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The Journal Printing Co. building nears end of facade renovation with sights set on establishing a new restaurant/nightclub

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Journal Printing Co. building, 119 S. Elson in downtown Kirksville, has new owners and a plan to re-open as a restaurant/nightclub as it enters into the final stages of a facade rehabilitation project. The building, which was constructed in 1905 to house the Journal Printing Co. and which for a time, also housed phone company operators, was recently purchased by a business consortium managed by Stephanie McGrew.

The building has been undergoing a restoration that began with its previous owner, Dan Vogt, owner of the Wooden Nickel restaurant. Vogt has been involved with the rehabilitation of several

historic downtown buildings including the Wooden Nickel building. Vogt was an early supporter of Kirksville's Downtown Revitalization Program, which was started in 2015 and provides the owners of historic downtown building 75 percent of the cost of facade improvements leaving just 25 percent of the cost to the building owner. As part of the sale, Vogt agreed to finish the facade improvement project at the Journal building.

According to Kirksville Assistant City Manager Ashley Young, the funds for the revitalization program come from downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF), which has been and will be used to preserve many historic buildings that grace the city's square and down-



Stephanie McGrew, the managing partner of a business consortium that has purchased the Journal Print Co. building on South Elson Street and is working to open a new restaurant/nightclub in the building. McGrew is leaning on one of the Journal Print Co. presses.

town area. Young said the cost for the Journal facade came in at just over \$518,000 and included Platz Barbershop, which while having a different address, is part of the

same parcel. Young said that while the price tag of these rehab projects may seem high, that is precisely why the program is needed — because the projects are so cost prohibitive.



The Journal Printing Co. after the new windows were installed in the front of the building, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023.

“That assistance is needed to make them a reality and when they become a reality, it doesn't just improve that one particular building or whatever business may

be in that building, but the entire downtown — how we as a community feel about our downtown,” Young said.

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Green Castle farmer featured in Missouri Life Magazine

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

A Green Castle farmer was featured in the January/February issue of Missouri Life magazine in an article highlighting five Missouri fiber farms that are open for visits from the public.

Randy Jones, who lives with his wife near the end of Daniel Cemetery Trail off of Hwy. 149, raises alpacas, llamas, sheep, goats and miniature donkeys and runs a business, Papa's Alpacas Petting Zoo, which provides educational opportunities for local school children as well as products such as gloves, hats, rugs, and even artwork, made from alpaca fiber.

According to the magazine article, while in his 20s, Jones was studying to be a veterinarian at Truman State University when he



The cover of the magazine that wrote about Papa Alpaca's Petting Zoo.



Randy Jones feeds some baby alpacas at his petting zoo.

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KPD updates patrol officer uniform for improved safety

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department (KPD) would like to inform the public of a uniform change for patrol officers. KPD recently added load-bearing vests to the patrol officer's uniforms. This change was made in the interest of officer health and safety. The new vests look similar to the standard KPD uniform shirt with chest pockets, epaulets on the shoulders and a centered zipper.

The difference is the new vests have attachment points that allow officers to carry equipment on the bottom portion of the vest. This removes weight from the officer's belt and reduces the strain on hips and backs. The included photo depicts KPD Sergeant Matt Kellison wearing a load-bearing vest.



KHS Band students perform with Missouri All-State Band

Two Ray Miller Elementary School students for All-State Children's Choir. Two high school students perform with All-State Choir.

By Staff Reports

The Missouri Music Educators State Conference was held at the Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach, Mo., Jan. 25-28. Two Kirksville High School students earned the honor of performing with the Missouri All-State Band on the final day of the conference.

Esme AuBuchon and Isaiah Korte were performing members of the band. Ben Platte was an alternate. AuBuchon is a senior clarinet player and last year she was named to the Missouri All-State Honorable Mention Band. Korte is a senior tuba player. Students that are selected to the Northeast District Honor Band are eligible to audition for the All-State Band. Auditions were held Dec. 2 at Hickman High School. Approximately 1,500 students auditioned for 150 performing positions with the All-State Band.

The Missouri All-State Band was conducted by Dr. Jamie Nix, Director of Bands from Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga. The band played “Illumination” by David Maslanka, “Rippling Watercolors” by Brian Balmages, “March from 1941” by John Williams, “Danza No. 2” by Arturo Marquez, and “Galop” by Dmitri Shostokovich. The band rehearsed for 17 hours during the four day conference and played a spectacular concert.

Also, two Ray Miller Elementary School students were Elementary schools all across Missouri sent in audition tapes from individual singers to a panel of judges. Elise Gerdes and Emily Furman were chosen for this honor. They rehearsed with approximately 115 other students on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Missouri Music Educators Conference. Their concert kicked off the annual conference.

Seniors Logan Davis and Ethan Herring were both performing members of the MOACDA All State Choir. Davis a soprano, is a two time All State Choir member. Kirksville High School also had three alternate members of All State Choir, Lauren Xander, junior, Cristian Mendez, senior and Turner Petersen, senior.



Kirksville High School students Esme AuBuchon and Isaiah Korte performed with the Missouri All-State Band at the Missouri Music Educators State Conference in January.



Kirksville High School All-State Choir members, left to right: Cristian Mendez, Turner Petersen, Lauren Xander, Logan Davis, Ethan Herring.



Emily Furman and Elise Gerdes were chosen for the All-State Children's Choir.

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Rotary Club of Kirksville hears details of Rotary Youth Exchange programs

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Feb. 8 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, three club members provided details about Rotary Youth Exchange programs. Committee Chair Annette Sweet said there are two Youth Exchange programs, short term and long term. Short-Term Exchanges are usually three-four weeks

in the summer after which the outgoing student travels back to the incoming student's home country. Long-Term Exchanges generally last one school year during which the student attends school and lives with two or three families in the host country and becomes an unofficial cultural ambassador from their home country. For more informa-

tion, visit www.rotary.org/youthexchange. Counselor John Dungan spoke about interest in having a female counselor for the next school year since the club will have a female Youth Exchange Student. The counselor position is not time-consuming. Bill Lovegreen, a former host family member, spoke about preparing host families.



Pictured from left are Bill Lovegreen, John Dungan, Annette Sweet and Past President Debi Boughton, who conducted the meeting.

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.

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/.../1FAlpQL-SelfLaE7cw.../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://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAlpQL-SelfLaE7cw.../viewform...>

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.

Kirksville City Council study session

The Kirksville City Council will hold a study session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

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 precut 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 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.

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.



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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Early bird registration now open for youth summer baseball and softball

The Kirksville Baseball and Softball Association (KBSA) has transitioned the operation of its youth baseball and softball leagues to the city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department. The new league will be known as the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues (KBSL). Early bird registration began on Feb. 9, and end March 19. Intro to Coach Pitch, for kids 5 and 6 years old, will cost \$50 per player. Coach baseball and softball leagues for 7- and 8-year-olds will both cost \$60 per player. All divisions of baseball and softball for players over the age of 9 will cost \$70 per player. Registrations received after the early-bird deadline through April 2, will cost an additional \$10 per player. Registration can be completed in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St in Kirksville, or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com. Practices for all divisions will start the week of April 17. Games for all divisions will begin the week of May 15, with opening day ceremonies for the league scheduled for Saturday, May 20. The season will conclude the week of July 10. Kirksville Parks and Recreation will continue to offer the popular Little Sluggers Tee Ball program for players ages 3 to 5 in the late summer and early fall.

Paint the Ville dates open for young artists

The city of Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville on Feb. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and April 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St. Register your first through eighth grade artist for one or all of the monthly Kid's Club events. Artists will create a masterpiece under the direction of Paint the Ville instructor, Rachel Messer. 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, please contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

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. 17 and 24.

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibits

Through March 3 exhibitions Exercises in Letting Go ~ Nirmal RajaExercises in Letting Go explores loss through Nirmal Raja's expansive practice, including painting, fibers, ceramics, photography, installation, and video. In part, Raja instrumentalizes objects and clothing left behind by loved ones to make work about burden, grieving, caregiving, memory, and the mystery of death and other types of loss. Raja is an interdisciplinary artist and curator based in Milwaukee.

Home/Body – Madeleine LeMieux – in the Charlyn GalleryHome/Body is a series of works that combine fibers, sculpture, and painting to explore the relationship between embodied experiences and the domestic environment that often contain them. Madeleine LeMieux is Art on the Move Coordinator and Instructor at the 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 KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

Kirksville Arts Association 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.

NEMO Gun Show

NEMO Gun Show will be held Feb.17-19 at the NEMO Fairgrounds in Kirksville. A huge selection of guns and related items such as ammo, rifles, handguns, shotguns, magazines, grips, scopes, knives, military surplus and much more. The NEMO Gun Show is a 135+ table show. Admission is \$10 (Good all weekend). Show Times are Friday from 4-8 p.m., Saturday from 9-5 p.m., and Sunday from 9-3 p.m. Show Contact Info: 610-GUN-SHOW

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

An ongoing support group around the grief of aging will explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point." All are welcome to attend this monthly support group that will meet from 1-2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church on 300 E. Washington St. in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the south door. The ongoing support group is sponsored by Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri. For more information, call 660-627-9711.

Adair County Public Library Book Club is Back

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

OATS Transit President's Day changes

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Please call the local OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can also visit our website at oatstransit.org to view local schedules under "Bus Schedules", then click on the county you live in. The offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, Feb. 20, for the Presidents' Day holidays. Keep this in mind as you schedule trips near these holidays. Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit.

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/.



Kirk project makes progress with demo work

By Truman State University

After nearly a year of planning and preliminary work, the first steps of transforming Truman State University's Kirk Building into a Student Success Center will begin Feb. 7 with partial demolition work. Crews will be on site from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A majority of the work will take place indoors with projects that do not make as much noise scheduled for the early morning hours out of respect for the nearby residence halls. Dumpsters will be lo-

cated near the south end of Kirk Building. The partial interior demolition work should be completed in March. With financial assistance from the state of Missouri, Truman will renovate the Kirk Building to house a new Student Success Center. The center will employ a collaborative service model in which individual student service departments do not simply co-locate and deliver their services nearby to one another, but rather, work in coordination to meet students' needs from entry to exit. The Student Success Cen-

ter will be comprised of: the Career Center; Tutoring Services; the Student Health Center; Counseling Services; Student Access and Disability Services; the Center for Academic Excellence; the Communication Lab; and the Writing Center. Constructed in 1923, Kirk Building is named in honor of John R. Kirk, an alumnus and the second-longest tenured president in University history. For generations of alumni, it is remembered as the social center of campus since it was the site of games, assemblies and events.

Gas price fluctuations continue, drivers paying less over the last week

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$3.10 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is six cents less compared to this day last week and is five cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Jefferson City are paying the most on average at \$3.18 while drivers in Columbia are paying the least at \$2.99 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.44, which is six cents less compared to this day last week and five cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

After steady increases to start 2023, Missouri gas prices have reversed course and been on the decline for 12 consecutive days. Gas prices are following crude oil prices, which have fallen to mid-\$70s range from over \$80 per barrel earlier this year. A recent decision by OPEC+ to maintain current production levels and



not make any cuts has likely contributed to lower crude oil prices. "Oil markets are still sensitive to a number of variables from economic news to geopolitical events," said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarría. "Since crude oil prices account for nearly 60 percent of the price drivers pay at the pump, fluctuations like the one we are seeing are not out of the ordinary." Drivers in Missouri are paying the 3rd lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com.

Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at \$4.63 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded. Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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The word—short and sweet—is pronounced without puckering. It begins with a guttural click of tongue against the throat and ends in a seductive sizzle. As a noun, this four-lettered word boasts and begs, offers and demands.

In its more perfect form, it is a verb. An action word. Four letters that turn frogs into princes, sleeping beauties into blushing brides and paupers into kings. In the entire world there is no human soul untouched by its magic, its memory, its tender power.

Kiss . . . Say it softly; it is a gentle buzz of wanton air against parted lips. State it with confidence; its vibration holds authority surpassing royal edicts. Throw its letters through the air atop tender breath and deep desire. Feel the warmth of your throat as it meets the challenge.

From the first cries of birth to the final tears of death, our lives are smothered with kisses. Sloppy baby smooches validate a mother's purpose. Giggly schoolyard pecks seal fickle friendships. Quivery, first-date kisses challenge the heart's capacity to love and lose. A wedding promise punctuated with hopeful lips offer forever without a sound.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

We kiss to make it better and to say what our voices cannot. Lips soothe fevered brows, lighten heavy hearts and fulfill life's longing to be loved. The pressing of lips to skin alleviates pain better than any salve. Kisses hold humanity's best hope and life's softest memories.

