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Kirksville police make arrest after weekend stabbing

By Kirksville Police Department

Kirksville police arrested Shawn Dukes, 20, of Kirksville, early Sunday morning in connection to a stabbing incident from a few hours before. Dukes has been charged in Adair County Court with two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of armed criminal action and one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

At approximately 1:57 a.m., on Sunday, April 16, Kirksville Police responded to the emer-

gency department of Northeast Regional Medical Center in reference to a male with stab and cut wounds. Police arrived and were advised by witnesses that an incident involving the victim occurred in the area of Osteopathy and Mill streets. The victim was identified as a 21-year-old male from Kirksville. Officers were advised the victim and another male were involved in an altercation and the suspect assaulted the victim with a knife. Another male was also cut by the suspect.

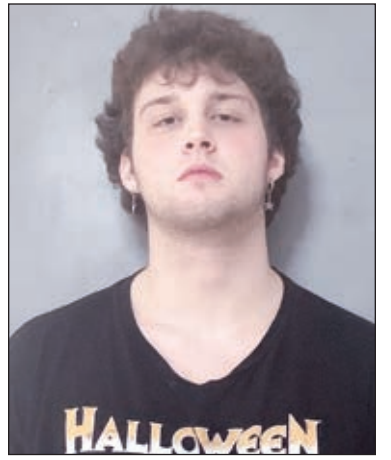
After the assault, the victim was transported by the witnesses to Northeast Regional Medical Center by private vehicle. The first victim sustained life threatening injuries and was later transferred to another hospital. That victim is currently in stable condition. The second victim received a minor cut and was treated and released.

Officers at another location were able to identify the suspect as Dukes. Dukes was located at his residence and

arrested around 5 a.m.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Anyone with information about this incident, or any suspicious activity is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660-785-6945, Central Dispatch at 660-665-5621, Adair County Sheriff's Office at 660-665-4600, anonymously at 660-627-BUST (2878), or email police@kirksvillecity.com.



Shawn Dukes, 20, of Kirksville.

Steele, Walston sworn in; Burden appointed mayor, Gardner mayor pro tem

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

City Council members Rick Steele and Jennifer Walston were sworn into office at a special meeting of the Kirksville City Council held on April 10. Both Steele and Walston emerged victorious from the April 4 Municipal Election. Both were incumbent council members.

The newly-seated council voted unanimously to approve Zac Burden as mayor and John Gardner as mayor pro tem. Following are other council appointments that occurred at the meeting:

Affordable Housing Board – John Gardner, The Board serves as a citizen advisory group for affordable housing-related community development applications to the state CDBG program. The board is responsible for the decision-making as to the method used in the rehabilitation of residential properties.

Airport & Transportation Commission – Rick Steele. The commission recommends policies, rules, legislative initiatives, and other actions which enhance the aviation, rail, highway, local streets, public transportation, traffic control, and other transportation resources, facilities, systems, and networks which serve the Kirksville area.

Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission – Zac Burden. The commission works to protect and preserve places, areas, and neighborhoods of historical and cultural importance within the city limits for the promotion of its economic development.



Mayor Zac Burden

Mayor Pro Tem John Gardner

Lake, Parks & Recreation Commission – John Gardner. The commission recommends to the city council policies, rules, legislative initiatives, development plans, programs, and other actions which serve to preserve and protect Kirksville's lakes, parklands, and open space conservation areas; which enhance active and passive recreational activities for the residents of Kirksville; which maintain public safety; and which provide for long-range planning for future uses and community needs regarding lakes, parks, open spaces and recreational facilities and programs in and around Kirksville. This includes review and approval of city policies and ordinances concerning lake and park use; review of capital improvement projects proposed for lakes, parklands, and recreation facilities on policy issues concerning lakes, parks, and recreation as may be requested by the city council or staff.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Kabir Bansal. The commission prepares a comprehensive plan with rec-

ommendations for zoning, restrictions, regulations, and questions regarding the location of trades and industries, and the location of buildings designed for specified uses. The commission may hold public hearings as required and report findings and recommendations to the city council.

Tourism Advisory Board – Jennifer Walston. The Board oversees the operations of Kirksville tourism and the collection of the city's lodging tax. Alternate Regional Planning Commission – John Gardner. Meets: bi-monthly in Memphis.

Alternate Solid Waste Management – Zac Burden. Meets quarterly in Memphis or electronically.

THINK KIRKSVILLE 2040 Priority Strategies

- Downtown Strategy Teams** – Zac Burden
- Strengthen Partnerships** – Jennifer Walston
- Increase Opportunities for all ages** – John Gardner
- Work to ensure quality daycare** – John Gardner
- Property Maintenance Strategy Team** – Kabir Bansal and Rick Steele
- Recreation Strate-**

gy Team – Jennifer Walston

Identify gaps in mental health services – Jennifer Walston

Beautification & Connection Strategy Team – Jennifer Walston

Partners with developers to achieve upgraded infrastructure – Kabir Bansal

Convene non-profit service providers to address homelessness – John Gardner

Partner with Universities/Colleges to promote unique culture – John Gardner

Focus on methods of higher education recruitment and enrollment – John Gardner

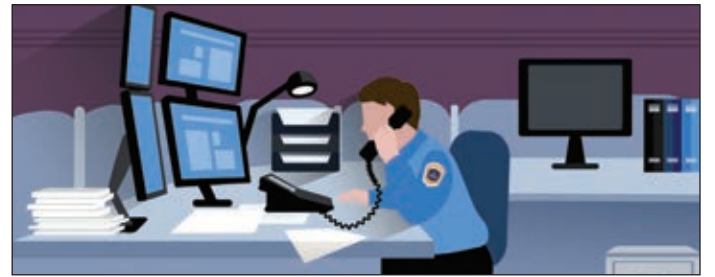
Workforce group – Zac Burden

Improve Highway 63 North – Zac Burden

Street Maintenance, Infrastructure Maintenance, Sewer Collection System – Kabir Bansal and Rick Steele

Encourage green building design – Zac Burden

Developed Shared Land Use Plan between Truman and A.T. Still University – Jennifer Walston



Local 911 services celebrate 50 years

By City of Kirksville

April 9 through 15, marked National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring the men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the citizens and visitors of Kirksville and Adair County.

This year also marks 50 years of 911 service in the community, with the first basic 911 system installed in 1973, only five years after the first 911 call was made in 1968. This was a significant achievement for the community, as only 17 percent of the country had access to 911 in 1973. The local implementation predates larger communities like Chicago, which didn't receive 911 service until 1976.

Enhanced 911, with improved caller-locating capabilities, was available within the city limits of Kirksville in 1993, with many surrounding homes being served as well. The Adair County 911 Center,

as it exists today, was established in 2000, with enhanced 911 services and rural addressing being implemented county-wide.

This year also marks a major transition for the Adair County 911 Center with many upgrades. It is updating to Next Generation 911, which will provide improvements in call routing, and pave the way for advanced features including text, image, and video to 911 capabilities. Additionally, the center is adding another call-handling station to increase capacity during high-volume time and improve employee training.

In 2022, the Adair County 911 Center fielded over 13,000 911 phone calls, nearly 60,000 administrative and non-emergency phone calls, and tracked 62,108 incidents for their customer agencies including Kirksville Police and Fire Departments, Adair County Sheriff's Office, Adair County Ambulance District, Adair County Fire Department, and Truman State University Police.

Missouri Court of Appeals to convene at Truman

By Truman State University

The Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, will convene court at Truman at 9 a.m. April 20 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

A panel, consisting of Chief Judge Gary Witt, Judge Mark Pfeiffer and Judge Thomas Chapman will hear oral arguments in two of the cases on the docket. Judge Mason Gebhardt, associate circuit judge in Howard County (in the 14th Judicial Circuit), will join Witt and Pfeiffer to hear oral arguments in the remaining case on the dock-

et. After the oral arguments, the judges will take time to discuss the court system and take general questions from the audience.

Witt will preside over the proceedings at Truman. He was appointed to the Western District in 2010. Immediately prior to his appointment, he served as an associate circuit judge in Platte County (in the 6th Judicial Circuit). Previously, Witt practiced law in Platte County and served in the Missouri House of Representatives.

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'Little Shop of Horrors' to close out theatre season

By Truman State University

Truman Theatre's last production of the year, "Little Shop of Horrors," will run nightly at 7:30 p.m. April 19-22 and April 28-29 in the James G. Severns Theatre.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is based on the film by Roger Corman and screenplay by Charles Griffith. This Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical includes a mix of comedy and horror that has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for more than 30 years. The creative geniuses behind this popular show are Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, who also contributed to Disney's "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin."

The play follows a man named Seymour Krelborn who works at Mushroom's, a flower shop on Skid Row, along with Audrey. Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" — after his coworker crush. When his boss threatens to close the shop, Krelborn shows Mush-



Students rehearse for the upcoming production of "Little Shop of Horrors." The musical comedy will run April 19-22 and April 28-19.

nik the Audrey II, revealing his hobby of collecting strange and unusual plants. Business is suddenly booming, but Krelborn soon finds out he must pay for his good fortune in blood.

This production is directed by Cat Gleason, with choreography by Gleason and Jack Danter, and music direction by Savannah Carmichael. It features Truman students Parker Shinn, Jack Danter, Regan Bohanan, Cole Bracken, Ryan Zickel, Jamie Bridges, Anna Markiewicz, Claire Choinka and Kiera Mitchell.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at boxoffice.truman.edu or at the door. The play is appropriate for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact the Truman Theatre Box Office by emailing boxoffice@truman.edu.

23rd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance

By Heartland Task Force

The 2023 23rd Daddy/ Daughter Dance will be held Friday, April 21 at the NEMO Fairgrounds, with girls aged pre-school through sixth grade and their fathers or significant male role models invited to attend. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The cost will be \$8 per couple and \$2 per additional child, with a family cap of \$10.

The dance will include a DJ, free snacks and drinks, free crafts, free Heartland Task Force giveaways, and free a special photo booth available until 8 p.m., to capture important memories. There will also be special guest appearances by local area royalty including area fair queens and princesses. Guests will have the opportunity for autographs and pictures with the royal guests.

The Heartland Task Force is working to reduce substance abuse among youth/adults through a systems approach to community-wide substance prevention — by increasing protective factors/developmental assets and decreasing risk factors. Proceeds of event will go to support Heartland Task Force activities throughout the community, such as substance abuse prevention, education prevention programming, support of the Strong Kids Campaign, 4-H spon-



Attendees of last year's Daddy/Daughter Dance.

sorships at the NEMO Fair, and other community programming events and sponsorships.

This event is sponsored by the Heartland Task Force and the NEMO Fair Board with in-kind support from Truman State University, Adair County YMCA, Hy-Vee, Memphis Bottling Company, KTVO-TV, and Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.

For questions, contact Carol Cox at 660-626-7256 or Sara Amini-Rad at 660-216-6960.

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Northeast Missouri United Way Texas Hold'em Tournament

The Northeast Missouri United Way Texas Hold'em Tournament will be on April 19 at the Dukum Inn. Signups start at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. 1st Prize is \$500, 2nd Prize is \$250 and Third Prize is \$100. Sponsors of the event are as follows: Gold Sponsorship ATSU and Heritage House Realty. Silver Sponsorships are Lovegreen Motors and Pagliais. Bronze Sponsorships are Kirksville Brake and Muffler and Hampton Inn.

