane of “Family Circus”

44 Modern locomotive

46 “— — Lucy”

49 Lilly of pharmaceuticals

50 Brinks

52 Teases

54 Cousteau’s domain

55 Carnaby St. locale

56 RR employee

57 Unmatched

58 Montreal turndown

59 Looks at

DOWN

1 JAMA readers

2 Opens the window

3 “It’s — — you!”

4 Lighthouse light

5 Brush off

6 Furnish with help

7 Tall stalk

8 Kind of toast

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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10 Peeress

13 Mended

19 Jay follower

21 Did great

24 “Um” cousins

25 Pasture sound

26 New York Giants hero

27 Pyramid site

28 Part of a giggle

30 Frank McCourt book

31 Kimono fastener

32 Single no more

33 Maiden name indicator

35 Seine aits

36 Passengers

39 Feel awful

40 British chaps

41 Helped the Tin Man

42 Creepy

43 Humped beast

44 Showroom deal

45 Zoo favorite

47 Honey-suckle

48 Advantage

51 Electrical unit

53 Almost-grads

ACROSS

1 Yucatan native

5 Exec’s degree

8 Chalet feature

12 Heavy metal

13 Many millennia

14 Tot of whiskey

15 Naive

17 Kitchen herb

18 Loose end

20 Cinnamon goody

21 System of beliefs

24 Inched forward

26 Falstaff’s prince

27 Imprinted firmly

31 Monogram pt.

33 Clod buster

34 Type of pasta

38 Culture dish goo

39 Ms. Thurman

40 Utopia

41 Typesetting mistakes

44 Fond du —

45 Sacked out (2 wds.)

48 Derek & The Dominos tune

50 Hair adornment

51 Basked

55 Wild guess

57 Understood (2 wds.)

61 Sea eagle

62 Rapper — Nas X

63 Green pod

64 Fastidious

65 Omitting none

66 Place for chickens

DOWN

1 Twice DI

2 Son of Val and Aleta

3 At that indicated place

4 Battery terminal

5 Shake hands

6 — fide

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8 McMahon and Sullivan

9 Mighty steeds

10 Fuzzy

11 Correct

16 Yield by treaty

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19 “Squid Game” actor — Jung-jae