A kiss of betrayal drove Christianity to its knees. Grandma's kisses make preteens recoil and grimace. A soft kiss at the bedside of a dying loved one gives gentle wings to life's most difficult goodbye. There is no action stronger than the softness of a kiss.

Your lips hold within their softness a weapon that sears the soul and cauterizes it with love. It is an explosion of emotion that can determine the destiny of our hearts' journeys. Years cannot dim its impact, nor age lessen its value. Kiss your wife or husband tonight. Give your kids a smooch — even if they hate it. Visit Mom and Dad. Press your lips to their cheeks and treasure the warmth.

The memory of a kiss can last a lifetime.

Contact Robin at
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COLUMN

Valentine's Day lovers

It's coming up on St. Valentine's Day, so I thought I should share the love story of Coalie and Wilma, and every word is true.

Coalie was one of Sequoia-Kings Pack Trains' mules. Coal black of course, and if he should get a good shot, you could be kicked. Pack mule, not riding mule. Wilma was a little brown mule belonging to Rock Creek Pack Station out of Bishop, some 40 miles north of us.

Well, my boss, Gene Burkhardt, and Rock Creek's boss, Herb London, pastured their pack stock together each winter just outside Independence. Come June, we'd go catch our stock out of this 110,000-acre mostly desert ranch, and string them together and lead them straight up about 10 miles to a little meadow called Onion Valley, where our headquarters were. It took days to get them all up there.

Herb's packers would truck his stock more than 40 miles

north, through three towns and lots of rough country, to their pack station.

It was about three days after I'd led a string of mules overnight to the pack station, including Coalie, and got ready for our season. I went out in the morning and found a little brown mare mule giving muzzle snuggles to Coalie. From the brand on her, we knew she was one of Herb's, so Gene called him and Herb drove all the way to get her.

Four days later, she was back in the mule corral making mulie smooches with her boyfriend. She had tracked Coalie from the winter pasture down 40 miles of Highway 395, across five miles of desert and up nine miles of mountains. Twice.

Mules have gender, but are sterile hybrids and don't "mate" physically. They are a combination of a horse mother and a donkey dad.

Gene and Herb decided love was stronger than anything else we had around there, so Gene



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

gave Herb a mule, and Wilma became ours. Well, Coalie's.

After that, for as long as they lived, if you took one, you had to take the other.

A few of the old packers said they'd heard about mules occasionally getting "married" but this was the first time seeing it, and it was the first for me, too.

So Happy Valentine's Day, Coalie and Wilma, wherever you roam these days. Thanks for setting a good example for the rest of us. The world loves lovers.

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Family farmers, ranchers and consumers urge Biden to enforce executive order promoting competition

By Missouri Rural Crisis Center

Today, over 2,000 family farmers, ranchers, and rural and urban consumers, supported by Missouri Rural Crisis Center, Western Organization of Resource Councils, Dakota Rural Action and the Northern Plains Resource Council, delivered a petition calling on President Biden to deliver on his promise to tackle extreme levels of corporate consolidation, boost competition, and put the interests of America's farmers, consumers, workers, small businesses and our local economies before corporate control, extraction and greed.

"Family farmers are, yet again, facing a challenging economic situation this year, largely due to unfair and monopolized markets created by undue corporate control of our laws, rules and democratic process," said Rhonda Perry, Executive Director of the Missouri Crisis Center and a fifth-generation livestock and grain farmer. "President Biden's Executive Order aimed at increasing competition across all sectors of the economy is a long time coming and a step in the right direction to address a number of our long-term problems. Now, our job is to make sure his administration follows through."

Today's petition from farmers and allies urges the Biden administration to enact and enforce rules under the Packers and Stockyards Act to stop corporations from using discriminatory practices against family farm livestock producers. It also demands the Biden administration work with Congress to reinstate mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for meat and poultry, and dairy products.

"Unchecked corporate power leaves farmers like me getting paid less and consumers paying more, while the corporations in the middle are making billions," said Darvin Bentlage, a fourth-generation cattle



and grain farmer in Southwest Missouri and Missouri Rural Crisis Center member. "Our antitrust laws need to be strengthened and vigorously enforced to break up this corporate stranglehold and give independent family farmers an opportunity to make an actual profit for what we produce. This change needs to happen to keep farmers like me in business, and to ensure that there is a next generation of independent family farmers."

"Livestock producers and their families work all year taking care of cows and calves. It's a 365 day a year job with a great deal of risk. When we sell calves, which happens once a year, we're lucky to break even. At the same time the packers are recording record profits quarter after quarter. President Biden and Secretary Vilsack need to take action now to help make livestock production profitable," said Nick Nemec, a farmer and livestock producer from Holabird, SD and member of Dakota rural action.

"One hundred and two years ago, Woodrow Wilson understood that farmers and ranchers needed and deserved the ability to sell the food they raised in open competitive

markets. He had the courage to deliver. Once again, monopolies are preying upon and destroying family agriculture. We are submitting this petition to demand that President Biden fulfill this century-long promise, enforce the Packers and Stockyards act and restore fairness and competition in livestock markets," said Gilles Stockton, a rancher from Grass Range Montana and member of Northern Plains Resource Council.

Missouri Rural Crisis Center (MRCC) is a statewide farm and rural membership organization founded in 1985 with over 5600 member families. Our mission is to preserve family farms, promote stewardship of the land and environmental integrity and strive for economic and social justice by building unity and mutual understanding among diverse groups, both rural and urban.

The Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) is a network of nine grassroots organizations in seven Western states with 15,000 members, many of them ranchers and farmers committed to common-sense reform in agriculture, oil and gas development, coal mine reclamation, and rural economic development. Headquartered in Billings, Mont., WORC also has offices in Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Missouri school kids invited to participate in No MOre Trash! contest

Trash-can-decorating contest runs through March 17

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Department of Transportation invites Missouri students in grades K-8 to help fight litter in Missouri — and to have creative and educational fun — by participating in the 2023 "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter-Free" trash-can-decorating contest. The contest is part of MoDOT's annual "No MOre Trash!" statewide litter campaign, which is held in April.

The contest encourages school aged kids to join in the fight against litter by decorating a large trash can with the "No MOre Trash!" logo and a litter prevention message using a variety of creative materials.

Schools, or home school programs, may submit one trash can entry in each competition category: grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Entries are judged based on creativity, adherence to the contest rules and effective use of the theme and logo.

First-place winners from each competition category receive \$200 awarded to the sponsoring schools. All first-place winners are then eligible for a grand prize of \$600 and a trophy awarded to the sponsoring school.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Participating school groups must submit a completed entry form online with up to three photos and a release form by March 17. Contest rules, entry forms, release forms, logos, past winners and educational information can also be found at modot.org/trash-can-contest.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Dale McCollum

Nov 27, 1941 – Feb 6, 2023

Richard Dale McCollum, 81, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Monday, February 6, 2023, at Apple Ridge Care Center in Waverly, Missouri.



Dale was born November 27, 1941, in Winigan, Missouri, the son of the late Raymond Benville and Nellie Ina (Walker) McCollum. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Lynn and Norman Raymond McCollum.

Dale is survived by his fiancé Crystal Douglas of Kirksville, MO; two daughters, Julie Ann McCollum of Independence, MO, and Amy Lynn Kielman of Kansas City, MO; two brothers, Dwain McCollum of Milan, MO, and Lawrence Lee McCollum of Waverly, MO; two sisters, Ina “Geraldine” Gronemeier of Columbia, MO, and Virginia Ann Banner of Kirksville, MO; five grandchildren, Sydney Gicinto, Raven Gicinto, William Atkinson, George Atkinson, and Christian Nissen; as well as nine nephews, and five nieces.

Dale was a graduate of Milan High School with the Class of 1960 and graduated from college after attending four years at Central Missouri State in Warrensburg, Missouri. He served his country in the United States Air Force and received an honorable discharge. Dale worked as a supervisor for General Motors Plant in Kansas City, Missouri for many years until his retirement. After retiring, Dale enjoyed home remodeling and other carpentry work, and also enjoyed old cars and was a member of the NEMO Car Club of Kirksville. He also a member of United Auto Workers. Dale enjoyed country music and going to dances with Crystal. He also enjoyed traveling and going on their many trips to Branson.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023, with family receiving friends for one hour before service time in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. Pastor Virgil Jones will officiate the service and interment with military honors will follow the service at Oakwood Cemetery in Milan, Missouri.

Dr. Richard (Dick) Herron Mercer, D.O.

Sep 13, 1929 – Feb 6, 2023

Dr. Richard (Dick) Herron Mercer, D.O., of Kirksville, MO, died peacefully with his wife, daughter, and son-in-law by his side on Feb. 6, 2023. He was born Sept. 13, 1929 in Grove City, PA to William D. and Marie (Herron) Mercer. He graduated from Denison University in Granville, OH in 1951, and received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from AT Still University (Kirksville College of Osteopathy, KCOM) on June 4, 1955. On June 5, 1955 he married Bess Rose Appling and they were happily married 67 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Janis and son-in-law Jim McManus, nieces Marily Sampson, Dr. Melody Mercer, D.O., Nancy Barch and Sally Rockford, along with grand- and great grand-nephews and niece.



After a few years of working in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Dr. Mercer returned to Kirksville in 1967 to teach and practice clinical pediatrics at KCOM, during which time he earned his Board Certification in Pediatrics. In 1983, he practiced General Medicine until he retired in 1990. He was the Assistant Director of the Maternal and Child Health Program from 1967-1982. Following that, he practiced medicine and taught senior students in the Rural Clinic Program until he retired in 1990. In addition, he was the author of scientific articles published by several osteopathic journals. In 1999 he was recognized by the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts for holding a license to practice medicine in the state for 45 years. In 2007 he started the Richard and Bess Mercer Library Endowment with the Adair County Library and received an Honored Patron Award from A.T. Still University for his numerous donations. In 1995, he established the Aaron Douglas Loan Program to assist practical nursing students in their education.

Dick was a long-time member of ElKadir Shrine Club and the Kirksville Masonic Lodge 105. He was an avid American Contract Bridge player, and was proud to have attained the rank of Silver Life Master in 2016. Both he and Bess were active members of the Kirksville Country Club. Another important achievement for him was his hole-in-one on the 17th hole at KCC. Dr. Mercer was a life-long Methodist and was a member of the First United Church of Kirksville since 1967.

Memorial Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023 with a visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Entombment will be in Maple Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; ww.davisplaylehudson-rimer.com.

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In the 18 months the Journal building has been undergoing renovations, repairs and repainting have been made to the cornice and the building’s “finials,” the balls at the top of the building that sit on a pyramid shaped platform, have been repaired as well. Many of the windows have been replaced, including the windows of the building’s top floor apartments, and the brick has been tuck pointed, which repairs the mortar joints. Young said that supply shortages have slowed the project considerably, causing delays in other proposed city rehab projects as well.

McGrew said that she and her partners, many of them friends she made while attending Truman State University, hope to capitalize on the historic significance of the Journal Printing Co. building and revitalize it the best they can by bringing new things to the community. Other partners include St. Louis accountant Jessie Sinclair, St. Louis nurse practitioner Kongkeo “Thiky” Walther, and Des Moines, Iowa-based veterinarian Kelsey Witte.

Dubbed “The Press Room,” in honor of its roots in printing, the club will feature three bars, one downstairs, one in the front bar/dining area and another in a large private bar/dining area toward the back.

“We’re just trying to work towards bringing people back to downtown Kirksville,” McGrew said, noting that the partners have other businesses downtown. She said the group has established a “great team” in the hiring of general manager Carrie Champagne and her husband, Rob, who will oversee the kitchen. They also have front and back end managers for the bar and special events.

“We’re just super, super blessed to have a team of people that are gonna kind of step in and help and make sure that things are running smoothly,” she said.



Pictures of the Journal Print Co. building, inside and outside.

Despite the team in place though, there are many obstacles the business has to overcome before they can open: First the conclusion of the facade renovations, including the installation of windows and painting. When the contractors are finished, city inspectors will do a final inspection and if that goes well, they will receive their city business license. From there they need to get on the right side of the health department and then they’ll pursue their liquor license.

