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# **Super Bowl MVP Mahomes rallies Chiefs to win on hurt ankle**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Patrick Mahomes and his ailing right ankle are headed for another Super Bowl victory parade.

After aggravating the sprained ankle he suffered three weeks ago, the All-Pro quarterback led the Kansas City Chiefs to a thrilling 38-35 come-from-behind victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, hoisting his second Lombardi Trophy and taking with it the game's MVP honor for the second time in his career.

Mahomes finished with 182 yards passing and three touchdowns, but he was especially brilliant on his hurt ankle in the second half: 13 of 14 for 93 yards and two touchdowns. The league's MVP also had 44 yards rushing, including his 26-yard sprint with just over 2 minutes left in a 35-all game as Kansas City was driving for the go-ahead score.

Harrison Butker provided it with his 27-yard field goal with 8 seconds to go.

"I told you all this week there's nothing that's going to keep me off that football field," said Mahomes, who hurt the ankle in the divisional round against Jacksonville. "I just want a shoutout to my teammates — we challenged each other, we needed everyone to win this football game — so

shoutout to my teammates. We're Super Bowl champs!"

Mahomes helped the Chiefs end a 50-year title drought when he led the Chiefs past the 49ers in 2020. Three years later, the do-everything quarterback has delivered a third Lombardi Trophy to Kansas City while joining Tom Brady, Joe Montana, Bart Starr, Eli Manning and Terry Bradshaw as the only players to win multiple Super Bowl MVPs.

"He strives to be the greatest, without saying anything," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "That's the way he works. He wants to be the greatest player ever."

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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) holds the trophy after their win against the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL Super Bowl 57 football game, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, in Glendale, Ariz. The Chiefs defeated the Eagles 38-35. AP PHOTO/MATT SLOCUM

# **Kirksville City Council** approves Contour Airlines 🕢 as new Essential Air Service provider for Kirksville Airport

Flights will be offered to Chicago at \$55 one way. Flights to St. Louis will end.

**By Marty Bachman** Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their Feb. 6 regular meeting, approved a motion to accept accept the recommendation of a community panel to select Contour Airlines as the new Essential Air Service (EAS) air carrier for Kirksville Regional Airport for a 36 month contract beginning June 2023.

According to Kirksville Public Works Director Glenn Balliew, on Oct. 26 2022, the city received a 90 day notice of intent to terminate service at Kirksville from Cape Air, the current provider, though their contract actually runs through 2024 and they have to stay until a new airlines takes over. He said that the essential air services run through the Department Transportation in Washington, D.C. so on Nov. 18, they put out a request for proposals from any airline that wanted to provide service to Kirksville.

Balliew said that on Jan. 13, the city received three proposals from the Department of Transportation from Contour Airlines, Southern Airways Express and Cape Air and that on Jan. 24, a panel of city staff and community leaders heard the three proposals and then researched the three airlines with Contour Airlines coming out ahead. Contour Airlines will offer 12 flights a week with 30 passenger capacity to Chicago O'Hare Airport.

"That goes from 189 seats a week to 360 a week," Balliew told the council. "Even though it's less flights, it's more seats. The difference is, and this is based on research on the internet, St. Louis has 259 departures daily average, where Chicago O'Hare has 760 domestic flights and 150 international flights daily out of there."

He said that the panel felt like that was the best option, as a community, to grow

"I know that some people will be disappointed not going to St. Louis and some people will be very excited about going to Chicago, but we felt like this was the best opportunity for us to to try to grow our airport and get more people to use it," Balliew said.

He said that Contour Airlines based their proposal on a fill rate that he said was approximately 75 percent of the 30-seat capacity. which is what the airline's profit margin is. He said that the city had discussed in-depth with representative of Contour Airlines the issues that have arisen with airline customers using the Kirksville Airport.

"Some people have lost confidence in our current provider and they're not flying." Balliew told the council. "They know they have to gain that back and they understand that it's gonna be part of the growing process here and they're willing to go through that with us."

Flights to Chicago will be \$55 each way.

Councilman Kabir Bansal said that there's enough demand in the community or in the Northeast region area to try to travel to Chicago whether it be to remain in Chicago or to catch a connecting flight.

"I think it's a good option for us to move forward on," he said.

# Kirksville Pack 404 **Cub Scouts hold** annual Pinewood Derby

**By Marty Bachman** Daily Express

Kirksville Cub Scout Pack 404 held their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Feb. 11 in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church on Washington Street in Kirksville. Seventeen scouts competed for fastest car, coolest car and other categories with awards being presented to the top three drivers. A special race was held for den chiefs (older scouts that work with the cubs), a ladies race and an outlaw division for those that need flexibility in the rules.

"We're probably going to have upwards of 30 cars or more racing today," said Pack 404 Committee Chair Patrick Nolan. "We've got quite a crowd and this is it, this is Cub Scouts and scouting. It's family activities, it's crafts, it's friendly competition, it's supporting each other and occasionally a



Den Chief 1st Place -Connor King.



Coolest Car: Leta Abernathy with Egyptian Cat.



1st Place: Max Sweitzer with Chopper



2nd Place: Alex Reynolds with Mario.



3rd Place: Cian Nolan with Metallic King.



**Cub Master Erin Nolan** with Den Chiefs Cormac Nolan and Isaiah Meinen.

# Kirksville Police Department introduces first K-9 officer, Erno

By Kirksville Police Department

Like nervous parents at a bus stop, the Kirksville Police Department sends its newest and youngest member off to the academy.

Erno, 18 months old, from Pennsylvania, joined the department this week after being selected on Monday. The German Shepherd is the first K-9 officer for the Kirksville Police Department. Erno will undergo training for six weeks before returning to KPD.

Police officials said, "It seems like only yesterday he joined us and now he's off to school. They grow up so fast."

Asked about his thoughts on moving to Kirksville and joining the department, Erno said, "Woof woof woof."

Upon completion of his drug detection training, Erno will help officers locate illegal narcotics and be an integral part of their enforcement efforts.

KPD's K-9 handler, Officer Jacob Hubbard, will attend the last four weeks of training with Erno and



develop a strong bond the department's ability with him. Their teamwork will greatly improve

to locate and investigate drug crimes in the area.

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# Community

# 'Parents as Teachers' representatives speak to Kirksville Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Kate Krebs and Laurie Griego to speak at their Feb. 9 meeting. Krebs and Griego are with Kirksville R-III Parents as Teachers (PAT), a free program available to all families that live in the Kirksville School District. They provide developmental screenings, home visits, and group connections for children aged birth through 5. Home visits include a free activity, developmental information, and parenting support. Pictured, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club member Pat Mickey, Krebs, Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elect Daniel "Dan" McGurk, and Griego.



## **KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: FEB. 6-7, 2023**

### **INCIDENT REPORTS**

### Feb. 6

10:08 p.m., Warrant-Adair County, East McPherson Street, Arrestee: Keith Murphy, 34

9:02 p.m., Property/ Damage Vandalism, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 112 W. McPherson Street

7:55 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2214 N. Baltimore Street, Aden T. Greathouse, 21

7:25 p.m., Traffic Stop, North New Street, Juvenile

7:24 p.m., Traffic Stop, 4410 N. Baltimore Street, Joseph T. Felmlee, 37

7:04 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1102 W. Northtown Road, Blake Tade, 34

5;54 p.m., Trespass/Refuse to Leave, 402 W. Hickory Street

4:50 p.m., MV Theft, Stealing Motor Vehicle/Watercraft/Aircraft (F), 1002 E. McPherson Street

3:50 p.m, Littering, 1906 W. Gardner Street

3 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, 511 S. Baltimore Street

2:30 p.m., Animal/ Loose-Running at Large,

508 W. Hickory Street 1:04 p.m., Harassment, 1420 N. Franklin Street

11:39 a.m, MVA/Minor, East Normal Avenue,

11:26 a.m, MV Theft, Stealing Motor Vehicle/Watercraft/Aircraft (F), 918 W. Martha Street



11.15 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Control Juvenile, 1400 S. Boundary Street

9:46 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 506 W. Pot-

9:21 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Property Lost-Recovered, 701 E. Patterson Street

8:58 a.m, Juvenile Problem, Out of Control Juvenile, 2010 E. Normal Avenue

4:38 a.m., Traffic Stop, 3015 N. Baltimore Street

12:17 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Jamison St., Tabitha Gillum, 28

11:14 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 710 N. Elson Street

8:56 p.m., Traffic Stop, State Hwy. 6, Elaina Rimer, 60 8:40 p.m, Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Jessica

Jones, 26 6:52 p.m., MVA/Minor, U.S.

