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Pollock celebrates 150th birthday

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The village of Pollock held a weekend party to celebrate its 150th birthday this past weekend. On Friday they held opening ceremonies, an ice cream social and a fireworks show. On Saturday a parade themed

“Memory Lane: A Step Back in Time”, was held that featured local organizations and residents, as well as a strong lineup of vintage tractors.

The parade ended in the center of the small town where vendors had set up shop and activities to entertain children and adults alike were being

held. An ugly truck contest was held as was a baby show, a family and town history exhibit was set up, and a corn hole tournament brought in visitors from near and far. The band “Pumptown” opened the music performances on Saturday followed by local legend Rhonda Vincent and The Rage.



City block party held at Memorial Park

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department held the third of their four summer block parties on July 30 at Memorial Park on East Cottonwood Street. Families attending the event were treated to free hot dogs, lemonade, cotton candy, snow cones, water fights, a suds machine, a fire truck and more. The final block party will be held on Aug. 6 from 3-5 p.m., at Brashear Park on Normal Avenue.



Ribbon-cutting held for Kirksville Labyrinth Center, adjoining gazebo

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

A ribbon cutting was held for the opening of the new Kirksville Labyrinth Center above the Spur Pond off of Osteopathy Street on Thursday, July 27. The project was a longtime goal of Anne Moody, a chemistry professor at Truman State, who has been interested in labyrinth's for many years. She was encouraged to fulfill her dream of building the labyrinth by Elsie Gaber, a former colleague at Truman State University and a member of the Thousand Hills Rotary Club, who sought out connections and benefactors that could assist with making the project a success.

Visitors to the ribbon cutting also celebrated the construction of a gazebo adjacent to the labyrinth that was the Eagle Scout project of Jacob Thompson. The Thousand Hills Rota-



Visitors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

ry Club donated \$4,000 to make Thompson's gazebo a reality.

Moody said that she had wanted to build a labyrinth since her daughter was in middle school in the mid-2000s but heard another project was on the books and she didn't want to compete with it.

When she learned in 2018 that the project had not come to pass, she contacted Kirksville Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler, who offered up the location on the hillside overlooking Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery, A.T. Still

University and Northeast Regional Hospital, which she noted signified birth, death and the education of people in between those stages of life.

Thompson thanked the parks department and volunteers that helped him build the gazebo, which earned him Eagle Scout honors.

“I hope it will make a very positive impact on our community,” Thompson said. “This project of ours is a shining example of what can be accomplished with hard work, determination and a willingness to serve others and expect



Elsie Gaber and Anne Moody cut the ribbon to officially open the Kirksville Labyrinth Center. Jacob Thompson (in the scout uniform), built an adjoining gazebo at the site.

nothing in return.”

Sadler said that the site of the labyrinth is not yet finished and that they expect to add parking spaces and sidewalks in the near future thanks to a solid waste management district grant the city received.

“Those plans are being finalized now,” Sadler said, noting that the city is

also looking to plant trees around the labyrinth to provide shade for visitors.

“It's such a nice location, everybody can get to it, and yet it's also quiet enough that you can really contemplate whatever your issues are,” Moody said, noting that the labyrinth was a unique personal path where walkers can start at

the beginning and follow the pathway to the center, releasing their concerns.

“And when you get to the center, you can pause and maybe receive some insights about your concerns,” Moody said. “Take your time getting ready to head back out into the real world and then walk that same path right back out.”

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Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club donates to Pantry for Adair County

By Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club

The Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary Club dedicates one meeting each month to completing a service project. These projects are designed to benefit individuals and organizations in the local community. The project for July was assembling dishwashing kits for distribution to patrons of the Pantry for Adair County. The kits included dish soap, a dish towel, sponges, and hand-knitted

dishcloths. Pictured are Pantry for Adair County manager Krista Tinney and Kirksville-Thousand Hills Rotary service project chair Marilyn Romine. The Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills meets on Thursdays at 7 a.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Anyone who would like to learn more about the club, the monthly service projects, or Rotary International, a worldwide service organization, is welcome to attend.

Northern Missouri road maintenance report

Staff Reports

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri regions for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below.

Macon County

Route O – Aug. 2, lane restriction for seal coating operations from U.S. Route

36 to Route J between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Route AX – Aug. 3, lane restriction for seal coating operations from Route O to U.S. Route 63 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route P – Aug. 7, lane restriction for asphalt pavement repairs from Chariton County line to Dynamo Place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route F – Aug. 9, closed for seal coating operations from Missouri Route 149 to Route J between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Route P – Aug. 10, closed for seal coating operations from Dynamo Place to Chariton County line between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Kirksville Tourism Advisory Board meeting

The city of Kirksville'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.

Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee meeting

The city of Kirksville's Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3, in Council Chambers, Kirksville City Hall, 201 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 Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. Register your 1st through 8th grade artist now at <https://parks.kirkvillecity.com/> or by visiting the Kirksville 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 Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirksville. 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.

Last city block party at Brashear Park

The Kirksville 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 Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 29th Annual Golf Outing, presented by Northeast Missouri State Bank, on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Kirksville 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 Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirksville. The concert is free to the public. The rain venue will be Club One at 301 W. McPherson Street.

Kids Mini Mud Mile returns

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Kids Mini Mud Mile. Children ages 3-15 can embark on a one-mile mud-filled obstacle adventure right here in Kirksville. The run will take place Saturday, Aug. 12, at the North Park Sports Complex. Choose between a 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. start time. Every child will receive a free Mud Mile t-shirt and post-race refreshments. Early registration is \$10 per child before July 1 and \$15 after. Children 5 and under can have an adult accompany them free of charge. Add an unlimited run wristband for just \$5 when registering and run the course as many times as you would like until 12:30 p.m. Register today at parks.kirkvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street, Kirksville.

Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Nature Detective Hike'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Nature Detective Hike" on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. Animals leave behind clues to tell us they have been in the area. Join park staff to explore the many different clues animals leave behind and learn what animals share the park with us. Meet at the Oak Trail located next to the playground on Big Loop Road. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

New online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 14

A new session of online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 14. MU Extension horticulture specialists teach the 14 online sessions. Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of scripted and narrated video presentations. Students work at their own pace. A composite score of 70 percent on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course. Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, landscape design, woody ornamental plants, turf management, insect and disease management and pesticide safety. Core training is the first step toward certification as an MU Extension Master Gardener. Trainees must also complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service. Local Master Gardener coordinators can help online trainees find volunteer opportunities to meet the service hour requirements. The deadline to register for the fall session is Aug. 13. For more information, visit mg.missouri.edu.

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park Petroglyph Tour will take place on Friday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Join park staff for a slideshow presentation to get a close up look and learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter next to the beach.

Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Native Reptiles'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Native Reptiles" on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. Join park staff to learn about some of Thousand Hills native reptiles. From snakes, to lizards, to turtles, there is always something fascinating to discover. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Celebrating Bats'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Celebrating Bats" on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Join park staff and volunteers to learn all about bats. This program will be an early celebration of international bat night. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Royal Oak Sunrise Trail Race

The Royal Oak Sunrise Trail Race will be held on Aug. 26

from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Royal Oaks Trail Head, 23016-23012 Royal Oak Rd, Kirksville. This is a fundraiser for the Forest Lake Area Trail System. There will be no refunds under any circumstances. If entrants can no longer run, they have the opportunity to transfer their entry to another runner. All transfers must be processed through your ultrasignup.com by Aug. 25. There is not a packet pick-up for this race. Runners check-in on race day at the start/finish line between 5:30-6:15 am to get a race bib. The race starts at 6:30 a.m.

Kirksville Cars & Coffee

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization will be holding their Kirksville Cars & Coffee program on Aug. 26 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirksville. Come on out and have a good time. 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. Free raffle prizes. Call for info: 660-665-9764.

Kirksville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament

The Kirksville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament will be held on Aug. 26 from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., at the Kirksville Middle School gym, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville. Spectators are free! Kirksville Taekwon-Do invites all affiliated schools and students to the annual tournament. Registration is \$40. This year, all spectators not already enrolled in Kirksville Taekwon-Do can receive a voucher for four free classes. Just approach the registration table or speak with a Kirksville black belt. For more information, call 660-341-9655 or visit kirkvilletaekwondo.com. The tournament is a United States Taekwon-Do Federation (USTF) sanctioned event so the competition will be in accordance with USTF rules/for USTF practitioners. The competition will have three events for both color belt and black belt divisions: patterns, sparring, and breaking. Competitors must be 12 years of age or older to participate in breaking. Registration begins at 9 a.m., events begin at 10 a.m.

Special Olympics Missouri North Softball Regional

Special Olympics Missouri North Softball Regional will be held on Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Park Softball Complex 3000 Novinger Street, Kirksville. For more information, contact Luke Lamb at lamb@somo.org or 573-469-7827.

Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Learn 2 Paddle'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Learn 2 Paddle" on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try kayaking or strengthen your kayak skills? Register for one of our Learn 2 Paddle events. Registration is \$5. Participants must be at least 10 years in age. Register at mostateparks.com/learn2. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

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OBITUARIES

Glenn A. Rigdon

Apr 27, 1936 – Jul 17, 2023

Mr. Glenn A. Rigdon, 87, passed away peacefully at 9:15 pm Monday, July 17, 2023, at his home surrounded by family.

Glenn was born April 27, 1936, in Yuma, Colorado, the son of Wayne Armin and Bertha Lee (McClanahan) Rigdon. He married the love of his life Loraine E. James on May 29, 1959, in Greentop, Missouri and was married 64 years. She survives.



Also surviving are his children, Stephen W. (Lynn) Rigdon of Champaign, Illinois, Lisa K. (Douglas) Sanders of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Vicky L. (Tony) Stotler of Warrensburg, Missouri, Todd A. (Angeli) Rigdon of Des Moines, Iowa and Julie A. (Brian) Howard of Williamsfield, Illinois; sister-in-law, Sonja Rigdon of Queen City, Missouri; seventeen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles and Verl Rigdon and his foster sister, Buena Walters.

Glenn graduated from high school in Greentop, Missouri in 1954 and from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1959. He later earned his master's degree. He moved to Galesburg in 1961 and began teaching science at Lombard Junior High School. He also taught classes at Carl Sandburg College, retiring in 1976. Glenn enjoyed farming as well, tending to his hogs, cattle, corn and soybean fields until 2019.

Glenn was a devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church. He served as a Sunday School teacher and was instrumental within the church support groups, especially divorce care groups. Glenn had an empathetic heart and a listening ear for the hurting. He would point them to Jesus for their healing. Glenn volunteered his time as a chapel speaker with the Galesburg Rescue Mission.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 24, 2023, at Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services Galesburg Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Gideons, Galesburg Rescue Mission or Bethel Baptist Church. Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com

Anna Lou Wheeler

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Anna Lou Wheeler passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday (July 31, 2023) at the Dooley Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Queen City Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday (July 30, 2023) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri.

Arrangements in the care of the Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri; www.dooleyfh.com.

Rachel Anne Alexander

Thursday, July 26, 2023

Rachel Anne Alexander, 87, of Queen City passed away Thursday, July 26, 2023.

Funeral service will be Sunday (July 30, 2023) at 1:00pm in the Dooley Funeral Home. Burial will be in the New Harmony Cem-

etery west of Greentop.

Visitation will be Sunday (July 30, 2023) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Dooley Funeral Home.

Arrangements in the care of Dooley Funeral Home, Queen City, Missouri; www.dooleyfh.com.

Now 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.

Free school supplies drive-through and raffle

By Adair County Health Department

The Adair County Health Department is hosting its annual school supply drive-through on Friday, Aug. 4, at 1001 S. Jamison Street in Kirksville. Staff of the Health Department will be handing out bags from 10 a.m. until supplies run out.

The bags contain a variety of school supplies and personal essentials for children in pre-K through Grade 12. Contents differ according to age, pre-K, K-6th grade, and 7th to 12th grade. The back-to-school bags are courtesy of the Adair County Health Department and

community sponsors.