The decor will include framed photographs of the early days of the Journal Print Co. press workers as well as the phone company operators. McGrew said they hope to recreate a 1920s prohibition-era speakeasy vibe that reflects the history of the building and pays “homage to that era of time.” Currently cluttered with contractor work tools and the dust construction projects are known to create, the floors are strewn with tables and chairs from a previous tenant and newly arrived wooden chairs that will be put to use when the club opens. The Champagne’s are working on a menu that McGrew said will be different than any other in Kirksville.

“We’re going to try to fill the holes of what we don’t have in town because we don’t want to serve the same thing that everybody else has,” McGrew said, noting that the menu will be “rotating” to accommodate celebrations such as Mardi Gras. “Throughout the year we’ll add specialty things so that it kind of makes it enticing for people to come in to see what we’re offering —but we’re going to change it as regularly as we can so that it provides a variety because living in Kirksville, we are limited on variety.”

She said that decisions being made are not just those of the owners, but include input from the staff as to dishes served and the choice of cocktails.

“We’ve really brought them in on every aspect of everything of what we’re doing because we want them to have that buy in to what we’re doing and more importantly, you know, we value their input, we value what they’re doing, and we can’t thank them enough for taking a big part of this leap of faith of opening these ventures with us,” McGrew said. “We’re trying to keep it just super simple, super, super vintage, super retro,” she said.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE
BLOTTER: FEB. 1-5, 2023

ARREST REPORTS

FEB. 1-2

Assault/Domestic 3rd Degree (F E), Therrell W. Chancellor
Warrant-Jackson County, Yvonne Evette Hampton, Kirksville

FEB. 3-6

No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Anotnio Q. Norwood, Kirksville
No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Jeffrey Scott Ratliff, Kirksville
Warrant, Shana Janell Hughes, Kirksville
Warrant, Bryon Dale Lough, Kirksville
Warrant-FTA, Landon M. Hubbard, Kirksville

FEB. 7-8

Warrant-Schuyler County, Zachary Thomas Truitt, Kirksville

INCIDENT REPORTS

FEB. 1

11:46 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, North Walnut Street
11:12 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Northtown Road,
9:43 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 1007 E. Pierce Street
9:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street
8:47 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing, 1111 N. Main Street
8:12 p.m., Stalking, Harassment, 407 S. Marion Street
7:56 p.m., Traffic Stop, West Mill Street, Sheila West, 54
7:49 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2301 N. Baltimore Street
7:25 p.m., Traffic Stop, McPherson Street
6:52 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Kellie Duncan, 24
6:47 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1306 N. Baird Street
7:12 p.m., Warrant-Jackson County, 1306 Baird Street, Arrestee: Yvonne Hampton, 39
6:08 p.m., Parking Complaint, 1116 E. Jefferson Street
4:29 p.m., Juvenile Problem, Out of Control Juvenile, 1401 N. Walnut Street
3:44 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 3rd Degree (F E), 1309 W. Michigan Street, Arrestee: Therrell Chancellor, 34
3:26 p.m., Fingerprinting, Trespass, 119 E. McPherson Street
3:08 p.m., Assault/Simple-1st Degree Law Officer (Special Victim) (F A), 1400 S. Boundary Street
3:07 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1313 N. Main Street
2:47 p.m., Assist Other Agency, ICAC Cell Forensics-Linn County, 119 E. McPherson Street
1:40 p.m., Animal/Trap, 1126 Edgar Street
1:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, Normal Avenue, Jahmell Robinson, 41
10:15 a.m., Animal/Deceased, 1615 Downing Street
8:59 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1023 W. Gardner Street
7:51 a.m., Extra Patrol-Schools, 1901 E. Hamilton Street

FEB. 2
12:29 a.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street

FEB. 3
8:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Jefferson Street, No Valid License-1st Offense, Arrestee: Antonio Norwood, 37
7:38 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street, Kelee Hoermann, 61
6:56 p.m., Traffic Stop, Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense, Northtown Road, Chauncy Potter, 20
4:34 p.m., Warrant, 823 E. Scott Street, Arrestee: Landon Hubbard, 33
4:01 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1007 E. Pierce Street
3:10 p.m., MVA/Minor, 1507 S. First Street
2:07 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 311 N. Baltimore Street
1:43 p.m., MVA/Injury, 2607 N. Baltimore Street
11:51 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, Stealing-Catalytic Converter (F E), 1712 N. Osteopathy Street

9:05 a.m., Animal/Deceased, 205 W. Jefferson Street
8:03 a.m., Traffic Stop, Washington Street, Hong Chartrand, 56
7:52 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 700 E. Harrison Street

FEB. 4

10:49 p.m., Peace Disturbance, 1917 Salter Place
10:42 p.m., Animal/Deceased-Injured-Sick, North Baltimore Street
10:13 p.m., Traffic Stop, 600 Block of West Potter Avenue.
10:10 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1401 S. Baltimore Street, Derek Whitton, 43
9:33 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Centennial Avenue, Juvenile
6:32 p.m., Traffic Stop, Marion Street, Kathleen Kuttenkuler, 26
3:56 p.m., Runaway-Located, 1002 E. McPherson Street
3:38 p.m., Traffic Stop, 800 S. Osteopathy Street
2:58 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1001 S. Jamison Street, Tammy R. Kriegshause, 61
2:50 p.m., Traffic Stop, Franklin Street, Amir Ahmed, 22
2:32 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street
2:27 p.m. Traffic Stop, South Baltimore Street, Kale Creek, 20
1:08 p.m., Traffic Stop, Marion Street, Kathy Powell, 59
12:59 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Marion Street, Teddy Sparks, 73
12:53 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Marion Street, Samantha Harris, 23
12:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, Marion Street, Baylor Reinker, 19
12:19 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Marion Street, Gillian Greenwood, 21
11:52 a.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Arrestee: Frank Salsberry, 33
11:28 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2206 S. Baltimore Street, Thomas Hays, 56
7:27 a.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Douglas Luna, 20
4:02 a.m., Property/Damage Vandalism (M) 2nd Degree, 1003 W. Hildreth Street
2:19 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, Main Street
1:53 a.m., Check the Well Being, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 309 S. Main Street
12:39 a.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), South Orchard Street, Arrestee: Jeffrey Ratliff, 42
12:36 a.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1003 W. Hildreth Street

FEB. 5
11:04 p.m., Civil Dispute, Trespass, 119 E. McPherson Street
9:28 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, Burglary 1st (NO Force) Residential (F B), Stealing From Building (M), 814 E. Washington Street
9:17 p.m., Assault 3rd Degree/Simple (F E), Porter Street
7:06 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Baltimore Street, Malame Andele, 38
4:13 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Jefferson Street
4:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, 114 E. McPherson Street
3:15 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Property Lost, 1109 E. Randolph Street
3:07 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, 2nd (Force) Non-Residential, 309-311 S. Franklin Street
2:51 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, Minor, 500 N. Baltimore Street
2:11 p.m., Traffic Stop, Warrant, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), Harrison Street, Arrestee: Thomas Lloyd, 53
1:44 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Jessica Doleh, 25
1:34 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2015 N. Baltimore Street
11:58 a.m., Traffic Stop, First Street
11:43 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 1611 S. Orchard Street
11:28 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Franklin Street
11:22 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2102 N. Baltimore Street
10:38 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Against the Flow of Traffic, 119 E. McPherson Street
1:42 a.m., Traffic Stop, North Baltimore Street
1:30 a.m., Parking Complaint, Grim Drive

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY PART 37

MEMORIALIZING
DAVID SLOAN

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical
Society and Museum

Over the many years which have now passed since David Sloan died in 1842 and was buried on his own farm in what is now the 1200 block of South Osteopathy St. in Kirksville, he has not been forgotten as the first resident of Kirksville. Attempts have been made to preserve his gravesite as an historical site, and ceremonies have been held to honor his memory. However, today his grave lies barely noticed except for those who specifically know its location.

In 1954, members of the Tip-Top 4-H Club in Adair County became interested in making David Sloan’s grave a preservation project. At that time, this lot was still owned by the shoe factory. However, the factory’s name by then had been changed from Friedman-Shelby to the International Shoe Co. Mr. Elmer Thoeke of that company gave the 4-H group permission to restore the grave of this original settler.

By this time, the grave was 122 years old and David’s tombstone was broken in several pieces. These pieces were collected by the club members and embedded in a cement slab lying flat on the ground. The club also erected a

low farm fence around the grave and for several years kept the grass mowed around the grave. They also installed a sign on Osteopathy Street which pointed the way to the grave and told of its significance. Both the fence and the sign are now gone.

No succeeding club has ever picked up the mantle to care for this grave. The grave stands alone, mostly unnoticed by the many passersby. On Memorial Day each year, some people, including the Historical Society, place flowers on David’s grave.

In May 2016, Kirksville’s Founder’s Day was celebrated by the dedication of two new tombstones at Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. One of these stones was a new monument for Mary Polly (East) Sloan as her original one had broken and was nearly unreadable. The new stone was provided by descendants of the Sloan family, led by great-great-grandson, Harold E. Lightbody. This fulfilled a wish of Mr. Lightbody’s mother, Mary Ann (Sloan) Lightbody, who had desired that her great-grandparents be memorialized.

On Mary Polly’s new stone, her husband, David, is listed. However, in accordance with cemetery policy, the stone states that David Sloan is not interred in this location but is in a grave in the 1200



block of South Osteopathy St. At this 2016 event, 16 descendants of David and Mary Polly Sloan gathered from different states to honor their ancestors. This included grandchildren up to the 6th generation of greats.

David Sloan has also been honored with a new window at the Adair County Historical Society Museum at 211 S. Elson St. in Kirksville. This was purchased by the Lightbody family as a memorial to the Sloans. This was part of the 2019 “Windows to the Past Project” of the Adair County Historical Society when 37 original 103- year-old windows in the museum were replaced. Members of the Sloan-Lightbody family were present when these windows were dedicated in November 2019.

According to public records, the lot on which David Sloan’s grave rests is presently owned by a private company based away from here. It is the hope of the Sloan family and the Adair County Historical Society that this small portion of land might be donated to the city and be honored as a treasured historical site for Kirksville.

(Next time: Jesse Kirk –
Eponym of Kirksville)

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This photo is from the October 15, 1954 issue of the Kirksville Daily Express showing the local Tip Top 4-H Club who participated in the preservation of David Sloan’s grave in 1954. Front row: Carol Jean Ogle, Kay Burchett, Archie King, James King, Peter Denslow, Spencer Ballard, Larry Kropf, and Janet Burchett. Back row: Elmer Thoeke (of the International Shoe Company), Laura Lou Scobee, Gail Burchett, Melvin Ogle, Lenore Nicholas, Mike Denslow, Leota Mae Findling, Charles Lee Findling, Hannah Mason, Gary Stogsdill, and Beverly Krusemark.

January 2023 Kirksville
Police Dept. statistics

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department would like to announce the following monthly statistics for January 2023:
Calls for Service: 1,963
Offenses: 936
Traffic stops: 297
Arrests: 79
Traffic accidents: 29
Traffic Accidents with injury: 3
Here are the year-end totals for 2022:
Calls for service: 24,591
Offenses: 9,859
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Traffic accidents with injury: 64

KIRKSVILLE Police Department		Crime Statistics January 2023	
Calls for Service		Arrests	
1,963	1,963	79	79
This Month	Year to Date	This Month	Year to Date
Offenses		Traffic Accidents	
936	936	29	29
This Month	Year to Date	This Month	Year to Date
Traffic Stops		Traffic Accidents with Injury	
297	297	3	3
This Month	Year to Date	This Month	Year to Date

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, February 7, 1913

Adair County’s numerous religious revivals were bringing in many converts. Two religious meetings were in progress, and one just closed. At Bald Knob Church west of Novinger, the pastor Rev. E.E. McKeithen just closed a revival which resulted in 42 conversions and 39 additions to the church, a remarkable success considering the population of the area. At Youngstown, the Rev. G. A. Lewis was holding a revival which resulted in 30 conversions. The Rev. H. H. Fletcher, of Greentop, opened a revival at Refuge Church north of Kirksville which was starting off with excellent prospects.

