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Public comments reveal damaging effects of Liberty Utilities' more than tripling of natural gas rates last December

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

With natural gas rates more than tripling the bills of Kirksville customers this winter, the Kirksville City Council invited Liberty Utilities Central Region Business and Development Manager J. R. Derksen to speak to the council and audience members that had come to the March 6 meeting to protest and highlight the debilitating effect the increase has had on many low and middle-income earners.

Derksen said that Liberty officials understand the frustration of its customers and council constituents with the company's gas pricing. He said that the utility is under the oversight of the Missouri Public Service Commission and he encouraged they be contacted over the public's concerns.

"There is no stronger advocacy group for consumers of regulated utilities than the Public Service Commission," he said. "We have a franchise

agreement with the city and when they asked us to come and converse and to represent the company and answer questions, we're always going to do that."

Jacqueline Lopez, who spoke during public comments on the issue, said that people have no choice but to use and pay Liberty for their gas service, whatever they may charge and that while she recognized the council's efforts, it was still not enough.

There are people that are on a fixed income, elderly people that can barely make it," she said, noting that she had made fliers and that people were calling her, crying and sad — people, she said, that are raising children and probably have no other income, many whom are single parents. "Let's do something," she told the council.

Lopez said that the situation is a crisis about to happen and that something needs to be done for the people struggling now.

Karissa Denise Fansler spoke next, saying



Eleanor Keller told the city council how members of her church who live on fixed incomes, were forced to make a choice between paying a \$2-\$300 monthly gas bill or buying food and medicine.

that when a utility bill triples like Liberty's did, there are individuals like herself, who continue to responsibly pay their bills month after month. She said that she has no debt but when the bills continue to rise, it puts an undue burden on the average citizen and charitable organizations that might be trying to help. She said that people are having to decide whether

they are going to buy food this month or pay the gas bill; pay the rent and do without their medication.

Eleanor Keller said that she and her pastor husband have a church in Kirksville and wondered what they could do for people who are on a very limited budget when they were struggling to keep the lights on in the church as well as their home.

"Some of our people in church only make \$700, maybe \$800 a month, and you get a \$2-\$300 gas bill," she said. "You can't buy your medicine, you can't buy food and they lose their home. When a person gets to that point where they don't have a choice, we have to find some way of helping these people."

She spoke of a woman that she said was in desperate need and went to Community Action, a local charity organization, but was told they don't have any more money left to help anybody.

"So what happens to that person?" she asked. "They become homeless. And for Kirksville to say they don't have homeless people, as a pastor's wife, I know different. And this is going to force more and more people out on the street."

Keller said that in their church alone, in two months, their bill went up \$400 more than what it normally was. In her own home the gas cost

went up \$150 more one month and \$175 another.

"I know you have to adjust your prices, but somehow we're going to have to find a way to help people, especially those that are low income, and most of your majority people are just common folks," Keller told Derksen.

Derksen explained that the purchase gas adjustment (PGA) charge is adjusted to reflect the cost of gas that Liberty has to purchase from the pipeline for the distribution system in Kirksville.

"There are three major components on your gas bill," Derksen said, explaining that there's the gas meter fee, the delivery fee, which may be phrased as commodity fee, and then the PGA. He said that the meter fee and commodity charge have not changed since July of 2018.

"That is Liberty's profit base," he said. "That's what we're paid to take gas from a pipeline and get it through your meter."

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Murphree named executive director of Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Marie Murphree has been named executive director of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. Murphree will replace Sandra Williams who retired in December 2022. She will begin working for the chamber on April 3 and will retire from her position as director of Development and Planned Giving at Truman State University.

Murphree, who was a chamber member representing Truman State University, has served on the organization's Governmental Affairs Committee for three years as well as a stint assisting the chamber's banquet committee. She said that she could not stop thinking about the possibilities of working with the chamber when she decided to apply.

"The business community in Kirksville is vital, and there are lots of things that the chamber can do that will help the businesses thrive even more," Murphree said. "I just started thinking about the fact that this position is something that I could really sink my teeth into."

Murphree, who prior to her arrival at Truman State five years ago was employed at Missouri State University, said that it was time to retire from the state and pursue her interest in business development, as she had been previously employed in newspaper and radio advertising where she had served those needs.



Marie Murphree

"I was very involved with businesses and helping them grow and helping them thrive," she said. "I just feel like this is something I can go back to at this point and do well and and make a positive impact."

At the university, part of her job was to raise money for the school, a skill that she felt would transfer neatly over to her new role at the chamber. She said that the chamber has been well run the years she's been a part of it and that the chamber board of directors was solid. She hoped though, to bring new ideas to the organization, some that have worked at other chambers across Missouri and the U.S.

"It's an ever-changing world," she said. "Is there something we are missing, that we can do better?"

One of her ideas is to implement a more economically-focused newsletter that would be of value to chamber business members, providing information on, as an example, how rising interest rates might affect them or other economically relevant subjects.

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Local scouts attend Eagle Scout Recognition Day in Columbia

By Troop 404

Isaiah Meinen of Kirksville Boy Scout Troop 404 and Kirksville's Maya Thomas of Troop 3242 out of Columbia, attended the Eagle Scout Recognition Day on Feb. 20 in Jefferson City.



From left: Dee Thomas (Maya's mother), Maya Thomas, Isaiah Meinen and Matthew Meinen (Isaiah's father).



Exhibit to honor women's history

By Sue Ross Arts Center

To celebrate March as Women's History Month, the Kirksville Arts Association is exhibiting needlework traditionally done by women.

Titled "A Sampler of Needlework," the exhibit has ninety pieces on display at the Sue Ross Arts Center dating from the mid-1800s to 2020. Also included are examples of ethnic pieces from Egypt and Uzbekistan demonstrating how women around the world interpret and complete the same arts and crafts.

The types of needlework included in the exhibit are embroidery, quilting, applique, crochet, rug hooking, crewel, needlepoint, and knitting.

The exhibit will be open through April 1. The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S Franklin Street in Kirksville. There is no charge to visit the exhibit. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Ribbon-cutting held for Midwest Gold & Silver as they celebrate their second birthday

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Midwest Gold & Silver, 111 E Washington St, Kirkville, on Thursday, March 9. Midwest Gold & Silver is celebrating their two year anniversary. Beginning Monday, March 13, Midwest Gold & Silver will be expanding their business hours: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays 11 a.m. — 3 p.m. In honor of their two year anniversary and to say thank you to their loyal customers, Midwest Gold & Silver will be having a customer appreciation celebration on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18. Refreshments will be served, all gold and silver jewelry will be on sale, and a drawing for a free ounce of silver will be held.

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Black Diamond District Cub Scouts will host District Pinewood Derby

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

Shopping Expo at Moose Lodge

A Shopping Expo will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirkville.

Kirkville City Council study session

The Kirkville City Council will hold a study session at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 13, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Kirkville Historic Preservation Commission meeting

The city of Kirkville's Historic Preservation Commission will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

Kirkville Watershed Management Commission meeting

The city of Kirkville's Watershed Management Commission will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, in the Conference Room at EDA Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for NEMR

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for NEMR on Thursday, March 16, at 11a.m., 709 W. Northtown Road in

Kirkville. Join the chamber in celebrating member NEMR and their expansion of fiber services in the Kirkville area. In 2022, NEMR began to bury and install fiber in areas of Kirkville, and their efforts have continued into 2023.

Kirkville R-3 School District baseball and softball fields ribbon cutting

Join the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the new softball and baseball fields for Kirkville R-3 School District, as well as recognizing the district's community partners for making them a reality. Friday Mar 17, at 4 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day 5K Run

The St. Patrick's Day 5K Run will be held on March 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street, Kirkville. Call 660-665-9764 for details.

Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show

The 28th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be held on March 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove.

Guest Artist at Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

Dr. Amy Guffey, clarinet, will be the guest artist on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce, Spring Candidate Forum

Plan to attend the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce, Spring Candidate Forum for candidates for Kirkville City Council and Kirkville R-III School District. Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at the IPE Building (Dental School) on the ATSU campus (800 W. Jefferson, Kirkville). Doors

open at 5:30 p.m. Election Day is April 4.

Opening reception for 'Annual Juried Student Exhibition'

An opening reception will be held for the "Annual Juried Student Exhibition" and "Land Enveloped" by Lindsey Dunnagan on March 21 at 5 p.m. at the Charlyn Gallery and University Art Gallery on the Truman State University campus.

Ribbon cutting for A.T. Still University Museum of Osteopathic Medicine

Join the Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating A.T. Still University and their recent Museum of Osteopathic Medicine accreditation. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place during Business After Hours, hosted by A.T.S.U., on Thursday, March 23. Business After Hours will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 5:45 p.m. More Business After Hours event details to follow.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: MARCH 1-5, 2023

ARREST REPORTS

March 3-6

Animals Running at Large, Alex Gonzalez, Kirkville
Assault 3rd Degree Law Officer/ Special Victim (F D), Alexis J. Diaz, Kirkville

Driving While Revoked or Suspended, Cooper Edwin Roberson, Kirkville

Failure to Register Restricted Animal, Cheryl L. Turner, Kirkville
No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Antonio Qwantel Norwood, Kirkville

No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), Therrell W. Chancellor, Kirkville

Warrant, Tonya Nicole Barnes, Kirkville

Warrant-Adair County, James R. Byers, Kirkville

Warrant-FTA Seat Belt, Megane Mbulu Biduay, Kirkville

March 3-7

Animals Running at Large, Cynthia Ann Mayberry, Kirkville

INCIDENT REPORTS

March 1

7:47 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1400 Meadow Lane

8:16 a.m., Traffic Stop, Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), Stacy Street, Darius Watson, 21

8:26 a.m., Traffic Stop, Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), Stacy Street, Darian Casady, 27

9:17 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street, Nicole Helm, 21

March 2

7:23 a.m., Dead Body, 1209 Baird Street

7:24 a.m., Animal/trap, 1400 E. Meadow Lane

7:58 a.m., MVA/Minor, 2206 N. Baltimore Street

9:58 a.m., Harassment, 201 S. Baltimore Street

11:47 a.m., Parking Complaint, Vehicle Towed, East Normal Avenue

12:44 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 515 N. Marion Street

1:33 p.m., Juvenile Problem, 1515 S. Cottage Grove

3:02 p.m., Domestic Disturbance, Mental Health/Medical Assist, Property Damage (M) 2nd Degree, 23 Devlin Place, 4:15 p.m., Fingerprinting, 119 E. McPherson Street

5:40 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 215 Valley Forge Drive

6:24 p.m., Traffic Stop, Sundown Drive, Thomas Holman, 55

6:37 p.m., Traffic Stop, 315 S. Osteopathy Street, Larry Logston, 45

6:53 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Kristen Lawson, 22

7:50 p.m., Traffic Stop, 202 E. Illinois Street, Gaberiele Adrian, 21

8:40 p.m., Shoplifter, Stealing from Shoplifting (M), 2206 N. Baltimore Street

9:29 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Sarah Reed, 40

10:06 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street, Alicia Shop, 34

11:15 p.m., Assisting Other Agency, Quincy Street

March 3

2:26 a.m., Traffic Stop, East LaHarpe Street, Adam Heller, 36

10:13 a.m., Traffic Stop, West Hamilton Street, Catlyn Kroeger, 24

10:38 a.m., Animal/Bite-Attack, Failure to Register Restricted Animal, 602 E. Pierce Street, Arrestee: Cheryl Turner, 37

11:35 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 3rd Degree (F E), 3805 S. Baltimore Street

