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Kirksville Police promote four officers to corporal

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department celebrated on Friday, February 3, 2023, as four officers were promoted to the rank of corporal.

Jordan Eddy, Jonathan Novinger, Bill Puryear and Jake Roberts received those promotions in front of family and friends at the Rieger Armory and Community Cen-

ter. The corporal rank has been brought back to KPD with these four officers.

The officers went through a difficult and strenuous selection process where they were evaluated on their past performance and pro-active policing. They also submitted a written exam and answered questions from an interview board.

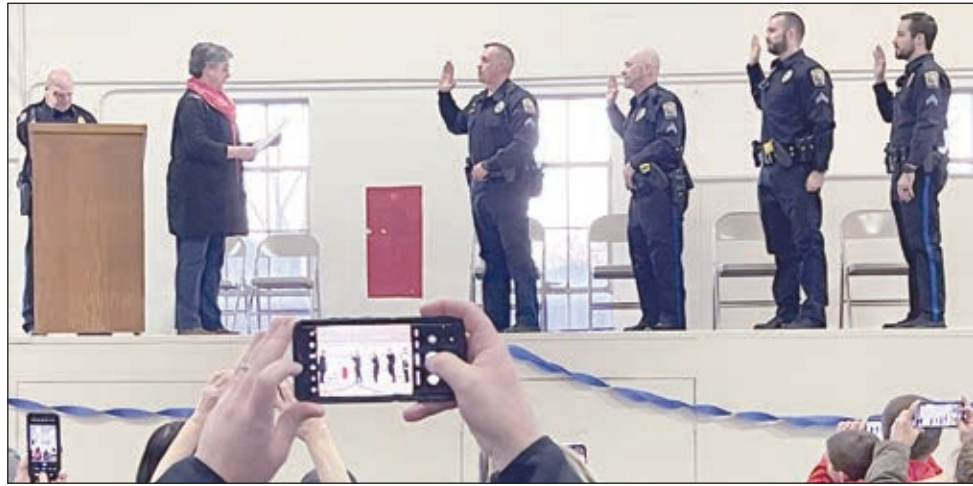
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Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson promoted Jake Roberts to corporal, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Rieger Armory.



Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson promoted William Puryear to corporal, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Rieger Armory.



Kirksville City Clerk Wanda Cagle swears in the officers newly promoted to corporal at a ceremony held at the Rieger Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 3.



Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson promoted Jordan Eddy to corporal, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Rieger Armory.



Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson promoted Jonathan Novinger to corporal, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Rieger Armory.

Heya Dispensary begins adult-use recreational marijuana sales

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Heya Dispensary, 120 S. Main Street, began selling adult-use cannabis to the general public last Friday after receiving a license from the state. Heya joined Missouri Health and Wellness, located at 215 E. Charles Street, which also received approval from the state last Friday morning, Feb. 3, and opened its doors to recreational users. Both dispensaries carry marijuana flower, concentrates, pre-rolls, vaporizers and edibles with daily specials.



The staff at Heya Dispensary, from left to right: Chandler, patient consultant, Toni, assistant store manager, Seth, store manager and Justin, team lead.



Truman State University to host elementary and middle school math contest

By Truman State University

Area elementary and middle school students interested in mathematics can register now for the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics qualifying contest taking place at Truman State University, Feb. 25.

Conducted in conjunction with mathleague.org, this contest is designed to be a learning experience. New problems are introduced at every contest, and students are allowed to keep their test questions and completed answer sheets. Solutions will be provided to all problems at the conclusion of the contest.

As the largest network of local and state math competitions at the elementary, middle and high school levels in the United States and abroad, mathleague.org runs more than 400 contests globally and reaches more than 30,000 students each year.

To register for the contest, complete the mathleague.org membership

form for the student's school at mathleague.org/membership.php. Once completed, registration for the Truman event can be done at tvazzana.sites.truman.edu/mctm-qualifying-contest.

There is a \$10 per student registration fee. Payment can be made via credit or PayPal as part of the registrations process. Alternatively, payments can be made by check, made out to MCTM, and can either be mailed to Tony Vazzana, Department of Mathematics, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO 63501, or presented at check-in on contest day.

Lunch will be provided for student participants, compliments of the Truman Department of Mathematics.

The contest will take place on campus in Violette Hall starting at 8:45 a.m., Feb. 25. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tony Vazzana at tvazzana@truman.edu or visit mathleague.org.

'Ballot candy?' Missouri GOP adds citizen-only voting into initiative petition changes

Missouri's constitution already limits the right to vote to U.S. citizens. Yet the GOP-backed proposal to change the initiative petition process includes a provision saying only citizens can vote

By Jason Hancock
Missouri Independent

Missouri Republicans have long argued a successful 2018 initiative petition establishing a nonpartisan redistricting process duped voters by pairing it with politically popular proposals like limits on lobbyist gifts to legislators. Two years later, the GOP got in on the act, pushing its own ballot measure repealing the nonpartisan plan by tying it to a complete ban on lobbyist gifts. Now the debate over so-called "ballot candy" — pairing a popular idea with a more controversial one in a ballot measure as a way to win over voters — is back.



Rep. Jamie Burger, R-Benton, seated, listens as Speaker Pro Tem Mike Henderson, R-Bonne Terre, answers a question on Feb. 1, 2023. TIM BOMMEL/MISSOURI HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

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Burden speaks to Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Zac Burden to speak at their Feb. 2 meeting. Burden is the mayor of the city of Kirksville. He presented on a number of city projects

slated for this year as well as the recreational marijuana sales tax, which will appear on the April 4 Municipal Election ballot. Pictured are Burden (left) with Kirksville Kiwanis Club member Pat Mickey (right).

NEMR Telecom donates to food bank

By The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri

NEMR Telecom made a donation of \$1,000 to The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri to help students receive buddy packs in Adair, Putnam, Schuyler and Sullivan Counties. "It is these type of partnerships that allow us to keep feeding our communities as one in four children struggle with food insecurity issues," said The Food Bank's Northwest Regional Coordinator Teresa Ross. For more information how you can help in your area, visit www.sharefood-bringhope.org. Pictured left to right: Gracey Gordon and Jennifer Chrisman



STUDENTS VISIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The 5th and 6th grade class from Faith Lutheran School visited the Adair County Historical Society on Thursday, Feb. 2.

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cub Scout Pack 404 annual Pack Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 404 will hold its annual Pack Pinewood Derby at 1 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. They will have races for Cub Scouts, Den Chiefs, Ladies, and an outlaw division. The public is invited.

Black Diamond District Cub Scouts will host District Pinewood Derby

Black Diamond District Cub Scouts will host District Pinewood Derby at 9 a.m., March 11, at Lovegreen Ford, The Black Diamond District invites Cub Scouts from all over the area to come compete. Lovegreen Ford has been a long time sponsor of the District Pinewood Derby and Scouting in general. The public is invited.

NEMO Fairgrounds Community Yard Sale

NEMO Fair is excited to offer the multipurpose building for a community yard sale on Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. If you are interested in cleaning out the closet and shed and would like to set up, complete this form <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSelf-LaE7cw.../viewform...>

Fee is \$20 payable on set up, which will be Feb. 10, between 5 and 8 p.m. Fee includes advertising, roughly 20 square feet of space, and two tables. Additional tables can be rented for \$2 per table, first come first serve, as supply allows. Vendors are responsible for managing their own tables, accepting payment, and providing change. NEMO Fairgrounds is not responsible for lost, damage, or stolen items or accidents. Breakfast concession will be available. Contact them at: nemofairvendor@gmail.com

Local Shopping Expo

Local Shopping Expo of vendors, crafters, homemade items, and much more, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. Vendor applications can be found on our website at <https://exposhopping.wordpress.com/vendor-event-application/>

Annual Schuyler County Rotary Soup & Pie Supper

The Annual Schuyler County Rotary Soup & Pie Supper will be held on Feb. 11 at the Schuyler R1 multipurpose room (around back of building). Doors open at 5 p.m.; Serving

at 5:30 p.m.; Auction will start at 6:30 p.m. Free will offering.

24th Annual National Project Linus 'Make A Blanket Day' Sew-In

The 24th Annual National Project Linus "Make A Blanket Day" Sew-In event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Kirksville Moose Lodge. The mission of Project Linus is to provide a sense of security and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghan, created by volunteer "Blanketeers". Blankets for children in need will be assembled at the Moose Lodge, located at 2405 E. Illinois Street, in Kirksville. The community is invited to attend.

No sewing experience is needed and anyone who can learn to tie a square knot is invited to participate in the event anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteers may bring a completed blanket or bring their own sewing machine and complete one of the pre-cut kits available during the event. Donations of new cotton fabric, acrylic yarn, fleece and other blanket-making supplies will be accepted during the event.

For more information or to learn more about Project Linus, contact Conni Douvier at 660-

947-4315, douvier@nemr.net, or visit their website at <http://www.projectlinus.org>

Faculty Recital: Elaine AuBuchon & Julianna Moore

A faculty recital featuring Elaine AuBuchon and Julianna Moore will be held on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, 100 E. Normal Ave., Kirksville.

United Way Annual Campaign Celebration set for Feb. 23

You are invited to the United Way of Northeast Missouri 2023 Campaign Celebration on Feb. 23 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Dukum Inn. See information on the United Way of Northeast Missouri Facebook Page. RSVPs requested, but not necessarily required. Join them as they reveal a new record in their recent fundraising campaigns.

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.

54th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival

The 54th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival evening concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Baldwin Hall Auditorium, 100 E. Normal Ave., Kirksville.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series: Vanguard Jazz Orchestra

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series is bringing the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra to the Truman State University campus. This 16-piece jazz orchestra has won 11 "Best Big Band" awards in the DownBeat magazine Readers and Critics Polls. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Baldwin Auditorium, 100 E. Norman Ave., Kirksville. All Lyceum Series events are open to the general public. Tickets are free. For additional information, visit lyceum.truman.edu or call 660.785.4133.

Mousetrap performed at Truman State University

Mousetrap will be performed at Truman State University, March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m. and March 4 at 2 p.m. By Agatha Christie and directed by Randy Bame, the show will be held at the Black Box Theatre, Ophelia Parrish Building, 100 E. Normal Avenue in Kirksville. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm and it soon becomes clear that the killer is among them. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate.

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. Tickets available at the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, 304 S. Franklin Street.

2023 Community Engagement Conference

It is time to begin signing up for the 14th Annual Community Engagement Conference. This year the conference has a new location and date which means

they are able to bring you more breakout sessions, more exhibitors, and some exciting new outdoor exhibits. This year's conference theme is DREAM BIG! Planning for a Great Life! The Conference will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kirksville's William Matthew Middle School. This free one-day conference will bring individuals with disabilities and their families, provider agencies, and community members together to focus on learning how to DREAM BIG and Plan for a Great Life. 2023's Keynote Speakers, David Forbes and Susan Parker, will lead discussions on how you can use the many resources in your daily life to plan for and live the life you want. David and Susan will also offer a Round Table Session after the free lunch. In addition, the conference will offer five Breakout Session Tracks with 15 different Breakout Sessions for you to choose from.

Registration by March 1 includes: Free retirements and entertainment during registration; Free lunch – with registration; Admission to the keynote presentation, breakout sessions, roundtable and conference materials; Access to the exhibitors area; Personal development through networking and making connections; Door prizes including a Grand Prize 40" Smart TV. For assistance with registration, call 660-665-9400.

United Way of Northeast Missouri to host 2nd Annual Charity Trivia Night

The biggest trivia night of the year is back. The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) will host the 2nd Annual Charity Trivia Night on Saturday, April 1 from 7-10 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge. This year's event will build upon last years hugely popular Trivia Night that welcomed 18 teams, raising over \$5,000 for the 11 local agencies funded by the United Way of Northeast Missouri.

Tickets are \$150 per 8-person team, or \$200 with Mulligans. One Mulligan can be used each round in place of an answer. The first-place team will take home a \$500 first place prize and the coveted United Way Trivia Trophy.



