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Papa Alpaca's Petting Zoo visits Adair County Public Library

By Marty Bachman
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Papa Alpaca's Petting Zoo made a special trip to the Adair County Public Library on Thursday, July 13. Hundreds of children and adults attended the event, which was held on the shaded north lawn of the library. Green Castle farmer Randy Jones brought the animals to the library for the event. Raffle tickets were distributed and prizes were given out after the event.



David and Judy Kittle to serve as marshals at the 76th Annual NEMO Fair, which opens Monday

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The 76th Annual NEMO Fair officially opens on Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m., when opening ceremonies will take place at the flagpole. Admission to the fair is free on Monday, and discounted advanced season pass sales will end at the start of the ceremonies.

The Grand Marshals for the 2023 NEMO Fair are longtime volunteers David and Judy Kittle. The Kittles' association with the fair began when they were school-age 4-H members exhibiting livestock and continued when their son became a member.

David served as a board member from the mid-1980s until the early 1990s, after a term as president of the fair board. As he was engaged with overseeing the fairgrounds during the busy carnival season, Judy was a 4-H volunteer, working with her son and other members helping prepare animals to show. Neither David or Judy ever expected to one day be the fair marshals.

"It was a big surprise," Judy said, "because, after all, we were doing what we enjoy doing as far as working with the fair."

It was the camaraderie, working alongside people with similar goals that motivated the Kittles' to stay involved over the years, despite the long hours and many long nights working until the fair closed and just mere hours later, returning to open for the next day. The challenges were unending and every day during every fair, the demands were relentless. But they pushed through and with every success, they strengthened their bonds with fellow board members and volunteers, many of whom they had grown up with.

"We were just with like-minded people," Judy said. "We helped each other with our children and their children and it was just a way of life. If you enjoy



Longtime NEMO Fair volunteers David and Judy Kittle, surrounded by family.

something, then naturally you want to help with it."

And the problems that came with being fair volunteers are now some of their fondest memories. She said that the fair was different in those days as there was a lot more interest and it was attended by everyone in the area. The musical acts that were booked were well-known and not an inch of space was left to sit on the arena floor or in the grandstands when it came time for a concert or rodeo attendance.

"This was the first time that really big entertainment would come to Kirksville and people came out to watch it," she said about her and David's time as volunteers.

One year, given the job to keep visitors out of the arena until sound checks were made, Judy said that people were ingenious in the ways they sought to get in early enough to get a good spot to park a lawn chair near the stage. She remembers one couple in particular that pulled up to the gates in their van with a handicap sticker, limping towards her and barely able to walk.

"As soon as we said okay, soundcheck's over, you can go ahead and bring your chairs in, those people ran for it," she said. "I mean these people who could hardly get out of their van, would grab three lawn chairs and head to the mid-

dle of the arena right in front of that stage."

She remembers a lot of the acts as well, most who were kind and polite and others that were aloof and egotistical. One band leader insisted he be driven in a limo from the trailer to the stage and back again after the show; a distance of about 300 feet. She said that the singer also refused to sign autographs for fans that attended his show, but one year she watched as another performer, a female artist, spent hours after the show signing autographs and mingling with fans.

Before the city of Kirksville annexed the fairgrounds into the city limits, security was provided by Adair County Sheriff deputies and county volunteer firefighters of which she was a member, and beyond escorting artists to the stage, they provided emergency first aid if it was needed.

It was a different time, Judy said, noting that while the values of today's participants, the 4-H members and volunteers is the same, public interest in the fair or even 4-H isn't what is used to be. She noted that people have the internet today and they travel to Columbia, St. Louis or Kansas City for entertainment, spending three times as much money.

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Kirksville City Council discusses the hiring of a deputy city manager

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at a study session held on July 10, discussed the possibility of adding a deputy city manager position to the city's organizational structure.

According to a staff report, currently, the city has an assistant city manager, whose job responsibilities are focused on community and economic development, which includes community improvements, economic development projects/initiatives, codes, planning, and public buildings.

"As it stands today, the City Manager has 13 direct reports," the staff report states. "This number has

gone up in the past, however currently the 911 Director position is being performed by the Fire Chief, and the City Engineer position is being performed by the Public Works Director. Otherwise, the number is 15 total direct reports."

The report states that of these positions, 87 percent are senior management or high-level professional positions. It notes that the title of assistant city manager should be replaced with Director of Community and Economic Development to reflect the work of that position.

"If the sole responsibility of the City Manager was to supervise these individuals, it is manageable but not ideal," the report

states. "However, that is not the sole responsibility of the City Manager and is not how the organization functions."

The report states that the optimum number of direct reports for any manager should be seven or a few more depending on the different variables, which include things like the experience of the individual in the subordinate position, the span of control of each department, and the complexity of the work.

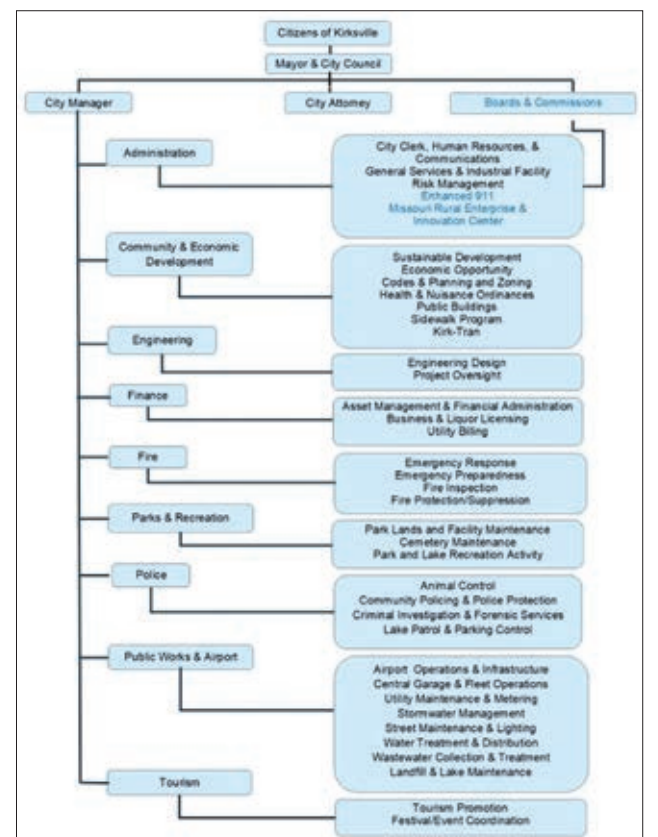
The report states that the city manager is also currently serving as the backup to the Human Resources manager, the administrative services coordinator, and sometimes the assistant

city manager.

"As the City moves forward with succession planning and continuity of services, it is imperative that one of two things need to happen, either additional executive-level support to allow for a distribution of some of the organization's services or a reduction in the level of services," the report states.

The report lists the department heads that currently report to the city manager and the lack of experience some of them have due to the short time they have been employed by the city.

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The organizational structure of the city of Kirksville.

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ROBIN WRITES

My Hero

The TV outdoorsman waves goodbye from a muddy, reptile-infested bog. His eyes sparkle as he smirks at the camera. I click the remote and glance over at my snoozing husband, safely cradled in his recliner.

Sure. He may look helpless right now, especially with those potato chip crumbs dotting his chin. But beneath that urban exterior lies a true hero.

Decades ago. We were sharing a breakfast of powdered donuts and canned soda, bouncing along in the cab of our truck. Billboards lined the highway, begging for attention.

"Visit the EXOTIC ANIMAL PARADISE", one screamed. "Two miles ahead". We decided to pop in for a look-see.

We paid our fee and rolled inside. At the first turn, I saw a sign:

"Your journey will take 60 to 70 minutes. Please maintain a safe speed of 10 mph or less".

And, "DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR FOR ANY REASON".

"Wow!" John spotted a tiger in the distance. I nodded and gulped down the dregs of my Diet Coke, popped open another, and wiped powdered sugar from my face.

Let me tell you. Ten miles per hour is really slow. It's almost like moving in reverse. The dirt path ahead squirmed a spaghetti-like trail around clumps of cranky critters. 25 minutes crawled by.

That's when it happened. I felt it creep toward my consciousness on sharp little claws of pressure.

My eyes began to water with excess body fluids. I hated to say it. But I had no choice. I turned to John, who was pointing at a shedding buffalo.

"I gotta go to the bathroom."

In all the years we've been married, I have never seen an expression more complex than the one my husband wore at that moment. His eyeballs scanned my body for possible leakage, studied my face for signs of ill-timed humor, and scoured the cab of the truck for a solution.

There are a lot of ways to show true love. Flowers. Romantic evenings. Wanton glances of desire. And I have seen them all. But let me tell you, friends—I never knew how loved I was until that moment:

John muttered through clenched teeth, dicing the syllables into tiny chunks. Then he spat out his solution.