Jazz Combo Concert

A Jazz Combo Concert will be held at 6 p.m. on April 19 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, 100 E. Normal Avenue, Kirksville.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be hosted by Gallery 104: Art on the Square, April 20

from 5-7 p.m., 104 N. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

Jess Piper to speak in Kirksville

The Adair County Democratic Club is hosting Jess Piper, executive director for Blue Missouri. The event will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20 at the Kirksville Armory, 500 S. Elson Street. All members of the community are invited to attend and learn about public education issues in Missouri. All media outlets are also invited to cover the event and help share information about this critically important discussion. Jess Piper is a rural Missourian and was a public school teacher for 16 years, and she was previously Missouri District 1 State Representative candidate. She is a strong advocate for public schools in rural communities and will discuss possible changes to Missouri education funding. All in attendance will be invited to a social hour at the DuKum Inn (111 South Elson) immediately following the event.

DIY Home Décor Workshop at Lupita's

Come out for a night of crafting fun at Lupita's, 114 W. Harrison Street, Kirksville, April 20 from 6-8 p.m. You'll create a DIY Home Décor masterpiece to display or to give as a gift. All supplies are included and you'll have several designs to choose from plus you'll leave being able to create even more. Seating is limited to 12 guest and payment is required at the time of booking. Cost is \$27 and you'll have the option to upgrade that evening. Don't forget to enjoy a meal or grab a snack at Lupita's first. Register at: <https://forms.gle/Mt512EueMWF5AnkU6>

Stars Up, Lights Down at Thousand Hills State Park

Come out for a celebration of International Dark Sky week at Stars Up, Lights Down at Thousand Hills State Park. Join others in learning about light pollution and exploring the sky above. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Point Shelter, Thursday, April 20, from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

23rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

The 23rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, April 21, at the NEMO Fair Building/NEMO Fair Grounds. Doors open from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Picture Booth open from 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$8/couple, \$2/each additional child (family cap at \$10). Free concessions, photo booth, giveaways, and crafts. All girls pre-school through 6th-grade along with their dad or significant male role model are invited — no RSVP needed. Proceeds of this event will go toward supporting Heartland Task Force programming and activities.

Children's Literature Festival at Truman State

The Children's Literature Festival (CLF) will return to Truman State University on Friday, April 21. They are expecting 11 authors from across the nation to be on campus that day to share their books with 4th, 5th,

and 6th grade students. (More than 1,000 students will attend.) Book signings with the authors will take place from 3-4 p.m. in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Student Union Building. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the Down Under Room, 1st floor of the Student Union Building. For more information, visit <https://childrensliteraturefestival.truman.edu/> or email clf@truman.edu

NEMO Job Fair Spring 2023

NEMO Job Fair Spring 2023 will be held on Friday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Moberly Area Community College, 2105 E. Normal Avenue. Pre-registration is required.

Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market

The annual Novinger Area Yard Sales & Flea Market event will be held on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 8 a.m. Residents of Novinger and surrounding area (west of Kirksville, east of Green Castle, and along Highway 157) are encouraged to participate in selling yard sale items, funky junk, 2nd chance goods, antiques and collectibles, flea market items, crafts and commercial products. Booth spaces and tables can be rented inside the Community Center or Firehouse and free spaces can be reserved on the fairgrounds. Maps featuring the reported locations of sales will be available on Renewal's Facebook page as well as in the Community Center, along with food sales. Donations of items are sought to allow proceeds to benefit Novinger Renewal. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center after 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21. Those interested in reserving an indoor or outdoor space or wanting their sale listed on the map should contact Glenna Young at 660-342-6455. The event is coordinated by Novinger Renewal, a non-profit corporation, established for community betterment and historic preservation.

Earth Day celebrated at Thousand Hills State Park

Come on out to Thousand Hills State Park on Saturday April 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to celebrate Earth Day. Local organizations will have stations and activities set up around

the beach parking lot and the paved trail. Come connect with the earth and nature through unique opportunities facilitated by community members. There will be activities and educational booths for all ages at this free event. SB40, a local nonprofit, will be selling snacks and drinks as a fundraiser during the event. The Missouri Department of Conservation will be providing fishing opportunities along the shore just past the beach showerhouse and at the ADA accessible fishing dock. (Signs will direct visitors to these locations.) This event was created in partnership between Thousand Hills State Park, the Adair County Public Library, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the city of Kirksville. Other organizations are joining to provide educational opportunities for all attendees. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be moved to the Rieger Armory, located at 500 S. Elson St.

3rd Annual 660 CMO & Avenues Ride for Awareness

The 3rd Annual 660 CMO & Avenues Ride for Awareness will be held on April 22, beginning across from Colton's Steakhouse at 2814 S. Baltimore Street, Kirksville. Entry fee is \$10 per person and kickstands go up at 10 a.m. The first route is 63 north to 136 East to 61 South. Gas stop/break (one and a half hours, 81 miles). On to 61 South in Hannibal (One hour, 57 minutes). Luncheon Avenues at 12:30 p.m. at Huckleberry Park, 1300 30th Street Pavilion 1 next to the playground. Once in Hannibal, a sandwich, chips and drink lunch will be provided by Avenues. The final route is from Hannibal, west on 36 to 15 North to 6 West, ending back in Kirksville where the run began. Avenue's mission is to provide support, security and Awareness for victims of domestic and sexual violence through their journey to achieve a stable future. All Proceeds directly to Avenues to support the victims they serve.

Run with Faith 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

The Run with Faith 5K Run/1 Mile Walk will be held on April 22 at 9 a.m., at Faith Lutheran School, 1820 South Baltimore in Kirksville. Visit faithlutheranschool.org

Choral-Orchestral Concert

A Choral-Orchestral Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 22 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, 100 E. Normal Avenue, Kirksville.

A Tea to Remember at Sue Ross Arts Center

A Tea to Remember will be held on April 23 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. A Kirksville Arts Association tradition returns! A whimsical event that includes savories, sweets, and table inspirations. \$25 per person. Call 660-665-0500.

Curtain Call's 2023 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for Curtain Call's 2023 Annual Meeting. They will be meeting at the theatre on Monday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in order to nominate board members for the upcoming year and give everyone updates on their upcoming season.

Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville

The city of Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville on April 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Register your first through eighth grade artist for the monthly Kid's Club event. Artists will create a masterpiece under the direction of Paint the Ville instructor, Rachel Messer. All participants must pre-register, and class size is very limited. To register, visit the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Office at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at <https://parks.kirksvillecity.com/>. Each class is \$20 and all supplies are included. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Truman Trumpet Studio Recital

The Truman Trumpet Studio Recital will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 25 at the Truman State University Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall, 100 E. Normal Avenue, Kirksville.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Samuel Dorris

Aug 24, 1967 – Apr 13, 2023

Joseph Samuel Dorris, 55, of Livonia, MO passed away Thursday (April 13th, 2023) at his farm in Livonia, MO.

The son of Charles and JoAnn (Gascho) Dorris, Joe was born August 24th, 1967 in Port Sulphur, LA. On June 22nd, 1991 in Greentop, MO, Joe was united in marriage to Angie Flynn.

Joe is survived by his wife, Angie; children, Charles Gale Dorris and Amber Dawn Dorris; grandchildren, Caralyne Roeder and Cole Roeder; brothers, Andy Dorris and Danny Dorris; and sister, Teresa Dorris.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Joseph Dorris; and sister Melissa Glaspie.

Joe spent the first few year of his life in Louisiana before moving to Missouri. He went school in Novinger. Joe really enjoyed to hunt and fish. He loved to randevou and riding his Harley.

A visitation will be Thursday, April 20th, 2023 for 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Kirksville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family.

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



County commissioners help with Troop 404 Eagle Scout project

By Kirksville Boy Scout Troop 404

Adair County Presiding Commissioner Mark Shahan with First District Commissioner and Scoutmaster Bill King, work with Life Scout Andrew Harrison to set concrete forms for Kirksville's Troop 404 Life Scout Conner King's Eagle Scout Project at Cornerstone Church Saturday.



Second Class Scout Drew Mayes and Life Scout Conner King dig the base for a flag pole and clean up inside the formwork.

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: APRIL 8-12, 2023

INCIDENT REPORTS

APRIL 8

12:49 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From All Other (M), 202 E. Illinois Street

1 a.m., Traffic Stop, Kamryn Mast, 21

1:03 a.m., Traffic Stop, North Baltimore Street, Karchy Farrell, 18

2:23 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Sixth Street, Joshua Johnson, 22

8:40 a.m., Burglary/Not in Progress 2nd (Force) Non-Residential, 615 W. Cottonwood Street

9:57 a.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Zachary Lemoine, 20

10:42 a.m., Dead Body, 816 E. Washington Street

11:12 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (1)(5)(M A),

11:21 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, Village 76

11:55 a.m., Animal/Bite-Attack, 811 E. Randolph Street

12:16 p.m., Theft/In Progress, Stealing From Building (M), 1702 N. Osteopathy Street

12:37 p.m., Traffic Stop, 301 W. Washington Street, Brian Ruggles, 61

12:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, Marion Street, Courtney McCollum, 22

12:55 p.m., Traffic Stop, Cottonwood Street, Katherine Fortenberry, 31

1:05 p.m., Traffic Stop, 100 Block of East Washington Street, Alexis Baird, 21

1:15 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Marion Street, Kossi Wampa, 52

1:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, 200 Block of North Franklin Street, Sonja Ramberg, 26

1:49 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Marion Street, Kailyn Watts, 28

4:08 p.m., Juvenile Problem, Assault/Domestic 1st Degree Serious Physical Injury (F A), 1501 E. Pierce Street, Arrestee: Juvenile

6:22 p.m., Traffic Stop, 202 E. Illinois Street, Kelly Tinsley, 49

7:42 p.m., Traffic Stop, 800 Block of North Green Street, Frederick Muambi, 40

8:13 p.m., Traffic Stop, Lincoln Street, Michele Johnson, 49

8:37 p.m., Property/Lost-Recovered, 1615 S. Baltimore Street

8:43 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Normal Avenue, Sophia McKim, 32

8:59 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Fillmore Street, Catherine Beufve, 44

9:02 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1011 Monroe Street

9:06 p.m., Traffic Stop, Alexander Street, James Connelly, 31



9:23 p.m., Traffic Stop, 606 W. Potter Avenue

10:49 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failed to Display Plates on Motor Vehicle, Center Road, Shane Mullen, 36

11:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1312 S. Baltimore Street

11:25 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Fible Street, Douglas Covey, 61

11:44 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Jackson Ratliff, 19

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12:02 a.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Preston Puckett, 18

12:10 a.m., Traffic Stop, East George Street

12:29 a.m., Traffic Stop, East George Street

1 a.m., Traffic Stop, East Jefferson Street, Kory Seigal, 20

1:37 a.m., Loud Noise/Party Complaint, 1016 Millwood Drive,

10:28 a.m., Property/Damage Vehicle, 1304 S. Baltimore Street

10:44 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1803 N. Osteopathy Street, Deanna Shultz, 27

11:02 a.m., Parking Complaint, 300 Block of North New Street

11:03 a.m., Juvenile Problem, Issues, 507 Walker Street

11:17 a.m., Dead Body, 1915 N. Osteopathy Street

1:36 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2116 N. Baltimore Street, Stephanie Lautenschlager, 31

1:14 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 2701 N. Lincoln Street