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OBITUARIES

Samuel 'Sam' Leonard Kriegel

Jan 22, 1931 – Jan 28, 2023

Samuel "Sam" Leonard Kriegel, age 92, of Kirksville, passed away Saturday Jan 28, 2023.

Born January 22, 1931, in Ridgeway Pennsylvania to Leonard and Margaret Kriegel. One of six children to grow up in rural Pennsylvania during the great depression.



Sam lived a full life and was a firm believer in our lord Jesus Christ. Sam served 21 years in the United States Air Force, where he served in two wars, Korea and Vietnam, receiving a Purple Heart medal in the latter. He crossed the International Date Line returning from Korea 12-24-1951. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Sam spent twenty-seven years repairing copy machines for 3M, then moving on to driving school buses for another seventeen. He liked to work. He was a seasoned story teller as all who knew him can attest. Friendly, funny, and jokester were all characteristics used to describe him.

Upon returning from Korea, he was stationed at Kirksville Air Force Station/Air Defense Command in Sublette, Mo. While working at the station, he met and married Rhonda Lee Gibbons on July 6, 1952, and to this union five children were born.

Sam was a family man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, fixing cars, motorcycles, guns, and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Rhonda, one brother, three sisters, and three great grandchildren Dakota, Archer and Ransom Corrick.

He is survived by one sister Carol (Calvin) Grabowski, children: Randy (Melanie) Kriegel, Bill (Sally) Kriegel, Terri (Mike) Corrick, Kim Kriegel, and Mike Kriegel (Tammy Martens), grandchildren: Shawn (Elgien) Jones, Clint Jones, Katie (Joe) Fraler, Ryan Kriegel, Dalton (Ariel) Kriegel, Cameron Kriegel, Jessica Corrick, and Lucas (Molly) Corrick, and 7 great grandchildren.

Sam has been cremated and a memorial service with military honors to honor his life will take place 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, with Pastor Harold Engle officiating. Family will receive friends one hour before service time in the chapel.

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

Claude Eugene Conley

Dec 30, 1951 – Feb 3, 2023

Claude Eugene Conley, 71, of Kirksville passed away Friday (February 3rd, 2023) at Samaritan Hospital in Macon, MO.



The son of Carl and Ruth (Lawson) Conley, Claude was born December 30th, 1951 in Kirksville. Claude was united in marriage to Patricia Johnson in Greentop, MO.

Claude is survived by his children, David Clay and wife Yvonne, Penny Callahan and Sheila Blaise and husband Brian; Grandchildren, Felecia, Latecia, Karenza, Keiley, Persephanie, Jerome, Michael and Adam; and 4 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Wife, Patricia; Brothers, Ronny Conley, Johnny Conley, Jim Conley and Roger Conley; and Sister, Karen Conley.

Claude grew up in the Novinger area. He enjoyed to hunt and fish, camping, traveling and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed making birdhouses for his wife, Patricia. Claude loved spending time with his family, especially their family game nights.

A visitation will be Monday (February 6th, 2023) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday (February 7th, 2023) at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Gibson officiating. Burial will follow at Novinger Cemetery in Novinger, MO.

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

Betty Lee Baughman

Jul 10, 1945 – Feb 3, 2023

Lee Baughman, age 77, of Glenwood, Missouri passed away on Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.



Lee was born on July 10, 1945 in Sedalia, Missouri, the daughter of Dale Henry Sr. and Virginia R. Ream. Lee attended the McKinley and Gray elementary schools in Putnam County and graduated from the Unionville High School with the class of 1963.

Lee was united in marriage to Charles Richard "Rick" Baughman on May 8, 1964 in Unionville, Missouri. The couple lived for a short time in Unionville before moving to LaPlata and later to Glenwood. Lee graduated from the Ottumwa Beauty Academy and opened Lee's Beauty Salon out of her home, which she operated for many years. Lee's family was her top priority and she loved supporting her children and grandchildren from family vacations to attending their activities. Lee enjoyed feeding the cows and mowing the yard on her John Deere mower. She was very active in the Lancaster Methodist Church where she served as a Church Trustee and Sunday School Teacher.

Lee is survived by her husband of 58 years, Rick Baughman of Glenwood, Missouri, her children; Christopher and his wife Amber Baughman of Moberly, Missouri and Kim Titus and her husband Dallas Todd of Kirksville, Missouri, her grandchildren; Daniel (Bridget) Titus, Drake (Megan) Titus, Danna (Nick) Crossgrove, Sydney Baughman, Shelby Baughman and Carter Baughman and her great-grandchildren; Rhys, Rylee and Theodore. She is also survived by her brothers Hank Ream and Joe (Tammy) Ream of Unionville, Missouri and her sister-in-law Donna Oakley of Unionville, Missouri along with several nieces and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law Kay and Jerry Bob Schultz, her sister-in-law Maritza Ream and brother-in-law Donald Oakley.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory can be given to the Lancaster Methodist Church and can be mailed to the church or funeral home.

Casady-Luscan Funeral Solutions of Green Castle, Missouri is honored to care for and minister to the Baughman family at this time.

Gary Ray Henness

Sept 29, 1941 – Feb 1, 2023

Gary Ray Henness, 81, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at his home.

Gary was born September 29, 1941 in Pollick, Missouri the son of Roy and Marette (Yardley) Henness who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his wife Karen; two sisters, Mary Ruth and Beverly Ann who died in infancy; two brothers, Kenneth Lee, who died in infancy, and Jimmy Dale "Buddy" Henness.

Gary is survived by one son, Tony Henness and wife Laura of LaPlata, MO, two step daughters; Melanie Ragan (Chris) of Kansas City, MO, and Cybil Wriedt of Kirksville, MO; one sister, Colleen Riley of Jefferson City, MO; one brother, Randy Henness of Kirksville, MO; his grandchildren, Sean Casey of Wentzville, MO, Taylor Henness of Kirksville, MO, Camen Sauerbrei, Kira Sauerbrei, Guinevere Ragan, Avery Ragan, and Zach Ragan all of Kansas City, MO; as well as several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Gary was a graduate of Milan High School and went to work for South Western Bell Telephone until his retirement. He also worked several years as a Deputy for the Adair County Sheriffs Department.

Gary was a member of the Boynton Baptist Church and enjoyed wood working, fishing, and sitting outside watching the wildlife.

Gary's wish was to be cremated with services held at a later date.

Memorial donations in memory of Gary may be made to the Elmwood Cemetery and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: JAN. 30-31, 20223

INCIDENT REPORT

Jan. 30, 2023

7:20 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 303 S. High Street
 8:40 a.m., Civil Dispute, 1804 N. Osteopathy Street
 8:59 a.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1401 N. Osteopathy Street
 10:07 a.m., Warrant-Parking, 119 E. McPherson Street, Arrestee: Cora Stimpson, 20
 10:16 a.m., Domestic Disturbance, 806 N. Walnut Street
 1:16 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing, 2121 S.

Marion Street
 1:14 p.m., Trespass/Refuse to Leave, 215 N. Elson Street
 5:50 p.m., Traffic Stop, State Hwy. 6, Gary McCray, 72
 6:14 p.m., Traffic Stop, State Hwy. 6, Guillermo Vera Carasco, 28
 6:05 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing/Theft of Any Controlled Substance (F), 502 E. Filmore Street
 6:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, Cottage Grove Avenue, Juvenile, 16
 6:57 p.m., Traffic Stop, Smith Street, Bradley Conner, 27
 7:11 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street,

Yasmin Wright, 29
 7:34 p.m., Civil Dispute, 1608 S. Porter Street
 9:38 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Wabash Street, Trevor Benda, 20
 10:23 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street, Kara Pruet, 22
 10:21 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Mikel Combs, 51
 10:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1116 Country Club Drive, Aaron Young, 46
Jan. 31, 2023
 1:53 a.m., Trespass, Found Property, 1705 N. New Street
 11:19 p.m., Domestic Dis-

turbance/Physical, 1007 E. Pierce Street
 11:08 p.m., Traffic Stop, 202 E. Illinois Street, Willie Coleman, 36
 10:35 p.m., Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1112 S. Porter Street
 8:13 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, Assault/Domestic, 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (1)(5)(M A), 301 W. Washington Street
 7:34 p.m., Assault/Domestic 3rd Degree (F E), Assault/Domestic-2nd Degree (F)
 7:07 p.m., Assisting Other Agency, 709 N. Green Street
 6:12 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing, 502 E. Har-

ison Street
 5:14 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 2202 E. Normal Avenue
 5:07 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, 301 W. Washington Street
 3:31 p.m., Warrant, 2318 York /Street
 3:11 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Property Damage (M) 2nd Degree
 2:20 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), 2206 N. Baltimore Street
 1:42 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Elson Street, Jeremiah Schier, 19
 1:39 p.m., Warrant-Adair

County, 515 S. Fourth Street, Clarissa McFarland, 33
 1:27 p.m., Assist Other Agency, 119 E. McPherson Street
 1:11 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Pierce Street, Olivia Radake, 20
 12:25 p.m., Parking Complaint, Failed to Park Right Side Parallel to Curb, 119 E. McPherson Street
 10:48 a.m., Animal/Trap, 101 W. Northtown Road
 10:07 a.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), 1404 N. Baltimore Street
 8:35 a.m., Trespass/Refuse to Leave, Domestic Disturbance, 1804 N. Osteopathy Street

OFFICERS

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"My expectation for corporals is that they are the shining examples that all officers aspire to become," said Kirksville Chief of Police Scott Williamson. "They are the first on the scene and most pro-active on every shift. They are expected to be the calm in any storm and do so in a matter that makes the department and entire city proud."

Eddy graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree

in history in 2017. He was the top of his class at the police academy during the fall of 2017. He started with KPD in December of 2017. Eddy is a field training instructor, Taser instructor, ASP Baton Instructor and a member of the SWAT team.

Novinger holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and previously served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He graduated from the police academy and joined KPD in December of 2018. He is a field training officer and member of the SWAT team. Novinger re-

ceived 12 commendations in the last two years and was recommended for the Meritorious Service Ribbon for lifesaving.

Puryear has been with KPD since 2001. He started his law enforcement career in the U.S. Coast Guard, after which he attended police academy in 1999 and graduated at the top of his class with the highest academic grades ever at the time. He served for two years with the Marceline Police Department before moving to Kirksville. During his time with the department, Puryear has been a train-

ing coordinator, field training officer, Taser instructor and Internet Crimes Against Children investigator. He was a SWAT team member for 12 years, and will become a firearms instructor in March. Puryear has received two lifesaving awards, including one where he performed CPR solo for 11 minutes until assistance arrived.

Roberts began his law enforcement career in 2010 at the Adair County Sheriff's Department. He joined KPD in 2012. He is a marine officer, law enforcement liaison to several Neighborhood Watch Groups, a

SWAT team member and previously served on the KPD Goals Committee. Roberts received a commendation for exemplary

service related to a 2013 homicide investigation and for his lifesaving role in rescuing a child from Spur Pond in 2018.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Land cleared to expand Jaycee Park

Public Works Department staff continue to work on the property at 1103 N. Osteopathy St. for the expansion of Jaycee Park. One structure has been taken down and staff began demolishing another on Monday, Feb. 6. The city acquired the land in March of 2022 to expand Jaycee Park. The property, which is roughly two acres, will increase the overall amount of green space at the park. Additional work will need to be done to fully integrate the property with Jaycee Park. The park's expansion was included in the development of last year's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Current plans for that area include planting additional trees and creating a trail connection.

Installation of new traffic lights, crosswalk controls along North Baltimore through Feb. 10

On Feb. 2, Meyer Electric will begin installing new traffic lights and crosswalk controls along North Baltimore Street at the intersections of Northtown Road, Potter Avenue and Rosewood Drive. This might result in traffic delays during working hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those areas. The work is estimated to be completed by Feb. 10. Please use caution at these locations during these dates and times. For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 660-627-1272.