"There's a coffee can in the back of the truck." I watch his shoulders square against the bench seat in resolve.

He glanced in the rearview mirror; studied the areas on either side of the truck. The windows were full of carnivores.

"DON'T TRY IT!" I begged. John's head twisted toward me on taut tendons of raw, brute bravery.

Then, he uttered the twenty-two words I will never forget



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

them as long as I live. "You are not going to pee on the seat of my truck. I have to drive this thing to work every day."

I saw a true hero that day, friends. John jerked his door open and sprung from the cab of the truck. He galloped toward the back and yanked open the camper shell door.

John's fingernails scraped against metal. COFFEE CAN! He dumped out the drywall nails and held the can up to the Serengeti sunlight to check for holes. It gleamed rusty red. And intact.

Pride emanated from him as he scrambled back inside the truck and slammed his door. John was safe. So was the seat of his truck. And I was relieved in a multitude of ways.

"Your throne, my sweet." My husband grinned boyishly; I was tempted to kiss him long and hard...

But instead, I just went. Sure. Those outdoor adventurers on TV are brave. But when the buffalo chips are down and the pressure mounts, my money is on my coffee can holdin', critter dodgin' man who risked life and limb to save his upholstery.

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HOME COUNTRY

Thinking of things to do during your leisure time

It was Windy Wilson's turn, unofficially, of course, to pick a coffee counter topic of learned truth and everlasting beauty. We sorta took turns without keeping score.

"Ya know," said the old camp cook, "Been thinkin'." We gave him a second or two. Didn't work.

"About what, Windy?" said Doc.

"'bout leisuractively activities. You know, what to do when you ain't doin' nothin' else." We grinned and sipped. Good topic, Windy. This works.

"I like to read catalogs," said Herb. "You can get all kinds of ideas in them. Don't much care, really, what kind of catalogs, either. So what if I don't know a thing about wrist watches? I can always learn."

"With me," said Doc, "it's fly fishing. When I've had a hard day with lots of patients, I just want to go down to Lewis Creek and whip the surface film into a froth. Doesn't even matter if I catch anything or not."

"I hear ya," said Dud. "It's a little different with me."

Working on writing that mystery ("Murder in the Soggy Bottoms") takes it outa me, you know? So I like to spend my leisure time reading things other guys wrote. Af-



SLIM RANDLES
HOME COUNTRY

ter about an hour of reading what some other poor soul suffered through, I'm ready to go fishing with Doc."

Doc looked over at Windy, who had initiated this topic, but strangely seemed content to sit there and listen to the leisurely ideas of others.

"What about you, Windy? How do you unwind?"

"Well, Doc, glad you asked. Them kids was on their way home from school jest t'other day and I come crost 'em when they wasn't payin' too much tension. And I could see they hadn't figured out anythin' leisure, you know? So I told 'em 'bout my sure-fire way to relax. What I do is set down on the front porch and think about fun stuff while I pick scabs off the neighbor's dog."

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POEM



Mega-Memory Night

It's Mega-Memory Night... time to unlock that memory bank... and get those mental pictures on display,

How much from your past... is just itching to get out... it's itching to get out today?

You know this can be fun... all those thoughts from the past... writing them down and counting them out,

How many will you have... I'm sure quite a few... there'll be a lot without a doubt.

Like a 15 cent... Hi-Ho hamburger... a whole meal was pretty darn cheap,

Buying gas for your car... during all those gas wars... \$2 could fill your old heap.

Pulling my mower... behind my bike... stopping at the Tastee Freeze on my way home.

It seems like... I just needed a quarter... and I could buy the biggest cone.

Watching the Bulldogs... back in the '60's... all those hotdogs and that popcorn helped me grow,

I was the chief groundskeeper... for Coach Boyd King... meaning I mowed his yard and shoveled his snow.

The swimming pool park... on a hot summer's day... it was almost too hot for me,

Waiting to buy chips... as the juke box was blaring... "... they're coming to take me away ha-ha, ho-ho, hee-hee..."

So what are your memories... your thoughts from the past... things that made you smile?

You just might find... that this can be fun... and you can do it for quite a while.

— Daniel D. Donovan

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

By Adair County Health Department

Welcome to this week's Public Health Corner article, where we raise awareness for healthy living, community resources and pressing issues that may affect the health of our community. This week we will share more details about the Adair County Health Department, our mission and the services that we provide.

The mission of the Adair County Health Department is to promote health, wellness, and protect the public from disease through health education; and providing professional, client centered services in our clinics, homes, and community. Our clinical staff is passionate about helping our community stay healthy, they are skilled and prepared to help in any way they can. See the Image included for a listing of our services/hours:

ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1001 S. Jamison St.
Kirksville, MO 63501

Our Services

→ Clinics

- Lab Draws
 - Low Discounted Prices Available
- Child and Adult Vaccines
- TB Testing
- Injections
- PT/INR
- Port Flushes
- Travel Vaccines
 - Yellow Fever
 - Typhoid
- Flu/Pneumonia Vaccines
- UA Dipstick
- 5 - Panel Drug Testing
- STD Testing/Treatment
- Pregnancy Testing
- Public Health Education
- Community Referrals

→ Screenings

- Vital Signs
 - Blood Pressure
 - Heart Rate/Pulse
 - Hemoglobin
 - O2 Stats
- Blood Pressure
- Blood Sugar
- Vision
- Carbon Monoxide
- Hemoglobin A1C

→ Clinical Programs

- Maternal/Child Health
 - Car Seat Installations and Inspections
 - Safe Cribs Program
- Communicable Disease Investigation
- Smoking Cessation Assistance

→ WIC Program

- Nutrition & Health Education
- Breastfeeding Education
- Benefits for Nutritious foods

→ Home Health Services

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Licensed Professionals
- We Accept:
 - Medicare
 - Private Insurance & Private Pay
 - Worker's Compensation
 - VA Benefits

→ Other Programs and Services

- Birth & Death Certificates
- NARCAN Distribution Site
- Environmental Health Services
 - Food Ordinance and Food Employee Training
 - Food Permits & Inspections
 - Private Water Testing
 - Inspection for Lodging/Childcare Facilities
 - Animal Bite Investigation

→ Emergency Planning/Education

- Emergency Preparedness
- Mitigation Activities
- Training and Education
- Community Volunteer Corps
- Medical Reserve Corps

🕒 Hours

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday
WIC Hours: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday - Thursday
Clinic Days/hrs: 8:30 am - 3:15 pm Monday & Wednesday
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TURNING THE PAGE

This Week
in Local
History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago, July 9, 1913

J. H. McDowell of Kirksville returned from the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Battle of Gettysburg in which he took part as a member of the 139th Pennsylvania Infantry in July 1863. The battle marked the turning point of the Civil War. McDowell stood again on Little Round Top where he was stationed from July 2 until the night of July 3, 1863. He visited many of the historic points on the battlefield marked by monuments showing a battle line six miles long. There were 250 Civil War veterans on the train which took Mr. McDowell to Gettysburg. Few of them wore either blue or gray uniforms and they all, whether Union or Confederate soldiers, mixed in perfect accord.

110 Years Ago, July 14, 1913

A Kirksville woman, Edith Lowe, the mother of a young baby, was charged with assault after she pulled off her shoe and began beating a seventeen-year-old, Millie Horton, on the west side of the Kirksville square. As near as authorities could figure out, it was not much of a fight. The Lowe woman attacked the Horton girl without provocation. The report stated that the Lowe woman sailed right up to Horton, pulled off one of her slippers, and began beating her over the head with it. After the two were separated, the Horton girl and her mother went to the office of the prosecuting attorney and filed a complaint against the woman who attacked her. Horton had "a bump on her forehead as large as a quail egg where the heel of the slipper had struck her." Mrs. Lowe gave no reason for her attack in pleading guilty, but the authorities heard that she accused the Horton girl of "making eyes" at her husband. After her plea was entered, Justice Lindsey allowed her to go home to care for her baby upon her promise to appear in court the next morning at 10 a.m. At 3 p.m. Mrs. Lowe had failed to appear.

100 Years Ago, July 10, 1923

A Ku Klux Klan branch was organized at a meeting in Kirksville according to information on the Kirksville streets. Reports indicated that the chapter would begin with one hundred members. Rumors about town for several days indicated that a Ku Klux Klan organizer was in Kirksville. It was known that the Klan was extending its activities into the northern part of Missouri. The movement was not announced to the newspapers as it was a highly secret organization. Indications were that hundreds of men in Adair County received letters asking them about their feeling toward the Klan and about organizing in Kirksville. Instructions accompanying the letters suggested a reply to a post office box. The next morning after the organizational meeting, copies of "The Patriot," a Ku Klux Klan paper published in St. Louis, were scattered over the business section of town. From comments heard around town, it appeared the local chapter would be a strong one, but not as strong as in the southern towns.

