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## Kirksville 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's raises money for Alzheimer's Association

By Adam Tumino

Less than a day after hosting the Truman State homecoming football game last weekend, Stokes Stadium was the site of the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's. A fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Association, the opening ceremony for the walk began at 9:30 a.m., with the walk following soon after.

The walk's participants raised nearly \$14,000 for the Alzheimer's Association, approaching the goal set at \$15,000.

The staging and starting areas for the walk were decorated with Promise Garden flowers, which are used by the Alzheimer's Association as ways for people to show support and their connections to the fight against Alzheimer's.

A blue flower represents someone who is currently battling Alzheimer's. A purple flower is for someone who lost a loved one to



Participants in the Walk to End Alzheimer's walk down the back straightaway of the track during the event on Oct. 22. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

Alzheimer's. A yellow flower is for someone who is currently serving as a supporter or caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's. Orange flowers are for those who support the association and hope for an end to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's in Kirksville is one of more than 600 annual walks across the country according to the Alzheimer's Association, which was founded in 1980 to provide various kinds of support for people affected by Alzheimer's.



A group of walkers get a commemorative photo taken before the start of the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 22.



Participants in the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's head through the starting gate at Stokes Stadium during the event.

## ATSU receives HEED award

ATSU named Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award recipient

By A.T. Still University



A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (ATSU) has been named a recipient of the 2023 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

ATSU was the first comprehensive health professions university to be named a HEED Award recipient in consecutive years (2017-18) and has now extended its achievement to a seventh consecutive year.

"A.T. Still University thanks Insight Into Diversity magazine for again recognizing the University's commitment to and successes within the areas of diversity and inclusion," said ATSU President Craig Phelps, DO, '84. "Congratulations to Clinton Normore, MBA, vice president of ATSU diversity & inclusion, and his team on this recognition."

"ATSU remains committed to ensuring access and opportunity for historically underrepresented groups (HUGs) in the health professions," Normore said. "The University has initiated several programs over the last two years that affirm its commitment. The University is founded on innovative ideas that originate from and include diversity. Its mission-centered, data-driven approach to health professions education is measured through the HEED Award application process. We are extremely grateful to have been chosen again for this award."

ATSU supports students who learn and serve in diverse, underserved,

urban, and rural communities across the world. INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine selected ATSU for its deep commitment to an educational and collaborative environment embracing cultural proficiency, highlighted by the University's innovative Dreamline Pathways program, which received the 2023 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine earlier this year.

Through Dreamline Pathways, ATSU partners with school districts and community-based organizations, offering experiential learning opportunities to students. These collaborations introduce young minds to career opportunities in healthcare, and nurture students through campus and graduate student engagement opportunities.

"The Health Professions HEED Award process consists of a comprehensive and rigorous application that includes questions relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees – and best practices for both – continued leadership support for diversity, and other aspects of campus diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. "We take a detailed approach to reviewing each application in deciding who will be named a Health Professions HEED Award recipient. Our standards are high, and we look for schools where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being done every day across their campus."

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## Bolognafest, coinciding with homecoming festivities, held downtown last weekend

By Adam Tumino

The leadup National Bologna Day coincided with Truman Homecoming festivities last weekend, and in conjunction with Kirksville's Kraft Heinz facility, the university put on Bolognafest downtown on Oct. 21. National Bologna Day

was recognized on Oct. 24.

Held from 3 to 5 p.m., Bolognafest featured free bologna products as well as games and activities for attendees. The Oscar Mayer Frankmobile, fresh off its appearance in the homecoming parade, was also displayed downtown during the event.



## SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN EVENTS Flashlight EGGstravaganza and Halloween Town

Staff Reports

Get ready for a night of spooky fun as the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department and Kraft Heinz will hold the 7th annual free Halloween Flashlight EGGstravaganza on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at the North Park Complex, 2710 Novinger Street. Prepare for an egg-hunting adventure like no other as they scatter 11,000 Halloween eggs filled with candy and toys across the ballfields. Don't forget to bring

your flashlight and a bag because the egg hunt begins promptly at 7 p.m. To ensure that every child has an enjoyable experience, they've organized the egg hunt into three age-appropriate zones: Yellow Field: Children ages 5 and under; Orange Field: Ages 6 through 8; Green Field: Children ages 9 to 12.

Then, plan to attend the 5th annual Halloween Town on Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in front of Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School.



The 5th annual Halloween Town will be held on Oct. 31 from 5:30-8 p.m. in front of Kirksville High School and William Matthew Middle School.

Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, #For660 and more than 100 community partners for this event. Halloween Town is a safe, fun and interactive trick-or-treat experience all in one location. This event

is free for everyone. For more information or if you have a business and are interested in having a booth at this event, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Last of the season Kirksville Kiwanis Farmer's Market

The last of the season Kirksville Kiwanis Farmer's Market will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 7 a.m. until noon on the east side of the courthouse 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](mailto:kirksvillemarket@gmail.com), or see the Kiwanis Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kirkvillekiwanisfarmersmarket/>

#### 35th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show

The 35th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Oct. 28 at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Kirksville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Spooktacular Stargazing'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Spooktacular Stargazing" on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. Learn about constellation myths and explore the stars in the night sky. Meet at the Point Shelter. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

#### Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting for Applegate Crafts & Antiques, 19059 State Hwy. 157 in Kirksville, on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

#### City hosting accessibility open house on Nov. 2

The city of Kirksville is in the process of updating its ADA Evaluation and Transition Plan. As part of that, the city is hosting an open house on Nov. 2 from 2-6 p.m. at the Economic Development Alliance Building to get citizen feedback on any accessibility issues that may exist in city services, programs or facilities. The initial phase of this plan will include an inventory of existing sidewalks, curb ramps

and other pedestrian-related facilities in the city's right-of-way and in city facilities. Public input will help further identify what changes need to be made. Once completed, this plan will provide guidance on future improvements to make the City of Kirksville accessible to all residents. Can't make the open house? Submit your comments to [pubinfo@kirkvillecity.com](mailto:pubinfo@kirkvillecity.com) or by calling 660-627-1272.

#### Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting for Kirksville Autoworks, 320 S. Baltimore Street, Kirksville, on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

#### Truman State University Fall Choral Concert

Truman State University Fall Choral Concert will be held on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the university campus. This is a fall choral concert featuring Cantoria, Chorus and Voci. The concert is free and open to the public.

#### Afternoon Tea with Blytha Ellis

Join Blytha Ellis, president of the Adair County Historical Society, as she

reviews the history of Sip Downtown's location at 122 W. Harrison Street, Nov. 5 art 2 p.m. Ellis will explore the life of John Luther Porter, a wealthy landowner and businessman, that built and owned "Porter's Corner." The event is free to the public with the opportunity to purchase refreshments. Donations can be made to the Adair County Historical Society the day of the event.

#### Kirksville Leadership Institute banquet

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating 30 years of the Kirksville Leadership Institute with a banquet to be held on Nov. 17 at the Catholic Newman Center, 709 S. Davis Street in Kirksville. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call the chamber at 660-665-3766.

#### 2nd Annual Lighting Ceremony

The 2nd Annual Lighting Ceremony will be held on Nov. 25 at 6 p.m., in downtown Kirksville. Make magic this holiday. KV Winter Lights is adding a magical new light display to downtown Kirksville. [Facebook.com/kvwinterlights](https://www.facebook.com/kvwinterlights)

## Ameren Missouri celebrates success of Charge Ahead program

By Ameren Missouri

ST. LOUIS — During National Drive Electric Week, Ameren Missouri announced that more than 160 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports have been installed across its Missouri service territory so far in 2023 thanks to more than 40 businesses participating in the company's Charge Ahead program, including Kirksville Motor Company.