Recreation Department hosts 'Paint the Ville'

The city of Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville on Feb. 28, March 30, and April 25, all from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Register first through eighth grade artists for one or all of the monthly Kid's Club events. Artists will create a masterpiece

under the direction of Paint the Ville instructor Rachel Messer. All participants must pre-register and class size is very limited. To register, visit the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Office at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at <https://parks.kirksvillecity.com/>. Each class is \$20 and all supplies are included. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Catch-and-keep trout season begins at Spur Pond

Catch-and-keep trout season at Spur Pond in Kirksville until Oct. 31. Anglers can keep trout and remove the artificial bait only restriction. The Kirksville Police Department would like to remind citizens that even though there are ice-covered portions of Spur Pond, it may not be safe to venture out on the ice. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, only ice that is four inches thick or more is safe to walk and fish on. For more information on ice safety and fishing regulations, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation webpage at <https://mdc.mo.gov/>.

Truman State University affiliated organization offers free help with tax preparation

Beta Alpha Psi will host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 11, Feb. 25 and March 25 in Violette Hall 1424. Clients who come to VITA should bring: social security cards for spouses and dependents; bank routing numbers and bank account numbers for direct deposit; wage and earnings statements such as W-2, 1098T and 1099; and a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available. VITA services will be completed by IRS-certified volunteers and will also offer free electronic filing to receive a faster return. Appointments

are required. Call 660.785.6064 to schedule. For more information, visit bap.truman.edu/vita.

Free testing for Covid-19, RSV and Influenza

A drive-through clinic will be sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services in the parking lot at the corner of S. First and W. Randolph streets from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Feb. 10, 17 and 24.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibits

Through March 3 exhibitions Exercises in Letting Go – Nirmal Raja Exercises 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 Gallery Home/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

The University Art Gallery is in the renovated gymnasium in Ophelia Parrish Hall located on Truman State University's campus near the intersection of East Normal Street and South Mulanix Street. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday Noon – 4:30 p.m. The University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks.

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 feed 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 sharefoodbringhope.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.

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 KirksvilleYYP@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.

Kirksville Arts Association Art Exhibit: 'Regional Artists'

Kirksville Arts Association Art Exhibit 'Regional Artists' exhibit will be held through Feb. 24. The event is sponsored by Lovegreen. The art center is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge to visit the exhibit and children are welcome. For more information, go to kirksvillearts.org or call 660-665-0500.

2023 Indoor Triathlon Challenge continues

Join Kirksville Parks and Recreation and the Adair County Family YMCA for the 2023 Indoor Triathlon Challenge. The event will run 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, 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.

VOTING

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The Missouri House passed legislation this week aimed at making it harder to amend the state constitution through the initiative petition process. The Republican-backed bill would increase the threshold needed for voter approval of a proposed constitutional amendment from a simple majority to 60 percent. But the change needs voter approval, and the first bullet point in the summary crafted by Republican lawmakers that would be placed on the statewide ballot doesn't mention initiative petitions at all. Instead, it asks Missourians whether the constitution should be amended to "allow only citizens of the United States to qualify as legal voters." That one line dominated House debate this week.

"We know it's put in there to be deceptive to voters," said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield.

Republicans deny they are attempting to trick anyone. But they don't offer much in the way of

explanation for the ideas' prominent placement.

"I couldn't tell you," said House Speaker Dean Plocher, R-Des Peres, when asked Thursday why the citizen-voting question was placed at the top of the ballot summary. "I mean, it's something we believe in strongly," he said.

Democrats call the proposal a cynical ploy to exploit anti-immigrant sentiment in order to trick voters into accepting an otherwise unpopular idea. Adding to their angst is the fact that election experts say the state constitution is already clear that only citizens are allowed to vote in Missouri.

"Article VIII, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution limits the right to vote to U.S. citizens," said Travis Crum, professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis.

The right to vote for immigrants in Missouri who had declared their intent to become citizens was removed from the state constitution in 1924. Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft's office has previously clarified that current state law also says "you have to be a citizen to

register to vote."

"There is zero evidence of wide-scale non-citizen voting in Missouri," Crum said. "The specter of non-citizens voting has been a boogeyman for years around the country, and no one who's pushing this theory has come up with any proof that it's a systemic problem."

Frank Bowman, an emeritus professor at the University of Missouri School of Law, said the Republican legislation "does nothing more than repeat the suffrage requirements of the existing Missouri constitution." Anyone who is not a citizen of the United States, Bowman said, "cannot vote. Period."

Rep. David Tyson Smith, D-Columbia, said he has asked Republicans — in committee, as well as during floor debate — why the citizenship question needed to be the first bullet point in the summary.

"They won't answer the question," Smith said. "Everyone in this building knows what's going on. They know that they're just trying to get this through, and this is the way to do it. And it's wrong and it's misleading."

Republicans say the change is a needed constitutional clarification, from "all citizens" are

allowed to vote to "only citizens." During debate, some GOP legislators pointed to examples like San Francisco, where in 2016 voters passed an ordinance allowing non-citizen parents of children in schools to vote only in school board elections. A local judge overturned that ordinance last year, saying it violated California's constitution. That ruling is currently before an appeals court.

Republican Rep. Mike Henderson of Bonne Terre, who sponsored the proposed changes to Missouri's initiative petition process, said that even without his legislation, non-citizens are already unable to vote in Missouri. But he insisted the provision should be included, and he opposed Democratic efforts to move the citizen-only language lower in the ballot summary. He said the language has been vetted by attorneys in order to ensure it could withstand a legal challenge. And he reminded Democrats this year's version is the same as has been passed by the House in previous years.

"We've worked hard on this ballot language," he said, "and I'd like to keep it right where it is."

The summary appearing on the ballot is capped at 50 words, Plocher said,

and he doesn't think Missouri voters will stop reading after the first bullet point.

"It's only 50 words," Plocher said. "It's not hard to read 50 words. I think citizens will read all 50 words. I mean, what do you go to the ballot box for, to just read the first two words? Because if that's the case, the first person on the ballot would win every time."

The change is crucial, Plocher said, to "better articulate who should be able to vote in the initiative petition process. It is essentially part and parcel to everything we're trying to accomplish."

And ballot candy doesn't always work. Missouri voters soundly rejected a gas tax hike in 2018 despite it being sold as a way to increase funding for law enforcement.

The push to make it harder to amend the state constitution has been a GOP priority for years. Over the last decade, the initiative petition process has been used to make an end run around the legislature to successfully amend Missouri's constitution to raise the minimum wage, expand Medicaid eligibility and legalize marijuana. Plocher said the current version of the Missouri Constitution has changed more

than 60 times since it was written in 1945. In comparison, he said, the U.S. Constitution has been amended only 17 times since 1791.

"Our constitution is meant to be a sacred document," he said, "but is now one that has grown dramatically in size because of out-of-state interests that have spent millions of dollars here in Missouri to change our way of life."

Henderson said he trusts Missourians to make the final decision on his bill.

"We're going to ask the people to vote," Henderson said. "The people of Missouri will decide if we are right or wrong. We are not overstepping the people. We are going to the people and asking them to say what is your opinion of this? Should it be changed to 60 percent?"

Republicans are trying to trick Missouri voters with the citizenship language, Quade said, but it won't work. She noted voters rejected similar proposals in Arkansas and South Dakota by overwhelming margins.

"We know all across the country," she said, "where they have tried to go after the ballot initiative process, voters are with us in saying that they want to continue to have a voice in democracy."

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Courtesy of A.T. Still University

A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) student Zachary Taylor, OMS II, apparently likes to stay busy.

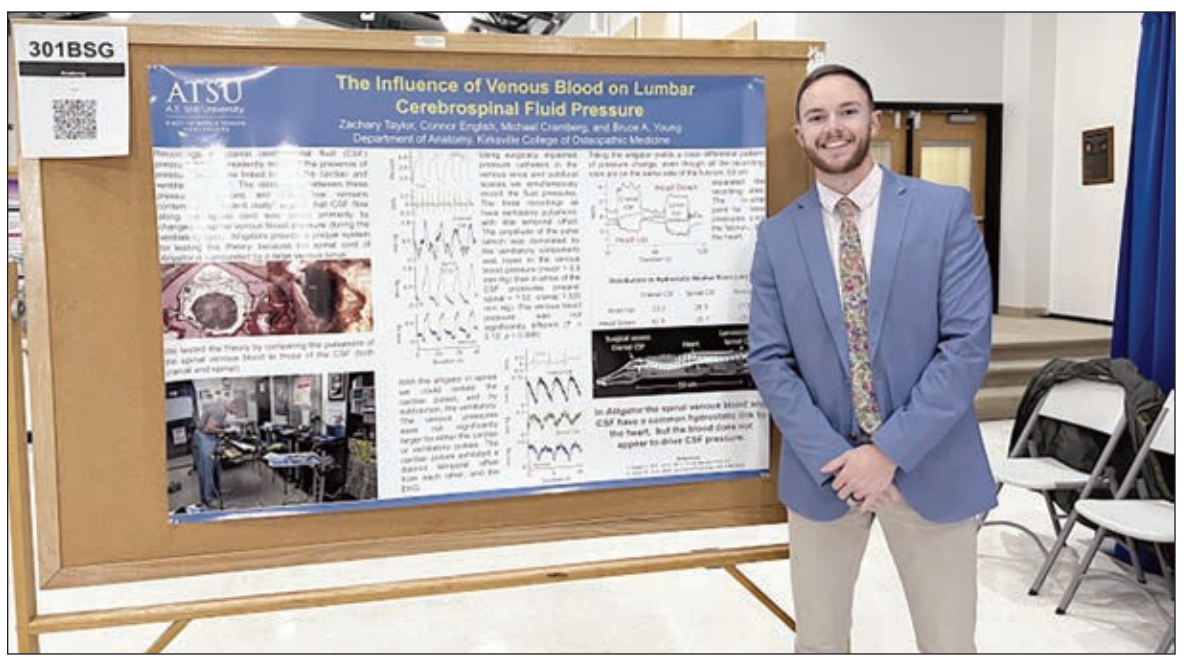
Taylor's list of activities and student organization involvement is, in a word, impressive. He is president of the Sigma Sigma Phi honors fraternity, Student Osteopathic Medical Association, and Neurosurgery Club, the latter also being his creation during his first year on the Kirksville, Missouri, campus.

He is director of service with the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Club, and part of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry's (AADMD) global health committee, which is dedicated to supporting Ukraine and IDD health disparities. Taylor is also an author of Helen Magazine, in which he writes

about health disparities in the IDD community, and has more than 100 "touch" hours while serving as coach of Kirksville Special Olympics in basketball, bowling, softball, javelin toss, sprinting, and more.

He is the moderator of a nine-episode webinar covering epilepsy in the disabled community, and does neurosurgery on alligators with Bruce Young, PhD, professor, to measure cerebral spinal fluid pressure. Taylor is part of a student neurosurgery curriculum, known as NERVE, which is hosted by Cornell University, in which he helps other students interested in neurosurgery write publications and is able to promote his own work. In fact, Taylor is guaranteed a publication in the 2023 Brain and Spine Report, a prestigious research platform.

Taylor will present at the National Neurosurgery Research convention. This is in addition



ATSU-KCOM student Zachary Taylor, OMS II, poses with his research poster.

to two other completed national presentations on IDD community-related topics, three other poster presentations at various universities in the future, and an AADMD Global Health presentation in April.

Taylor is a mental health ambassador and helped recreate a mentorship program for undergraduate students attempting to apply to medical school, and has represented ATSU-KCOM at three national conferences, including the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates.

Previously, Taylor served as ATSU-KCOM Student Government Association vice

president, and was an active advocate for the school budget, school social, and auction committees. During his term, Taylor was a lead coordinator for the school prom and annual auction, raising more than \$8,000 for the student body.

And if that wasn't enough, Taylor carves out time to serve as a student ambassador and act as the organization's social coordinator.

"I chose to become a student ambassador because I enjoy being a spokesperson for a school I am proud to attend," Taylor said. "I get the chance to see excitement in the potential students when I explain

how amazing our facilities and curriculum are."

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and raised in Springfield, Missouri, Taylor has a bachelor's in cellular and molecular biology with a minor in chemistry from Missouri State University.

Taylor's main areas of interest for his career are neurosurgery or trauma surgery.