70 Years Ago, July 12, 1953

Forest Lake had drawn over 5,000 fishermen in its twelfth day since the opening of the lake to fishing July 1, 1953. The numbers of fish caught dropped since opening day, but conservation agent, Bob Craig, said



that anglers were reporting larger fish and quicker catches. He said that the largest bass taken since opening day was a three-pounder. Most of the fish taken were bluegill and bass with a shortage of channel cat.

50 Years Ago, July 12, 1973

A longstanding landmark in Kirksville, which originally served as a luxury hotel, and later as the first community nursing home, fell to the crushing jaws of a crane. The Quinlan Hotel, which was built in the early 1900s to accommodate those traveling by train, was one of the most luxurious hotels in the area. It flourished during the passenger train era, and then was used as Community Nursing Home No. 1 from 1940 until 1968. As the passenger train era ended, the hotel business started to fade. For a time, the building was used for apartments, and by 1940 it was owned by Dr. Harry Still and was vacant. Dr. Still then sold it to the nursing home board, and it was remodeled and became a nursing home. It was home to about 65 residents. It continued in operation as a nursing home until 1968 when the new nursing home was built on Osteopathy Street. After the nursing home moved out, Ruby Green and Claude Jacobs bought the property from the nursing home board, and parts of it were rented for two or three years. After becoming vacant, the owners decided to have it removed. The building was located on the west side of the railroad tracks across from Washington Street near the site of the Wabash passenger depot.

50 Years Ago, July 15, 1973

The new \$1.5 million Florsheim Shoe Factory was to resume operation marking the opening of operations in the new plant on Shepherd Avenue. Employees were on vacation for two weeks as finishing touches were made on the new facility. Construction on the new factory began a year before. It covered 104,000 square feet.

30 Years Ago, July 8, 1993

The "five-hundred-year flood of 1993" was beginning to take its toll on Adair County farmers in the Novinger area. As the Chariton River near Novinger began to flood, crops in the bottom land were covered with water. Donald Wayman, one of the bottom land farmers, said that about 80 percent of his crops were covered with water. Wayman started farming in 1958 and said that his first crop was flooded out by the Chariton. In the 1993 crop season he expected to lose around \$90,000. Other farmers in the area reported similar anticipated losses. Charles Sevits had 800 acres under water. Gail Scott and Ed Grgurich reported flooded bean and corn fields. Grgurich told reporters "I'm feeling real down and out right now. There is a good chance I'm going to lose my crop." His 500 acres of beans were 80 percent covered with flood water.

30 Years Ago, July 11, 1993

A Hollister employee, Bea Bratton, became the second Hollister employee to win big in the Missouri lottery. Bratton was a \$100,000 winner of the Missouri Lottery's Supercash game. In August 1991 Joe Lucas, also a Hollister employee, learned that his wife was the winner of \$2.7 million in the Missouri lottery. Bratton purchased her winning ticket at Easter Foods in Kirksville.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 59

What happened to Miller family after they left Adair County? — Chapter 2

By Blytha Ellis, President
Adair County Historical Society
and Museum

The Robert Emmet Miller family who came to pre-Adair County in 1836 from Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky., had settled on the west side of the Chariton River where they stayed until 1845. At that time, they immigrated to Oregon Territory. In our last episode of this history, we reviewed the lives of the first five Miller children. This episode continues with short bios on the six younger Miller children and what happened to them after they left Adair County.

James Napper Tandy Miller (1826-1900) was the 5th child and the second son of the Miller family. He left Adair County with his parents in 1845 when he was 19. In 1849, he piloted a company of men to the California gold fields where they were quite fortunate and made considerable money.

However, on the return trip home, James and his men tragically lost \$20,000 of their gold when they were crossing a swollen stream. History tells us that miners often kept their gold dust and nuggets in buckskin pouches or belts on their bodies for safe keeping. Sometimes it was stored in tin boxes or in knapsacks on horses when they were traveling. We don't know how James or his men were transporting the gold they lost, but whatever the container, it was washed away by the height and rush of the swollen river.

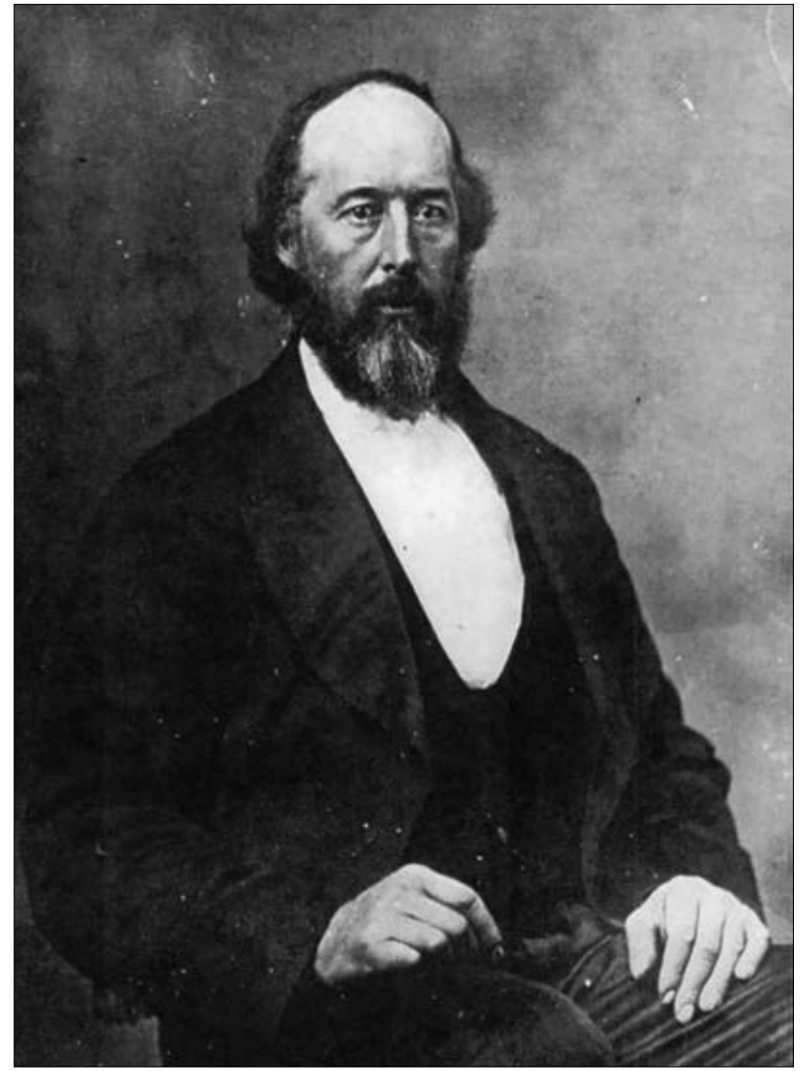
Though they searched for this gold with bitter tears, they were never able to recover any of it. Probably some very unsuspecting person downstream benefited greatly when this gold was found (if it ever was found). What a tragedy it was for James and his crew. However, from all indications, they did still have some of their gold left which was perhaps carried on a different person or pack animal.

After his prospecting days, James moved from the Willamette Valley to Jackson Co., Ore., where he took up a Donation Land Claim and established what was called a "famous" vineyard, as well as raised and sold horses. He was a prominent figure in the Indian Wars of the Northwest Territory of 1852-56. It was said of him that he "had an iron nerve, was brave to a fault and that his aim was unerring and fatal." (From Southern Oregon Pioneer Association Records, Vol II)

James served as an Oregon senator 1866-70 and started a Democratic newspaper. In the Modoc War of 1872-73, he was appointed by the Oregon Governor as Commissary General of Volunteers and was given the rank of colonel. He was also involved in federal politics, and the reference above describes him as "an upright and honorable citizen."

In 1853, Col. James Napper Tandy Miller was married to Betsy Ann Awbrey, and they had at least eight known children. Both the Colonel and his wife are buried in Jacksonville, Ore.

Margaret Catherine Miller (1829-1913) was a child of 9 when her two horseback-riding cousins came to visit the Millers in pre-Adair County in 1838. She married Joseph Charlton in Adair County when both were



Gen. James Napper Tandy Miller (1826-1900), son of Robert Emmet and Sarah (Ferguson) Miller, spent several of his teen years in Adair Co. Immigrated to Oregon in 1845.



teenagers. They had one infant daughter when they went with both sets of their parents, the Millers and Charltons, to Oregon. They would have a total of eight children. Margaret and Joseph are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

Parthenia Elizabeth Miller (1831-1861) was 14 when she crossed the plains with her parents. In 1849, she married Capt. James Menzies aboard a ship on the Columbia River in Oregon. Capt. Menzies was born in Scotland. In early life, his father died and his mother remarried to a British officer who moved the family to Ireland and then to India. Young James apprenticed as a gunsmith, then went to sea. He worked his way up to captain and then owner of his own ship. He piloted a ship on the Columbia River, then farmed on Sauvie's Island in the Northwest Territory. He and Parthenia had five children before sadly she died at the age of 31. The Captain remarried, had other children and lived until age 63. Both Parthenia and James are buried in Oregon but in different cemeteries.

