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Students at A.T. Still show their solidarity with children going through cancer treatments

By Marty Bachman
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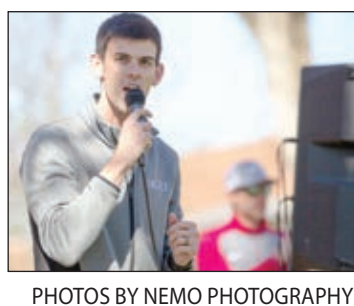
Students at A.T. Still University held a hair-cutting event, "Still Shave for a Cure," at the school on April 4 to raise funds for St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization that does research on childhood cancer treatments. Students, faculty and staff volunteered to have their hair cut short on stage as a show of solidarity with children who are going through cancer treatments. Students raised \$1,100 through the event.



45th annual Kraft Heinz Easter Egg Hunt held at Truman State

Staff Reports

The 45th annual Kraft Heinz Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8, at the Truman State University Quad. Kraft Heinz, the city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department, and Truman State University's Cardinal Key partnered to host this event free of charge. All children ages 2 to 12 were invited to join and find as many eggs as possible.



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Staff of the Kirksville/Adair County E-911 Joint Communications Center.

Kirksville recognizes National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

By City of Kirksville

April 9 through 15 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. To recognize that week and thank the staff of the Kirksville/Adair County E-911 Joint Communications Center, Mayor Zac Burden signed a proclamation on April 3.

Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact citizens have with emergency services. Emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services. When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police, fire, and emergency medical services is critical to the pro-

tection of life and preservation of property. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety.

Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Kirksville/Adair County E-911 Joint Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, treatment of patients, and protection of property. Each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job.

City to replace roof of Economic Development Alliance building

Kirksville City Council Meeting Notes

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express



The Kirksville City Council, at their April 3 regular meeting, approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with SRI Contractors, LLC from Greentop for the replacement of the roof on the Economic Development Alliance building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

Code Enforcement Director Reid Yardley told the council that the building's roof is 20 years old and reached its life expectancy and warranty expiration. He said that the city bid out the project and received four bids, the lowest being \$49,125 from SRI Contractors, a contractor the city has used on other projects. He said that city had budgeted \$70,000 for the project.

The council unanimously approved the resolution.

The council then approved a second resolution authorizing the purchase of asphalt cement oil from Marathon Petroleum. Newly appointed Public Works Director Adam Dorrell told the council that the asphalt cement oil is a component of the asphalt pavement. He said that the city makes the purchase every year and that Marathon Petroleum was the low bidder. The vote was unanimous.

The council approved a new city council policy that authorizes and establishes the requirements for the use of electronic records and signatures to conform with state and federal law.

City Human Resources Director Don Crosby told the council that he felt this was advantageous for the city to move forward with having the ability to sign contracts by electronic means and to store records.

"It adds to our efficiency and makes us an accountable government," Crosby said.

Mayor Zac Burden said that he was excited to be moving forward on the issue.

"I would love to see how this continues to coincide with some technological developments here in the city that will increase efficiencies with processes and be convenient for citizens," he said.

The motion passed unanimously.

The city council approved an ordinance accepting into the city's fixed asset inventory the six-inch water distribution main and eight-inch sanitary sewer collection main completed in the Ellison and Fouts Addition lots one, two, three, and four.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Laverne Neff

Oct 7, 1937 – Jan 26, 2023

It is with bottomless sorrow that we announce the passing of Kenneth Laverne Neff on the evening of January 26th. Tasked with the honor of penning an obituary, I lie in bed the evening of my father's death pondering how I could possibly sum up a man's life in two columns of newsprint without risking diminishing his amazing life. In the end I decided it wasn't possible, as a life lived such as his would take volumes to fill. Knowing him as I did, I'm hopeful he'll forgive me if my efforts fall short.

Kenneth Laverne Neff was born on his grandparents' farm October 7th, 1937, to Harvey Neff and Mary Peterson Neff in Green Top Missouri. Dad had an older sister Christine at the time of his birth, he would later be joined by brothers Samuel, Robert, Gayle and David and sisters Helen and Cheryl. At the time of his passing Kenny was survived by only Robert and Cheryl. When Dad was five Harvey moved the family to Waterloo Iowa to work in the John Deere plant which had been retooled to manufacture ammunition for World War II. Dad recalled rooting through small garbage dumps for items to recycle for the war effort going as far as to save tin foil from gum wrappers. In Waterloo the house they lived in had running water indoors but no indoor toilets. As such dad recalled many quick trips to the outdoors on cold winter nights. After the war the family moved back to Missouri and settled in the small town of Novinger. While residing in Novinger the family home backed up to a small lake known locally as "Long Lake" Dad said those years of living in Novinger and fishing on the lake in the summer and ice skating on it in the winter were the happiest of his childhood. Although that period of his life to date was his happiest, it was by no means an easy time. With so many mouths to feed and being the oldest son Dad was expected to work and contribute. When he was twelve his father said if he wished to continue with school, he would furnish him a place to sleep and eat but the rest was up to him. His father taught him to trap muskrats, racoons and mink. Dad would get up in the dark and run his trap lines in the winter before school. He also carried in coal and carried out ashes for several of the widows in town for 25 cents and mowed lawns in the summer. When he was 15, he lied about his age (you needed to be 16) and got a job with the highway department for the summer, he said it was the best job he'd ever had.

Dad attended Novinger high school and graduated in the class of 1955. In his senior year dad said a pretty sophomore girl caught his eye, he asked her on a date, and she promptly said "no". Anyone who knew my father at all knew he didn't easily accept no for an answer. He pestered her until she finally said yes and in 1957, he married that girl, Martha Kay Smith. The saying that behind a great man lies a greater woman could not be more accurate in the case of Marty.

Having grown up poor and seeing little opportunity for himself and his future family in a small Missouri town Dad packed up his car and drove to California with little money and the hope of a brighter future. When he arrived, he lived with his cousin Dale and his wife Louis and found work digging ditches for the Berry Construction Company. Once he found work and a small apartment to live in, he drove back to Missouri and collected Mom and brought her back to California where they would remain and raise their family. Seeing promise in him the owner of the company enrolled him in the carpenter apprenticeship program. Dad went on to work for Berry Construction for some 15 years working his way up to the level of Superintendent. In 1972 he left Berry Construction and after a failed attempt at starting a business with a partner, Dad with the help of our mother founded K.L. Neff Construction. Applying the work ethic instilled in him as a 12-year-old Dad would go on to find well-earned success as a commercial contractor. Although he dabbled in some private work and hospitals his primary focus was public school construction. Numerous schools in the Inland Empire have bronze plaques that bear the name K.L. Neff Construction. He was a man of high standards not only for himself but for those that worked for him. He wanted loyalty and for that employees would receive loyalty in return. During downturns of the economy Dad always kept his core group of employees working, even if that meant taking money out of his pocket to do so. I can remember mother saying there were many weeks they would not take a draw to make sure his workers got paid. For that sentiment many of his employees started and ended 30-year careers with his company. A subcontractor new to working with Dad asked a competitor their opinion of him. They summed it up in three words "firm but fair". Dad said that was the highest compliment anyone had ever paid him. Dad would retire from running K.L. Construction in 1995 leaving the day-to-day operations to his sons. I told my father on several occasions that I would have never had the courage to strike out like he did, mortgage his home and start a company with not much more than a pickup truck and a few power tools and that I was eternally grateful for all he had done for his family and future generations.

I have painted my father as a builder of buildings, but he was so much more. He was a builder of a family, a builder of friendships, a builder of countless lives better for him having lived. Although I describe a kind of a bootstrap kind of success for my father his business was not his proudest accomplishment. His family, sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren were his proudest achievements. He loved them unconditionally. I think the role of grandfather suited him the best as he was often chided for spoiling them, an admonishment he rarely heeded. Dad had a saying, "never forget where you came from". Holding true to that, and his humble beginnings, Mom and Dad contributed generously to several charities. Among those were San Antonio Community Hospital, City of Hope, Upland YMCA and other small organizations too numerous to count. Dad was particularly proud of his 12 years in which he served on the San Antonio Regional Hospital Foundation board. Dad had a wish to die at home. Despite being so ill toward his last days mother worked to fulfill his request. She spent countless days and sleepless nights along with his favorite caregiver Nancy to make him as comfortable as possible. For her selfless sacrifice in caring for Dad at home until the end we will be forever grateful. Kenney is survived by his wife of 65 years Martha, sons Kevin (Lisa, whom he always treated as his own daughter) of Cody Wyoming, Keith of Greentop Missouri, grandchildren Amber, Michael, Haleigh and Karleigh. Great grandchildren Nathan, Jamie, Adalina, James and Bobby.

I don't know what lies for us after death, wars have been fought over who's got that right. I personally believe that whatever God you may believe in there is an energy in all our souls that never goes away but rather reinvests itself in the hearts that we touch during our time on earth. No piece of granite with his name etched in it will ever come close to lasting as long as the love that my father left in all those who were fortunate enough to know and love him in his lifetime.