"ATSU has an amazing curriculum, particularly in surgery, that has prepared me to shine on rotations," he said. "ATSU also has several rotation sites that have competitive specialties we can learn more about."

A.T. Still University student finds opportunities to grow skills on Kirksville campus

Courtesy of A. T. Still University

A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) student Rachel Johnston, D2, remembers how she felt during her interview day. Those nerves, and the student ambassadors who helped her get over them, are a big part of why she decided to become a student ambassador herself.

"As an interview day coordinator, one of my favorite aspects is meeting the applicants during

interview day lunch and tours," Johnston said. "Just chatting with them and hearing their stories is so special. It also allows me a chance to calm their nerves, which really helped me during my interview process."

Johnston is from Jonesboro, Arkansas, and has a bachelor's in biology from Arkansas State University. In addition to serving as a student ambassador, she is the social chair for ATSU-MOSDOH's American Student Dental Association

chapter, and in her free time enjoys cooking and baking, crafting, and watching rom-coms or Disney movies. Ultimately, Johnston would like to work as a general practitioner, seeing various patients and cases on a daily basis.

"ATSU is already helping me achieve this goal by providing so many opportunities to see patients (real and simulated) and practice treatment planning and procedures while still being guided by faculty," Johnston said.



Rachel Johnston

200,000 Missourians estimated to lose Medicaid as eligibility renewals resume

By Clara Bates
Missouri Independent

The director of Missouri's Medicaid program said he expects "about 200,000" Medicaid enrollees to lose coverage over the course of a year as a result of the state resuming annual eligibility renewals after a three-year pause. The state's Department of Social Services has not previously provided a public estimate of those projected to lose coverage. DSS said Wednesday it expects Medicaid enrollment numbers to "level off" approaching this July, and then "slowly ramp down" by around 200,000 people over the course of the next fiscal year, which lasts from July 2023 to July 2024.

Since the federal public health emergency was declared in March 2020, states have been barred from removing enrollees from Medicaid, in exchange for enhanced federal funds. That pause on conducting eligibility redeterminations will end April 1. States will resume conducting eligibility checks and can again remove participants from their rolls who are deemed ineligible. Some Missourians

could lose coverage because they are no longer eligible. For example, if they now make too much money to qualify, they could be disenrolled.

Others who continue to be eligible could lose coverage because of procedural errors, such as failing to return proper paperwork. States are working under federal guidelines to limit those types of procedural disenrollments.

When the public health emergency began, in March 2020, there were just over 900,000 Missourians enrolled in Medicaid. Now, there are over 1.4 million enrolled — a result of the federal continuous coverage rules during the pandemic, as well as Missouri's expansion of Medicaid to low-income adults in late 2021.

"I don't think there's any doubt that Missouri, like every other state in the country, expects to see enrollment come down once a full set of the redeterminations are done," Todd Richardson, the director of Missouri's Medicaid program, MO HealthNet, said at a Wednesday hearing of a Missouri House subcommittee on appropriations.

Richardson told Republican lawmakers — who

raised concerns about the increasing state Medicaid budget — that those enrollment declines will reduce overall state Medicaid spending.

"As we come out of the [public health emergency], we expect to see that enrollment decline, we expect to see our budget return to more of a definable

range, that's not so much driven by that single component," Richardson said.

The proposed Medicaid budget for next fiscal year is \$15 billion, the

majority of which — \$9 billion — would be from federal funds. A proposed \$2 billion would be from state general revenue.

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Ask the Audiologist with Dr. Michelle Woodward



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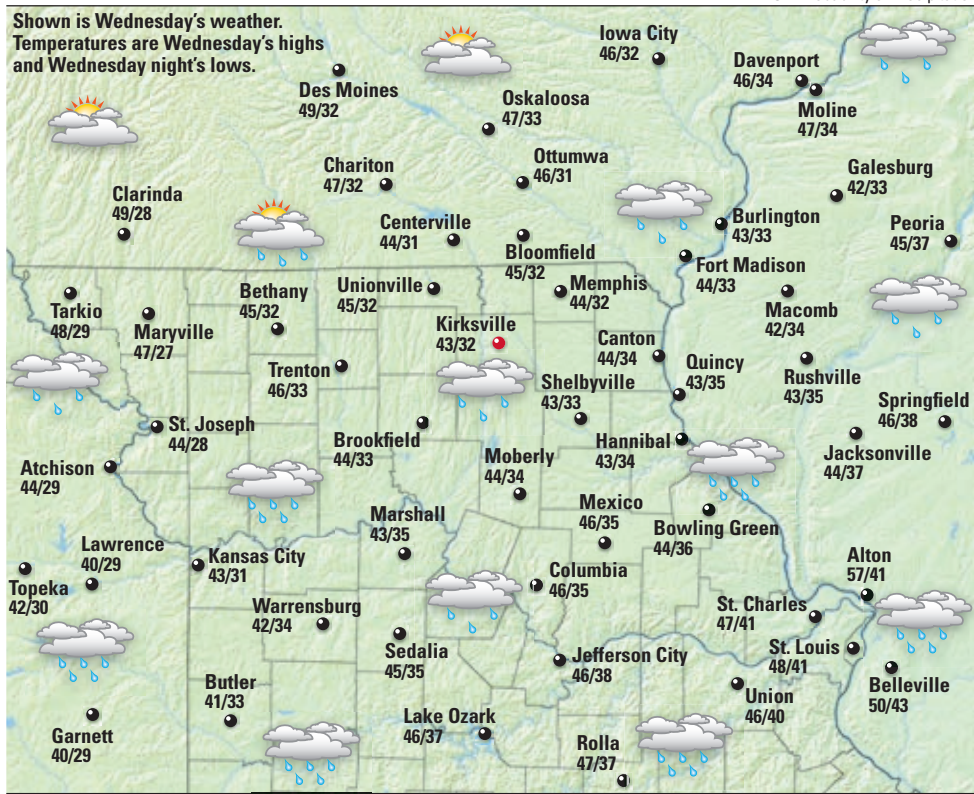
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Mostly cloudy, a little rain in the p.m.	Rain mixing with snow; breezy late	A bit of snow and rain in the morning	Cloudy; a bit of snow, breezy and colder	Mostly sunny and not as cold	High clouds and milder; breezy in the p.m.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Cloudy with showers
HIGH: 43	LOW: 32	47 24	32 17	41 29	54 35	49 33	54 42
POP: 70%	POP: 100%	POP: 60%	POP: 85%	POP: 0%	POP: 5%	POP: 20%	POP: 75%



Conditions Wednesday

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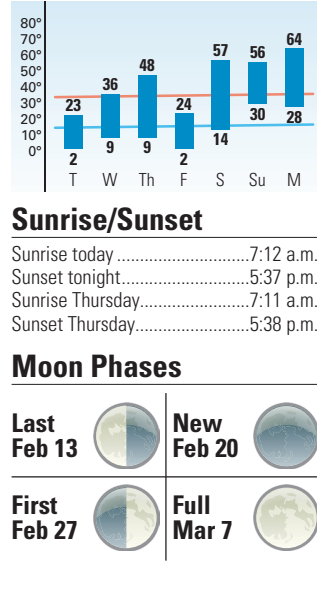
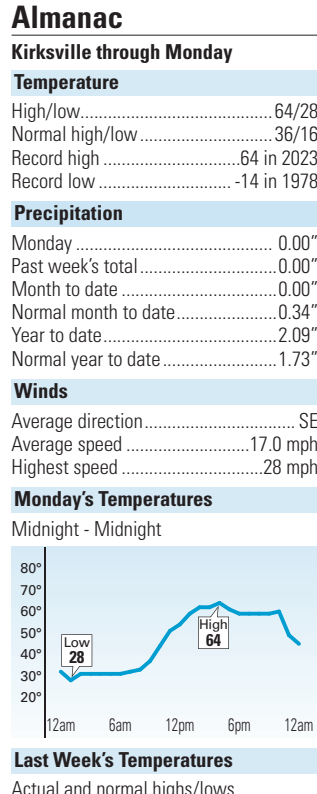
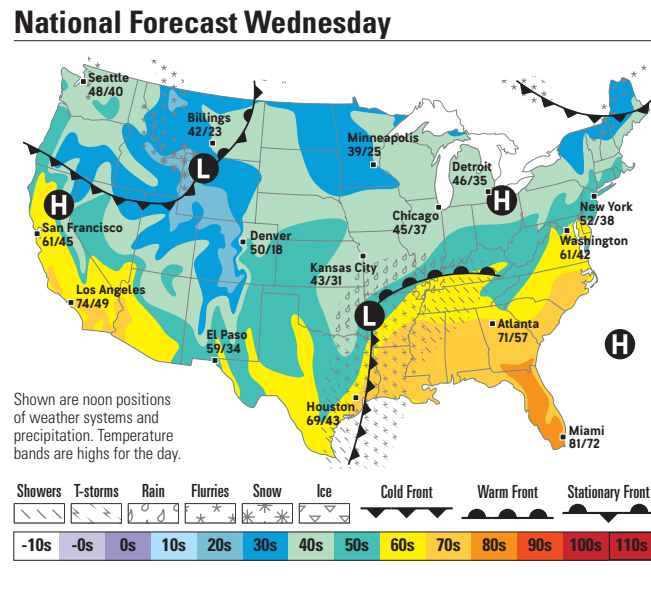
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The Region

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Branson	51/36/r	58/31/pc
Burlington, IA	43/33/r	42/28/c
Cape Girardeau	59/47/r	57/39/s
Carbondale	57/45/r	56/38/s
Cedar Rapids	45/30/c	39/20/sn
Champaign	47/41/r	49/30/sh
Chicago	45/32/c	41/33/r
Columbia	46/35/r	53/30/sn
Danville	48/43/r	54/32/c
Davenport	46/34/c	40/25/r
Decatur	46/41/r	48/32/c
Des Moines	49/32/c	41/17/sn
Evansville	56/49/r	56/36/c
Galesburg	42/33/r	41/30/c
Green Bay	43/28/pc	37/29/sn
Indianapolis	50/46/r	56/35/r
Iowa City	46/32/c	40/24/sn
Jefferson City	46/38/r	56/34/s
Joliet	44/37/c	46/32/r
Kansas City	43/31/r	48/26/pc
Lafayette, IN	50/43/c	54/33/r
Lincoln	46/40/r	46/32/r
Madison	45/34/r	51/29/c
Milwaukee	45/35/pc	39/31/sn
Omaha	50/29/c	40/17/sn
Ottumwa	46/31/c	45/22/c
Peoria	45/37/r	43/31/r
Rockford	44/34/c	38/31/r
St. Louis	48/41/r	53/34/c
Springfield, IL	46/38/r	43/30/r
Springfield, MO	48/34/r	52/29/pc
Topeka	42/30/r	49/26/pc
Wichita	46/31/r	47/24/pc

The Nation

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	44/28/pc	41/36/r
Albuquerque	50/27/s	46/20/s
Anchorage	24/15/sn	21/7/pc
Atlanta	71/57/pc	65/51/t
Baltimore	60/37/pc	58/48/sh
Billings	42/23/c	41/25/pc
Birmingham	71/56/sh	66/47/t
Boise	45/23/pc	46/25/pc
Boston	50/34/pc	45/40/r
Buffalo	41/32/pc	54/37/r
Charleston, SC	74/53/pc	75/62/c
Charleston, WV	56/51/c	67/40/r
Charlotte	68/50/c	66/55/t
Cleveland	46/38/c	59/38/r
Columbia	68/51/c	71/59/t
Columbus	52/45/c	60/37/r
Dallas	51/36/r	62/36/s
Denver	50/18/pc	35/15/pc
Detroit	46/35/c	57/37/r
Fargo	37/25/pc	29/6/sn
Grand Rapids	46/34/c	45/34/r
Hartford	51/28/pc	44/40/r
Honolulu	83/73/pc	82/71/pc
Houston	69/43/r	73/45/s
Jackson, MS	76/50/t	70/43/s
Jacksonville	78/55/pc	83/63/c
Las Vegas	64/43/s	61/38/s
Little Rock	63/42/r	64/41/s
Los Angeles	74/49/s	79/49/s
Louisville	57/55/sh	61/39/r
Memphis	66/47/r	63/43/s
Miami	81/72/pc	81/72/pc
Minneapolis	39/25/s	35/16/c
Nashville	65/56/sh	66/40/s
New Orleans	79/59/t	67/54/s
New York City	53/37/s	49/47/r
Norfolk	62/45/pc	70/60/c
Oklahoma City	46/31/r	52/28/pc
Orlando	82/58/pc	85/65/pc
Philadelphia	53/39/pc	56/52/sh
Phoenix	69/43/s	73/45/s
Pittsburgh	47/38/c	60/39/r
Portland, ME	46/24/s	39/36/r
Portland, OR	51/37/c	56/43/c
Rapid City	46/28/c	33/13/sf
Sacramento	63/37/s	62/40/s
Salt Lake City	41/21/sn	37/23/s
San Diego	70/45/s	74/48/s
San Francisco	61/45/s	61/47/c
Seattle	48/40/c	52/41/c
Shreveport	71/42/t	71/43/s
Tampa	83/64/s	83/68/pc
Tucson	66/36/s	70/45/s
Tulsa	44/34/r	55/31/s
Washington, DC	61/42/pc	62/51/sh

Revealing of newborn's name triggers emotional reaction

DEAR ABBY: I recently gave birth to our second child, a girl. Shortly afterward, my husband called his mother. She lives in a different state hours away and visits only once a year. When he told her the happy news and our little girl's name, which we had kept a secret, she became very upset. It seems the name we had chosen, unbeknownst to us, was that of her husband's mistress from years ago.