2:01 p.m., Assault/Simple, Domestic Disturbance, 110 E. Jefferson Street

3:06 p.m. Traffic Stop, West Washington Street, Cherika Jones, 37

3:14 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Brooklynn Pierce, 21

2:29 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Abuse of Child (F C), 1506 S. Porter Street

4:36 p.m., Peace Disturbance, 714 E. McPherson Street

8:07 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1915 N. Osteopathy Street, Shane Martinson, 44

8:07 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Stealing Motor Vehicle/Watercraft/Aircraft (F), Stealing \$750 or More Shoplifting (F), 1614 N. Green Street

9:11 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Bobbie Scott, 27

9:25 p.m., Trespass, Civil Dispute, 3805 S. Baltimore Street

10:36 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, 2nd Degree, 12008 Biggs Street

10:37 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2214 N. Baltimore Street, Juvenile

11:03 p.m., Traffic top, Baltimore Street, Abhishek Roka, 19

11:23 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, Michigan Street, Cameron Smith, 21

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7:13 a.m., MVA/Minor, 1900 S. Jamison Street

7:41 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1700 N. Centennial Avenue

8:35 a.m., Sex Offense, ICAC-Cybertip, 119 E. McPherson Street

9:26 a.m., Alarm/Residential, 2902 Weatherbrooke Drive

9:54 a.m., Traffic Stop, West Shepherd Avenue, Jeong Hwa Lee, 32

11:58 a.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, 2nd (Force) Residential (F C), 1502 S. Osteopathy Street

1:15 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 1007 E. Pierce Street

1:56 p.m., Domestic Disturbance, 1007 E. Pierce Street

3:24 p.m., Animal/Injured-Sick, 909 W. Gardner

3:49 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing of Any Firearm All Other (F), 2018 N. Florence Place

4:22 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress 2nd (Force) Residential (F C), 315 W. Pierce Street

5:17 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 15 Hawthorn Drive

5:19 p.m., Assisting Other Agency, 1213 E. Jefferson Street

5:52 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 502 W. Normal Avenue

6:08 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Traffic Stop, Property Lost, 816 W. LaHarpe Street

6:51 p.m., Warrant, 301 S. High Street, Arrestee: William Bratcher, 20

7:10 p.m., Traffic Stop, West Harrison Street

7:12 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street

7:24 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Main Street

7:54 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-2nd Offense

(M), 700 Block of North Elson Street, Arrestee: Michael Ames, 24

8:03 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault 4th Degree-Pursuant to Subdivisions (1)(5)(M); Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (1)(5)(M A); Owner Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), 601 N. Elson Street, Arrestee: Jeremy Krusemark, 33

9:27 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Juvenile issues, 507 Walker Street

10:06 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Juvenile

10:41 p.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Intoxicated, 1200 Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Juvenile

11 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, 2206 N. Baltimore Street

11:23 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, Michigan Street, Cameron Smith, 21

11:03 p.m., Traffic top, Baltimore Street, Abhishek Roka, 19

11:23 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, Michigan Street, Cameron Smith, 21

11 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, 2206 N. Baltimore Street

12:06 p.m., Harassment, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 710 W. Elizabeth Street

12:14 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 1015 N. Centennial Avenue

1:08 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, 816 N. Florence Street

2:30 p.m., Civil Dispute, 1501 E. Pierce Street

3:06 p.m., Traffic Stop, U.S. Hwy. 63

3:34 p.m., Assault/Aggravated Domestic 2nd Degree (F), 1705 N. New Street

3:42 p.m., MVA/Minor, 1801 N. Elson Street

3:43 p.m., Warrant P&P Dangerous Drugs, 516 S. Main Street

3:48 p.m., Sex Offense, 119 E. McPherson Street

4:31 p.m., MVA/Minor, 3315 S. Osteopathy Street

5:30 p.m., Fingerprinting, 119 E. McPherson Street

6:05 p.m., Property, Lost-Recovered, 1617 Don Street

6:52 p.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Suspended/Revoked-2nd or 3rd (M A), 1100 Block of South Porter Street, Arrestee: Cody Helm, 33

7:52 p.m., Traffic Stop, 400 Block of East McPherson Street

9:15 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), East Illinois Street, Arrestee: Rachel Lloyd, 40

10:13 p.m., Traffic Stop, 200 Block of West LaHarpe Street, Leanna Youngman, 32

10:27 p.m., Traffic Stop, South New Street

11:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, 202 E. Illinois Street, Jamie Potter, 43

1:15 a.m., Traffic Stop, 502 N. Baltimore Street

Truman State University fraternities and sororities raise more than \$20,000 for the Adair County Public Library

By Truman State University

Fraternity and sorority members at Truman State University recently raised more than \$20,000 in support of the Adair County Public Library.

As part of the annual Greek Week festivities, all of the 22 fraternities and sororities are charged with reaching a philanthropic fundraising goal, with the cumulative total donated to a pre-selected organization at the end of week. This year's charity of choice for Truman students was the Adair County Public Library. During the week of April 3-7, students and their chapters conducted various events in an

effort to raise as much money as possible. In total, \$20,242 was raised by the fraternity and sorority community.

More than 600 Truman students are active in fraternities and sororities. Collectively, they contribute thousands of hours of community service each year, and have donated tens of thousands of dollars to worthwhile causes in the Kirksville area.

Past Greek Week philanthropy efforts have supported organizations such as Rural Advocates for Independent Living (RAIL), the Adair County YMCA, the Northeast Missouri Inclusion Project and Victim Support Services, Inc.



Morgan Cowen from Delta Zeta and Anthony Wheeler from Sigma Tau Gamma present a check to Breann Turner for the Adair County Public Library. Truman fraternities and sororities raised more than \$20,000 during their annual Greek Week festivities.

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Century 21 Lifetime Realty 2022 award winners

By Century 21 Lifetime Realty

Century 21 Lifetime Realty agents were presented with Century 21 2022 awards from broker/owner Zach Springer at a dinner held at Raspberry's in Macon on March 22.



Erick Hanson President's Award, Centurion Producer, Quality Service Pinnacle Award



Evonne Baker Masters Ruby Award



Mark Whitney Centurion Producer, #1 Missouri Producer in AGC, and #1 Missouri Producer in Units



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Charity Taylor Masters Ruby Award



Elizabeth Gregory Centurion Producer

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Route A in Schuyler County now open

The new bridge on Route A in Schuyler County, North Fork Middle Fabius River, approximately one mile south of Downing, opened to traffic on April 17. This is the eighteenth bridge completed on the Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program.

Kirkville Kiwanis Farmers' Market

The Kirkville Kiwanis Farmers' Market will run each Saturday from May through October, 7 a.m. to noon on the square in downtown Kirkville. Come support your local farmers, growers, bakers, and craftspeople at the longest continual community service project in the city of Kirkville. For more information, contact the Kirkville Kiwanis Club at (660) 988-0419 or via email at kirkvillemarket@gmail.com. or see the Kiwanis Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kirkvillekiwanisfarmersmarket/>

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.

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!

Planned roadwork through April 25

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 and putting your phone down. For more information, please visit the Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org

Macon County

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

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

Route KK – April 24 & 25, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Olympic Avenue to CR 201 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Putnam County

Route EE – Resurfacing project from U.S. Route 136 to Route K, April 17-25. 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.)

Route BB – Resurfacing project from Route EE to Route K (Sullivan County), April 17-25. 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.)

Route F – Resurfacing project from Route 5 to Route 129 (Sullivan County), April 17-21. 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, through April 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.)

Scotland County

Route A – April 24, Closed for culvert replacement operations from Route U to CR 116 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

New bridge on Route H in Scotland County opens

The new bridge on Route H in Scotland County, over North Fork North Wyaconda River, approximately four miles east of Route 15, opened to traffic April 13, making this the seventeenth bridge completed on the Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) Bridge Program.

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/ATSU-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 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 moststeparks.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 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.

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Pfeiffer was appointed to the Western District in 2009. Before his appointment to the judiciary, he practiced law in Springfield and Columbia. Chapman joined the Western District in 2018. Imme-

diately prior to his appointment, he served as a circuit judge in the 43rd Judicial Circuit (Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston counties) for more than seven years.

Gebhardt has served as an associate circuit judge in Howard County since he was elected

in 2010. Previously, he served as the Howard County prosecuting attorney and engaged in the private practice of law.

The Court regularly convenes court in Kansas City. For more than 20 years, however, the court has held dockets in several of the 45 counties

in the court's jurisdiction, which includes all of northwest Missouri and most of central Missouri. The court hears oral arguments outside Kansas City to give individuals an opportunity to observe a part of the judicial system they normally do not see and to familiarize those attend-

ing with the court's role in the judicial system.

This event is open to the public, and students may come and go as their schedule permits. Enter and exit quietly if the court session is underway. More information about the cases being appealed can be found online.

ATSU-KCOM to receive new state-of-the-art birthing simulator

By Courtesy of A.T. Still University

A.T. Still University-Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) students celebrated a birthday of sorts for the University's Drabing Human Patient Simulation Center birthing simulator, while announcing some exciting new technology coming to the campus soon.

The current birthing simulator has delivered 1,416 babies with ATSU-KCOM students, and members of the L.Linton Budd OB/Gyn Society gathered to discuss how much the technology has meant to them in their education on the Kirksville, Missouri, campus.

Lisa Archer, BSN, RN, CHSE, director of simulation & performance assessment, an-

nounced the current birthing and newborn simulators will soon be moving to warmer climates, heading to Texas to be taken to various campuses for demonstrations with students.

In its place, new state-of-the-art birthing and newborn simulators will be arriving on campus in a couple of months thanks to a very generous donation from the Tom J. & Edna M. Carson Foundation to the Dr. G. Barry Robbins Jr., Linda Robbins Langley, and Dr. Rick L. Robbins Professional Development Fund for the Drabing Human Patient Simulation Center.

Barry Robbins, DO, is a 1970 graduate of ATSU-KCOM and served as a neurologist in Kirksville until he retired. He has also served as an AT-



ATSU-KCOM students celebrate the "birthday" of the University's current Drabing Human Patient Simulation Center birthing simulator.

SU-KCOM faculty member. Rick Robbins, DO, is a 1977 graduate of ATSU-KCOM.

The new simulators include updated and additional features, such as a mixed-reality

piece that allows students to see through the abdomen to visualize the internal birthing process.

Families of organ donors honored with annual recognition event

By Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

JEFFERSON CITY — One organ donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of 75 or more. In FY22, 94 living donors and 416 deceased donors made organ donations in Missouri, saving or enhancing hundreds of lives. Donors and their families were recognized Tuesday by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee.

Currently, more than 1,400 Missourians are on a waitlist for one or more organ donations. Thousands of people suffer or die needlessly each year due to a lack of organ and tissue donors.

Missourians are encouraged to have a conversation with their loved ones about the choice to become a donor. In the event that a family member passes suddenly, family members can find themselves facing difficult decisions. This particular situation is made easier if the deceased is a registered donor and the family is aware of this decision. The vast



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majority of transplants were able to occur because of donors being registered. To become a donor, individuals can register online, or enroll by mail or at a local DMV.

"Registering to be an organ donor is simple to do, but it is something that can make such a tremendous impact when one's only hope is a transplant," said Paula F. Nickelson, acting director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. "Although the majority of people support the idea of organ donation, not all have taken that simple step to ensure their wishes are honored after they are gone. My father was the recipient of corneal transplants thus result-

ing in him living a fuller life until the end of his life, and that's something for which my family is forever grateful."