I have attempted to describe the life of a successful man, but I believe Ralph Waldo Emerson sums it up best:

To laugh often and much, To win the respect of intelligent people, And the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics And the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, Whether by a health child, a garden patch, Or a redeemed social condition; To know that one life has breathed easier Because you lived here, This is to have succeeded.

Rest easy Pop and may you be forever young. Internment will be at 10:00 am, Saturday, April 22nd at Jewel Cemetery, Greentop, MO.



Gloria Rhoads

Apr 28, 1932 – Apr 5, 2023

Gloria Rhoads, 90, of Unionville, Missouri, passed away at the Putnam County Care Center in Unionville on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She had been a resident there for a brief time.

Gloria Janet (Mills) Rhoads was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 28, 1932, the daughter of Orion and Hazel (Gaddis) Mills. Gloria was born with her twin sister, Glenda. Gloria spent her younger years in Idaho and the family moved back to Putnam County in 1941. She graduated from Unionville High School in 1950. She and Glenda then moved to Idaho where they received their LPN education and training. Gloria moved back to Missouri and married R. D. Rhoads on August 28, 1954. Three sons were born to this union, Dannie, Dennis, and David. The couple later divorced. Gloria worked at Ellis Fischel Hospital in Columbia and then at the Monroe Hospital and the Putnam County Memorial Hospital in Unionville. She then worked at KOH and Grim Smith hospitals in Kirksville. She worked briefly in the clinic of Dr. English in Kirksville before retiring from Grim Smith Hospital. Gloria moved back to the family farm south of Lemons where she and Glenda made their home for many years.

Gloria was a kind and friendly person who had a wonderful temperament to be a caring nurse. She liked to crochet and keep up with friends through telephone conversations. She was a World War II enthusiast and liked to travel in her younger years. Gloria attended St. Mary's Catholic Church when she was able.

Gloria is survived by two sons, Dannie (Sherry) Rhoads of Kirksville, Missouri, and Dennis (Jerri) Rhoads of Sheridan, Illinois. She is also survived by four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. A niece, Arletha Flood of Manteca, California, survives as well as many cousins.

Gloria was preceded in death by a son, David, who died in infancy; two sisters, Patty Twitchell and twin sister Glenda Mills; a brother, Quentin Ables; and a nephew-in-law, Richard Flood.

Gloria requested cremation. Private graveside services will be held at a late date. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Northeast Missouri or the Dickson Cemetery and may be entrusted with Playle and Collins Family Funeral Home, 709 S. 27th St., Unionville, MO 63565.



Ribbon Cutting for Factory Connection

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce joined managers and staff at a ribbon cutting ceremony for chamber member Factory Connection on Wednesday, April 5. Factory Connection is welcoming new management to their team, Hillary Hamilton, general store manager. Hamilton brings a fresh set of eyes and ideas, and she hopes to put her own touch on

the appearance of the local location.

Factory Connection offers a variety of fashion clothing, shoes, and accessories for both men and women at a competitive price.

Following the ribbon cutting Angie Sullivan, Chamber Ambassador Chair, presented Hamilton and team with a framed certificate, thanked them for being a member of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, and wished them well in their new chapter.



Josh Farmer inducted into Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the April 5 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, Josh Farmer

was inducted by Club President Marie Murphree. Farmer is the assistant branch manager of Horizon Credit Union

in Kirksville. Pictured from left are President Marie Murphree, Josh Farmer and Jeff Romine, his Rotary sponsor.

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Adair County SB40 Youth Employment Program Camp

Spring is just around the corner and warm weather is finally here! That means it is time to begin planning for the summer and the Youth Employment Program Camp. This year's program will be structured differently than in previous years. The program will be a two week camp designed for youth between the ages of 13-15 and is designed to develop and practice life skills, social skills, community skills, and soft skills needed for employment while having fun. SB40 is currently accepting applications from youth in Adair County through May 26. You won't want to wait to get your application since spots are limited. The program description is attached along with the application that can be returned to the Community Learning Center.

Kirkville High School Showcase opens at the Sue Ross Arts Center

Over 70 students from Kirkville Senior High are currently exhibiting their art at the Sue Ross Arts Center located at 215 South Franklin Street in Kirkville. There are over 100 pieces of art in the exhibit representing a wide range of mediums including: watercolor, acrylics, graphite, markers, fibers, digital art, mixed media, felt work, embroidery, and plaster work. The students are all taking art classes from Kirkville R-III art teacher, Megan Hines. A reception which will be open to the public will be held Thursday, April 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The exhibit will close following the reception.

Curtain Call's annual Cemetery Theatre seeks actors

Would you like to take part in Curtain Call's annual Cemetery Theatre? This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 13 as part of the city's Founders Day events. You will be provided with a short script to memorize portraying a historic member of our community. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this year's festivities. Email to curtaincallboard@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Invasive weed treatment to close Forest Lake for two days

Forest Lake, in Thousand Hills State Park, will be temporarily closed for all recreational activities from Tuesday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 19, — weather permitting — to allow the city to treat the invasive species known as curly-leaf pondweed. Boating, fishing, swimming, and all other activity on or in Forest Lake will be prohibited during this time period and the boat ramp will be closed. While this treatment process has been deemed safe for recreational activities, time is still needed to allow the treatment process

to take place. This is the third year of a three-year treatment plan. Significant progress has been made and city officials are optimistic that this plan will get this invasive weed to a manageable level. If this process must be postponed due to weather, adequate notice will be provided to the public and all affected parties. Forest Lake is a drinking source lake that provides water for all Adair County residents. This program for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed has been approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The city will draw water from Hazel Creek Lake — the city's other drinking source lake — during this treatment process. The city is committed to providing quality drinking water to all of Adair County. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

Private utility work starting on South Halliburton, Lewis and Downing streets

On April 12, private utility work will begin in the areas of South Halliburton, Lewis and Downing streets, between Patterson and LaHarpe streets. Socket is completing fiber optic installations with the right-of-way along City streets. RLM Underground is the contractor doing the work. For more information, contact the city of Kirkville Engineering Department at 660-627-1272.

Planned roadwork through April 14

The following is a list of general highway maintenance and construction work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northwest Missouri region through April 21. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There also may be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down,

Macon County

Missouri Route 156 – April 12-14, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Leopard Avenue to Mercury Avenue between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Missouri Route 156 – April 17, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Mercury Avenue to Rte. H between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Missouri Route 156 – April 17, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Neptune Road to CR 243 Knox County between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Missouri Route 156 – April 18, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from January Place to Interior Avenue be-

tween 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Missouri Route 156 – April 19, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Iceberg Avenue to Hilton Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Missouri Route 156 – April 20-21, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Hilton Avenue to Harness Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

Putnam County

Route KK – Resurfacing project from Route K to Route EE (Sullivan County), April 3-10. The road will be narrowed to one lane with a 10-foot width restriction while the work zone is active. (Contractor: Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.)

Sullivan County

Route E – CLOSED for a bridge replacement project at the West Locust Creek Bridge, 8 miles northwest of Milan, through May 2023. (Contractor: Lehman Construction and Wilson & Company)

Route BB – Resurfacing project from Route EE (Putnam County) to Route K, April 11-25. The road will be narrowed to one lane with a 10-foot width restriction while the work zone is active. (Contractor: Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.)

Little Shop of Horrors at Truman State University

A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, "Little Shop Of Horrors" has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, and Aladdin) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world. Directed by Cat Gleason. Performance Dates: April 19-22 (Wednesday through Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. Performance Location: James G. Severns Theatre, OP Hall. Appropriate for ages: 13 and up

NEMO senior citizen nutrition site chronic disease self-management class series

Do you need help with arthritis, asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, depression, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia, lupus and other chronic conditions? Join us for Better Ways for Better Days, a chronic disease self-management class series. Class is free supported by a grant and NEMO Regional Arthritis Center/AT-SU-AHEC. Learn effective ways to manage your symptoms, medication, deal with stress, healthy eating habits, sleep improvement, communication and overall development of a healthier lifestyle. Program dates are April 13, 20, 28, May 4 and 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Register or further information email toniaschlecht@atsu.edu or call 660-626-2061. NEMO senior citizen nutrition site, 100 Valley Forge Drive, Kirksville.

Learn 2 Aim at Thousand Hills State Park

Saturday April 29 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. Registration opens March 17

Saturday Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. Registration opens Aug. 4

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park to Learn 2 Aim. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills with joint instruction on the basics of archery and atlatl throwing. The program is free but does require registration. Register at mostateparks.com/learn2

Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons Exhibit

A.T. Still Memorial Library to host traveling exhibit honoring pioneering African American surgeons and healthcare educators. "Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons," a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine, will be available for viewing at A.T. Still Memorial Library in Kirksville, through April 21. The exhibit will be open to public viewing from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A.T. Still Memorial Library is located inside the Connell Information Technologies Center. The journey of African American physicians from pre-Civil War to modern day America has been a challenging one. Early Black pioneer physicians not only became skilled practitioners, but trailblazers and educators who created pathways for future physicians, surgeons, and nurses, and opened doors to better healthcare for the African American community. This exhibition celebrates their achievements and highlights those who exemplify excellence in their respective fields. The National Library of Medicine produced this exhibition and companion website. <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/opening-doors/index.html>

Hospice of Northeast Missouri to hold Grief Support Group

Hospice of Northeast Missouri is offering a six-week grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Topics include: understanding the grief process; personal loss history and its impact on the grief process; distinguishing between grief and mourning; dealing with insensitive people; grief's impact on a family system; self-care and observing special occasions and the holidays. Group facilitators are John Bambrick, chaplain and social worker, and Carrol Davenport, spiritual care and bereavement coordinator. Sessions will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m., April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3, at 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. There is no charge for the six-week support group, but advance registration is required. To register for the group, contact Carrol Davenport at 660-627-9711. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, is a non-profit that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties.

