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Greg Steele at Brassfield Taxidermy in Memphis, Missouri

## Entrepreneurship Spotlight Award

Award was presented to Greg Steele of Steele Skill Mounts & Brassfield Taxidermy

By Adair County SB40

Adair County SB40 announced that Greg Steele of Gorin, has been selected as the July 2023 Spotlight Award recipient for his entrepreneurship. Steele started his own successful business, Steele Skull Mounts, several years ago where he offers skull cleaning and mounting services.

Steele has eagerly sought any opportunity to improve his skills in taxidermy and is currently working with award-winning Scott Brassfield of Brassfield Taxidermy in Memphis as an intern. Steele is learning to do shoulder mounts and mount deer. He hopes to bring those skills to his own business, as well as be hired on as an employee when hunting season starts.

"We welcomed Greg into our business," said Scott Brassfield. "He is part of the pro-staff team that we have here at Brassfield Taxidermy and he does good work. We will support him as far as he can go in this business."

Steele was nominated for the Spotlight Award by his Adair County SB40 service coordinator, Tom DeBlauw. DeBlauw has worked with Steele for several years.

"I've seen Greg work so very hard at improving his skills over the years, including on how to manage his finances," DeBlauw said. "His efforts have paid off for him. He recently was able to buy his own house. Greg always has goals and he keeps those goals in focus."

DeBlauw will be presenting Steele with his July Spotlight certificate this month. When learning of this award, Steele said, "I worked with Vocational Rehabilitation six years ago and accomplished that. Now I'm working at the workshop in Kahoka and also doing seasonal work at my business cleaning deer skulls. I hope to be able to learn to mount deer from Scott so that I can work

from home more. I like working from home."

The Adair County SB40 Board enjoyed a presentation from Steele when he first began operating Steele Skill Mounts. The board has been very impressed with Steele's perseverance in keeping his business growing, even while branching out to work with Brassfield Taxidermy.

"Greg has shown a lot of initiative in learning taxidermy," said SB40 Executive Director Crystal Aminirad "He's a hard worker and dedicated to building his own business," He is very proud of his work, and rightfully so!"

Both Steele and representatives of Brassfield Taxidermy plan to attend the annual Spotlight Awards ceremony in March 2024, where Steele will be eligible for the 2023 Spotlight of the Year Award.

"Just let me know when and Brassfield Taxidermy will be there for Greg!" Brassfield said.

If you would like to nominate a great candidate for a monthly Spotlight Award, Adair County SB40 is accepting nominations. Anyone can make a nomination. Nominations can be made in any of the four following categories:

- Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award for children in kindergarten — 8th grade
- Youth Leadership Spotlight Award for youth in grades 9-12
- Community Volunteer Spotlight Award (any age)
- Entrepreneur or Employee Spotlight Award (any age)

In March 2024, a Spotlight Award of the Year winners will be selected from all of the monthly winners. Nominations can be made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660) 665-9400. You can also find more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40's website, <https://www.sb40life.org/>.

## KPD issues safety reminder to not leave kids in hot vehicles

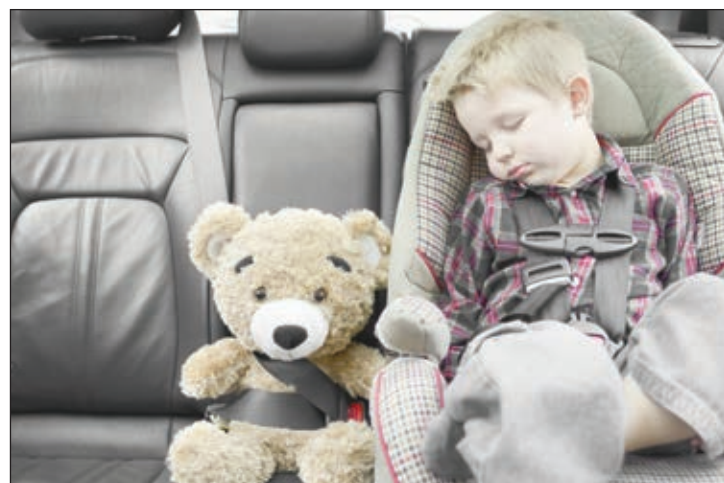
By Kirksville Police Department

With temperatures at the end of this week predicted to be over 100 degrees, the Kirksville Police Department would like to remind everyone of the dangers of leaving children in a vehicle. As of just a few days ago, 14 children had died in hot cars the United States so far in 2023.

Here are a few tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

### Parents and Caregivers

- Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended for any length of time. Rolling windows down or parking in the shade does little to change the interior temperature of the vehicle.
- Make it a habit to check your entire vehicle — especially the back seat — before locking the doors and walking away.
- Ask your childcare provider to call if your child doesn't show up for care as expected.



Child sound a sleep seating in the car seat next to buckled up teddy bear, safety first. Shallow DOF, natural light. STOCK PHOTO

- Place a personal item like a purse or briefcase in the back seat, as another reminder to look before you lock. Write a note or place a stuffed animal in the passenger's seat to remind you that a child is in the back seat.
- Store car keys out of a child's reach and teach children that a vehicle is not a play area.

### Secure Your Car

- Always lock your car doors, year-round, so children can't get into unattended vehicles.

### Act Fast. Save a Life

- If you see a child alone in a locked car, act immediately and call 911. A child in distress due to heat should be removed from the vehicle as quickly as possible and rapidly cooled.

## Hearing Care Partners holds 10th birthday party

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

Hearing Care Partners, a longtime independent audiology practice that serves Missourians' hearing and tinnitus needs, celebrated a decade of practice at its Kirksville location on South Baltimore Street last Thursday. The business hosted a free community appreciation event featuring a food truck, yard games, a raffle and a chance to learn more about the practice's vital hearing care services.

Since launching its Kirksville office in 2013, the practice has grown to continue meeting the community's needs. The Kirksville office



started with Dr. Michelle Woodward, Au.D., and one support staff member. Today, Hearing Care Partners has eight locations across Missouri with 25 employees.



## Missouri Livestock Achievement Award applications sought

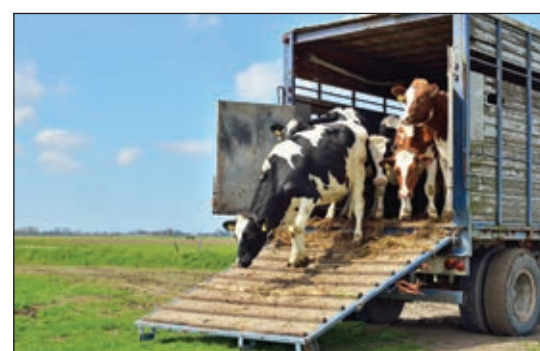
By Missouri Livestock Symposium

Local livestock producers who demonstrate outstanding achievements in the livestock industry are asked to apply for an award recognizing their accomplishments. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award.

Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered.

According to the committee chairman, Gary Mathes, this award recognizes livestock leaders from across the state.

Vice-chairman, Zac Erwin states "We know there are individuals, business and agency personnel, and educators that have made tremendous contributions to the livestock industry in



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this state and beyond, and we want to recognize them for their career achievements."

The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 1.

The award nomination form can be found at <https://missourilivestock.com/achievement-award>, by emailing [missourilivestock@gmail.com](mailto:missourilivestock@gmail.com) and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County MU Extension office at 660-665-9866.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 1-2, at the William Mathew Middle School. Go to [missourilivestock.com](https://missourilivestock.com) or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

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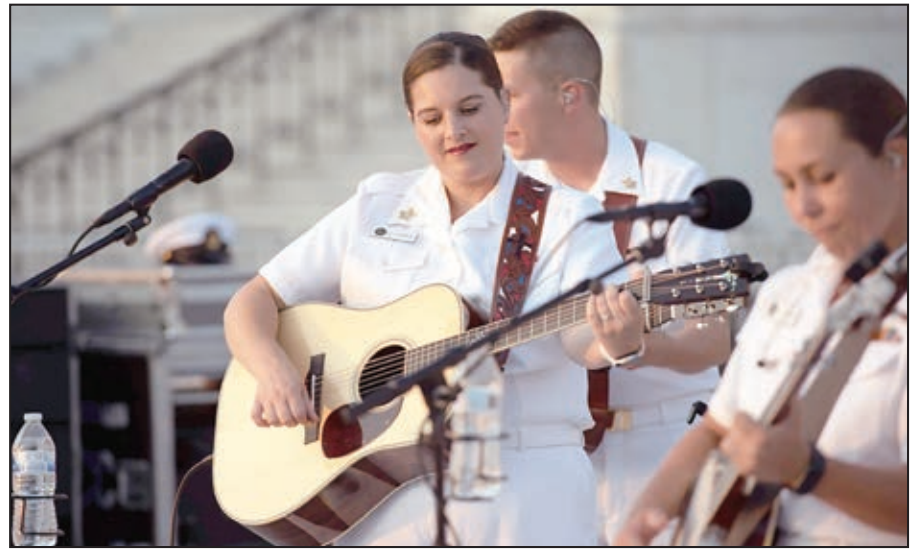
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## 'KIRKSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND' PLAYS SUMMER ON THE SQUARE CONCERT SERIES



Kirksville Community Band headlined the Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square Concert Series on Friday night, July 14, at Club One, which was the rain venue due to bad weather. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



## Kirksville musician plays for Navy Band

WASHINGTON — Musician 1st Class Sally Sandker from Kirksville, performs with the U.S. Navy Band "Country Current." The Navy Band's various groups perform at the Capitol throughout the summer season. (U.S. Navy Photo by Musician 1st Class Seth S. Johnson)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Thousand Hills State Park Learn to Fish program

Thousand Hills State Park will hold a Learn to Fish program on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m.- Noon. Come learn to fish with Park Staff! We will begin with a demo of casting, tying hooks, baiting the hook, reeling fish in, and unhooking the fish. Demo will be on the shoreline closer to the dining lodge. After the demo there will be around 2.5 hours of time to fish with assistance from park staff and volunteers. There will be some equipment available for use. If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it. Fishers 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Fishers 65 and up who are Missouri Residents do not need a fishing license. All other participants will need a fishing license to participate. Day permits can be purchased at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Regional Office or online at <https://mdc.web.s3licensing.com/>. Meet at the shoreline in front of the cabins.