110 Years Ago, February 11, 1913

J. J. Jacks, an employee in the Adair County Circuit Clerk’s office, who was doing much of the indexing of the records in the office, came across an interesting old document that was filed in the office in 1855. The document showed that Henry Jones, a 22-year-old slave in Adair County, was freed by his owner after he bought his own freedom. Henry Jones was the father of James Jones who in 1913 operated a barber shop on the north side of the Kirksville square. According to the document filed in the circuit clerk’s office, the owner of the slave was Sarah Jones (?-1864), the widow of Jesse Leven Jones (1795-1847), early Adair County settlers. It was customary for slave owners to “hire out” their slaves on a per diem basis. The slave owner typically gave the slave a portion of the fees that were charged. Apparently, Henry Jones had saved \$800 from such fees, and he used that money to buy his freedom. The document, known as a “deed of emancipation,” which was executed by Sarah Jones stated: “Know all men by these presence, I, Sarah Jones, of the County of Adair and State of Missouri, this day manumitted and released my slave, named Henry, aged 22 year....from my service and by these presents and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred dollars in hand paid by said boy named Henry he is released from my service and from all claim through me.” The document was signed by Sarah Jones and witnessed by David A. Ely, John S. Byrd, and Washington Conner. Apparently, Henry took the last name Jones as it was customary for freed slaves to take their master’s family name. The circuit clerk’s office reported that while other similar documents were filed with the court, it appeared that this was the first instance of a slave in Adair County being freed in this manner. (See Blytha Ellis’s article “Slavery in Pre-Adair County,” Kirksville Daily Express, November 12, 2022, for additional information on slavery in Adair County and the Jesse Jones family.)

90 Years Ago, February 7, 1933

Kirksville and the entire Midwest were in the grips of a blizzard as temperatures dropped below zero and winds piled snow into drifts several feet deep. Most roads including state highways were closed as well as were businesses and schools. Attempts by motorists to use Highway 6 east and west out of Kirksville were futile and travelers were stranded. The severity of the bitter cold and snow left Kirksville residents in misery as they were already suffering from low supplies of coal and wood. Residents were reporting frost bite to various parts of their bodies.

90 Years Ago, February 7, 1933

It was becoming evident that the Great Depression was beginning to take hold in Adair County. The board of directors of the Kirksville Savings Bank declared a ten-day moratorium at their board meeting. The board’s statement said they closed the bank as a protection to their depositors. Bank officials said that their depositors would probably be paid in full. Despite the statement many were surprised when they read the no-



tice on the front door of the bank saying it was closed for reorganization and readjustment. While the moratorium caused concern, most people believed depositors would not lose their money. It was pointed out that the bank had invested much of its money in bonds and loans which were no doubt good and could be cashed in for the benefit of depositors. A few days later that week the Adair County Recorder reported that there were 144 foreclosures under deeds of trust in Adair County for the year 1932. Farm foreclosures totaled 104 while there were 40 foreclosures on town properties. This number was double the average of the previous four years. And, at the same time pleas were going out in Kirksville for donations of food and money to feed the children of the Benton and Willard elementary schools as well as the Kirksville Junior High School. Mothers from the community were preparing food at home and carrying it to these schools to feed approximately 160 hungry children. The conditions were worsened by the severe winter weather the area was experiencing.

85 Years Ago, February 8, 1938

The first state driver’s license to be suspended in Adair County since driver’s licenses were first required was that of Russell Wilkins of near Nind. He was arraigned before Judge E. C. Hilbert in Adair County Circuit Court on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Watkins entered a plea of guilty. He had his license suspended for one year and paid a \$25 fine plus court costs. He was arrested in Kirksville the night before his court appearance by Missouri State Highway Patrolman Kanan and police.

80 Years Ago, February 8, 1943

A 26-year-old farmer, Raymond Knight, living in Walnut Township southwest of Yarrow, walked to the farm field of a neighbor carrying his shotgun where he encountered, Chester Slaughter. Knight asked Slaughter who was on top of a haystack, if he was working hard. Slaughter replied, “A little.” Knight then shot Slaughter four times hitting him in the face, chest, and abdomen. The shells were loaded in the shotgun individually before firing while Slaughter pled for his life between each shot. Slaughter fell on the haystack, and Knight then walked to the nearby home of his parents and killed himself. Slaughter managed to get off the haystack, catch a nearby horse, mount and ride to his home where he called for his wife’s aid. She summoned neighbors who took Slaughter to the ASO Hospital in Kirksville where Dr. Earl Laughlin Jr. performed surgery. Slaughter remained conscious during the entire ordeal and related the details of the event to those who took him to the hospital. The 57-year-old Slaughter died a few hours later. He left a wife and three children. Knight left a wife and two young children ages two and four. The families had been neighbors and friends.

65 Years Ago, February 10, 1958

The Bank of Kirksville purchased the Blue Cross service station at the corner of Jefferson and Franklin Streets from the Franklin Oil Company for probable future expansion according to an announcement. Harvey B. Young Jr., executive vice president of the bank, said that any plans must necessarily be approved by state and federal supervising authorities.

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Give Valentine’s Day flowers some TLC

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — Valentine’s Day flowers, like love, can stand the test of time if given a little TLC. Call it flor-amore. Proper care and a homemade preservative provide an extended warranty of sorts to make certain flowers last up to twice as long, said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Cut flowers age when they lose more water than they take up, Trinklein said. This most often happens when bacteria multiply and plug the water-conducting tissue of the flower known as xylem. Too much sunlight, drafty areas and heat also can cause excessive water loss. The result is a flower that loses its attractiveness prema-

turely. Improper care of flowers can be the kiss of death, so it is important to show them some love to avoid heartbreak.

First, if you receive boxed flowers such as roses, prepare them for arranging by cutting about 1 inch off the bottom of the stems. Otherwise, a bubble of air formed at the base of the xylem can slow the uptake of water. Make a slanted cut, which provides more surface area to take up water than a straight cut.

After cutting, immediately immerse the cut stems in a clean vase filled with water treated with a floral preservative. Cut the stems again about every third day and place flowers in fresh solution. This works equally well for flowers from a florist or from your home garden, Trinklein said.

When flowers arrive in a vase or if you buy a floral arrangement, ask the florist if preservatives were added. Boxed flowers such as roses may arrive with a small packet of preservative to add when the flowers are arranged.

Floral preservatives usually contain food, mostly in the form of sugar, along with a material to reduce the pH of the water, such as citric acid. The latter is helpful since bacteria tend to multiply more slowly in slightly acidic solutions. Additionally, preservatives contain a bactericide to further slow the growth of bacteria. Finally, a wetting agent is added to reduce the surface tension of the water. This allows the water to more easily travel through the xylem.

Commercial preservatives are convenient, but homemade solutions work equally well. Trinklein’s recipe uses lemon-lime soda to provide sugar and make the solution more acidic. Mouthwash provides the needed bactericide and dishwashing liquid serves as a wetting agent.

DAVID TRINKLEIN’S ‘ELIXIR OF YOUTH’ FOR CUT FLOWERS

- 1 pint lemon-lime soda (not diet)
- 1 pint water
- 1 teaspoon antiseptic mouthwash such as Listerine or Scope
- 1-2 drops dishwashing liquid



Preservatives help flowers last longer, but they will not last forever.

“The beauty and ephemeral nature of a rose or other Valentine’s Day flower is part of what makes it special,” Trinklein said. “Perhaps they would not be as appreciated if they lasted forever.”

FARMER

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was forced to make a decision; stay in school or buy the family farm

“The allure of that farm located near Green Castle was too strong and he purchased the house and the surrounding 200 acres,” the magazine article states, noting that over the years, Jones has expanded to 520 acres and the farm has metamorphosed from the herd of dairy and beef cows he began with to one that’s filled with exotic animals.

“I wanted to have something other than a regular cattle farm for my grandkids,” he said in the magazine. “I wanted to have something special, so I just started buying different kinds of animals.”

He said that he started with sheep then added goats, alpacas, llamas and miniature donkeys. After amassing his collection of exotic animals, his daughter suggested that he needed to open up the farm and let people visit. He took her advice and today the petting zoo is open to the public by appointment. He has invited schools and other groups to visit and learn about the animals while allowing them to interact together. The tours are free but donations are accepted.



Baby alpacas at Papa Alpaca’s Petting Zoo.

“I had like the whole first grade class from Kirksville come out last year,” he said. “Like 300 kids, but they came out in different groups, you know, one group in the morning, one group in the afternoon for two different days. So then I would show them all the animals and they would play with them.”

He also has a building adjacent to the animal pens where visitors can see the many products made from alpaca fiber, some that are available for purchase. He also has looms in the building where his new hobby is making rugs, tea towels and other products made from alpaca fiber.

“I just got them in December so they’re really new to me,” Jones said about the looms. “I’m kind of practicing.”

Jones, who retired from the Postal Service in 2017 after 27 years of working days and then on the farm at night, also takes his petting zoo on the road, visiting city block parties, nursing homes and festivals where his petting zoo is always a big hit with children and adults as well. While his sons set him up with a Facebook page and website, word of mouth has been almost as effective in drawing visitors.

“Probably a couple every summer for the last couple of years,” he said about his presence at Kirksville summer block parties, noting that while he doesn’t get paid to set up, seeing children play with the animals makes it worth the trip. “They’re not used to seeing animals like this and being able to get up close



Lisa Davis feeds alpacas at Papa Alpaca’s Petting Zoo.

and pet them,” he said.

He said that the Kirksville Future Farmers of America organization always has a petting zoo in February during National FFA Month and he brought his menagerie to the event last year. Jones’s animals were so popular, the president of the organization asked if they could return for this year’s show.

Jones, having turned 62, said he is looking to unwind some and is in the process of downsizing his farm, though there’s still plenty of cattle and sheep.

“I’m ready to slow down, you know, with the the bigger animals, because the alpacas are just a lot easier to handle than cattle, obviously, just because of their size



Miniature donkeys at Papa Alpaca’s Petting Zoo.

and their temperament,” he said.

To make an appointment to visit Papa’s Alpaca’s Petting Zoo, call 660-626-6461, visit his Facebook page (Papa’s Alpacas), or check out their website at <https://papasalpacas.com>.