Indoor walking activity for seniors at the Crossing Church

The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Persons) office sponsors a walking activity five days a week during winter months for seniors to walk inside the Crossing Church location on Shepard Street from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. This is only for senior citizens — 55 or older. They have volunteers "manning" the location and seniors are welcome any time during that time period. They ask that you sign in. There is no charge and you may come any or all days. If the schools are closed, they are not open because of weather. As of April 1, the Crossing will only be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. It will be rain free, wind free, and cool on hot days. Citizens above 55 years of age.



Truman State students thank community with service

By Truman State University

Students wash windows at local residence during the Big Event, April 1. Nearly 300 students participated in this year's event, donating their time at more

than 75 job sites. The Big Event allows students to display their gratitude to the Kirksville community for their continued support and contributions to the University by performing acts of service.

Spring into April with season-inspired plants

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — April is the season of new beginnings, especially for plant lovers. Outdoors, spring-flowering bulbs, shrubs and trees dot the landscape. Indoors, seasonal plants enliven and brighten dreary rooms, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Michele Warmund.

Crocus, daffodil, hyacinth and tulips are harbingers of spring, with their foliage emerging from the soil very early in the year, especially when temperatures rise above 50 degrees. Crocus and daffodils bloom first in the landscape, followed by hyacinth and then tulips.

Flowers of these bulbs are prized as their colors are often associated with Easter. The purple flowers of crocus and hyacinth symbolize penance, and purple is a color often associated with the season of Lent. Gold and yellow colors of daffodils are also associated with Easter celebrations. Warmund says white daffodils and tulips represent joy, love and virtue in secular and religious traditions.

Unfortunately, freezing temperatures often occur in Missouri during bloom, injuring cold-sensitive flowers. However, daffodil, hyacinth and tulip stems can be cut and brought indoors as soon as the buds show color. When placed in a container partially filled with water, the buds will continue to open, and the flowers can be enjoyed in a couple of days. Cut stems of flowering daffodils and tulips usually last about a week indoors, but hyacinth have a shorter vase life.

Because of the danger of spring freezes, retailers often sell spring-flowering bulbs as potted plants. The flowers of these potted plants can be enjoyed longer than those on cut stems. After the blossoms fade, remove the container and set the root ball in soil in a flower bed outdoors to enjoy the colorful blooms next year.

Other plants, such as the Easter lily, Easter cactus and the resurrection plant, have spiritual significance. Flowering white Easter lilies often are prominent in the observance of Easter and symbolize purity, rebirth and hope, Warmund says. Each beautiful bloom on a plant lasts only a few days, but flowering usually persists for up to two weeks when pots are placed in bright light and the soil is kept consistently moist. After blooming is completed, Easter lily plants can be maintained much like potted daffodils and tulips.

The Easter cactus is a tropical plant with white, pink, lavender, orange, peach or red flowers. This plant is similar in appearance to Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti. However, the Easter cactus has slightly larger flowers and rounded leaf margins and requires 8-12 weeks of short days to produce its spring flowers.

After this period of short days (less than 12 hours of light per day), the flower buds develop, and plants can be placed in bright, indirect light. Allow the potting mix to dry out before watering. After bloom, fertilize the plants with a low-nitrogen product (10-10-10). Plants thrive in a pot-bound condition, but change the potting mix every other year.

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City Manager Mari Macomber said that new water and sewer mains had been installed within the older neighborhood and that when developers do that, most of the time they're going to want the city to take ownership so that there's no future maintenance on their part.

"He's invested money to allow him to improve and develop some lots to add some homes, which is a great thing for the community," Macomber said of the developer. "But the city taking acceptance and ownership of those alleviates long term expense on the part of the developer."

She said that the property owners will be providing easements to the

city for the water and sewer utilities, which will allow the city to do any maintenance and any replacement that may need to happen in the future. Macomber estimated the value of the improvements at about \$50,000.

Burden said that he appreciated that it becomes part of the city's maintenance program in that they can en-

sure that all citizens are operating off of the same system that the city is maintaining and making sure it's taken care of.

"Bringing this into our inventory is consistent with practices and helps to make sure that citizens get the services they need," Burden said.

The vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous.

ATSU's PAL program providing much more than tutoring

By Courtesy of A.T. Still University

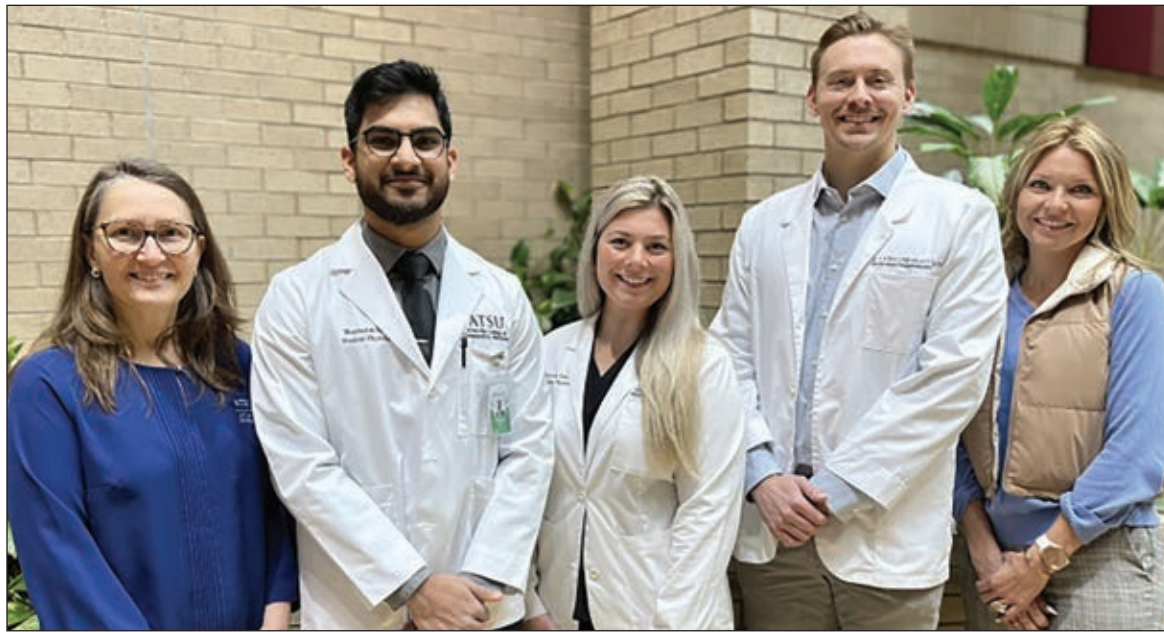
Talk to one of the many second-year A.T. Still University (ATSU) students who work as tutors with ATSU's Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL) program, and you'll discover they all have one big thing in common — a passion for sharing knowledge with their peers.

"Everybody faces challenges. Life happens while you're a med student, and if we can be more specific in pinpointing areas to help students overcome those challenges, we want to do that," said Marcie Stansberry, MEA, learning specialist and supervisor of the PAL program.

The PAL program provides residential program students with free tutoring through individual, group, walk-in, and virtual sessions, which are led by student tutors, called PALs. Each PAL is a second-year student who has demonstrated academic success throughout their time at ATSU.

"You just learn so much during your first year of medical school, and then being a second-year student you realize all the pitfalls that made it so much more difficult," said ATSU-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) student and PAL Jordan Erickson, OMS II.

"I really wanted to give some of that wisdom to the first years, so they didn't re-



From left to right: Jennifer McNeely, MA, director, Learning Resources & Accommodation Services, ATSU-KCOM students Moatasim Baig, OMS II, Victoria Cantoral, OMS II, Jordan Erickson, OMS II, and Marcie Stansberry, MEA, learning specialist, PAL program supervisor.

peat a lot of the same mistakes I did, as far as bad study habits or over stressing about something that is really manageable. I just really wanted to pass it along," he added.

Like Erickson, ATSU-KCOM student Victoria Cantoral, OMS II, also felt as though the mistakes she made and struggles she faced during her first year influenced her decision to become a PAL. Not only that, Cantoral's experience as an out-of-state student had an impact as well.

"If you like to teach concepts, and you've been through hardships and came out successful-

ly, then you should share those tips, because that was a lot of it for me," Cantoral said.

"Especially for someone who's not from the Midwest, adjusting to Kirksville in itself was a huge thing first year for me, on top of the lecture material. I think if you've overcome obstacles, you came out successfully, and you want to share that positivity and inspiration, then you should definitely go for it."

For many second-year students, being a PAL means so much more than providing this academic support.