#### 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization Kirksville Cars & Coffee

The next 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization Kirksville Cars & Coffee will be held July 29 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Dukum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street. All are welcome. Bring your car, truck, bike, hot rod, daily or clunker. It's all about good company and a good time. Check out all the cars and everything else. Enjoy a free doughnut, some coffee and some great conversation with some good people. They look forward to seeing you there and don't forget, come on out, to see what other great free raffle prizes they will have.

#### 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization Kirksville Cars & Coffee

The next 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization Kirksville Bike Night will be held on July 29 from 5-8 p.m. at the El Kadir Shrine Club.

#### A Christmas Cantata by Rich McKinney - 'The Heart's Journey'

A Christmas Cantata by Rich

McKinney - "The Heart's Journey" will be held on July 29 from 7-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 100 N. High Street. Kirksville Sings, an SAB Cantata for Christmas. All are invited to sing together. All 43 churches in Kirksville are invited. "The Hearts Journey", a Christmas Cantata by Rich McKinney with lyrics by Sandra Chapman. Twelve songs depict the characters present at the manger scene. 10 a.m. to noon, introduction and first rehearsal. Second rehearsal, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m. Dress comfortably for the day and bring water. PDF scores of the cantata are free online at [SantoshVoiceGroup.com](https://SantoshVoiceGroup.com).

#### Kirksville Parks & Recreation Dollar Swim Night

Dollar Swim Night will be held on July 29 from 6-9 p.m., at the Kirkville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street in Kirksville. Capacity is limited and admission will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Sponsored by Kirksville Women of Today.

#### Sipstock featuring Matt Kennedy & The Busted String Band

Sipstock featuring Matt Kennedy & The Busted String Band will be held on July 29 from 6-11 p.m. at Sip Downtown, 122 West Harrison Street in Kirkville. Live music begins at 7 p.m. North Elson Street will be blocked off from the alley behind Sip Downtown and West Harrison Street.

#### City block party at Memorial Park

The Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department will hold the

third of their four summer block parties on July 30 at Memorial Park, 404 E. Cottonwood Street, between 3-5 p.m. Families attending the event will enjoy free hot dogs, lemonade, cotton candy, snow cones, water fights, a suds machine, a fire truck, a police car and more.

#### Free school backpack giveaway

TCC and Wireless Zone retailers will be donating 120,000 backpacks with school supplies through the 11th annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway, on Sunday, July 30 at 1 p.m., while supplies last. TCC Kirkville, 2202-1/2 N. Baltimore Street is inviting local families to their location to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, a ruler and glue. One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis at each participating TCC and Wireless Zone store.

#### Kirksville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

The city of Kirkville's Tourism Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at the Economic Development Alliance Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

#### Last 'Paint the Ville' class of the summer

The last "Paint the Ville" class of the summer will be held on Aug. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirkville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Register your 1st through 8th grade artist now at <https://parks.kirkvillecity.com/> or by visiting the Kirkville Aquatic

Center. Registration is just \$20 per person and includes all supplies necessary to paint your very own masterpiece. All participants must pre-register, as class size is limited.

#### Summer on the Square Concert Series with 'Hootin' Annies with Jimmy Campbell'

"Hootin' Annies with Jimmy Campbell" will perform Friday night, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirkville. The concert is free to the public. The rain venue will be Club One at 301 W. McPherson Street.

#### Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Whose Scat is That?'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Whose Scat is That?" Friday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. Have you ever wondered what animal left behind scat, or poop, at the park? Join park staff to take a closer look at scat, learn to identify different animal scat, and discover why it is important. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

#### Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Nature Poetry'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Nature Poetry", Saturday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. Let nature be your inspiration while you use a few tips and techniques to write your own poetry. All supplies will be provided but you may bring your own paper and writing utensil if you prefer. Meet at the Picnic Area near the Playground and Oak Trail. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

#### Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department's 'Movies in the Park'

The final Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department's "Movies in the Park" will be held on Aug. 5 from 8-10 p.m. at Rotary Park's Ray Klingensmith Amphitheater. The movie will be Top Gun-Maverick.

#### City block party at Brashear Park

The Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department will hold their final summer block parties on Aug. 6 at Brashear Park at 1415 E. Normal Avenue, between 3-5 p.m. Families attending the event will enjoy free hot dogs, lemonade, cotton candy, snow cones, water fights, a suds machine, a fire truck, a police car and more.

#### Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce 29th Annual Golf Outing

The Kirkville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 29th Annual Golf Outing, presented by Northeast Missouri State Bank, on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Kirkville Country Club. Sponsorships are available by contacting Marie Murphree at the chamber: 660-665-3766.

#### Summer on the Square Concert Series with 'Shaky Ground'

"Shaky Ground" will perform Friday night, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m., as part of the Kirkville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirkville. The concert is free to the public. The rain venue will be Club One at 301 W. McPherson Street.

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## ROBIN WRITES

## Dog days of summer

The searing heat of the Dog Days of Summer is here. I climb into my car, breathe in oven-hot air, and emit steaming curses while I wait for the car's air conditioner to start blowing cool. After what seems like hours, the vents start to release cold, artificial air.

I inhale a lungful, ignoring the metallic taste, and start home. Soon I am encased in an igloo of chilly comfort.

I roll to a stop in my driveway and watch the colorless dust whirl around my tires. Turn off the key. Listen to the air conditioner wheeze a death rattle. Before I can pull the keys from the ignition and reach for the door, I feel it. It's right outside. Waiting.

I wade through the sweltering air that crushes my body, heavy and wet. I curl my fingers around my blinding reflection on the front doorknob and fling myself inside my air-conditioned living room. Ahhh.

When did I get so spoiled? How did I become this delicate, air-conditioning-dependent woman who gripes if the thermostat reads above 80 degrees?

Of my many summers, the first 20 or so were endured without benefit of air conditioners. None in the car. None in the house. None. It's like a story Grandpa tells to make you feel guilty. But most of you remember those sum-

mers, too.

There was no escape from the heat. Cardboard fans, stapled to giant Popsicle sticks, filled worshippers' hands at church and passed puffs of air from pew to pew like prayerful sighs. Car windows were rolled all the way down. In the back seat we prayed for acceleration, waiting to feel a whiff of cool.

At night, we oozed indoors and planted ourselves near window screens whose holes were evidently too small to admit cool air, but plenty big for bugs — flying, crawling, biting, stinging, scuttling, buzzing bugs. They flung wings and antennae against the screens and found ways to squeeze through cracks and tears we were sure we'd repaired.

Mosquitoes feasted on our slick skin. Flies landed just long enough to tickle, disappearing by the time we found the flyswatter. Zigzag leaps of shiny black crickets kept our eyes darting. The horror movie played with tired repetition in every room of the house.

Fans were meted out at bedtime—heavy machines with thick black cords that were never long enough. The blades clattered and whined and circulated stale air. We lay on top of the covers, wearing as little as possible and lying all played out so our skin wouldn't meet.

I remember cool washrags against my throat and chest.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

Flipping the cloth over, again and again, until it dried out. Flopping from side to back to stomach like meat on a spit, looking for a position that would let me sleep. The clock ticked slow and lazy, as if too tired to keep time. We waited for dawn and another chance to look for a shady spot or an errant breeze.

I sit here in my office—older and cooler—typing in harmony with the hum of my central air conditioner. The compressor kicks on and off efficiently, and the breeze from the vent swirls about. I can see the glaring afternoon sunshine through my closed, shaded windows, but I don't feel it. I don't have to.

We've all gotten much too soft. Too dependent on air conditioning. We should be ashamed . . . and remember the days when we lived just fine without it, thank you.

And when that sky-high electric bill comes, demanding cold, hard cash for the coolness we've grown so fond of, we simply pay it. There is no going back.

Contact Robin at  
robinwrites@yahoo.com

## HOME COUNTRY

## Paying a ransom to the squirrel kidnappers

Doc isn't even sure why he did it. For days afterwards, people would talk about it, then smile and shake their heads and just say "Oh, that Doc..."

The whole thing came up on the spur of the moment. Doc and Mrs. Doc were planning to go out of town for a few days and needed several hundred dollars in cash, so Doc dropped by the bank to take it out.

He drew Ardis Richardson as his teller, after he wound his way through the bank's roped rat maze, and told her how much he needed.

Then, on an impulse, he leaned forward and whispered, "Ardis, I need that in small, unmarked bills, please."

"Unmarked, Doc?"

"My squirrel's life depends on it."

Ardis's mouth dropped open. That should have stopped Doc, but it didn't.

"They said if I wanted to see him alive again, the bills would have to be unmarked." She stared.

"Have you ever seen how cute he is when he sits up and eats a nut and his whiskers twitch? I mean, right now I can picture his big fluffy tail and those eyes ... those eyes.... Oh my..."