Hwy. 63 6:34 p.m., Warrant-Schuyler County, 119 E. McPherson Street, Arrestee: Zachary Truitt, 30

6:17 p.m., Animal/Bite-Attack, 1811 S. Halliburton Street

6:03 p.m., Warrant-Kirksville Municipal, 119 E. McPherson Street, Arrestee: Zachary Truitt, 30

5:28 p.m., Property/Recovered, Found, 119 E. McPherson Street

4:44 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing \$750 or More Auto (F), 1500 N. Walnut Street

1:50 p.m., MVA/Minor South Davis Street

1:32 p.m., Property/Recovered, 2708 E. Patterson

11:02 a.m., MVA/Minor, Illinois Street

10:06 a.m., Theft, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 2214 N. Baltimore Street

9:48 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Where Signs Prohibit, 800 Block of East **Scott Street** 

7:45 a.m, Animal/Trap, 1201 Janeway Street 4:10 a.m., Missing Person, Runaway, 201 S. Davis Street

# **Grand Ole Opry veteran Daryl Mosley to perform in Kirksville**

By Press Release

The community is invited to attend one of two concerts by singer, songwriter and storyteller Daryl Mosley. He'll be appearing on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 1602 E. Illinois, Kirksville, and on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 S. Jamison Street, Kirksville.

From countless appearances on "The Grand Ole Opry" to classic shows at the famous Bluebird Cafe to a touring schedule of over 150 concerts per year, singer/songwriter Daryl Mosley has been sharing his songs and his stories with America for over 30 years. Mosley has written three Song of the Year award winners, eight of his songs have made it to number one, and he has twice been named Songwriter of the Year. His songs have been recorded by dozens of artists ranging from bluegrass legend Bobby Osborne to country star Lynn Anderson to Southern Gospel's The Booth Brothers, and have been featured on television shows ranging from "American Idol" to "The View." One of his best-known songs, "(Ask the Blind Man) He Saw It All," was named one of the top Southern Gospel songs of all time.



**Daryl Mosley** 

Gospel music legend Bill Gaither calls Mosley "a poet-and we don't have many poets left!"

Mosley says, "I just write and sing songs about real life and real people; songs about faith and home and community are the foundation of my music because those are the things that are most precious to me." Mosley's concert is an intimate opportunity to hear his songs of life and faith as well as the entertaining stories of the people and events that inspired them.

The concert is free to the public but a love offering will be taken. For additional information, contact Patty Lindley at 502-262-0428.

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## KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **YBN Nahmir to perform** at Truman State

The Student Activities Board has announced the lineup for its spring concert series. The series will kick off with rap artist YBN Nahmir at 5 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and no bags large than a clutch purse will be allowed. Admission to all

concerts is free and tickets are not required.

### **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

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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

### **Truman State University** Faculty Recital: Elaine Au-**Buchon & Julianna Moore**

A Truman State University 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.

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on

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Monday, Feb. 20 at Hazel Creek Baptist Church, 13558 Hwy. B in Kirksville. Power red donors at 1:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Whole blood donors at 1:45 and 5 p.m.

### **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 partici-

# \$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.

### Kirksville State of the City Address scheduled

The city of Kirksville invites you to attend the State of the City Address, to be held Monday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rieger Armory and Community Center, 500 S. Elson Street.

will be delivered by Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden. Hear about key projects that will happen or begin this year, along with other priorities for the city in 2023. You can also view the event live, online, on the city's YouTube channel at http:// www.youtube.com/kirksvillecity. It will also be recorded there and can be viewed after the fact. An annual event, the State of the City Address is part of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's "The Government in Focus – TGIF" series. For more information, contact the city of Kirksville at 660-627-1225.

### **Uncommon Practice Spring Concert**

Truman State University's contemporary music ensemble performs new acoustic music on a variety of instruments, March 2 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

## **Spring Composers Recital**

The Spring Composers Recital, a performance showcase of new music by Truman State University composers, will be held on March 3 at 8 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

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# Obituaries

### **OBITUARIES**

## Dr. Robert (Bob) Sprehe

Dr. Robert (Bob) Sprehe, 89, formerly of Kirksville, MO, died on Friday, January

20, 2023 in Clearwater Beach, Florida, where he resided. Bob was a resident of Kirksville for over 50 years. Born in Buckley, IL, and was one of 11 children.

Bob received his PhD from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, and taught Busi-

ness Education at Northeast Missouri State University for over 30 years before retiring. Bob was an active Shriner and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville and Chapel by the Sea in Clearwater, FL.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, and is survived by his sister, Ruth, of Augusta, South Carolina; two daughters, Christine Gerlach of Tampa, FL and Linda Mabrey of Belleair Beach, FL; three grandchildren - Mandy, Ashley, and Ryan; one great-grandchild, Ava.

A visitation with the family will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. A Masonic rites service will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the start of the visitation.

A celebration service will be held on Friday, February 17th, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville. Burial will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri following the memorial service. A brief committal service will be held at the cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the: First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. High Street, Kirksville, MO 63501; Chapel by the Sea, 54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767, or the Shriners Children Hospital. They may be dropped off or mailed to the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, 2100 E. Shepherd Avenue, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Jim J. Allen

Jim J. Allen, age 90, of Indianapolis passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Chalet Rehabilitation and Health-

care Center in Indianapolis following an extended illness. He was born in Kirksville, Missouri, the son of Herbert S, and Stella (Rager) Allen. Jim was a 1950 graduate of Kirksville High School in Kirksville. Jim married the love of his life, Iris Harris on May 16, 1952 in Kirksville, and they shared over 70 loving years of marriage together. He then went on to serve in the



United States Army as the rank of Sergeant from 1952 until he was honorably discharged in 1955. Jim furthered his education and became a civil engineer. He worked for companies in Kirksville, then their family moved to Iowa, until he received a job offer from the Federal Highway Administration of Indiana in 1968. He retired after over 20 years from working as a civil engineer in Indiana.

Not only was Jim a hard worker, but he was also a loving family man. He always provided for his wife and children, and loved more than anything to spend time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For many years living in Kirksville, Jim lived on a farm and he truly loved that farm life. He enjoyed working the farm and caring for livestock and cattle. Jim treasured his 4 legged, German Shepard companion, Queenie. During retirement, Jim and Iris enjoyed spending winters in Arizona and then in Pharr, Texas. More than anything, Jim loved his family and will be dearly missed.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of over 70 years, Iris Allen; daughter, Jeanie (husband Bill) Lawrence; son, Jerry (wife Tara) Allen; 3 grandchildren, Gwen Rabourn, Jared Allen and Callie Allen; 5 great-grandchildren, Maddux Rabourn, Paisley Rabourn, Nolan Rabourn, Remi Allen and Harvey Allen; several nieces and nephews; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Lilah Mae Lay and Deloris Purvis; brother, Charley Allen; and son, Jeffrey Allen in 2013.

Jim's wishes were to be cremated and buried at a later date. Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions in Indianapolis is honored to handle Jim's cremation arrangements.

### Jeri L. Scriven

Jan 22, 1956 — Feb 11, 2023

Jeri L. Scriven, 67, of LaPlata, Missouri passed away after an illness on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Boone Hos-

pital in Columbia, Missouri. She was born in Peoria, Illinois on January 22, 1956 to Harvey Leon and Margie Lou (Young) Head. On October 23, 1977 in Horseheads, New York she was united in marriage to Thomas R. Scriven.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her baby daughter, Krista Marie Scrivens on August 8, 1980 and her brother, Walter Head.

Jeri is survived by her loving husband, Thomas R. Scriven of LaPlata, MO; her three daughters, Misty Orgill (Destin) of Emerson, MO, Michelle Marx (Chris) of Fayetteville, NY, and Nancy Pearson (Scott) of Horseheads, NY and thirteen grandchildren and one on the way. She is also survived by five siblings and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Jeri lived her life raising her children, being an ombudsman for the USS Saginaw while her husband served in the Navy. She later went on to work as a department manager for Wal-Mart and then on to truck driving with her husband for Eight years before retiring.

She was a loving mother and grandmother who was the glue of the family, the best cook and baker. She was an amazing friend, love by many and will be greatly missed by all.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18, 2023 with funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials in memory of Jeri are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

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

## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### **Driver examination** stations to close statewide for upcoming holiday

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates: Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Washington's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

### New bridge on Route T in Adair County opens

The new bridge on Route T in Adair County, over North Fork of the Salt River near Sperry, opened to traffic, making this the fourteenth bridge completed on the Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program.

"We are very pleased with the progress being made in this design-build program and have had very few challenges which helps us stay on track to complete all 31 bridges by the end of 2023," said Missouri Department of Transportation Project Director Jeff Gander.

Lehman-Wilson is the contractor for the FARM Bridge Program. The full list of bridges, included those that are already completed, can be found on the FARM Bridge Program web page.

### **Commission awards** contracts for projects in Northeast District

During its regular meeting on Feb. 8, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded a contract for three bridge replacement projects in the Northeast District. The contract was awarded to Bleigh Construction Company in the amount of \$3,625,670. Bridge replacement projects are at the following locations:

Scotland County, Route Hover North Fork Wyaconda River three miles east of Missouri Route 15 near Brock.

Scotland County, Route T over South Fork Middle Fabius River, four miles east of Route A near Bible Grove.

Adair County, Route B – over Hazel Creek, four miles south of Route K near Fegley.