"The Charge Ahead program has stimulated the development of EV charging station infrastructure within our service area," said Greg Lovett, manager of energy services at Ameren Missouri. "These new stations are beneficial for businesses, too, allowing customers and employees to conveniently charge their vehicles at hotels, grocery stores and many other locations. We're eager to continue our partnerships throughout the state to support widespread adoption of electric vehicles."

Ameren Missouri's Charge Ahead program has been offering incentives since 2020 to businesses seeking to install EV charging stations at various locations. The incentives include up to 50 percent of the total project cost, or \$5,000 for Level 2 ports and \$20,000 for Level 3 ports (also known as DC Fast Chargers). The maximum number of qualifying ports at each premise will vary based upon the business type. Today, more than 2,000 EV charging ports can be found throughout Missouri.

"This has been one of the easiest experiences with this kind of project for us," said Heidi Wilcox, CEO of First Call Hospitality. "We were pleased with the outcome at our Hampton Inn location in St. Charles and plan to do more installations at other hotel locations in Missouri."



A charging port at Kirksville Motor Company.

In addition to supporting a cleaner environment, these charging stations can bring in additional revenue for businesses or be a complimentary service that may bring in new business, increase customer dwell times or attract new tenants. The Ameren Charge Ahead program has over \$1.5 million in funds still available to incentivize customers who are planning to install EV charging stations at public and multifamily locations.

National Drive Electric Week is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles and more.

Visit [www.AmerenMissouri.com/EV](https://www.AmerenMissouri.com/EV) for more information on how to take advantage of the incentives available to local businesses and to put in an application. Ameren Missouri must pre-approve the projects prior to construction to be eligible. To learn more or attend a free webinar about how EV charging can help your business, visit their webpage.

## State Historical Society of Missouri publishes new historic 'Mizzourians' biographies

By State Historical Society of Missouri

COLUMBIA — As part of its educational outreach mission, the State Historical Society of Missouri continues to expand the Historic Missourians website, a freely available resource that features notable people who influenced the Show-Me State. The biographies include images, artifacts, and primary sources that can be studied by students, educators, and the general public.

New biographies are made possible through a generous donation from Carolyn P. and Robin R. Wenneker, whose financial support allows the State Historical Society of Mis-

souri to expand the "Historic Mizzourians" initiative, highlighting prominent Missourians whose lives have intersected with the University of Missouri in meaningful ways.

"We deeply appreciate the Wennekers' support in helping expand one of the Society's signature educational resources and sharing the legacies of impactful Missourians," said SHSMO executive director Gary R. Kremer.

The new biographies include Mike Shannon, famed Cardinals baseball player and MLB sports broadcaster, who also played football at Mizzou early in his career; Mary Jane Guthrie, American zoologist and cytologist who graduated

from MU and returned to teach at her alma mater; Arvarh Strickland, the first full-time African American professor at Mizzou; and Martha Griffiths, an MU graduate known for ensuring that protections for women were included in the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964.

SHSMO's education coordinator Danielle Griego said that teachers and students around the state turn to the Historic Missourians website as a resource. "By looking at the contributions made by Missourians, students can see there are opportunities for their generation to leave national legacies across a variety of fields," she shared.

Additional biographies published as part of the Historic Mizzourians initiative have included nationally recognized MU football coach Don Faurot; Avis Tucker, newspaper publisher and first woman to serve as president of the UM Board of Curators; Edward "Ted" & Hilda "Pat" Jones, MU alumni known for both financial and conservation legacies; and Hazel McDaniel Teabeau, the first Black Woman to attend Mizzou and the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri.