12:40 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 800 Woodwind Court

2:05 p.m., Domestic Disturbance, Warrant-Adair County, 3805 S. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: James Byers, 37

2:15 p.m., Warrant, 516 S. Main Street, Arrestee: Tonya Barnes, 41

3:30 p.m. Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street

5:14 p.m., MVA/Injury, DWI-Physical Injury (F E), No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Careless and Imprudent Driving/Accident (M A), South Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Joedarius Fleming, 24

6:20 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 418 E. Northtown Road

6:29 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, Civil Dispute, 1210 E. Washington Street

7:20 p.m., MVA/No Report, 2214 N. Baltimore Street

8:25 p.m, Animal/Barking-Noise, 407 E. Burton Street

10:20 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 615 E. McPherson Street

10:50 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1315 N. Baltimore Street, Jeffery Sayre, 30

11:41 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), South Elson Street, Arrestee: Antonio Norwood, 37

March 4

1:06 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 116 E. Jefferson Street

2:30 a.m., Assisting Other Agency, 502 W. Dodson Street

6:43 a.m., Assault/Domestic 3rd Degree (F E), 216 W. Buchanan Street

7:37 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Against Flow of Traffic, 119 E. McPherson Street

9:16 a.m., Traffic Stop, East LaHarpe Street, Operated a Motor Vehicle Which is Not Validly Licensed, Ross Slape, 30

9:43 a.m., Traffic Stop, Franklin Street, Norah Kovac, 20

9:43 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Franklin Street, Ryan McLachlan, 26

9:51 a.m., Traffic Stop, Grim Drive, Tayla Herring, 22

11:47 a.m., Traffic Stop, Crown Drive, Tammy Miller, 54

1:26 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From All Other (M), 1915 N. Osteopathy Street

2:31 p.m., Civil Dispute, 2521 S. Franklin Street

2:48 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street

4:33 p.m., Assault/Simple, Harassment, 301 S. High Street

4:58 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Auto (M), 715 W. Martha Street

5:53 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, MVA Minor, 305 S. High Street



6:49 p.m., Scam, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 802 Woodwind Court

6:50 p.m., Field Contact, North Main Street

7:52 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Porter Street, Michele Johnson, 49

7:57 p.m., Traffic Stop, 402 W. Northtown Road, Angela Caffey, 45

8:07 p.m., Peace Disturbance, Domestic Disturbance, 301 W. Washington Street

8:27 p.m., Traffic Stop, Shepherd Avenue, Jacob Sweet, 32

9:04 p.m., Animal/Barking-Noise, Animal Complaint, 1200 N. Walnut Street

10:18 p.m., Trespass, Stealing \$25,000 or More All Other (F), 1101 Country Club Drive

March 5

1:19 a.m, MVA/Vs. Animal, MVA Minor, 4414 N. Baltimore Street

3:24 a.m., Traffic Stop, 115 N. Elson Street

6:48 a.m, Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 11 Kirkwood Lane

8:49 a.m., Parking Complaint, Failed to Park Right Side Parallel to Curb, 119 E. McPherson Street

9:11 a.m., Warrant-Adair County, Interfering/Resisting With Arrest (M A), Drugs/Possession (F) of Controlled Substance (F D), Jefferson Street, Arrestee: Alexis Diaz, 39

10:15 a.m., Assisting Other Agency Medical, 100 N. High Street

11:15 a.m., Check the Well Being, 908 E. Missouri Street

12:17 p.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Revoked or Suspended, South Osteopathy Street, Arrestee: Cooper Roberson, 18

12:55 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Amber Johnson, 41

1:04 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Bryce Rauba, 21

1:59 p.m., Burglary/In Progress, Burglary 2nd (No Force) Residential (F C), 1209 Baird Street

3:08 p.m, Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, North Osteopathy Street

3:30 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), 2211 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Christena Anders, 34

4:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1614 N. Green Street

6:35 p.m., Trespass, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 309 S. Main Street

7:01 p.m., Traffic Stop, Buchanan Street

7:30 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street

8:17 p.m., MVA/Vs. Animal, MVA Minor 116 Country Club Drive

9:51 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Elson Street, Nicholas Pierson, 31

10:30 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Industrial Road, Essofa Napo, 52

11:20 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), 1109 W. Michigan Street, Arrestee: Therell Chancellor, 34

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COLUMN

Reading up on things

Herb graciously spread his right arm around the table, indicating to Loretta that all his friends needed their coffee cups topped off. She would've done it anyway, of course, but this made him look ... generous.

"I've been reading up," said Herb Collins, who had retired from his pawn shop but not from reading up, "and I learned a thing or two."

We settled back, in what we considered a learned and curious pose. We probably weren't, though.

For the more forward-looking members of the World Dilemma Think Tank at the Mule Barn coffee shop, learning from Herb's habit of reading up sometimes was entertaining, if not always educational.

"How many of you fellas ever heard of Babe Ruth?" We all raised our hands.

"Now how many of you fellas ever heard of Carl Ditters von Dittersdorff?"

There was a paucity of paws in the air.

"He was born way-back sometime in a suburb of Vienna, and started out life as Johann Carl Ditters. But through the years, and



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because his compositions needed publicity, and his friends didn't think his name was impressive enough, he coagulated his name into what it now says on the billboard at the opera house."

"And you read up on this by yourself?"

"Sure did, Doc. Now ol' Carl made a bunch of friends who were musical and had weird names, too. Used to hang around with Christof Willibald Gluck. Name like that, you'd have to pardner up with someone who could handle himself in a dark alley. So there's my theory in a nutshell guys. If you were a German or a fake German living in a close by, but not yet German country, and your name was too common for people to remember, you either had to give them a name they couldn't forget ... or go start a war."

And some folks just watch teevee...

Free sheet music from the ol' Ditters himself! If you can play this, you're better than most mental patients. [https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante_cantabile_\(Dittersdorf%2C_Carl_Ditters_von\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante_cantabile_(Dittersdorf%2C_Carl_Ditters_von)).

COLUMN

Plastic Bag Strategies

"Paper or Plastic?" The bagger at the grocery store stared through me and waited for an answer. I was flustered; hadn't I made enough choices already? The conveyor belt chugged and groaned as it Jetson-ed my purchases along. I wanted to throw them in a paper bag, lug them to the car, toss the bag in the trunk, and haul them home.

I glared at him and spat out, "PAPER!". He bowed his head, grabbed my Spam, and tucked it into the corner of a brown bag.

I loved my paper bags. They were familiar. Sturdy. I had a pile of them at home, all neatly flattened and folded and ready for re-use.

Why would I want to give them up in exchange for a flimsy, see-through, unstructured plastic sack?

That was 1972. The years cha-chinged by, one grocery shopping day after another. Every time 'Paper or plastic?', was asked, I flinched and sagged under the pressure.

All around me, families were toting plastic sacks full of food. They weren't cradling them from the bottom, the way a paper bag is carried. They were lacing them onto their forearms like noisy, swaying bracelets. It looked kinda handy. Almost pleasant.

By the early '90s, nobody was asking which type of bags I'd prefer. It was plastic. I gave in, and as my stash of



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paper sacks dwindled at home, I began crushing the plastic ones into drawers and between cabinets. In no time, I had enough of them to last the rest of my life.

Looking back, I wonder why I resisted for so long. I've come to realize the wonder and value of the plastic bags I bring home. There are a million and one secondhand uses for every blessed one.

Walmart's opaque gray bags share menial household jobs with the blue Shop 'n Save ones. Bathroom trash. Car cleanouts. Last-minute rain hats. These are the bags of the working class. The 'I'm proud to be American and spend my American dollars frugally' bags.

Other bags are much too hoity-toity to be wasted on household grunt work. I save Nordstrom /Macy's bags to transport my once-a-year dry cleaning ("I have fancy, dry-cleanable clothing and I simply MUST drop them off").

Bags from 'Deabugs'—that's Dierbergs as Thurston Howell III would say it—haul

my lunch to work. Gourmet appearances wafts from my baloney sandwich when I chomp into it.

Plastic bags from any mall shop that caters to the young and parentally-funded are great to take to the pool. If you carry your crossword puzzle book and your reading glasses into one of these trendy bags, the lemming-logo will deflect attention from the bulgy, hidden panels in your 'Firm Support...Made Lovely' swimsuit. Your every sweaty pore will trickle consumer coolness.

There is only one rule for plastic bag re-use...and it's a biggie.

When making a return to a plastic-bag-with-a-logo-store, always use one of their bags to carry it in. If you don't have your receipt, the properly moniker-ed bag will help remove any doubts as to your refund eligibility: ('Why, she must have bought it here, it's still in the bag we gave her').

If you don't believe me, sling a Dollar Tree bag atop the counter at Penney's and try to return a necklace or doodad you bought there. They'll be eyeing you through chained bifocals and checking it over for a Penney's label faster than you can say 'Made in Taiwan'.

Since paper bags are mostly a thing of the past, it makes sense to adapt. Now, all I have to do is remember to use the right plastic bag.

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COLUMN

The Weight of Grief

By Carrol Davenport
Coordinator of Spiritual Care & Bereavement Services

Hospice of Northeast Missouri

Just as the weight of water can change the landscape of the ground, the weight of grief can change the landscape of our lives, and most of us don't expect to be impacted to that extent.

We live in a culture that doesn't talk much about grief and loss, so when we experience the death of someone we have loved, we don't know what to expect from the grief experience, and our friends and family don't know what to expect from us as we grieve.

Many people experience things that make them feel like they are going crazy until they learn that the experience they are having is common.

What we don't expect is that every part of who we are is impacted by grief. Grief impacts us physically, emotionally, cognitively, socially and spiritually.

Physically we can experience appetite changes and a weakened immune system. Sleep patterns are disrupted. Some people sleep more

than usual and others find that good sleep doesn't come at all. Fatigue is common, and many people find that they don't have the energy to do what they once did.

Emotionally there is a wide range of feelings from sadness to anger. Early in grief, especially if death was unexpected, there can be a sense of shock or numbness or disbelief.

Common wisdom encourages us not to make any major decisions in early grief because cognitively we can experience difficulty making decisions. Confusion is common and some have difficulty concentrating.

Grief can change the ways we want to engage socially. Sometimes friends worry about us because we aren't interested in the things that we once found enjoyable. The person who once was the life of the party sometimes doesn't want to go to the party at all.

Grief can push us to ask deeper questions about life and death that have implications for how we experience spirituality. It is common for people to ask "why" questions regarding their loved one's



death, and often people begin to reevaluate the way they live their lives and this can prompt significant changes.

The grief we experience in loss doesn't end. Sometimes our friends want us to forget and to return to the person we were before our loved one died, but our hearts can't forget. The goal of grief is not to forget but to learn to live in light of the loss.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, is a non-profit hos-

pice that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast Missouri also provides grief support programs that are open to everyone. Information about the next upcoming

Grief Support Group, that begins March 29, can be found at www.hospiceof-northeastmissouri.org or by calling 660-627-9711. Hospice of Northeast serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties.