Additional information, regarding timelines and impacts to traffic, will be released prior to the start of construction. For more information, please contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

### **Kirksville Parks & Recreation Paint the Ville** 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 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. 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 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 fed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org/givehelp 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 at the Sue Ross Arts Center. 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.



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Lifeline or Disabled service is a government benefit program limited to one service per household. You can apply with the National Verifier through Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, by mail, or online using the consumer portal at checklifeline.org/lifeline.

To qualify for Lifeline Discounts you may need a copy of a document that proves your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines or that you, or a dependent residing in your household, participate in one of these programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- · Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit • Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- (Tribal TANF) • Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

To prove participation in one of the above programs, you must submit a document that, at a minimum, includes:

Your name, or the name of your benefit qualifying person (BQP); The name of the Lifeline-qualifying program, such as SNAP; The government or Tribal program administrator or the managed care

organization (MCO) that issued the document; and An issue date within the last 12 months or a future expiration date that aligns with the benefit period.

If your household income is at 135% or less of the federal poverty guidelines, you qualify for Lifeline. To prove your household income is at 135% or less of the federal poverty guidelines, you must submit one or more of the following documents:

- The prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return
- Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub · A Social Security statement of benefits
- · A Veterans Administration statement of benefits · A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Workers' Compensation statement of benefits • Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
- Divorce decree, child support award, or other official document

If you want to show documentation of income that does not cover a full year, such as current pay stubs, you must show documentation that covers three months in a row within the past twelve months.

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service you, or a dependent residing in your household, must participate in one of these programs:

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- · State Aid to Blind Persons • State Supplemental Disability Assistance
- · Federal Social Security Disability

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If you have any questions regarding the company's services or you want to apply for Lifeline or Disabled telecommunications assistance, contact Mark Twain Telephone Rural Company Customer Service Department at 660-423-5211 or 877-687-8835 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

# **Kirksville City Council approves City Council Policy Code of Conduct**

**By Marty Bachman** 

**Daily Express** 

The Kirksville City Council, at their Feb. 6 regular meeting, unanimously approved a City Council Policy Code of Conduct after making minor amendments to the code presented to them. According to City Manager Mari Macomber, while a sample code was borrowed from a similar sized city in Missouri, many of the code's components already exist within city ordinances or policy and that the newly established code will be reviewed annually every April during the council's reorganization meeting.

"I wanted to make it very clear that this was just a set standard of conduct but in no way inferred authority by the city council to seek disciplinary action," Macomber said at the meeting.

The council agreed to some minor word changes suggested by Councilwoman Jennifer Walston and then heard from the public.

Danny McDowell asked why, if there was policy already in place, they were adding another layer between the council, city employees and the public. He said that citizens are losing their freedom of speech and he suggested the council postpone a vote on the policy until they've had more discussion about it.

The council approved the amendments to the policy and then the policy itself.

In other council action, an ordinance repealing the final plat of Eagle Crest estates, a subdivision of land located on or about the 1700 block of East LaHarpe Street in Kirksville.

According to City Planner Mary Turner, the subdivision was approved in 2014 and according to the city's municipal code, developers have five years to develop the subdivision and the infrastructure, which has not happened. The city's planning and zoning commission considered the item in January of this year and a public hearing was held where no one spoke. Following that discussion, the commission voted 7-0 to recommend the city council repeal the plat.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

The council passed another ordinance authorizing the rezoning of property at 1120 N. Greene Street from R-3 Multifamily Residential District to C-1 Local Business District, and changing the zoning map accordingly.

Turner said that the property is the former location of the Adair County Public Water Service, which burned down and then the property was sold, and that the applicant is asking to rezone it from an R-3 Multifamily to a C-3 Business District. She said that North Green Street is a commercial corridor so city staff recommended a rezone to commercial but there was some discussion with planning and zoning about why a C-1 designation wouldn't be sufficient based on the applicant and what they intend to do with the property, and after some discussion, the zoning commission voted to amend the motion and recommend that city council consider a rezone to C-1.

The council passed the ordinance unanimously.

The council passed a resolution adopting an updated fee schedule for 2023 and allowing the fee schedule to supplant any fees and conflict with the Municipal Code.

According to City Manager Mari Macomber, the fee schedule was initially adopted back in 2016 and the council reviews it annually.

"The goal with the fee schedule was to have a one stop shop where citizens can look and see what does it cost for X service from the city," Macomber told the council. "The other thing's that it helped city staff to be able to find what those fees are as well when they're working through ordinances."

She said that they discovered though, that one fee that was referenced had to do with water meter accessibility and there was no corresponding fee on the fee schedule. After talking with the public works director, and after he did some research with some communities to find how they determine the fee for that, the city is proposing a \$40 fee to be assessed — and that's not automatic — it's up to staff to decide.

"But there is a process that you go through and what we're talking about, for the most part, is when there is a meter that is not working or there's a problems in some respect with the meter that we need to be able to get to it to see what's going on with it, most of the time, property owners are pretty good about

allowing us access, but sometimes they're not," Macomber told the council. "And in some cases, the meters are in a location where you've got to crawl under a crawlspace or maybe it's behind closed walls or you know, some other circumstance."

Macomber said that some meters are where city employees have to crawl in and then other employees had to pull them out by their ankles, and others were in unsafe locations as well.

"We try to make sure that we have those relocated, but the whole thing is we want to be able to get to them and solve the problem," she said.

The resolution passed unanimously.

The council passed a resolution authorizing reimbursement payments to the developer Kirksville Investments. LLC. from the North Baltimore Street Community Improvement District Fund 26 for improvements made to the project area.

According to Assistant City Manager Ashley Young, the resolution was "just a little bit of housekeeping" authorizing for the city, on a quarterly basis, to remit monies to the developer for the improvements that were made in the public infrastructure from the budget that the council has already approved.

The resolution passed unanimously.

The council passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of Spacesaver mobile shelving and evidence lockers for police evidence storage purchased and installed by Bradford Systems Corporation using State of Missouri contract pricing.

According to Kirksville Deputy Police Chief Justin Jones, the police are tasked with the proper taking, keeping, transporting and delivering of evidence.

"Keeping is the worst part of it because for us that means we have to retain that evidence, whether it be for a year for a misdemeanor case or in the case of homicides, which could be almost infinite, in case that evidence would need to be brought back to the court," Jones told the council. "And as most of you know, we currently reside in what used to be a bank building, which has been advantageous for us in a lot of respects, one of which is is that it contains two vaults, one of which in the basement we use

for evidence storage." He said that the department has outgrown the vault it uses for evidence storage due to a backlog of criminal cases due in part to Covid court delays.

"So we've got a backlog of evidence and we're getting to a point where we're at Mission Critical where we're running out of space," he said, noting that the cost for the purchase had been approved in the department's 2023 budget, but due to the large dollar amount, needed a secondary approval from the council to include the movable storage units.

Jones said that it was basically a metal storage cabinet that is cut into segments that is on rollers that you can move by cranking a wheel.

"It would really give us the best use of that space that we have right now," he told the council. "One of the other advantages to that is that its a modular system. If we were to go somewhere else, we could take that system out and put it wherever we're going."

Jones said that the original bid last year and 2022 was \$41,000 and some change and that they had put it in the budget for \$47,000, anticipating that, like many other things, there will be a cost increase in 2023. The department estimated about a 10 to 12 percent increase in the price of steel and the other materials that go into it. "Again, this really comes down to the integrity of the evidence and being able to maintain that evidence," Jones

The council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

The council voted unanimously as well to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2023 John Deere 6120M tractor with options, attachments, and components from Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners in Kirksville, using the Missouri Department of Transportation's cooperative purchasing agreement program.

Public Works Director Glenn Balliew said that the tractor will replace an 18-year-old John Deere tractor the city uses for mowing all of the dams, creeks and Forest Lake. They also use it to push snow.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2023 Case 580 Super N backhoe with options and attachments from Luby Equipment Services of Quincy, Ill. using the Missouri Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program. Balliew said that the city averages about 10,000 feet of water line replacement a year and that the backhoe being replaced was 10 vears old.

"It's time to replace it," Balliew told the council. The resolution was passed unanimously.

A resolution accepting a bid from Corrine, Maine LP for supply of fire hydrants and associated components for the 2023 fiscal year was also approved by the council. Balliew told the council that every year, public works puts out the best comprehensive list that they can on what components they're going to need for fire hydrants and the components that go along with that.

The resolution passed unanimously.

The council also approved a resolution accepting the bid from Core & Main, L.P. to supply pipe, valves, fittings, and components for water main construction and repair for the 2023 fiscal year, and authorizing the ability to purchase from the next lowest bidder if supply chain issues arise.

The council then approved the appointment of Ramey Weichelt to the Tourism Advisory Board for a term ending June

The council approved the reappointment of Martin Jayne and John Nash to the Watershed Management Commission to terms expiring March 2026.

The council approved an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 911 phone and radio dispatch console systems from Command 1, LLC.

According to Fire Chief/ EMD/911 Director Jon Cook, many months ago the city was awarded a community development block grant for the replacement of the Kirksville/Adair County E911 Joint Communications Center's 911 phone systems and radio dispatch consoles and associated equipment.