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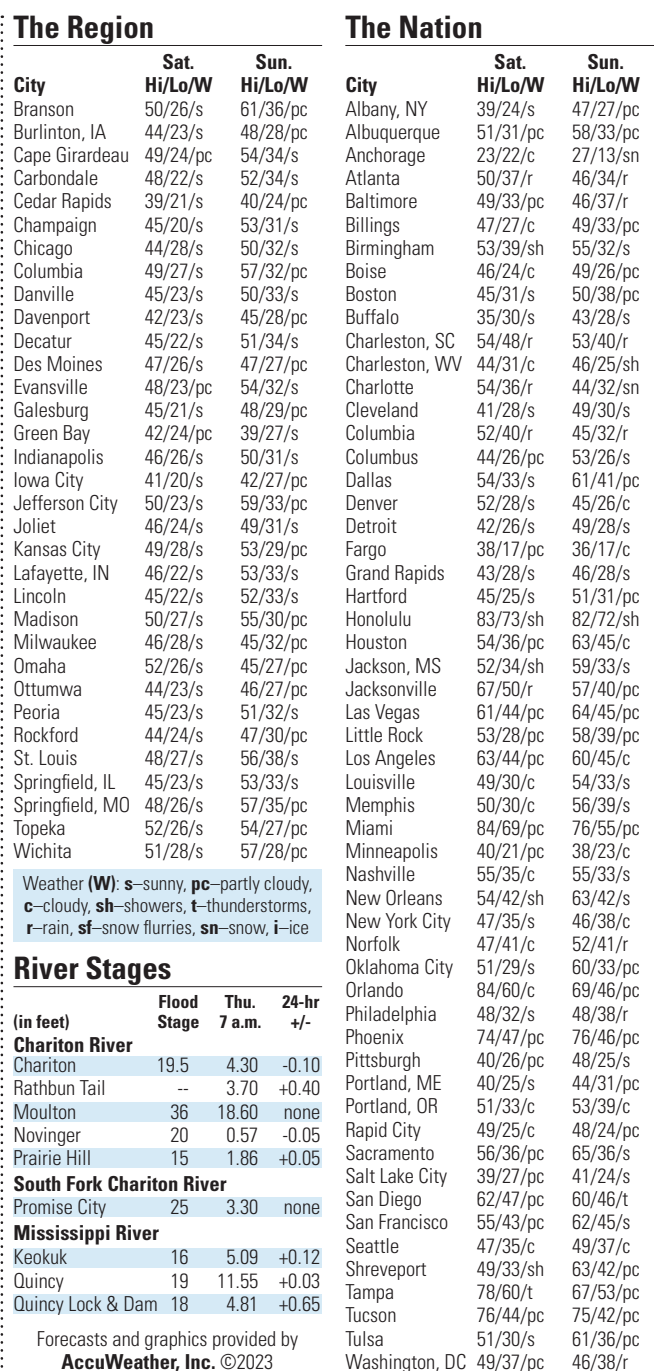
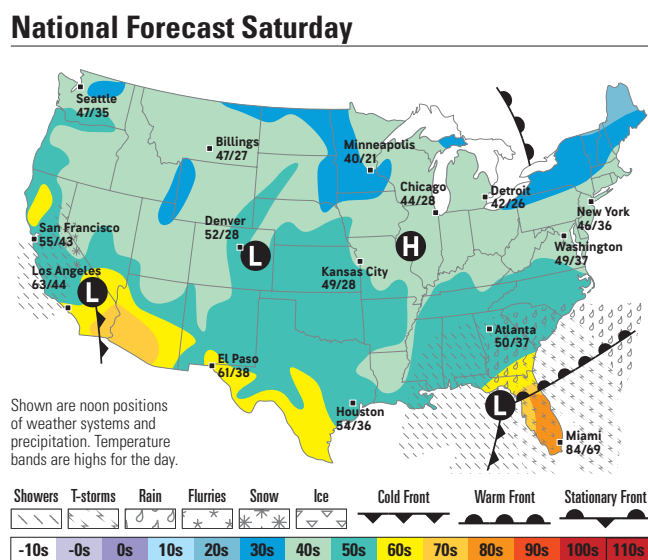
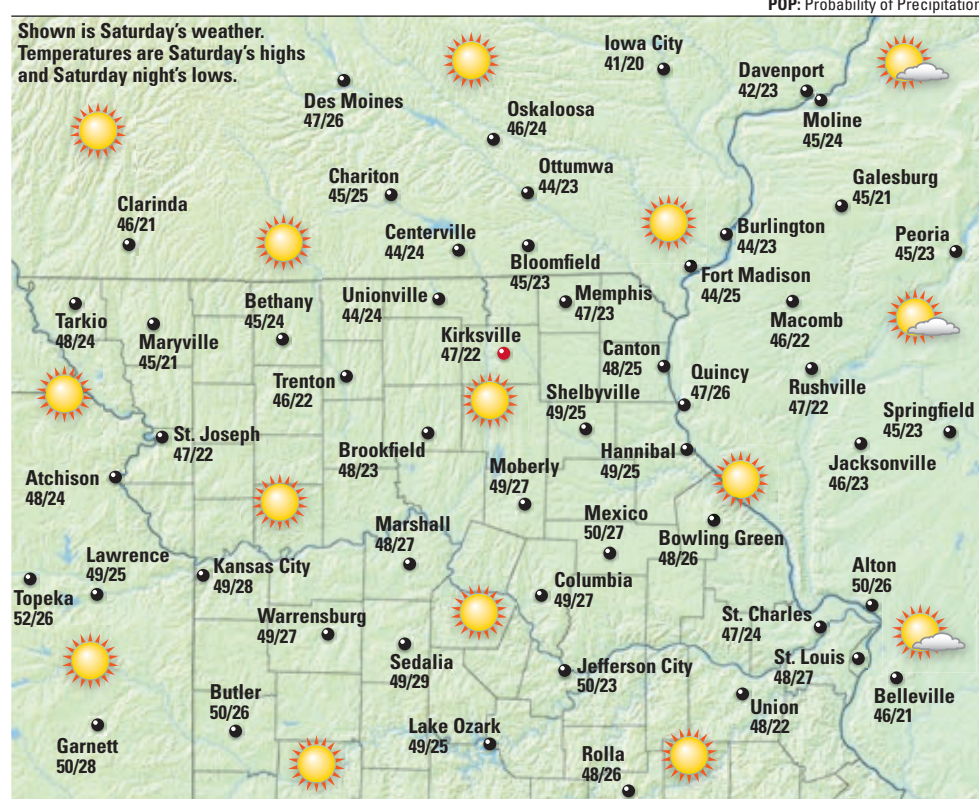
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Jean Merritt of Philadelphia has a special knack for spreading goodwill. She writes letters. According to Philadelphia magazine, Merritt solicits mailing addresses and then responds with a handwritten ("in meticulous cursive") letter on captivating stationery. Her missive to reporter Victor Fiorillo mentioned that she has an overabundance of writing papers and postcards. "I've been writing letters since I was a little girl, and never stopped," Merritt said. Along with requested letters, she writes to people in nursing homes through Letters Against Isolation and to people in prisons. "My mother collected stationery, and I'm still using the stationery I found in her house when she died in 2011. ... I see stationery on clearance, and I can't resist it." Sadly, she said most people don't write her back. Inexplicable

-- A 66-year-old female patient at the Glen Oaks Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Urbandale, Iowa, had suffered a slow decline and was moved into hospice care in late December. On Jan. 3, CBS News reported, the woman was pronounced dead, and the funeral home was called. She was placed in a body bag and transported to the Ankeny Funeral Home and Crematory, where workers unzipped the bag and got a shock: They "observed (the resident's) chest moving and she gasped for air," a report from the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals detailed. Responding EMS workers were able to get a pulse and monitor breathing, but she had no eye movement or verbal response. She was returned to the care facility, where she died two days later with her family at her side. The home is facing \$10,000 in fines.

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Slow start leads to strong finish for Truman in win

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State men's basketball team got back in the win column after a pair of losses, beating Illinois-Springfield at home on Thursday by a score of 87-74. The Bulldogs moved to 6-10 in conference play with the win while Illinois-Springfield fell to 8-7.

The Bulldogs fell behind early in the game, trailing 20-13 just over 10 minutes into the first half. They responded quickly to avoid falling further behind, going on 12-3 run over the next three minutes to grab the lead for the first time since they led 4-3 in the opening two minutes.

Illinois-Springfield was able to briefly retake the lead, 28-27 with 5:37 to go until halftime, but Truman reclaimed it and would not trail again, although there were some close calls in the second half.

Truman took a 35-39 lead into the break. The Bulldogs shot 16-of-29 from the field in the first half (55.2%) and went 5-of-11

from three. The Prairie Stars were also efficient, shooting 13-of-24 from the field (54.2%) and went 7-of-16 from three.

Illinois-Springfield quickly tied the score 39-39 once the second half began. The score was also tied 41-41 and 44-44, but Truman pulled ahead both times. The Prairie Stars managed to hang around for a while longer, keeping the Truman lead in single digits and twice pulling within one point, the latest instance coming with 5:40 left in the game. Leading 68-67 at that point, Truman immediately built up its lead. Back-to-back threes from Xavier Hall and Elijah Hazekamp put the Bulldogs back up by seven points and started a 10-0 run that put them up 78-67 with just over four minutes to go. After that, the smallest Truman's lead got was back down to seven before nearly doubling to a game-high lead of 13 points at the final buzzer.

Truman was slightly less effective from the field in the second half, but was still efficient. The Bulldogs



Truman forward Elijah Hazekamp looks to make a pass against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

shot 12-of-24 in the half and 4-of-7 from three. They were able to build their lead through free-throw shooting, which was typically excellent in the second half, where Truman was 20-of-24 from the line as a team. The Bulldogs were 22-of-27 from the line for the game.

Illinois-Springfield had poorer shooting percentages in the second half than in the first, and without a large volume of free throw attempts, was unable to remain in the game. The Prairie Stars shot 13-of-30 (43.3%) from the field in the second half, were 7-of-20 from three and 6-of-10 from the free throw line.

Truman was led by Hazekamp with a season-high 29 points. He has scored more than 20 points in three-straight games and six of his last eight and is now averaging 15.9 points per game this season. He also had eight rebounds and led the team with five three pointers.

Guards Hunter Strait and Trey Shearer both had

14 points while shooting a combined 9-of-18 from the field. Shearer also had five rebounds and a team-high five assists. Hall had 10 points as four of the Bulldogs' five starters reached double figures.

Continuing his excellent recent stretch of games of the bench was forward Dylan Peeters, who had 11 points and 11 rebounds in the game. It was his second-straight game with a double-double and sixth-straight game scoring in double figures. He is averaging 13.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per game in that six-game stretch. Peeters is averaging 9.9 points per game in 14 games off the bench this season and 5.7 points per game in his 10 starts.

Truman will be back at home on Saturday for the final home contest of the season. The Bulldogs will host Lewis at 3 p.m. It will be Senior Day for Truman. These two teams met back on Dec. 1, with Lewis winning 68-60.



Truman forward Dylan Peeters drives toward the basket against Indianapolis on Nov 28.

Truman women pull away in 4th quarter for home win

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State women's basketball team pulled away from Illinois-Springfield with a big fourth quarter to beat the Prairie Stars 98-84. The Bulldogs are now 13-3 in conference play with just four games left in the regular season. Illinois-Springfield is now 2-13 against GLVC opponents.

The game proved to be a back-and-forth battle from the opening tip, with the two teams exchanging leads throughout the first quarter before Illinois-Springfield took a 28-22 lead by the end of the quarter. The Bulldogs began to cut into the deficit once the second quarter started, and despite cutting the lead to two points multiple times, could not take the lead for much of the period.

It was not until there was 2:18 to go before halftime, when a three-pointer from Hannah Belanger put them up 40-39. Truman also grabbed a one-point lead entering the half, when a three from Emma Bulman put them up 43-42.

The Prairie Stars did not go away, though, coming back to take a 50-49 lead two minutes into the third quarter. Truman went on a 13-5 run from there to claim a seven-point lead, but Illinois-Springfield kept cutting the lead back down, as low as three points at two different occasions. The Bulldogs led 69-65 heading into the fourth quarter.

The game continued in this fashion for the first half of the fourth, leading 79-74 with 4:58 to go. That is when the Bulldogs blew it open, going on 13-1 run over the next several minutes to go up 92-75 with 1:22 left in the game. Illinois-Springfield went on a bit of a run in the final minute, but their loss was sealed at that point.

Truman outperformed Illinois-Springfield in nearly every category in the game. The Bulldogs shot 56.9% from the field while holding the Prairie Stars to 38.2%. The Bulldogs made 11 threes, two fewer than Illinois-Springfield, but shot 61.1% from deep while the Prairie Stars shot just 34.2%.

Truman outrebounded Illinois-Springfield 40-26 and had 26



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

assists to the Prairie Stars' 15. The only area where Illinois-Springfield had the advantage was in turnovers, where they had just six but forced 16 Truman turnovers.

Belanger had a typically productive game, while also reaching a pair of milestones. She had 24 points in the game to lead the Bulldogs. She shot 4-of-6 from three to set the new single-season three point record for the program with 81. She also tied the career mark of 277 and has a chance to set that record on Saturday against Lewis in what will be Truman's final home game of the season.

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COLUMN

Jordan vs. LeBron debate needlessly spoils fun of LeBron's record

LeBron James proved once again on Tuesday that he is one of the most impressive athletes we have ever seen. That was the day that James broke the NBA's all-time scoring record, scoring 38 points to surpass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's mark of 38,387, finishing the night with 38,390 points.



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It should have been a night to celebrate two of the greatest players in league history and the incredible careers they both had. There was plenty of that, but also the unfortunate presence of the long-running and meaningless debate about whether James or Michael Jordan is the greatest player of all time.

It is a question that is as annoying as it is impossible to answer. The two men played the game in vastly different eras. The NBA today is vastly different than it was just a few short years ago, let alone 25 years ago.

James plays in an era with wildly different rules and styles than the era of Jordan. It is like trying to compare athletes that play different sports.

It also does not matter who is "better" than the other. Jordan and James are both the greatest players of their respective eras. That is of course subjective, but very few good-faith arguments exist that would say this is not true.

Why do we feel the need to try and pick one? Why are we unable to appreciate both of them for who they are and what they did? This nonsensical debate is just an unavoidable part of our society today.

It goes beyond sports. The Grammy Awards were held recently, and immediately caused countless arguments online between the fan bases of different artists, fighting over who was better and whether or not the artists awarded deserved those honors.