ATSU-KCOM student Moata-

sim Baig, OMS II, explained, "A lot of times, students just want to know they're not alone, and that as first years, even for us, we struggled. My mentee comes in every week, and I feel like we're friends now. He just wants to hear that it'll be fine. He's seeking that emotional support, which I feel like a lot of medical school classmates don't have in their relationships, because it's so competitive."

By providing a non-judgmental outlet to talk about their struggles openly, in addition to their academic challenges, the PAL program

serves as a safe space for all students, and can help first-year students feel less alone.

"It's more than just teaching or helping students come to understand the material, it's about the whole person, and being able to relate to their experience and their struggles," Stansberry said.

The PAL program is led by Learning Resources, and is active on each ATSU campus, with students from all programs participating and sharing their program-specific knowledge. Learning Resources also offers workshops throughout the year with different themes centered around improving learning and academic performance, such as classes on time management.

Not only does the PAL program have an impact on first-year students, but many second-year PALs feel as though they have grown through their time in the program.

"We're strengthening our knowledge from first year, all of those tedious biochemistry details and histology, but aside from that, I love this program because I feel like it's going to make me a better doctor for it. We're expert listeners at the end of the day. Sometimes students come in to just vent, they're stressed, they're tired, and I think it's really strengthening that aspect of healthcare that is so important for us going forward," Cantoral said.

Five electrolytes that boost heart health

By Northeast Regional Medical Center

When we think of electrolytes, it's often in the form of a bottle of a sports' energy drink after a hard workout or drinking a rehydration beverage when we're sick. Those are great methods for hydration, but keeping your electrolytes balanced is also a way to support your heart's health and well-being.

Here are five electrolytes that have been shown to boost heart health—no blue liquid required:

Calcium regulates and maintains heart rhythm and blood pressure. Foods high in calcium include dairy, dark leafy greens like spinach or kale, beans, seeds, whole grains, canned fish, and fruits and vegetables like oranges, figs and broccoli.

Chloride prevents irregular heartbeat and can reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension and stroke. Additionally, chloride helps to maintain fluid balance in the body, which can help reduce the risk of fluid retention and swelling. Additional-

ly, it aids digestion and helps absorb other electrolytes like calcium and potassium. Good sources of chloride include seaweed, olives, celery, tomatoes, lettuce and kelp.

Magnesium helps regulate blood pressure, heart-beat, and inflammation. Additionally, magnesium helps keep arteries flexible, preventing damage to their walls and helping to prevent clots. Foods rich in magnesium include dark green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale, beans, nuts, seeds, whole grains, avocados, bananas, yogurt, salmon,

and dark chocolate.

Potassium helps regulate heart muscle and nerve function. Potassium reduces the risk of stroke, high blood pressure, and other cardiovascular diseases. It is also thought to help lower cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of arrhythmias. Potassium is found naturally in foods such as fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, fish and whole grains. Also, it can be taken as a supplement or added to foods and drinks. To get enough potassium in your diet,

include foods rich in this mineral daily. Good sources of potassium include bananas, oranges, spinach, potatoes, avocados, tuna, salmon, lentils and low-fat dairy.

Sodium. While that may sound counterintuitive to heart health, salt in moderation has some benefits. This electrolyte helps maintain healthy cell and nerve function, regulates the amount of water stored in the body and can improve circulation. It is important to maintain a healthy balance of sodium intake by consuming foods natural-



ly rich in sodium, such as celery, olives, beets, seaweed and nuts. Remember, too much sodium can increase blood pressure and put you at risk for heart attack and stroke.

Just remember to talk to your physician before starting any new supplements.

New research offers hope in fight against blood cancers

By Missouri School of Medicine

COLUMBIA — A groundbreaking process developed by researchers based in the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health Building is offering new hope in the fight against blood cancers, such as lymphoma and leukemia.

A pair of researchers at the University of Missouri School of Medicine have developed a process for marking transplanted donor bone marrow cells so that the immune cells only attack cancerous cells but not healthy tissue. One of the reasons bone marrow transplants are often a last resort for patients with blood cancers is graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), a common occurrence where transplanted donor immune cells attack both malignant and healthy cells in the recipient.

"Our ability to biologically label these donor immune cells so that they will attack cancerous cells in the host and then stop themselves from attacking healthy tissue offers new hope that bone marrow transplants can be safer and more effective for patients," said co-lead researcher, Esma S. Yolcu, PhD, professor of Child Health

and Molecular Microbiology and Immunology. "The stem cells in bone marrow have tremendous potential to combat autoimmune diseases, such as type-1 diabetes and blood cancers, such as leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma. It is critical to solve the puzzle of GVHD to unlock the full potential of bone marrow cell transplant treatment regimens."

Yolcu and Haval Shirwan, PhD, also a professor of Child Health and Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and associate director of the Immunomodulation and Regenerative Medicine Program at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, developed the ProtEx™ platform technology to generate recombinant biologics that instruct immune cells to achieve a desired treatment outcome. Engineered donor cells display on their surface instructions for the transplanted immune cells to attack only the cancerous cells and then self-destruct before attacking healthy tissue in the host, thus preventing GVHD.

"This approach has significant potential as a treatment on its own or in combination with other clinical regimens to increase the efficacy

of stem cell transplants," said Shirwan. "The process of engineering the donor cells is straightforward and efficient, making it suitable for clinical translation."

In their research to date, the ProtEx™ engineered immune cells have been effective in overcoming GVHD following transplantation in mice as well as in a humanized

mouse model. Transplantation with the engineered cells was effective in preventing acute GVHD without a detectable negative impact on the recipient immune system.

The concept is presently being pursued for testing in a large animal model of GVHD as a prelude to clinical translation for the treatment of hematological cancers.

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Truman State softball splits pair of weekend doubleheaders

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State softball team picked up more conference wins on Saturday than they had on the season entering the weekend. They swept a doubleheader at home against Southwest Baptist after a 1-11 start against GLVC opponents. The sweep came a day after the Bulldogs were swept on the road by Maryville.

Starting with the Maryville series, Truman lost the opener 10-3 and dropped a much closer finale by a 2-1 final. The second-place Saints moved to 11-1 with the wins, but have since lost a pair of games to fall to 11-3.

The opener started off well for Truman. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a Cameryn Patterson single that drove in Emily Eberwine. Maryville drove in a run in the bottom of the inning to tie the score 1-1.

Truman had more offensive success in the third inning, scoring a run on a sac fly from Alex Beard that scored Eberwine once again. A single later in the inning from McKenzie West drove in Patterson and put the Bulldogs up 3-1.

Truman would not score again, but Maryville soon would. The Saints piled on for six runs in the bottom

of the fourth inning, scoring those runs on a pair of singles, a walk, an error and a steal of home. The Saints grabbed three more runs in the sixth on a sac fly and a pair of errors. Truman committed four errors in the game while Maryville had just one.

Truman had just five hits in the game coming from five different players. Patterson reached base twice on a double and a walk while Eberwine reached on a single, a walk and getting hit by a pitch.

Truman got strong pitching performances from Annabel Zimmer and Brooke Nutter in the second game, but the offense was unable to get going against Maryville pitcher Chayse Ramey, who allowed just four hits and one run while pitching all seven innings.

The Bulldogs scratched across a run in the third inning, by which point they trailed 2-0. Beard grounded out to second base but Alivia Daniels scored on the play. No more offensive success came for either team. Zimmer pitched four innings, allowing two runs on five hits while striking out a batter. Nutter walked three batters in two innings, but did not allow a hit and struck out two batters. The Bulldogs had a more



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favorable matchup against Southwest Baptist on Saturday, with the Bearcats being just above Truman in the standings heading into the game. They were 2-8. Of course Truman was able to climb over the Bearcats in the standings, now sitting at 3-11 after sending Southwest Baptist to 2-10.

Both wins over Southwest Baptist were close, with Truman holding off a comeback attempt to win the first game 7-6 and then mounting a comeback of their own to win the finale 6-5.

The opener saw the Bearcats jump out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first but Truman got those runs right back in the bottom of the inning. Macy Taylor scored on a wild play, rounding the bases after a bunt single and a throwing error. The Bulldogs scratched across another run when Lauren Stade hit into an error that allowed Madi McCarty

to score.

They took their first lead of the game in the third on a foul ball sac fly from Stade that scored Beard. Truman added four more runs in the fourth on a grand slam from West, giving them just enough runs to withstand Southwest Baptist rallies in the late innings. The Bearcats did add three more runs in the fifth to get back within two and scored a final run in the seventh, but Nutter was able to close out the game with no more damage done. West was 2-for-3 in the game that she capped off with her grand slam.

The finale saw Truman take the lead 3-0 in the bottom of the second on a single, a wild pitch and another single. Southwest Baptist then started a comeback, scoring a run in the third and two more in the fifth. They then grabbed a lead with two more runs in the sixth. Truman got back within

one run with a Stade sac fly in the bottom of the inning, but entered the seventh trailing.

The Bulldogs were in trouble, with two quick groundouts putting them an out away from a loss. But Taylor then tripled down the left field line and promptly scored on a single from Callie Unrein that tied the score 5-5. Beard then singled to center field, allowing Unrein to reach third. Unrein then was able to score on an error in center field, coming across the plate with the walkoff run.