The Health Department is also raffling small prizes for free. There will be four prizes for students and two for parents. Entrants will need to write their name and phone number on the raffle ticket, and there is only one ticket per person. You can enter during the drive-through event or any time before the event by visiting the Clinic lobby. Winners will be contacted after the back-to-school bag supplies run out.

If residents have any questions regarding the school supply event or raffle, call the Adair County Health Department at 660-665-8491, extension 749.



KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Street work scheduled for Leisure Drive in Kirksville

The street maintenance division of the city of Kirksville's Public Works Department will begin mill and overlay work on Leisure Drive, from Manor Road to East McPherson Street, starting Monday, July 31. The street will have alternating traffic lanes during construction, and will be closed temporarily. No street parking is allowed during the paving operation. This project is expected to be completed by August 3, depending on the weather. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

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

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

Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement personnel 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." 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 meetings will take place on Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. 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. They have volunteers "manning" the location and seniors are welcome any time during that time period. They ask that you sign in. There is no charge and you may come any or all days. If the schools are closed, they are not open because of weather. As of April 1, the Crossing will only be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. It will be rain free, wind free, and cool on hot days. Citizens above 55 years of age.

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

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

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

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Left to right: Jeff Romine, Dr. Cynthia Waller, Melissa Stuart and Elizabeth Gregory (insert).

Rotary Club to plant 400th U.S. flag in community

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The Rotary Club of Kirksville is announcing that the 400th flag subscription will be displayed in the yard of a new Kirksville resident, Dr. Cynthia Waller. Waller is the new Director of Nursing at Truman State University and was the guest of Elizabeth Gregory, a realtor with eXp Realty and Rotarian who is sponsoring the flag in Waller's

yard. After Jeff Romine, the chair of the flag program learned that Waller would be receiving a flag, he announced that it was the 400th flag to be displayed in the community. The Rotary Flag Program is in its third year in the community and has been very well received. Kirksville residents interested in having a U.S. flag displayed in their front yard on flag holidays can learn more by visiting kvrotary.org.

Gas prices jump, crude prices up, gasoline inventories down

By AAA

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is \$3.43 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 17 cents more compared to this day last week and is 54 cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Kansas City are paying the most on average at \$3.55 while drivers in Cape Girardeau are paying the least at \$3.28 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.71, which is 13 cents more compared to this day last week and 54 cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

Most Missouri metropolitan areas saw healthy gas price average increases week-over-week. Excessive heat has also led to some refineries decreasing production output. In addition, Saudi Arabia's recent reduction in output is causing crude oil prices to rise. West Texas Intermediate is now \$79 per barrel, at the time of this release, which is about \$12 more compared to the start of June. Crude oil accounts for approximately 50% of the cost of each gallon of gas. It remains to be seen how long prices will remain elevated compared to

AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch							07/27/2023
Area	07/27/2023	Week Ago	Week Ago Difference	Year Ago	Year Ago Difference	Record Price Date	Record Price
National	\$3.71	\$3.58	0.13	\$3.58	-0.13	06/14/22	\$5.02
Missouri	\$3.43	\$3.26	0.17	\$3.97	-0.54	06/16/22	\$4.66
Cape Girardeau	\$3.28	\$3.17	0.11	\$3.91	-0.63	06/16/22	\$4.53
Columbia	\$3.45	\$3.35	0.10	\$4.05	-0.60	06/14/22	\$4.87
Jefferson City	\$3.47	\$3.37	0.10	\$4.11	-0.64	06/15/22	\$4.87
Joplin	\$3.35	\$3.14	0.21	\$3.70	-0.35	06/16/22	\$4.52
Kansas City (MO only)	\$3.55	\$3.31	0.23	\$3.81	-0.26	06/12/22	\$4.59
Kansas City (KS only)	\$3.56	\$3.35	0.21	\$3.85	-0.32	06/11/22	\$4.59
Springfield	\$3.46	\$3.22	0.24	\$3.89	-0.43	06/21/22	\$4.58
St. Joseph	\$3.41	\$3.14	0.26	\$3.95	-0.55	06/17/22	\$4.59
St. Louis (MO only)	\$3.41	\$3.36	0.05	\$4.11	-0.70	06/14/22	\$4.86
Alexander County (IL)	\$3.50	\$3.70	-0.10	\$4.50	-0.70	07/10/22	\$5.10
Carbondale-Marion (IL)	\$3.03	\$3.60	-0.23	\$4.29	-0.46	06/09/22	\$5.26
East St. Louis (IL)	\$3.01	\$3.65	-0.16	\$4.52	-0.71	06/14/22	\$4.75

Prices are per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. Source: gasprices.aaa.com

10 LEAST EXPENSIVE STATE GAS PRICE AVERAGES										07/27/2023
1 Mississippi	2 Alabama	3 Louisiana	4 Arkansas	5 Tennessee	6 Oklahoma	7 Texas	8 Missouri	9 Kentucky	10 Kansas	
\$3.18	\$3.29	\$3.30	\$3.35	\$3.35	\$3.39	\$3.39	\$3.43	\$3.44	\$3.47	

Prices are per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. Source: gasprices.aaa.com

averages in early summer. If crude prices continue to increase, retail gas prices will likely follow suit.

“Increasing crude oil prices, decreasing gasoline inventories and strong demand for fuel thanks to a busy summer travel season are forcing retail gas prices even higher,” said AAA Spokesperson Nick Chabarría. “Price averages are still well below where they were last summer, however if crude oil prices continue to increase, we will see the year-over-year price gap narrow even further.”

AAA Gas Saving Tips

- If you use premium unleaded fuel, make sure it is required for your vehicle, not just recommended. AAA's Automotive Research Center found that vehicles with recommended premium fuel performed

safely with regular unleaded gasoline.

- Make sure your tires are properly maintained and inflated to the correct level.
- Maintain your car according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Regular service will ensure optimum fuel economy.
- Avoid “jackrabbit” starts and hard accelerations. These actions greatly increase fuel consumption.
- Slow down and drive the speed limit. Fuel economy peaks around 50 mph on most cars, then drops off as speed increases. Reducing highway speeds by 5 to 10 mph can increase fuel economy by as much as 14%.
- Use cruise control on the highway to help maintain a constant speed and save fuel. However, never use cruise control on slippery roads because you could lose control of the vehicle.