21 — Pet

22 Pushed the doorbell

23 Name in essays

25 Woodworking tool

28 Wed. follower

29 Unconscious state

30 High temperature

32 Maple, for instance

35 Lazily

36 River duck

37 Cuzco founder

42 Hwys.

43 Give — — up (help)

45 “Peer Gynt” dramatist

46 — Dame

47 Safari leader

49 Extemporaneous (2 wds.)

52 Stanford rival

53 Carpentry item

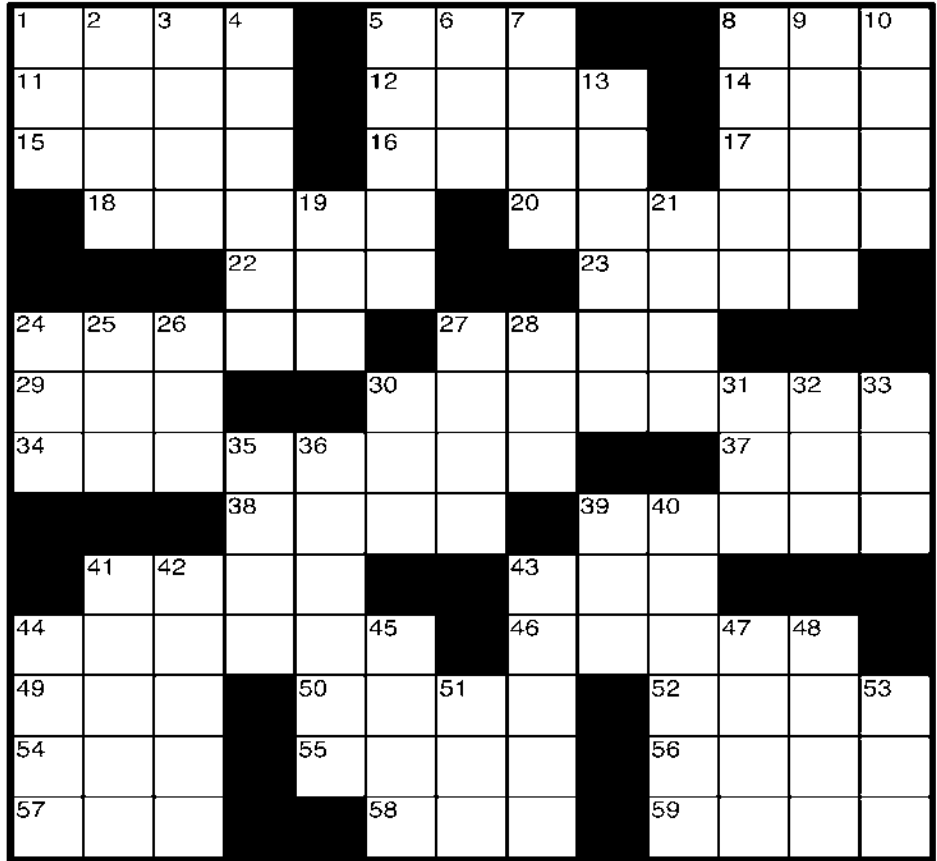
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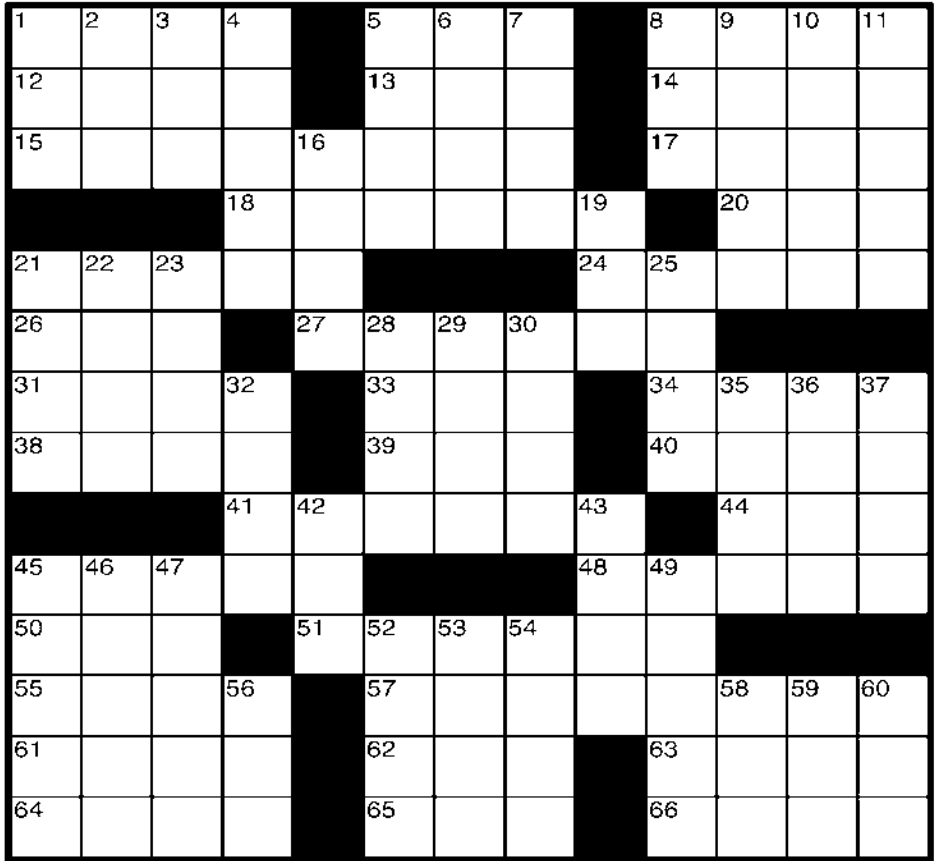
58 Round stopper

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Highway Patrol reports three traffic fatalities over Christmas Holiday weekend

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the Christmas holiday weekend:

Three people died in traffic crashes during the 78-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26.

2022 Christmas Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

Traffic Crashes — 306

Traffic Crash Injuries — 84

Traffic Crash Fatalities — three

DWI — 52

[Note: Last year during the 78-hour Christmas counting period, there were 881 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, eight people were killed and another 401 were injured. During the 2021 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 227 traffic crashes which included four fatalities and 99 injuries. Troopers arrested 67 people for driving while impaired in 2021.]

There were no boating crashes or drownings over the 2022 Christmas holiday counting period.

Of the three fatality traffic crashes investigated by troopers, two occurred in the Troop F, Jefferson City area, and one occurred in the Troop D, Springfield area.

There were no traffic fatalities on Friday, Dec. 23, during the holiday counting period.