For days afterward, she would call my husband crying and pleading with him to change our baby's name, telling him he should never have kept it a secret. She told him she would never speak that name. A week later, we received a generous gift of baby clothes in



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

the mail from her. At this point, she hasn't checked in with me, the one who gave birth. She refuses to acknowledge our baby's name and will refer to her only as "little one."

I don't know how to thank her for her generous gift, as normally I would just call her. But it's clear she doesn't want to hear from me. Could you please advise how we move forward?

-- **WRONG NAME IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR WRONG NAME: It was unfortunate that the name you (and your husband, I presume) chose for your daughter was the same as the woman your father-in-law cheated with. If your mother-in-law's solution to the problem is to refer to her granddaughter as "little one," accept it. It seems very loving, actually. And when you write her a lovely thank-you note for her generous gift, sign it, "With love from (your name) and "Little One," which I think is a sweet nickname.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Clothing Optional

-- Brittney Marie Reynolds, 35, entered St. Mary's Cathedral in chilly Fargo, North Dakota, on Jan. 24 and was seen on security camera footage knocking over a potted plant, then approaching a large statue of Jesus on the wall, according to KMOV-TV. She ripped the statue from the wall and threw it to the floor, then headed back out -- all while topless and shoeless, in temps under 20 degrees. Rev. Riley Durkin called police, who caught up with Reynolds as she bolted across the street. Officers noted that she wasn't able to answer questions and appeared to be under the influence of a substance.

-- Meanwhile, in willful disobedience of every mother's "wear clean underwear" edict, Timothy O'Rourke of Danville, New Hampshire, crashed his car on Jan. 25 and ran from the scene, wearing nary a stitch of clothing. WHDH-TV reported that officers found O'Rourke "running behind Main Street homes wearing no clothes and coated in his own blood." He was charged with DWI and resisting arrest, and presumably given some jail garb to wear.

News You Can Use

KFC Thailand has partnered with perfume experts during the Lunar New Year to create what every finger-lickin' good fan wants: fried chicken incense. Oddity Central reported that the incense sticks look good enough to eat and smell even better. Alas, you can't buy them: The incense will be awarded through a raffle on KFC Thailand's Facebook page.

Special Delivery

During a basketball match between Duquesne University and Loyola Chicago in Pittsburgh on Jan. 25, officials briefly stopped play at the 16:10 mark of the second half, TribLive reported. At that moment, a man in a yellow hoodie walked onto the court and approached Loyola player Philip Alston, but apparently without malice: He had a McDonald's bag in his hands, and a video recording caught him yelling, "DoorDash?" Commentators, officials and players seemed stumped about who ordered the food, but someone finally claimed the delivery. A Duquesne official said he believed the event was staged, and sure enough, a closeup of the delivery guy reveals a microphone clipped to his T-shirt.

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Updating high school basketball records as season winds down

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

There are now less than three weeks remaining before the start of district tournaments for the local boys and girls high school basketball teams. Some big matchups remain on the schedules for all the teams with plenty of work left to do before the regular season wraps up. All records and statistics are as of Feb. 6.

Kirksville

The Kirksville boys team has won two of its last three games and five of its last seven to improve to 13-6 on the season. The Tigers lost their most recent game, falling 75-67 to Battle on Feb. 1. In their last three games, the Tigers are averaging 65.3 points per game, 3.5 points higher than their season average, and allowing 55 points per game.

The girls team has also won two of their last three games and are now 11-10 on the season. They have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 110-78 in the last two wins, including a 52-38 win over a St. Elizabeth team that was 15-4 entering the game on Feb. 4.

Atlanta

The Atlanta boys team has not lost a game since Jan. 17, winning six games in a row since then. Their most recent win was on Feb. 4 against Green City by a score of 63-62. It was only the third single-digit win for Atlanta this season and their closest game, win or loss. The Hornets are averaging 67.8 points per game and allowing 48 points per game during their winning streak.

The girls team is also on a hot streak, having won three of their last four games to move to 13-9 on the season. They are averaging 46.5 points per game in that span, which is below their season average. Their defense has been strong in that stretch to compensate for the slightly reduced scoring, allowing just 39 points per game in the last four.

Brashear

The Brashear boys team has hit a rough patch in the last couple weeks, losing three of their last four games to fall below .500. They are 9-11 on the season. Two of those losses were relatively close, and their 77-62 win over Scotland County on Jan. 27 set a new season high for points in a game.

The girls team has been on the upswing of late, winning three games in a row to climb to 9-13 on the season. They have allowed just 30.3 points per game in that stretch, well below their season average of 43.7 points per game allowed. Their scoring has also increased slightly during the streak, in which they are scoring 36.7 points per game compared to their season average of 35.4.

Green City

Their one-point loss to Atlanta in the La Plata Invitational snapped a six-game winning streak for the Green City boys team. They are 18-3 this season, with both losses coming against Atlanta. They also lost to the Hornets 77-70 on Dec. 13. In four of the six wins prior to their loss over the weekend, Green City scored 80 or more points. They are averaging 73.4 points per game this season.



Kirksville junior Jada Jackson drives for a layup against Hannibal on Jan. 13.

The girls team picked up a win on Feb. 6, beating Gallatin 53-30 to snap a three-game losing streak. They are now 6-15 on the season. The 53 points scored in that win were the third-highest in a game this season for the Gophers, and their most since a 61-40 win over Atlanta on Dec. 13.

Knox County

The Knox County boys team is 11-11 on the season, but has been much hotter lately. They have won six of their last eight games in a stretch that included a five-game winning streak. They averaged 58.5 points per game during that eight game stretch and allowed 51 points per game, both better than their overall season averages.

The girls team picked up a win in their last game against Paris on Feb. 3. It was their second win of the season, both of which have come in the last four games after going winless over 14 games to start the season. The 30 points allowed against Paris was the lowest of the season for the Eagles' defense.

La Plata

The La Plata boys team has had a hard time picking up wins after a 4-3 start to the season, going 1-12 since then. This includes an active eight-game losing streak. Some of those losses have been relatively close and only one of those eight games came against a team that currently has a losing record.

The girls team also has cooled off a bit after a strong start. They began 9-3 and have since gone 2-10. They have scored

above their season average in points per game twice in their last three contests, scoring 44 points in a win against Atlanta on Jan. 31 and 44 again in a loss against Canton on Feb. 4.

Macon

The Macon boys team suffered in its last game on Feb. 4, but had won four games in a row before that. The Tigers are 16-4 on the season. Their last several games have been closer, with an average margin of eight points per game in favor of Macon. That is just more than half their average margin for the season, which is 17 points in favor of the Tigers.

The girls team has won two games in a row and three of their last five to move to 7-12 on the season. They have allowed an average of 47.7 points per game this season, but in those two wins allowed 30 and 35 points respectively. Those are the second and third fewest point totals they allowed in a game this season.

Milan

The Milan boys team has won four of five games, a stretch capped off with blowout wins. The most recent of these was a 66-20 win over St. Joseph Christian on Feb. 3, their largest margin of victory this season. They are now 16-6 on the season.

The girls team was 8-8 before losing five games in a row to fall to 8-13. Four of those losses came against winning teams. The only loss against a losing team was to Gallatin, which is 10-11 this season.

Novinger

The Novinger boys team has won three of



Kirksville senior Drew Chrisman delivers a pass against Hannibal on Jan. 13. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Isaac Danielson leads a fast break against Hannibal on Jan. 13.

four and two in a row to improve to 9-13 this season. Their last two wins came by double digits, including a 70-51 win over Meadville on Feb. 3. The 70 points scored set a new season high, and the 19-point margin was the third-largest in a win for Novinger this season.

The girls team has lost three games in a row, falling to 11-10 on the season. All three losses came to teams with winning records, with the last loss coming against a Meadville team that is unbeaten in 23 games this season.

Putnam County

The Putnam County boys team hit a three-game losing streak that dropped them to 11-8 on the season. They have a close scoring margin on the season, averaging 62.3 points per game and allowing 59.1 points per game. That margin got smaller during the losing streak, during which Putnam County averaged 59.7 points per game and allowed 73.3 points per game.

The girls team also lost three games in a row, but theirs came on the heels of a six-game winning streak. They are now 10-12 on the season. Their offense hit a rough patch during the losing streak, where they averaged 32 points per game after averaging 55.7 during their winning streak.

Schuyler County

The Schuyler County boys team has gone 3-3 over their last six games and are now 14-6 on the season. In those three wins, they averaged 59.7 points per game on offense and allowed just 29.7 points per game. In their three losses, they averaged 42.7 points per game and allowed 51.

The girls team is riding a four-game winning streak for the second time this season. They have also had an eight-game winning streak this season. In the most recent winning streak, they averaged 54.8 points per game while allowing 28.3 points per game.

Scotland County

The Scotland County boys team is 3-11 this season, with their most recent win coming on Jan. 26 against Marceline. They took advantage of Marceline's 1-16 record at the time of the game to win 51-46. The Tigers lost to Brashear the following day, but tied their second-highest scoring total of the season with 62 points.

The girls team has gone 2-2 in their last four games. They are 8-12 on the season. The Tigers scored just 28 points in each of those two losses, but in the wins averaged 48.5 points per game. That is 8.3 points above their season average.



Kirksville sophomore Elli Porter makes a pass on the move against Hannibal on Jan. 13.

Truman women's basketball team controls McKendree for big win

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State women's basketball team got back in the win column after losing to Indianapolis on Feb. 2. They traveled to play McKendree on Feb. 4, took control early and pulled even further away late to beat the Bearcats 82-54.

The Bulldogs are now 12-3 in conference play this season, while McKendree dropped to 7-7 with the loss, their second against Truman this season.

The score was tied 8-8 halfway through the first quarter before Truman closed out the period on an 11-0 run. The Bulldogs shot 8-of-13 from the quarter while holding the Bearcats to just 4-of-14 from the field.

The teams exchanged baskets for



Truman guard Hannah Belanger drives for a layup against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

most of the second quarter. Truman's lead fluctuated a bit, starting at 11, getting as low as four and then growing back to 10 by halftime. Both teams made six shots from the field in the second quarter. Truman made one three pointer while McKendree did not, and McKendree had two free throws to Truman's zero.

Truman started the third quarter on a 7-0 run. Once they were up by 17, the lead did not get much lower. It dropped as low as 15 at one point but quickly got up to 22 by the end of the quarter. Truman outscored the Bearcats 25-13 in the quarter.