"Doc ... I didn't know," she



SLIM RANDLES  
HOME COUNTRY

said.

He nodded sadly. "I can hardly bear looking at his little squirrel bed, sitting there empty, and his squirrel food dish, with only half his meal gone. I really have no choice."

Ardis gave him the money. The sheriff came by Doc's office to make sure everything was all right. Mrs. Miller across the street from Steve's house sent a five-dollar donation to Doc to help rescue the squirrel. Pop Walker down at the Rest of Your Life home volunteered to get his gun and polish off every squirrel-napper in the county.

Doc, you see, doesn't have a squirrel.

Mrs. Doc thought this weekend away from home came not a moment too soon.

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## POETRY

## The Prayers of a Child

Now I lay me... down to sleep,  
These words from my childhood... in my heart I keep.

Words so simple... yet words so clear,

Words to tell me... that Jesus is near.

Just say that prayer... when your eyes close tonight,

And the prayers of a child... can still make things right.

— Daniel D. Donovan



## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

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## LETTER

## Reader wants to know the actual costs of courthouse rehab

When the courthouse renovation project was presented to Adair County voters in April 2021, the total cost was estimated at \$3 million to \$5 million. The project was supposed to take about a year. It was to be financed with a loan or bond that would be paid back with revenue from a new 0.25 percent sales tax. That new tax was expected to generate about \$900,000 in annual revenue which would pay off the debt in three to five years. I was one of the voters that approved the project with a narrow majority.

Two years later the project is finally completed with a total cost in excess of \$8 million. Since the project was embarrassingly over budget and interest rates have risen since 2021, the new 0.25 percent sales tax will take roughly 10 years to pay off the related debt. Our county commissioners capped the loan or bond at \$8 million but used other revenue like funds

from the American Rescue Plan to complete the project.

As a tax paying resident of Adair County, I would really like to know the total cost of the courthouse project and exactly how it was funded. The total cost would include rents paid for temporary office space while the courthouse was closed down for two years. I would also like to know the interest rate on the \$8 million loan or bond. To my knowledge, none of this information has yet been disclosed to the public by our county commissioners.

The county commissioners seem to be quite happy to share the glory of our newly renovated Adair County Courthouse. Unfortunately, I think they will have to be pressured to disclose the final cost and details of the funding. I hope that our local media will take the lead in getting this information.

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

— Bruce Thompson

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## Accreditation assessment team invites public comment on highway patrol

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced that an assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., will arrive on Aug. 7, to examine all aspects of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Verification by the assessor that the Missouri State Highway Patrol meets the commission's stringent standards is a vital part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation — an esteemed recognition of law enforcement professionalism and excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, the Missouri State Highway Patrol seeks feedback regarding its services and performance. The public is invited to visit the Patrol's website [www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov](http://www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov) to register a comment. On the Patrol's website, choose the Show-Me Accountability Portal to access a link located under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. icon. The link provides a comment form for feedback regarding the CALEA standards. The public may also access the CALEA comment portal via this link <https://cimrs2.calea.org/98> or through the Patrol's social media accounts.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 160, Gainesville, VA 20155.

"Our employees are true professionals who are held to high standards," said Col. Olson. "Adhering to the CALEA standards is a way for the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be accountable to our stakeholders."

Jessica Mealy, accreditation manager for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, said the assessor, Caren Sterling, of Richmond,

Va., is a law enforcement practitioner from a similar, but out-of-state, agency. The assessor will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit highway patrol facilities and other locations where compliance can be witnessed.

The assessor will report back to the commission after completing their review of the agency. The commission will then decide whether the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to be granted continued accredited status. Accreditation is for four years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were initially accredited. The Missouri



State Highway Patrol has been accredited since 1992.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., inquiries may be addressed to the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 160, Gainesville, VA 20155, by telephone at (703) 352-4225, or by visiting their website at [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).



Similar property photo

## New affordable family community opens in Kirksville

By Press Release

Parkview Terrace, one of Kirksville's newest affordable family communities, began leasing in June. The brand new development is located at 800 East Mill Street and provides families the opportunity to live in a quality, affordable community with abundant amenities and convenient access to local stores and services. The partners of the project have invested in many affordable homes throughout Missouri and are committed to the continued development of the Kirksville area.

The new community will offer 48 spacious two, three and four-bedroom apartment homes to fam-

ilies in three two-story buildings. Each home is complete with modern conveniences, including a full kitchen with energy efficient appliances, ceiling fans, a full-sized washer and dryer and hardwood style flooring. Residents at Parkview Terrace are able to take advantage of many community spaces, including a business center, furnished community room and fitness center.

Fairway Management, Inc. is the management company of Parkview Terrace and has almost 25 years of experience across a portfolio of 250 communities. FWM commits extensive resources to hiring, developing and training our management team in order to maintain

high standards of living at an affordable price.

"We are excited to see the impact Parkview Terrace has within the surrounding community. We have many scheduled activities planned for our residents, and cannot wait for everyone to be moved in," said Fairway Management Regional Manager Ashlee Lancaster.

Parkview Terrace was made possible through the state and federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs. Through these programs, communities not only benefit from access to high-quality affordable housing, but experience significant economic growth, tax base expansion and increased job creation.

## Scotland County Hospital Senior Life Solutions welcomes new program director

By Scotland County Hospital

Scotland County Hospital welcomed Rachel Peavler, RN, BSN, as the new program director at the Senior Life Solutions program. Senior Life Solutions, an intensive outpatient group therapy program, is designed to meet the unique needs of seniors struggling with age-related depression, anxiety, difficult life transitions, a recent health diagnosis, or the loss of a loved one. As program director, Peavler, will be responsible for directing and coordinating the activities of program staff to ensure quality patient care, and providing community education to create awareness of the program.

Peavler graduated from Indian Hills Community College as an LPN in 2014. As an LPN, she worked in long-term care and as an ENT clinic nurse. Peavler received her Registered Nursing degree from Moberly Area Community College in 2020 and then went on to earn her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Northwest Missouri State University. Peavler was employed by the Fort Leavenworth School District prior to her current position as program director.

Peavler, said, "I am so excited to be a part of this amazing program. I look forward to supporting older adults, who are struggling with emotional stressors and help them learn effective coping skills and live their lives as



Rachel Peavler, RN, BSN

independently as possible." Peavler is a native of Hurdland and a 2013 graduate of Knox County High School. She is making her home in Memphis.

Family members, physicians, self-referrals, or other health professionals can refer individuals to the program. For information on Scotland County Hospital Senior Life Solutions program, call 660-465-7595 or visit [scmohospital.net](http://scmohospital.net).

Senior Life Solutions was founded in 2003, and is managed by Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC), a leading behavioral

healthcare management company. Focused on addressing the needs of rural and underserved communities, PMC manages inpatient behavioral health units, intensive outpatient programs, and telehealth services in more than 25 states. The company's services provide evaluation and treatment for patients suffering from depression, anxiety, mood disorders, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other behavioral health problems. For more information, visit [www.psychmc.com](http://www.psychmc.com).

## Sullivan County Route 5 intersection improvements delayed

By MoDOT

ST. JOSEPH — An intersection improvement project on Sullivan County Route 5 has been delayed by one week as part of the Roy Blunt Reservoir Project. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is administering a US DOT Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for the construction of transportation improvements around the Roy Blunt Reservoir project. Contractors from Capitol Paving and Construction, LLC., working with MoDOT, planned to begin the multi-stage project today, Monday, July 24, but are now scheduled to begin construction on Monday, July 31.

The Roy Blunt Reservoir Project (formerly known as the East Locust Creek Reservoir Project) is a cooperative effort between Sullivan County, North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCMRWC) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The BUILD grant project, while separate, is dependent on the schedule and timeline of the reservoir project.

**Below is a tentative schedule of work for the BUILD grant intersection improvements:**

July 31- mid-October: Intersection improvements at Route 5 and Mid-Lake Road.

Traffic Impacts: Roadway will be narrowed to one-lane with flaggers directing motorists through the work zone. Motorists



may face travel delays.

Aug. 14 — early October: Intersection improvements on Route 5 at the intersections of Route N and Mayapple Road.

Traffic Impacts: Roadway will be closed during construction. Motorists will be directed to follow the signed detour on Routes 6, J, Y, N, and B.

As part of the BUILD grant, transportation improvements are also planned in the next two years at the intersection of Sullivan County Routes N and Y, construction of three new bridges on Mid-Lake and Mayapple Roads,

and roadway paving.

More information about the BUILD grant transportation improvements and project detours can be found on MoDOT's website at: <https://www.modot.org/missouri-route-5-route-n-and-route-y-new-pavement-construction-sullivan>.

To learn more about the Roy Blunt Reservoir project, you can visit the website at <https://elcr.info/> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/North-Central-Missouri-Regional-Water-Commission-ELCR/100044680706501/>.

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## TURNING THE PAGE

This Week  
in Local  
History

By Larry Evans

## 100 Years Ago, July 24, 1923

The Adair County Court in special session ruled that Adair County was in no way obligated to provide for Lillian May Young, a child found deserted at the railroad station in Kirksville six years prior. At the time of her abandonment, the Bethsaida Children's Home of St. Louis took her in. Two days before the court's ruling two officials came to Kirksville from the home in St. Louis bringing the child with them. After making their intentions known that they planned to transfer their charge to Adair County, the special session of the court was convened. In court session the representatives of the orphanage indicated that they could no longer take care of the girl because the child turned out to be "sickly, feeble-minded and a burden to the institution which they represented." The county court argued that there was no reason to believe that the child could ever have been regarded as an Adair County charge. The child was found in the railway station in Kirksville and was apparently deserted by a passenger. The mother of the child was unknown. After the results of the court were made known, the men threatened to desert the child in Kirksville. Consequently, Adair County officials kept a close eye on the whereabouts of the girl and her attendants, making sure they did not abandon her in Kirksville. The situation was resolved, at least for the county, when the orphanage representatives and the girl departed Kirksville on a train bound for St. Louis.