"Existing systems are no longer supported by the manufacturer and do not meet Next Generation 911 requirements, with multiple failures experienced with the radio console," Cook wrote in a staff report. The bid from Command 1, LLC meets all specifications, received the best score, and is the best value to the City."

The council unanimously passed the ordinance.

## CHIEFS

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Mahomes reinjured his ankle late in the first half Sunday when Eagles linebacker T.J. Edwards

spun him to the ground. He lay there for several seconds before hobbling off the field in a scene eerily reminiscent of earlier in the playoffs.

Mahomes said he didn't get a painkilling

shot at halftime, but he no doubt benefited from a longer halftime to allow for Rihanna's performance. And by the time the field was cleared of the stage, No. 15 was at the head of the pack as he led the Chiefs back to the field, facing a 24-14 deficit but knowing they **KNOX & SCOTLAND COUNTY, MO** would get the opening kickoff. AND AUCTION

Mahomes promptly marched them 75 yards and Isiah Pacheco crashed into the end zone to close within 24-21. When the Eagles answered with a field goal, Mahomes led another 75-yard TD march. And a 65-yard punt return by Kadarius Toney set up Mahomes' 4-yard TD toss to a wide-open Skyy Moore that made it 35-27 in the fourth quarter.

Mahomes' final scoring drive was pure guts.

The Eagles had just scored and made the 2-point conversion to knot the game 35-all with 5:15 left when Mahomes hit JuJu Smith-Schuster for a first down. He completed another pass to Travis Kelce, then Mahomes escaped on a long scramble — just like his one that set up their winning field goal against the Bengals in the AFC title game.

This time, the Chiefs kept going. They benefited from a defensive holding call on thirdand-8 against Eagles cornerback James Bradberry, then got down to the goal line before killing the clock and sending Butker onto the field for what turned out to be the winning field goal.

"It hasn't even sank in yet. I appreciate it because of the failures,"

said Mahomes, whose Chiefs lost to the Buccaneers in the Super Bowl two years ago. "It gives you a greater appreciation to be standing here as a champion."

Mahomes' ankle was a big question mark for the AFC championship game, when he only had a week to recover from the initial injury sustained against Jacksonville. But with two weeks to rest it, Mahomes had insisted all week that he was good to go in the Super Bowl, and Reid likewise said his star quarterback had no limitations.

Mahomes was moving around well in the first half Sunday, too. He scrambled for a big gain on Kansas City's opening series and was doing a good job of buying time against the NFL's top-ranked team in sacks this season.

The Chiefs were trying to match a touchdown that gave Philadelphia a 21-14 lead when Mahomes went down again.

He was flushed from the pocket, stepped forward and scrambled to his left, then Edwards lassoed him and spun him to the ground. Mahomes lay there for a moment with his facemask buried in the turf before getting to his feet and hobbling to the sideline in a near-carbon copy of the scene from three weeks ago at Arrowhead Stadium.

That night, Mahomes came back after halftime to lead the Chiefs to victory to keep their Super Bowl hopes alive.

He did the same thing on the biggest of stages Sunday night.



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# Health

# Eggs still offer good nutritional value amid high prices

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — The nutritional value of eggs remains high despite the steep rise in prices.

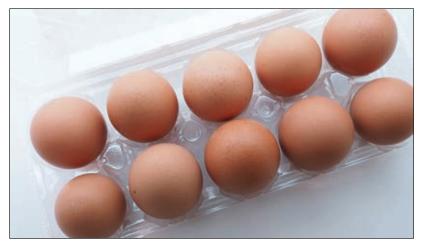
"When considering the protein content of eggs in the diet, eggs are still pretty affordable compared to other animal protein sources," said Sarah Wood, University of Missouri Extension state nutrition specialist.

In January, the USDA national average price for Grade A whole eggs was \$3.99 a dozen. An ounce of 85 percent lean ground beef is \$5.55 a pound, or 35 cents an ounce, Wood said. An ounce of chicken breast is about 25 cents at \$3.98 per pound. "Eggs fall in the middle, at 33 cents an ounce," she said.

"Most American adults eat more than one ounce of eggs or meat," she said. "Typically, we see portion sizes of two eggs or upwards of four-six ounces of meat or chicken."

Nutritionists recommend a variety of protein sources in the diet. A serving of eggs has six grams of protein, lean ground beef has seven grams and chicken breast is eight grams.

"There are ways to stretch your food dollar by using alter-



natives in baking quick breads, cakes or muffins," said Wood. Use 1/4 cup pureed fruit (such as applesauce), or 1 teaspoon baking soda combined with 1 tablespoon vinegar, or 1/4 cup buttermilk or plain yogurt.

### Freezing eggs

"It is possible to freeze eggs for later use," Wood said. This is a way to extend their shelf life and lock in prices when they do come down. Eggs cannot be frozen in the shell because expansion of the white and volk will cause the shell to break. Hard-cooked eggs cannot be frozen because the white becomes rubbery.

Select fresh, chilled eggs and

break each separately into a clean saucer. Examine each egg for freshness and remove any pieces of shell before mixing with other eggs. Eggs with blood specks are safe to eat; removing the specks is optional.

Freeze eggs in amounts that will be used in recipes. Add sugar or salt to whole eggs or yolks before freezing to prevent gumminess. The recommended length of freezer storage for frozen eggs is nine to 12 months.

For more information, see the MU Extension publication "How to Freeze Meat, Poultry, Fish, Eggs and Dairy Products," which is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/gh1504.



# **New Truman State University** programs meet emerging needs

By Truman State University

Truman will soon offer interdisciplinary degree programs in environmental sciences and cannabis and natural medicinals in an effort to meet the demands of emerging career fields.

The environmental science program explores a field of study with rising student interest that leverages existing areas of expertise on campus. Students in the major will develop skillsets to address environmental problems such as biodiversity loss, resource use and the cascading effects of climate change through scientific inquiry. In addition, students will explore the interface between the scientific information about environmental issues and public awareness of and engagement with those issues.

The content of the environmental sciences major complements the ENVS minor, which is focused on broadly evaluating how people and the environment interact, as well as using information produced by environmental scientists to drive policy decisions, public outreach or advocacy campaigns, and environmental education initiatives.

With the widespread, state-level decriminalization and legalization of cannabis in the United States, the cannabis industry, including cultivation and processing of secondary compounds, is expanding, resulting in an increased demand for trained and knowledgeable employees. Students in the cannabis and natural medicinals program, will explore multiple aspects of naturally occurring (i.e., non-synthetic) chemical compounds and their uses as therapeutics in traditional and holistic medicinal practices. Additionally, the use of traditional medicines, including compounds such as essential oils and natural hallucinogens, has cultural and historical significance, and their use is increasing in a variety of traditional and modern medical applications. The four options within the major allow students to choose the area of study - cultivation, analytical science. society and philosophy, or business and entrepreneurship — that best suits their career goals.

Students will be able to pursue these degree programs starting beginning in fall 2023.



**Bv American Association** of Endodontists

When it comes to the dental health of our children, we often think about avoiding sugar and cavities; brushing and flossing regularly; whether our children need braces; and, of course, the going rate for the tooth fairy. During February's National Children's Dental Health Month, it's a good time to remind people of another critical piece to your child's dental health: root canal treatment.

It's counterintuitive of course, because when people think of root canal treatments, many people assume they are not only traumatizing, but also just for grown-ups. As an endodontist, the dental expert in tooth pain and root canal treatment, I'd like to take this opportunity to dispel three myths:

### Myth #1: Children don't need root canal treatments

A root canal treatment is a procedure to remove diseased pulp from any tooth, baby or permanent. The pulp is tissue that contains nerves and blood vessels that fill the roots of teeth. Each root secures the tooth into your gums and jawbone, no matter your age. Children may need a root canal treatment if the tooth is damaged or infected. A cavity causing an infection or an accident in sports can injure the nerve and lead to a root canal treatment. A root canal treatment can be done on both baby teeth and permanent teeth. Baby teeth are meant to make room for your permanent teeth and fall out on their own when the timing is right. Conversely, if a baby tooth comes out too soon, children can develop bite or speech problems. A root canal treatment can help save baby teeth, allowing the permanent teeth to grow and come in when they are ready. Root canal treatment can also save the first permanent molar teeth that come in when kids are between 6

and 12 years old. These



as provide good chewing teeth for a lifetime.

### Myth #2: Root canals are painful

Root canal treatment doesn't cause pain, it relieves pain. In fact, root canal procedures are virtually painless, despite the stories and jokes you may have heard. With advanced technology and anesthetics, children won't experience any more pain than having a cavity filled. Endodontists are experts in pain management and can treat most cases quickly and comfortably. When children are experiencing tooth pain, the sooner they are treated, the quicker they will be pain free.