- Remove unnecessary and heavy items from your car.
- Minimize your use of roof racks and remove special carriers when not in use.
- Download the AAA App to find the cheapest gas prices near you.

Drivers in Missouri are paying the 8th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com.



Kirksville Cars & Coffee

660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization holds monthly event

By Adam Tumino

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization held its monthly Kirksville Cars & Coffee on Saturday, July 29 at the Dukum Inn. The event attracted cars, trucks, bikes, hot rods and clunkers. Attendees enjoyed a free doughnut, coffee and great conversation with friends and neighbors. Attendees also walked down the street to the farmers market in the square to browse the various stands.



PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

ROADS

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Schuyler County

Route C – Aug. 2-3, lane restriction for patching operations from Route N to U.S. Route 136 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

Sullivan County

Route C – closed for a bridge replacement project at the Yellow Creek Bridge, 1.5 miles east of Route U, southeast of Milan, through September.

Route 5 – Intersection improvement project at Mid-Lake Road, Route N and Mayapple Road through early October.

Through 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. 7 – Oct. 2: 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.

Delayed: Sullivan County Route 5 intersection improvements

Roy Blunt Reservoir Project BUILD grant

An intersection improvement project on Sullivan County Route 5 has been delayed by another week. 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 working with MoDOT, planned to begin the multi-stage project Monday, July 31, but are now planning to begin construction on Monday, Aug. 7.

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



(NCRMWC) 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:

Aug. 7- late 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. 21 – mid-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-yv-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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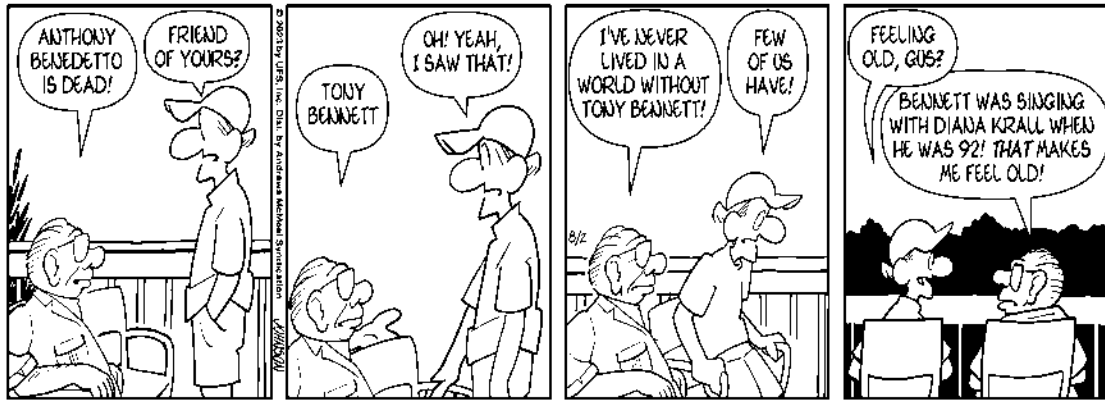
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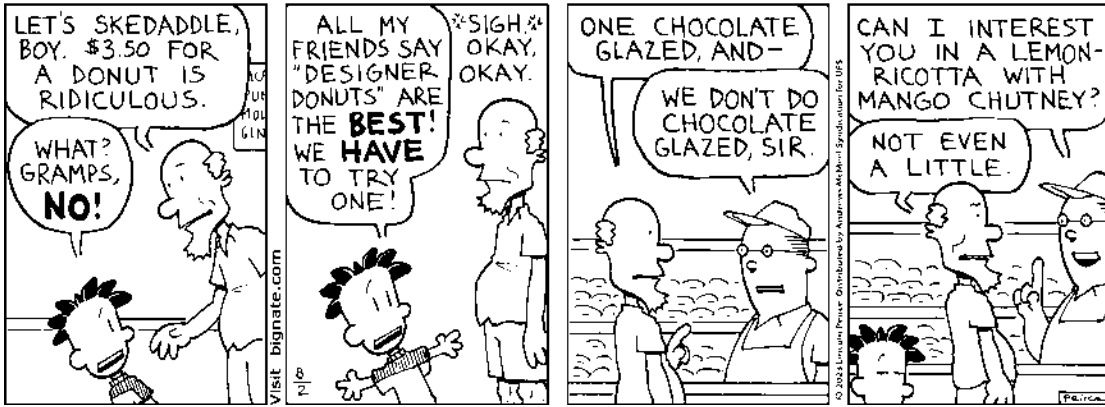
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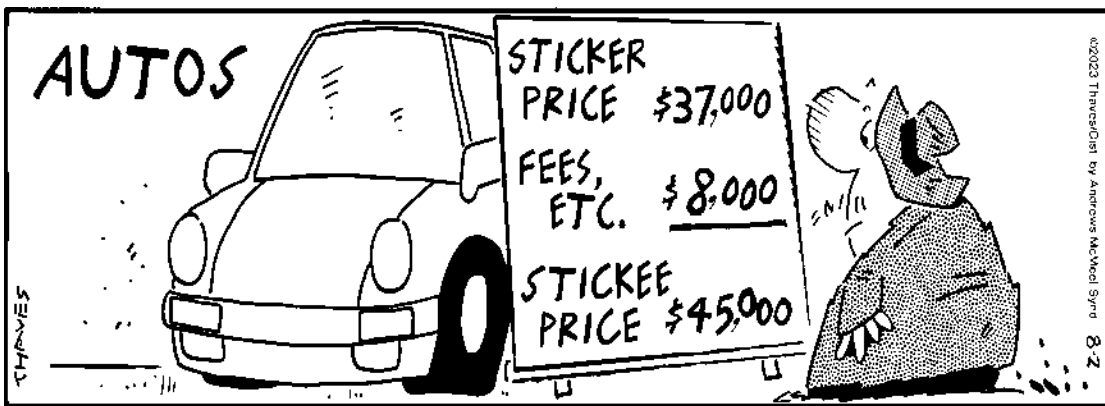
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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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PREVIOUS ANSWER