## 100 Years Ago, July 25, 1923

One of the largest audiences ever seen at a public meeting in Kirksville assembled in Brashear Park to hear an address delivered by Zack A. Harris, of Atlanta, Georgia, a representative of the Ku Klux Klan. The topic of his address "Americanism and the Ku Klux Klan." An estimated two to four thousand people gathered around the temporary stand from which the speaker addressed the crowd. In addition to the assembled group an estimated 1,000 automobiles were parked in the area. Many of the vehicles contained passengers who observed from a distance. The crowd was orderly, and there were no disturbances during the two-hour presentation. Speaker Harris did not hesitate to make scathing remarks about the press for its attitude towards the Klan and for circulating reports of outrages attributed to the Klan. After his attack on the press, Harris turned his attention to Catholics, Jews, and foreigners. He spoke of an edict of the Pope regarding Catholic weddings which he claimed superseded the laws of the land. Regarding Catholic schools he stated that all children should



be compelled to attend the public schools. Regarding Americanism, Harris said that foreigners should be kept out of the country because they could not be "Americanized." In closing Harris appealed for new members reiterating the tenets that the KKK stood for—the Christian religion, white supremacy, protection of pure womanhood, separation of church and state, freedom of speech and press, limited immigration, required attendance in public schools, and pure Americanism. The meeting was opened with a prayer, and at the close a flaming cross was displayed.

## 100 Years Ago, July 27, 1923

Kirksville Mayor Neil issued an order requiring that all dogs in the city be chained until September 1. The order was issued because of the increased number of cases of rabies in the city. The mayor stated that six cases of rabid dogs have been reported since the hot season began, and in each case the animal was killed. In issuing the order Neil stated: "The thing has gone so far that it is really dangerous. We had to order one dog killed this morning. Yesterday Chief Willis shot one. I don't like to impose any hardship on anyone, but we cannot have any loose dogs on the street. Those that are seen will be killed without questioning anyone. They must be kept fastened."

## 100 Years Ago, July 27, 1923

A tramp caused quite a scare in the neighborhood near the shoe factory. The Kirksville Daily Express described the situation this way: "One of the worst looking specimens of manhood ever seen in Kirksville was responsible for quite a bit of excitement in the southwest part of the city last night." Residents of the shoe factory vicinity in the southwest part of town alerted police of the man's presence. Upon investigation, a tramp was found lying in a patch of weeds near the Wabash tracks. He was dressed in rags that were torn to shreds and full of holes. His hair was long, dirty, and stiff with filth. His body was completely matted with dirt. The man was brought uptown and questioned, but to no avail. Officials finally decided to "raise a purse of money" and send the fellow on to some other town. According to the newspaper report: "He was without doubt the dirtiest man ever seen here."

## 85 Years Ago, July 25, 1938

Riding high in his silver-plated saddle, astride his favorite horse, Warrior, Tom Mix, the hero of a million young people, was coming to Kirksville. Mix, acclaimed as the greatest

and most famous western star at the time was scheduled to ride into the arena of his own big circus on August 1. The show was coming to Kirksville after an exhibition in Hannibal, and after Kirksville it was to move to Moberly. The big production that was taking place at the Cottonwood and Baltimore Street grounds featured hundreds of performers, high flying trapeze artists, an aerial ballet, gymnasts, horses and other animals. All would perform their tricks and feats. The Tom Mix Circus would bring some 200 world-famed arena stars, troupes, and circus stars. Also featured were handsome show horses including Mix's horse, Banjo, and his newest horse, Warrior, a snow-white Arabian stallion.

## 65 Years Ago, July 29, 1958

Twenty-one area young ladies were vying for queen of the 1958 Northeast Missouri Fair. A reception for the candidates was held at the Travelers Hotel ballroom, and they were judged at that time by three out-of-town judges. In attendance at the reception besides the contestants were their escorts, representatives of the sponsoring organizations, the 1957 Fair Queen, Patty Curtis Northrup, and Mrs. Janet Dabney, chairman of the Fair Queen pageant. The candidates for fair queen were Margaret Motter, Deanna Bruner, Cinda Knight, Kathy Hageman, Becky Bigsby, Julia Link, Sharon Bell, Janan Polovich, Guila Gay Elsea, Anna Marie Garlock, Sandra Summers, Elizabeth Novinger, Mary Jane Kellison, Shirley Platz, Virginia Gardner, Martha Ann White, Avis Kay Alexander, Janet Beecher, Sandra Giachino, Nancy Casner, and Lana Lindley. Miss Nancy Casner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Casner of Kirksville, was crowned queen of the fair. Her attendants were Shirley Platz of Brashear and Elizabeth Novinger, of Novinger.

## 50 Years Ago, July 26, 1973

Workers in Kirksville began demolition of the old Missouri Power and Light Company icehouse. The walls of the building were 18 inches thick and insulated with sawdust. For years the building served as an ice storage area when steam heat was used in Kirksville. The operation closed in 1968, and since that time the building has been vacant. After demolition of the building, the hugh stack will also be torn down. The old city water tower was also to be removed. The company planned to build a new service building at the corner of Elson and Cottonwood Streets.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY Part 61

Life of the original  
William Parcels Linder

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum



The original William Parcels Linder, born to Jacob and Jane Linder in 1819, was the one who first came with his cousin on horseback to pre-Adair County in 1838 to check out the land. He had returned to his home in Coles County, Ill., in September 1838 to his wife, Lucinda "Lucy" (Samuels) and their infant son, Andrew Hynes Linder II, named for his uncle. Another son would be born to them almost a year later on Aug. 4, 1839, and named William Parcels Linder Jr. This baby was only a couple months old when the Linder family moved to pre-Adair County in October 1839.

In Missouri, five more children would be born to them, son Jacob in 1843, then four daughters, Catherine, Elzira, Margaret "Maggie," and Elizabeth.

William Parcels Linder would become a prominent citizen in Adair County as this area grew and developed. He became a lawyer and at various times was a deputy sheriff, justice of the peace, banker, businessman, real estate developer and politician. By 1844, he was a "districting justice of Benton Township" which is the township containing Kirksville. Sometimes, he even got into a bit of trouble on the other side of the law, and sometimes his politics caused him calamity.

When he was a young man and Adair County was young in 1841, a court record shows he and his cousin, William Henry Parcels Jr. and John F. Ferguson (also a relative) were each fined \$5 "for betting at cards." Apparently, gambling was one of the early "crimes" on the books in Adair County.

On the other hand, it seems that Lucinda tried her best to keep her family on the straight and narrow. In 1845, it is recorded that she was among the original members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kirksville.

William Parcels Linder also dealt widely in real estate. In 1846, he was living in the town of Kirksville just four years after it was established. He purchased a substantial amount of land just east of downtown Kirksville which proved to be a wise investment when the town grew. Just a few years later, in 1854, he sold "Linder's First Addition" to Adair County for the expansion of Kirksville. This consisted of four blocks and four half-blocks east of the original town. Then, he sold the "Linder and Mullanix Addition" which added to Kirksville five blocks and eight half-blocks south of Linder's First Addition.

In November 1854, William was appointed as an agent of Adair County to subscribe \$50,000 of the new capital stock of the North Missouri Railroad, if the railroad chose to come through Kirksville. (It did come to Kirksville in 1868 - later known as the Wabash.) In June of 1855, William was asked by the Adair County Court to give a full report, under oath, of his dealings with the railroad in regard to the stock he invested for the county.

In the 1850s, a political party became popular known as the American Party. They were against immigrants and especially Roman Catholics in America whom they felt posed a threat to the economic and political security of native-born Protestant Americans.

When asked about their organization, members were supposed to reply that they knew nothing. Therefore, they became known as the "Know-Nothing Party." William Parcels Linder joined this political organization. In 1856, he ran under this party for state representative against the Democrat incumbent who happened to be his first cousin, William Henry Parcels Jr. — the one who had been fined with him in 1841 for betting at cards, and who also came to pre-Adair County with him on horseback in 1838. Linder and the Know-Nothing Party lost.

In 1858, W. P. Linder used some of his land in downtown Kirksville for construction which contributed majorly to the this city. He completed a large three-story business building on the southeast corner of Franklin and Washington Streets. This was diagonally opposite southeast from the Adair County Courthouse. It was named the Linder Building, and at first, it stood alone on that block (see photo).

In 1858, this large white wooden structure called the Linder Building was very impressive. It was the tallest building in Kirksville, even taller than the Courthouse across the street which at that time was a two-story brick facility. However, the narrow round tower on top of the Courthouse might have reached the same height as the Linder Building.

William P. Linder was one of the organizers of the Kirksville Branch of the Bank of St. Louis, Kirksville's first bank. He was also a member of the bank's first Board of Directors. In 1859, he was elected cashier. He had planned for this bank to use the ground floor of his new Linder building. However, they chose to use a smaller facility. This bank moved a small house onto the corner west of the Linder Building and used it as a temporary bank. They later built their own larger building on this same corner. This bank was in the present location of Pagliai's Pizza.