The fourth quarter unfolded in much the same manner as the third. The closest McK-

endree got was within 20 points. The Bulldogs scored 25 points for the second-straight quarter, and although they let up a little bit on defense and allowed 19 points, they still ended the game with a sizable 28-point lead.

Truman shot just over 50 percent from the field in the game, shooting 33-of-65 from the field in the game. They also went 10-of-25 from three in the game, and shot an even 50 percent at 9-of-18 if you exclude the second quarter, where they were 1-of-7 from three.

McKendree made just 20 shots from the field, 10 in both halves, and were 20-of-64 from the field for 31.3 percent. The Bearcats made just one three pointer on 10 attempts.

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Truman forward Dylan Peeters makes a move toward the basket against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

Buzzer beater sinks Truman men's team in overtime

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State men's basketball team dropped a heartbreaker to McKendree on Saturday, falling to the Bearcats 90-88 in overtime. Truman is now 5-10 in conference play this season while McKendree moved to 7-7.

The game was close for most of the first half before McKendree pulled ahead to go up 28-18 with 8:30 left before halftime. Truman went on a 14-2 run to take a 32-30 lead, and the two teams exchanged leads from then until halftime, where McKendree was up 41-39.

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Quick facts on ATSU's college football team – the Osteopaths – and famous coach Patrick O'Dea

By A.T. Still University

Yes, A.T. Still University (ATSU) once had a college football team, and, yes, legendary kicker and punter Patrick O'Dea – nicknamed the “Kangaroo Kicker” – coached the Osteopaths in 1903.

Rodger Sherman of The Ringer came across the tale of O'Dea and tweeted about his coaching career Wednesday, noting the odd order of jobs: two years at Notre Dame, one at the University of Missouri, and finally a season leading the Osteopaths.

If that wasn't strange enough, Sherman also explained how O'Dea later disappeared and was presumed dead by many as he escaped his football fame to live a quiet life as a lumberjack in the Pacific Northwest.

This left many on the internet searching for more details about O'Dea and records of ATSU's gridiron glory. Here's what we can tell you...

Six years after A.T. Still, DO, founded the American School of Osteopathy (ASO), a competitive college football team was organized. The team went by a few different

nicknames, including the “O” eleven, the Osteopaths, and, beginning in 1922, the Rams. The latter was a reference to the “Ram of Reason” mentioned in Dr. Still's autobiography, which was also the inspiration for our mascot, Bucky.

According to the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine's pamphlet on the team's history, team members referred to themselves as “The Osteopathic Beef Trust” because of their immense physical size compared to other students and opponents.

The 1901 team went 10-3 and claimed the title

of Missouri State Football Champions, with its slate including a 22-5 win over Mizzou and 48-0 victory over the University of Texas. The team also claimed the same title in 1904.

O'Dea was featured in the museum's 2003 “Now & Then” newsletter, in an article written by Michael Shutko. O'Dea was a native of Australia, and after coming to the U.S. attended the University of Wisconsin. He set several kicking records, including a 110-yard punt in a game against the University of Minnesota in 1897, and became a national

name in college football.

O'Dea was hired as ASO's football coach and athletic director in 1902 and coached the 1903 football season. The museum's records indicate a 3-3 record, while other sources list the team at 5-3. Of the losses, one came against Notre Dame, which O'Dea coached in 1900 and 1901, and one to his alma mater, Wisconsin.

The final mention of O'Dea at ASO came in the graduation program for the class of 1904.

O'Dea was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame

in April 1962. He died a day after his induction at age 90.

As for ATSU's college football history, a combination of funding and desire to concentrate solely on academics led to the team disbanding after the 1928 season. The team's record over three decades stands at 112-60-14.

Nowadays, ATSU isn't playing college football, but educating those who provide healthcare, athletic training, physical therapy, strength and conditioning, and more, for Olympic, college, and professional sports champions across the country.

WIN

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The teams were even in rebounding with 38 boards each, but Truman held a 21-6 advantage in assists. Truman also scored 29 points off turnovers while McKendree scored just 12, despite the two teams being separated by only two turnovers in the game.

Only three Truman players scored in double figures, and Hannah Belanger led the team with 18 points, a solid number despite being one of her lower totals this season. The Bull-

dogs were still able to put up 82 points without having an explosive individual scoring performance on account of their depth. Twelve players saw the court for the Bulldogs, and all 12 scored at least two points.

Hannah Pinkston and Maddie Niemeier joined Belanger in double figures. Pinkston scored 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting. The 12 points are tied for her second-most in a game this season and were the most points she scored since she put up 21 points against Upper Iowa on Nov. 19, the fourth game of the season. Niemeier

er tied her season high with 11 points, a mark she originally hit on Nov. 16 against Missouri Western.

McKendree was led by Madyson Harper with 13 points off the bench. Maclayne Taylor and Naomi McDaniel each had 10 points for the Bearcats while shooting a combined 10-of-16 from the field.

Truman will be back at home on Thursday to play Illinois-Springfield, kicking off the final homestand of the season. The Prairie Stars are 2-12 in conference play and in 12th place in the GLVC standings.



Truman head coach Theo Dean addresses the team during a timeout against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO



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Truman guard Elijah Hazekamp looks to drive around an Indianapolis defender in the game on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

BUZZER

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McKendree pulled ahead a bit once the second half got underway, growing its lead from two to seven points in the first three minutes of the half. Truman battled back again, taking its first lead of the second half at 57-56 with 12:39 to go in regulation. The Bulldogs held that lead for nearly five minutes of game time until McKendree went back up 68-67. The score was then tied at 71-71, 72-72, 75-75, 77-77 and 79-79, which was the score at the end of regulation.

The Bulldogs scored the first six points of overtime, and led 87-81 with 3:31 to go before McKendree closed out the game on a 9-1, the final two points coming on a buzzer beater from the Bearcats' Caleb Zurliene to give McKendree the win.

The two teams were very close in most sta-

tistical categories in the game. Truman shot 27-of-65 from the field in the game while McKendree shot 29-of-63. Truman was 9-of-26 from three while McKendree was 9-of-30. Truman held a slight advantage in free throw shooting, going 25-of-29 from the line while the Bearcats were 23-of-30.

McKendree held very slight leads in both rebounds and assists. Truman had one less turnover than McKendree did. The teams were even in points in the paint, each scoring 34.

Truman did hold a big advantage in bench scoring, thanks in large part to forward Dylan Peeters. He continued to thrive coming off the bench this season, especially of late. He scored a season-high 24 points and came just short of a season high with 12 rebounds. He has scored in double figures off the bench in five-straight games and is averaging

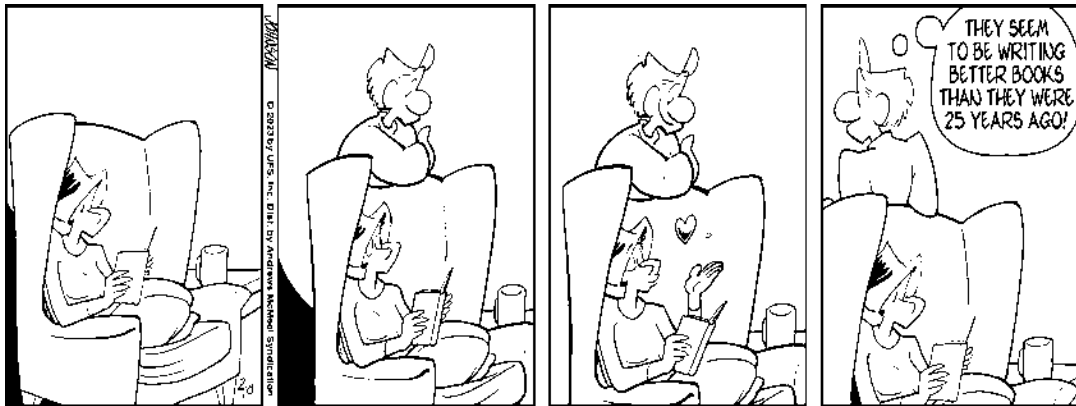
14.4 points and nine rebounds per game in that stretch.

Three Truman starters also scored in double figures. Elijah Hazekamp scored 20 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. Xavier Hall added a season-high 19 points while Hunter Strait had 11 points while tying Hazekamp for the team lead with four assists.

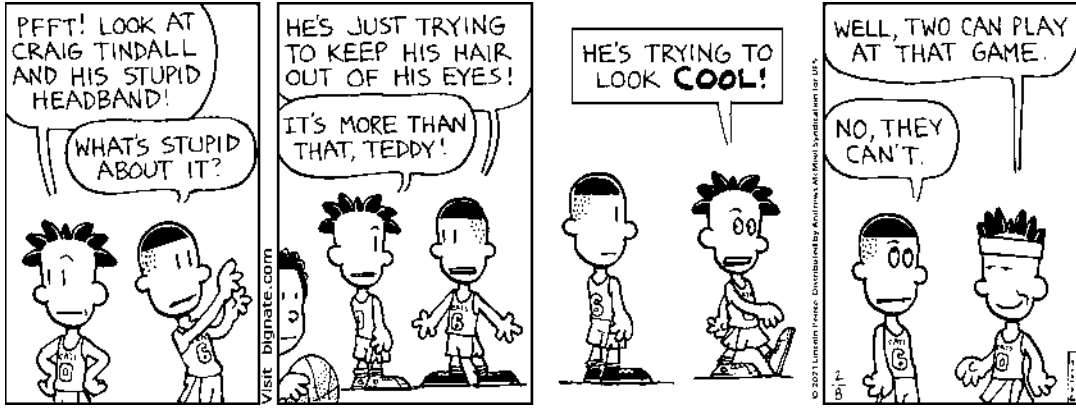
McKendree was led by Zurliene, who scored 33 points including the game winner. He shot 12-of-15 from the field and led the team with 12 rebounds as well. Milos Vicentic and Bryson Bultman scored 17 and 15 points respectively for the Bearcats.

Truman will be at home Thursday for the first game of a two-game homestand, the last of the season for the Bulldogs. Their opponent will be Illinois-Springfield, which is currently in fifth place in the GLVC at 8-6.

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23 4-wheel drive feature
26 Quick lunch?
27 Pig's digs
28 Meets edge to edge
30 Sturdy tree
31 Lyric poem
32 Pancake topper
33 Marina rentals
35 "I knew it!"
37 Clean-air org.
38 New York's — Island
39 Boy
40 Intend

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42 Lay down
43 Bossie's chew
44 Clean a fish
46 Vane dir.
48 Victoria's domain
51 Reclined lazily
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58 Infield fly (hyph.)

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54 Ice cream serving

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't stop, regardless of what everyone around you is doing. A relationship will change, but don't dismay; in the end, it will be to your benefit. Don't hide your true feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Be realistic regarding expectations. Sign up for what you know you can handle, nothing more. Exhaustion or injury will slow you down if you don't get enough rest or take an unwise risk.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Gather information and carefully review every scenario before deciding to move forward. Taking on too much or not fully understanding what others expect of you will cause stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A stubborn attitude won't get you what you want. Be reasonable and offer positive suggestions, and you'll convince others to meet you halfway. Do your part. Don't lend or borrow money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do your homework before participating in a joint venture. Ask questions and be frank about what you are willing to contribute. Someone will take advantage of you if you let them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Follow your heart and do what comes naturally. Don't make excuses; be honest and direct. Love is in the air, and

a passionate gesture will not go unnoticed. A lifestyle change looks inviting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If not handled properly, money matters will lead to situations that affect your emotional well-being. Engage in a physical activity that will help ease stress and get you back on track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Evaluate your meaningful relationships. Reflect on how you can do things differently or change your course to make your life and surroundings less cluttered and more emotionally gratifying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Refresh your plans and put time and effort into getting things up and running. Getting things done will lead to bigger and brighter opportunities. Put your energy where it counts, and success will be yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you look, you will find something that sparks your imagination and sends you on a hunt for something new and exciting. Don't limit what you can do because of someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Getting along with others will be tricky. Leave nothing to chance, take notes and when in doubt, ask a question. Seek clarity from others and be transparent yourself. Be honest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Keep the momentum flowing. Spend less, do more and bring about change that will improve your domestic life and lower your overhead. A home improvement could help your bottom line.