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9	6	5	1	2	8	4	3	7
6	3	7	4	8	1	9	5	2
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5	8	4	2	3	9	7	1	6

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Female sheep
 - 4 Fill
 - 8 "Here — nothing!"
 - 12 Smoked salmon
 - 13 French composer
 - 14 Coarse file
 - 15 Destiny
 - 16 The Buckeye State
 - 17 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 18 Watchful
 - 20 Flash flood
 - 22 Japanese dance-drama
 - 23 "— about time!"
 - 24 Publish
 - 26 Letters in genetics
 - 27 Newt
 - 30 Settled on a branch
 - 31 Make a funny face
 - 32 Wheel shaft
 - 33 Yielded
 - 34 — and outs
 - 35 Whirled about
- DOWN**
- 1 Jazz great Fitzgerald
 - 2 Dyed-in-the- —
 - 3 Far-reaching
 - 4 Dress
 - 5 "Go, team!"
- 36** Have bills to pay
- 37** Invite
- 38** White sale item
- 39** "That's awful!"
- 40** Farm denizen
- 41** Unrivaled
- 45** Commencement
- 48** Home to billions
- 49** "There ought to be — —!"
- 51** Actress Lupino
- 52** Touch
- 53** Trig function
- 54** Doc for a pooch
- 55** Goes wrong
- 56** Cards held
- 57** Opposite of WSW

Answer to Previous Puzzle

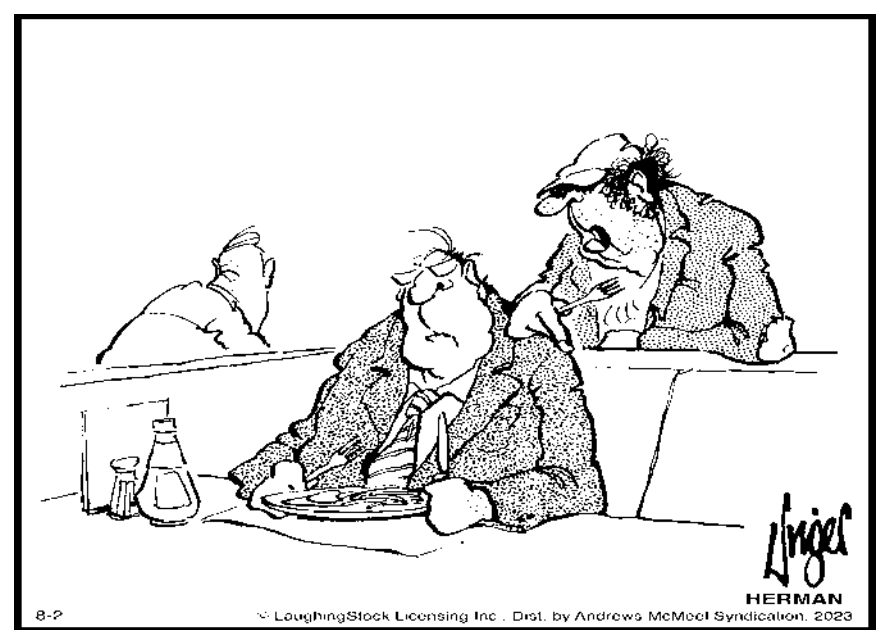
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- 6 Arabic letter
- 7 Anchorage gear
- 8 A dozen dozen
- 9 Swear
- 10 Punta del —
- 11 Discover
- 19 Itinerary
- 21 Letter after zeta
- 24 Villain in Shakespeare
- 25 Cabbage salad
- 26 Immerse
- 27 Costly
- 28 Conduit for smoke
- 29 Pavilion
- 31 Hodge-podge
- 32 Quite pale
- 37 A vital statistic
- 38 Demonstrated
- 39 Russian mountains
- 41 Ump's declaration
- 42 Employer
- 43 Place for embarkation
- 44 Lamb, alternatively
- 46 Ideal place
- 47 London gallery
- 50 — Arbor

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HERMAN



"Have you finished with that?"

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Concentrate on what's important to you. Don't get lost in the chaos or believe everything you hear. Pay attention to detail, and follow the paper trail to ensure you know who and what you are dealing with emotionally, financially and legally. Leave nothing to chance, and you can navigate your way to victory. Look for consistency when dealing with others, and get promises in writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Someone will go to great lengths to withhold the information you require to make a sound decision. Pay attention to detail, and be blatant regarding what you will contribute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Be the guiding light instead of the critical eye. By putting your vocabulary to good use, you'll find the words that resonate with people who can help you achieve your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Consider other people's feelings and how you might feel dealing with their circumstances. Kindness and consideration are in your best interest. Make peace and love priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- An emotional incident will change everything. A rational approach, direct but kind words, and an alternative solution will help you gain respect and confidence from those who can influence the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't mince words when defending something that matters to you. Reconnecting with someone will confuse you. A decision someone makes will cause a change of heart. Honesty is the best policy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be forthcoming regarding joint endeavors that can influence your reputation or financial well-being. Make an

adjustment and you'll offset an emotional dispute with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Bide your time, resolve personal matters and avoid taking the brunt of someone else's mistake. A last-minute change someone makes will end up being to your benefit. Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A direct response will help ward off retribution. Look for innovative ways to use your expertise to bring in more cash or make your life more meaningful. A change will be eye-opening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't settle for less than what you want. Handpick the people you want on your team and forge ahead with enthusiasm. Life is about the decisions you make. Make romance a priority.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take a step back and make your actions definitive. Mix business with pleasure, but be direct regarding your goals and expectations from others. Take control and offer incentives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Refuse to let anyone talk you into something that doesn't benefit you directly. Pay attention to how you present yourself to others, and live up to your promises. Don't overspend unnecessarily.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Let your charm and compliments motivate others to offer their help. What you accomplish will put you in a good position for advancement. Positive change will come with financial benefits.