When the bank opted out of using the Linder building for their establishment, William P. Linder opened a dry goods store on the street level of his building. He rented out offices on the second floor, and the third floor became the meeting hall for the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 96, which he had joined in 1856.

As of 1860, everything seemed to be going well for this early Adair County settler. But, tragedy was just around the corner for both William and his stately building. Find out about that in the next segment of this history.

(Part of this information was taken from the writings of Marvin Dean Linder, descendant of the Linder family in Adair County, available at the Adair County Historical Society Museum.)

(Next time: Demise of the Spectacular Linder Building in Kirksville)

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Linder Building on the southeast corner of the Kirksville square, built 1858 by William Parcels Linder (1819-1884)

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## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Registration open for Tiny Tykes Soccer

Join Coach Luke for soccer FUNdamentals! The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer program. Tiny Tykes Soccer is an exciting and engaging four-week program, for children ages 3 through 5, that teaches soccer using play-based learning.

Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 19. Registrants will choose either a 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. session, or a 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. session when registering online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Registration is \$30 per participant and each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt. All Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex, 3000 Novinger St. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485

### Kirksville Aquatic Center's indoor pool to close for routine annual maintenance

The indoor pool at the Kirksville Aquatic Center will be closed through July 30, for routine annual maintenance. This includes deep cleaning, paint touch ups and water replacement. During this time, lap swimming will be available at the outdoor pool Monday through Friday from 6-9:30 a.m., and noon to 1 p.m. Water walking will be available in the outdoor current channel on those same days and times. The arthritis class will meet at its usual time, Monday through Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the outdoor pool. The Friends Aerobics class will move to 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For any questions, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

### Hospice of Northeast Missouri facilitating ongoing support group around the grief of aging

Carol Davenport, Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement Coordinator, and Diane Johnson, Hospice volunteer and retired communication faculty at Truman State, are facilitating monthly meetings where participants explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point." Many of us had lots of plans for those later years, but instead are dealing with physical issues that keep us from doing all the things we want to do. All are welcome to attend this free monthly support group that will meet from 1-2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church on 300 E. Washington Street in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the south door. The next scheduled meeting will take place on July 18 followed by meetings on Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. Hospice of Northeast Missouri is a 5 Star rated non-profit hospice that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. For more information call 660-627-9711.

### 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. He has 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.

### Silver Rails Winery in La Plata has new hours

Silver Rails Winery, 100 East Benton St. La Plata, now open Tuesday-Friday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday/Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (660-956-4701).

### Rotary Youth Exchange Committee in need of host families

The Kirksville Rotary Youth Exchange Committee is in need of host families for a German exchange student for the 2023-24 school year. Three host families are needed to provide room and board for three months each. The committee provides orientation to the families and the students go through a strong vetting process. Email acsweet12@gmail.com if interested.

### "Thank You for Your Service Exhibit"

For a second year the Kirksville Arts Association is honoring area men and women, who have served in the military with a photography exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center, located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville. The exhibit will run through Aug. 26. The exhibit includes 40 former military members from Adair, Macon, Schuyler, Sullivan and Putnam counties. The exhibit includes photographs of the veterans holding a photograph of when they were in the service. A closing reception will be held Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. and will include a presentation of five quilts by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The quilts will be on display at the arts center until the evening of the reception. The Sue Ross Arts Center is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge to view the exhibit. Any former military member who is interested in participating in a future exhibit by the Kirksville Arts Association should call 660-665-0500 or email kirksvilleart@gmail.com.

### Plant treatment to close Hazel Creek Lake for two days in August

Hazel Creek Lake will be temporarily closed for all recreational activities on Aug. 7-8 — weather permitting — to allow the city to treat the American Lotus plant. Boating, fishing, and all other activity on or in Hazel Creek Lake will be prohibited during this time period and the boat ramp will be closed. While this treatment process has been deemed safe for recreational activities, time is still needed to allow the treatment process to take place. If this process must be postponed due to weather, adequate notice will be provided to the public and all affected parties. Hazel Creek Lake is a drinking source lake that provides water for all Adair County residents. This program for treatment of lotus has been approved by

can help fed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbring-hope.org/give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

### Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

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

### Accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award. This award recognizes an individual or organization demonstrating outstanding achievements and distinguished contributions to the livestock industry. Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered. The award recognizes livestock industry leaders from across the state. The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 1. The award nomination form can be received by emailing missourilivestock@gmail.com and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County Extension office at 660-665-9866. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 1-2, at William Mathew Middle School. Go to missourilivestock.com or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The city will draw water from Forest Lake — the city's other drinking source lake — during this treatment process. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

### Ld's Bar and Grill calendar

Ld's Bar and Grill, 33006 State Hwy M in Economy (three miles east of Atlanta on Hwy M), will hold the following events:

Pool tournaments every first and third Saturday of the month. Sign in at noon, play begins at 1 p.m.

Saturday Aug. 5 — Chariton River Rally Poker Run

Saturday Aug. 19 — Band "Fully Loaded" 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Friday Sept. 15 — Band "Boot Cut" 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday Sept. 30 — Band "Keota" 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 21 — Band "Shakey Ground" 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Friday Oct. 27 — Band "Stone house" 9 p.m. to midnight

Call 660-239-4576 for more information.

### Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market on Saturdays

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

### Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You



## Public invited to discuss priority unfunded transportation needs

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Transportation is inviting the public to join the discussion on priority unfunded transportation needs in their areas.

Missouri's transportation system is a tremendous asset, including 33,808 miles of roads and 10,424 bridges, making it one of the largest for any state in the nation. MoDOT, working with its regional planning partners, has outlined a draft High Priority Unfunded Needs listing, which identifies \$1.1 billion in annual unfunded transportation needs for the system. The list was created to guide the development of needs into funded projects as state and federal transportation funds become available in future years.

The public is invited to review the list and provide feedback on the order of priorities that could be funded in the future. A meeting to discuss the draft updated High Priority Unfunded Needs list for transportation in Northeast Missouri will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Missouri Department of Transportation, located at 1711 S. Highway 61, in Hannibal. The presentation materials and a comment form are also available online at https://www.modot.org/unfundedneeds.

MoDOT staff have worked with metropolitan planning orga-

nizations and regional planning commissions throughout the state to develop a list of high priority unfunded road and bridge needs. The draft lists include \$4.7 billion in road and bridge needs in three tiers. Tier one includes \$552 million and includes needs that could be accomplished in the time of the current five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as federal and state funding levels increase. These needs have good estimates. Tier two is worth \$2.1 billion and includes needs beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. Tier three includes \$2 billion of needs also beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. In addition, MoDOT staff worked with planning partners to identify \$1 billion in multimodal needs.

MoDOT officials said they are committed to providing equal access to this event for all participants. If you need a reasonable accommodation, contact MoDOT Northeast District Communications at 573-248-2490 or necr@modot.mo.gov by Friday, Aug. 4.

The draft document and comment forms will be available online through Aug. 31, at https://www.modot.org/unfundedneeds. For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636) or visit www.modot.org to receive the latest statewide news and text alerts, sign up for e-updates.

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## Truman's top returners as kickoff of 2023 season nears

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State football team was represented at the GLVC Kick-off event on Friday as the countdown to the 2023 season ticks lower and lower. Expectations are high for the Bulldogs in 2023, coming off a 2022 season where they narrowly missed out on a conference title and finished the season as the No. 25 team in the nation.

Truman will have a lot of returning players on both sides of the ball, many that were vital contributors last season and some that will have to step up to fill the roles left by players no longer with the program. Let's take a look at some players in each phase of the game to figure to be big parts of the 2023 team.

### Offense

Truman has excelled with its rushing game in recent seasons, but has had turnover at that position in that time. But with multiple players receiving handoffs over the last three seasons, the player handing them the ball has not changed.

Senior quarterback Nolan Hair will be back to run the offense for Truman. After redshirting in 2019, Hair has played every game at quarterback for the Bulldogs starting in 2020. He finished sixth among GLVC quarterbacks last season in yards per game with 141.3, but ranked fourth in touchdown passes. He also took good care of the ball with his interception rate of 2.4 percent, the second-best in the conference behind only McKendree's Turner Pullen, who was named the GLVC Offensive Player of the Year.

Hair's primary backup last season was Collin Sutton, who was utilized more as a rusher than a passer. Sutton has transferred to fellow GLVC program Southwest Baptist, leaving four underclassmen as the other quarterbacks on Truman's roster. They are sophomore Bennett Ellsworth and freshmen Gerard Grewe, Quinn Nieman and Dylan Hair, Nolan's younger brother.

Dylan Hair is coming off a Missouri state championship at Blair Oaks, his second state title. He led the Falcons to a 14-0 record in 2022 and was named



Truman running back Denim Cook flexes toward the sideline after a run in the game against Missouri S&T on Oct. 8, 2022.

All-State four times in his career. Nolan won the state title at Blair Oaks in 2018, where he one-upped his younger brother by going 15-0.

Nolan Hair will be getting back most of his top targets from last season, with one noticeable exception. Tight end Matt Hall has transferred to Rice for his fifth year after leading the team with 38 receptions and five touchdowns last season. He was on the receiving end of some of the most important passing plays of the year. Luckily, the Bulldogs' next three leading receivers are back.

Receiver Tate Crane finished right behind Hall with 37 receptions and led the team with 413 receiving yards. Receiver Zach Zerwig was third on the team with 30 catches and 338 yards. He had two touchdowns, which does not include his catch of a clutch two-point conversion in overtime against Tiffin on Sept. 24 to give the Bulldogs an 18-17 win. Tight end Chris Kerr was the team's fourth-leading receiver last season and had three touchdowns, tying with Crane for the second-most on the team.