Robert Emmet Miller Jr. (1834-1912) was a 5-year-old youngster in 1838 when his family lived on the west side of the Chariton River in pre-Adair County. Nothing much is known about his life after he went to Oregon with his parents. In the 1850 census, he is listed as age 17, living with his parents in the Oregon Territory. Later, there is a record of someone by his name and birth year working as a stock man in Elko County, Nevada. That person is also buried in Nevada, but we cannot confirm this is our subject.

William Parcels Miller (1836-1895), was only 2 when he first met his two namesakes, William Parcels Linder and William Henry Parcels Jr., the scouting cousins in Adair County. After the Millers moved to Oregon, William Parcels Miller farmed with his parents, raised stock and ran pack trains,

In 1861, there was a company of 75 organized to prospect for gold, and William was elected captain. This group was the first discoverers of the John Day, Burnt River and Powder River gold mines which turned out to be very rich. William moved to Yakima Valley in Washington Territory in 1869 where he resided until 1877. He served in the company of his older brother, Capt. John Ferguson Miller, during the Rogue River War of 1853, and he took an active part in the Umatilla War of 1877-78. He was commissioned as a Colonel. In 1878, Col. Miller was appointed warden of the Oregon State Penitentiary by the governor. In the book, Pen Pictures of Representative Men of Oregon (1882), Col. William Parcels Miller was described in his position as warden as "an excellent manager, a careful financier, and well liked by the inmates."

Col. William Parcels Miller married Sara Elizabeth Rafferty who was also born in Missouri and was the daughter of pioneers who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. They had two children, a son who died in infancy and a daughter who died at 35 with no descendants. All four are buried in San Jose, Calif.

Finally, the last Miller child, Thomas Benton Miller, is known to have been born in January of 1839, in Adair County and was 6 years old in 1845 when his parents hitched up their ox teams and began that perilous journey over the Oregon Trail. So far as is known, he grew up in Oregon, but no trace of his adult life, death nor burial can be found. His life remains a mystery.

(Next time: The Linder Family from Europe to Adair County, MO)

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Missouri Corn and FFA members create agriculture hype

By Missouri Corn Merchandising Council

JEFFERSON CITY — Thirty high school seniors from across Missouri completed the ninth annual Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE) FFA Academy June 27-29 in Jefferson City. Sponsored by the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, the three-day academy is designed to inform and empower agriculture students to effectively engage in issues impacting today's industry.

"These FFA members have the potential to be the next leaders in agriculture," notes MCMC Chairman Brent Hoerr. "So much of our success is now tied to being able to engage in the tough conversations and issues that have the potential to help or hurt growers. Whether it be friends, neighbors, strangers online, or decision-makers, being able to tell our story and share our concerns is vital. Today's HYPE Academy helps students hone those skills and prepare them to be the voice of rural



Thirty Missouri FFA members gathered in Jefferson City June 27-29 for the ninth annual Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE) Academy. Sponsored by the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council, the three-day event focuses on advocacy and honing skills to be stronger voices for the agriculture industry.

Missouri as they head into college and their careers."

Students learned how to effectively talk about their experiences in farming, overcome obstacles, and develop their communication and personal skills. Learning sessions included advocacy training, communication basics, and so-

cial media outreach. Students hear from farmers, industry representatives, social media influencers, and Congressman Mark Alford on how to effectively advocate on issues. The group also toured the Missouri Soybean Center for Innovation to learn more about the advancements

and research being done on behalf of farmers.

Wrapping up the academy, participants put their skills into action during mock legislative hearings at the Missouri State Capitol. Students presented key issues to Missouri Sen. Barbara Washington and State Reps. Willard

Haley, Jim Schulte, Emily Weber, Ashley Aune, Peggy McGaugh, and Doyle Justus. Students also had the chance to meet with Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn.

"This is a great opportunity for our members to gain confidence, and put another tool in their

advocacy toolbox," noted Missouri FFA State Advisor Keith Dietzschold. "As seniors, these students are in a unique position to tell their story to a much broader audience in the next few years. We know these tools will not only serve them well, but agriculture as a whole and are grateful Missouri Corn continues to support this opportunity for students to grow."

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KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: JULY 5-7, 2023

ARREST REPORTS

JULY 5-6
Assault 3rd Degree/Simple (F E), Slender Nicole Crenshaw, Kirksville
Trespass (M) 1st Degree, Martin Lloyd Robbin, Kirksville

JULY 7-10
DWI-Alcohol (M B)
Caitlyn Kay Schwenn, Kirksville
Leny Delcid-Munguia, Kirksville
Keeping or Maintaining a Public Nuisance, Catherine L. Christiansen, Kirksville
Property Damage 1st Degree (F), Bella Maree Brown, Kirksville
Warrant-Adair County X2, Ely Bricen McKeenan, Kirksville

July 11-12
Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D), Thomas L. Friedrichsen, Jr. Kirksville
No Valid License-1st Offense (M), William A. Johnson, Kirksville

INCIDENT REPORTS

JULY 5
8:42 a.m., Assault/Simple, 3rd Degree (F E), 1304 S. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Selena Crenshaw, 48
9:15 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1615 N. Green Street, Meg Page, 27
9:36 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1101 E. Normal Avenue
9:45 a.m., Animal/Trap, 413 W. Illinois Street
9:46 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street, Silvia Comara, 49

9:50 a.m., MVA/Minor, U.S. Hwy. 6
11:06 a.m., MVA/Minor, 1700 N. Baltimore Street
11:21 a.m., Check the Well Being, (No Address)
12:11 p.m., MVA/Minor, South Baltimore Street
12:37 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, Missouri Street
1:31 p.m., Property/Recovered, 1303 E. McPherson Street
1:32 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, 13 Devlin Place
2:07 p.m., Assault/Aggravated, Civil Dispute, 1200 N. Walnut Street
2:25 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting, 2214 N. Baltimore Street
2:37 p.m., Shoplifter, Stealing-From Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting, From Building, Coin Machine, 3309 N. Baltimore Street
2:43 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Civil Dispute, 712 N. Marion Street
3:21 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 303 Hillcrest Drive
4:06 p.m., Fraud (F) Use of Credit Device Over \$750; Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), 215 N. High Street
4:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2214 N. Baltimore Street
4:53 p.m., Check the Well Being (No Address)
6:23 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing Motor Fuel (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street
7:01 p.m., Civil Dispute, 601 N. Elson Street

7:39 p.m., Lost/Stolen Property, Stealing-From Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting, From Building, Coin Machine, 7 Drake Drive
8:01 p.m., Lost/Stolen Property, Stealing-From Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting, From Building, Coin Machine, 7 Drake Drive
10:02 p.m., Suicide/Ideation, Check the Well Being, No Address
11:26 p.m., Property/Recovered, 501 W. Filmore Street

JULY 6
12:37 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assisting Other Agency, South Baltimore Street
1:05 a.m., Assisting Other Agency, 23023 Rainbow Basin Trail
1:24 a.m., Services Rendered, Assisting Other Agency-ACSO, Rural Fire, 23005 U.S. Hwy. 63
7:49 a.m., MVA/Minor, 1203 N. Baltimore Street
7:51 a.m., Animal/Trap, 802 S. Fifth Street
8:10 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1202 E. Pierce Street
8:22 a.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, Burglary 1st (Attempt) Residential (F B); Trespass (M) 1st Degree, 301 S. High Street, Arrestee: John Pruet, 48
11:55 a.m., Lost/Stolen Property, Recovered Property, 115 N. Elson Street
12:39 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Auto (M), 2206 N. Baltimore Street
12:42 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing Parts or Accessories of Vehicle (M), 301 W. Washington Street
12:43 p.m., Assisting Other Agency, ICAC -Task Force
12:43 p.m., Investigation, 119 E. McPherson Street
1:01 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 2202 E. Normal Avenue
1:01 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing Parts or Accessories of Vehicle (M), 1002 E. Patterson Street
1:52 p.m., MVA/Minor South Baltimore Street
4:20 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1007 E. Pierce Street
4:58 p.m., Warrant, 112 W. McPherson
7:21 p.m., Suspicious/Vehicle, Peace Disturbance, 602 S. Elson Street
7:48 p.m., Civil Dispute 1305 N. Mulanix Street



9:34 p.m., MVA/Minor U.S. Hwy. 6
10:01 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, 502 N. Baltimore Street, Kirk Ammons, 31
10:41 p.m., Property/Lost-Recovered, 401 N. Main Street
11:57 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 315 N. High Street

JULY 7
12:24 a.m., Extra Patrol, 1506 Baird Street
12:52 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Building (M), 710 W. Elizabeth Street
2:15 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 908 Pheasant Drive
5:16 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1311 E. Jefferson Street
6:48 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, 1217 S. Baltimore Street

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Truman soccer teams looking to build off 2022 as 2023 season approaches

By Adam Tumino

There is about a month remaining until the start of the 2023 seasons for the Truman State men's and women's soccer teams. The women's team kicks things off with an exhibition on Aug. 18 and the men follow suit two days later with an official game. Let's take a look at what these teams did last season and what to possibly expect this season.