People feel the need to be validated as a result of their fandom or support of people they do not know. In their minds, Harry Styles winning an award is a clear sign of disrespect to their favorite artist, and therefore a personal attack on them as a fan. If you enjoy someone's music, why does that mean that everyone else needs to acknowledge their music and award it?

The upcoming Oscars will also create needless debates between fans of the different movies up for awards. But regardless of what happens, you can love a movie that does not win anything and someone else can love a movie that does win. It is art. It is subjective.

Basketball is similar to this. Players are like artists, with their own strengths and styles. There are of course statistics in basketball, which provide a bit of tangible evidence for proving which players are better than others, but statistics matter less and less when comparing players from different eras.

But people seem to have their self worth tied up in these meaningless debates. If you think Jordan is the greatest, you think you are better than someone who thinks James is better. They are wrong and dumb in your eyes.

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Truman guard Xavier Hall handles the ball near the top of the key against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

Updating GLVC standings as teams head toward postseason

By Adam Tumino

The 2022-23 regular season is nearly over for the men's and women's basketball teams of the GLVC. With the conference tournaments rapidly approaching, let's take a look through the conference standings and statistics.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A red-hot Indianapolis team has been running away with the conference lead over the last several weeks. Winners of 15 games in a row, the Greyhounds

are now 13-2 in conference play and 20-2 overall. They are also ranked No. 7 in the nation. Their scoring margin of +15 points per game leads the GLVC and ranks 10th nationally.

Missouri-St. Louis has fallen further behind Indianapolis after losing its last two games to drop to 10-6 in conference play this season. William Jewell has won two games in a row and is also at 10-6, although Missouri-St. Louis owns the better overall record at 18-6.

Fourth-place Quincy sits

at 9-6 despite ranking eighth in the conference in scoring offense and sixth in scoring defense. Southwest Baptist ranks third in the conference in scoring margin this season but sit in fifth place in the standings at 8-7.

Illinois-Springfield and Rockhurst are both also at 8-7, although they both lost their last game to get there while Southwest Baptist has won two games in a row to leapfrog them in the standings.

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<p>2012 CHEVY IMPALA FWD, 6 Cyl., MAROON</p>	<p>2018 JEEP RENEGADE FWD, 4 Cyl., Black</p>	<p>2018 CHEVY TRAX FWD, 4 Cyl., White</p>
<p>2013 CHEVY MALIBU FWD, 4 Cyl., Silver</p>	<p>2017 HYUNDAI ACCENT fwd, 4 Cyl, Black</p>	<p>2015 CHEVY SONIC FWD, 4 Cyl., Gray</p>

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Mahomes wins 2nd MVP award ahead of Super Bowl

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PHOENIX — Patrick Mahomes dominated the voting for the AP NFL Most Valuable Player award. Now, he'll try to break the MVP curse.

Mahomes, who also won in 2018, easily outdistanced Jalen Hurts, receiving 48 of 50 first-place votes from a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the league. He earned 490 points to 193 for Hurts, who got one first-place vote, 26 seconds, 11 thirds and 10 fourths.

Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs (16-3) face Hurts and the Philadelphia Eagles (16-3) in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Mahomes thanked the Chiefs organization and his teammates in a video at NFL Honors on Thursday night.

"I would never be standing here without y'all," Mahomes said. "Every day we've given everything we have together to win the ultimate goal, the Super Bowl. Let's continue to go for that dream this weekend."

The last nine MVPs to play in the Super Bowl that season are 0-9. Kurt Warner was the last to win both the MVP award and Super Bowl following the 1999 season.

Bills quarterback Josh Allen received the other first-place vote, finishing third with 151 points. Bengals QB Joe Burrow placed fourth and Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson came in fifth.

The 27-year-old Mahomes is the third player to win his second MVP before turning 28, joining Brett Favre (27) and Jim Brown (22).

Mahomes was the 2018 NFL MVP in his first full season as a starter.

The Chiefs lost the AFC championship game that season but Mahomes led them to a Super Bowl victory over San Francisco the following season.

In the second-closest race Thursday, Brian Daboll won AP Coach of the Year after leading the New York Giants to their first playoff appearance in six years.

Daboll received 16 first-place votes and 123 total points to outpace 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, who got 12 votes for first and 10 points.

Jaguars coach Doug Pederson finished third with 75 points, including five first-place votes.

"It's a tremendous honor," Daboll said. "You don't think about that when you take a job. You think about leading a team and building the culture."

Other awards announced Thursday:

DeMeco Ryans, who spent the past two seasons as the defensive coordinator of the 49ers, was named AP Assistant Coach of the Year. He is now the head coach of the Texans.

Nick Bosa made it a landslide for the AP Defensive Player of the Year award. San Francisco's All-Pro defensive end received



Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws against the Raiders during the first half of an NFL football game, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Las Vegas. The Chiefs and Eagles are bringing MVP finalists Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts to the Super Bowl to cap a season in which the NFL had a glaring amount of instability at quarterback. AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER, FILE

46 first-place votes after leading the NFL with 18 ½ sacks in the regular season.

Bosa and the 49ers lost to the Eagles 31-7 in the NFC title game. He joked that he's ready to start the season now.

"One weekend in Las Vegas is enough for me," Bosa said.

Jets cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner won the AP Defensive Rookie of the Year award. Gardner, the No. 4 overall pick in the draft, started every game for the Jets. He had two interceptions and allowed just 33 catches on 73 targets.

Jets receiver Garrett Wilson edged out Seattle Seahawks running back Kenneth Walker for the AP Offensive Rookie of the year award.

"This means everything," Wilson said. "You put in a lot of work to end up in this point and to see it come to fruition, it's awesome."

Wilson and Gardner are the third teammates to win the offensive and defensive rookie awards in the same season. Alvin Kamara and Marshon Lattimore did it with the Saints in 2017 and Detroit's Mel Farr and

Lem Barney did it in 1967.

"I was more happy for Garrett," Gardner said.

Justin Jefferson ran away with the AP Offensive Player of the Year award. Minnesota's All-Pro wide receiver got 35 first-place votes and earned 192 points, outdistancing runner up Mahomes by a significant margin.

"It means a lot, especially where I come from, this doesn't happen," Jefferson said. "I was always doubted, wasn't highly recruited. Having this award is amazing."

Geno Smith, who earned his first Pro Bowl berth after becoming a full-time starter for the first time since 2014, is the AP Comeback Player of the Year. The Seattle Seahawks quarterback threw for 4,282 yards, 30 TDs and led Seattle to an NFC wild-card berth.

Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott was the Walter Payton Man of the Year. The prestigious award recognizes an NFL player for outstanding community service activities off the field, as well as excellence on the field.

Early bird registration now open for youth summer baseball and softball in Kirksville

By City of Kirksville Parks and Recreation

(Kirksville, MO) — The Kirksville Baseball and Softball Association (KBSA) has transitioned the operation of its youth baseball and softball leagues to the City of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department. The new league will be known as the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Leagues (KBSL). Kirksville Parks and Recreation is excited to continue offering our community's favorite youth summer pastime, and hopes to provide enhancements to the league while carrying on the long-standing tradition of youth summer baseball and softball at North Park.

Early bird registration will begin on February 9, 2023, and end March 19, 2023. Intro to Coach Pitch, for kids 5 and 6 years old, will cost \$50 per player. Coach baseball and softball leagues for 7- and 8-year-olds will both cost \$60 per player. All divisions of baseball and softball for players over the age of 9 will cost \$70 per player. Registrations received after the early-bird deadline through April 2, 2023, will cost an additional \$10 per player. Registration can be completed in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St in Kirksville, or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com.

Practices for all divisions will start the week of April 17, 2023. Games for all divisions will begin the week of May 15, 2023, with opening day ceremonies for the league scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023. The season will conclude the week of July 10, 2023.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation will continue to offer the popular Little Sluggers Tee Ball program for players ages 3 to 5 in the late summer and early fall.

Be sure to sign up soon to get the early bird registration rates. We look forward to seeing everyone at the ball fields this summer!



Truman forward Alex Fanning battles under the basket against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

WOMEN

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Belanger also led the team with a season-high 10 assists and finished second on the team with seven rebounds. Also finishing with a double-double was forward Alex Fanning, who recorded 18 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Three other Truman players scored in double figures in the game. Forward Ellie Weltha had 10 points while Claire Rake and Maddie

Niemeier both set season highs off the bench. Rake scored 17 points while shooting 5-of-7 from three and Niemeier shot 4-of-7 from the field for 11 points.

The Bulldogs will host Lewis on Saturday at 1 p.m. to close out the home schedule. The Flyers are right behind Truman in the standings, sitting in third place with an 11-4 conference record. Truman won the first matchup between these teams this season, winning 71-65 on Dec. 1. Saturday will be Senior Day for Truman.

COLUMN

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Perhaps the most frustrating thing about this debate is that it truly does not matter. It only serves as a waste of time and energy that drives a wedge between people that would not otherwise exist. There are enough debates going on about things that matter. We do not need to invent new things to argue about.

Another thing that this debate does is cause people to overlook James' career, which is truly one of the greatest stories in sports history. He has been in the public eye since he was in high school, seen as the

next great basketball player, and now at age 38 he has exceeded all of the hype that existed when he was just a teenager. He has shattered records, won championships, and done things on the basketball court that no other player had ever done, and that no other players are likely to do again.

There are people out there that chose to hate James for no legitimate reason, disparaging his wildly impressive career. I do not know why, in a world that can be so bleak, that people would willingly rob themselves of joy. Just sit back and enjoy what James is doing. You can still think Jordan is better if you want to, just shut up about it.

STANDINGS

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Missouri S&T has the highest-scoring offense in the GLVC this season, which ranks 36th in the nation. But the Miners also rank last in the conference defensively. Perhaps appropriately, they hold an 8-8 conference record. This puts them in eight place.

The rest of the conference is below .500 in conference play, with 7-8 McKendree being next in the standings. A loss in their last game snapped a two-game winning streak for the Bearcats, though they have still won three of their last five games.

Maryville has been alternating wins and losses since snapping a four-game losing streak back on Jan. 19. As a result, they have remained two games below .500 and are now 7-9 in conference play.

Truman, currently sitting in 11th place, is the last GLVC team that has a chance to reach the .500 mark. At 6-10, the Bulldogs would need to win out to achieve that, and they have won five of their last eight conference contests, with one of the wins coming against a Missouri-St. Louis team that was ranked at the time.

Lewis and Drury have more in common than being the two GLVC teams with the shortest names. They are both 3-12 in conference play this season as well. Lewis has dropped four games in a row and Drury has dropped its last five.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Drury has still not shown any signs of slowing down. Winners of 18 games in a row, the Panthers are 15-0 in conference play and have not had a conference opponent win by fewer than seven points this season, with 13 conference wins coming by double figures. They are ranked No. 2 in the nation and have the



Truman guard Gracie Stugart gets into position on defense against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. ADAM TUMINO

fifth highest-scoring offense in Division II.

Truman still sits in second place, now with a 12-3 conference record. The Bulldogs are not far behind Drury offensively, ranking 14th in the nation in scoring, but defensively are allowing 11.9 more points per game than Drury.

Third-place Lewis holds an 11-4 conference record and has the second-longest winning streak in the conference at four games. Fourth-place Indianapolis had won four in a row in mid-January, but have gone 2-2 since then and are now 9-6 in conference play.

Missouri S&T also has nine conference wins at 9-7, winning its last two games to climb over .500 and into fifth place.

The women's side of the GLVC is slightly more top-heavy than the men's side, where the conference's lone. 500 team was in eighth place. For the women, sixth-place Maryville is 8-8 in conference play.

Just below Maryville in the standings at 7-8 in McKendree, who themselves are just ahead

of 7-9 Missouri-St. Louis. McKendree has lost two games in a row while Missouri-St. Louis has dropped three of its last four contests.