Truman will be looking to extend its winning streak with a Wednesday doubleheader against non-conference opponent Northwest Missouri. Then they will have a chance to extend their conference winning streak when they host Illinois-Springfield for a doubleheader on April 15 and Lewis for a doubleheader on April 16.

Series split earned by Truman baseball team over weekend

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State baseball team just had its most successful weekend of conference play so far this season. Coming into a home series with fifth-place Missouri-St. Louis with a 2-10 conference record, the Bulldogs split the four-game set with the Tritons, winning the first two games before dropping the final two.

Truman's bats did plenty of damage in the series opener, putting up the team's second-highest run total in a game this season with 16, the most for the Bulldogs in a conference game since they also put up 16 against Rockhurst on April 30, 2021.

The scoring started early, almost as early as it could. After the Tritons were retired in order in the top of the first, Tal Dean led off the bottom of the inning with a solo home run to put the Bulldogs up 1-0. More runs came across the plate in the inning, with two coming on a single from Dylan Thompson that drove in Holden Missey and Luke Turner. Thompson then scored on a single from Luke Roussel.

After a scoreless second inning, Truman piled on some more runs. They had two runners on base with one out when Tyler Tieman hit a three-run home run to put the Bulldogs up 7-0. An RBI single later in the inning from Grant Beck extended the lead before Simon Murray hit the team's second three-run home run of the inning.

After going scoreless again in the fourth, Truman got four two-out



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runs in the fifth. The scoring started when Turner singled to drive in Roussel. The next batter was Missey who hit a three-run home run to put Truman up 15-0.

Missouri-St. Louis manufactured a run in the top of the sixth, getting a baserunner on an error, bunting him over to second and driving him in on a single. That was the extent of the scoring for the Tritons on the day. Truman tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the frame on a single from Beck that scored Gannon Grieb, moving the score to the final of 16-1.

Missey had an out-

standing day at the plate, going 4-for-4 with three doubles and a home run, driving in three runs and scoring three more. That gave him 46 career doubles, the most in program history, and 32 career home runs, one shy of tying the program record.

Truman starting pitcher Zachry Schneider pitched a gem, allowing a run on four hits over six innings. He only walked one batter while recording a pair of strikeouts.

The Bulldogs kept their winning ways going to open a Friday doubleheader, taking the first game of the day by a score of 8-6 before drop-

ping the finale 6-2.

Truman fell behind 1-0 in the first inning of the opener, but quickly stormed back to claim a lead they would not relinquish. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Thompson singled to center field to drive in Dean. A two-run double from Tieman came next, immediately followed by an RBI single from Will Fromm. Then with one out, Beck drove in Tieman to put the Bulldogs up 5-1.

They added a run each in the second and third innings, the first coming on a sac fly and the second coming a single. Missouri-St. Louis had

scored two runs in the top of the third, so Truman led 7-3.

The Tritons added a run in the fourth and another in the fifth to cut the lead down to just a single run. The Bulldogs were able to tack on a valuable insurance run in the sixth on a Turner single and Michael Daggett pitched a perfect seventh inning to close out the Truman win for his fourth save of the season.

The finale saw Truman fall behind 1-0 in the second only to tie it in the bottom of the inning on a Beck single. The Tritons plated another run in the third and two more in the

fourth to go up 4-1.

Kevin Donohue pulled the Bulldogs a bit closer with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth, but two more runs for the Tritons in the top of the seventh put them up by the final of 6-2. Truman's hitters were sent down in order in the bottom of the inning to end the game.

The series finale saw Truman hold a lead for much of the game before Missouri-St. Louis pulled ahead with a flurry of late runs to win 13-7.

The Bulldogs were behind 2-0 before pulling ahead with a four-run second inning. They scored runs on three singles and a fielder's choice. Missouri-St. Louis pulled within a run after scoring in the top of the fourth, but Truman added a pair of runs in the fifth to lead 6-3, scoring on singles from Thompson and Tieman.

Those were the last runs that Truman would score with the lead. The Tritons scored a run in the sixth before exploding for six runs in the seventh inning, going up 10-6. They extended their lead with two more runs in the eighth, which Truman responded to with a run in the bottom of the inning on a single from Beck.

Missouri-St. Louis scored yet another run in the top of the ninth, and Truman was unable to get any baserunners in the bottom of the inning.

Truman will be on the road this weekend for a series against Drury. The Panthers are 12-8 in conference play and are coming off a series loss to Indianapolis. They have lost four of their last five games.

MLB batting average up 16 points, game time down 31 minutes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's new rules designed to speed pace of play and encourage more action seem to be working through the first 1 1/2 weeks of the season.

Batting average is up 16 points, stolen bases have spiked 30% and the average game time is down 31 minutes, on track to be the sport's lowest since 1984.

Limits on infield shifts, a pitch clock and larger bases were all implemented on opening day after testing in the minors and a dress rehearsal of sorts during this year's big league spring training.

"I think they're good for the game," Cleveland Guardians manager Terry Francona said. "The goal was to not have them get in the way of how we play. That doesn't guarantee you're going to win or lose or play well or bad, but just not get in the way.

"And for the most part, we still have I think a couple pitchers that we're trying to get a little more comfortable, but I think we're doing OK."

The league-wide batting average is .249, a rise from .233 during a comparable period at the start of last season, when cold and wet weather likely contributed to a pallid offensive start. Last year's average rose to .243 by year's end, the lowest since 1968.

Right-handed batters have a .253 average, up from .236 at the start of last year, and lefty batting average is .245, up from .228.

Toronto's Matt Chapman, a right-handed batter, leads the major leagues with a .475 average and Miami's Luis Arraez, a lefty who won the AL batting crown with Minnesota last year, is second at .471. Paul Goldschmidt and the St. Louis Cardinals lead all teams with a .294 mark.

Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani is tied

with 15 others for the major league lead with two pitch clock violations — both in the same game, one as a hitter and one as a pitcher. The New York Mets have the most of any team with 10.

Two-thirds of pitch clock penalties have been imposed on pitchers. Clock violations were up slightly last week compared to opening weekend but averaged less than one per game.

Average time of nine-inning games dropped to 2 hours, 38 minutes from 3:09 in the first 11 days of last year, when the final average was 3:04. The average was unchanged from the first four days and is on track to the lowest since it was 2:35 in 1984.

"I've never experienced anything like this," Colorado Rockies first baseman C.J. Cron said. "So I guess we're still learning but yeah, it seems like there's not much downtime, especially on defense. It feels like there's



Texas Rangers' Josh Jung (6) gets set in the batter's box as the pitcher's clock winds down during a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, April 1, 2023. AP PHOTO/EMIL T. LIPPE

always action going on."

There have been 125 pitch clock violations in 141 games, an average of 0.89 per game. The average over the first four days had been 0.82.

Eighty-five violations have been on pitchers (68%), 32 on batters (25.6%) and four on catchers (3.2%). In addition, there were two violations for batter timeouts and two for pitcher disengagements.

"I knew the pitch clock and all that was going to work," Atlanta Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "I've experienced

it before. And too what I think you're seeing is a resurrection of the singles. There's more hits because we're not flooding the sides of the diamond where a lot of these base hits were outs the last few years."

There have not been any shift restriction penalties.

Stolen bases have averaged 1.3 per game, up from 1.0, and the success rate increased to 79.6% from 74%.

"I don't know," said Dusty Baker, manager of the World Series champion Houston As-

tros. "Some years they're offensive years and some years there's pitching years. We've only played a week. It's hard to tell."

MLB, over objections from players, adopted a pitch clock of 15 seconds with no runners on base and 20 seconds with runners. It also required two infielders to be on either side of second base and all infielders to be within the outer boundary of the infield when the pitcher is on the rubber. Players supported increasing bases to 18-inch squares from 15-by-15, proposed as a safety measure.

Boston heads to Fever as No. 1 pick in WNBA draft

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Indiana Fever made the most of the first No. 1 draft pick in franchise history, selecting Aliyah Boston.

The South Carolina star had a stellar college career, leading the Gamecocks to a national championship her junior year, losing only nine games total and helping her team to three Final Four appearances. The 6-foot-5 Boston was a three-time Associated Press All-American and also the Player of the Year as a junior.

"It's really special, I'm thankful to God for putting me in this position," said the 21-year-old Boston, from the U.S. Virgin Islands. "Everyone in Indiana, they saw something in me, I'm ready to get there and get to work."

The Fever had the worst record in the league last season, going 5-31.

"Aliyah Boston will have an immediate impact on our franchise on and off the court," Fever GM Lin Dunn said. "We are excited to pair her with Kelsey Mitchell and NaLyssa (Smith) as we reload the Indiana Fever. We are very impressed with Aliyah's post skills as well as her natural leadership skills. This is a great day for our franchise!"

Boston, like many other players, have had to choose whether

to return to college for a fifth season because of the extra year granted for the COVID-19 virus or turn pro. She decided to enter the WNBA draft, joining 111 other players to declare.

"Everyone that has a COVID year has a tough choice," Boston said. "You could be somewhere you know the system. ... It took a lot of thought."