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Jennifer Diane Libby

Jan 3, 1946 — Mar 5, 2023

Jennifer Diane Libby, 77, of Monroe City, MO passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. Jennifer was born on January 3, 1946 in Kirksville, MO, the daughter of Edwin and Lorene (Burris) Gunnels. She was united in marriage to Marshall Leroy Libby on June 6, 1965 in Elmer, MO. Jennifer was part of her Wal-Mart family for 25 years. She enjoyed oil painting, traveling and had lived in Germany for 2 years. Jennifer is survived by her two sons, Roger Libby of Nevada, and Eric Libby of Perry, MO; two grandsons, Joshua Knouse, and Dale Libby; great-grandchildren, Desiray Bass, Starr Knouse, Jadelin Knouse, Skye Knouse, and Ryker Wood; and

one great-great-granddaughter, Brylea Shoop. She is also survived by her siblings, Stephen Gunnels of Elmer, MO, Greg Gunnels of Elmer, MO, and Carmen Stanton of Kirksville, MO; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Marshall Leroy Libby on February 16, 2017. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Elliott Funeral Home in Atlanta, MO. Burial will be in Bunce Cemetery. Visitation will be 10:00 am, until the time of the service, Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Bunce Cemetery.

Seasonal gasoline switchover, high demand likely contributing to rising pump prices

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$3.04 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents more compared to this day last week and is 70 cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Jefferson City are paying the most on average at \$3.14 while drivers in Joplin are paying the least at \$2.98 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.45,

which is nine cents more compared to this day last week and 73 cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices. The Missouri statewide average crept back up above \$3 per gallon this week as pump price fluctuations continue. A higher global fuel demand outlook as well as the start of the switch over from winter blend gasoline to summer blend gasoline, which is more expensive to produce, are likely contributors to the increase. With demand expected to continue to go up with the onset of spring travel,

drivers can expect pump prices to follow. “Summer blend gasoline is designed to lower emissions during the warmer months of the year,” said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarria. “The annual switchover from winter blend gasoline, which will occur over the next month or so, can cause pump prices to rise anywhere from five to ten cents.” Drivers in Missouri are paying the 3rd lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at \$4.92 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

LIBERTY

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The PGA, he said, is the pass-through cost of gas that Liberty pays for and it only changes once a year. That cost, he said, is based on what the market price is on gas and because they only change that price once a year, they have to reconcile that cost each December. “So that means if we charged 38 cents for thermal gas all year but the market price for gas fluctuates significantly, we’re still charging the 38 cents and at the end of the year, we’re going to reconcile that,” Derksen said. “At the same time we have to hedge and decide what we’re going to charge for the gas for the next 12 months.” Derksen said that “the math” has to be approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission and that Liberty has to include all of the costs they have had and all the history in the previous 12 months. Liberty then has to take what forecasts are for gas prices for the next 12 months before the Missouri Public Service Commission approves whether that PGA is accurate. “Like the cost of all fossil fuels in the last

few years, we’ve seen price changes on natural gas fluctuate more than we’ve seen in decades,” Derksen said, noting that the PGA, starting in December of 2021, was about 38 cents in Kirksville. “In the following 12 months, our costs for that gas ranged anywhere from 37 cents to well over \$1.” He said that gas prices at the wellhead varied from 26 cents to \$2.30 a therm but that during that entire time Liberty charged 38 cents. He said that what Liberty undercharged in 2021, was reconciled and a cost adjustment had to be made. “If you went to \$1.27, we understand your frustration,” he said. “That was a very significant change. We recognize that.” He said that in response to customer concerns and due to lower prices at the wellhead in December, and January, Liberty asked the Public Service Commission in early February if they could tweak the cost, which the commission approved. “That’s pretty rare,” Derksen said. “Annual PGA pricing has been that way since 2008 and prior to 2008, we changed it twice a year.” Derksen said that the root of the problem is

that the cost of natural gas has varied from a high/low more in the last few years than they’ve seen in decades. He said that the industry was deregulated during the Reagan administration and that deregulation usually drives competition and levels pricing and it worked very well for many years, he said. “From 2009 to 2020, prices have been extremely stable — the past two years they’ve been extremely unstable,” Derksen said, noting that with the PGA cost, whether they charge 38 cents or \$1.27, Liberty makes no profit off of it. “We make the meter fee and the commodity charge and we reconcile it at the end of the year,” he said. “We were very fortunate that the Public Service Commission allowed us on Feb. 23 to update the PGA to reflect the reduced cost of the first two months and then went down 36 cents. “We want you to understand that your concerns are justified,” he said. “We do have great empathy and we do have respect for the fact that that’s a significant raise. What can we do about it? We can continue to work with the Public Service Commission and they did allow us this Feb. 23

change.” Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden said that he understood the PGA was a pass-through rate and that Liberty made no profit from it, but he questioned the profits being made by the pipeline distributors and energy extractors. “We’re talking about our large petroleum companies in the country — what sort of lobbying happens towards that end because they also reported ungodly profits this past year,” Burden asked. “Liberty doesn’t get to profit, I’m assuming the pipeline companies are not profiting, the folks in Kirksville sure aren’t profiting off of it, but there are a lot of boys in Texas who are. So I’m just curious, what sort of lobbying happens in that direction as well?” Derksen said that Burden had “summed up the whole problem.” He said that the two largest producers of natural gas in the United States are Exxon and Chevron and that the United States is the number one producer of natural gas in the world. But during Covid, he said, production went down seven billion cubic feet a day. He said that when production goes down and demand goes up, this is what happens

with prices and because of deregulation, theoretically, competition driving prices down, there are no consequences, there are no investigations and there are no federal hearings. He used the example of the February 2020 storm that paralyzed Texas and Oklahoma, where prices jumped from \$4 a Dekatherm to \$260, 48 hours later. He said that regulation of the industry was up to the government. “I do know,” he said, “anytime you regulate things and there’s government control, it doesn’t bring costs down. Competition has worked terrific.” He said that gas prices will stabilize again in the future and that complications, such as the war in Ukraine, will end one day bringing prices down. “Supply is slightly less and demand is greater than it’s ever been and we’re exporting more than we ever have,” he said. “The answer; how do we fix it from a national level? Competition — and it has worked well for 20 years.” He said that there is always fluctuation in the PGA being charged to Kirksville customers due to volatility and pricing, and listed some examples from over the years. He

said that as the demand comes down and the supply returns to normal, prices will, too. He said that the volatility at the wellhead is always going to be the source of the problem and it’s been incredibly unstable the last few years. He said that the current cost for Kirksville customers is 91.8 cents, a 36 cent decrease from the high of \$1.27 customers paid in December and January. Keller, the pastor’s wife, said that many of the people she sees don’t have a lot of money, and even before their gas bills tripled, they were deciding, “well, do I have enough money for food or medicine this month?” “And now they’ve been hurt even more,” she said. Keller said that there has to be a way that Liberty can change things and that her heart goes out to those people that are suffering, particularly those whose fixed incomes are in the \$700 monthly range. She asked that Liberty make long-term adjustments to accommodate folks with lesser incomes. “Right now, this is a crisis, but we’re going to end up with a bigger crisis if there isn’t a change in this,” she said.

CHAMBER

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“We’re all really busy, and so maybe there’s some way that the chamber can take that information and boil it down so that when we send it out to the businesses, it’s more a kind of quick read,” she said. Murphree said that like all businesses in the Kirksville area, the chamber is recovering from the contractions that came about due to the Covid pandemic. “I think they did a fantastic job,” she said of the chamber’s leadership during the pandemic “I think they did a fantastic job, but is there something we need to be doing differently post Covid?” She said that she had “broad ideas” when interviewing for the position and that from those ideas, she will need to start digging into what is “pie-in-the-sky” and what really can be done. She said that she is designing a 100-day plan for when she begins working with goals such as increasing membership, providing benefits to existing and future members, as well as realizing the chamber board’s monetary goals. “There’s a path that we can follow” she said.

She suggested that the chamber does need to expand and that there is currently a “healthy group of people” involved with the organization, both businesses and individual members. She said the growth of the chamber through individual members is a promising path forward but she is looking at expanding membership to businesses and individuals in communities surrounding Kirksville, providing growth and benefit for both the chamber and those businesses that would do well being supported by Kirksville residents. “We have people who come to Kirksville from all over that are working in businesses, but they go home to these other places,” she said. “So you know, what are the possibilities for these kind of outlying areas like the Novingers and the Brashears? They’re smaller towns, but could we possibly have a synergy with them to help them and to help the entire region?” She said that joining the chamber as a business or an individual is a great way to stay plugged into what is going on in the community as well as contributing to its success and growth. Many individuals are retired from jobs

or businesses and their shared experiences bring value to the many chamber subcommittees. As a member through Truman State, Murphree said that she received “so much fantastic information” from being on the Governmental Affairs Committee. She said that she is a “big fan” of including as many people as possible on a project because it’s that input from the community that makes a project a success. She said that the chamber of commerce exists for several reasons, one being the need to provide local businesses with the opportunity to network and perhaps, join forces. She said that the chamber provides a service by helping the businesses pool their resources and is an “advocacy arm” for them. “Another thing that I’m wanting to make sure that our business owners and our members know more about is the advocacy side of things,” she said. “To know what bills are going forward in the Missouri House and Senate that might benefit our small businesses, or what’s the impact XYZ bill is going to have on businesses if it passes. It’s a vehicle for businesses — to help the businesses in the community and to help the

community thrive.” She said that by having someone focused on those key ideas, it will help all businesses thrive here and everyone will be better off because of it. Murphree was excited about the future of Kirksville and the surrounding area. “One of the things that intrigued me and excited me about this opportunity is that I think that we are in an area that can be really successful for a business,” she said. “We have some very thriving businesses in Kirksville, and I think that there aren’t that many places, literally, where you can come into a town and you have a four-year university, you have a community college and you have a medical school. There aren’t many towns the size of Kirksville that have that.” She said that the chamber can help to work with businesses to market their products to those students and help everyone thrive, despite the obstacles of being in a rural community far from population centers. “To me, I see that as an opportunity for us,” she said, noting that the chamber will be working together with the city and other agencies in town that exist for the devel-

opment and growth of the local business community. “There are the things that we can do to draw people to this area.” Murphree said that this is an excellent opportunity to use all her skills to help the chamber maximize its benefit to area businesses. Stephanie Mills, president of the chamber

board, said in a press release that the search committee was impressed with the number and quality of the applicants. “We are pleased to have Marie join the staff,” Mills said. “She brings friendliness and leadership ability that will help the chamber to succeed and grow in the coming years.”

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The further adventures of the Ringo family

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society and Museum

The two Ringo brothers, William Morgan Ringo and Judge Joseph Ringo, and their families, who were early Adair County residents, lived on farms near the town of Ringo Point, which was named after them. These families stayed in Adair County for 25 years and were pillars of the community.

William Ringo's son, Richard Major Ringo (1834-1909), became a very prominent citizen of Adair County. (Read about his life in a later episode of this history. Or, his life story is also in the April 2020 issue of the quarterly magazine of the Adair County Historical Society, "The Adair Historian," available at the Society's museum, 211 S. Elson in Kirksville.)

One of the stories told by a descendant of Judge Joseph Ringo occurred during the Civil War near Kirksville. Apparently Union commanders knew or suspected that Judge Ringo was a Southern sympathizer, so they ordered him shot. Some of the Union men were left to guard him while a grave was dug. When the grave was completed, the Judge was supposed to be shot, but first, he asked permission to pray, and permission was granted. The Union men waited while the Judge knelt and began his prayer. Reportedly, the prayer lasted so long and was so forcefully spoken that the soldiers became exasperated and/or convicted of their own sins that they gave up the whole idea of shooting him and left the Judge on his knees! You can bet he was thanking God after that!

When the long crisis of the American Civil War of 1862-65 ended, people felt they were once again free to travel, take on new adventures, and explore further west if they so desired. And, many of the Ringo families and others so desired.