### Myth #3: It's better to pull a tooth than have a

root canal treatment Saving your natural teeth, if possible, is always the best option. Nothing artificial can replace the look, feel or function of a natural tooth. It's important to always consider root canal treatment as an option. Endodontic treatment has a high success rate and many root canal-treated teeth last a lifetime. Replacing an extracted tooth with a bridge or implant requires more time in treatment and may result in further procedures to neighboring teeth and supporting tissue.



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and 100 percent worth saving. Endodontists are the best equipped to save teeth and our children deserve their care in helping them keep their teeth for the rest of their lives. Find an endodontist today at findmyendodontist.com.



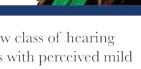
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Some clouds, breezy; late snow showers LOW: **27** 

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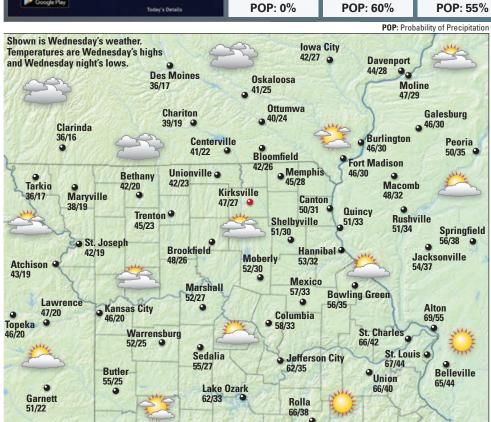
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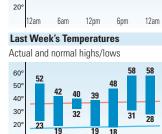
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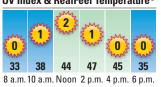
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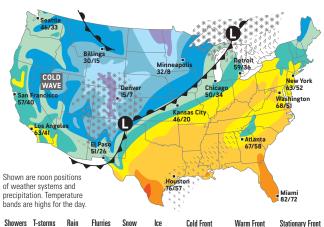
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### **National Forecast Wednesday**



**DEAR ABBY:** My married friend is a swinger. She says her husband's sex drive has declined lately, but it hasn't. He keeps trying to get me to talk "naughty" with him, but I always refuse. To me, that would be betraying my friend. He has encouraged her to get a live-in girlfriend for herself. I asked her what she thinks would happen if she did and he decided to do the same. She doesn't believe he would, but I do.

friendship. If I tell her about his late-night habits, it would hurt her. If I don't and she finds out,



it will also hurt her. He always apologizes after each attempt. Apologies mean nothing if he continues to repeat his actions. Lately, I have avoided spending time with her because of his late-night requests. What should I do? --TURNED OFF IN THE **SOUTH** 

DEAR TURNED OFF: Tell him his advances are not welcome and to stop calling you, and that is he doesn't, you will tell your friend. If he persists, inform your friend how long this has been going on and that you have been reluctant to tell her, but it has reached the point that it is making you not want to be around her either. After that, the ball will be in her court.

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# Friend's frisky husband makes his desires clear

DEAR ARRY Abby, I value our

# **NEWS OF THE WEIRD...**

A couple in Etobicoke, Toronto, left on an extended business trip in January 2022, CTV News reported. When they returned home months later, they were stunned to realize that their house had been sold and the new owners had moved in. Police said a man and woman impersonated the owners, hired a real estate agent and listed the property using fake identification. Police are still looking for the imposters.

## Size Matters

Momo the lar gibbon, who lives at the Kujukushima Zoo and Botanical Garden Mori Kirara in Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan, delivered a baby in February 2021, which surprised zookeepers, since Momo lived in her own enclosure with no males around. She was very protective of the offspring, United Press International reported, so it wasn't until two years later that handlers were able to collect DNA from the youngster to determine who the father was. As it turned out, a 34-year-old agile gibbon, Itou, was the baby daddy. Zookeepers found that a partition between Momo's exhibit and Itou's off-display area had a perforated board with holes about 9mm in diameter, and they believe the two were able to mate through one of those holes. The perforated board was replaced with a steel plate, but Momo and Itou will be introduced properly to each other so that they may live as a family.

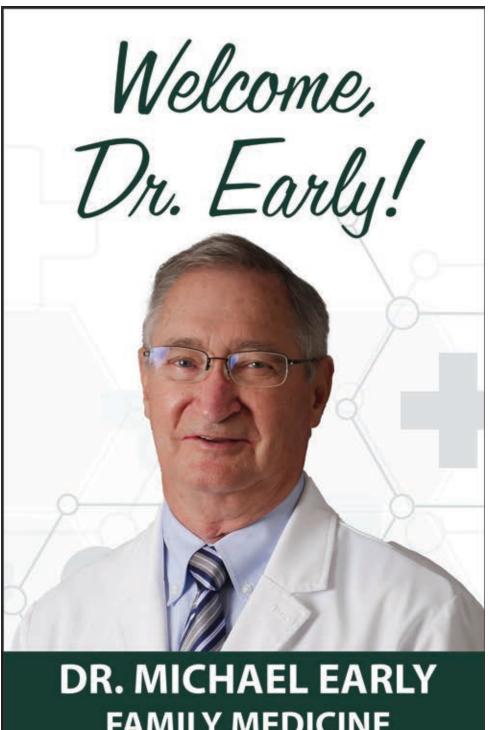
# That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me

On Jan. 16, Brazilian attorney Leandro Mathias de Novaes delivered his mother to the Laboratoria Cura in Sao Paolo, where she was scheduled for an MRI. Before they both entered the MRI room, the New York Post reported, they were asked to remove any metal objects from their persons and signed a form detailing the protocols, but Novaes opted to not remove, or disclose, his concealed weapon. When the MRI's magnetic field yanked the pistol from his waistband, it fired and struck him in the stomach; he was hospitalized for three weeks after the incident but died on Feb. 6.

# **Clothing Optional**

Trevyn Wayne Hill, 21, of Las Vegas, let it all hang out on Jan. 28 when he approached another guest in a stairwell at the Des Moines (Iowa) Downtown Marriott, KCCI-TV reported. Court documents said Hill was naked and brandishing a toilet plunger when he yelled, "I'm going to (expletive) get you" while chasing the other person. Hill cruised around the hotel in his birthday suit, destroying a sprinkler system and pulling several fire alarms before finally being subdued by firefighters. Hill pleaded not guilty to assault, first-degree criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

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# Sports

# Truman men hold on for dramatic win on senior night

**By Adam Tumino**Daily Express

There was a dramatic finish to senior night for the Truman State men's basketball team on Saturday, where the Bulldogs held on in the final seconds to beat Lewis 65-64. Truman took a two-point lead with just under two minutes left in the game, and got a lucky break when a missed free throw from Lewis with 2.2 seconds left kept the Bulldogs up by one point and sealed their win.

Truman is now 7-10 in conference play and has won two games in a row and six of its last nine. The Bulldogs still sit in 11th place in the GLVC, but have just two-fewer wins than fourth-place Southwest Baptist with three games left on the schedule.

Lewis free throws also began the game, as a technical foul was issued to Truman because head coach Jeff Horner started all seven seniors to honor their time with the program. The seniors honored were Ben Cooper, Devin Fields, Elijah Hazekamp, Sam Lock, Keaton Mitchell, Dylan Peeters and Hunter Strait.

Down 2-0 from the very start, Truman then took its first lead of the game about two minutes later, when a three pointer from Strait put the Bulldogs up 3-2. The two teams then battled throughout the first half, exchanging leads for a while before Lewis started to pull ahead.

The Flyers built up a ninepoint lead more than once, including holding a 26-17 lead with 6:07 left in the first half. Truman started climbing back into the game at that point, closing out the half on a 15-4 run and taking a 32-30 lead into halftime.

Truman made one less field goal than Lewis on one less attempt, shooting 12-of-32 from the field while also shooting 5-of-14 from three. Lewis made just one three pointer in the first half.

The Flyers tied the score 32-32 once the second half got underway, and then took a 34-32 lead for just over a minute before the Bulldogs reclaimed the lead.

Truman then led for the next 11 minutes of game time, including by as many as eight points two different times, before the Flyers tied the score once again with 6:18 left, this time 57-57. The score was also tied 61-61 and 63-63 with 2:34 left. A pair of free throws from Strait put the Bulldogs up 65-63 before the fateful trip to the line from Lewis' Jamere Hill ended the game.

The Flyers outshot Truman in the second half, going 13-for-25 from the field while the Bulldogs went 10-of-22. Truman made five threes while Lewis made four. The Bulldogs made eight free throws while the Flyers made five.

Truman was led by Peeters with 17 points, getting the senior-day start after excelling



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

recently off the bench. Peeters has scored in double figures in seven-straight games and is averaging 14.3 points per game in that span. Strait was second on the team with 13 points, and no other Truman players scored in double figures in the game.

Hazekamp, the Bulldogs' leading scorer on the season, had his third-fewest points in a game this season with five. His low of three points also came against Lewis on Dec. 1. He still contributed in other ways as well, leading the team with seven rebounds.

Truman now has three road games on the schedule to close out the regular season, the first of which is against Quincy on Thursday. The Hawks are 9-7 in conference play this season and have lost two in a row. Quincy beat Truman 85-74 on Jan. 5.