Recognition events in honor of more than 100 of Missouri's recent donors occurred this week in the Capitol, the Harry S. Truman State Office Building and concluded with an evening luminary event and moment of silence in the Governor's Garden. A dedication ceremony also took place at Adrian's Island where a paver stone was placed by the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee in honor of Missourians that gave the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Vital organs and tissues can be donated for transplantation. The heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and small intestine are all life-saving transplants. Tissue donations can include cornea, skin, bone, heart valves, blood vessels and tendons. Bone marrow can also be donated by living donors.

Learn more about organ donation in Missouri at DonateLifeMissouri.org.



Free smoking cessation program for pregnant women

By Adair County Health Dept.

The Adair County Health Department has been designated a referral site for the BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program designed to help pregnant women quit smoking. This evidence-based smoking cessation program aims to reduce the health and financial burdens of tobacco for women and their babies, and to keep them permanently tobacco free. Program eligibility requires that women be pregnant at less than 36 weeks, and a current tobacco user, one who quit since becoming pregnant, or who quit within three months of becoming pregnant. Funding secured by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Office of Women's Health allows the Adair County Health Department to not only provide the program free of charge, but to offer incentives for successful participation.

The BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program is a telehealth program which allows women to partic-

ipate while in the comfort of their home and on their own schedules. The program comprises four prenatal and six postpartum counseling sessions, each lasting for 20 to 30 minutes. Participants receive a CO2 monitor to perform breath tests during each counseling session. They must not use tobacco during the duration of the program.

Upon testing tobacco-free at the end of the program, participants receive vouchers for up to \$350 in value for diapers and baby wipes. The vouchers can be used to buy any size or brand of diapers and baby wipes at participating stores.

Women interested in being referred to the BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program or physicians who want to refer patients should call Brandon Carlyle at the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491, extension 749.

For more information about the national BABY & ME - Tobacco Free Program, visit the website at babymetobaccofree.org.

Rate of STDs continues to rise nationally and in Missouri

By Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

JEFFERSON CITY — Sexually transmitted disease (STD) rates are at an all-time high according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Nationally, there has been a 74 percent increase in syphilis over five years, as well as more than 2,800 congenital syphilis cases in 2021, with 220 resulting in stillbirths and infant deaths. This STI Awareness Week, the CDC released Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2021, which provides the most current and complete data for nationally notifiable sexually transmitted infections.

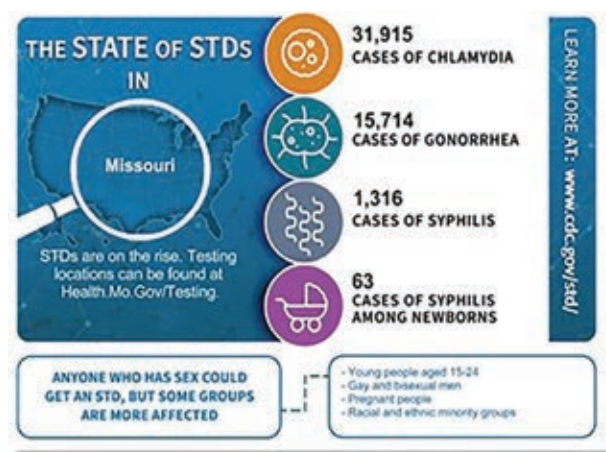
During the Covid-19 pandemic, which caused disruptions nationally in STD-related prevention and care activities, numbers of STDs continued to rise. Missouri is experiencing the same rate increases, especially in syphilis and congenital syphilis (when a mother passes the infection on

to her unborn baby during pregnancy). In 2015, Missouri recorded two cases of congenital syphilis. In 2021, this number increased to 63.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) encourages the public to practice safe sex and routine testing for STDs as Missouri continues to see a significant increase in syphilis. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that, without treatment, can cause serious health problems. Syphilis is curable with the right antibiotics from a health care provider.

A person can get syphilis by direct contact with a syphilis sore during sexual activity. Each stage has different signs and symptoms. Syphilis can be treated and cured with antibiotics yet many cases go undiagnosed and untreated, leading to increased transmission and future negative health consequences.

Syphilis can also spread from a mother with syph-



ilis to her unborn baby (congenital syphilis). Having syphilis during pregnancy can lead to a baby born with a low birth weight and can increase the chance that the mother will deliver her baby too early or stillborn. All pregnant women in Missouri should be screened for syphilis. Pregnant women should be tested at the first prenatal visit, in the third trimester (28 weeks), and at delivery regardless of perceived risk. No infant should leave the hospital without the mother's serological status having been documented at least once during pregnancy and preferably again at delivery.

Condoms can lessen the spread of syphilis by preventing contact with a sore; however sometimes contact with any unprotected areas can be the cause of spread. The only way to completely avoid STDs is to abstain from

any sexual activity.

DHSS continues to work with the St. Louis STI/HIV Prevention and Training Center to inform and educate health care providers about current evidence-based prevention, diagnosis and treatment recommendations. Additionally, DHSS has been working to increase the number of Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) who conduct contact tracing, investigations, and partner services for syphilis and HIV. The department is also continuing to expand its STD and HIV testing sites offering free testing. To find an STD and HIV testing site near you, go to Health.Mo.Gov/Testing.

Public education and outreach also continues, and a social and digital media kit for syphilis is available for partners to use to inform their local communities.


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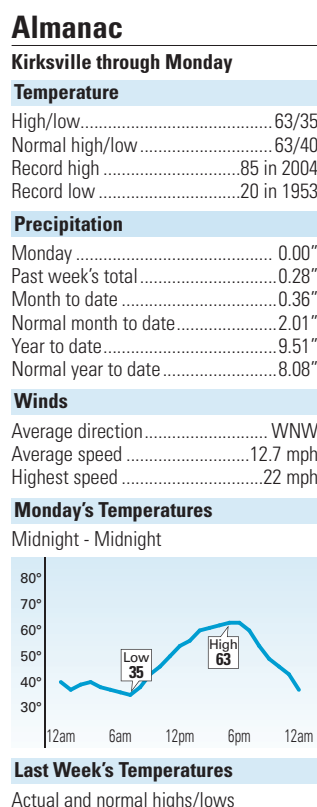
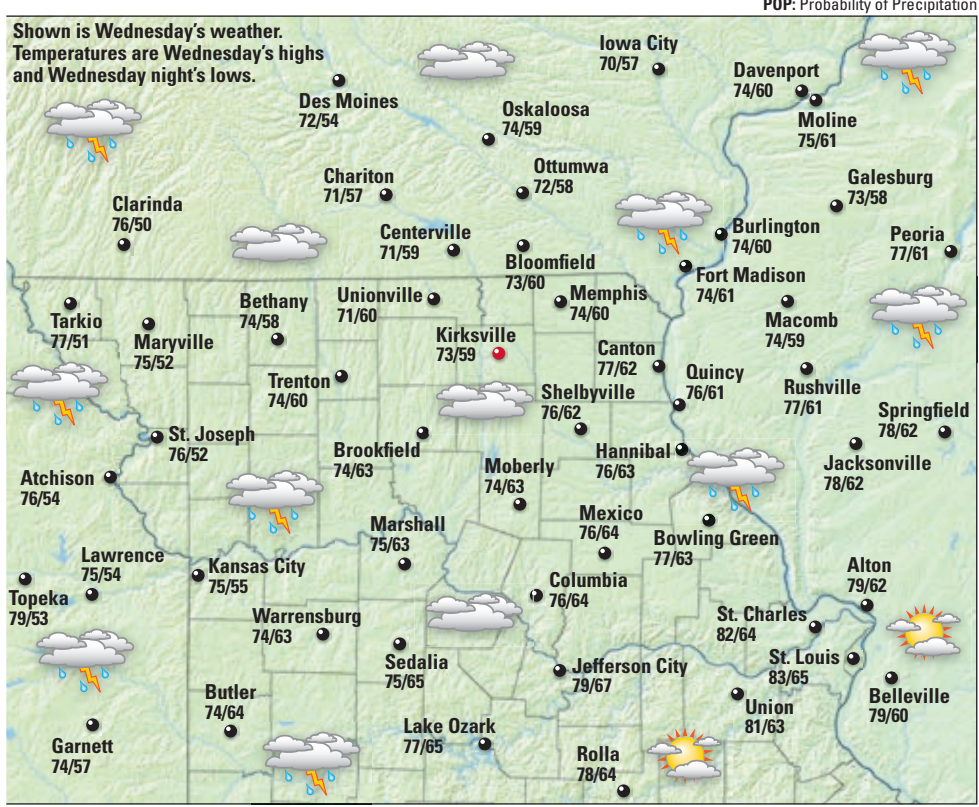
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| Columbia | 76/64/c | 72/47/t |
| Danville | 78/60/c | 78/48/c |
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| Decatur | 78/60/pc | 76/47/t |
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| Omaha | 78/47/t | 62/36/c |
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| Anchorage | 42/27/s | 48/28/s |
| Atlanta | 85/57/s | 83/58/s |
| Baltimore | 73/50/s | 85/59/s |
| Billings | 42/29/pc | 38/24/c |
| Birmingham | 84/54/pc | 84/57/s |
| Boise | 52/31/c | 51/34/c |
| Boston | 56/42/pc | 62/50/pc |
| Buffalo | 46/40/c | 69/57/sh |
| Charleston, SC | 87/57/s | 87/60/s |
| Charleston, WV | 81/52/pc | 86/57/pc |
| Charlotte | 85/55/s | 85/58/s |
| Cleveland | 60/55/pc | 80/60/c |
| Columbia | 88/55/s | 86/56/s |
| Columbus | 72/53/pc | 82/61/pc |
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Conditions Wednesday

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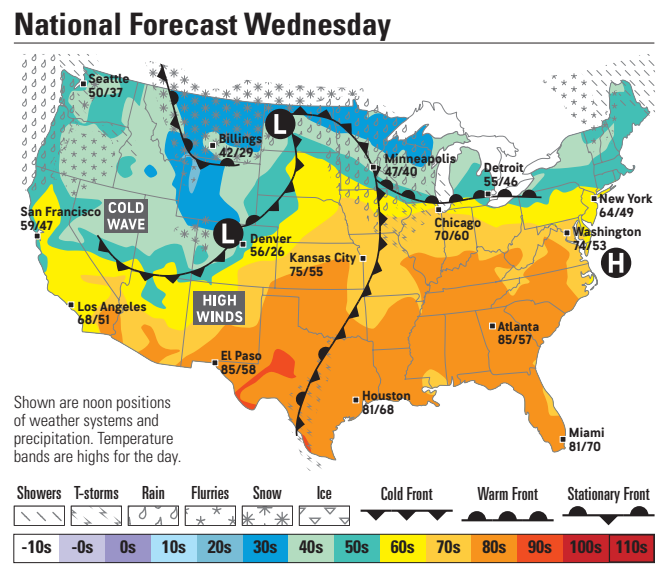
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Father cuts off all contact with son over his lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: Our son "Victor" and his wife have informed us that they are "polyamorous." They have been married for nine years, and were together for five years before they married. They have agreed to this arrangement, and their partners know they are married. They love each other, own a home together and plan to be together forever. They are "safe," and no one is getting hurt.