In 1865, both Ringo brothers left Ringo Point. William Ringo's wife, Eunice (Clinton). had died in 1856. Surprisingly, she was not buried in the Ringo Point Cemetery but in the nearby Baden Springs Cemetery. William and some of his children packed up and headed to Nebraska. His son, Richard, the banker, spent the rest of his life in Kirksville. Later, William would move into Kansas and then Oklahoma where he died in 1875.

Judge Joseph Ringo, his wife, Mary, and sons, Harbert and Joseph, and their families also left Adair County in 1865. They joined other pioneers on a wagon train of some 70 wagons on the Oregon Trail. Some were headed to Oregon and others to California and Washington. The Judge's youngest son, Archibald Davis Ringo, reportedly died in Adair County before his family left here. The last time he was confirmed alive was when he was age 14 in the 1850 Adair County census. His date of death and location of burial are currently unknown.

The Judge's oldest son, Harbert Cornelius Ringo (1824-1894), was married to Huldah Ann (Knight), and it was her father, Joseph Dameron Knight (1811-1901), who led this wagon train from Missouri to Oregon. Mr. Knight had four children by his 1st wife

who died in 1865 in Sullivan County, MO, and six children by his 2nd wife whom Mr. Knight married before he left Missouri. After arriving in Oregon, most of the Knights traveled on to the State of Washington to make their home.

As for what happened to Ringo Point in Adair County, a wealthy man named Jonathan Haupt who was originally from Pennsylvania, came to Northern Missouri in 1865 to scout for land. Because the Ringo families had left, Mr. Haupt found nearly the entire town of Ringo Point up for sale, so, he purchased it all, including a 200-acre farm for himself and his family in that area. Jonathan Haupt then returned to Pennsylvania where he gathered a group of settlers who wanted to move west and brought them to Ringo Point where they established a successful colony.

(Jonathan Haupt's life will be discussed in a later part of this history. Or, it is also in the July 2020 issue of the quarterly magazine published by the Adair County Historical Society, "The Adair Historian," available at the Adair County Historical Society Museum, 211 S. Elson in Kirksville.)

Judge Joseph Ringo's second son, Joseph Preston Ringo (1734-1907), married Nancy Foster of Illinois, and they eventually had 13 children. Like the Knights, they also settled in Washington.

While living in Adair County, the Ringo brothers, William and Joseph, both owned slaves, as was the accepted custom in the days before the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863. Although these Ringo slaves were freed by the time the Ringo families went to Oregon, most of the slaves asked to stay with their respective families and accompany them to Oregon.

Judge Joseph Ringo had one young man who was his personal slave whose given name was William, but he went by John. He was born in Missouri in 1836, the son of slaves. At the age of 12, John was sold to a family in Hannibal, Missouri, who happened to live close to a family named Clemens. That family had a son named Samuel who was very near the age of John, and they became friends and playmates.

Samuel Clemens would grow up to become a writer under the pen name of Mark Twain. John would later be sold to Joseph Ringo for \$850 and taken to Adair County where Joseph became a judge. After the Civil War, when the Ringos went to Oregon, at least three former slaves went with them. One of these was John, and the other two were the Ringos' cook called Aunt Lucy, age 63 in 1870, and a boy named Andy who was age 15 in 1870 (according to census records). In the 1870 census, these latter two former slaves were listed as domestic servants in the Ringo household.

During the Civil War, rumors were widespread that Union soldiers were forcing former slaves to leave their masters for fear they were still being held against their will. John had declared that he would never be separated from his old master. So, as the Ringos and others on the wagon train headed for Oregon, they hid their now "employees" for fear



William "John" Livingstone, former slave of Judge Joseph Ringo of Adair County, Missouri

they would be taken away. John would later say that for his own safety, he was concealed in a big wooden box during the day on the trip to Oregon for fear he would be discovered. Only at night did he dare to come out and travel with the others. On this trip to Oregon, everyone on the wagon train experienced many hardships.

Judge Ringo had promised John that he would purchase a farm for him in Oregon, and Judge Ringo kept that promise. John located land for the Judge in Clackamas County, Oregon, and Judge Ringo gave John 40 acres between Oregon City and Molalla.

It was at this time that John, who as a slave had no last name, assumed the surname of Livingstone after the famous African explorer, Dr. David Livingstone, who had hated slavery. John married and had one son. He was frugal and industrious and added 180 acres to his property. John became the wealthiest black man in Clackamas County, Oregon. When he died in 1912, he left an estate of \$15,000, which was quite a large sum for that time.

Mr. Sampson, a Justice of the Peace in Clackamas County wrote, "I never knew a finer man than John Livingstone. He was the soul of honor. His word was gospel. I have heard bankers say they would rather have John Livingstone's word than that of any white man in the county in a financial transaction." In Oregon, Judge Ringo and his family established another town like the one in Adair County, MO, named Ringo Point. The name was later changed to Clarkes. Judge Ringo also donated part of his land for a Ringo Cemetery, and he designated a section of it for Blacks. The first person to be buried there was Aunt Lucy who was the cook for the Joseph Ringo family. The name of Ringo Cemetery in Clackamas County, Oregon, was later changed to Clarkes Pioneer Cemetery.

Judge Ringo's wife, Mary (Clinton) died in Oregon in 1875 and was buried in the aforementioned cemetery. The Judge remarried in the same year to a widow, Mary Louise (Mayfield) Horner. Her 1st husband had died at age 31 in Missouri a day after his discharge from the Civil War. In 1867, Mary Louise, her four children and her parents had joined a westward bound wagon train leaving Jefferson City, MO. Mary Louise reportedly had driven a team of oxen and a wagon all the way to Oregon.

Judge Ringo died in 1881 and was buried beside his first "Mary" in the cemetery he had created. Second wife, Mary Louise, died in 1930 and is buried in a different cemetery in Clackamas Co., OR.

(Next time: Judge Joseph Ringo and the Outlaw)

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Local History

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

100 Years Ago, March 8, 1923

Mrs. Mable Stephenson, proprietor of the Stephenson Hotel in Kirksville let a contract to Albert Bartlett for the addition of 25 rooms to her hotel. Work was to begin immediately. Once completed the new addition would add a third story to the existing building. Ten of the additional rooms were to have baths.



The Stephenson Hotel in 1988 just before it was razed to make way for a city parking lot. The structure was located just west of the Kirksville square at the northeast corner of Washington and Main Streets.

100 Years Ago, March 11, 1923

The Adair County Court asked local architect, Irwin Dunbar, to prepare a blueprint for a double vault in the northwest portion of the Adair County Courthouse. The proposed vault would extent upward from the basement floor to the ceiling of the recorder's office on the second floor. The vault would provide fireproof storage space for the county records. The court asked that an estimate be submitted to the next meeting of the county court. While the court had no idea of the costs involved, it anticipated that the current building fund would be sufficient to cover the expense.

95 Years Ago, March 4, 1928

A full 4-passenger 7-bearing Nash Six Sedan was selling for \$845 at Truitt Brothers Motor Company at 401 North Franklin. If that were too pricey, the new car buyer could purchase a new Chevrolet Coach for \$585 at Harry Jonas Auto Sales.

90 Years Ago, March 5, 1933

A Communist Party meeting was held the previous Saturday afternoon on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse. It resulted in disorder when the speaker was marched off to jail and then later released. The keynote speaker for the meeting, Catherine Early, was a member of the Communist Party from Kansas City. The organizers of the event had earlier in the week been denied their request to hold the meeting in the Adair County Courthouse. The tensions rose as attendees learned about the denied request. The group assembled on the west lawn of the courthouse, and speakers spoke from the top of a barrel. The meeting proceeded peacefully until Everett Martin, a Kirksville resident, attacked the work of the Board of Charities and the court for denying the request to meet in the courthouse. Kirksville's Mayor Ewing, who was on hand, ordered Martin from the barrel and taken to the Adair County jail. The mayor then topped the improvised platform and said that Martin's statements were exaggerated. The crowd became more agitated and decided to follow Martin to the jail to see what charges were being filed against him. Sheriff



Novinger who marched Martin to the jail took him inside and returned to the front steps of the jail to join other county officials who stood on the steps to prevent anyone from entering the building. Finally, Mayor Ewing requested a meeting with Ms. Early and some of the organizers of the meeting. They proceeded inside to resolve the disagreement. When they reemerged from the meeting, the mayor announced that Martin was not charged, and he was released. The crowd then disbursed and returned to the courthouse to conclude the meeting. The event caused a considerable attraction to downtown Kirksville, and a large number of townspeople showed up to discuss the event. It was an exciting Saturday afternoon in downtown Kirksville.

60 Years Ago, March 11, 1963

Adair County Recorder, Mervin Collins, and his deputy, Mrs. Marguerite Price, were confronted with a problem in the issuance of a marriage license and under Missouri State Law had to refuse a couple a license. Under Missouri Statutes marriage licenses could not be issued in certain instances which included "marriages between white people and Negroes or white persons and Mongolians." (Mongolians were defined as Chinese, Koreans, Japanese, Siamese, and others.) The state law continued to state that any city, county, or state official issuing a marriage license prohibited by law, would be guilty of a misdemeanor. Collins explained that race was the distinguishing factor that was applicable. The case involved a Mongolian resident of the United States and the state of Hawaii and a white person.

45 Years Ago, March 6, 1978

An energy emergency was declared at NMSU (Truman State University) because of the continued national coal strike. Missouri Governor Joseph Teasdale issued an executive order that restricted the amount of energy state institutions could use. Howard Morris, chairman of the NMSU energy advisory committee, stated that: "Energy at NMSU needs to be drastically reduced." He indicated that energy needed to be reduced by a minimum of twenty per cent. Action being taken to reduce energy on campus included: water coolers were turned off, passenger elevator use was restricted, outside campus lights were turned off; indoor lights were turned off if not needed for activities, lights in areas where natural lighting was adequate were not used, and items such as hair dryers, space heaters, and other electrical appliances in dormitories were not used. NMSU also faced a sixty percent surcharge for electricity by Missouri Power and Light Company until the governor's executive order was rescinded. The surcharge was expected to increase the university's electric expense by \$14,000 per month.

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Meet-and-Greet planned for new Truman State University directors

By Truman State University

The campus community is invited to meet the new directors for admission, the Center for Academic Excellence and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion from 8:30-10 a.m. March 23 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Vanessa Alexander, is the new director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. She has spent her career in higher education in admissions-related positions focused on programming, student experience and financial aid, most recently with the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education and Drexel University College of Medicine. She previously worked for Truman as an admissions counselor

before taking a similar position with A.T. Still University where she also served as the school's Diversity and Inclusion Liaison. During her time at Truman, Alexander was a Multicultural Affairs student intern and participated in the Minority Ambassadors Program for four years. She has served the University as a Diversity Fellow and as a member of the Strategic Plan Committee in 2021.

Allison Gus is the new director of admission. She comes to Truman from the University of Colorado Denver where she served in the capacity of graduate program coordinator, admissions and recruitment coordinator, graduate admissions specialist and most recently as the director of admissions



Ashleigh Harding, Vanessa Alexander and Allison Gus.

management and outreach. She has experience working with community college and high schools to establish and maintain programmatic relationships, articulation agreements and memoranda of understanding that develop student pipelines. She is also familiar with the Slate CRM platform and its use for implementing a standardized communication plan for prospective students. Gus is a graduate of Iowa State University with Bachelor of Arts degrees in advertising and art

and design.