Truman guard Hunter Strait looks to pass inside against Indianapolis on Nov. 28. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

# Belanger sets record on senior night as Bulldogs fall to Lewis in heartbreaking fashion

**By Adam Tumino**Daily Express

Senior night for the Truman State women's basketball team started in promising fashion Saturday, but ended in a heartbreaking overtime loss for the Bulldogs against Lewis. With the 90-87 loss, Truman fell to 13-4 in conference play, but still sits in second place in the standings ahead of Lewis, now 12-4.

Truman took control early, outscoring the Flyers 26-17 in the first quarter. The quarter also featured a major milestone for Truman senior Hannah Belanger in her final home game. With 1:19 left, Belanger made her 278th career three pointer, breaking the program's all-time record.

It was one of six threes made by the Bulldogs in the first quarter. They went 6-of-9 as a team from deep and shot 9-of-15 from the field. Lewis shot 7-of-17 from the field but struggled from three, making just one shot on nine attempts from beyond the arc.

Truman's shooting cooled off a bit in the second quarter, but they still scored 20 points while holding the Flyers to 15. The Bulldogs shot 7-of-17 from the field and 4-of-8 from three while Lewis struggled a bit from the field, shooting 6-of-18 and once again made just one three pointer, this time on seven attempts. Truman led by as many as 19 points in the second quarter and held a 14-point lead at halftime at 46-32.

The Bulldogs were able to maintain a double-digit lead for much of the third quarter, but Lewis was clearly operating on a much higher level offensively. The Flyers shot 11-of-15 in the quarter and outscored Truman 24-19. The Bulldogs' lead was cut to nine points by the end of the quarter, when they led 65-56.

The Bulldogs held a lead for almost the entire fourth quarter, until Lewis came back to take a 79-77 lead with just 23 seconds left in regulation. It was the first lead for the Flyers since



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

they were up 6-5 just over three minutes into the game.

A layup from Gracie Stugart tied the score just one second after the Flyers grabbed the lead, and a missed Lewis three at the buzzer sent the game to overtime.

Hannah Pinkston scored all eight of the Bulldogs' points in overtime, including hitting a three with 1:54 left to tie the score 87-87 after Lewis managed to build a lead. The game then went scoreless until the very final seconds, when Lewis' Kathryn Schmidt nailed a buzzer-beating three to beat the Bulldogs.

Lewis shot a combined 21-of-38 from the field in the second half and overtime for a shooting percentage of 55.3%. Truman, after shooting an even 50% in the first half, went 14-of-31 in the second half and over-

time for a still-respectable 45.2%. It was unfortunately a large enough discrepancy to allow the Flyers to mount their comeback and pick up the win.

Belanger led the Bulldogs with 24 points, her 17th 20-point game of the season. She was 8-of-13 from the field and 5-of-9 from three. Pinkston's overtime outburst gave her 19 points for the game, just shy of her season high of 21 points set on Nov. 19 against Upper Iowa.

Forward Ellie Weltha scored 14 points while leading the team with 12 rebounds. It was Weltha's ninth double-double of the season. Stuttgart flirted with a double-double of her own, scoring six points to go with a game-high eight assists. Claire Rake once again provided a boost off the bench with 12 points.

For Lewis, Schmidt's buzzer beater capped off a stellar offensive night. She led all players with 30 points and shot 11-of-19 from the field and 5-of-10 from three. She also led the

team with eight rebounds.

Truman will be on the road for the remainder of the regular season, with just three games remaining.

Next up is a game against Quincy on Thursday. The Hawks will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak that has dropped them to 6-10 in the conference and 11th place in the standings. Truman beat Quincy 68-56 back on Jan. 5.

# Lawmakers renew push to legalize sports wagering in Missouri

**By Rudi Keller** Missouri Independent

There were more than 1,500 disappointed people at Arrowhead Stadium on Jan. 29, not including visitors from Ohio.

On the day the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Cincinnati Bengals to earn their third trip to the Super Bowl in the past four years, 1,550 people tried and failed 4,571 times to place a bet on the game.

Across Missouri, more than 136,000 transactions were blocked on game day.

That is just a small fraction of the 8.7 million attempts from 221,000 Missouri accounts to access legal sports books operating in other states during the NFL season, according to data from GeoComply, which provides geofencing services for legal Kansas sports books.

Within Kansas, legal bets were placed from almost 532,000 unique accounts since wagering began on Sept. 1. The number of accounts is equal to one-fourth of that state's over-21 population.

On the day of the AFC Championship game, bets from 236 Missouri accounts were accepted from people who crossed over into Kansas.

"We observe hundreds of transactions like this every day," the company stated in an analysis of the NFL season through the end of the conference championships.

On Wednesday night, a hearing in the House Emerging Issues Committee marked the renewal of the years-long effort to legalize sports betting in the state. In past years, the bill has failed because of opposition from lawmakers who see video lottery terminals as a better source of state revenue.

The committee did not vote on the bills and Chairman Bill Hardwick, R-Waynesville, said after the hearing that he was uncertain when a vote would occur.



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

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# Sports

# **Super Bowl averages 113 million, 3rd most-watched in history**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox was hoping the matchup of two top teams in the Super Bowl and a close game would lead to a record night.

Even though Sunday's game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles came down to a field goal with 8 seconds remaining, Fox fell just short of its goal.

The Chiefs' rally to defeat the Eagles 38-35 is on pace to become the third most-watched television show in history, with an estimated 113 million people watching, according to preliminary numbers released Monday.

Fox said the audience estimate includes the broadcasts on Fox and Fox Deportes as well as streaming on Fox and the NFL's digital sites. The figures are via Nielsen's Fast National data and Adobe Analytics.

The 2015 game between New England and Seattle on NBC holds the record at 114,442,000 viewers (not including streaming), followed by Super Bowl 51 in 2017 on Fox between Atlanta and New England (113,668,000).

This was Fox's 10th Super Bowl since it began airing NFL games in 1994 and the second most-watched program in Fox Sports history.

It would also be a slight increase over the 112.3 million average for last year's Super Bowl. The



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy while talking to Terry Bradshaw after the NFL Super Bowl 57 football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, in Glendale, Ariz. The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35. AP PHOTO/SETH WENIG

Los Angeles Rams' victory over the Cincinnati Bengals was broadcast by NBC and Telemundo and streamed on Peacock and NFL digital sites.

According to Adobe Analytics, this year's digital feed averaged a Super Bowl-record 7 million streams, an 18% increase over last year (6 million) and more than double Fox's last Super Bowl in 2020 (3.4 million).

It was the third straight year the streaming average has surpassed 5 million. The first Super Bowl to be streamed, in 2012, averaged 346,000. Rihanna's halftime show averaged 118.7 million viewers, making it the second-most watched in Super Bowl history. Katy Perry's 2015 performance holds the top mark at 121 million.

The Spanish-language audience average for the game was 951,000, a record for the mostwatched Super Bowl game in Spanish-language cable television history. It was also the most watched non-soccer event in Spanish-language cable history.

The Spanish-language number is down from last year's record of 1.9 million on Telemundo. which unlike Fox Deportes has broadcast affiliates in 90 markets.

The Super Bowl has been televised in Spanish in the United States since

Final Nielsen data will be available on Tuesday, including the English-language television-only figures. After Super Bowls averaged over 100 million viewers from 2010-18, four of the five games before

this year had fallen short of that number because of cord-cutting. That included 95.2 million for the 2021 Super Bowl between Tampa Bay and Kansas City, which was the game's lowest TV-only average since 2007.

If Sunday's number can better the 99.18 million from last year, it would mark the first time since 2015 there had been two straight years of increases.

Unsurprisingly, Kansas City and Philadelphia were the two highest-ranked markets.

Kansas City led the way with a 52.0 rating and 87 share followed by Philadelphia's 46.3/77.

The rating is the percentage of television households tuned in. The share refers to a percentage of the TV-watching audience viewing a particular program at the time.

Cincinnati, which lost to the Chiefs in the AFC championship game, and Minneapolis also recorded 77 shares.

The flood of ads during what is easily television's most-watched event of the year was heavy on celebrities — Ben Affleck, Ozzy Osbourne, Matt Damon, Maya Rudolph, Martha Stewart and "Breaking Bad" cast members.

Steve Williamson, senior vice president of the market research firm GWI. said surveys show that trust in brands is down this year and companies were looking for well-known names for a boost.

"There wasn't a primarv brand that took over the Super Bowl," he said. "There were all sorts of brands from alcohol to gambling to Jesus."

Fox also said 15.5 million people watched the season premiere of Gordon Ramsay's competition show "Next Level Chef" following the game. The spot after the Super Bowl is usually the most-coveted time slot on television.

# NFL takes no breaks as Chiefs' Super Bowl revelry wanes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Kansas City Chiefs awoke Monday still reveling in the glow of their second Super Bowl title in a four-year span, while the Philadelphia Eagles were left to lament how close they came to winning another Lombardi Trophy of their own.

The rest of the league? Well, they've been looking toward the future for a while now.