She was one of three South Carolina players taken in the first round. Laeticia Amihere went eighth to Atlanta and Zia Cooke 10th to Los Angeles. It's the 10th time that three players from the same team were drafted in the opening round, and the first since Oregon had three in 2020.

The Gamecocks also had two other players drafted, with Brea Beal going 24th to Minnesota and Victoria Saxton picked next by Indiana.

"It's amazing experience really, because this group of girls have been through life together," Amihere said. "These four years haven't been only about basketball. Being able to be with them on one of our biggest nights is an amazing experience."

Minnesota took Diamond Miller of Maryland with the No. 2 pick, and Dallas drafted Maddy Siegrist of Villanova with the third pick. Big East Commis-



South Carolina's Aliyah Boston, right, poses for a photo with commissioner Cathy Engelbert after the Indiana Fever selected her first overall at the WNBA basketball draft Monday, April 10, 2023. AP PHOTO/ADAM HUNGER

sioner Val Ackerman, who was the WNBA's first president, sat with Siegrist.

The Wings also drafted UConn guard Lou Lopez Senechal two picks later. She had transferred to UConn after a stellar career at Fairfield.

"It feels surreal, really didn't think I'd be here," Senechal said. "I've come a long way, gone through a lot of challenges."

Stephanie Soares of Iowa State went fourth to Washington. The Mystics quickly traded her to Dallas soon after selecting the 6-foot-7 center. Washington got back a first round pick in 2025 and second-round pick in 2024.

"It was a very interesting feeling," Soares said. "Pure excitement going to Washington, but now getting to go to Dallas. It's going to be a great next step to the journey."



Kansas City Royals manager Matt Quatraro (33) chats in the dugout during warmups before their baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Sunday, April 2, 2023 in Kansas City, Mo. AP PHOTO/REED HOFFMANN

Royals manager Quatraro returns after 5-game COVID absence

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — First-year Kansas City manager Matt Quatraro returned to the dugout for the Royal's game against the Texas Rangers on Monday night after missing the previous five games with COVID-19.

The Royals went 2-3 under interim manager Paul Hoover, their bench coach. Kansas City lost four of its first five games under Quatraro, who left the team one game into a three-game home series against Toronto.

"I missed it," Quatraro said. "Not everybody gets a break after five days in their career. Poorly timed, but I'm happy to be back."

Quatraro participated in phases of pregame planning while away, giving Hoover and the other coaches basic instructions. But once the

games began, he was just another spectator — a highly interested one.

"It was watch TV and pace around the house," he said. "Eat too much, probably."

Quatraro, 49, is a major league manager for the first time. He most recently was the Tampa Bay Rays' bench coach.

The Royals won two of three at San Francisco over the weekend on the first half of a six-game road trip. That leaves Quatraro one game behind his interim manager in winning percentage.

"He's way ahead of me," Quatraro said. "Hopefully I can catch him. I was hoping he got a better lead."

Quatraro said he felt fine after his bout with COVID-19, sitting out the mandatory minimum according to Major League Baseball. He tested positive last May and missed five Rays games.

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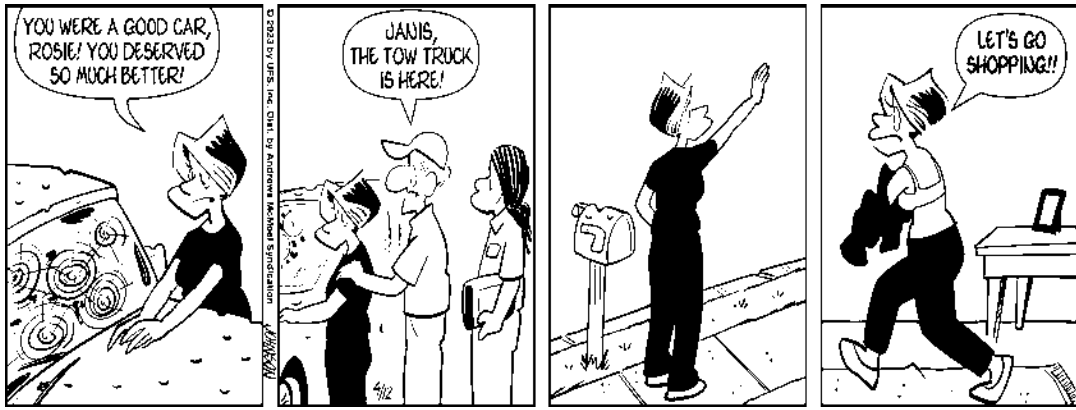
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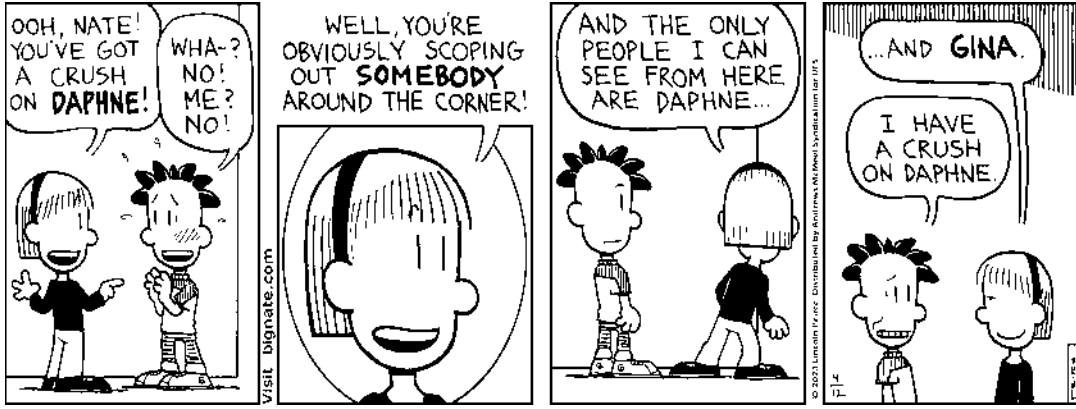
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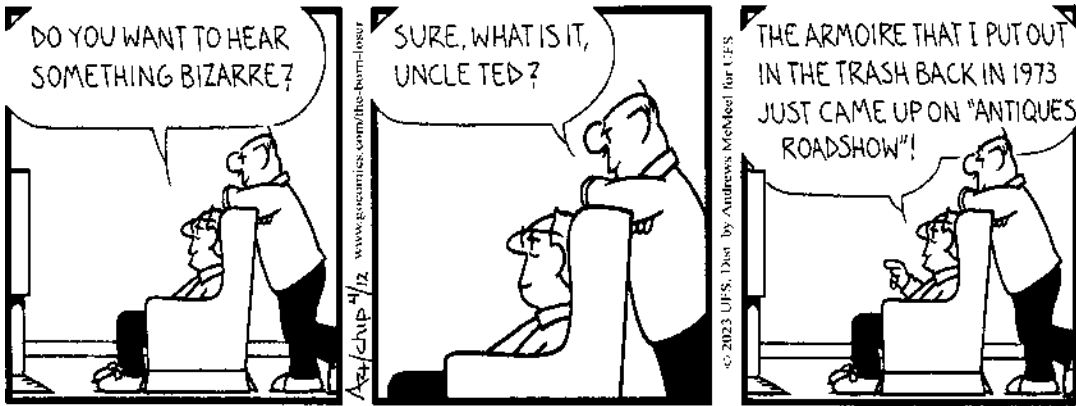
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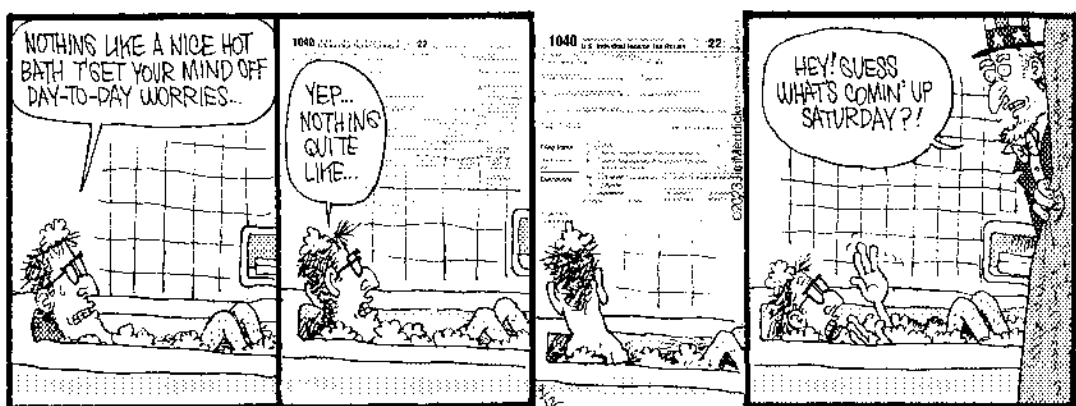
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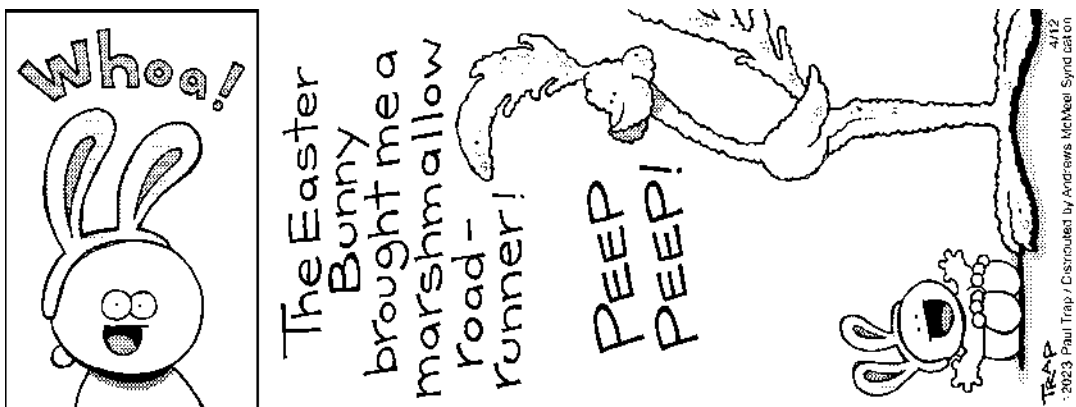
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- 14 Hermits
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- 18 Go to court
- 19 Test, as ore
- 21 Standards
- 25 Even-tempered
- 29 Genetic factor
- 30 Hightails it
- 32 — in (surrounded)
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- 35 Met productions
- 37 Lock or curl
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- 40 Radiator part