As the director of student success, Ashleigh Harding oversees the Center for Academic Excellence. An alumna of the University, she most recently, she worked in the CAE as an academic advisor and coordinator of University tutoring. Harding has also served Truman as a graduate teaching and research assistant for the Department of English and Linguistics, was a student assistant for the Special Collections and Museums Department,

an academic professional development tutor for the McNair Scholars Program and a traveling admission counselor. She is a member of the National College Learning Center Association and the Missouri College Learning Center Association, and served on Truman's Living-Learning Community Steering Committee and the Department of English and Linguistics' Antiracist Committee.

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Missouri House advances plan for lawmakers to take control of MoDOT funding

Proposed constitutional amendment would end policy in place since the 1920s putting highways commission in charge of road funds

By Rudi Keller
Missouri Independent

Republicans determined to strip the Highways and Transportation Commission of its long-standing control of the multibillion-dollar state road fund are closer to getting their chance. On Wednesday, the House gave initial approval to legislation making the fund that combines fuel taxes, license fees and vehicle sales taxes to maintain highways subject to annual appropriations. It needs to be approved one more time in the House before going to the Senate.

During debate Wednesday, state Rep. Don Mayhew said his proposed constitutional amendment was triggered by a lawsuit filed by the commission when the Office of Administration refused to honor raises that exceeded the amounts budgeted by lawmakers.

"Had the lawsuit never happened, I probably wouldn't be standing here today," said Mayhew, R-Crocker. "If we don't take action now, and the courts find out they are correct, there will be no oversight save what is built into the commission process."

The funds entrusted to

the six-member commission that controls the Department of Transportation, by the Missouri Constitution, "stand appropriated without legislative action." The provision has been in the constitution since the 1920s. If the bill passes both legislative chambers it would go on the November 2024 ballot unless Gov. Mike Parson sets it for an earlier vote.

A state fuel tax enacted in 2021, plus more money from federal highway funds, means the state has more money than ever for road construction and maintenance. The current five-year plan for state road needs includes more than \$10 billion in funded projects. Mayhew's proposal would allow the department to spend only what lawmakers allowed in annual appropriations.

The lawsuit in Cole County seeks a declaration from Judge Cotton Walker that, in essence, the department doesn't need appropriations at all. The triggering issue was raises intended to be a market adjustment throughout the department, so that 65 percent or more of its employees are at or above the midpoint in the pay range for their job.

MoDOT paid the 7.5

percent raises provided to other state employees last year and will pay the 8.7 percent raises that begin with this month's paycheck. But when the lawsuit stalled — Walker heard arguments on Feb. 10, 2022, and has yet to make a ruling — turnover spiked, MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna said in a committee hearing last month.

"Turnover rates rose to a crisis level, with 70 employees leaving per month," McKenna said.

During Wednesday's debate, Democrats argued for leaving the constitution unchanged and allowing the raises to occur. State Rep. Deb Lavender, D-Manchester, said the department has repeatedly asked lawmakers to allow raises to stem turnover. The result, she said, is a shortage of 700 snow plow drivers and the litigation.

"It just seems like we do things backwards," she said.

Other reactions to the lawsuit among Republicans have ranged from calls for McKenna to be fired to warnings that it must be dropped so lawmakers will approve Gov. Mike Parson's proposal to spend \$859 million in surplus general revenue for new construction on



The Missouri House chamber during debate Wednesday. TIM BOMMEL/MISSOURI HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Interstate 70. The lawsuit isn't the only legislative grievance with MoDOT, Mayhew said during debate. His rural central Missouri constituency is upset with poorly main-

tained minor roads and newly introduced J-turns and roundabouts.

But the large raises and the lawsuit, coming just months after the imposition of tax increase with-

out a public vote, is too much to tolerate, he said.

"If they get the decision they want in court, there will be no need for them to show up for budget hearings," Mayhew said.



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Winter season moving out; pothole season moves in

Watch for MoDOT crews making repairs

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Department of Transportation crews are already focusing on pothole repairs to keep roads as safe as possible and will continue through the spring as weather allows. When you see a MoDOT crew making repairs, motorists should slow down and move over a lane to give them room to work safely — remember, it's the law.

"Between the drastic changes in temperatures throughout this winter season and the moisture from precipitation, we're already seeing a high number of potholes developing on Missouri highways," said Natalie Roark, MoDOT state maintenance director. "We ask motorists to please be patient with us and look out for our crews as they work to repair the roadways. Slow down and never drive distracted. Remember, Buckle Up Phone Down."

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Potholes on local streets and subdivisions should be reported to local city or county maintenance departments.



Green City coach Ayers talks team’s recent success, promising future

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

With a third-straight district title and third-straight trip to the state quarterfinals under their belts, the Green City boys basketball team has certainly established a strong winning culture in recent years. The Gophers have gone a combined 73-17 over those three seasons. Head coach Matt Ayers, who just completed his first season with the team, said he was proud of the way the team played throughout the season, but also that the Gophers’ winning ways should be able to continue into the future. “We had a good year,” he said. “It was a tough loss, the

last game. I did not feel that we played to our potential, and that always stings when it could be potentially the last game of the year. But I’m so proud of our guys. They worked really through the course of this season and they showed it this year with their record and how they played. We’ve definitely got a lot of pieces going forward too that should have some pretty good seasons.” Green City played a Jefferson with South Nodaway team that was 27-2 on the season entering the elite eight. A 54-48 Gopher loss snapped a seven-game winning streak and also marked a new season low in points scored, although they did score above the 41.5

the Jefferson defense allowed on average this season. Green City still averaged 72.1 points per game this season, the highest since at least the 2008-09 season. They also allowed just 42 points per game, the lowest total in that same span. Reaching the elite eight three years in a row is certainly an accomplishment for the Gophers. It has also allowed players to gain valuable experience in big games. Playing more postseason games than any other local team in recent years can definitely be valuable, with Ayers saying the players can learn from the games to hopefully advance even further next season.

“I think it should be huge, the experience playing in those big games, but we also have to learn from these big games,” he said. “We’d like to get over the hump, and I think in order to do that we have to learn from those games as well. We have to be just a little more crisp, a little more disciplined in those big games and I think that’s going to be important going forward. I hope that’s something we can take from that game this year.” As is often the case, Green City was led by a senior class this season. This class of players has certainly had its fair share of success on the court, and Ayers said they meant a lot to the program over their careers.

“They’re huge,” he said. “Aaron Peavler has obviously been a great player for Green City for four years. Grant O’Haver was a huge part of this team. Definitely my vocal leader, someone that competed so hard every day in practice, along with Aaron. You throw in Brody Lunsford, just a kid that can come off the bench and really shoot it, and Payton Balfany that comes off the bench and really shoots it for us. Those kids are huge and we’re going to miss them. They’re good kids, and they’re high-character kids. Those are the things that you miss going forward, their leadership. Definitely have some guys that are going to have some big shoes to fill with missing those guys.”

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Upcoming MLB rule changes likely to have positive impact

The 2023 MLB season is just around the corner. Every season brings plenty of excitement, but this season will be unique in that it will feature the most substantive rule changes to come to baseball in quite some time. The universal DH was perhaps the most recent example of a big change, but that only affected half of the league and was frankly long overdue. But this season will bring with it the implementation of the pitch clock, which is either a welcome addition or a complete affront to the game, depending on who you ask. There will also be a new rule ending extreme infield shifts, restricting teams from placing infielders in the grass in shallow right field when left handed hitters with tendencies to pull the ball on the ground are at the plate. The early weeks of spring training gave us all a look at these



ADAM TUMINO
DAILY EXPRESS SPORTS

new rules in action for the first time with major league players on the field. As was to be expected, the overreactions were frequent and immediate. Sports discourse is often built around overreactions, but some of the reactions to these rules went a little overboard. There has already been a game that ended with a batter being called out on strikes for a clock violation with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning. It was certainly unfortunate for the batter, but considering it happened in one of the very first games with the clock, it really was not a big deal.

But many fans began to fear the worst, that this would happen in the World Series with the game on the line, causing one of the most controversial and unsatisfying finishes in baseball history. This reaction, though I suppose it is understandable, is still a little much. The players will adjust quickly. They will adjust because they have to and they are some of the best athletes in the world. Assuming that the clock will still be an issue in a World Series game likely to take place eight months from now is unrealistic. It is of course a possibility, but a very small one. It looks as though many starting pitchers are already embracing the rule, although starting pitchers will not be nearly as affected by the clock as some relief pitchers are. Many late-inning relievers take time off in between pitches for numerous reasons. Some are trying to interrupt

the timing of the hitters who have gotten used to facing a starter in their previous at bats. Some relievers, since they only throw a limited number of pitches in each game, put maximum effort into each pitch and want to take time to recover before throwing again. They will need to adjust more than most other players, but they will. There may be more clock issues once the regular season gets underway, and they will be sure to generate a lot of conversation when they do pop up. But I believe that the clock will be a good thing for the game overall. I love baseball. It has always been my favorite sport to watch either on TV or in person. There are few better ways to spend a day than sitting outside in the summer and watching an MLB game with thousands of other fans. Even though I love baseball, it is necessary to admit that games are often just too long. MLB

games frequently run for over three hours, sometimes stretching closer to four. That is simply too much of a time commitment to expect fans to make multiple times a week. The pitch clock seemed to be effective in limiting the time of games early in spring training, which is promising even with the relatively small sample size. Shorter games would certainly be nice, but unfortunately the pitch clock cannot solve baseball’s worst problems. There are simply too many strikeouts in baseball today. Pitchers are throwing much harder than ever before in the history of the sport, and pitches are breaking much more than ever before. There are guys that can throw sinkers at 100 miles per hour that break like sliders from an oppositely handed pitcher. Teams also value home runs and walks more than in the past, and that mixed with the increasing strike-

out rates is making the games much less action packed on a pitch-to-pitch basis. Restricting shifts may lead to more balls put in play finding holes in the defense and becoming base hits, which would be nice. But a big change that may need to come soon is moving the pitcher’s mound further back. The league lowered the mound to its current height following the 1968 season, which was called the Year of the Pitcher, to try and give hitters a better chance to actually make contact. Pitchers normally have the advantage in baseball, unless they were facing the 2017 Houston Astros, and if they keep dominating like they have been, the mound may have to be moved again. The upcoming rule changes are certainly interesting and will likely be good, but for baseball to truly overcome its most glaring issues, more may be needed soon.



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Retired Pujols believes moving into coaching ‘will happen’

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Albert Pujols is open to transitioning into coaching. Eventually. Just not yet.

The retired slugger popped into the St. Louis Cardinals spring training camp on Thursday to visit with former teammates and while he believes coaching or some other role within Major League Baseball will happen, he’s not eager to give a timetable.

“Listen 23 years and 24

years, following a schedule from February all the way to October is tough,” said Pujols, who retired in October after 22 years split mostly between the Cardinals and the Los Angeles Angels. “Now I have the freedom to have my own schedule. That’s something that I’m grateful about.”

Pujols spent a week as a special assistant with the Angels in Arizona shortly after camp opened but the dalliance was just that. He’s embracing retired

life after a career that ended with 703 home runs, fourth on the career list.

The almost certain future Hall-of-Famer likely wouldn’t have to look to hard to find work whenever the time comes. Yet he’s in no hurry. There’s too much golf to play, to many members of his family to visit for now. He even made an appearance in the NBA Celebrity game as part of the league’s All-Star weekend last month.