Because of their lifestyle, my husband, "Del," has not communicated with them for more than 16 months. He says if I die first, he'll make sure they get nothing in his will. I have visited them alone (we live over 800 miles away) and plan to do so in the future. Our other married son, "Mike," tried to talk to his father about this, but Del still refuses to budge. When Mike said this means we will never be together as a family again, his fa-



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

ther had no response. I have told Del this is breaking my heart. I have considered leaving him over this. However, if I leave, I'm doing the same thing he has done -- refusing to have a relationship because I don't like his behavior. My husband also refuses to go to family gatherings with his cousins or his brother because he has fundamental political differences with them. In fact, there are now only four family members he's interested in seeing. I thought he would soften his attitude over time, but

he hasn't. What should I do? -- **HEARTBROKEN IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: What you do is continue living your life as you always have, and see your children and other relatives as often as you wish. By now it should be obvious that nothing will change your husband's attitude. If he insists on isolating and punishing himself, you can't stop him.

If Del becomes vindictive or punitive to you, consult a legal adviser about whether you want to stay in a marriage like this. If you choose to leave, you will be able to decide INDEPENDENTLY how your assets should be distributed in the event of your death.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Awesome!

Student journalists at the Booster Redux, Pittsburg (Kansas) High School's newspaper, uncovered a scoop that rocked the educational community there, NBC News reported. Amy Robertson, who was hired to be the principal on March 6, was the subject of a routine interview for the paper, but the students were stymied by Robertson's claim that she had earned degrees from Corlins University. When they dug deeper, they learned that the institution was not accredited by the U.S. Department of Education, had no actual address and, in fact, had been identified as a diploma mill. Robertson said her degrees "have been authenticated by the U.S. government" and the students' concerns were "not based on facts." However, she resigned on April 4. Emily Smith, PHS's journalism adviser, said she was "very proud" of her students. "They worked very hard to uncover the truth."

It's Come to This


New York City Mayor Eric Adams named former schoolteacher Kathleen Corradi to a new position on April 12, United Press International reported. Corradi is the rat czar (officially, director of rodent mitigation) of the Big Apple. Adams said it was "clear we needed

someone solely focused on leading our rat reduction efforts across all five boroughs." In 2022, rat sightings in the city increased by 74% over the previous year. Requirements for the job included being "highly motivated and somewhat bloodthirsty" with a "swashbuckling attitude, crafty humor and general aura of badassery." "I look forward to sending the rats packing," Corradi said.

Eyewitness News

Although he is no longer governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger still performs his civic duty -- in this case, filling a huge pothole in his Brentwood neighborhood with concrete. The Associated Press reported that on April 11, the Terminator himself, along with a helper, used a shovel and packaged concrete to fill a hole in the street. "Today, after the whole neighborhood has been upset about this giant pothole that's been screwing up cars and bicycles for weeks, I went out with my team and fixed it," he tweeted. "This is crazy. For three weeks I've been waiting for this hole to be closed." Arnold's heroics may have been misguided, however; according to a statement from SoCalGas, the "pothole" actually was an active work trench for a project to be completed in May.

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Truman baseball swept in 4-games series against Drury

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State baseball had another conference series against one of the GLVC's top teams. The Bulldogs traveled to play Drury for a four-game set and they dropped all the games by five or more runs. Truman is now 4-16 in conference play, putting them in 12th place, while third-place Drury improved to 16-8.

The series opener on Friday saw Truman fall behind early as Drury's offense picked up some runs early and added insurance late. The Panthers won the game 9-2.

Drury grabbed a 2-0 lead on a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the first, which came after Truman had two runners on with one out in the top of the inning but both runners were caught stealing. The Panthers added a run each in both the second and third innings to go up 4-0.

Truman collected nine hits in the first seven innings but was unable to push any runs across against Drury starter Cody Bahl. Drury's offense tacked on five more runs in the sixth and seventh innings, growing their lead before Truman was able to get on the board.

The Bulldogs did eventually break through in the eighth inning when Dylan Thompson hit a two-out double and then scored on a single from Jack Darwin that also led to an error. Truman scored another run in the top of the ninth, once again with two outs, when Simon Murray singled and then scored on a Tal Dean double.

Truman had 13 hits in the game, just two less than Drury, but scored seven-fewer runs. The hits would not be nearly as abundant for Truman in Saturday's doubleheader, where they combined for

just five hits in the two games and did not score any runs.

The opener of the doubleheader started with Drury going up 2-0 while the first six Truman batters were retired in order. After scoring those two runs in the first, the Panthers added seven runs in the fourth, five of which were unearned. An insurance run in the bottom of the sixth put Drury up by the final score of 10-0.

Truman had just three hits in the game, two coming on third-inning singles Tyler Tieman and Dean and the final hit being a Grant Beck single in the fifth. Drury starter Mason Meeks pitched all seven innings, allowing just those three singles while striking out two batters. He issued no walks.

The second game Saturday did not yield more success for the Truman lineup. They had just two singles in the game,



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one in the second from Dakota Spicer and another in the third from Dean. Tieman and Alex Wittenauer each drew walks and Murray was hit by a pitch, and no other Bulldog players reached base.

Drury starter Jack Jones struck out eight over six shut-out innings and Tyler Bastunas pitched a quick seventh inning to seal the game.

Truman's bats woke up for the series finale on Sunday, but an explosive first inning from Drury put the Bulldogs in a tough spot early on. After Truman went up 1-0 in the top of the first when a Kevin Donohue single drove in Dean, the Panther piled on nine runs while tallying six hits, taking four walks and taking advantage of a Truman error.

The Bulldogs were able to respond right away with three runs in the top of the second. Will Fromm scored on an error and then a Turner double drove in Dean and Beck. There was still more scoring to be done in the early innings, and Drury added two more runs in the bottom of the second to go up 11-4. Fromm then

doubled in Donohue in the top of the third to get Truman within six runs, and then neither team was able to score for a while longer.

Truman got back on the board in the top of the eighth inning when a Murray groundout allowed Wittenauer to score. Drury went back up by six with another run in the bottom of the eighth. Truman attempted to mount a rally in the ninth, and the inning started in promising fashion with a single from Turner followed by an RBI double from Holden Missey. Then a groundout, fly out and foul out ended the game.

Turner and Donohue both went 2-for-5 with an RBI and run scored. Fromm was 3-for-4 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored.

Truman has another tough test this weekend with another road series against a team near the top of the standings. The Bulldogs will visit fourth-place Maryville for a four-game series. The Saints are 13-7 in conference play and are coming off a series split with Illinois-Springfield.



Illinois-Springfield takes doubleheader from Truman

By Adam Tumino
Daily Express

The Truman State softball team had a less busy weekend than usual with a Saturday doubleheader against Lewis being pushed back to Wednesday, but the Bulldogs still hosted Illinois-Springfield for a doubleheader on Friday.

Truman lost both games to the Prairie Stars, dropping the opener 8-5 and the finale 12-3. The Bulldogs are now 3-13 in conference play this season while Illinois-Springfield improved to 8-6 with the wins.

The opener saw the Bulldogs take a lead into the late innings, but they then allowed the Prairie Stars to tie the score and eventually go ahead. Truman fell behind 1-0 in the second inning, but then scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead.

McKenzie West came to bat for the Bulldogs with the bases loaded and two outs and tripled to the gap to drive in Alivia Daniels, Callie Unrein and Madi McCarty. All three runs were unearned due to a Illinois-Springfield error earlier in the inning.

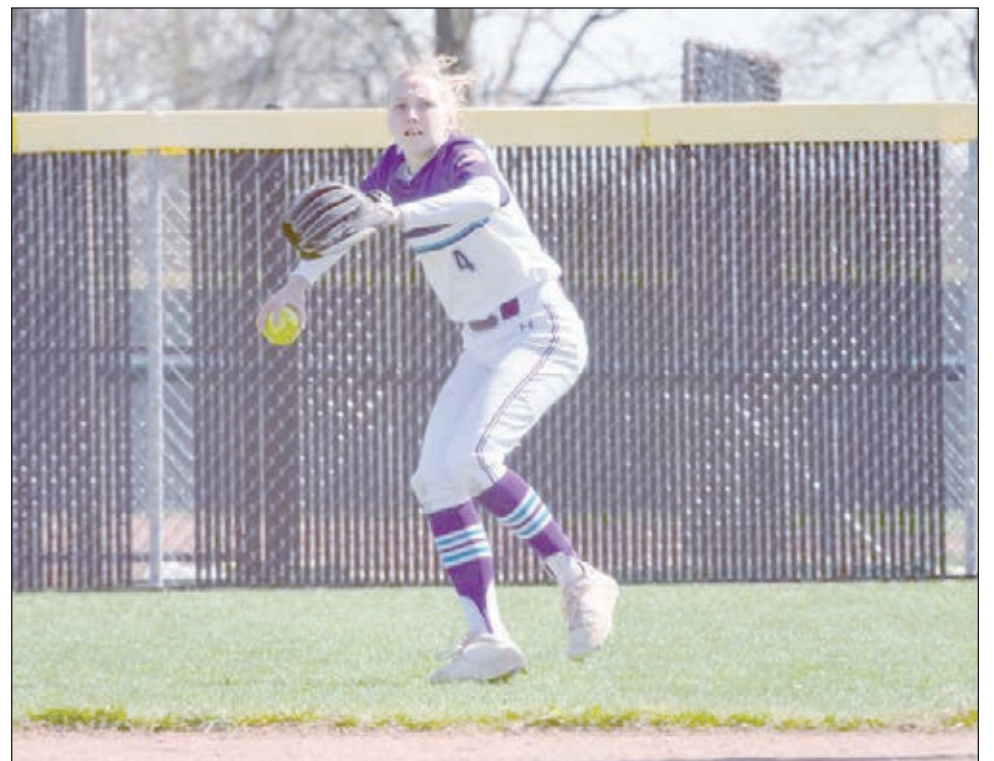
The Bulldogs added two more runs on a two-out rally in the fifth. With runners on second and third, Maria McGonegle singled into right field to drive in Breianna Klein. Then with the bases loaded later in the inning, Daniels drew a walk that allowed Brooke Nutter to cross the plate and put Truman up 5-1.

But the Prairie Stars pulled closer with a run in the top of the sixth, and then tied the score 5-5 with three runs in the top of the seventh inning.

They managed to load the bases with nobody out, but then a lineout put Truman in a position to still close out the game. Instead, a single and double drove in the three runs before a double play ended the inning and sent the game to extras.

Neither team scored in the eighth inning, but in the ninth Illinois-Springfield loaded the bases once again, this time with one out. A sac fly gave them a 6-5 lead, which was followed up with a two-run single to give them a pair of insurance runs. A foul out and two groundouts from Truman in the bottom of the inning ended the game.

Truman starter Annabelle Zimmer and Nutter each were credited with allowing four runs in the game, all of which were earned runs. Klein, Un-



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rein and McGonegle all went 2-for-4 in the game with a run scored.

The second game of the day saw the Prairie Stars burst ahead with a strong second inning, setting them up for a five-inning win via the

run rule. They had four hits and two walks in the second and took advantage of an error to get seven runs across the plate and take a commanding lead.

Truman did not score in the bottom of the inning, but held Illinois-Springfield scoreless in the top of the third before getting on the board with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. An Eberwine single drove in Nina Fenasci before Alex Beard drove in Macy Taylor with an RBI groundout.

Illinois-Springfield got those two runs right back in the top of the fourth to go up 9-2 and gave the Bulldogs just six outs on offense to try and avoid falling to the run rule. Truman was unable to score in the bottom of the fourth, and a comeback attempt became more difficult with a three-run fifth for the Prairie Stars.