At running back, the Bulldogs will be losing their top rusher for the second-straight season. Cody



Truman linebacker Ulysses Ross (44) and defensive back Ben Thomas (21) wrap up a Missouri S&T ball carrier in the game on Oct. 8, 2022.

Schrader was the top rusher for the team in 2021 and then transferred to Missouri, where he led the Tigers in rushing yards and

rushing touchdowns as a senior in 2022. Schrader's replacement was former Hannibal standout and graduate transfer Shamar Griffith, who excelled in his one season with the Bulldogs. He finished third in the GLVC last season in rushing yards and touchdowns.

The second-leading rusher last season for Truman was freshman running back Denim Cook, who ran for 375 yards and six touchdowns. He led the team with 7.5 yards per rush. His best game came in Truman's 59-32 win over Quincy on Oct. 29 where he ran for 154 yards and four touchdowns on just 12 carries. He has the most game experience among the eight backs on the roster this season.

To the benefit of the running game this season, the same offensive line that paved the way for backs will be returning. The Bulldogs gained 180.5 rushing yards per game last season, second in the conference, and seemed to improve throughout the season in that regard.

### Defense

This will be the second-straight season where the Bulldogs return a vast majority of their defensive contributors. Of the 18 players to reach double-digits in total tackles in 2022, 15 will be back, including eight of the top nine players in total tackles.

The team's leading tackler last season was linebacker Isaiah Estes, now a senior. His 78 total tackles were 19 more than anyone else on the team and ranked seventh in the conference. He was also tied for third on the team with two interceptions. Truman's second-leading tackler, defensive back Ben Watson, will not be back, but the next seven players on the list will.

Defensive back Ben Thomas was third on the team with 58 total tackles but led the team with 44 solo tackles. He also had the most interceptions on the team with five, which also tied him for the GLVC lead. Ryan Olivas tied for second on the team and in the conference with four interceptions and ranked seventh on the team in total tackles.

Linebacker Ulysses Ross had the fifth-most total tackles on the team, but did more damage behind the line of scrimmage than any other Bulldog defender. His 10.5 tackles for loss led the team by a margin of 2.5 and his three sacks also led the team. Of the seven Truman defenders to record 1.5 or more sacks, six will be back. Only Alex DeVecchi, who was tied for third on the team with two sacks, has moved on.

Jack Weltha finished second on the team with 2.5 sacks in what was his freshman season. Defensive back Peyton Carr had eight tackles for loss, the second-most on the team, and two sacks.

The Bulldogs led the conference in total defense, allowing 297 yards per game. This had them ranked 32nd in the nation. Their rushing defense was the 13th-best in the nation, but was still behind Indianapolis among GLVC teams. The Greyhounds allowed just 53 rushing yards per game, the fewest in the nation.

### Special Teams

Truman's specialists ranked among the conference's best in 2022. Kicker Grant Ross, who will be back in 2023, tied for second in the GLVC with his field goal percentage of 75 percent. He went 9-of-12 on field goals, as did Quincy's Drew Lenzen. Logan Turner of Southwest Baptist made 10-of-13 field goals to lead the conference at 76.9 percent.

Truman will be without punter Taylor Cornish, who ranked second in the GLVC in numerous punting categories. His average of 38.4 yards per punt, six punts of 50 or more yards and 19 punts inside the 20 were all the second-most in the conference.

Sophomore Mason Gessert is the only other punter listed on the roster. A kicker and punter, Gessert did not see any action in his freshman season. Sophomore kicker Vinnie Calvaruso is also listed on the roster, but like Gessert, did not see the field last season.

The Bulldogs will take the field on Sept. 2 to open the season at Findlay. They will then play their home opener on Sept. 9 against South Dakota Mines.



Truman wide receiver Tate Crane runs by a defender in the game against Missouri S&T on Oct. 8, 2022.



Truman defensive back Ryan Olivas runs along the sideline after an interception against Missouri S&T on Oct. 8, 2022.

# Local junior wins at MJT Deer Chase

By Missouri Golf Association

LINN CREEK, Mo. (July 26, 2023) – Today, the Missouri Junior Tour held its final event of the season at The Golf Club at Deer Chase in Linn Creek, Missouri. A field of 83 total junior golfers divided into age divisions all competed in a round of 9-hole stroke play.

Jackson Marcee (St. James) and Chayton Jordan (Rolla) tied for the lead in the 16-18 Male flight with a score of even par, 36. After a chip off was held, Marcee took home the gold and Jordan took home silver. Landon Mabe (Steelville)

was right behind them at shot one over, 37, for third place.

Page Bowman (Springfield) is the winner of the 16-18 Female division with a score of one over, 37. Audrey Smith (Rolla) was behind her at three over, 39, for second place, and Sophie Hinds (Jefferson City) took home third at four over, 40.

In the 14-15 Male division, Chancen Jordan (Rolla) and Grayson Moore (Jefferson City) tied for first place at five over, 41. Moore won the chip off to earn the gold, and Jordan took second and the silver. There was a four-way tie for third

place between Zach Hull (Eldon), Hagan Ritter (Macon), Michael Atnip (Jefferson City) and Lake Bennett (Linn). A chip off for third resulted in Bennett taking home bronze.

Haven Evers (Eldon) won the 14-15 Female group with a score of 11 over, 46. Charlotte Fischer (Sedalia) came in second place at 13 over, 48, and Aliyah Simmons (Columbia) earned third place with a score of 14 over, 49.

In the 12-13 Male 18-hole division, Ty Brandt (Jefferson City) won with a score of one over, 36. Jackson Bennett (Eldon) took home second place

after firing three over, 38, and Hunter Hovis (Jefferson City) placed third at seven over, 42.

Maxwell Sutton (Springfield) won the 12-13 Male 9-hole flight, firing three over, 38. Jack Sinnett (Jefferson City) came in second place at four over, 39. Two players tied for third place, both shooting nine over, 44: Luke McGrath (Camden) and Graham Henley (Eldon).

McKenzie Martin (Jefferson City) is the winner of the 10-13 Female flight, shooting 10 over, 45. Ashtyn Shaw (Jefferson City) earned second place with a score of 22

over, 57, and Ella Marcee (St. James) placed third at 31 over, 66.

In the 10-11 Male division, Blaine Munzlinger (Columbia) came out on top with a score of five over, 40. Brock Jernigan (Lebanon) took home second place at seven over, 42, and Jagger Glaze (Eldon) placed third with a score of eight over, 43.

There were just two competitors in the 8-9 Male flight. Klay Knight (Buffalo) earned first place at six over, 42, and Logan Knaebel (Columbia) shot seven over, 43, winning second place.

There were only two competitors in the 8-9

Female division, as well. Emerson Munzlinger (Columbia) took first place at 20 over, 56, and Allison Knaebel (Columbia) earned second at 29 over, 65.

Congratulations to all of our flight winners on a great tournament!

You can view full results here: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4007144>

The Missouri Junior Tour Championship will be held on Aug. 6 at Eldon Country Club and Aug. 7 at Redfield Golf Course. For more information on upcoming qualifiers or other MGA tournaments, visit [www.mogolf.org](http://www.mogolf.org)



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## Mikolas' decision to hit Happ stupid on multiple levels

Sports have always been the setting for hot-headed, macho spectacle. Sometimes this can be highly entertaining, but often it is just extremely annoying. A series of events happened during the Cubs and Cardinals game on Thursday that fell decidedly on the annoying side of the spectrum.

Extremely early on in the game, on Cardinals starter Miles Mikolas' 12th pitch of the first inning, Cubs outfielder inadvertently hit Cardinals catcher Willson Contreras in the head with his backswing. It is an unfortunate play that happens sometimes in baseball, and it resulted in a bleeding Contreras being removed from the game.

Happ and Contreras played together with the Cubs from 2017 through last season, and Happ offered Contreras an apology and a hug as he made his way off the field. That seemed to be that. A swing unfortunately led to an injury and two friends indicated that there were no hard feelings as a result of the accidental contact.

But Mikolas apparently felt otherwise. The next pitch to Happ was up and in under Happ's chin, but it was unclear if there was intent. Mikolas removed any doubt

by hitting Happ on the hip on the ensuing pitch. The umpires met and decided to eject Mikolas for rather obviously hitting Happ on purpose, something the league is trying to remove from the game for reasons that should be clear. Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol was also ejected.

Mikolas was presumably hearing choice words from the Cubs dugout and gestured and yelled back at them, only to be met with complete disinterest from the Cubs. They were likely happy to be given a free base runner with two outs in the first inning.

Baseball has been in a battle for a long time with so-called unwritten rules, where players with old school mentalities try to police the game and get payback when they think someone is out of line or disrespecting the game. But I do not believe that accidentally hitting a catcher with a backswing is against any of these "rules."

For full disclosure, I am a Cubs fan. I am not a sports fan that hates the rivals of my favorite team for no reason, and therefore have no bad feelings about the Cardinals. I feel that I was a relatively neutral observer of the incident Thursday, and as a relatively neutral observer, I

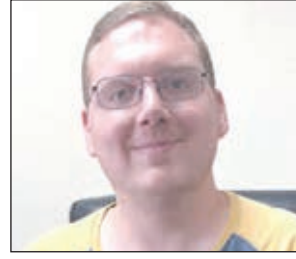
think that what Mikolas did was really dumb.