- 43 Tip of a pen
- 44 Denomination
- 48 Warning
- 50 Stayed
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- 53 Alpine refrains
- 54 "The Prisoner of —"
- 55 Daily Planet reporter

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- 5 Earth (pref.)
- 6 Coffee makers
- 7 Place
- 8 Practical knowledge
- 9 Fabric meas.
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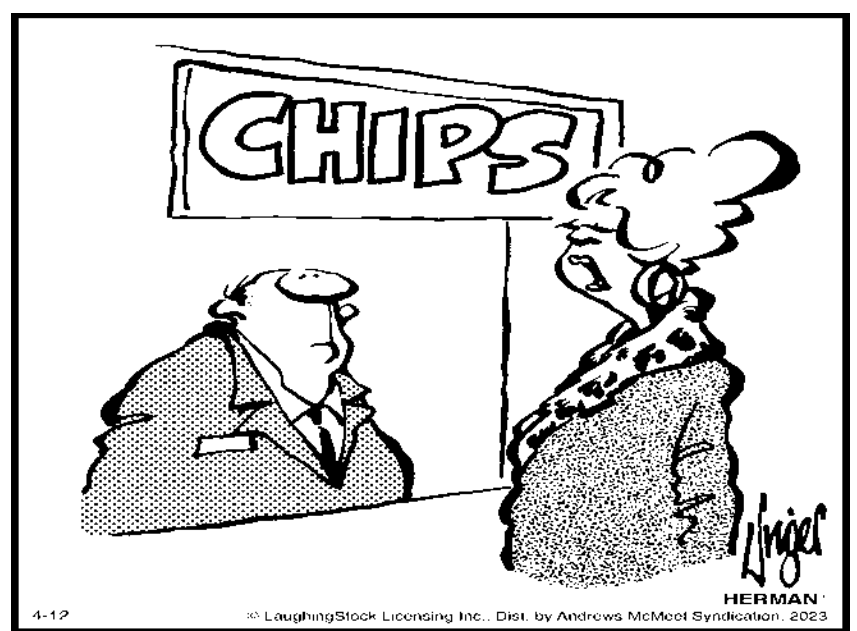
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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Incorporate practicality into your daily routine to avoid costly mistakes. Opportunities will be plentiful this year, but making decisions will be more complicated. Don't feel obligated to act quickly. Time is on your side, and you'll gain the insight you need to harness success. Slow down, gather facts and head in the direction that makes sense to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take a moment to dismiss emotional angst. You are better off channeling your energy into something constructive if you intend to avoid disagreements with someone who matters to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A curious mind will be an asset today. An innovative idea will encourage you to take on an important cause. Bide your time, ask for help and protect yourself from burnout.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Observe what's going on around you and how others respond to you. How you handle financial matters will change the game moving forward. Proceed with caution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Speed things up regarding partnerships. The sooner you make a connection, the more you'll accomplish. Share your thoughts and opinions, and change will follow. Hard work will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Shift your focus to what's possible and dismiss the rest. Distance yourself from users and those who disregard your right to be yourself. Be ruthlessly practical.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A change is favored. A change will mark the beginning of something new and exciting. Decreasing your overhead

expenses will ease stress. Be prepared to make the first move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Pamper yourself. Taking a day trip or an educational course or spending time with a loved one will prove beneficial. Put your energy where it counts and take responsibility for your happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Let your intuition guide you when dealing with others. Asking questions will help you make an important decision. Don't be afraid to trust your gut if all else is in doubt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Concentrate on finances, contracts and your health. Socializing is favored, but don't overspend. Look for exhilarating pastimes. Don't let anyone stifle your dreams.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A steady pace forward is your best bet. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress. Don't be tempted by someone encouraging you to take on too much or behave indulgently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Push yourself, and progress will be yours. Clear a space at home that motivates you to add to your skills and knowledge. Don't let others throw you off guard. Pamper yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can set up meetings and move forward with your plans. Distance yourself from anyone who may not have your interests at heart. Protect yourself from injury or illness.

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PROBATE DIVISION

In Re The Estate of: MARGERY SUSAN BRYANT } Estate No: 22AR-PR00086

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO: All persons interested in the above referenced estate:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative of the above styled estate will file the Final Settlement and Petition for Distribution in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri on the 10th day of May, 2023, or as it may be continued by the Court.

That objection to the Final Settlement or Petition for Distribution shall be in writing and filed within twenty (20) days after the date the Final Settlement is filed.

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Upon Proof of Compliance with the Court's Order of Distribution by the Personal Representative the Court will discharge the Personal Representative and his successors, if any for further claim or demand by any interested parties.

Dates of Publication: 4/12; 4/19; 4/26; and 5/3

/s/ John Bryant - P.R.

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 22AR-PR00143
Judge or Division: PROBATE (Date File Stamp)

In the Estate of DORIS D HAMILTON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
(Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DORIS D HAMILTON, Decedent:

On March 20, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of DORIS D HAMILTON, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is:
Scott E. Hamilton, 21865 Shirk Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address, and phone number is:
Connie S. Haden, 827 E. Broadway Suite B, PO Box 7166, Columbia, Missouri 65201, 573-442-3535.

The personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is:
Connie S. Haden, 827 E. Broadway Suite B, PO Box 7166, Columbia, Missouri 65201, 573-442-3535.

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

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Missouri sees surge in cannabis jobs after legalization vote

The number of licenses DHSS approves for new employees each month has quadrupled since November

By Rebecca Rivas
Missouri Independent

Marcus Kerr was running his own food truck in California in 2018, when he parked by a marijuana dispensary one day.

"I just ended up meeting the owner of this company, and they had my food," he said. "They said, 'Hey, can you infuse this?' Then I started working for the big guys."

Kerr began creating edible recipes in a California lab, and he's been in the cannabis industry since. Now he's excited to be part of Missouri's new journey into the recreational marijuana space.

Kerr moved to St. Louis about a month ago and joined the Luxury Leaf Cannabis Dispensary team as a specialist. Beyond a career opportunity, cannabis science is something passed down within his family.

"I'm from Jamaica, where it's growing on the side of the mountains, so it's in my DNA," he laughed. "Literally it is, like in my chromosomes."

Kerr is among thousands of people who have landed cannabis jobs in Missouri since voters approved recreational marijuana use through a constitutional amendment, which appeared on the November ballot as Amendment 3. The job surge is best seen through the number of licenses the state approves for new employees each month — it's quadrupled since November. Anyone who wants to work in the industry — including owners — must get an "agent ID badge" through the state, which includes a background check.

In November, the Department of Health and Human Services, which is charged with overseeing the state's cannabis program, approved 264 badges. It doubled in December to more than 500 badges — and then doubled again to more than 1,100 in both January and February.

Christy Essex runs the largest Missouri-based cannabis staffing company, Se7en Staffing & Employment Solutions, and foresees the job growth continuing to shoot up throughout this year.

"Just across the board, you're seeing an increase in need," she said. "In the manufacturing and the laboratories even, we've actually been staffing for all the entities right now."

Dispensaries statewide are struggling to keep the shelves stocked, Essex said, so some companies are also hiring temporary "project" employees to get through the "short-term crunches."

According to DHSS, at the end of February, there were 12,970 individuals with marijuana agent IDs, up from 10,100 at the end of November. Missouri is seen as the "darling" of the cannabis industry after reaching \$102.9 million in sales — \$72 million for recreational marijuana — in the first month, said Sloane Barbour, the CEO of Engin, a technology platform that helps cannabis companies hire hourly workers. And Missouri is on pace to become a billion-dollar market.

"Billion-dollar markets like Michigan, Illinois and Massachusetts employ anywhere between 30,000 and 50,000 workers in the cannabis industry," Barbour said. "It's enormous job growth, and it really happens quite quickly. So we are seeing customers and partners in Missouri aggressively and actively hiring."