In the bottom of the fifth, Beard doubled with one out to try and spark a rally to extend the game. She advanced to third on a single from West and then scored on a single from Klein, but two quick outs ended the game early.

Truman had 11 hits in the game, just one less than Illinois-Springfield, but also walked four fewer times. West and Klein both went 2-for-3 in the game while Fenasci was 2-for-2 with a run scored. Klein was tagged with all the runs allowed in 4.1 innings of work. West got the final two outs for the Bulldogs.

Truman will be back at home Wednesday for a rescheduled doubleheader against Lewis. The Flyers are 6-8 in conference play and sit in ninth place, three spots ahead of Truman. Lewis is coming off a doubleheader sweep of William Jewell, which has yet to win a conference game in 18 tries this season.



Esports Teams to Compete in Conference Finals

By Truman State University

Although still in its first academic year of competition, Truman esports has multiple teams making deep runs in their respective conference playoffs.

The Truman esports Rocket League team, led by Dreston “Dre_-Bae” Hoffman, will compete in the grand finals of the 9th Conference of the NACE Open.

NACE stands for the National Association of Collegiate Esports, a nonprofit governing body to which Truman is a member. It is the largest member association of varsity esports programs in North America.

Truman’s Rocket League team has made it through the playoffs and will face off against the University of Tennessee Chattanooga in the finals at 6 p.m. April 17. The competition will be livestreamed on Twitch at twitch.tv/trumanesports. UTC is undefeated this semester, while the Truman team has only dropped one game.

Truman’s two Super Smash Bros. Ultimate teams competing in the NACE playoffs have advanced to the semi-finals of



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their respective conferences. The varsity Smash team has remained undefeated in all head-to-head competitions, whereas the junior varsity team has only suffered two defeats in qualifying, losing against the two strongest teams in their conference, Purdue University Fort Wayne and Franklin College.

The varsity team, led by Anthony “DeDude” Sarullo, has advanced to the grand finals in their conference, facing off against Saint Xavier University. Their match will be livestreamed at twitch.tv/trumanesports, but the competition time and date

are still to be determined.

The junior varsity team, led by Chris “Chrisalash” Heuman, upset Purdue University Fort Wayne 2-0 in the semi-finals. They will take on William Peace University in the conference grand finals at 6 p.m. April 20. That match will be available at twitch.tv/truman-gamingleague.

Participation in esports is open to all students. More information about Truman esports is available on the team website, esports.truman.edu. Up-to-date information can also be found on the team Instagram and Twitter, @TrumanEsports.



Chase Elliott (9) looks on prior to a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in Concord, N.C. The only thing on Elliott’s mind this weekend is winning as he returns to racing at Martinsville Speedway after missing six races with a broken left leg sustained during a snowboarding accident. AP PHOTO/MATT KELLEY, FILE

NASCAR drivers know everyone wins when Elliott is racing

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — NASCAR drivers don’t need to be reminded what Chase Elliott’s return to racing on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway means to those associated with the sport.

When Elliott is racing, everyone wins.

Voted NASCAR’s most popular driver the past five seasons — a title inherited after Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s retirement — Elliott and his No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports car have become the face of the sport. When he’s competing, more stock car racing fans are watching. And when he’s not, fans seem to be tuning out in big numbers.

It’s like stock racing’s version of the Tiger Woods effect.

The dramatic drop in TV ratings in the six races Elliott missed after breaking his tibia in a snowboarding accident are indicative of the impact he has on the sport.

The percentage of television viewers dropped by 12.2% at Las Vegas, 15.1% at Phoenix, 14.5% at Atlanta, 16.1% at Austin, 41.8% at Richmond and 13.9% at Bristol compared to last year’s numbers, according to sportnaut.com. About 3.45 million people tuned into this year’s spring race at Bristol Motor Speedway, down from slightly more than 4 million viewers in 2022.

“It impacts our TV ratings, I know that for sure,” No. 4 Ford driver Kevin Harvick said of Elliott’s absence. “There are more people who want to watch when Chase Elliott is here. And I think we’re all thankful he’s back.”

“Whether you like somebody, don’t like somebody, get along with somebody or don’t, everybody has a piece of the puzzle that they fall into. And Chase, for us, is our biggest star and he’s the guy who needs to be here every week for it all to make sense currently.”

That’s why NASCAR went to great lengths last week to promote Elliott’s return to the track. The quickly putting together a commercial after he announced last Wednesday he would race at Martinsville.

“Obviously he’s the most popular driver. I mean you didn’t see me get a TV commercial when I

came back,” quipped Alex Bowman, driver of the No. 48 Chevrolet.

The TV ratings for the Martinsville race haven’t been announced, but several drivers said there was a noticeable uptick in the excitement level at the half-mile, paperclip-shaped course with Elliott’s return.

Elliott received the loudest ovation during introductions.

And while he wasn’t much of a factor in the race, finishing in 10th place after a late-race push, it was clear he was thrilled to be back in his comfort zone after watching the last six weeks as a spectator.

“Really nice to be back and appreciate the warm welcome this weekend by everybody, so I appreciate that,” Elliott said. “It definitely didn’t go unnoticed.”

Now the big question becomes if Elliott can race his way into the playoffs — something that NASCAR frankly needs to keep drawing fans. He has plenty of chances left, including this weekend at Talladega Superspeedway, where he won last fall.

He was encouraged by his ability to complete the 400-lap race on a surgically-repaired left leg that now has multiple screws holding it together. He views that as a positive sign moving forward.

“Yeah, it was pretty good, honestly,” Elliott said. “It was about what I expected, so that’s a good thing. It was warm. I’ve been sitting on the couch for six weeks, so I think that probably hurt me more than anything.”

Teammate Kyle Larson, who won his first race at Martinsville on Sunday, was thrilled to have Elliott back. He believes it will help the entire Hendrick Motorsports team.

“He is very good at feeling his car, and I feel like he is pretty confident and usually the majority of the time right about the changes,” Larson said. “I think when he can explain his car and say, ‘hey, this was better for us,’ the crew chiefs on the other teams can really look at that change and look at how it might work on our cars and apply it to it. So, he is definitely an asset for sure.”

“He is one of the best drivers in the sport.”

AP source: Jalen Hurts, Eagles agree to 5-year, \$255M extension

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Jalen Hurts finished runner-up to Patrick Mahomes in AP NFL MVP voting and lost again to him when Mahomes’ Kansas City Chiefs beat Hurts’ Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl.

But no QB is atop Hurts now — Philadelphia’s franchise player is about to become the highest-paid player in average annual value in NFL history.

Hurts and the Eagles are set to sign one of the richest deals in NFL history, agreeing to a five-year, \$255 million extension, including \$179.3 million guaranteed, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Monday because the deal was not yet final.

The Eagles announced later Monday on social media that “QB1 is here to stay.”

“Keeping the main thing in Philly,” they tweeted, referencing one of Hurts’ mottos. “We’ve agreed to terms with Jalen Hurts on a 5-year extension through the 2028 season.”

The 24-year-old Hurts was expected to receive \$51 million per season — topping Mahomes and Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers — and only Cleveland’s Deshaun Watson (\$230M) and Arizona’s Kyler Murray (\$189.5M) received more in a single contract.

“Our job in this league is go out there and win football games and make money while doing it, and I’m glad the guys doing it the right way are getting the job security they deserve,” Mahomes said Monday.

Those numbers could be topped soon depending on how the contract situation between the Baltimore Ravens and QB Lamar Jackson plays out. In a series of tweets, the star quarterback said he requested a trade as of March 2. On March 7, the Ravens put the nonexclusive franchise tag on Jackson and said they were still hopeful they could reach a long-term deal with him.

If Jackson does come back without a new deal, he could play this season on Baltimore’s \$32.4 million franchise tag.

Los Angeles Chargers QB Justin Herbert and Cincinnati



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts celebrates a touchdown run by Kenneth Gainwell during the first half of the team’s NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 27, 2022, in Philadelphia. Jalen Hurts is set to sign one of the richest deals in NFL history, agreeing to a five-year, \$255 million extension with the Philadelphia Eagles, including \$179.3 million guaranteed, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The Eagles announced on Monday, April 17, “QB1 is here to stay,” but terms were not yet announced, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final. AP PHOTO/CHRIS SZAGOLA, FILE

Bengals QB Joe Burrow could each look to Hurts’ deal as a framework for their looming extensions.

The Eagles know where Hurts will be this season.

Hurts delivered a record performance in the Super Bowl, throwing for 304 yards and a touchdown, running for 70 yards and three scores, and adding a game-tying 2-point conversion. Hurts and Mahomes were the first Black QBs to face off in a Super Bowl.

“He’s someone that plays the position the right way, he goes about his business the right way,” Mahomes said. “That’s why they were in the Super Bowl, and he played a great game in the Super Bowl, and proved a lot of people wrong that were still doubting him. It’s great for the quarterback position, the Black quarterbacks coming up behind us. We know about Lamar and the situation there, getting these guys the deals they deserve.”

Philadelphia went 14-1 in Hurts’ starts and he had 3,701 yards passing, 760 yards rushing and 35 touchdowns combined in the regular season. He led the Eagles to the top seed in

the NFC and a playoff victory over the New York Giants and over the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship game.

The Eagles went 0-2 when Hurts sat out two late-season games because of a sprained right shoulder.

The Eagles stunned fans when they drafted Hurts out of Oklahoma in the second round in 2020. They seemingly had Carson Wentz entrenched at QB and had more pressing needs. Hurts was expected to serve as insurance for Wentz. Instead, he supplanted him and became one of the top young quarterbacks in the NFL.

Hurts’ teammates were thrilled to have him back in Philly for years to come.

“Dinner on @JalenHurts!” right tackle Lane Johnson tweeted, along with money-bag emojis.

“my birthday is coming up at the right time!!!” tweeted wide receiver A.J. Brown.

Eagles general manager Howie Roseman and agent Nicole Lynn negotiated the deal with Hurts, who was set to enter the 2023 season on the final year of his rookie contract. He didn’t become the full-time starter until 2021.

Now, the Eagles can’t imagine any other player taking the snaps.