Visit the Historic Missourians website today at [historicmissourians.shsmo.org](https://www.historicmissourians.shsmo.org)

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## OBITUARIES

### Julian Charles Mollick

Aug 9, 1938 – Oct 24, 2023

Julian Charles Mollick, August 9, 1938-October 24, 2023, Julian Charles Mollick, age 85, of Cairo, Missouri, went home to the lord on October 24, 2023. Julian was born on August 9, 1938, in Kirksville, Missouri, to Charles Mollick and Julia Swanson. He graduated from Kirksville High School in 1956. He married Patty Drennan on October 9, 1959, in Kirksville, Missouri.

Julian enjoyed hunting, fishing, raising cattle, collecting toys, delivering the Governor's Christmas tree while working for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He also enjoyed watching TV with his two cats, Sammy and Rachel. Growing up, Julian worked for his parents at the Mollick grocery in Kirksville and Joe's Bargain Barn in Greentop. After graduating he worked for Delany and Baldwin Equipment, Marts Drug, and Gibson's Retail. He also worked for Central Missouri Paving, owned, and operated Cairo Stop-n-Shop and drove a truck for Missouri Department of Conservation for 16 years before retiring.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Patty, his parents, his mother and father-in-law, Laura and Keith Drennan, brother, Robert Mollick, sister, Margie Tippett, brother-in-laws, Bill Drennan, Ralph McCartney and Bill Durham, sister-in-laws, Jolene Mollick, Nancy Durham and Donna McCartney. Julian is survived by his children, Jill (Duane) Eoff of Cairo, MO, Joe (Carol) Mollick of Cairo, MO, grand-children, Noah Eoff, of Montgomery City, MO, Benjamin Eoff, of Columbia, MO, Chloe Eoff, of Cairo, MO, Drennan (Monica) Mollick, of Columbia MO, Ian Mollick, of Cairo, MO, Sophy Mollick, of Cairo, MO, brother, Bruce (Debbie) Mollick, of Greentop, MO, brother in laws, John Tippett, of Kirksville, MO and Bob Durham, of LaPlata, MO, sister in laws, Janie (Gordon) Durham, of Clark, MO, Carolyn Durham, of Kirksville, Mo and Verna Drennan, of Columbia, MO, several nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. Cairo Baptist Church Cairo, Missouri with a memorial service to follow on Saturday, October 28, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Cairo Baptist Church Cairo, Missouri

## Truman State University to host Trick-or-Treating on Halloween

By Truman State University

Truman State University will host trick-or-treating in the residence halls from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

Kirksville community members are invited and encouraged to bring their families into the residence halls to receive candy from campus residents. Candy distribution will take place in the West Campus Suites multipurpose

room, the Missouri Hall Chariton Room, the Blanton-Nason-Brewer Hall first floor south lounge, the Dobson Hall lobby and the Ryle Hall main lounge.

West Campus Suites is designated as the allergy-conscious residence hall for this event. Students in that hall will only be providing small toys or candy that does not contain peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, gluten or soy. This event is sponsored by Tru-



man's Office of Residence Life in coordination with the Residence Hall Association. For more information, call (660) 785-4227 or email reslife@truman.edu.

## KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: OCT. 18-19, 2023

### ARREST REPORTS

#### OCT. 19-20

Warrant, Matthew Ves Lester, Kirksville

#### OCT. 20-23

Robby Louis Burnett, Kirksville ASLT/DOM 3RD DEG (F E), Jeremy Keith Aldridge, Kirksville DWI — Alcohol (M B), Zhane A.K. Shockey, Kirksville Unlawful Poss/Firearms (F), Dalton D. Lawrence, Kirksville

#### OCT. 23-24

Robby Louis Burnett, Kirksville

#### OCT. 24-25

Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D), Paul Raymond Hatfield, Kirksville

### INCIDENT REPORTS

#### OCT. 18

7:57 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1500 N Walnut Street  
8:05 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, 119 E McPherson Street  
11:22 a.m., MVA/Injury, 501 N Baltimore Street  
12:00 p.m., Airport Security, 27161 David Hall Trail  
1:26 p.m., Property/Lost, Fraud or (attempt) Use of Credit Device (MA)