The day after the Super Bowl represents the first day of the offseason, though that's a bit of a misnomer — nobody around the NFL takes any time off. There are some hard business decisions to be made with current players, scouting that needs to be wrapped up and a game plan to formulate before the league holds its annual draft at the end of April.

The draft, coincidentally, will be in Kansas City this year.

Here's a look at what comes next now that the confetti has settled on State Farm Stadium:

## FRANCHISE SITUATION

The first big date on the offseason calendar is Feb. 21, when teams can designate franchise or transition players. The tag can be given to one unrestricted free agent and guarantees another vear under contract at a fixed contract.

The Chiefs did that last season with left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. when the

two sides couldn't agree on a long-term deal, and it's possible Brown gets tagged a second time. Other players that could get the tag include Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson and Commanders defensive lineman Daron Payne. The deadline for clubs to designate players

## **TIME TO STUDY**

is March 7.

The weeklong NFL scouting combine begins Feb. 28 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, where NFL teams will have a chance to test dozens of prospects in a single setting. Otherwise, scouts will fan out across the country beginning March 7, when individual colleges hold their pro days, and clubs can begin

to host up to 30 draft-eligible players for visits.

The Bears have the first pick, though happy with quarterback Justin Fields, it's possible they trade it to a team looking for one of the top QBs available. Those begin with Alabama's Bryce Young, Ohio State's C.J. Stroud and Will Levis of Kentucky.

Other potential No. 1 picks are Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter and Alabama pass rusher Will Anderson Jr.

## **FREE AGENT FRENZY**

There is a three-day window beginning March 13 in which clubs can contact and begin negotiating with free agents, and qualifying offers for restricted free agents are

due by March 15. That's also the date all clubs must be under the salary cap with the new league year — and signing of players — officially beginning at 4 p.m. ET.

Jackson would be the most coveted player available if he's not franchised, though that is unlikely. Ravens linebacker Roquan Smith, Eagles defensive tackle Javon Hargrave and Bengals safety Jessie Bates III are among the top free agents on defense while Giants running back Saquon Barkley could be in line for a massive deal.

## **PICK ME**

The next big party after the Super Bowl is the NFL draft, taking place from April 27-29 at Union Station in Kansas City. It's the first time the city will host the selection bonanza, and given the hometown Chiefs will still be celebrating a Lombardi Trophy, you can be sure the party downtown will last throughout the weekend.

## **GET TO WORK**

Teams are allowed to hold a three-day rookie minicamp in early May, while voluntary offseason workouts last throughout the early summer. The teams will also hold a mandatory minicamp before taking a break ahead of training camp, which for most teams starts the last week of July - and ushers in the next season in earnest.

# WAGERING

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The two bills heard Wednesday, identical legislation sponsored by Reps. Dan Houx, R-Warrensburg, and Phil Christofanelli, R-St. Peters, have the backing of every major league sports franchise and most of the casino

companies currently operating in the state. They are essentially identical to bills debated last year.

They would allow anyone over 21 to download a sports wagering application to their phone or computer and place bets from anywhere within the state.

Other provisions include: A 10% tax rate on net revenue to sports books. The tax rate on casino game revenue like slot machines and blackjack is 21%.

A deduction from net revenue for promotional costs such as free bets intended to draw gamblers.

Exclusive rights to major sports teams to control advertising of sports books within a designated territory around their stadiums.

An allowance for each of the state's casino companies to offer up to three betting platforms, or skins,

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and each major sports team to contract with one additional platform.

According to the fiscal analysis of the bills, sports betting is expected to bring \$6.6 to \$22.4 million in tax revenue in the first fiscal year it is legal, growing to a range of \$21.6 to \$29.3 million when the market matures in about four years.

During the hearing, members of the committee showed there is bipartisan support and intense public interest in legal sports betting.

"My constituents want this," Rep. Ashley Aune, D-Kanas City said, describing interactions as she campaigned for re-election. "What I heard from, honestly more people than I expected, is 'why can't we do this in Missouri."

The bills would stop Missourians from traveling to Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas or Tennessee, adjoining states where sports betting is legal, Christofanelli said.

They would also replace illegal sports wagering sites operating outside the U.S., he said.

"The revenue is going overseas to countries that may not have our best interests in mind," he said.

Opposition to the bill took two tracks - representatives of professional players who want protections from fans upset over losing bets and a lone voice asking lawmakers to take a bigger share of the casino revenue in taxes.

Steve Fehr, general counsel of the NHL Players Association, said the protections from disgruntled wagerers include the families of players. There should also be a prohibition on wagers based on biometric data from a player, such as their heartbeat when catching a touchdown pass.

Bob Priddy, the retired news director for Missourinet, said the bill is written to give all the advantages to the casinos. If the tax was equal to the rate paid by casinos on other games, he said, the state would receive an extra \$107 million.

"I don't mind if the casinos tilt the tables inside the casino," Priddy said. "But when they tilt the tables against the state of Missouri, the legislature needs to step in and make it right."



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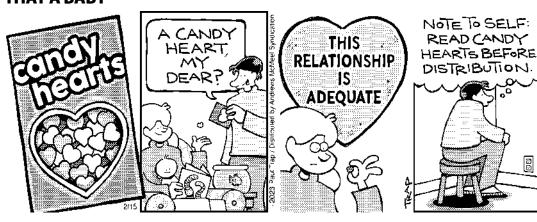
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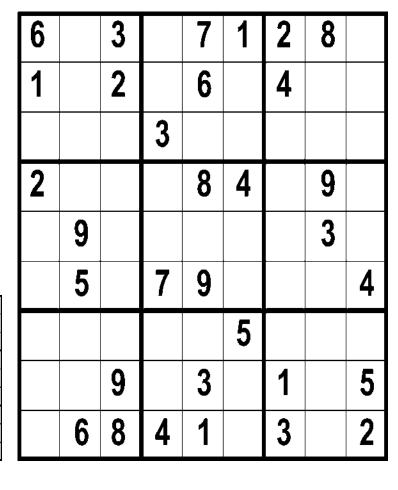
## **SUDOKU**

## Here's How It Works:

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

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# **ASTROGRAPH** BY EUGENIA LAST

Reach out to the person who brings out the best in you. Having the right people in your corner will be crucial to success. Consider what you want to accomplish and how to execute your plans. Joint ventures will help you pick up the pace and achieve the most. Emotions will run high this year, especially concerning shared expenses and moneymaking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A budget-friendly plan will ease stress and help you meet your demands. Don't let what others decide to do influence or cost you. You'll find the perfect spot to start a new project.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Consider the long-term effects before making a move. Educate yourself, talk to experts and keep your emotions out of your final decision. Be sure to update documents that need it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Look at what's possible and plan your strategy. Learn from the past, and don't count on others to live up to their promises. Rely on your intelligence, skills and ability to go the distance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Pick up the slack and do your best. No need to get worked up over something you cannot change. Focus on what's tangible. Put everything in order and prepare to

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put yourself on the line and show everyone what you can do. Concentrate on what's meaningful to you. Prepare for your success instead of helping everyone else

reach their goals. CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't overthink matters; you will achieve your objective without interruption. Simplicity is the key to getting where you want to go with the least amount of interference.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take a leadership position and ask questions. You'll find a way to use your energy, discipline and speed. Put time aside for pleasure. Don't be afraid to make use of someone's ideas or skills.

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**NOTICE** 

Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The test for the Optical Scan System will be conducted in the County Clerk's temporary office at 311 N. Elson St. in Kirksville, on February 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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> Sandra Collop **Adair County Clerk** 106 W Washington Kirksville, Missouri 63501

#### IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 22AR-PR00144 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division: KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM

63501, 660-665-4419

In the Estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted** (Supervised Administration)

### To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, Decedent:

On February 1, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of BOBBY G ZIMMERMAN, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The name and address of the personal representative is: RONALD W LEWELLEN, 23793 COYOTE ROAD, GREENTOP, MO

63546

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: TOM HENSLEY, 101 W. ILLINOIS, P.O. BOX 7535, KIRKSVILLE, MO

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

Date of the decedent's death: December 6, 2022 Date of first publication: February 8, 2023

PUBLICATION DATES: 2-8-2023, 2-15-2023, 2-22-2023, 3-1-2023

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In The Matter Of Estate Number: 21AR-PR00105 JAMES WEST, III, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT <u>and petition for distribution</u>

You are hereby notified that on March 1, 2023, or as may be continued by the court, the undersigned personal representatives will file in the Probate Division of Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, Missouri, Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions of the estate. Any objections or exceptions to such Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Statement of Account and Proposed Distributions.