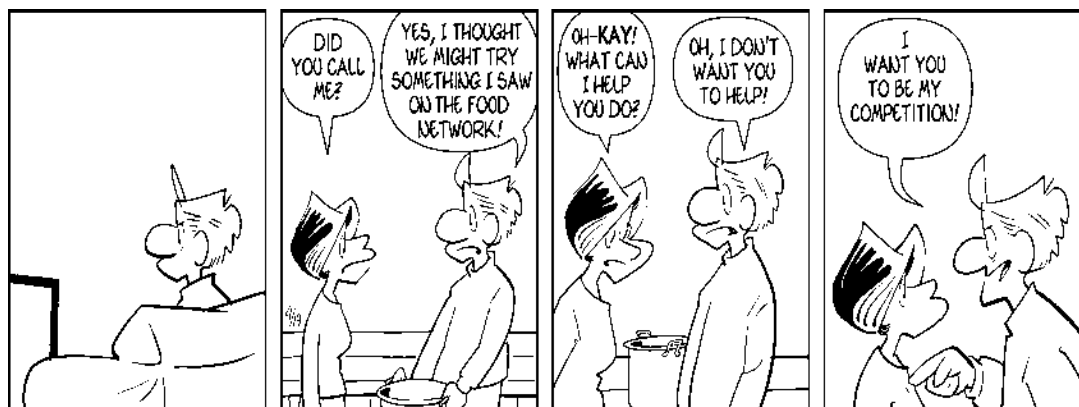
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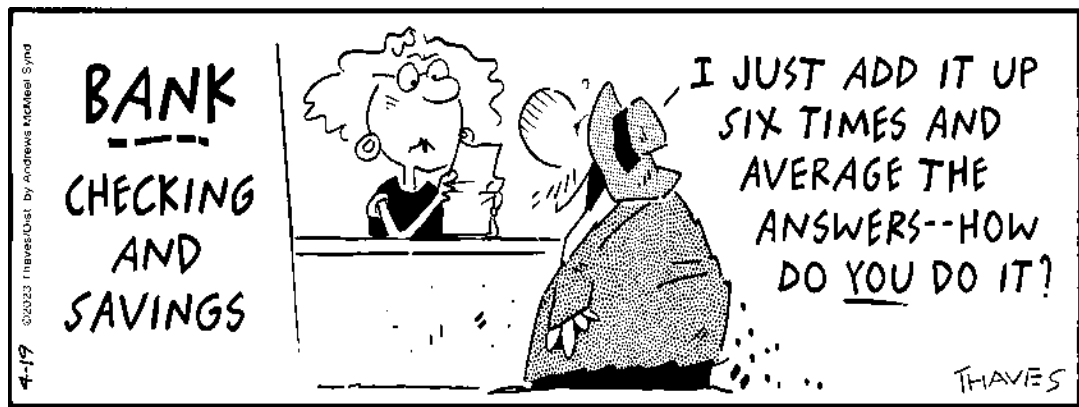
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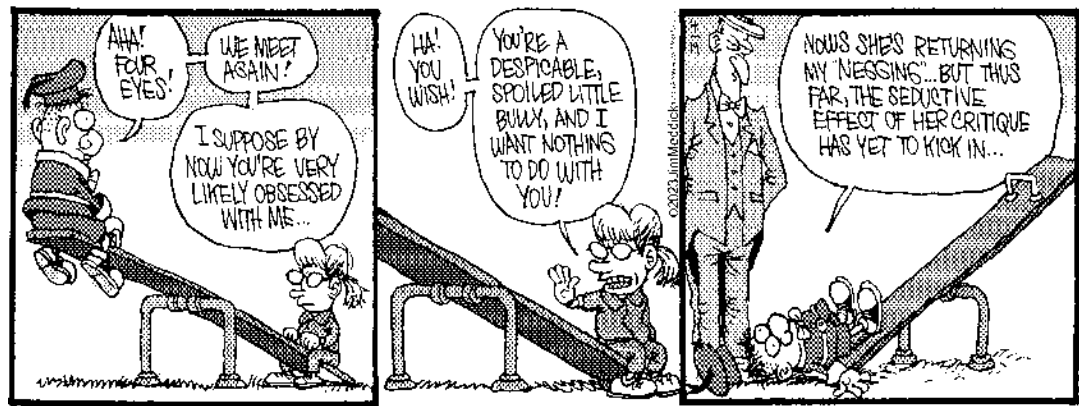
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 - 5 Stiller or Affleck
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"She tries to watch what she eats but her eyes aren't quick enough."

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Good fortune awaits. Recognizing an opportunity, taking your time and making an effort will be worthwhile. Refuse to let the little things get to you. Assess your situation to remain on track, then turn your hard work into something you are proud to present to the world. Personal growth and taking better care of your health and finances are recommended. Commitment is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Stand your ground, make your intentions clear and do what feels right. Don't overload your to-do list with favors for others when you must look out for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Emotions will be difficult to control when dealing with friends, relatives or colleagues. Choose your words wisely; sending a mixed message will only confuse matters further. Self-improvement will offer better results than trying to change others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll experience problems expressing your feelings and dealing with sensitive issues at work. Keep busy, and don't share personal information. Take better care of your health.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't take anything for granted; if you want something done, do it yourself. You'll be in emotional overdrive when helping others or engaging in joint ventures. Don't promise or take on too much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Your actions have more clout than your words. Take the initiative, set goals, test your plans and don't share your ideas with others until you have everything in place. Ignore demanding individuals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Adjust what's necessary but stick to your plans. Trying to accommodate others will leave you feeling tired and limit what you can do. If you call on reliable people, you'll meet your deadline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Experience will help hone your skills. Test how good you are, but don't expect to be perfect. Patience will be key. Mastering the art of something that makes you happy is the richest reward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Make up your mind; if you take too much time to ponder over what you are doing, you'll overthink the process. Learn all you can and meet with people who have something to contribute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Have some fun, expand your interests and meet new people. Don't feel the need to be overly generous. Let your charm lead the way. Put more thought into investments, contracts and deadlines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Listen to requests, but don't buy into something just to impress someone. An interest in someone quite different from yourself will lead to mixed results. Learn what you can and move on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A levelheaded approach to money, work and relationships will spare you from getting involved in a messy situation. Concentrate on feeling good about yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Focus on health. Join a fitness group, improve your eating habits or update your look. Dress for success. Don't let a troubled relationship bring you down; deal with it and walk away.

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NOTICE TO BID

The City of Kirksville will accept sealed bids for the supply, delivery and placement of:

One (1) Double plumbed ADA accessible prefabricated restroom facility with the following options:

- All Stainless Steel fixtures
- Electric Hand warmer
- Exterior mounted, stainless steel Dual ADA accessible Water Fountain
- Other accessories as described in specifications and drawings.

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The bids will be opened and publicly read at 3:00 pm CST on Thursday, May 18, 2023. All bids must be submitted on blank forms furnished by the City of Kirksville. Responses that contain any omission, erasures, or alterations, or responses that contain any irregularities of any kind may be rejected as unresponsive. No proposal will be considered unless properly signed by the bidder, or a legally authorized agent or representative.

As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), P.L. 117-58, on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

Bids will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Franklin St., Kirksville, Missouri, 63501-3508, **until 3:00 pm CST on May 18, 2023.** Regardless of the method of delivery, bids must be plainly marked in the lower left corner of the envelope: **Sealed Bid – Prefabricated Concrete Restrooms Spur Pond & Patryla Park (PA-22-002).**

Any bids received after the designated time of the announced bid opening shall be refused and returned unopened to the Bidder. All bids shall be F.O.B. Kirksville, Missouri. Copies of the bid specifications may be obtained from Rodney Sadler, Parks & Recreation Director, by calling 660.627.1485 or emailing rsadler@kirksvillemo.gov.

The City of Kirksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any bid and to award the bid in the best interest of the City.

The City of Kirksville hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of age, ancestry, color, disability, creed, gender, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or on any other basis that would be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law in consideration for an award. Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds are being used in this project, and all relevant federal, state, and local requirements apply.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI
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.

If no objections to the Final Settlement or Petition for Distribution are filed within twenty (20) days after the filing thereof, the Court will consider said Final Settlement and Proposed Distribution and upon approval the Court will determine the persons entitled to decedents descendible interest in the estate and the extent and character of their interest.

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 Case Number: 22AR-PR00143
CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp)

Judge or Division:
PROBATE

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.

Date of the decedent's death: June 3, 2021

Martha Cole
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Allison Jean Garrett and
Carter James Vogel of
Moberly, MO, were united in
marriage on May 18, 2019.



Kirksville Leadership Institute kicks off its 30th year

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

Kirksville Leadership Institute kicked off its 30th year on March 31. The retreat, held at the Aquatic Center, included three “incredible” presentations by Chad Ear-

hart, Dr. Dave Lusk and Jim Bergman. The day was lead by star MC Ryan Bowen, Chamber Board Vice President, and featured a special lunch outing to the K-REDI annual meeting, invitation courtesy of Carolyn Christman, executive director.

Ameren Missouri receives approval to acquire new solar facility

By Ameren Missouri



ST. LOUIS — Ameren Missouri, a subsidiary of Ameren Corporation, received approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) to acquire, upon completion, a 150-megawatt (MW) solar facility in White County, Ill. The solar facility is part of Ameren Missouri’s plan to ensure that it can supply its customers with clean and affordable energy. The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions and is anticipated to begin generating clean energy late next year.

The solar facility will also be used to support the Renewable Solutions program, which also received MoPSC approval. Ten organizations from across Missouri are the initial participants in the Renewable Solutions program. Program participants are contributing a portion of the costs of the facility, while the facility meets the energy needs of all Ameren Missouri customers. In exchange for their contribution, participating organizations receive renewable energy credits, allowing them to meet their own renewable energy goals. The Renewable Solutions program may be expanded in the future to provide additional opportunities for eligible customers.

“Thanks to the commitment of these 10 organizations, all customers will benefit from the additional renewable energy the facility provides,” said Mark Birk, chairman and president of Ameren Missouri. “The Renewable Solutions program is one of the creative, innovative partnerships we’re pursuing to support our renewable energy efforts and serve our customers’ needs while maintaining the energy reliability and resiliency our customers expect.”

The following are some of the organizations that have committed to supporting renewable energy development in our region as part of the Renewable Solutions program: Bi-State Development, bioMérieux, Emerson, General Motors, Mastercard, SSM Health and Walmart.

Earlier this year, Ameren Missouri received approval for the

planned acquisition of the 200 MW Huck Finn solar installation in central Missouri, which would be the largest solar project in company history. Huck Finn is not part of the Renewable Solutions program.

“We continue to work with developers and other stakeholders on additional renewable energy generation projects to ensure a continued supply of reliable, affordable and sustainable energy is available to meet our customers’ needs,” said Ajay Arora, chief renewable development officer at Ameren.

Ameren Missouri plans to add a total of 2,800 MW in new, clean renewable generation by 2030. Today’s announcement is the tenth solar facility the company has announced or put in service since 2019. The 150 MW solar facility in White County is expected to produce enough renewable energy to meet the annual needs of nearly 27,500 homes.

Support for Renewable Solutions

The Renewable Solutions program would not be possible without the support of local organizations.

“Emerson has established a target to achieve net-zero operations and source 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030. We commend the Ameren Missouri team for developing this opportunity to invest in renewable energy as businesses in our region work together toward a more sustainable future,” said Mike Train, senior vice president and chief sustainability officer at Emerson.

About Ameren Missouri

Ameren Missouri has been providing electric and gas service for more than 100 years. Ameren Missouri’s mission is to power the quality of life for its 1.2 million electric and 135,000 natural gas customers in central and eastern Missouri. The company’s service area covers 64 counties and more than 500 communities, including the greater St. Louis area. For more information, visit Ameren.com/Missouri.

REPORT: Small business optimism declines slightly in March

Inflation and labor quality are the leading small business operating problems

By NFIB

JEFFERSON CITY — NFIB’s Small Business Optimism Index decreased 0.8 points in March to 90.1, marking the 15th consecutive month below the 49-year average of 98. Twenty-four percent of owners reported inflation as their single most important business problem, down four points from last month. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remain at a net negative 47 percent.

“Small business owners are cynical about future economic conditions,” said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. “Hiring plans fell to their lowest level since May 2020, but strong consumer spending has kept Main Street alive and supported strong labor demand.”

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

“Optimism continues to wane among small business owners as inflation continues to put pressure on prices, willing workers remain in short supply, and a recession seems more likely. But there is good news coming out of the General Assembly for Missouri’s entrepreneurs: tax relief and workforce development measures. Taken together, these bills would yield tremendous benefit to our state’s economy and Main Street businesses. We hope Governor Parson and the General Assembly move quickly on these bills to support hardworking Missourians.”