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St. Louis Cardinals designated hitter Albert Pujols (5) reacts after hitting his 700th home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Dodgers in Los Angeles on Sept. 23, 2022. Pujols said Thursday, March 9, 2023, he believes he will eventually return to baseball as a coach during a stop at Cardinals’ camp. AP PHOTO/ASHLEY LANDIS, FILE

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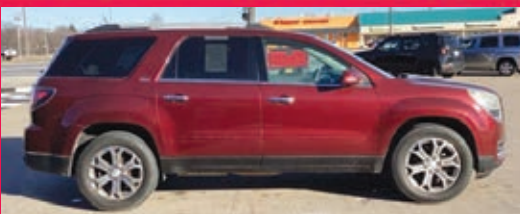
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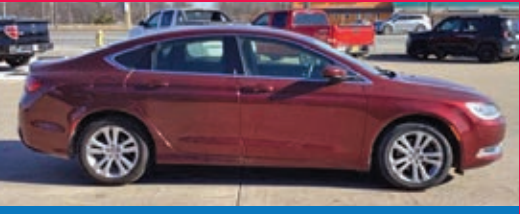
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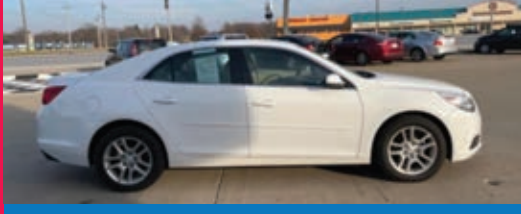
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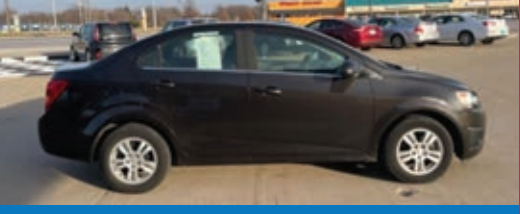
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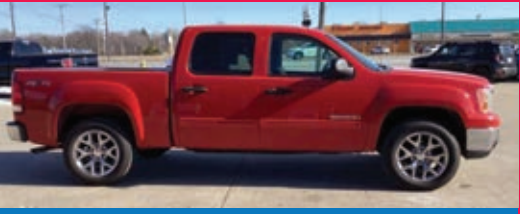
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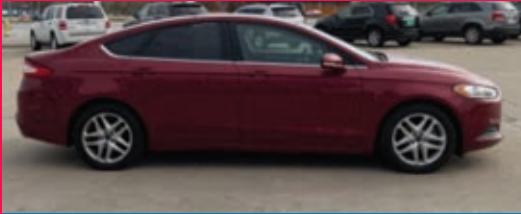
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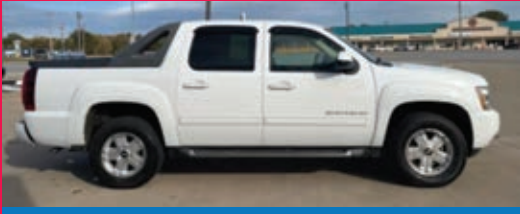
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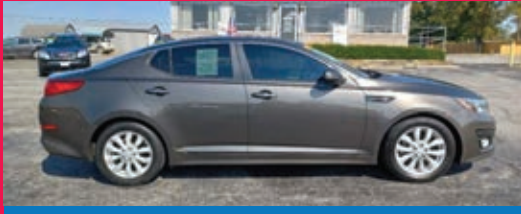
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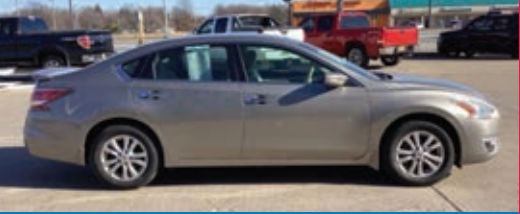
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Recapping the 2022-23 basketball season by the numbers

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The 2022-23 basketball season came to an end last week for all boys and girls high school teams as well as the Truman State men's and women's teams. Like every season, it featured highs and lows, exciting wins and disappointing defeats. These 26 teams played a total of 715 games from late October through early March. Let's take a look at the season by the numbers.

Five
This is the number of local high school teams to win their district tournaments this season. The Atlanta boys took the Class 1 District 11 for the first time in 25 years. Green City's boys team won its third-straight Class 1 District 13 title. The Milan boys team claimed the Class 3 District 16 title for the second-straight year and fifth time in the last six seasons. The Kirksville boys won their second Class 4 District 8 title in the last four seasons. Green City and Atlanta both won their sectional games but fell in the Class 1 quarterfinals. Kirksville and Milan both fell in sectionals.

On the girls side, Schuyler County took the Class 2 District 6 title but dropped its sectional game. The Rams averaged 59 points per game while allowing 41.3 points per game.

381
This is the number of wins posted by all 26 basketball teams combined. The teams did more winning than losing, with a combined record of 381-334 for a winning percentage of just over 53%. If you average out the combined record, it comes to a record of 14.7 wins and 12.8 losses.

The two winningest teams in the area were the Green City and Atlanta boys teams, both of which posted 25-5 records this season. The Kirksville, Macon and Milan boys teams also reached the 20-win mark. The girls team with the most wins was Schuyler County, going 23-6 and being the only girls high school team to reach 20 wins. The Truman women's team went 20-10.

Atlanta was the winningest school, with the boys team's 25-5 record and the girls team's 19-10 record combining to give the school a 44-15 record.

Two other schools had both their boys and girls teams post winning records. Kirksville's boys team went 20-8 while the girls team went 14-13. Schuyler County's boys team went 17-10 to complement the girls winning record.

1,882
This is the number of career points scored by Truman State women's basketball player Hannah Belanger, who just completed her final season with the Bulldogs. She scored 638 points this season and averaged a career-high 21.3 points per game, which ranked eighth in the nation.

Belanger moved into third place on the school's all-time scoring list while also setting the school's single-season and career three point records. Belanger had 99 made threes on the season and 294 for her career. She led the nation in made three pointers and ranked fourth in three-point percentage. For all her success, she became the first ever Truman player to win GLVC Player of the Year honors.



Kirksville senior Keaton drives past a defender in the sectional game against Lutheran St. Charles on March 6.



Atlanta's JJ White looks to drive on a defender in the state quarterfinal game against Glasgow on March 3.



Macon seniors Maurice Magruder (33) and Boston Douglas (21) try to trap a Hallsville player along the base line in the game on March 1.



Brashear junior Carson Erwin gets past a Paris defender in the game on Feb. 14.



Players on the Kirksville bench celebrate a basket in the district semifinal game against Centralia on March 2.



Truman senior Hannah Belanger tries to dribble around a Lewis defender in the GLVC Tournament semifinal on March 4. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Atlanta senior Kyley Magers drives on a pair of Novinger defenders in the game on Feb. 23.



La Plata freshman Layne Mack brings the ball up on offense in the game against North Shelby on Feb. 23.

PUJOLS

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Pujols stressed he wasn't going to put a "stamp" on when the right time will be to return to the game in a larger capacity.

"If it happens next year it's great," he said. "Knowing myself I think I'll let that moment come and I'll revisit if it's something I think that works, I'll do it for sure."

HARPER HOPEFUL

Philadelphia Phillies star Bryce Harper thinks he could be ready as soon as the All-Star break as he recovers from off-season Tommy John surgery.

The two-time National League MVP said Thursday the team has solidified mid-July as the potential target date for Harper to return.

Harper spent most of last season as Philadelphia's designated hitter after initially injuring his right elbow in April. He underwent surgery in November, not long after helping the Phillies to the World Series for the first time since 2009.

The 30-year-old Harper intends to serve as a designated hitter whenever he gets back in the lineup. Returning to right field could take considerably longer.

"Of course, I want to play the outfield," Harper said "I want to get back out there and be in front of the fans in right field doing my stuff and hearing it from all the teams (fans) in the league, too."

SETBACK FOR RODON

The New York Yankees will have to wait a bit for their investment in Carlos Rodon to pay off.

General manager Brian Cashman said the veteran left-handed pitcher will begin the season on the injured list due to a left forearm strain. Rodon won't throw for 7-10 days, squashing any chance he'll will be ready by opening day.

The Yankees signed Rodon to a \$162 million, six-year contract during the offseason after Rodon put together back-to-back All-Star seasons, first with the Chicago White Sox in 2021 and then with the San Francisco Giants last summer.

GREENE GETS OPENING DAY NOD FOR REDS

Hunter Greene will be the opening day starter for the Cincinnati Reds.

The 23-year-old is getting the nod as he begins his second season in the majors.

"It means the world. It's a huge honor considering the history in Cincinnati," said Greene who went 5-13 in 24 starts during his rookie season. "It is a huge honor with the talent we have, Nick, Graham, Cessa (Luis). Knowing the history and the potential we have to bring the team back (after 100 losses). It's a baseball city. We want to win as much as the fans do to bring that atmosphere back to the city."

Greene threw 7 1/3 no-hit innings against Pittsburgh in May and lost, and he was leading the National League in home runs allowed before missing 43 games with a right shoulder strain.

WACHA, HADER PREPPING FOR PADRES

San Diego starter Michael Wacha pitched three innings against Cleveland, giving up

two unearned runs. Wacha, who didn't sign with San Diego until last month, wasn't worried about needing time to get up to speed.

"This is my 10th spring training, I've kind of gotten it figured out," Wacha said after his outing. "Obviously over the years there have been some tweaks here and there, but even (before signing) I was continuing to do that."

He gave up three hits and struck out two, and the runs were unearned.

Wacha, 31, was 11-2 with a 3.32 ERA in 23 starts for Boston last season.

Reliever Josh Hader followed Wacha to the mound. The hard-throwing lefty closer begins his first full season in San Diego after being acquired from Milwaukee.

Throwing several sliders in his second outing, Hader gave up two hits and a walk but no runs. He threw one wild pitch and struck out one.

"That was one of my goals, trying to get a lot of reps with that slider," Hader said.

He said he threw more fastballs in his first outing, so he emphasized his slider this time. "Try to get them for strikes and see the reactions of the hitters, and seeing if I want to work on it more."

"Overall there was more good than bad."

HILL IMPRESSIVE AS 43 LOOMS

There appears to be plenty of life left in Rich Hill's left arm on the eve of his 43rd birthday.

The 17-year veteran allowed one run and two hits for Pittsburgh on Thursday in a 10-7 loss to Detroit. Hill, who turns

43 on Saturday, mixed speeds and arm angles to keep the Tigers off balance.

Hill's fastball topped out at 89 mph. His array of breaking balls dipped as low as 68 mph. He caught Detroit's Justyn-Henry Malloy on three pitches in the second and followed it up by fanning Kerry Carpenter on a slider that hit just 68.8 mph on the radar gun.

The Pirates signed Hill to an \$8 million, one-year deal, hoping he will provide both a boost on the mound and in the clubhouse for a team littered with young players, particularly in the starting rotation.

SOTO ON HIS WAY BACK

Phillies reliever Gregory Soto threw 24 pitches over one inning during a simulated game one day after reporting for spring training. Soto's arrival from the Dominican Republic was delayed due to visa problems.

The two-time All-Star was obtained from the Detroit Tigers as part of a five-player deal in January.

"I knew I was getting to a new team, and I wanted to get familiar with the new personnel, new teammates," Soto said through an interpreter. "So, the longer I was in the DR the less time was going to have here."

Soto was able to work out at the Phillies' academy in the Dominican Republic, which is about an hour away from his home.

The visa delay prevented Soto from pitching in this month's World Baseball Classic.

"Right now it hurts a little," Soto said. "But I know this is my priority."