January 25, 2023

Beverly A. Kennedy, Personal Representative 29125 Hall Rd. Rocky Mount, MO 65072

(573) 392-4642

January 25, 2023

J. Timothy West, Personal Representative 28874 State Highway E

January 25, 2023

Herbert C. Willbrand, Attorney, MO Bar No. 17386 Herbert C. Willbrand Law Firm, LLC

P. O. Box 1304 Columbia, MO 65205-1304 (573) 442-3181; Fax: (573) 874-3796 e-mail: hcwillbrand@willbrandlaw.com

Dates of Publication: January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 2023.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL

Case Number: 23AR-PR00015 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of LARRY D. FINDLING, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted** (Supervised Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LARRY D. FINDLING,

Decedent: On February 09, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of LARRY D. FINDLING, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County,

The personal representative's name and address is:

Mary E. Findling, 1111 N. Centennial, Kirksville, MO 63501

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Jessica Rooks, 2424 S. Franklin, Suite A, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-627-3369

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: December 3, 2022

Date of first publication: February 15, 2023

Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 2-15-2023, 2-22-2023, 3-1-2023, 3-8-2023

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF: MICHAEL W. MULFORD, Case No. 19AR-PR00016 Deceased.

### NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENTOF ESTATE AND PROPOSED ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION

(Section 473.837, RSMo.)

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Independent Personal Representative will file a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate, together with a Final Settlement and proposed Order of Distribution, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, on March 16, 2023, or as may be continued by the Court. If no objections to the Final Settlement or proposed Order of Distribution are filed within twenty (20) days after the filing thereof, the Court will consider them and upon their approval, the Court will determine the persons entitled to distribution of the estate and the extent and character of their interests therein.

Upon proof of compliance with the Court's Order of Distribution by the Independent Personal Representative, the Court will discharge the Independent Personal Representative from further claim or demand by any interested person.

> TI-TRUST, INC. By:/s/ Susan K. Knoche SUSAN K. KNOCHE, Vice President 2900 North 23rd Street Quincy, IL 62305

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Respectfully submitted,

**BOZARTH LAW L.L.C.** 

/s/ Brett B. Bozarth #61047

BRETT B. BOZARTH 405 Clark Street, Suite 120 Canton, MO 63435

Phone: (573) 288-1111 Fax: (573) 288-1110

bbozarth@bozarthlawllc.com ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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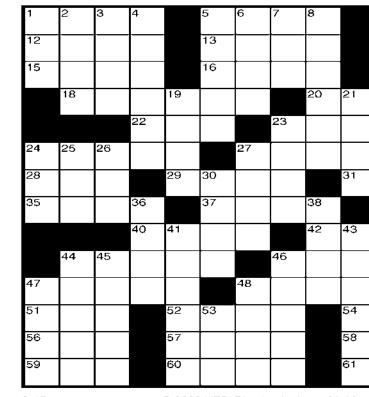
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## **SUDOKU**

# Here's How It Works:

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

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# Business

# Free online workshop to aid family farm succession planning

By MU Extension

COLUMBIA — Free farm succession planning workshops from University of Missouri Extension can help Missourians guide their family farming businesses to the next generation.

To help families start the succession planning process and initiate communication, MU Extension will hold Preparing for Farm Succession Planning workshops across the state in March. Six workshops will be in-person events and one will be held online via Zoom.

"Having the difficult conversations and engaging in intentional communication are critical components of this process," said MU Extension agricultural

business specialist Wesley Tucker. "Our team is here to offer resources that can equip families for these conversations and help them protect the business and family harmony."

Workshops will cover four major themes of transition: minimizing conflict, family meetings and communication, short-term operation plans and preparing for the next generation of management and ownership.

"Unlike estate plans, which are often set into motion after a funeral, succession plans should be proactive and not event-dependent," Tucker said. "Our farm succession planning workshops give attendees a road map for preparing a plan that fits their farming operation's unique situation."

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has partnered with MU Extension to provide funding and programming for the workshop series.

"Unfortunately, few farm-family businesses have a plan for transitioning the operation to the next generation," said Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "Missouri is blessed with numerous family businesses in the agriculture industry, and we'd like to keep it that way for years to come. I'm proud of the strides our department is making in conjunction with MU Extension and other local partners to coordinate workshops that help family businesses develop successful succession plans."

"Starting the process, even just starting the conversation, around succession planning is intimidating for people," said Kate Lambert, vice president of marketing at FCS Financial, another partner in the workshop series. "These workshops will help attendees walk away with a clear idea of what questions need to be asked and what steps need to be taken. We are proud to help bring these events to local communities because these conversations are crucial for the success, and succession. of Missouri agriculture."

The Preparing for Farm Succession Planning workshops are nocost events, but registration is encouraged as meals will be provided at each location. Learn more at muext.us/ABPevents.



### **Workshop dates** and locations

March 6 - Cook Station, 6-8:30 p.m.

March 7 - Hannibal, noon-2:30 p.m.

March 9 - Nevada, noon-2:30 p.m.

March 10 - St. Joseph, noon-2:30 p.m.

March 13 - Marshfield, 6-8:30 p.m.

March 15 - Poplar Bluff, 5:30-8 p.m.

March 16 - Online, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

# **NFIB Jobs Report: Small business** job openings back up in January

Ninety-one percent of owners trying to hire report few or no qualified applicants

By NFIB

According to NFIB's monthly jobs report, 57 percent of owners reported hiring or trying to hire in January, up two points. Of those hiring or trying to hire, 91 percent of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. Twenty-seven percent of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 25 percent reported none.

"The labor shortage continues to be a major concern for small businesses in the New Year as nearly all owners trying to hire are reporting no or few qualified applicants," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Small businesses' sales opportunities are limited because of the staffing shortage but owners continue to make changes in business operations to compensate."

State-specific data is unavailable, but NFIB State Director Brad Jones said:

"Unfortunately for Main Street, they won't be able to take down their 'Help Wanted' signs anytime soon. The labor shortage continues to pose an enormous challenge to our small business owners and creates economic uncertainty. It's our hope that the General Assembly will keep this reality in mind when considering policies that affect our small businesses."

Forty-five percent (seasonally adjusted) of all owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, up four points from December.

Small business owners' plans to fill open positions remain elevated, with a seasonally adjusted net 19 percent planning to create new jobs in the next three months, up two points from December but 13 points below its record-high reading of 32 reached in August 2021.

The percent of owners reporting labor quality as their top business operating problem remains elevated at 24 percent. Labor costs reported as the single most important problem to business owners increased two points to 10 percent, historically among the highest readings in over 49 years.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 46 percent of owners reported raising compensation, up two points from December and iust four points below the 49-year average record high set in January last year. A net 22 percent of owners plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down five points from December. This is a major concern of the Federal Reserve, as these increased costs are likely to be passed on in higher selling prices.

Thirty-six percent of owners have job openings for skilled workers and 17 percent have openings for unskilled labor.

# Missouri joins national push to create jobs for people with disabilities

MDHEWD to receive assistance in increasing competitive integrated employment

By Missouri Department of Higher **Education and Workforce Development** 

Missouri has been selected to participate in a national initiative aimed at increasing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) tapped Missouri, along with nine other states and Washington, D.C., to take part in the National **Expansion Employment Opportuni**ties Network (NEON) initiative with the goal of increasing competitive integrated employment (CIE) for those with disabilities.

As a core state for the NEON initiative, Missouri was awarded 300 technical assistance hours that will include policy consulting and capacity building assistance.

"Being part of the NEON initiative will allow the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD), as well as other state agencies, to establish

better policies for CIE and develop a plan for sustaining these efforts to ensure those with disabilities have equal employment opportunities," said Julie Carter, interim director of the Office of Workforce Development.

Other states selected include California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, New York, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

NEON launched in 2019 with the primary vision of providing technical assistance to national organizations. By expanding participation to state departments, NEON will be able to make advances at the state level.

"The addition of 10 core states and the District of Columbia to the National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network will help support policymaking and other efforts to make competitive integrated employment a reality for more people with disabilities," said Taryn Williams, assistant secretary for the USDOL Office of Disability Employment Policy. "Now, effective practices used by service providers can support strategies such as blending, braiding and sequencing of funding, strategic planning, benefits counseling, and effective data collection and analysis to promote greater workplace equity."

# **APPANOOSE COUNTY, IA LAND AUCTIONS!**

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# 359 ACRES± • 6 TRACTS

# APPANOOSE COUNTY, IOWA LAND AUCTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 @ 10:00 AM CST VIRTUAL ONLINE AUCTION



Section 1, Walnut Township, Sections 5, 6, 17 & 18, Vermillion Township and Sections 6 & 31 Udell Township, Appanoose County, IA. Tracts 1-3 are located 5 miles north of Centerville, IA in close proximity to Lake Rathbun. Tract 4 is ocated 2 miles north of Centerville, IA on St. Hwy. 5. Tract 5 is located 10 niles northeast of Centerville, IA, 2 miles west of the small town of Unionville IA and in close proximity to Sundown Lake. Tract 6 is located 1.5 miles north of Centerville, IA on State Hwy. 5.

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505 ACRES± • 6 TRACTS APPANOOSE COUNTY, IOWA LAND AUCTION TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 @ 10:00 AM CST

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Appanoose County, IA 4 miles west of Moulton, Iowa or 6 miles southeast of Centerville, IA.

These farms offer productive tillable farmland, includes Chequest, Zook & Vesser soils as well as several other soil complexes. These farms have been in the family for generations are located in a desirable area in close proximity

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