One potential snag in getting those positions filled quickly is a bill making its way through the state legislature that would require fingerprinting as part of the background checks for all employees. The bill has already passed the state Senate and is expected to have an easy path in the House as well.

Background checks

Essex has been in workforce development in Missouri since 2014. Around the same time, she began researching the benefits of medical use for one of her family members. When Illinois and Missouri began embracing medi-

cal marijuana, she saw an opportunity to combine her passion for workforce development and educating people about the benefits of cannabis.

"And here I am," she said. "So my heart's all in it, all the way around."

Essex helps train employees at all levels, so they know what to expect when entering the constantly-evolving industry, she said.

"You can be a chemist, but what's it's like to be a chemist in a cannabis laboratory?" she said.

Her company spends a "tremendous" amount of time educating people about the background checks. Many people, especially minorities, she said, automatically assume if there is a background check that they won't qualify if they have a misdemeanor on their record.

"It puts a level of fear in individuals," she said.

The constitution states that people with a "disqualifying felony" can't work in the industry, but it doesn't specify what types of felony offenses. It exempts marijuana offenses that are eligible for expungement. It also says that if it's a nonviolent felony offense, employees are in the clear if it has been more than five years since the charge. For other felonies, "more than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent felony criminal offenses," it states.

According to DHSS, a lot of their review is subjective.

"What is written into law is then applied to each individual record, so it is a case-by-case analysis and can't simply be determined by a checklist of potential offenses," said Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for DHSS, in an email to The Independent.

The recreational or adult-use of cannabis has been approved in Washington, D.C., and 21 states, and the medical use has been legalized in 39 states. Every state handles background checks differently. In California, only owners are required to go through



Marcus Kerr started as a budtender and specialist at Luxury Leaf dispensary in St. Louis about a month ago. He's among thousands who have landed new jobs in Missouri's growing cannabis industry. REBECCA RIVAS/MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

fingerprint-based criminal background checks, not employees. But Arizona requires fingerprint-based background checks for all employees, board members, owners and volunteers.

John Payne, founder and managing member of Amendment 2 Consultants, said lawmakers often refer to what's known as the "Cole Memo" as the basis for how they go about this process. In 2013, then-U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Cole issued a memo to address the rise in states legalizing medical marijuana. Payne says it essentially was an agreement that the federal government was going to leave state marijuana programs alone, as long as they meet certain conditions.

"One of those conditions was basically preventing people from organized crime from getting into the marijuana business," Payne said. "It depends on what the background check is for, right? If it's for people that have that sort of background, that would be reasonable."

Fingerprinting

Since Dec. 8, when Amendment 3 went into effect, DHSS stopped requiring fingerprinting for the ID badge applications of employees.

"You have to attest to not committing disqualifying offenses," Essex said. "Right now, we're able to get people to work within a 48-hour time period."

Adding in the fingerprinting process, she said, takes that up to 14 days to get an employee

to work. Like California, Missouri's adult-use law through Amendment 3 only requires owners to go fingerprint-based background checks, according to DHSS. However, the 2018 constitutional amendment legalizing medical marijuana — which was on the ballot as Amendment 2 — still requires all owners, employees and contractors to go through this process for medical marijuana, Cox said.

A measure, sponsored by Republican Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville, would revert back to the original fingerprinting process before Amendment 3 went into effect. The language was added as an amendment to a bill regarding background checks for school employees, which was heard in a House committee on Tuesday. The measure has the support of the Missouri Cannabis Trade Association, which represents cannabis professionals and business owners.

"The bill proposes the same level of background check requirements for all facility owners, employees and contractors regardless of the type of facility licensure," Cox said.

Essex said the challenge she sees is that there weren't enough vendors that take the fingerprints to keep pace with the employees for medical marijuana, particularly in the larger cities like Kansas City and St. Louis.

"Hopefully if they do implement the fingerprinting again," Essex said, "there'll be more

providers in the state of Missouri that will be able to deal with a large quantity of candidates."

Columbia-based attorney Dan Viets, who helped write the language for Amendment 3, said he doesn't remember anyone intentionally removing the fingerprint requirements for employees from the recreational marijuana program. But he believes it should be left out.

"The motivation, frankly, was to draft something that would meet the concerns that some voters might have about people with criminal history being involved in the industry," he said of the 2018 constitutional amendment. "If we had to do it over, we might not have required it for medical employees either."

During a Senate floor debate, Sen. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, said the fingerprinting measure was "a federal requirement."

"So it's putting us in line with federal regulations," she said, regarding the amendment on her background checks bill.

She was likely referencing the Cole Memo, Payne said, because the federal government doesn't regulate marijuana at all.

Barbour agreed. "There's \$32 billion worth of commerce happening...right now in the U.S. that is all technically federally illegal — racketeering of the broadest scale," Barbour said. "So what that means is that state legislatures... are trying to figure it out as they go. This is pretty uncharted territory."

Gas prices climb following OPEC+ move to cut global crude supplies

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$3.18 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is eight cents more compared to this day last week and is 53 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 \$3.23 while drivers in St. Joseph are paying the least at \$3.09 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.55, which is six cents more compared to this day last week and 61 cents less than the price per gallon at this same

time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

A surprise move earlier this week by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other major oil producers, including Russia, known as OPEC+, caused a ripple effect that is leading to higher gas prices. OPEC+ announced plans to cut global crude oil output by one million barrels per day through 2023. The move, which is set to begin in a month, caused crude oil prices to spike back above \$80 per barrel. Retailers quickly responded by increasing pump prices in Missouri and across the United States. In addition to the announcement by OPEC+, demand for gasoline around the U.S. is

already at summertime levels as the weather warms and more people travel for leisure.

"Crude accounts for 55 to 60 percent of the cost of each gallon of gas," said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarría. "If crude oil prices remain higher, drivers could be looking at another expensive summer when it comes to filling up. However, if concerns of an economic slowdown in the U.S. persist, price increases may be limited."

Drivers in Missouri are paying the 5th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at \$4.85 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

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Six new troopers to graduate from Missouri State Highway Patrol's Accelerated Law Enforcement Academy

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced that six troopers will graduate from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, April 14. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the Academy gymnasium, 1510 East Elm Street, Jefferson City. The graduation ceremony will be live streamed on the Patrol's Facebook page. The 116th Recruit Class reported

to the Academy on January 3, 2023. The new troopers will report to duty in their assigned troops on April 24, 2023.

The Honorable Robin Ransom, Supreme Court of Missouri, will provide the keynote address and administer the Oath of Office to the new troopers. The Troop F Color Guard will present the colors and Sergeant Andrew A. Henry, Troop H, will sing the national anthem. Trooper Dylan G. Green, class chaplain, will provide the invocation and benediction.

Four class awards will be presented during the graduation ceremony. The recruits accumulate points toward graduation in the categories of physical fitness, firearms, and academics throughout their 15 weeks at the Academy. The person with the highest number of points in each category will earn the respective award.

The names (hometowns) and first assignments of members of the 116th Recruit Class are listed below:

Troop A: Trooper Brock A. Billings, Warrensburg, Carroll/Ray Counties

Troop B: Trooper Dustin W. Harrison, Higbee, Randolph County

Troop C: Trooper Anel Palislamovic, Troy, Lincoln/Pike Counties

Troop F: Trooper Dylan G. Green, Overland Park, Kansas, Marine Operations; Trooper Brett E. Twenter, Pilot Grove, Cooper/Howard Counties

Troop I: Trooper Eleanore A. Ferrel, Drury, Pulaski County



Trooper Kurtis A. Hurley transfers to Troop B

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Captain Erik A. Gottman, commanding officer of Troop B, announces the following transfer effective April 9.

Trooper Kurtis A. Hurley transferred from Troop C, Zone 9, serving the citizens of St. Charles County, to Troop B, Zone 7, serving the citizens of Clark, Scotland, Knox, and Lewis counties. Hurley was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 109th Recruit Class on Jan. 6, 2020. After graduation, he was assigned Troop B, Zone 6, Clark and Scotland counties. On Sept. 25, 2022, Hurley transferred from Troop B, Zone 6, Clark and Scotland counties to Troop C, Zone 9, St. Charles County.

Hurley graduated from Mark Twain High School in Center, Mo., and obtained an Associate of Arts from Moberly Area Community



Trooper Kurtis A. Hurley

College in Hannibal. Prior to his appointment to the Patrol, he was a corrections officer for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

A Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit will be held through April 27

Annual Juried Student Exhibition — Guest juror: Madeleine LeMieux — The Annual Juried Student Exhibition is always one of the highlights of the University Art Gallery schedule. Some of the best recent Truman student artwork is on view, juried in spring 2022 by Madeleine LeMieux, Art on the Move Coordinator and Instructor, University of Missouri.

Land Enveloped – Lindsey Dunnagan – in the Charlyn Gallery In Land Enveloped, shapes from mountains, fishnets, and iceberg striations come together in layers of fabric that hang from the ceiling and form pliable walls. These walls create a dynamic path where narrow passageways open to expansive and translucent views through silk organza. This project creates a sense of discovery and magic that is inspired by Lindsey Dunnagan's childhood memories of growing up in the Alaskan landscape. Dunnagan is Associate Professor of Art at Truman.

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

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

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

at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

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

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