BOONE GOES YARD

Aaron Boone's still got it. The New York Yankees skipper celebrated his 50th birthday by taking a little batting practice, a round that included a shot over the left field fence at George M Steinbrenner Field.

Boone, who hit 126 homers during a a 12-year major league career and famously ended the 2003 AL Championship Series with a walk-off homer against Boston's Tim Wakefield in the 11th inning in Game 7, dropped his bat after the ball left his bat while slugger Giancarlo Stanton roared his approval just outside the batting cage.

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL

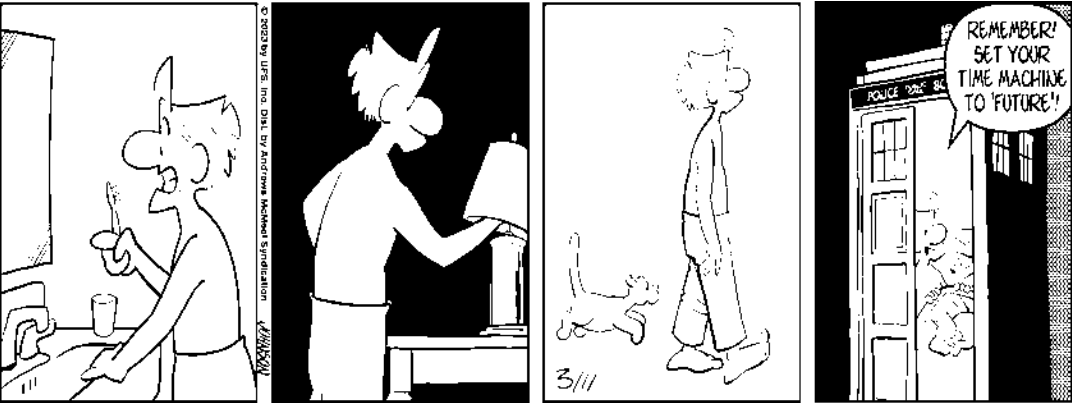
Baltimore Orioles manager Brandon Hyde has placed an emphasis on team bonding and one of the activities concluded with pitcher Dean Kremer winning the clubhouse ping pong tournament.

"We have a few things," Hyde said. "We have a dart tournament going on. We'll have some basketball stuff during March Madness. See who's got the best jumper on the team. It's just the same thing every single day (at spring training). Just try to keep it light."

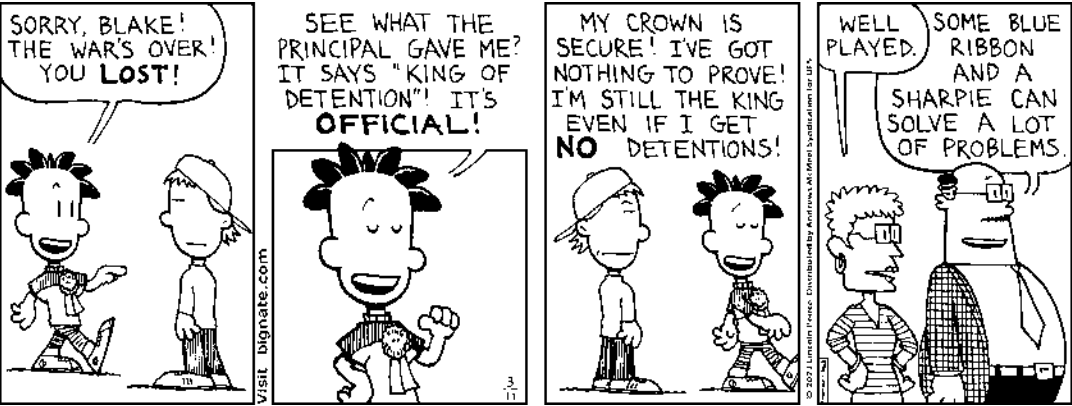
Kremer defeated first baseman Ryan O'Hearn in a best-of-three matchup. Kremer was departing Thursday to join Team Israel in Miami, Florida for the World Baseball Classic.

Hyde jokingly said the ping pong tournament was the reason that Kremer hadn't reported to Team Israel.

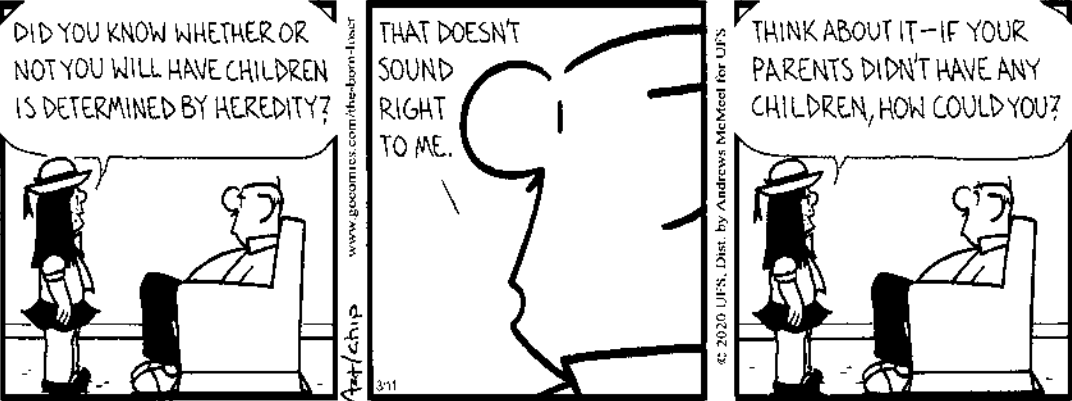
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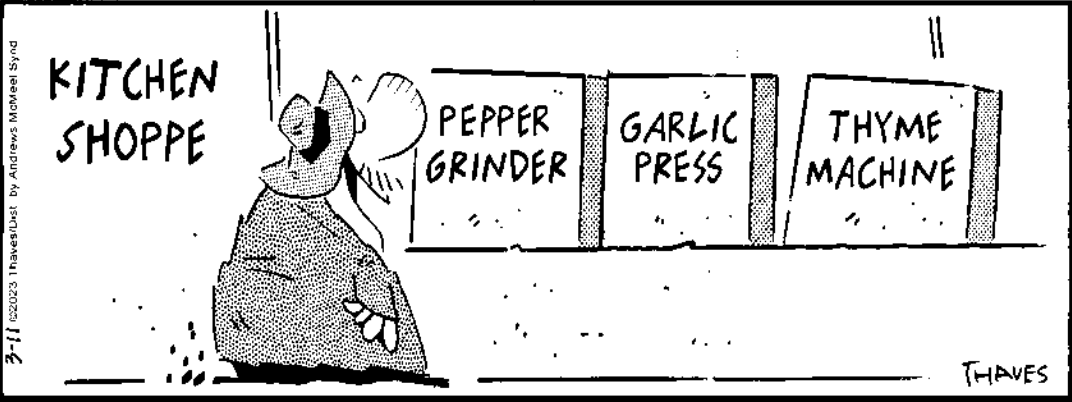
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Meadow rodent
 - 5 Botch
 - 9 "So long!"
 - 12 Theory
 - 13 Vibes
 - 14 Rainy weather system
 - 15 Appends
 - 16 Bad-looking
 - 17 Vein contents
 - 18 Roman army
 - 20 Riverbank clown
 - 22 Sax mouth-piece
 - 23 Absent-minded murmur
 - 24 Fashion-ably dated
 - 27 Nave neighbor
 - 31 Brewery tank
 - 34 Blurts out
 - 35 Superstar
 - 36 Greedy
 - 38 Green Hornet's aide
 - 40 On the — vive
 - 41 — -do-well
- DOWN**
- 1 Perfume bottle
 - 2 More weird
 - 3 Rocky projection
 - 4 Less taxing
 - 5 Satyr
 - 6 Carry wearily
 - 7 Web address
 - 8 Cajun's home
- 42** Happen next
- 44** Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"
- 46** Part of the leg
- 49** Let up
- 52** Filament
- 54** Sixth notes
- 55** Pointed tools
- 58** Designation
- 59** CAT scan relative
- 60** Do a farm job
- 61** Steady
- 62** Pitches
- 63** Makes a blouse
- 64** Some wines

Answer to Previous Puzzle

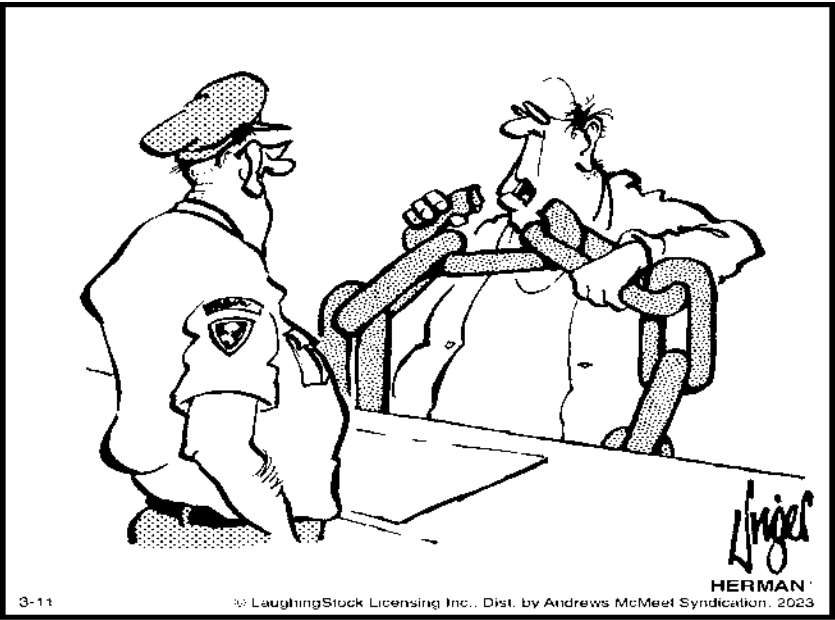
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- 9** Soak up moisture
- 10** Long past
- 11** Pitcher
- 19** Ben Jonson works
- 21** Bangkok native
- 23** Throngs
- 25** Fleeced
- 26** Clancy hero Jack —
- 28** Pronto, pronto
- 29** Worthless coin
- 30** Yale grad
- 31** Mover's vehicle
- 32** Forum hello
- 33** Bind with string
- 37** "Heck!"
- 39** Pained outcry
- 43** Employee
- 45** Time periods
- 47** Depart
- 48** Well-known
- 49** Diva — Gluck
- 50** Ancient poet
- 51** In current condition (2 wds.)
- 52** Sugar amts.
- 53** Bears' abodes
- 56** Petite
- 57** Ordinance

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You'll have the drive, intelligence and insight to get things done your way this year. It's up to you to get the ball rolling and bring about positive change. A shift in your routine or how you earn money will encourage brighter days ahead. Don't settle for less than what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can get things done if you start early. Don't get worked up over things you can't change; it will only slow you down and make you grumpy. A life-style change will save you money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- A partnership will change how you handle personal, legal and financial matters. A physical challenge will be daunting, but will also make you aware of what to incorporate into your daily routine.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do what you can to lend a helping hand, but don't allow anyone to take advantage of your generosity. Invest in yourself first. Be wary of people trying to separate you from your money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Engage in something that brings you joy. Let your creative juices flow and you'll develop innovative ideas. Mix business with pleasure, socialize and share your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Sit back and accept whatever situation you face. A domestic change may not be something you initially want, but

you'll realize it's the best thing for you. Time is on your side.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll have plenty of opportunities but little time to execute your plans. Assess matters quickly and initiate the changes necessary to improve your situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Simplify your life. Don't take on a fight you cannot win. Put your energy where it counts. Focus on educational pursuits that hone your skills and add to your qualifications.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Participating in a creative activity will encourage positive change and better emotional connections. Recognize your skills and use them to achieve financial freedom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be resourceful, ask questions and reach out to people who can help you. Don't put up with nonsense or someone trying to sabotage your plans. Be direct and take action to right a wrong.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Refuse to let an emotional incident or a manipulative individual push you to change your mind. Stand by your beliefs and refuse to let anyone interfere with what's best for you.