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IN THE ESTATE OF: Jerry V. Giugliano
ESTATE NO: 23AR-PR00019

NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JERRY V. GIUGLIANO, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 11th day of July, 2023, Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of Jerry V. Giugliano, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The business address of the conservator is 300 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501 and the attorney is Sherry Darling, 24672 Linn Creek Trail, Kirksville, Missouri 63501. All creditors of said disabled are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court. Date of first publication July 19, 2023.

Clerk of the Probate Division
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At 12:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the Adair County Nursing Home District, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce revenues for the fiscal year budget beginning September 1, 2023, as shown to be required from the property tax. The tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue required by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by .1454 so the rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation by Categories

	Current Tax Year 2023	Prior Tax Year 2022
Real Estate	\$273,997,881	\$273,277,114
Personal Property	\$97,905,517	\$97,313,818
Railroad, Utilities, & Commercial Aircraft	\$48,826,936	\$47,861,855
Total	\$420,730,334	\$418,452,787
Fund		
	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted for 2023	Proposed Tax Rates for 2023 (Per \$100)
General	\$611,742	\$0.1454
TOTAL	\$611,742	\$0.1454

Note to Taxpayers: Final Levy is subject to revised figures from State or County sources.
Adair County Nursing Home District
The Pines
Jim Richardson, Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 5:00 P.M., on August 28, 2023, (Monday) in the Adair County Health Department Building at 1001 South Jamison Street in Kirksville, Missouri 63501, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rate proposed and set by the Adair County Health Department, a political subdivision. The tax rate is expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION (By Categories)	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2023	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2022
REAL ESTATE:		
Residential	\$174,289,630	\$171,394,260
Agricultural	13,180,540	13,039,460
Commercial	54,379,630	53,172,990
Total Real Estate	\$241,849,800	\$237,606,710
PERSONAL PROPERTY:		
State Assessed Railroad & Utility (state & local)	92,201,337	97,675,483
	93,995,329	90,383,881
State Assessed Commercial Aircraft	665,883	564,871
TOTAL	\$428,712,349	\$426,230,945
	Projected revenue For 2023: \$1,044,772	Proposed Tax Rate for 2023 .2437

ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Truman participates in GLVC Football Kickoff as season opener nears

By Adam Tumino

The football teams of the GLVC have a brief respite from offseason workouts until training camps start up next week, and the league's coaches and several players spent some of this down time at the GLVC Football Kickoff event on July 28.

The conference's eight teams sent their coaches and two player representatives to McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, for the event. They took part in various activities for the GLVC's social media accounts, with the players taking friendship tests and coaches trying to guess internet slang, among other things.

Apart from these activities, the teams' representatives also took time to talk about the upcoming season. Truman's representatives, head coach Gregg Nesbitt, wide receiver Zach Zerwig and defensive tackle Ben Miller, shared their expectations for the Bulldogs.

Nesbitt is entering his 14th season as Truman's head coach. His 13th season saw the Bulldogs post with a 9-2 record, a legitimate shot at a conference title, a bowl game victory and were the No. 25 team in the nation at season's end.

He said that there was a solid turnout for off-season workouts and he anticipates a productive training camp.

"We've had a strong contingent of veteran guys here throughout the

summer," Nesbitt said. "I think they're really prepared and ready to go, and by all indication I think they're excited to get going. Time will tell, but I feel good about the start of our season."

The Bulldogs will have an experienced roster in 2023, with a vast majority of the team's starters returning. It is a group that has played a lot of good football over the last few seasons, and Nesbitt said that it will certainly help in 2023, even though experience is no guarantee of success.

"Coaches will say you have to start over, which you do, but there's no question it gives you comfort to have the number of returning players that did a lot of heavy lifting," Nesbitt said. "We've got a good nucleus of guys. But in the same breath, we've got some really key guys to replace. Robert Greco on defense jumps out and grabs you right away. Shamar Griffith at running back. Taylor Cornish as a punter and Casey Voichahoske as a long snapper. Those four, among others, are really key positions and key contributors."

Greco's absence on the defensive side of the ball, especially when it comes to run defense, will be massive. He finished 10th on the game in total tackles, but had an impact on most plays as a force in the middle of the defensive line.

Miller played up the middle with Greco last season, helping anchor the 13th best run defense in the

nation, allowing just 83.3 rushing yards per game. Miller said that there are some players who can help fill that role this season.

"We're losing a big piece of our defense in Robert Greco," he said. "We have a good group of guys who can fill that spot with Zach Roulant and Mason Crim and Jacob Carmack and a few other guys. It's nice to have all the support in our back half and our linebackers. We have a great coaching staff that gets us ready every week, and it's an exciting group to be around."

Offensively, Griffith's absence as the team's primary running back means that Truman will be utilizing its third starting running back in as many seasons. The running game was a huge part of the Bulldogs' offense last season, and Denim Cook emerged as a viable option behind Griffith as the season progressed.

It took a little bit of time for Truman to find the right mix in the running game last season, averaging 93.2 rushing yards per game in the first five games. That average then began to quickly climb. Truman ran for 279 yards against Southwest Baptist and 225 yards against William Jewell. They then brought it to the next level with 381 rushing yards against Quincy and 423 against McKendree. Indianapolis' run defense, the best in the nation, then held the Bulldogs to 46 yards on the ground in the conference championship,



Truman defensive tackle Ben Miller (left), head coach Gregg Nesbitt (center), and wide receiver Zach Zerwig pose for a photo as part of the GLVC Football Kickoff event on July 28.



Truman players Ben Miller (left) and Zach Zerwig participate in a teammate test, where they try to answer questions about each other, as part of the GLVC Football Kickoff event on July 28. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

but they rebounded with 166 yards against Tiffin in the America's Crossroads Bowl. Truman ran for just 65 yards against Tiffin in a matchup earlier in the season.

The combination of Griffith, Cook and backup quarterback Collin Sutton, who was often deployed in wildcat formations, sparked the improved rushing attack. But with Griffith

graduated and Sutton now on Southwest Baptist, Cook will be anchoring a relatively inexperienced group of runners.