Women's Soccer

The women's team established itself as a strong defensive team last season, in fact ranking near the top of the nation in defensive categories. Offensive struggles kept the Bulldogs from really taking off though.

They finished the season with a 3-6-7 overall record and a 1-6-5 conference record, finishing in 11th place in the GLVC. Truman managed to start the season in

impressive fashion, shutting out their opponents for the first seven matches of the season. They had a 3-0-4 record in that stretch before falling 3-0 to Maryville for their first loss of the season. That loss was the only time that the Bulldog defense allowed more than a single goal all season.

These impressive defensive stats unsurprisingly were surpassed by few teams in 2022. The Bulldogs allowed just 10 goals all season, tied for the fourth-fewest among all Division II women's soccer teams. Goalkeepers Beth Hopwood and Tatumn Damron split time evenly in net. Damron had a slightly better save percentage than senior Hopwood as a sophomore and will be back to anchor the Bulldogs in 2023.

Offensively, the Bulldogs scored just six goals. The goals were scored by six individual players, all of which are eligible to return this season. With all



scorers returning and a goalkeeper that helped the team thrive defensively, the Bulldogs will look to reach the GLVC Tournament with only one season between appearances. They went 9-3-2 in conference play in 2021 to earn the third seed in the conference.

They will play three exhibition games on Aug. 18, Aug. 20 and Aug. 26 before playing their first official game on Sept. 1 against Saginaw Valley State on Sept. 1. Their home opener is Sept. 10 against Winona State and the conference opener is against Upper Iowa on Sept. 17, also at home.

Men's Soccer

The Bulldogs finished the 2022 regular season by going 2-0-2 in their final four matches to earn the seven seed in the GLVC Tournament. They posted an overall record of 5-6-6 and conference record of 4-4-4. They suffered a 1-0 loss to Lewis to open the GLVC Tournament.

It was the first time the Bulldogs made the GLVC Tournament after joining the conference prior to the 2013 season. Last season also marked a massive improvement over the 2021 season. In 2021, the Bulldogs went 1-14-1 overall and 1-12-1 in conference play, finishing in last place in the conference for the second-straight year. Head coach Duke Cochran was named GLVC Co-Coach of the Year for leading the improved Bulldogs.

They opened the season by going 1-1-1 in a trio of non-con-

ference matches before winning their first two conference matches, first beating Southwest Baptist 5-3 and then defeating Missouri S&T 3-1. They then went 0-4-4 over the next eight matches before the final stretch of matches led into the conference tournament.

The Bulldogs finished 11th in the conference in goals per game and eighth in goals allowed per game. They did rank second in the conference in saves, thanks to sophomore goalkeeper Justin Olwig. He in fact led the conference with 75 saves while still posting a solid save percentage of .758, ranking fifth in the conference.

Offensively, the Bulldogs were led by veteran players. All five players that scored multiple goals were upperclassmen. Returning are the team's third and fourth leading scorers, Jack Knust and Sam Newton. They had nine and seven points on the season respectively.

The season begins on Aug. 20 with a road match against Westminster College. The Bulldogs' home opener will be their third match of the season, which will be on Sept. 3 against Columbia College. The conference opener will also be at home when the Bulldogs host Upper Iowa on Sept. 17.



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And Your 2023 Missouri Junior Amateur Champions Are...

By Missouri Golf Association

SMITHVILLE, Mo. (July 12, 2023) —The second and final round of the 2023 Missouri Junior Amateur Championship at Paradise Point Golf Complex in Smithville, Mo. took place yesterday. Congratulations to Bailey Burkett and Archer Schnieders on shooting the low scores of the tournament and being crowned the 2023 Missouri Junior Amateur Champions!

At the top of the leaderboard on the boys' side, the 2023 Missouri Junior Amateur Male champion is Archer Schnieders (Jefferson City). After shooting five under par, 68, to tie for the lead during round one, he took control on the front nine during the second round, sinking three birdies. Schnieders finished the round with two more birdies on the back to claim the lead. He secured the top spot with a total gross score of 137, seven under par. After shooting one under during Monday's round, William Boyd (California) shot six under par, 67, during round two to soar up the leaderboard and take home second place. Boyd birdied six holes during the second round to bring his total score to 138. Trigg Lindhal (Hermann) sat tied for first after Monday's round of play with a score of five under, 68. Lindhal struggled on the front nine during the second round, but an eagle on hole 17 and birdie on hole 18 helped him keep his spot in the top three.

In the boys' 14-15 division, Peyton Smith (Lee's Summit) held onto his lead from the first round to win the flight. He shot one over par, 145. Smith had two solid rounds on both days of play to pull his first place finish with just one bogey today. Dawson Schnieders (Jefferson City) followed his lead, shooting a total of five over par, 149. Schnieders had an excellent first round, sinking three birdies to build his motivation on Monday. He struggled more during the sec-



Bailey Burkett MISSOURI GOLF ASSOCIATION



Archer Schnieders MISSOURI GOLF ASSOCIATION

ond round but sunk a birdie on hole 12 to help push him to his second-place finish. Shooting

six over par, 150, and coming in third place is Logan Lowry (Carl Junction). Lowry played a

solid two rounds, shooting two over, 74, during round one and four over, 76 during the second.

On the girls' side, Bailey Burkett (Kansas City) is the 2023 Missouri Female Junior Amateur Champion. Burkett was sitting in second place going into the second round of stroke play, three strokes behind the low score. She birdied three holes during her second round to pull ahead of her competition. A double bogey on hole 16 looked as though it could jeopardize Burkett's win, but birdies on hole 17 and 18 helped secure her title with a score of three over, 147. After being the only girl to shoot under par on Monday, Jaylee Castro (Kansas City) shot five over par during the second round to bring her total gross score to 148. She placed second overall in the 16-18 Female flight. Hanna Maschhoff (Lake Ozark) shot four over par, 75, during round two to hold her third place spot on the leaderboard with a total gross score of seven over par, 151. Maschhoff made three birdies during her second round to secure her spot in the top three.

In the 14-15 female flight, Anna Bell (Poplar Bluff) placed first after leading her division through the final round of 18. Bell struggled with a double bogey on the front nine, but pulled ahead of her competitors on the back half of the course. She finished 15 over par, for 159, after the two rounds of stroke play. Josey Roberts (Ozark) placed second at 18 over par, 162. McLaughlin made four birdies during the two rounds of stroke play. Hannah Mottert (Wentzville) shot 23 over par, 167, during the two rounds, bringing home third place.

Congratulations to all medalists and flight winners on a job well done!

For final results from the championship, visit: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3928263>

Reach out to the MGA office with questions at (573) 636-8994 or mogolf@mogolf.org

MLB All-Star Game draws record-low viewership for 2nd year in row

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball's All-Star Game drew a record low in viewers for the second straight year.

The National League's 3-2 win over the American League in Seattle on Tuesday night was seen by 7,006,000 viewers on Fox, down from 7.51 million last year. The game drew a 3.9 rating, down from a 4.2 last year,

and a 12 share, the same as for the American League's 3-2 victory in Los Angeles in 2022.

The Home Run Derby on Monday night, won by Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero Jr., drew 6.11 million viewers on ESPN, down 11% from 6.88 million last year in Los Angeles, where the network had the advantage of a larger local market. The derby was ESPN's most-watched event of the summer.