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Case Number: 22AR-PR00144
Judge or Division:
KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM
In the Estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, Deceased.
Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, Decedent:
On February 1, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.
The name and address of the personal representative is:
RONALD W LEWELLEN, 23793 COYOTE ROAD, GREENTOP, MO 63546
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
TOM HENSLEY, 101 W. ILLINOIS, P.O. BOX 7535, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-665-4419
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: December 6, 2022
Date of first publication: February 8, 2023
PUBLICATION DATES: 2-8-2023, 2-15-2023, 2-22-2023, 3-1-2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION
In The Matter Of)
JAMES WEST, III, Deceased.) Estate Number: 21AR-PR00105
NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION
You are hereby notified that on March 1, 2023, or as may be continued by the court, the undersigned personal representatives will file in the Probate Division of Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, Missouri, Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions of the estate. Any objections or exceptions to such Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions.
January 25, 2023 Beverly A. Kennedy, Personal Representative
29125 Hall Rd.
Rocky Mount, MO 65072
(573) 392-4642
January 25, 2023 J. Timothy West, Personal Representative
28874 State Highway E
La Plata, MO 63549
(660) 342-8868
January 25, 2023 Herbert C. Willbrand, Attorney, MO Bar No. 17386
Herbert C. Willbrand Law Firm, LLC
601 E. Broadway, Ste. 203
P. O. Box 1304
Columbia, MO 65205-1304
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Dates of Publication: January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 2023.

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**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS**
Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project; Project No. JNW0026

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will hold four open house public information meetings regarding the proposed improvements to the structures included in the Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project throughout Carroll, Chariton, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, and Sullivan counties.

These meetings will identify the bridges currently planned for improvements, anticipated construction impacts at each bridge, anticipated traffic impacts at each bridge, and a broad overview of the current schedule through the end of the project construction contract (December 2026). All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. The "open house" format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

Identified as Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project, the proposed project would replace or rehabilitate up to 34 bridges throughout the above-mentioned counties. The majority of these bridges are on low-volume roads with less than 400 vehicles per day, though some carry a much higher traffic load. On average, these bridges have been in place for 71 years, with one bridge in Sullivan County reaching the 100-year mark in 2022.

The purpose of the proposed project is to connect and serve the communities and citizens of rural northern Missouri by bringing poor condition bridges up to current standards. The need for the project is based on the conditions of the existing bridges.

The proposed project is currently in the planning and information gathering stages. All 34 bridges currently planned for replacement or rehabilitation are being assessed for existing structural capacity and hydraulic performance. Potential impacts to right-of-way and environmental impacts at these locations are also being investigated based on anticipated construction footprints. The initial phase of construction is proposed to begin in 2024.

Bridge repair and construction work will be done either under traffic or under closure. MoDOT will not designate detour routes for any work done under closure. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to construction requirements.

The public is encouraged to attend one of these meetings, learn about the proposed project and temporary traffic impacts, and provide comments by April 11, 2023. Following the meetings, comments or requests should be submitted to: Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project, c/o MoDOT Northwest District, 3602 N. Belt Highway, Saint Joseph, MO 64506; NWCR@modot.mo.gov; voice telephone (888) 275-6636.

MoDOT will make every reasonable accommodation to provide accessible meeting facilities for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if MoDOT is notified by February 20, 2023 at the contact above. A Spanish interpreter will also be available at the meetings.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the MoDOT website at <https://www.modot.org/northwest-missouri-design-buildbridge-bundle>. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at MoDOT Northwest District Office, 3602 N. Belt Highway, Saint Joseph, MO.

To ensure the accessibility and convenience for all attendees, please choose one of the following meetings that best suits you. It is only necessary to attend one meeting to gather information and submit comments.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4-6 p.m. – Keytesville High School, 27247 MO-5, Keytesville, MO 65261.
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 4-6 p.m. – Chillicothe High School, 2801 Hornet Road, Chillicothe, MO 64601.
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 4-6 p.m. – Milan High School, 373 S Market St., Milan, MO 63556.
Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 4-6 p.m. – Putnam County Library, 115 S 16th Street, Unionville, MO 63565

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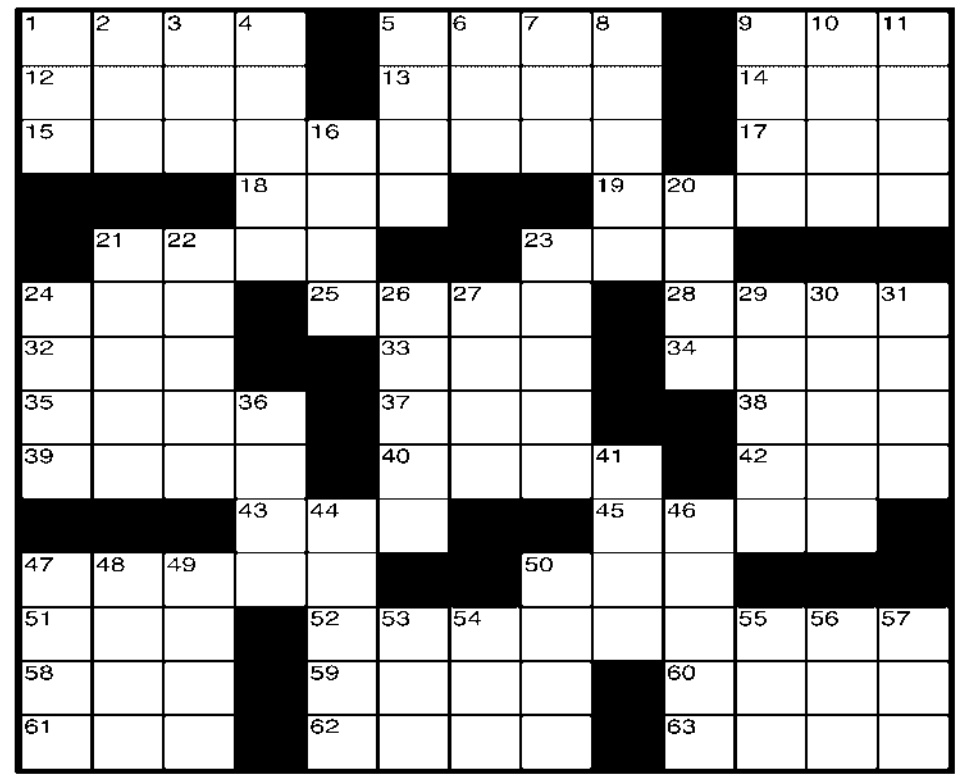
CROSSWORD PUZZLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Okra morsels
 - 5 Food wrapping material
 - 9 Standard
 - 12 Bangkok native
 - 13 "Betsy's Wedding" star
 - 14 Seine moorage
 - 15 Netherlands city
 - 17 Grass skirt accessory
 - 18 Summer drink
 - 19 Pompeo or Burstyn
 - 21 Stringed instrument
 - 23 Lingerie buy
 - 24 Famous chairman
 - 25 — Patrick Harris
 - 28 Ms. Dinesen
 - 32 Wind up
 - 33 Ottoman official
 - 34 Hamlet, e.g.
 - 35 Submissive
 - 37 Pole
- DOWN**
- 1 School org.
 - 2 Unit of resistance
 - 3 "— Kapital"
 - 4 Hindu lute
 - 5 Hack's customer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Primeval
- 7 Boise's st.
- 8 Weaker, as an excuse
- 9 Capsule
- 10 Away from the wind
- 11 Bronco "brake"
- 16 Early garden?
- 20 Put
- 21 Bowling alleys
- 22 Matterhorn echo
- 23 Knife part
- 24 Note
- 26 Third planet out
- 27 Borodin prince
- 29 Sir, in Delhi
- 30 Feminine principle
- 31 Hang on to
- 36 Eye makeup
- 41 Auction site
- 44 Seat formally
- 46 Orchard pest
- 47 Physiologist — Pavlov
- 48 Thinnest coin
- 49 Skip past
- 50 Piquancy
- 53 Tax shelter
- 54 Fish, in a way
- 55 Fish-to-be
- 56 Permit
- 57 Spanish "that"



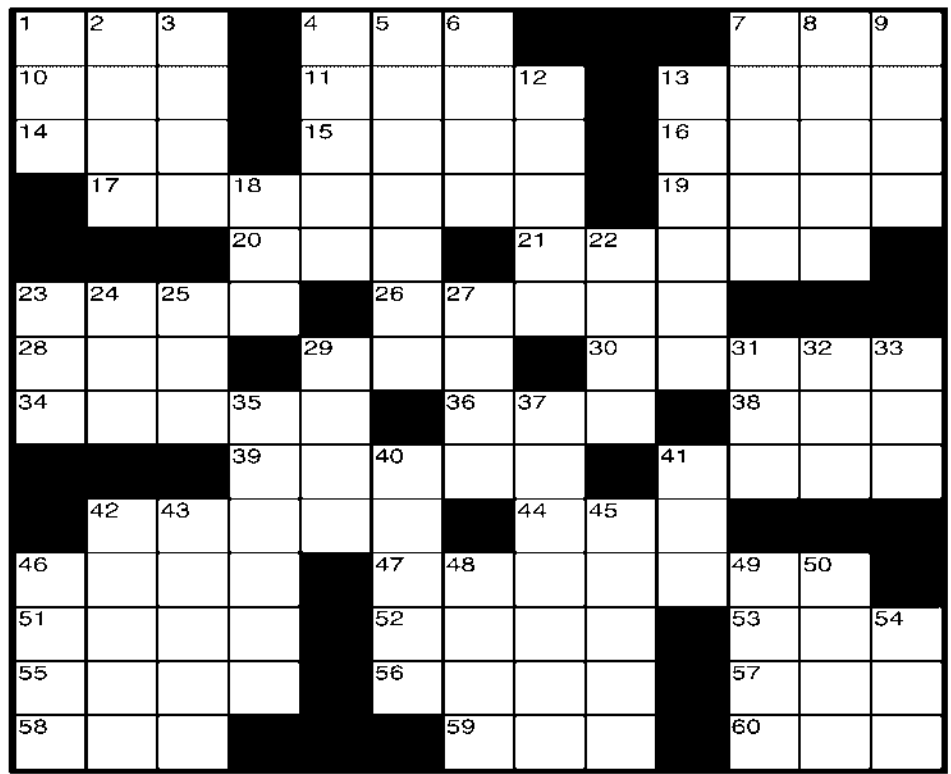
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Where lions roar
 - 4 Lb. or oz.
 - 7 Wine holder
 - 10 The works
 - 11 Yarn spinner
 - 13 Fashioned
 - 14 Slangy lady
 - 15 Fitzgerald or Raines
 - 16 In a short time
 - 17 Textiles
 - 19 Brain, maybe
 - 20 Baseball great Mel
 - 21 Cycle part
 - 23 Caesar's bear
 - 26 "A Doll's House" playwright
 - 28 Louis XIV, e.g.
 - 29 Tavern
 - 30 Torah reciter
 - 34 Scandinavian
 - 36 Rd.
 - 38 Provide help
 - 39 African country
- DOWN**
- 1 Zig's opposite
 - 2 "Frozen" name
 - 3 Earthen jar
 - 4 Watchful
 - 5 Citizen soldiers
 - 6 Soapstone
 - 7 Wind indicators
 - 8 Honor greatly