Key findings include:

- Forty-three percent of owners reported job openings that were hard to fill, down four points from February and remaining historically very high.
- The net percent of owners raising average

selling prices decreased one point to a net 37 percent seasonally adjusted.

- The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher deteriorated six points from February to a net negative 15 percent.

As reported in NFIB’s monthly jobs report, a seasonally adjusted net 15 percent of owners are planning to create new jobs in the next three months. Twenty-six percent of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 27 percent reported none. Eleven percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem and 23 percent said that labor quality was their top business problem. Labor quality remains in second place behind inflation by one point as the top business problem.

Fifty-seven percent of owners reported capital outlays in the next six months, down three points from February. Of those making expenditures, 40 percent reported spending on new equipment, 23 percent acquired vehicles, and 11 percent spent money for new fixtures and furniture. Fifteen percent improved or expanded facilities and 6 percent acquired new buildings or land for expansion. Twenty percent of owners are planning capital outlays in the next few months, down one point from February. Overall, the small business sector shows little strength from capital spending.

A net negative 6 percent of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months. Sales are trending down. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes deteriorated six points to a net negative 15 percent.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory increases was unchanged at a net negative 1 percent. Not seasonally



adjusted, thirteen percent reported increases in stocks and 17 percent reported reductions. Nineteen percent of owners reported that supply chain disruptions still have a significant impact on their business. Another 31 percent reported a moderate impact and 35 percent reported a mild impact.

A net 1 percent of owners viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in March, up five points from February. By industry, shortages are reported most frequently in transportation (18 percent), retail (17 percent), manufacturing (16 percent), and wholesale (16 percent). Complaints of shortages in construction (3 percent) have been reduced because home sales have slowed due to higher interest rates. A net negative 4 percent of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, up three points from February.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased one point from February to a net 37 percent seasonally adjusted, the lowest since April 2021. Unadjusted, 11 percent reported lower average selling prices and 50 percent reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (71 percent higher, 16 percent lower), retail (61 percent higher, 8 percent lower), construction (57 percent higher, 8 percent lower), and finance (56 percent higher, 8 percent lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 26 percent plan price hikes, up one point.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 42 percent reported raising compensation, down six points from

February. A net 22 percent plan to raise compensation in the next three months.

The frequency of positive profit trends was a net negative 18 percent, five points better than in February. Among owners reporting lower profits, 31 percent blamed weaker sales, 23 percent blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 13 percent cited the usual seasonal change, 9 percent cited lower prices, 8 percent cited labor costs, and 3 percent cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 48 percent credited sales volumes, 21 percent cited higher prices, 18 percent cited usual seasonal change, and 5 percent cited lower labor costs.

Two percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-nine percent reported all credit needs were met and 59% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 9 percent reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts, up four points.

Three percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 26% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan, up two points. Rates are rising, but credit is still available.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the fourth quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB’s membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. This survey was conducted in March 2023.

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Scout Troop 401 scoutmaster speaks to Kiwanis Club

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Lance Llewellyn to speak at their April 13 meeting. Llewellyn is the Scoutmaster for Scout Troop 401 of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church

here in Kirksville. He presented on scouting and the work of his troop. Pictured, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elect Daniel "Dan" McGurk, Llewellyn, and Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elizabeth Clark.

Six troopers graduate from Missouri State Highway Patrol's 116th Recruit Class

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced that six troopers graduated from the patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, April 14. The ceremony took place in the Academy gymnasium in Jefferson City, and was live streamed on the patrol's Facebook page. The 116th Recruit Class reported to the academy on Jan. 3. This was an accelerated recruit class. The new troopers will report to duty in their assigned troops on April 24.

The Honorable Robin Ransom, Supreme Court of Missouri, provided the keynote address and administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Col. Olson also addressed the class during the graduation. The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors and Sgt. Andrew A. Henry, Troop H, sang the national an-



them. Trooper Dylan G. Green, class chaplain, provided the invocation and benediction.

Four class awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. The recruits accumulated 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 earned the respective award. Trooper Brett E. Twenter accepted the Physical Training Award. Trooper Eleanor A. Ferrel accepted the

Academic Award. Trooper Eleanore A. Ferrel accepted the Firearms Award. Trooper Brett E. Twenter accepted the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.

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

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

Troop B: Trooper Dustin W. Harrison, Higbee, MO, Randolph/Monroe Counties

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

Troop F: Trooper Dylan G. Green, Overland Park, KS, Marine Operations

Trooper Brett E. Twenter, Pilot Grove, MO, Cooper/Howard Counties

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

Choose the right bedding plants to start garden off right

By MU Extension

JACKSON — Beautiful flower gardens begin with the right bedding plants, says Donna Aufdenberg, University of Missouri Extension horticulturist. Before heading to the garden center, research what plants do well in your area, Aufdenberg says. Also consider whether your gardening space is sunny or shady. Aufdenberg has more tips:

- Choose stocky, short, bushy plants with green foliage. Avoid tall, spindly plants or those with insect damage.

- Choose plants with well-developed root systems. White roots indicate a healthy plant.

- Consider pinching any blooms prior to transplanting, or purchase plants without blooms. This will help the plant focus on root establishment right after transplanting instead of blooming. This will lead to plants that are healthier during the gardening season.

- Harden off plants before planting. Hardening off is the gradual process of allowing a plant to transition from a protected indoor or greenhouse environment

to outdoor conditions of fluctuating spring temperatures, wind and full sun exposure. Start moving plants outdoors about 1-1.5 weeks before the weather turns favorable enough for them to live outdoors permanently.

- Check that all cells in the pack are filled.

- Avoid the clearance rack. Stressed plants from clearance racks may disappoint.

Aufdenberg and other MU Extension horticulturists discuss timely gardening issues during the "Weekly Garden Hour" held Wednesdays at noon via Zoom.

Register for the free virtual event and/or ask a gardening question at ipm.missouri.edu/town-halls. Sessions are also livestreamed at www.youtube.com/c/muipm/live.

Sign up for the Garden Spade, a free monthly gardening e-newsletter, at mnext.us/Garden-SpadeList.

Missouri Route 15 in Scotland County to close for bridge replacement project

By MoDOT

HANNIBAL — Weather permitting, Monday, May 1, Missouri Route 15 is scheduled to close as work begins on the bridge replacement project located over North Fork Wyaconda River, 0.4 miles south of Route EE near Memphis, in Scotland County.

Completion of the new bridge is scheduled for late July. During construction, traffic will be directed around the closure on a signed detour over U.S. Route 136 to U. S. Route 63.

Included in the contract is an additional bridge replacement, located on U.S. Route 136 over North Fork



Middle Fabius River, 1.1 miles east of Route C near Lancaster in Schuyler County. This project will begin later this summer.

Bleigh Construction Company was awarded the contract last year in the amount of \$2,263,616.



KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band Concert

A Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 26 at the Truman State University Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

'People First' interest meeting

People First Interest Meeting — Are you interested in learning more about People First of Missouri and how you can help bring a chapter back to Northeast Missouri? Join Adair County SB40 for an informational interest meeting to find out more on Wednesday, April 26, 5-6 p.m. at the Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville.

Closing reception for Truman State student art exhibition

Join Truman State University's Northeast Alumni Chapter at the Truman State University Art Gallery in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall (1114), for the closing reception of the Juried Student Art Exhibition on Thursday, April 27, from 3-4 p.m. Enjoy some of Truman's best student work on display and have the opportunity to visit with the artists' about their work.

Chase Bryant to perform at Truman State

The Student Activities Board has announced the lineup for its spring concert series. The last concert will feature country artist Chase Bryant at 5 p.m. April 28 on the quad. The rain site for these concerts will be the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Admission to all concerts is free and tickets are not required.

Arbor Day-Tree Activities at Thousand Hills State Park

Come on out to Thousand Hills State Park on Friday, April 28, to celebrate Arbor Day! Learn how to identify some common native trees (optional hike to practice skills), create your own bark rubbings, and other tree activities will be available during this time. Meet at the Oak Trail next to the playground on Big Loop Trail Road at 7 a.m.

Wind Symphony I Concert

A Wind Symphony I Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 28 at the Baldwin Hall Auditorium on the Truman State University Campus.

Kirksville Diversity Festival

The Kirksville Diversity Festival will be held on April 29 from 1-4 p.m., at the Rieger Armory, 500 S. Elson Street. A.T. Still University and Truman State University will collaborate with the city of Kirksville to host the festival, a fun, free community event. Food, entertainment and activities for all ages. For additional information, contact diversity@atsu.edu.

Learn 2 Aim archery at Thousand Hills State Park

Begin your archer journey by attending a hands-on workshop this summer, Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Prior Registration is required. Register at: mostateparks.com/learn2. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

Science on Saturday at Truman State University

Elementary and middle school students interested in math and science can spend a day on the Truman State University campus participating in fun activities. Truman's chapter of Beta Beta Beta, a co-ed biology honors fraternity, will sponsor Science on

Saturday, April 29. The first session, for students in first through fifth grade, will take place from 9-11 a.m. A second session, for students in sixth through eighth grade, will take place from 12:30-3 p.m. Area students will attend classes in Magruder Hall, each lasting about 20 minutes. Session one classes this spring include: acids and bases volcano, reptiles and amphibians, and secret message writing. Among the classes in session two are: strawberry DNA extraction, lava lamps, and reptiles and amphibians. Science on Saturday is free of charge. Registration will begin March 31 on sos.truman.edu and remain open until April 14 or until both sessions are full. Spaces are limited and registration is completed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dueling Pianos at Catholic Newman Center

The Adair County Family YMCA presents Dueling Pianos on April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Catholic Newman Center, 709 S. Davis Street, Kirksville. Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos. Dinner and Show, \$50 per ticket. Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala. Cash bar provided by SIP Downtown. Call or stop by Adair County Family YMCA to purchase your tickets before they sell out (1708 S. Jamison St., 660-665-1922).

Truman Clarinet Choir Spring Concert

A Truman Clarinet Choir Spring Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on April 30 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus, 100 E. Normal Avenue.

40th annual Jim Baker-John McConnell Bass -N-Kids fishing tournament

The 40th annual Jim Baker-John McConnell Bass -N-Kids fishing tournament and clinic will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Marina at Thousand Hills State Park. Open to boys and girls up to the age of 15. Fishing clinic at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Tournament. Free to all plus free refreshments. All kids are eligible for door prizes. Clinic conducted by The Missouri Department of Conservation.

Kids to Parks Day at Thousand Hills State Park

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park to celebrate Kids to Parks Day Saturday May 20.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Kids Fishing — Join the Missouri Department of Conservation for a day of fishing at the Point. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., staff will be available with gear to help you fish or fish with you. Fishing is open to all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

11 a.m. — Nature Detective Hike Animals leave behind clues to tell us they have been in the area. Join park staff to explore the many different clues animals leave behind and learn what animals share the park with us. This hike will take place on the Oak Trail located next to the playground on Big Loop Road.

All programs are weather permitting. Check out Thousand Hills State Park on Facebook for cancellations, location changes, and other park information.

Shine: A Ladies Night Out Event

Shine: A Ladies Night Out Event featuring guest speaker Wendy Osborne, Christian comedian and illusionist Jarde Hall and local musician Ashley Lile will be held on June 3 at First Assembly of God church, 2401 S. High Street in Kirksville. Giveaways, entertainment and refreshments, Admission is free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event begins at 6:30 p.m.

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