National League's Elias Díaz, of the Colorado Rockies (35), celebrates his two run home run with Nick Castellanos (8), of the Philadelphia Phillies, in the eighth inning during the MLB All-Star baseball game in Seattle, Tuesday, July 11, 2023. AP PHOTO/LINDSEY WASSON

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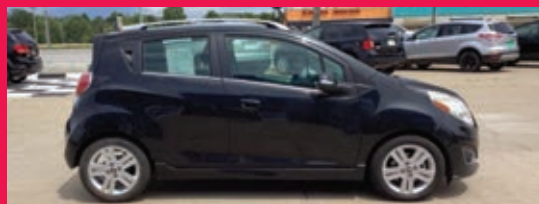


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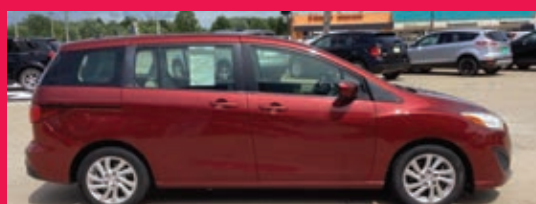
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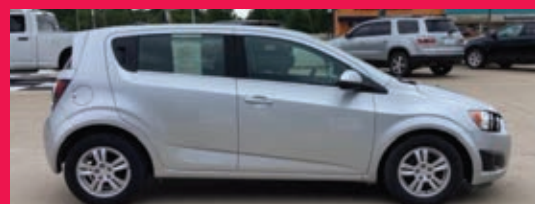
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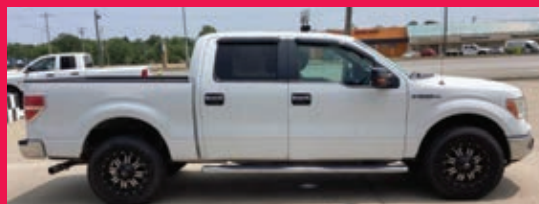
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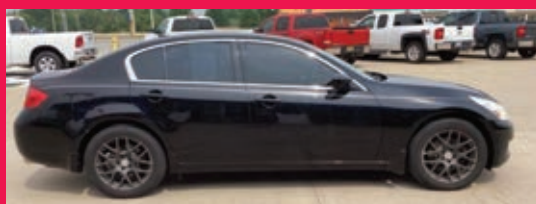
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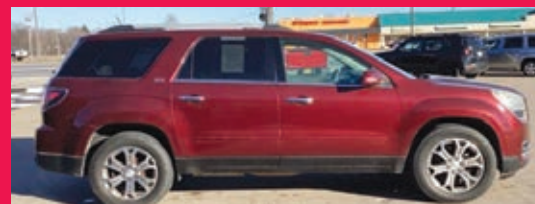
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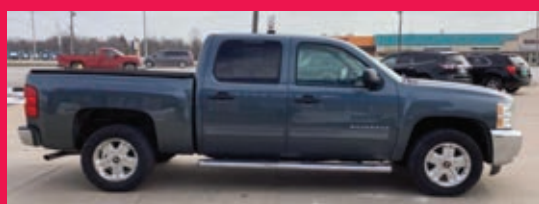
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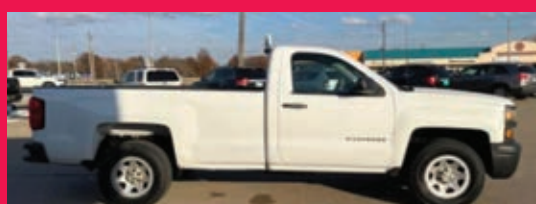
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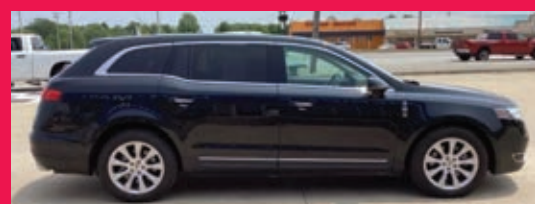
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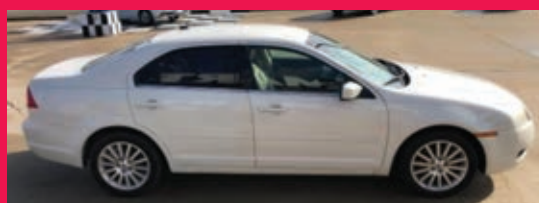
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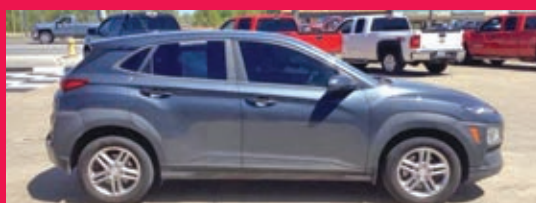
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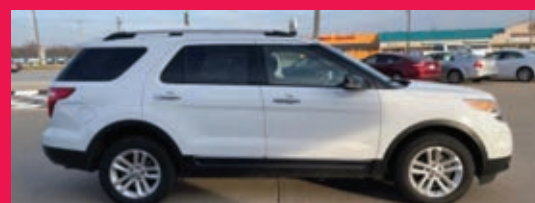
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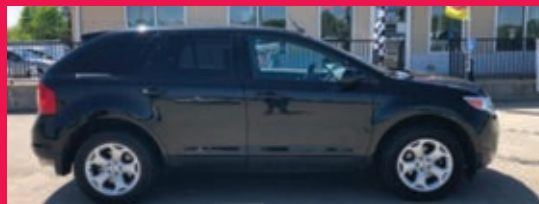
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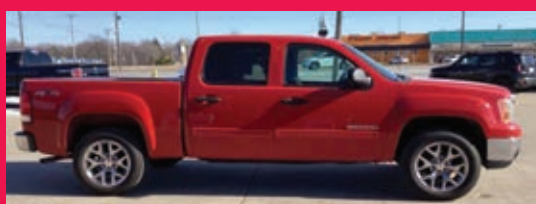
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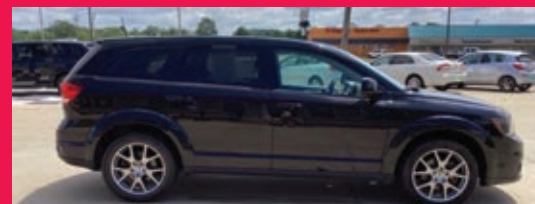
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FWD, 6 Cyl., Black



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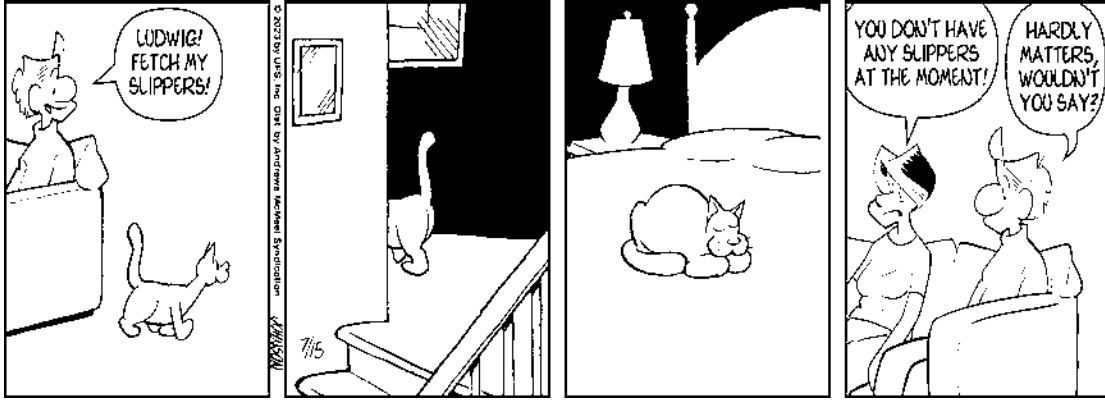
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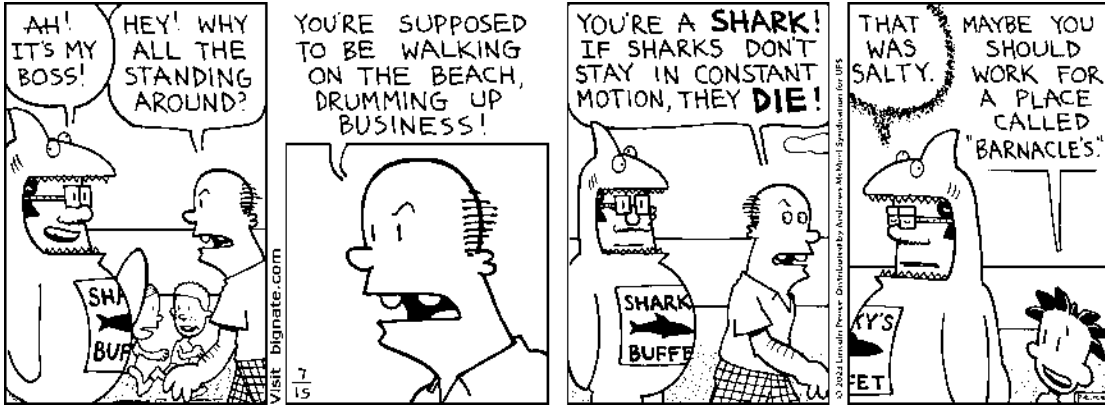