There was one fatality on Saturday, Dec. 24. Kristan R. Price, 26, of Florence, died when the vehicle she was operating traveled into the westbound lanes of U.S. Highway 50 and struck a vehicle before returning to the eastbound lanes, then skidding back into the westbound lanes, and striking another vehicle. Price's vehicle then overturned. It is unknown if Price was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The first vehicle Price's vehicle struck skidded off the roadway; the driver was wearing a seat belt and was not injured. The driver of the second vehicle Price's vehicle struck was not wearing a seat belt at

the time of the crash; he sustained minor injuries. The crash occurred in Morgan County on U.S. Highway 50 west of Lewis Drive. Dr. M.B. Jones pronounced Price dead at the scene. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department also responded to the scene.

One fatality occurred on Dec. 25, Samuel M. Mitchell, 63, of Joplin, died when the vehicle he was driving traveled off the right side of the road and struck the concrete cap of a vertical culvert. The crash occurred in Newton County on Apricot Road south of Joplin. Three passengers in Mitchell's vehicle sustained serious injuries, one passenger sustained moderate injuries, and one passenger sustained minor injuries in the crash. No one in the vehicle was wearing a seat belt. Dr. Gross pronounced Mitchell dead at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

One fatality occurred on Monday, Dec. 26, Susan C. Graham, 73, of Arcola, died when another vehicle crossed the center of the roadway in front of the vehicle in



which she was a passenger. After striking the other vehicle, Graham's vehicle rotated and traveled off the right side of the roadway and came to rest. The crash occurred in Camden County on U.S. Highway 54 west of Tangle Drive. Dr. Cooper pronounced Graham dead at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. Graham was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt; he sustained moderate injuries. The driver of the vehicle that crossed in front of Graham's vehicle was not wearing a seat belt and he sustained serious injuries in the crash.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/drowning incident.



Treasurer Fitzpatrick returns Bronze Star to family of recipient

By Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick

Jefferson City – Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick announced that his office has returned a Bronze Star held in Unclaimed Property to the family of the recipient. Rick Dovell received the Bronze Star for actions while serving in Vietnam War. He passed away in 2017.

The office worked with KSHB reporter Lisa McCormick, who connected with Dovell's family after seeing the Treasurer's Office Veterans Day press release. Dovell's daughter was able to claim the medal.

"Rick was like so many other Vietnam Veterans who held most of what they saw in combat close to the vest as sharing would bring the reminder of heartache to mind," Kelley Maddox, Dovell's daughter, said. "What this medal represents to me, by having it back in my possession, is that my father's sacrifice to the United States being drafted in his youth was not in vain. He was recognized for his efforts and although he did not share the reason for receiving this medal with me, I now know he did something special! This medal will go in a special place to share with my family and friends, it has sparked a healthy dialogue with my own children about their grandfather who they never really knew and now I have something to talk about for future generations."

"I am grateful that we were able to return this important heirloom to the Dovell family. The medals we hold represent sacrifice and service to our country and

the meaning of that is not lost on the Treasurer's Office," Fitzpatrick said. "Returning unclaimed property to rightful owners is often a team effort and I thank Lisa McCormick for her dedication to finding the Dovells. I encourage Missourians to search the list and see if you recognize a name. Together, we can get these medals returned to the heroes who earned them. As always, we thank America's military veterans for their service to this great country."

Each year financial institutions, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations turn over millions of dollars in cash, securities, and the contents of safe deposit boxes to the Treasurer's Office. These entities are required to turn over unclaimed property to the Treasurer's Office after there has been no contact or documented transaction with the owner for five years. The contents of safe deposit boxes often contain family heirlooms and keepsakes. Some of the most precious items recovered are military medals and insignia.

The Treasurer's Office currently holds more than 110 military medals including six purple hearts and three bronze stars. A full list of medals, names, and last known addresses of the safe deposit box owners can be found at ShowMeMoney.com/medals.

The Bronze Star is awarded to member of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone.

Another symptom of Missouri teacher shortage: Growing number of 4-day school weeks

By Annelise Hanshaw Missouri Independent

Over a quarter of Missouri school districts learn on a four-day schedule. And up until last week, they were small, rural districts — some with as few as 50 students. That changed when Independence School District voted to implement the schedule for its 14,000 students next fall.

Missouri policymakers are taking notice, with varying ideas to deal with the key factor for many districts' shift to a four-day week: Teacher recruitment and retainment.

Four-day school weeks have been growing exponentially across Missouri's rural school districts since 2009. That year, the state legislature removed a requirement that set a minimum number of days schools must open their doors, leaving a mandate for 1,044 hours of learning. Roughly 12 percent of the state's public school K-8 students now attend class four days per week, according to Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Missouri State University College of Education data. Only two of the districts educate over 3,000 students, meaning Independence will be by far the largest in Missouri to make the switch.