Nesbitt said that finding the right mix as early as possible is vital, and the team's experienced offensive lineman can help aid that transition.

"The health of those guys going into the first game and the early season will be critical, but if they do remain healthy through training camp, hopefully, they can at least help Denim, amongst our other backs and quarterbacks, get out run game going a little bit quicker than a year ago."

Sutton's transfer will not just impact the team's rushing game. He was stuck behind starter Nolan Hair at quarterback, with Hair having started every game for the Bulldogs over the last three seasons, and sought a chance to start elsewhere. This means that the other four quarterbacks on the roster have not yet seen the field at the DII level. Nesbitt said training camp will be important for accessing the team's options at the position.

"It will be guys that can protect the football and in the consistency aspect of just executing, as elementary as it sounds, the offense and the plays that are called," he said. "We've got Bennett Elsworth, who will start camp as our number two. Then we've got three freshmen, including Nolan's younger brother Dylan Hair, who was tremendously productive (in high school), the all-time most yards in the state of Missouri with 16,000-plus, most touchdowns. He's been a great player. He was highly recruited, and we were fortunate to get him. Because he's been a dual threat, we'll look at him early in training camp to see if he can give us something to the degree that Collin Sutton did."

But with Nolan Hair returning as the starter and a veteran offensive line and receiving corps, there is plenty of continuity in the passing game. Tight end Matt Hall's absence will be big, as he led the team in receptions last season, but the teams' next three most-productive receivers will be back.

This includes Zerwig, who finished third on the team in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in 2022. He said that the experience in the passing game can help the team be even more successful in that regard in 2023.

"I feel really good," he said. "Nolan just keeps getting better and better, and he's looked really good. I think we're really in a good spot all around the offense right now."

Zerwig said that helping the teams' inexperienced quarterbacks grow can also help the passing game overall become more cohesive.

"I think it's just with the receivers and quarterbacks in general, just getting reps," he said. "It's all about getting them comfortable with what they're doing, comfortable with the offense. Once you're comfortable with everything, that's when you're really going to start letting it fly."

With plenty of work still to come in training camp to shore some things up, the outlook for Truman is solid in 2023. The Bulldogs were picked to finish in second place in the GLVC in the conference's preseason poll, with Indianapolis picked to repeat as champs. The two teams are scheduled to play in Kirksville on Oct. 14.

Nesbitt said that the season ahead will be a challenging one, but the potential is there for the Bulldogs to excel. He said that a difficult non-conference schedule will be a big test early on, and also a good opportunity to build confidence.

"I think early, those contests early in the season for all football teams, and we're no exception, will be critical," he said. "Hopefully we can find a win or two out of those first four and settle in and become a good football team."

The Bulldogs open the season on the road against Findlay on Sept. 2. The Oilers finished 7-4 last season and placed third in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. The Bulldogs' home opener will be the following week on Sept. 9 against South Dakota Mines. The Hardrockers were also 7-4 last season, finishing fourth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.



(From left) Ben Miller, Gregg Nesbitt and Zach Zerwig are interviewed by Brad Boyer of KRES Radio during the GLVC Football Kickoff event on July 28.



(From left) Ben Miller, Gregg Nesbitt and Zach Zerwig try to draw the Truman logo during an activity for the GLVC Football Kickoff Event on July 28.

Truman State football picked second in GLVC preseason poll

By Truman State University Athletics

LEBANON, Ill. — The Truman State University Football Team was picked second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference preseason coaches poll on Friday as part of the league's 11th annual Kickoff event held at McKendree University.

The Bulldogs picked up 43 total points with the lone first place vote casted by defending league champion Indianapolis in the eight-team survey. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

This year's poll closely mimicked the finish of the 2022 season with UINDY garnering all seven available first place votes to total 49 points, and Southwest Baptist picked third with 34 points. Rounding out the poll was Missouri S&T (27), McKendree (24), Quincy (19), GLVC newcomer Upper Iowa (17) and William Jewell (11).

The Bulldogs went 9-2 last year and 5-1 in GLVC action falling in the de facto title game in the final week of the regular season to the Greyhounds 28-14 on the road. Truman State, in

GLVC FOOTBALL 2023 COACHES POLL		
1. Indianapolis	49 (7)	
2. Truman State	43 (1)	
3. SW Baptist	34	
4. Missouri S&T	27	
5. McKendree	24	
6. Quincy	19	
7. Upper Iowa	17	
8. William Jewell	11	

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the four seasons prior, have posted a 31-8 overall record.

Fall camp will begin the week of August 7th and the loaded non-conference schedule will kickoff on September 2nd in Findlay, Ohio.

The first three games see the Bulldogs face teams that won seven or more games last year starting with the 7-4 Findlay Oilers, the first home game and a

return visit from last year by the 7-4 South Dakota School of Mines, a home game against the 8-4 Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State Cardinals then a road trip to Detroit to face Wayne (Mich.) State (1-9).

Conference play will begin September 30th at McKendree and be followed by three straight home games (Quincy, Indianapolis and William Jewell).

Rangers acquire starting pitcher Montgomery and reliever Stratton from the Cardinals

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The AL West-leading Texas Rangers continued to load up on pitching Sunday by acquiring left-hander Jordan Montgomery and reliever Chris Stratton from the St. Louis Cardinals.

The deal came a few hours after Texas announced the addition of three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer from the New York Mets. Also on Sunday, the Rangers placed ace Nathan Eovaldi on the 15-day injured list with a right forearm strain, retroactive to July 27.



Cardinals starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery throws against the Cubs during the first inning of a baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, July 23, 2023. AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH

Texas sent left-hander John King, minor league infielder Tommy Sag-

gese and Double-A right-hander T.K. Roby to the Cardinals. To make room

on the 40-man roster, the Rangers designated right-hander Joe Barlow for assignment.

"I've heard nothing but great things about the guys in Texas," Montgomery said, before referring to popular Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux. "Having Mad Dog there will be great.

"I was kind of prepared for it. Just excited to join the new team. It's been fun being here. Stratton is one of my best friends here — it's great having that."