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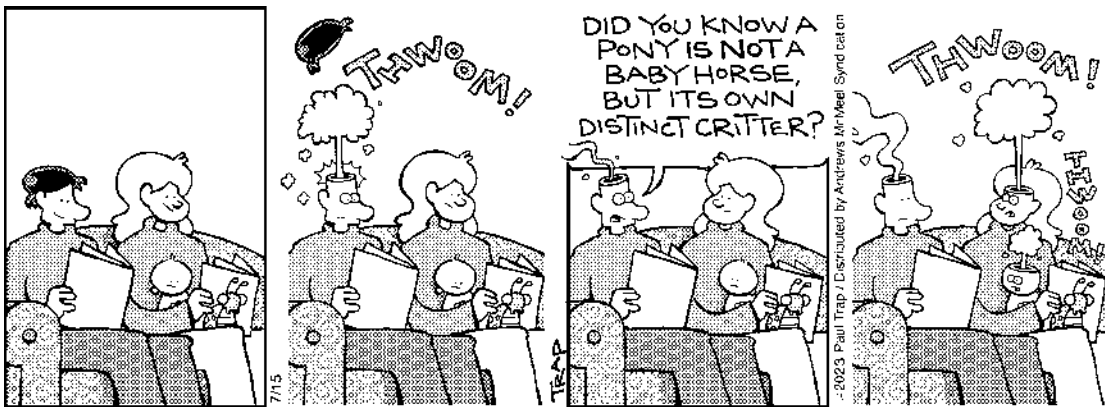
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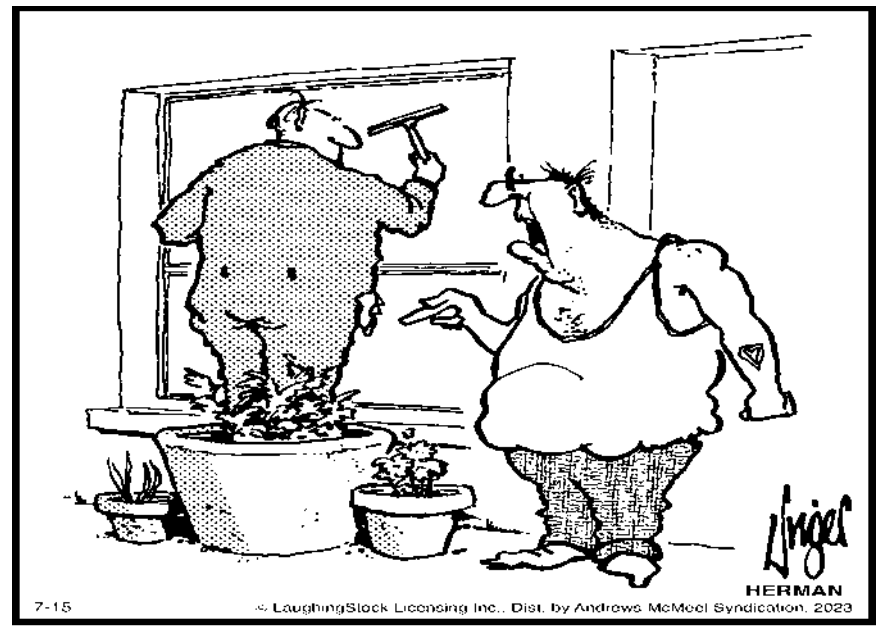
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Do what you can to help others this year, but not at the expense of falling behind or giving up on your dreams. Changing how you do things will improve how others treat you. Building a solid reputation will stop those trying to take advantage of you. Pay attention to details, and put your energy where it counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stretch your imagination and see what you discover. Take advantage of your resources and call on those who never disappoint you. An offer that sounds too good to be true will have hidden costs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Stick to the facts. Giving others a truthful picture of what's happening in your life will be the way to go. Criticizing others will cause friction. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Stop talking and start getting things done. It's hard to please everyone, but first and foremost, you must satisfy yourself. Follow your heart and be a trailblazer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You'll get back what you dish out. Make strategic moves that complement your plans and bring you closer to that picture-perfect life in your dreams. Draw on your intelligence. Good deeds will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep moving forward. Overthinking a situation will lead to uncertainty. Pay attention to where your money goes, and you'll devise a plan that encourages you to save money and spend less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Make decisions before someone makes them for you. Hiding from the truth won't solve problems. Discipline will be necessary if you want to make your

life better. Choose peace over discord.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Breathe deeply, count your blessings and be grateful for what you have. Investments look promising, and building equity is favored. Make a positive change to your living arrangements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Sit tight and wait for things to settle down. If you act in haste, something will backfire, leaving you vulnerable. Focus on yourself, your responsibilities and getting along with the people you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Focus on what you want to achieve, and you'll meet your objective with time to relax and enjoy the company of a loved one. Hosting an event or starting a creative endeavor will lead to new opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Look for alternatives if you are facing property, family or legal issues. Act on your own behalf instead of trusting someone else to do your work. Change begins with you, so start the ball rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be realistic when making decisions. Research and practicality will guide you to victory. Stay on course and refuse to let someone with pie-in-the-sky ideas dictate what you do next.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Stop dreaming and start acting. What you do will affect how you feel about yourself and how others treat you. Live within your means and honor your promises. Home improvements will set the mood for romance.

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Friend becomes angry after learning truth of his past

DEAR ABBY: A friend of many years, "Adam," no longer speaks to me. We met in high school and were involved in band, debate club and other activities together. He recently discovered through a genealogy site that he was adopted and neither of his parents were his birth parents. The site led him to clues about other biological relatives, and he eventually reached his birth mother, who rejected his efforts to talk to her.

I recently learned about this from another high school friend. When I contacted Adam, he responded with hostility, stating that I am no longer his friend because I didn't reach out when he was going through all this. But I didn't KNOW at the time. I cannot locate any voice messages, emails, texts, etc. showing that he shared with me the details of what happened.

I live in a different part of the country now. I have offered to travel to visit him. I also offered to talk on the phone, but I've received only aggressive and bitter responses. How can I show Adam I do care about him, and that had I known about his situation at the time it happened, I would have been there for him? -- **TRUE BLUE IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR TRUE BLUE: Your friend is going through a lot



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DEAR ABBY

right now, and is rightfully angry that his birth mother rejected his effort to connect. He is hurt and looking for somewhere to transfer his anger. You shouldn't be blamed for not reacting to something you were in the dark about. But until Adam is ready to recognize that fact and patch things up, nothing you can do will fix this. My advice is to sit tight for now.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Jessica," is getting married. My husband offered to pay for most of the wedding. Jessica and her fiancé happily accepted the offer. My husband is now insisting that all of HIS aunts, uncles and cousins be invited, which means that Jessica and her fiancé will have to eliminate nearly all of their friends from the guest list. Note: None of MY aunts, uncles or cousins are invited, but I am OK with that.

My husband is now threatening not to attend the wedding because Jessica won't add four

more people to the list. He said if those additional people don't come, two of his aunts will be unable to be there due to driving issues.

Is it our responsibility to make travel accommodations for all of the guests? It would eliminate four more of our daughter's friends. It's Jessica's day, and I think it should involve people she would like to be there, not who her father wants there. We had our wedding -- this should be about her and her fiancé. I'm at my wits' end. Please help. -- **WEDDING WOES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR WEDDING WOES: Your husband is a handful. As it stands, he has hijacked your daughter's wedding with his checkbook. Jessica and her fiancé should thank her father for his generous offer and refuse it. If she doesn't, the event will no longer be their wedding, but her father's family reunion.

If Dad refuses to go, you definitely should be there standing with the bridal couple. There are worse things than having a small wedding with just a few close friends. One of them is a father as controlling as your husband appears to be.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

It's a Dirty Job ...

But it wasn't his job. Still, Beirut Report journalist Habib Battah got his hands dirty on a recent flight from Paris to Toronto, Canoe reported. "An hour into the transatlantic flight ... I kept smelling something gross and couldn't figure it out," Battah wrote on Twitter. While investigating, he discovered a large, "wet to touch" stain on the floor around his seat. The strap of his backpack, which was under the seat, was soaked in it, and a flight attendant only gave him some wipes to clean it up before "casually (noting) a passenger had hemorrhaged on a flight before ours," Battah said. He said the Air France staff were shocked because a crew had removed the seats after the previous flight's incident, but apparently hadn't cleaned the bloody carpet. "This is not a customer service issue -- it's a BIOHAZARD," Battah wrote. "There is fresh human blood on your aircraft."

Oops

The Presbyterian Ladies' College in Croydon, Australia, a private girls' school, recently had egg on its face after drone footage captured the suggestive shape of a new garden bed on the campus, The Sydney Morning Herald reported on July 5. The garden was designed by an architectural firm; a school staff member said that as they considered chairs for the garden, they "sent a drone up to take pictures. At a certain angle from up high, the garden ... took on a phallic shape which was unintended and unexpected. As a result, the architects made some alterations which were completed within 72 hours of the drone pictures." One unidentified former student said, "The immediate response was laughter ... Photos have been circulating among the school as memes, saying 'oh good morning' and various kinds of jokes."