"Just the sheer magnitude of the size of the school district makes them a unique case," said Jon Turner, an associate professor at Missouri State University studying the implementation of the four-day school week.

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas voiced concerns on Twitter, calling for salary raises for educators and naming a four-day school week a "gimmick."

"I am concerned this is more about adults than our kids. I hope I am wrong," he wrote.

Motive

Dale Herl, superintendent of the Independence School District, starred in a few short videos explaining the four-day school week to families in the run up to the school board's vote. The first video made it clear what the district's motivation was for cutting Mondays off the schedule.

"The main thing, looking at this, is we wanted to see if it would help retain and recruit staff," he said.

State Rep. Doug Richey, R-Excelsior Springs and co-chair of the legislature's Joint Committee on Education, said an employment perk is what he hears as the key reason for switching to a four-day school week. Turner has watched rural districts adopt a four-day week in order to have a large enough workforce to operate. Now, he said he wonders if larger districts are having the same problem.

"The dynamic of the four-day week is that many of those districts are smaller, rural school districts, and where they lose their competitive angle is with mid- and late-career teachers," Turner said.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education data shows that 40.5 percent of Missouri teachers are leaving their school districts after three years. In Independence, that rate is slightly higher, with 43.7 percent choosing to leave their positions. A four-day work week, which is growing in popularity in the tech industry, is pitched as an incentive for school staff to stay loyal to their professions and the district.

Teacher pay

Senate Minority Leader John Rizzo, D-Independence, doesn't just represent the state's newest

four-day school district. His children also attend and he expressed frustration with the district's decision in an interview with The Independent. Rizzo said he and his wife are considering taking their children out of their current schools. He wants to see the state increase its investment in public education.

"We're at the bottom when it comes to teacher pay, and we're expecting miracles. We shouldn't educate on miracles," he said. "We should educate on dollars and cents and in fully funding the schools in our state."

Missouri ranks 50th in the nation for the average teacher starting salary, paying new educators an average of \$33,234, according to the National Education Association. The state is 47th for overall teacher salary, paying an average of \$51,557.

Richey touts local control, wary of raising the state's minimum wage for educators. He pointed to Hickman Mills School District, which is also located outside of Kansas City. The district is raising teacher salaries with an operational levy passed by voters in August. Independence pays teachers an average salary of \$53,528, according to DESE data. The Lee's Summit R-7 School District, located less than 30 minutes away, pays an average of \$64,350; less than 30 percent of its educators leave the district after three years.

"Unless the taxpayers are really ready to kick in with a much higher salary to compensate these people, the only way we can [retain teachers] is by figuring out ways within the schedule, like four days a week, that seem to be attractive to people," Turner said.

He said he has heard anecdotal evidence that

educators are leaving higher-paying jobs to teach at schools that operate four days per week. Numerous bills filed ahead of the upcoming legislative session address the apparent shortage of teachers. Multiple suggest raising the minimum teacher salary to \$38,000. The current minimum is \$25,000, but a one-year grant program allowed participating schools to raise their salary floors to \$38,000 with a year of state help.

"I wasn't entirely excited about that because it's a one-year grant program and districts really can't plan around that," said Richey, who also serves on the House Budget Committee. "I just thought that was more of a band-aid approach."

This month, DESE released its legislative priorities. Sitting atop the list is raising teachers' minimum wage to at least \$38,000, along with urging the legislature to establish a fund to help districts afford the higher salaries.

Research

Turner said he can't predict whether Independence's shift will help or hurt student outcomes. Either way, he says the impact will be small.

"I have not seen any data that has said over the long term — and I'm talking about more than five years — that you're seeing long-term negative or positive impacts of the four-day week," he said.

He said it could help keep high-quality instructors around students, but the kids could suffer from more memory loss over longer weekends. The weekday students are home also allows for more professional development than teachers could otherwise get on the calendar, Turner said.

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE
www.faithkirkville.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church of God of Prophecy
807 Benton Way
Pastor: Rob Linhart
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Fellowship Baptist Church
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbcc@sbgglobal.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gifford Christian Church
Minister: Darren Potter
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Lake Road Chapel
22963 Potter Trail
Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kelly
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service
www.lakeroadchapel.org

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

New Hope Evangelical Church
620 Steer Creek Way
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time

10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Darrell Draper, Pastor
660-341-0000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Word Alive! Family Church
Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church

Schuyler County Church of Faith
Highway 136 East, Lancaster
Sonny Smyser, Pastor
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

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

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



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Philippians 4:13



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Psalm 37:3



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John 14:16