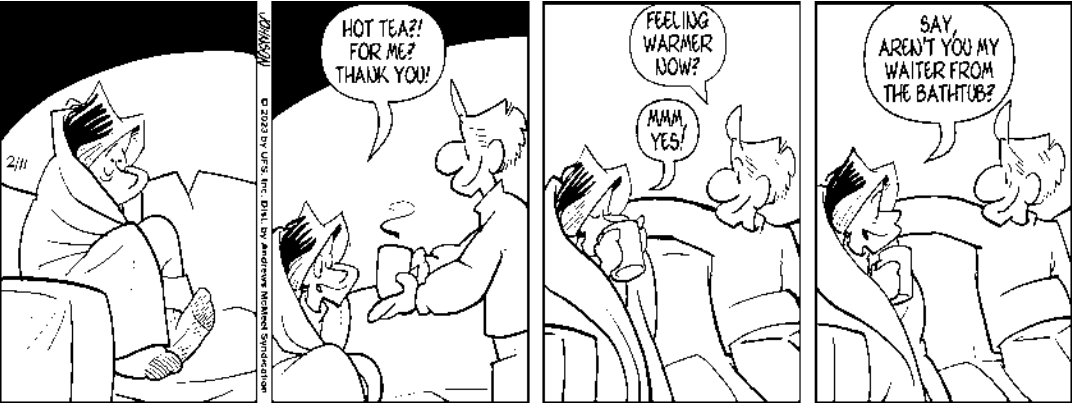
Southwest Baptist and Quincy are both 6-9 in conference play, but heading in different directions. Southwest Baptist has won two of three while Quincy has dropped two of three.

Rockhurst beat Indianapolis in its last game to snap a three-game losing streak but still finds itself in 11th with a 5-10 conference record. Rockhurst is tied with Indianapolis in scoring margin this season but sits seven spots lower in the standings.

Illinois-Springfield has lost five games in a row and is now 2-13 in conference play and 2-12 overall. The Prairie Stars have yet to win a home game this season in 11 tries, making them the only team without at least three home wins this season.

William Jewell has lost a conference-high five games in a row, dropping them to 2-14 in conference place and the last spot in the standings.

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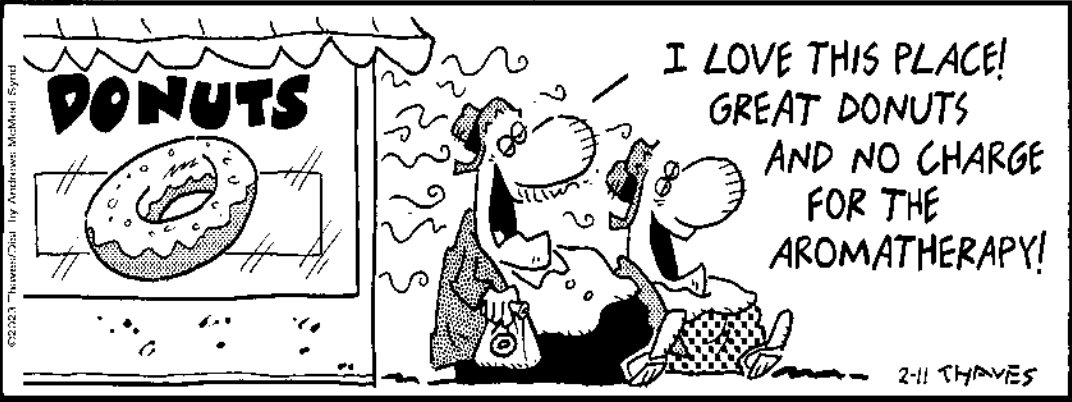
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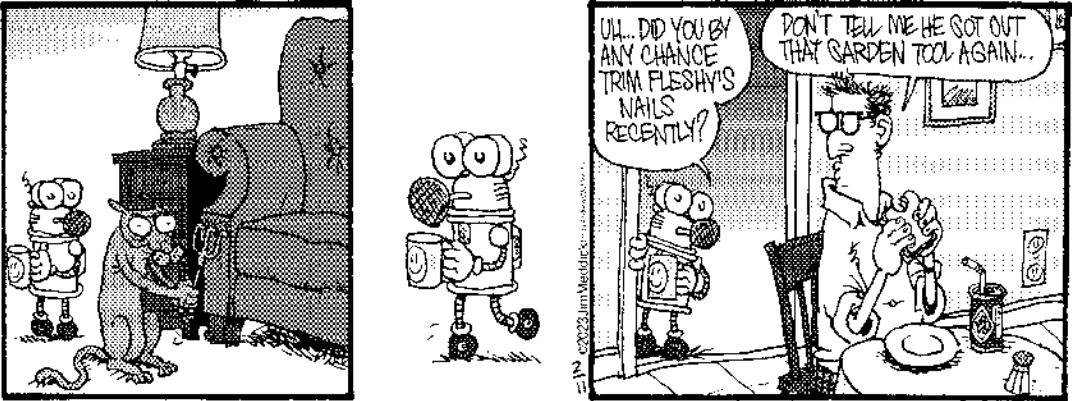
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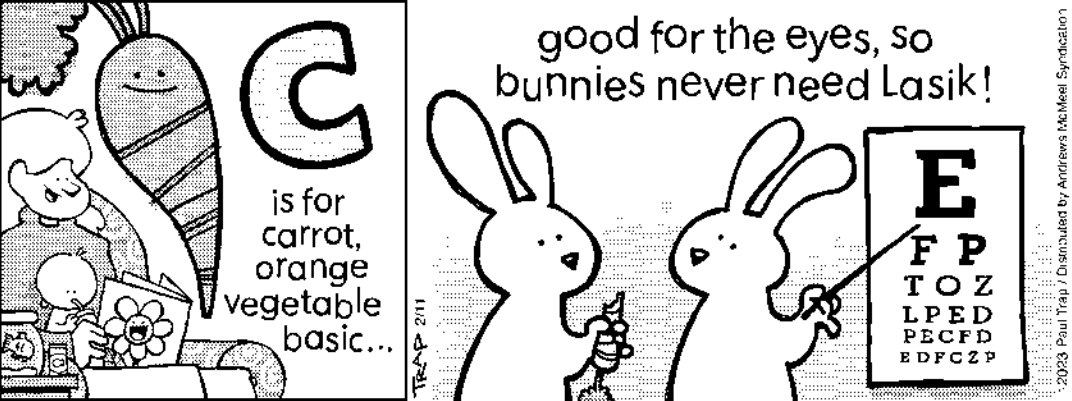
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SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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- ACROSS**
- 1 The Red Baron, for one
 - 4 Kids' card game
 - 7 Takeout request (2 wds.)
 - 11 Gigantic bird of myth
 - 12 Nickel or dime
 - 13 "Listen!"
 - 14 Material at La Brea
 - 15 WWW addresses
 - 16 Elevator maker
 - 17 Tassels
 - 19 Part of MIT
 - 20 MGM workplace
 - 21 Playground game
 - 22 Standoffish
 - 25 Population survey
 - 28 Squirrel food
 - 29 Carnival
 - 31 Letter after pi
 - 33 Hgt.
 - 34 Tolstoy's Karenina
- DOWN**
- 36 Defective firework
 - 37 Dislike intensely
 - 40 Ink producer
 - 42 Dentist's anesthetic
 - 43 Ego ending
 - 44 Tied
 - 46 Easy
 - 49 Claim on property
 - 50 Compartment
 - 52 Candied item
 - 54 Like the Sahara
 - 55 Coastal eagle
 - 56 Ski instructor
 - 57 Lucy Lawless role
 - 58 Kids' ammo
 - 59 MS readers
- DOWN**
- 1 Gallery display
 - 2 Suit part
 - 3 Pale brown
 - 4 Most awful
 - 5 Feel poorly
 - 6 ER personnel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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7 Sandals

8 Nutritious grains

9 Spunk

10 Rubber-stamps

12 Deadline

18 Andy Capp's wife

19 007's creator

21 Sea bird

22 Compilation

23 Calm

24 Sarge's pooch

25 Motion picture

26 Language of Pakistan

27 Feng —

30 Sighs of relief

32 Out of the ordinary

35 Gather

38 Meeting outline

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41 Gal. fractions

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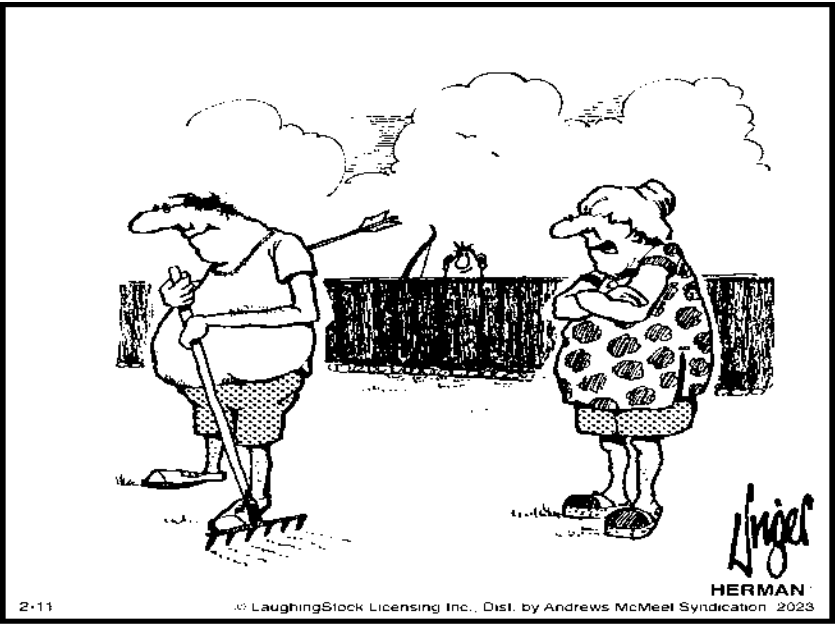
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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

You'll see the big picture this year. Take the time to put the pieces of the puzzle together, and you'll find your way to the winner's circle. High energy, a positive attitude and innovative ideas will help you reject negativity and those trying to monopolize your time or space. Embrace your vision and follow through with your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stop waffling and do whatever it takes to get where you want to go. Say no to negativity, interference and laziness. Agree to pick up the pace and initiate positive changes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You'll be backed into a corner if you aren't willing to put yourself and your ideas on the line. Stand up for what's important to you and reject anyone who tries to stand in your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Refuse to let anyone dismantle your plans. Put together a foolproof project. Call on those who have helped in the past to give you the backup you need to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't wait until it's too late. Act, speak up and make a difference. Offering a unique solution will help get others on board. A makeover will give you a trendy new look.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Seek out information, facts and figures before you press forward. Take the time to do your due diligence and make yourself clear to those meddling in your affairs. Trust in your ability.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Easy come, easy go. You have the potential to bring in cash but also to let it slip through your fingers. Don't be fooled

by advertising. Spend time with people who give you honest feedback.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Generosity is attractive, but don't spend or give away money that you don't have. Change can be overrated, and it is best to implement it out of necessity. Join forces with someone who can give you good advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take the high road, regardless of what others do or say. A kind approach will buy you time to discover helpful information. Being well-informed will make a difference and help ward off trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put your emotions on the back burner and go about your business. Letting someone get to you will prove debilitating. If you stand your ground and speak your mind, you'll maintain control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Lighten up and enjoy the moment. Participate in events that interest you or start a project that can change your life. Take care of your health and finances instead of trusting such matters to someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Help others, and you'll reap the rewards. Try stepping outside your comfort zone to deal with someone giving false information. A serious attitude will encourage respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Learn something new, and expand your interests, friendships and circumstances to fit your plans. Refuse to let emotions influence your decisions or cost you your dignity.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI AT PROBATE DIVISION (Date File Stamp)

IN THE ESTATE OF ESTATE NUMBER 17AR-PR00071

Morris Rutherford

Protectee Now Deceased.

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION (Sec. 475.320, RSMo)

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MORRIS RUTHERFORD, PROTECTEE NOW DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that a final settlement and petition for determination of the persons who are successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property will be filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri at Kirksville by the undersigned on February 28, 2023 or as continued by the court and that any objections or exceptions to such settlement or petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such settlement.

1-17-2023

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 23AR-PR00010 (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division:

KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM

In the Estate of ANNABEL CROW, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ANNABEL CROW, Decedent:

On January 25, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of ANNABEL CROW, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The name and address of the personal representative is:

RUDY RILEY, 2508 AUGUSTA, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

C. DAVID ROUNER, 400 N. FRANKLIN, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, 660-665-7515

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: November 21, 2022

Date of first publication: February 4, 2023

Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 2-4-2023, 2-11-2023, 2-18-2023, 2-25-2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In Re the Estate of Annie Marie Epperson, Decedent, Barbara Dierling, Petitioner, And Louisa Janie Magers, Michael Dierling, respondents.