Obviously hitting batters on purpose is ill advised and dangerous. When releasing a projectile from less than 60 feet away from a person at 95 miles per hour and hitting them with it, very many bad things can happen. Luckily Happ was uninjured and Mikolas hit him in a spot where little damage could be done, but the first pitch was much closer to Happ's head and could have seriously injured him had it hit him.

But setting aside the moral reasons for hitting a person with a baseball on purpose, Mikolas hitting Happ was stupid from a baseball perspective.

The Cubs had no runners on and two outs in the inning. Thursday's game was also the first game of a four game series that will be played on the hottest days of the year so far. The series also leads into the trade deadline, and the games are potentially very important should either team be trying to decide what moves to make.

Mikolas should have known that hitting Happ would possibly lead to an ejection and force the Cardinals to go to the bullpen in the first inning of a long and hot series. It also gave the Cubs a baserunner and extended the inning. The score was 3-0 in favor of



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the Cubs by the time the inning ended with Happ scoring the game's first run. The Cubs went on to win the game 10-3 for their sixth-straight win and moved six games ahead of the Cardinals in the standings.

Now the Cardinals have dropped a game and will have a relatively taxed bullpen as they move through the series. If I was one of Mikolas' teammates, I suppose I would have appreciated him standing up for Contreras, but that would be outweighed by my frustration with his selfish decision.

No one else on the field seemed to be that upset at Happ. The game could have just gone on with no incident and perhaps the Cardinals could have won behind Mikolas. If Mikolas really wanted to get back at Happ, he should have tried striking him out.

Instead he energized the Cubs, sparked a two-out rally, forced his bullpen to work more than necessary and basically sent his team toward a loss. But I guess he stood up for his injured teammate who in no way wanted to be stood up for, so that's something.

## 17th Annual Parent-Child Championship to be held at Porto Cima July 31-Aug. 1

By Missouri Golf Association

SUNRISE BEACH, Mo. (July 27, 2023) – The 17th annual Parent-Child Championship will be held at The Club at Porto Cima in Sunrise Beach from July 31-August 1, 2023. In total, 67 pairs of parents and their children will compete in different flights for the championship title.

Teams will be made up of pairs including father-son, father-daughter, mother-son and mother-daughter. All participants must be at least 12 years old by the first day of the tournament.

There are several different flights for this event. The Open Flight will consist of the top 10 teams with the lowest combined handicaps. This flight will play six holes scramble, six holes alternate shot, and six holes best ball on both days of the tournament. The Overall Champion team will be named from this flight.

The Championship Flight will be broken down into several flights based on team handicaps. This flight will play 36 holes scramble.

The Century Flight is the division for teams with combined ages of 100 or more. This flight will also play 36 holes scramble. Teams in this flight will only be competing against each other.

The Super Senior Flight is for teams where one of the players is 70 or older. This flight will play 36 holes scramble, and will only compete against each other.

A practice round will be held on Sunday, July 30. The tournament will kick off with round one on Monday, July 31. Teams will play 18 holes with tee times from 7:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. off holes 1 and 10.

Round two on August 1 will follow the same format, with 18 holes being played by each team in each flight.

Click here to view the pairings: [www.golfgenius.com/pages/3895425](http://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3895425)

For more information on the Parent-Child Championship, or other MGA events, contact the MGA office at (573) 636-8994.

## Chiefs' Kadarius Toney has surgery for torn meniscus in his knee

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Wide receiver Kadarius Toney underwent surgery Tuesday morning for a torn meniscus in his knee.

However Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid hasn't ruled Toney out of the team's season opener against Detroit.

"There is a chance for the first game, but we'll see," Reid said after Tuesday's practice. "We'll just have to see how other recovery goes with him. But he's bound and determined he's gonna be there for the first game. We'll see how it goes."

Toney tweaked his knee just minutes into Sunday's opening practice of the team's training camp at Missouri Western State University. Toney was receiving punts during warmups when he injured the cartilage in his knee. Reid said Toney previously had surgery on the same knee while with the New York Giants.

"He might have had a little something in there

anyways, and it just caught a little bit more," Reid said. "So you take care of those things."

The Chiefs expect a significant role from Toney this season after he joined the club last season in an Oct. 27 trade with the Giants. Toney played in parts of seven games with the Chiefs while hauling in 14 catches for 171 yards and two scores. He also played a key role in the team's Super Bowl win over the Philadelphia Eagles, catching a 5-yard touchdown pass and returning a punt for 65 yards that set up another score.

With the speedster Toney on the sideline for now, quarterback Patrick Mahomes expects to lean more on the team's other starting receivers, Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Skyy Moore. Justin Watson and rookie Rashee Rice also saw more snaps in practice with Toney missing.

Mahomes believes the team's offense can adjust without Toney out of the lineup.

## Cubs' Happ hits Cardinals catcher Contreras in head with follow-through, then gets hit by pitch

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Chicago Cubs outfielder Ian Happ hit St. Louis catcher Willson Contreras in the head with a long follow-through on a swing, then was soon hit himself by a pitch from Cardinals starter Miles Mikolas.

Mikolas and Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol were ejected in the first-inning dustup between the longtime rivals.

Contreras was cut badly and tumbled down. After a hug from former Chicago teammate Happ, Contreras walked off the field.

The Cardinals said Contreras had a scalp laceration and was day to day to return to the lineup. Glue, not stitches, was used to close the wound.

"I feel fine," Contreras said. "I had a little head-

ache after I got hit. I was kind of knocked out. I felt the backswing. I felt the blood and I knew it was bad. I didn't want to get stitches. I want to make sure I'm ready to go tomorrow."

Contreras wanted to remain in the game.

"It was bleeding really bad," Contreras said. "I wanted to be in there. At the same time, I have to take care of myself."

Happ reached out to Contreras.

"He did apologize," Contreras said. "We're very good friends. It's part of the game. It happens and it's over."

Happ and Contreras played together six years before Contreras signed with St. Louis in the off-season.

"It just sucks," Happ said. "It's horrible. He comes up bloody. We're

good friends. I have a lot of love for him. To see him go down and be bleeding from the head was obviously a scary moment."

Cubs manager David Ross said there is no blame to assess in the situation.

"It's part of the game," Ross said. "It stinks. It's terrible how it happened. He was fighting to stay in the game. I sent him a text and I hope he is all right. Happ felt terrible."

Andrew Knizner took over behind the plate, and Mikolas brushed back Happ with the first pitch when play resumed to run the count to 3-1. With the next pitch, Mikolas hit Happ in the rear.

Happ didn't cause a scene.

"Just go to first base," Happ said. "I wore it. I kind of felt he coming in there."