The Golden Age of Air Travel

On July 2, as an American Airlines flight prepared to depart Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, one passenger had a massive change of heart about her trip, The Dallas Morning News reported. The woman rose from her seat and headed to the front of

the plane, yelling and pointing toward the back, "I'm telling you, I'm getting (expletive) off, and there's a reason why I'm getting (expletive) off, and everyone can either believe it or they can not believe it. ... That (expletive) back there is NOT real. And you can sit on this plane and you can die with him or not. I'm not going to." The TikTok user who posted a video said the outburst delayed the flight by three hours, as passengers were forced to deplane and reboard; the woman was not arrested and, in fact, got back through security. American said the passenger was "met at the gate by law enforcement and removed from the flight."

What Could Go Wrong?

Alef Aeronautics has announced that the Federal Aviation Administration has cleared the startup's flying car, the Model A, to fly for purposes including research, development and exhibition, United Press International reported. The California company calls its invention a vehicle takeoff and landing aircraft, or VTOL, which can drive and park like a normal car. While it is not certified (yet) for public road travel, the company says the FAA's OK will place it closer to "bringing people an environmentally friendly and faster commute ... This is one small step for planes, one giant step for cars," said CEO Jim Dukhovny.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Chandler, Arizona, taxidermist Rachel Lewis, 38, has found her niche in the world of preserving dead animals: She makes piggy banks out of stillborn piglets. Metro News reported that Lewis, a former hairdresser, took a taxidermy class four years ago and just came up with the piggy bank idea in May. "Most of my specimens I get from local farms around me," Lewis said. "I feel like they get to live a second life ... it's kinda cool." She called her process "labor-intensive," involving hollowing out the insides and adding a pork ... er, cork plug. "I have a larger pig that I plan on doing as a piggy bank, too," she said. She also hopes to make objects with jewelry boxes and "secret stash" compartments.

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Highway Patrol reports eight holiday traffic fatalities and four drownings

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the following 2023 July Fourth holiday statistics for the counting period of 6 p.m., Friday, June 30, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 4, 2023:

2023 July Fourth Holiday Boating Statistics

Troopers worked six boating crashes, which included two injuries and zero fatalities. Troopers made 10 boating while intoxicated arrests. Four people drowned over the holiday weekend. Two of the drownings occurred in the Troop F area, one drowning occurred in the Troop A area, and one drowning occurred in the Troop C area. Troopers worked all four drownings.

Two people drowned on Sunday, July 2. James D. Roy, 56, of Kansas City, was last seen near a moored vessel. It is unknown how Roy entered the water. He was not wearing a life jacket and did not resurface. Camden County Medical Examiner Crystal Lloyd pronounced Roy dead at Mimosas Beach. The incident occurred at the Lake of the Ozarks near the 43-mile marker of the main channel in Bollinger Creek Cove in Camden County.

Hamsa Mohamed, 41, of St. Louis, drowned after jumping from a cliff on the right side of Big River. He attempted to float and did not surface. He was not wearing a life jacket. High Ridge Fire Department personnel pronounced Mohamed dead at the scene. The incident occurred at Big River near Rockford Beach in House Springs, in Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and St. Louis County Police Department also responded to the scene.

Two people drowned on Tuesday, July 4. A 6-year-old male drowned when he jumped into the water



onto a lily pad, went under the water, and did not resurface. He was not wearing a life jacket. Dr. Campbell pronounced the 6-year-old dead at Lake Regional Hospital. The incident occurred at the Lake of the Ozarks near the 65.9-mile marker in Lick Creek Cove in Camden County. The Camden County Sheriff's Office and Edwards Fire Department also responded.

Carlos Antonio, 22, of St. Joseph, drowned when he was swimming, walked off a ledge in the water, and never resurfaced. He was not wearing a life jacket. The incident occurred at Smithville Lake near Little Platte Swim Beach in Clay County.

2023 July Fourth Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers worked 390 traffic crashes, which included 152 injuries and seven of the eight fatalities. The Kansas City Police Department worked the remaining fatality. Troopers also made 116 DWI arrests and 21 drug arrests over the holiday weekend.

One traffic fatality occurred in each of the Troop A, Lee's Summit, Troop B, Macon, Troop C, Weldon Spring, and Troop E, Poplar Bluff areas. Four fatalities occurred in the Troop H, St. Joseph area.

[During the 2022 counting period, 11 people were killed and 449 injured statewide in Missouri over the holiday in 1,069 traffic crashes. Troopers arrested 146 people for driving while intoxicated last year. Over the 2022 July Fourth holiday, there were nine boating crashes, which included five injuries and no fatalities. One person drowned during last year's July Fourth holiday. Troopers made 13 BWI arrests during the 2022 counting period.]

No one died in a traffic crash within the counting period on Friday, June 30.

Three people died Saturday, July 1. Timothy S. Hall, 37, of Grubville, died when he lost control of the motorcycle he was driving, began to skid, ran off the left side of the roadway, and overturned. Hall was wearing a helmet; he was ejected. The crash occurred on Missouri Route WW at Blackhawk Lane in Jefferson County. EMS personnel pronounced Hall deceased at the scene.

Fabian C. Henderson, 34, of Lilbourn, died when the vehicle he was operating ran off the left side of the roadway and overturned. Henderson was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected. The crash occurred on Missouri Route MM north of Lilbourn. New Madrid County Coroner George DeLisle pronounced Henderson deceased at the scene.

A 13-year-old male died when the vehicle in which he was a passenger traveled off the south side of the roadway, down an embankment, and struck a field entrance before becoming airborne and overturning multiple times. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels on the side of the roadway. The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 136 west of Stanberry. Dr. Dela-Cruz pronounced the juvenile passenger deceased at Mosaic

Medical Center in Albany. The driver of the vehicle and a second passenger sustained serious injuries in the crash. All three people were wearing seat belts. Gentry County Sheriff's Office, Stanberry Fire Department, and Grand River EMS also responded to the scene.

There were no traffic fatalities reported Sunday, July 2.

There were no traffic fatalities reported on Monday, July 3.

Five people died in traffic crashes on Tuesday, July 4. Ricky E. Nutzman, 70, and Susan M. Nutzman, 70, both of Falls City, Neb., died when the vehicle he was operating traveled from the Missouri Highway 13 ramp onto eastbound U.S. Highway 36 and cut across both lanes in front of a commercial vehicle. The commercial vehicle braked but was unable to avoid striking the vehicle's driver side. Both vehicles then traveled off the north side of the roadway into the median and came to rest. Both of the Nutzmans and the driver of the commercial vehicle were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. Dr. Dorsch pronounced R. Nutzman deceased at Cameron Regional Medical Center. Caldwell County Coroner Dana Brown pronounced S. Nutzman deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 36 at the ramp in Hamilton, in Caldwell County. The driver of the commercial vehicle was uninjured in the crash. Caldwell County Sheriff's Department and Hamilton Police Department also responded to the scene.

Scott A. Hall, 38, of Bethany, died when the utility vehicle he was operating traveled off the side of the roadway, began to skid, struck a rock, and returned to the roadway at which time Hall then overcorrected. The UTV then traveled off the roadway, struck an embankment, and overturned. It came to rest on the side of the roadway on its driver's

side. Hall and a juvenile passenger were not wearing a seat belt and were ejected. The juvenile passenger sustained moderate injuries. A second passenger was wearing a seat belt and remained inside the UTV. She sustained minor injuries. The crash occurred on West 211 Lane south of Bethany in Harrison County. Dr. Manning pronounced Hall dead at Community Hospital. Harrison County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene.

Terri L. Rucker, 43, of Bowling Green, died when the vehicle she was operating traveled northbound in the southbound lane of U.S. Highway 61 and struck another vehicle head-on. Rucker was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Marion County paramedics pronounced Rucker dead at the scene. The driver and a passenger in the other vehicle were not wearing seat belts; both sustained serious injuries. The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 61 at New London.

Timothy Merkel, 56, of Kansas City, died when he was operating a motorcycle traveling west on NE Cookingham Drive. Another vehicle traveling west on NE Cookingham Drive and pulling a boat trailer was making a right turn onto NE Reinking Road. Merkel laid his motorcycle down in an attempt to avoid a crash, slid under the boat trailer, and struck it. Merkel was pronounced dead at Liberty Hospital. The crash occurred at Cookingham Drive and Reinking Road in Kansas City in Clay County. The Kansas City Police Department investigated the crash.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, if other departments report fatalities after this news release was sent out, or if a fatality is determined to be caused by a medical condition rather than a traffic/boating/drowning incident.

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