Montgomery is 6-9 with a 3.42 ERA in 21 starts for last-place St. Louis, with 108 strikeouts against 35 walks. He can become a free agent after this season.

Stratton is 1-1 with a 4.36 ERA and one save in 42 relief appearances, with 59 strikeouts and 17 walks.

"I look forward to seeing these guys. They're going to help us and make us a better ballclub," Rangers manager Bruce Bochy said after the San Diego Padres clinched a three-game sweep with a 5-3 win over Texas.

The Cardinals are last in the NL Central, 13 games under .500.

"This is a day that we were hoping would never happen in a sense of having to break up our club, having to focus on the future," general manager John Mozeliak said. "But over the course of the last two weeks, we were really taking a hard look at what the trading deadline can do for us."

St. Louis also sent hard-throwing reliever Jordan Hicks to the Toronto Blue Jays for minor league right-handers Adam Kloffenstein and Sem Robberse.

"I feel pretty good about what we acquired," Mozeliak added. "This group has some upside. These guys are going to come out and compete right away. They're people that are going to be pitching at our upper levels. This year has not gone as we planned. We want to focus on 2024 and beyond."

To get Scherzer, the Rangers sent highly rated infield prospect Luisangel Acuña to the Mets. He is the younger brother of Atlanta star Ronald Acuña Jr.

Scherzer waived his no-trade clause to complete the deal, and the Mets will send cash to Texas. The pitcher also agreed to opt in on the final year of his contract in 2024 at \$43.3 million, according to reports that said the Mets were paying about \$35 million of the remaining \$58 million on the right-hander's contract.

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Ranking QBs is pointless, but let's do it anyway

As the start of the NFL season approaches, it marks the return of needless rankings of teams and quarterbacks. Many of these rankings are immediately and embarrassingly proven wrong when it becomes evident that, unsurprisingly, trying to predict an NFL season is basically impossible.

But regardless of this, people love to rank things, especially quarterbacks. I just so happen to be a person who likes quarterbacks, so even though I know it is futile, I think I am about to rank some quarterbacks.

Even though these rankings will likely change on a weekly basis, the top spot is pretty well secured. Patrick Mahomes has been the best player in the NFL for years now, and there is no reason to believe he won't once again be the top quarterback in the league.

He threw for a league-high 5,250 yards last season, also a personal best, and also led the league with 41 touchdown passes. Many people reasonably expected him to take a step back last season without top receiver Tyreek Hill, but Mahomes can apparently produce with anyone catching his passes. In 2023, Mahomes will likely continue building his resume as the most gifted quarterback in NFL history.

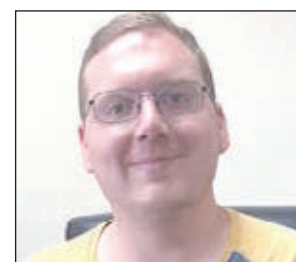
Although Mahomes is a lock in as the top choice, things get less clear starting at number two. It is probably Bengals star Joe Burrow. After being injured in his rookie season in 2020, Burrow was named the Comeback Player of the Year the following season. In 2022, he proved that it was not a fluke.

He finished fourth in MVP voting behind Mahomes and a pair of quarterbacks that are about to appear below. Burrow is the kind of quarterback that can lead his team to a win every time he takes the field, and the fact that he has perhaps the best receiving corps in the league certainly does not hurt. Now with another year of experience under his belt and the same weapons at his disposal, it is not unreasonable to expect Burrow to take another step forward.

My third-ranked quarterback finished second in MVP voting last season and probably should have won Super Bowl MVP despite being on the losing team. He is of course Jalen Hurts of the Eagles, and he emerged in 2022 as an absolute superstar.

He threw for 3,701 yards, well above his total from 2021. He threw 22 touchdowns and was only intercepted six times. He also added 760 yards and 13 touchdowns as a runner and is perhaps the most dangerous dual threat quarterback in the league.

If anyone was on the fence about Hurts last season, his performance in the Super Bowl should have removed all doubt. He threw for 304 yards



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and a touchdown while running for 70 yards and three more scores as he nearly took down mighty Mahomes and the Chiefs. Jalen Hurts absolutely must be considered one of the very best quarterbacks in the league, and may even surpass Burrow in 2023.

Josh Allen has been considered by many to be the second-best quarterback in the league behind Mahomes, but I think he is not quite that good. He is still obviously exceptional despite relative struggles in 2022. He posted his fewest yards and touchdowns since 2019 and had the highest interception rate since his rookie season. His numbers were still among the best at his position and he finished third in MVP voting.

His rushing performance remained steady, although he is not quite as dangerous on the ground as Hurts is. Allen still possesses perhaps the strongest arm in the league and runs a prolific offense. He will undoubtedly be in the MVP conversation once again in 2023.

The fifth-best quarterback in the league is one that always seems to be a bit disrespected each season. He is not always taken seriously as a passer, but Lamar Jackson is, in my mind, a top five quarterback.

The 2019 MVP struggled with injuries in 2022, and therefore did not put up as impressive numbers as some of the other quarterbacks in the league. He also had a supporting group of players on offense that are mediocre at best, and he produces nonetheless.

He is of course an amazing runner, gaining 764 yards last season despite playing just 12 games. He also has two 1,000 yard rushing seasons in his career.

He threw for 2,242 yards and 17 touchdowns last season as well. They are not mind-blowing passing numbers by any means, but he is still the same player that completed over 66 percent of his passes for 3,127 yards and 36 touchdowns in 2019. Now that he got the high-paying contract he has been after and some better receivers, 2023 could be the season where Jackson returns to MVP form.

Other quarterbacks, like the Chargers Justin Herbert, Jets Aaron Rodgers and Cowboys Dak Prescott (who I seem to like more than most people), are also potential top five quarterbacks in 2023. But I could of course be wrong.

Mahomes might get hurt. Allen might suck. Herbert might throw for 6,000 yards. Justin Fields could emerge as a dual threat quarterback to rival Hurts or Jackson. But I will feel confident about my list for at least the next 36 hours.

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