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	O	D	S		F	O	I	L		P	A	R
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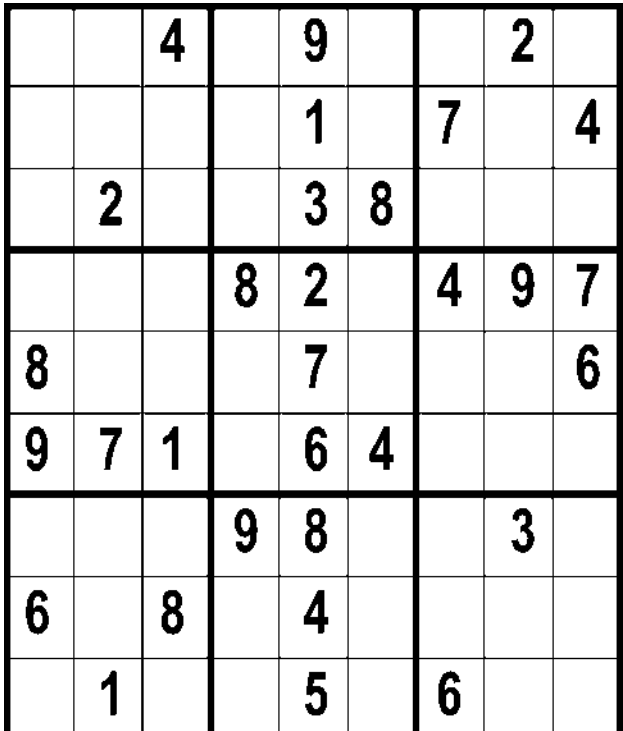
- 9 Water the plants
- 12 Sounds hoarse
- 13 Tomorrow, in Madrid
- 18 Jungle snake
- 22 — and now
- 23 40-cup brewer
- 24 Outback jumper
- 25 Galahad's title
- 27 Make like a mule
- 29 Root vegetable
- 31 Pasture sound
- 32 Apron front
- 33 Visa and passport
- 35 Winter sports gear
- 37 Nail polish
- 40 Mountain kingdom
- 41 Peculiarity
- 42 Accustom
- 43 Turbine part
- 45 Moisten with drippings
- 46 "Fish Magic" artist
- 48 Cutting tools
- 49 Sicilian landmark
- 50 "Excuse me!"
- 54 Slangy affirmative



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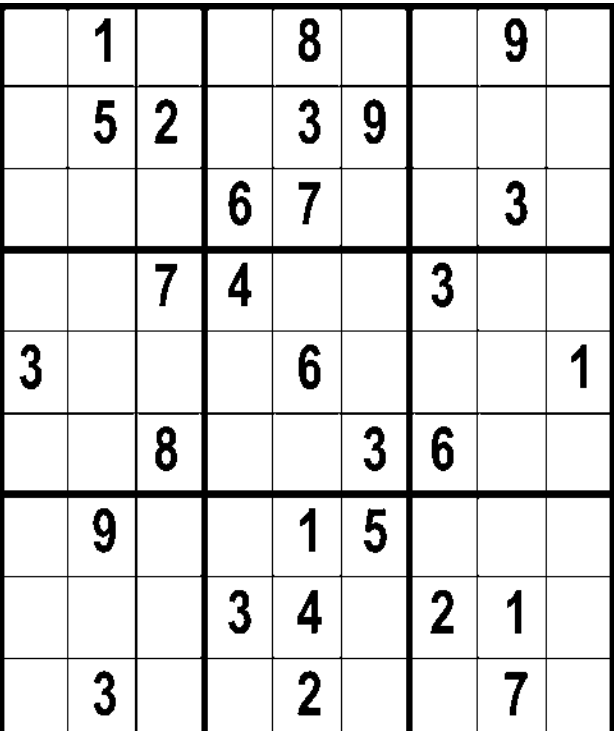
PREVIOUS ANSWER

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6	4	7	8	3	5	2	9	1
5	3	1	9	8	4	7	6	2
9	6	4	7	2	3	5	1	8
7	2	8	6	5	1	4	3	9
1	7	6	3	4	8	9	2	5
4	9	3	5	6	2	1	8	7
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5	6	3	8	2	1	4	9	7
8	4	2	5	7	9	3	1	6
9	7	1	3	6	4	8	5	2
4	5	7	9	8	6	2	3	1
6	3	8	1	4	2	9	7	5
2	1	9	7	5	3	6	4	8



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New statewide competition rewards Missouri businesses for curbing employee cell phone use while driving

By AAA

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths and cost employers billions of dollars each year.

Missouri businesses are invited to compete for cash prizes and help make local roadways safer in the inaugural Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) Business Showdown, sponsored by AAA Missouri and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, in collaboration with Missouri Employers Mutua, the Governors Highway Safety Association, and General Motors. The BUPD Business Showdown is a new, free distracted driving prevention training course that provides participating businesses with cash incentives for employee participation. The goal of the program is to educate drivers on the dangers of cell phone-use while driving and offer solutions for preventing distraction behind the wheel.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths in the U.S., killing more than 17,000 workers from 2011-2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And in 2019 alone, U.S. work-related vehicles cost employers

\$39 billion, according to Network of Employers for Traffic Safety.

“Statistically, car crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths, and we know cell phone distraction is playing an increased role,” said AAA Missouri Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations Angela Nelson. “To protect employees and keep work comp costs down, safety should be the top priority for every employer. We know many businesses don’t have a safe driving policy — and that’s the first step to ensuring employees are safe when they’re behind the wheel.”

According to data from Missouri Employers Mutual, work-related vehicle crashes also come at a high financial cost for employers. Lost time vehicle crash claims cost an average of \$126,000.

“The number of motor vehicle related workers compensation claims rises each year, and more than half of them involve litigation expenses. The simple act of enforcing a company seat belt policy can reduce injuries and costs,” said Missouri Employers Mutual Vice President and Chief Claims Officer Jennifer Langan.



How to Participate and Win Cash Prizes

BUPD Business Showdown educational resources, employer communications, and registration information can be found at savemolives.com/mcrs/buckle-phone-down-business-showdown. Missouri businesses with five (5) or more employees are eligible to participate. There are four easy steps for businesses to compete in the BUPD Business Showdown contest and be eligible to win cash prizes:

- Register your business
- Adopt a safe driving cell phone policy (sample policy available under ‘Employer Toolkit’)
- Have employees complete the 20-minute, online distracted driving prevention training video

• Once completed, have employees submit the online Buckle Up, Phone Down pledge

Cash prizes, provided by AAA Missouri, funded through grants from the Governors Highway Safety Association and General Motors, will be awarded to three businesses with the highest percentage of employees who complete the training video and submit the online safe driving pledge.

1st Place — \$7,500
2nd Place — \$6,000
3rd Place — \$5,000

The contest period runs from Jan. 9 to March 31. Winners will be announced and invited to an awards presentation at the Missouri State Capitol in April.

Missouri’s Current Hand-Held Law

Missouri is currently one of just two states

without a cell phone messaging ban for drivers of all ages. As of 2013, Missouri Statute 340.820 bans sending, reading, or writing a text message or electronic message on hand-held mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle for drivers 21 and younger. The consequences of violating the texting and driving law is a fine of \$200 and two points against the young driver’s license.

However, data shows distracted driving isn’t just a young driver problem. Approximately 74 percent of drivers using cell phones in Missouri traffic crashes are older than 21 years of age.

From 2017-2021, there have been at least 382 deaths on Missouri roadways caused by distracted driving, though experts agree that number is likely unreported. Of those people killed in distracted driving related crashes, 52 percent were someone other than the distracted driver.

The current statute does prohibit commercial drivers of large vehicles, like semi-truck drivers, from using a hand-held communication device, including to send, read, or write a text message or electronic message.

AAA encourages all motorists to eliminate distracted driving by following these tips:

- Put it away. Place your mobile device out of sight to prevent temptation.
- Know where you’re going. If using a navigation system, program the destination before driving.
- Pull over. If you must call or text while on the road, pull off the road safely and stop first.
- Ask passengers for help. If riding with someone, seek their help to navigate, make a call or send a message.
- Be a good passenger. Speak out if the driver of your vehicle is distracted.
- Don’t be a distraction. Avoid calling or texting others when you know they are driving.
- Activate Do Not Disturb. Setting up this feature on iPhone or Android device will prevent calls from coming in while you’re driving.

Everyone should prevent being ‘intoxicated’. Just as drivers need to pay attention, so do pedestrians and bicyclists. Never call, text or play games while walking or cycling. For more information visit aaa.com/dontdrivedistracted.

IRS kicks off 2023 tax filing season with returns due April 18

By Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service kicked off the 2023 tax filing season with a focus on improving service and a reminder to taxpayers to file electronically with direct deposit to speed refunds and avoid delays.

Following a successful opening of its systems Jan. 23, the IRS is now accepting and processing 2022 tax returns. Most of the individual tax returns for the 2022 tax year are expected to be filed before the April 18 tax deadline.

Taxpayers have until April 18 to file their taxes this year, but some taxpayers living overseas and disaster victims may have later filing deadlines. Alabama, California and Georgia storm victims now have until May 15 to file various federal individual and

business tax returns and make tax payments.

“Following months of hard work, we successfully opened our processing systems today to start this year’s tax season,” said IRS Acting Commissioner Doug O’Donnell. “Getting to this point is a monumental effort not only for the IRS but also for the nation’s tax community. The hard-working employees of the IRS look forward to serving taxpayers this filing season, and I personally want to thank them, and all of the tax and payroll community for their dedication to making tax time smoother for the nation.”

O’Donnell also noted that taxpayers can count on IRS delivering improved service this filing season. As part of the August passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the IRS has more than 5,000 new telephone assistants

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and added more in-person staff to help taxpayers.

“We continue to increase IRS staffing to help provide taxpayers with the information and assistance they need,” said O’Donnell. “The IRS reminds taxpayers to take some important steps when filing their tax returns for a smoother process. They should gather their necessary tax records, file an accurate return electronically and choose direct deposit to get their refunds faster.”

Taxpayers who electronically file a tax return with no issues and choose direct deposit should still receive their refund within 21 days of the date they file – similar to previous years. Due to tax law changes such as the elimination of the Advance Child Tax Credit and no Recovery Rebate Credit this year to claim pandemic-related stimulus payments, many taxpayers may find their refunds somewhat lower this year.

IRS tips for a smooth filing season

Fastest refunds by e-filing, avoiding paper returns: To avoid refund delays, IRS encourages taxpayers to file their tax return electronically with direct deposit instead of submitting a paper tax return. Taxpayers may use IRS Free File on IRS.gov, other tax software or a trusted tax professional. Members of the armed forces and qualifying veterans can file their federal tax return and up to three state tax returns for free electronically using MilTax, a Department of Defense program.

Avoid delays; file an accurate tax return: Taxpayers should make sure they’re ready to file an accurate and complete tax return. This can help avoid processing delays, extensive refund delays and later IRS notices.

Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit refunds: Taxpayers may file their returns beginning Jan. 23,

but the IRS cannot issue refunds involving the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. The law provides the extra time to help the IRS prevent fraudulent refunds. “Where’s My Refund?” on IRS.gov should show an updated status by Feb. 18 for most EITC and ACTC filers. The IRS expects most of these refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or debit cards by Feb. 28 if people chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with their tax return.

Avoid phone delays; online resources best option for help: IRS.gov is the quickest and easiest option for help. IRS assisted phone lines continue to receive a high volume of calls. To avoid delays, check IRS.gov first for refund information and answers to tax questions. Setting up an Online Account on IRS.gov can also help taxpayers get information quickly. IRS Online Account was recently expanded to allow more people to gain access. The Interactive Tax Assistant can also help taxpayers get answers to many tax questions online at any time.

Online options for free help; answers to common questions: Use IRS.gov to get answers to tax questions, check a refund status or pay taxes. No wait time or appointment needed — online tools and resources are available 24 hours a day.

Other free options for help: IRS Free File is available to any person or family who earned \$73,000 or less in 2022. For taxpayers who are comfortable completing their own tax forms, Free File Fillable Forms may be a good option. MilTax is a free tax resource available to the military community, and it’s offered through the Department of Defense. Qualified taxpayers can also find free one-on-one tax preparation help nationwide through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

2021 tax returns still being processed: Taxpayers can check Where’s My Amended Return? to find out the status of their tax year 2021 Form 1040-X and can still file their 2022 tax returns even if their 2021 tax returns haven’t been processed. Visit the IRS Operations page for more information on what to expect.

April 18 tax deadline: This year, the filing deadline is April 18 for most taxpayers, but automatic six-month extensions of time to file are available for anyone for free. See Extension of Time to File Your Tax Return for instructions. Taxpayers should be aware that filing Form 4868 only extends the time to file tax returns. Those who owe taxes should still pay by April 18 to avoid late payment penalties.

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