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Type of eagle

5 Fiery

8 “Runaway Bride” co-star

12 Faint, with “over”

13 Lemon drink

14 Cousteau’s middle name

15 Be, to Henri

16 Howard or Guidry

17 Barbecue treats

18 More nervous

20 Dressy event

21 Tenet

22 PC key

23 Eight voices

26 Coldest

29 Bullfight shouts

30 Corn storage

31 Eggy drink

33 Golf term

34 Hoover

35 Salt or smoke

36 Keeper
- 38 Chewy roll

39 — Enterprise

40 Serving of butter

41 Hotel convenience

43 An outer planet

46 Explorer Ericson

47 Lingerie item

48 Part of CPA

50 British peer

51 Co. honchos

52 Trudge

53 “Who — was there?”

54 Barely visible

55 Shop tools
- DOWN
- 1 Make ends meet

2 Nerve network

3 Dweeb

4 Mournful poems

5 Women’s quarters

6 Hound’s trail

7 Finger count

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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8 Move in a circle

9 Malevolent

10 Ms. McEntire

11 Curve shape

19 Adherent

20 Smooth-talking

22 Kind of rain

23 Ooola’s Alley —

24 Dog nail

25 Prefix for “trillion”

26 Mideast nation

27 Cozy

28 Ran fast

30 High notes

32 Toothpaste type

34 Inventory wd.

35 Dozes

37 Petticoat feature

38 Pasture sound

40 Utter foolish talk

41 It has flippers

42 Opens the window

43 Encourage strongly

44 Bruins’ sch.

45 Trash hauler

46 Singer Peggy —

47 Mercedes rival

49 Six-pointers

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- ACROSS
- 1 “Yuck!”

4 Noted Roman censor

8 — — no good

12 Pooh’s pal

13 Peanut covering

14 Burglar’s “key”

15 Big film festival

17 Water house-plants

18 Full of passion

19 Royal pronoun

21 Hill’s opposite

22 “The Trial” author

26 Galahad’s mother

30 Snip (off)

31 Sword handle

34 Ms. Merkel

35 Mentally fit

36 Sturdy lock

37 — Kardashian

38 Souffle base

39 Sweater letter
- 40 Shipboard direction

42 Organic compound

44 Hot — — oven

47 Physician’s org.

49 Compass-es

51 Stein fillers

54 Bushy-tailed one

56 “Wish you were —”

57 Immaculate

58 Familiar vow (2 wds.)

59 Gives the pink slip

60 Fortune-teller

61 Soap ingredient
- DOWN
- 1 Bear constellation

2 Old-time dipper

3 Toyota competitor

4 French fashion figure

5 Female relative

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PROBATE DIVISION
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ESTATE NO: 23AR-PR00001
NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED
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On the 24th day of February, 2023, Kale Hoerrmann was appointed conservator of the estate of Opal B. Hoerrmann, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.
The business address of the conservator is 14973 State Street, Mercer, Missouri 64661 and the attorney is Leslie Silvernail, 803 S. Baltimore, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.
All creditors of said disabled/partially disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.
Date of first publication March 4, 2023.
Clerk of the Probate Division
Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri
Martha Cole
Adair County Circuit Clerk
PUBLICATION DATES: 3-4-2023, 3-11-2023, 3-18-2023, 3-25-2023

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U.S. House Ag panel hears industry complaints on regulations, scant crop insurance

By Adam Goldstein
Missouri Independent

WASHINGTON — Members of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee listened to agribusiness executives on Tuesday rail against federal regulations, and lobby for new markets and reinforced crop insurance programs in the panel's first hearing of the new Congress. With the 2018 farm bill expiring this fall, lawmakers who will shape the next version of the bill indicated they would seek to address challenges facing U.S. farmers: high costs, industry consolidation and a safety net that is insufficient to cover intensifying natural disasters.

"It is time to retire our dress shoes and put on our work boots," said Republican Rep. G.T. Thompson of Pennsylvania, the House Agriculture Committee chair. "I will need every one of you at the table to help us deliver a farm bill for the backbone of this country: the American producer."

Industry witnesses — including representatives from the National Farmers' Union, American Farm Bureau and the National Chicken Council — pushed committee members to consider hikes in commodity crop insurance reference prices, along with increased federal spending on market development and agricultural research. They also requested clarity and consistency on environmental rules that impact agricultural business, like U.S. Department of Agriculture rules under the Packers and Stockyards Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial definition of Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, for regulation under the Clean Water Act.

The farm bill is a multi-year law authorizing an array of agricultural and food programs, including federal crop insurance, food stamp benefits, international food aid and farm resource conservation. The bill is renewed close to every five years, and includes mandatory spending that must be in line with previous farm bills.

Reducing regulations

The industry witnesses said farmers were burdened by undue and unclear regulation on

the farming communities, and they asked for friendlier federal oversight.

"We need a supportive regulatory environment," said Zippy Duvall, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. "Federal regulations have a direct impact on farmers and ranchers. So it becomes more and more important for farmers to have clarity on rules that impact their business and ability to operate."

Duvall decried the updated Waters of the United States rule from the EPA, which he said would represent the "largest land grab of the federal government in history."

Rob Larew, president of the National Farmers' Union, added that the expanded definitions of waters covered in the rewritten rule means that streams and farm ponds can now be regulated by the EPA, and increases the difficulty for farms to abide by the Clean Water Act. Environmental advocates have said a robust interpretation of the rule is needed to maintain clean water.

Duvall said that several rewrites of the rule in different presidential administrations have farmers feeling "like a ping-pong ball going back and forth, not being able to make long-term decisions." Iowa Republican Rep. Randy Feenstra asked Mike Twining, vice president of sales and marketing of Willard Agri-Service in Maryland, about the detrimental impacts of an unclear WOTUS rule on producers of all sizes.

"To not have that clear definition creates tremendous uncertainty that really just paralyzes our ability to do business and to produce food in an efficient manner," Twining said.

Packers and Stockyards

Industry witnesses and Republican lawmakers also took aim at proposed Biden Administration rules under the 1921 Packers and Stockyards Act that aim to protect producers from market manipulation by meatpackers and large commercial farms, and offer other protections in the agriculture industry. Mike Brown, president of the National Chicken Council, said rules the Biden administration is



considering under the Packers and Stockyards Act would create a "financially ruinous" set of regulations, which would collectively cost the chicken industry more than \$1 billion as processing speeds and holding capacity are reduced, he said.

"The American consumers and farmers have faced a lot over the past several years," Brown said. "Now is not the time to be layering on additional regulations that further drain consumers, farmers and the chicken industry."

Republican Rep. Tracey Mann of Kansas asked Brown about what changes to the law would mean for producers.

"Basically, what these rules would do is turn any interaction between a processor and a grower into a litigation flash point," Brown said. "It's going to add cost."

Crop insurance, research, and consolidation

Other members, including several of the panel's Democrats, inquired about reducing consolidation in the agricultural industry, and bolstering federal crop insurance programs amid increasingly extreme weather. Republican Rep. Austin Scott of Georgia asked Duvall whether he felt reference prices on crop insurance plans were sufficient to reduce risk for commodity farmers, even if it meant an increase in spending.

"We're looked at as a very conservative organization," Duvall said. "(But) it's time to broaden the baseline. Because those targets that we use in the commodity programs, and the cost that we have to grow a crop, is nowhere near what it was when those targets were set. It needs to be modernized, and it needs to be a true safety net based on the cost of production

today."

Georgia Rep. David Scott, the committee's ranking Democrat, asked Larew and Duvall how to increase the farmer's share of the consumer dollar in the upcoming farm bill and reduce the effects of market consolidation. Larew pointed to the need to develop new market infrastructure for rural communities, especially regarding sustainable and locally produced products. But that change won't happen overnight, he said.

"You've got to create that opportunity for new markets, so investment in biofuels infrastructure is a huge thing for those rural communities," Larew said. "The investment in more local and regional processing is critical to make sure that that infrastructure is there."

Rep. Andrea Salinas of Oregon, a Democrat, asked Duvall if there would be value in expanding margin protection insurance to specialty crop producers in the next farm bill.

"In our organization, our policy supports updating and broadening the safety net for farmers," Duvall said. "Regardless of what you're farming, you deserve to have the same safety net as the others do."

Responding to a question from Democrat Rep. Alma Adams of North Carolina, Larew called for greater antitrust enforcement in processing and grocery supply chains.

"The fewer there are, and the more pressure there is further down the stream, that puts even greater pressure on farmers and ranchers out there," Larew said. "Right now we don't see anything stopping that (consolidation), so we need greater enforcement for antitrust, greater oversight of the marketplace."



The basics of regenerative agriculture

By MetroCreative

Climate change poses a threat to various industries, not the least of which is the agricultural sector. Agricultural industry insiders recognize that the changing climate has been forcing farmers and agricultural organizations to adapt and adjust for decades, and that need to be flexible won't change in the years to come.

One of the changes many farmers may consider in coming years, if they haven't already, is a pivot to regenerative agriculture practices. Regenerative agriculture could have a profound impact on the world over the next half century, so now may be a great time to gain an understanding of the practice.

What is regenerative agriculture?

Regenerative agriculture is a production system that focuses on reducing water usage and other inputs as part of a larger attempt to prevent land degradation and deforestation. According to the organization Green America®, regenerative agriculture is designed to harness the power of photosynthesis in plants to sequester carbon in the soil. The ability to do that can improve soil health, crop yields, water resilience, and nutrient density.

Why should people be interested in regenerative agriculture?

GreenAmerica® notes that regenerative agriculture draws down atmospheric carbon dioxide. That's a significant benefit, as

Climate.gov, which is a product of various departments within the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, reports that adding more carbon dioxide to the environment is causing global temperatures to rise. In fact, observations from the NOAA Global Monitoring Lab in 2021 revealed that carbon dioxide alone was responsible for about two-thirds of the total heating influence of all human-produced greenhouse gases. GreenAmerica® reports that, at scale, regenerative agriculture could help to reverse the climate crisis by drawing down atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Another reason to consider regenerative agriculture is its connection to topsoil. GreenAmerica® reports that the world is on the cusp of running out of topsoil, which is vital to growing food. Regenerative agriculture rebuilds topsoil, which can lead to greater food security across the globe.

What are some regenerative agriculture practices?

Regenerative agriculture practices include the usage of cover crops, a reduction in tilling, crop rotation, and spreading compost. GreenAmerica® notes that regenerative agriculture practitioners also avoid the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and factory farming.

As the climate crisis continues to challenge the agricultural sector, regenerative agriculture could help farmers and the larger industry successfully confront those issues.

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

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Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

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

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

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Pastor Terry Hunsaker
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
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Baring Community Church
11:00 a.m. Worship.

Downing Christian Church
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Associate Minister Larry Smith
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10:30 am Worship Service
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9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

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Pastor: Lynae McFarland
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

Winigan Christian Church
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship

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

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10:45 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Queen City First Baptist Church
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7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study

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10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

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Highway 136 East, Lancaster
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11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

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Gonda Manning, Co pastor
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