Notice of Hearing

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF Annie Marie Epperson, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that Annie Marie Epperson died on December 17, 1997. A Second Amended Petition for Determination of Heirship was filed by **Barbara Dierling** in the Adair County Probate Court on January 23, 2023 to determine the Heirs of **Annie Marie Epperson**, deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the following described property owned by said Decedent at the time of death, to-wit: Real Property located in Adair County legally described as: All that part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section three (3) of township sixty three (63) North of range Seventeen (17) and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of said East Half (E1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW1/4) of Section three (3) Township sixty three (63) of range seventeen (17), and running thence north to the south line of Spring Creek running through said tract; thence in a south easterly direction along said Spring Creek to a point where said Spring Creek nearest intersects the public road running north and south through said tract, thence running southeasterly direction along said public road to the south line of said East Half (E1/2) of the southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of said Section three (3), thence west to the place of beginning and containing in all thirty three (33) acres more or less. Petitioner's attorney is **Jessica Marie Rooks**, whose business address is 2424 S. Franklin St. Suite A, Kirksville, Missouri 63501. The place of publication of this notice is Kirksville Daily Express, Kirksville, Missouri. You are hereby required to appear to answer said Petition on the 14 day of March, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock am in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said petition.

Martha Cole, Adair County Circuit Clerk
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1 Utter

4 Tony-winner — Hagen

7 Trim a doily

10 Mongol ruler

12 Cicero's garb

14 Moon or sun

15 Corn Belt state

16 Piece of news

17 Matter, in law

18 Occult figure

20 Saloon sign (2 wds.)

22 OC member

23 Raw rock

24 Blue Light Special offerer

27 Feasible

30 One, in Frankfurt

31 Browser's delight

32 Law (abbr.)

34 Toward the rear of a ship

35 Like a fox

36 Dud, to NASA (hyph.)

37 Savage

39 Rare gas

40 Right, to Dobbin

41 Motor homes, for short

42 Breakfast sizzler

45 One or the other

49 More than most

50 Harvest

53 Former Trevi Fountain coins

54 Lillie or Arthur

55 Hawaiian port

56 Singer — Brickell

57 Evergreen tree

58 Hear clearly

59 Mouse alert

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACEWAR TOGO
ROCCOIN HARK
TARURLS OTIS
TUFTS INST
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ALOOF CENSUS
NUT FAIR RHO
ALT ANNA DUD
LOATHE SQUID
GAS IST
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LIEN ROOM YAM
ARID ERNE PRO
XENA BBS EDS

4 City near Syracuse

5 Sandbox enjoyer

6 Era

7 Legal wrong

8 Length x width

9 Cookbook qty.

11 Temperament

13 Not right or wrong

19 Devotee ending

21 Lincoln's st.

23 Slick

24 Mauna —

25 Irk

26 Con

27 Dell

28 Raucous diver

29 Therefore

31 Prey for kitty

33 Slip on

35 Monkey —

36 Snuggle

38 Self-importance

39 IV squared

41 Transplant

42 Newborn

43 Away from the wind

44 Lobster pincer

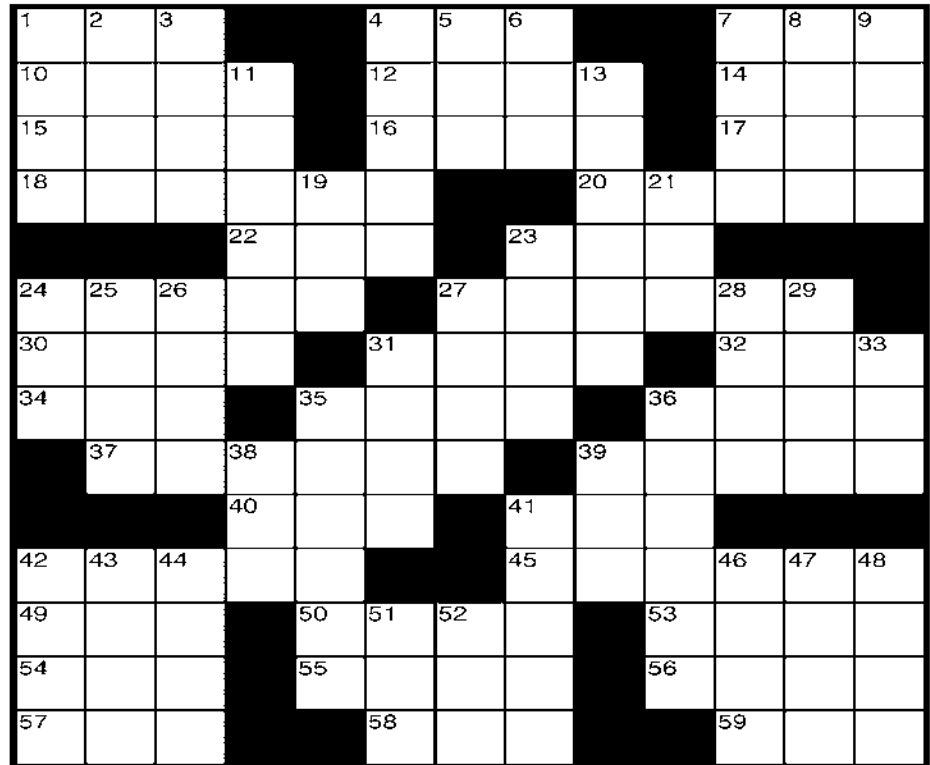
46 Veil

47 Old barge canal

48 Smell really bad

51 Manipulate fraudulently

52 Yeah, to a matador



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ACROSS

1 Internet suffix

4 Bank offerings

7 Braid

11 Man, once

12 Lawman Wyatt —

14 Majesty preceder

15 Belief

16 Louvre's "Mona —"

17 Rich deposit

18 Painters' supports

20 New cop

22 Jay follower

23 Marino or Levy

24 Earth pigment

27 Crumb

30 Hired a lawyer

31 Outscores

32 Compete

34 Superlative suffix

35 Scoundrels

36 Juicy fruit

37 Japanese theater

39 Type

40 Tribute in verse

41 "— Sera, Sera"

42 Ignore

45 Clean one's desk

49 Yours and mine

50 ETs' craft

52 Vigor's partner

53 Drop

54 Hurricane track

55 French friend

56 Sporty wheels

57 Inlet

58 Brooklyn cager

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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AFT WILY NOGO
FIERCE XENON
GEE RVS
BACON EITHER
ALL CROP LIRE
BEA HILO EDIE
YEW GET EEK

8 Gaze at

9 Volkswagen kin

10 Genealogy chart

13 Inmates' desires

19 Barely managed

21 Rowboat need

24 Wear and tear

25 Perfume ingredient

26 Greek letter

27 Skirt length

28 Level

29 Untruthful one

31 Hears the alarm (2 wds.)

33 Previously

35 Cows' mouthfuls

36 Baby chick sound

38 Talks big

39 Distrustful (hyph.)

41 Allocation

42 Big bang

43 Arizona city

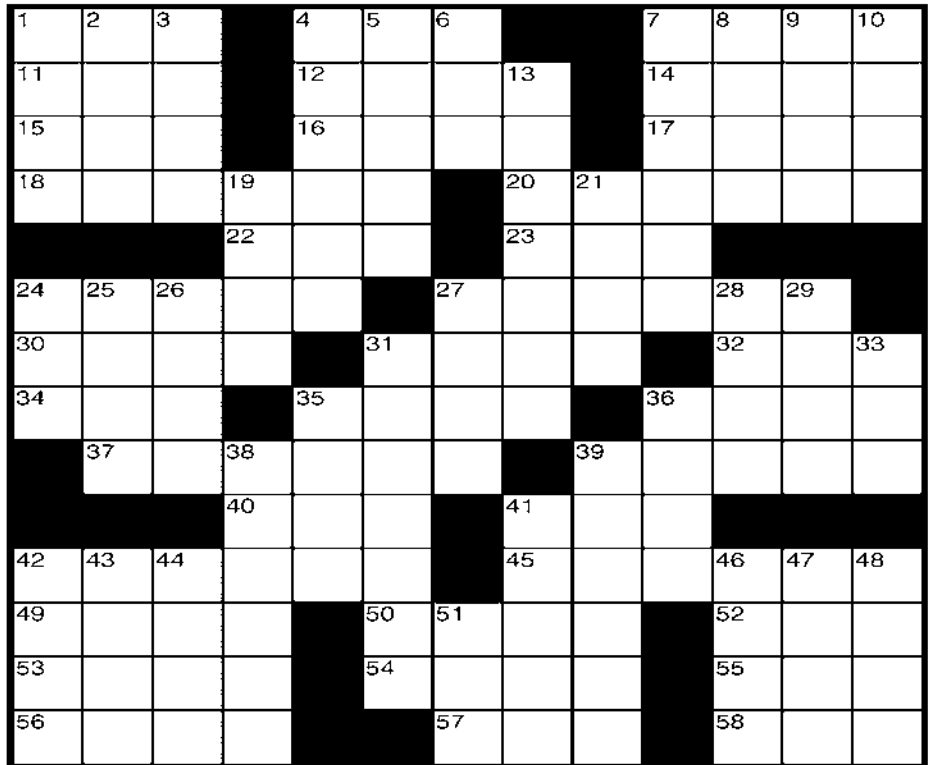
44 Stuffed shirt

46 Pavlov or Turgenev

47 Cement component

48 Discharge

51 Marvy



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

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

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		8		1		3		
1	4						6	7
9	6			8	1			5
8		4	5	3		2	1	6
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10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith
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10:45 a.m. Worship
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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Worship
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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
TBA Bible Study

Church of God of Prophecy
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service
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7:00 a.m. Monday
9:00 p.m. Wednesday

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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10:30 a.m. Song Service
11:00 a.m. Preaching

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

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

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

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

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Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor
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Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

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

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

Lake Road Chapel
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1601 N. Elson
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

New Hope Evangelical Church
620 Steer Creek Way
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
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Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor
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First Assembly of God
2401 S. High
Jeff Arp, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
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6:30 p.m. Evening Praise
www.KirksvilleFirst.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downing Christian Church
430 E. Prime Street
Minister Walker Franke
Associate Minister Larry Smith
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
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Willow Bend Church
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New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bud Cornwell, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour

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

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

First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship
6:00 pm Monday – AWANA
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Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.
Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plan a Special Valentine's Day

Couples have been commemorating their love for one another in February for quite some time. Couples may go about such celebrating in their own unique ways, but it's not uncommon to focus on a night out on the town. Valentine's Day is a busy holiday for many businesses, but especially so at restaurants and other romantic venues. So it's best to plan ahead to ensure a perfect evening. These tips can help you organize a Valentine's experience to remember.

Tip #1: Reserve early
The closer to Valentine's Day, the more likely popular restaurants will be all booked up. If the goal is to dine at a particularly trendy spot — or anywhere but the most obscure establishment — be sure to make a reservation well in advance. Start planning the Valentine's Day dinner in December so you won't have to look far and wide to book a reservation. If a restaurant does not take reservations that far out, ask when they will start collecting names for Valentine's Day

and book the moment you can.

Tip #2: Secure transportation
One way to make the night more romantic is to snuggle in the back seat of a vehicle and have someone else do the driving. This also is a safer option if you plan to pop a bottle of bubbly or sip some wine while celebrating. Hiring a limousine, luxury car, horse-drawn carriage, or something similar also will require advanced reservations. However, going the extra mile can make the night memorable.

Tip #3: Emulate a scene from a favorite film
The person you love may adore a romantic movie, whether it's a classic or more recent tear-jerker. When planning a romantic evening out, consider reenacting a movie scene with you and your special someone in the starring roles. For example, recall when Tom Hanks met Meg Ryan at the top of the Empire State Building in "Sleepless in Seattle." Include a visit to the observation

deck or roof as part of a whirlwind Valentine's Day experience.

Tip #4: Attend a live music performance
Music can touch the heart and soul. That makes an evening watching a band play or enjoying a musical on the stage even more memorable if it occurs on Valentine's Day. Select an intimate venue to add to the romantic ambiance of the night.

Tip #5: Think outside tradition
While dinner and a movie are Valentine's Day favorites, any activity done together can be memorable and romantic. Why not book a couple's cooking class? Or enjoy a winter sport like skiing or ice skating? Or warm up after window shopping on Main Street by sipping hot cocoa and snuggling on the sofa under a blanket at a nearby B&B? Romantic nights out on Valentine's Day can be made even more special with some forethought and planning

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