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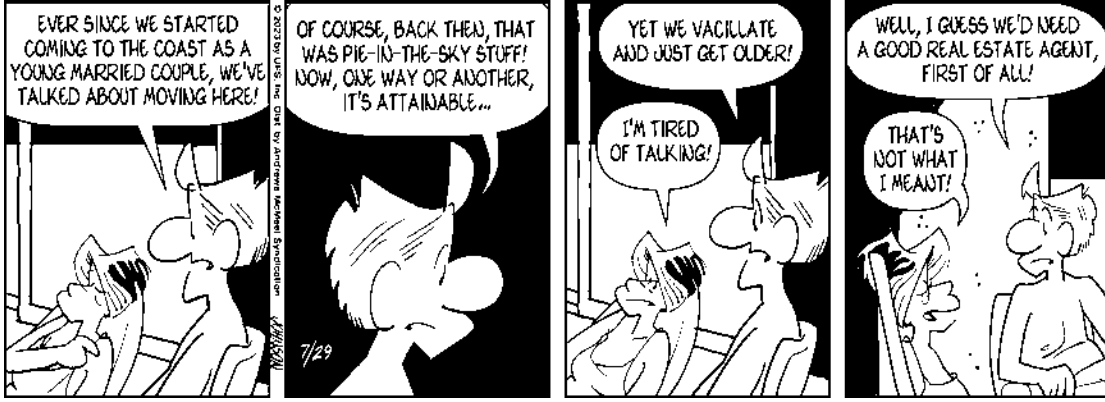
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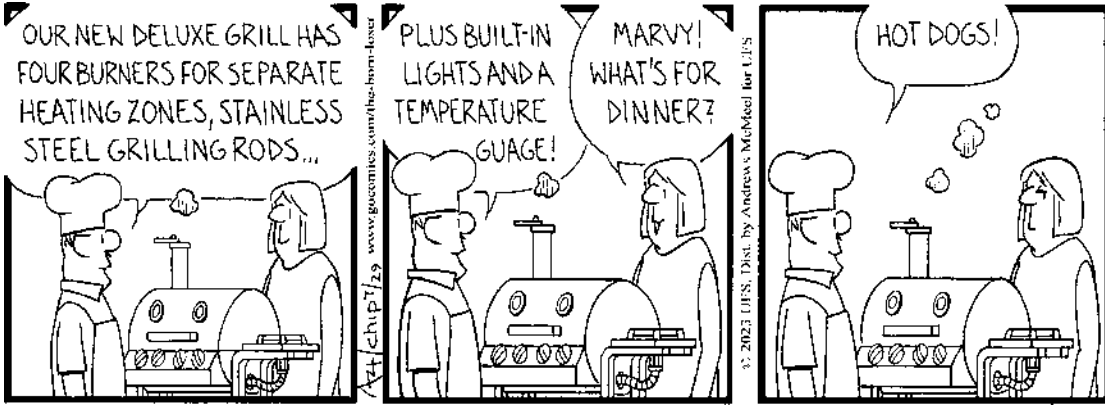
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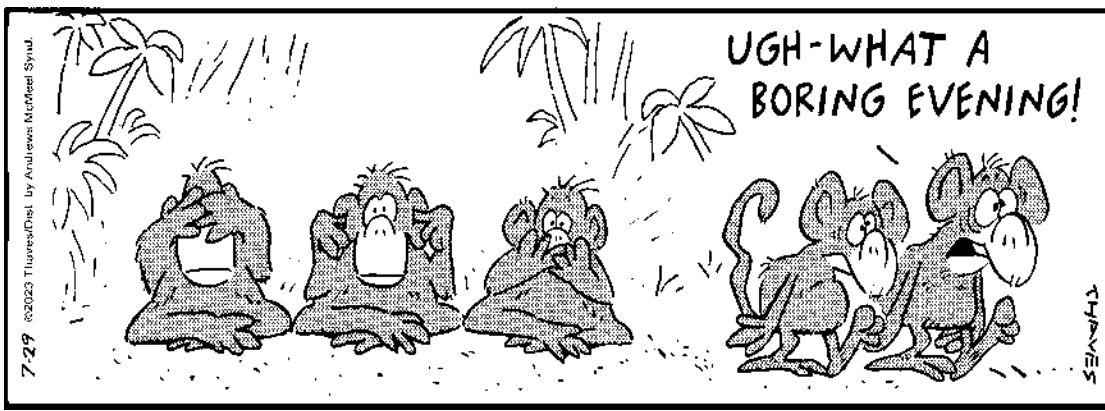
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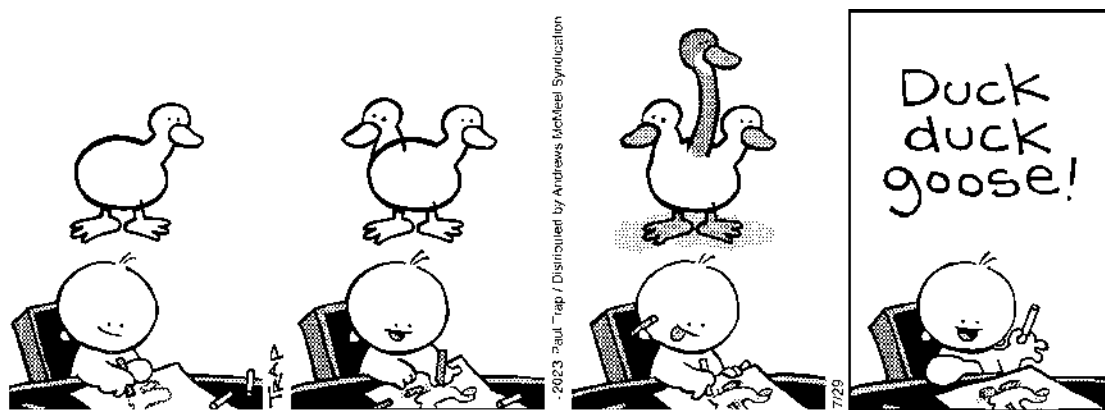
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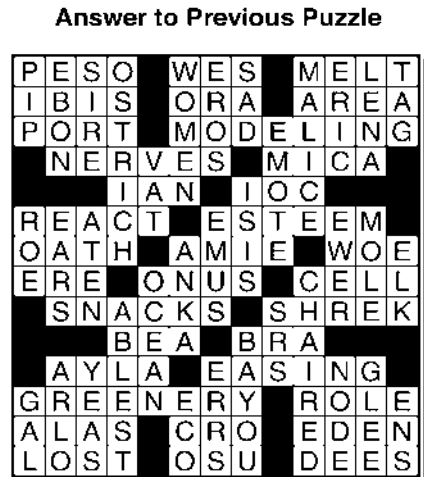
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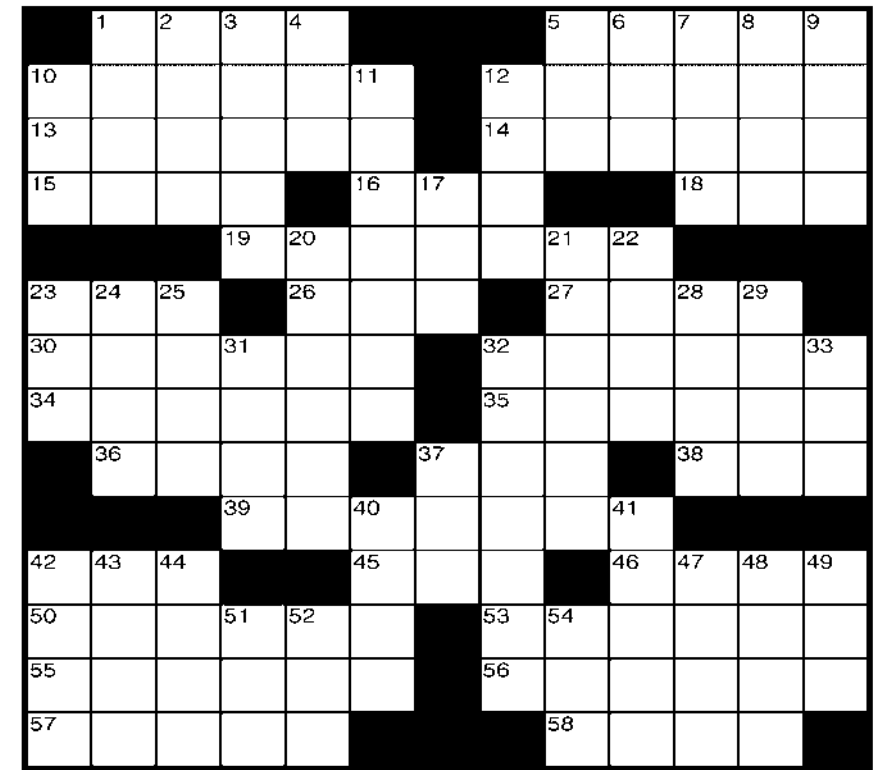
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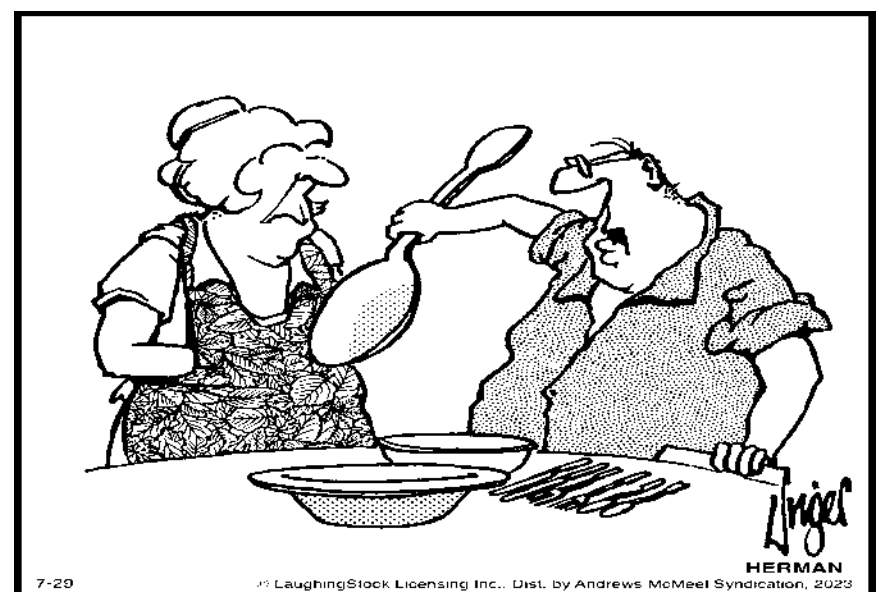


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Be the one to make a difference this year. Stand tall and help others. Don't let anyone rain on your parade. Get things done and you will rise to the top. Don't be a follower when taking the lead is in your best interest. Take charge and do what you do best.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Avoid temptation and overindulgence. Be the voice of reason and stick to your principles. Work to make a difference and do what you can for those who ask for help.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Keep an open mind, be resourceful and don't be afraid to change direction or make a move. Trust and believe in yourself and your decisions, and refuse to let your emotions lead you astray.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Nurture relationships that count and walk away from those who stand between you and your dreams. Pay attention to detail and let self-improvement and personal growth be your goals.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Wait until you have verified facts before you make a decision or share your intentions. You can stabilize your position and make life easier if you are prudent and direct.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Think before you act. Someone will give you false information. Be resourceful, and you'll save yourself aggravation. Put more effort into self-improvement and spending quality time with loved ones.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Adjust your routine to fit your schedule. Take care of time-sensitive matters that offer opportunities to maintain or boost your status quo. A change of pace or a new interest will improve your lifestyle.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Aim straight and shoot for the stars. Don't stop or wait for others to catch up; note what's important to you and make your dream come true. Listen to your heart.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- A partnership will help you save money and offer the chance to advance. Speak up about your wants and be ready to negotiate. A change may not excite you initially, but give it a chance.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Learn as you go, and you'll reach the top. Get out and mingle with people heading in a similar direction or who share your interests. A self-improvement project will lift your spirits.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Keep life simple. Figure out what you need to do and make it happen. Dedication and persistence will pay off. Don't complicate matters with contradictions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Consider your plans before making a move. Get the go-ahead from dependents and those affected by your decisions. Keeping everything out in the open will help alleviate problems.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- You'll find purpose in life if you help people. Participation will open doors to new beginnings. Discipline and acts of kindness will pay off and encourage you to do more.



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