U/\$750, 193 Valley Forge Drive 2:15 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Gas Drive Off, 2214 N Baltimore Street  
2:18 p.m., Assist Other Agency, Check The Well Being, 805 S Lincoln Street  
2:44 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Property Lost-Recovered, 203 E Porter Street  
4:07 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Prop Damage (M) 2nd Degree, 1115 N Luther Street  
4:07 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Harassment, 1115 N Luther Street  
4:37 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1600 N Green Street  
4:43 p.m., Check The Well Being, 701 Smith Street  
5:14 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1401 S Baltimore Street  
6:20 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From All Other (M), 1915 N Osteopathy Street  
8:11 p.m., Assault/Simple, ASLT 4th Degree-Pursuant to Subdivisions (6)(M), 1222 N Main Street  
8:32 p.m., Traffic Stop, Illinois St.  
8:37 p.m., Traffic Stop, N Marion Street

8:52 p.m., Traffic Stop, W Gardner Street  
10:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, W Mill Street, Angelica Roland, 36  
10:44 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1222 N. Main Street  
**OCT. 19**  
12:59 a.m., Assault, Investigation, Truman Campus  
1:17 a.m., Man With Weapon, Unlawful Use of Weapon-Subsection 4-Exhibiting (F), 205 E Illinois Street  
1:56 a.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street  
5:45 a.m., Airport Security, 27161 David Hall Trail  
7:26 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1500 N Walnut Street  
7:27 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1300 S Cottage Grove Ave  
8:03 a.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, S Cottage Grove Avenue, Rawda Awad, 32  
8:03 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 1402 Kings Road

10:08 a.m., MV Theft, Stealing Motor Vehicle/Watercraft/Aircraft (F), 2104 S Baltimore Street  
11:13 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, Peace Disturbance, 502 N Baltimore Street  
12:00 p.m., Airport Security, 27161 David Hall Trail  
12:13 p.m., Property/Recovered, Event Not Needed, 502 E Filmore Street  
4:56 p.m., Traffic Stop, S Marion Street  
6:19 p.m., Traffic Stop, S Halliburton Street  
6:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, S Florence Street, Benjamin Reed, 57  
6:55 p.m., Traffic Stop, 502 N Baltimore Street, Timothy Governor, 43  
7:16 p.m., Warrant, Hindering Prosecution (F), Stanford Street, Arrestee: Matthew Lester, 35  
8:35 p.m., Traffic Stop, Baltimore Street  
9:04 p.m., Traffic Stop, S Osteopathy Street, John McHenry, 36  
9:17 p.m., Warrant, Harassment, 1709 S Boundary Street

## COLUMN

# Grow your business in 2023

By Bryce Cardwell  
Economic Development Alliance Small Business Counselor

We live in a digital age where answers and information are always just a few clicks or taps away. If you want to attract customers and grow your business in 2023, having an internet presence is practically required. At a minimum, you want to make sure that information about your business is easily accessible to your prospective customers. Here are some ways you can increase or improve your web presence today-for free!

Set up a free Google business profile — This can be done in as little as 5-10 minutes and allows you to manage the profile that Google displays for your business. Keeping your business profile up to date can help make a great first impression and optimize the exposure that you are getting from Google for free. At a minimum, make sure your address, hours, and contact information are up to date so customers know when, where, and how to visit or connect with your business. To set up your Google business profile, go to <https://www.google.com/business/>

Build a social media following — People are already using social media constantly, which is why it's such a great tool to utilize for marketing your business. In fact, many businesses have chosen to use social media in place of a traditional website. This is no surprise when you consider that in addition to providing free analytics about your audience, some social media platforms are offering paid advertising and e-commerce options as well. To make the most of your social media marketing, be sure that you post regularly and keep your audience engaged. Posting every day is great, making your social media strategy sustainable for you is most important. Find what works for your business and stick with it.

These are just two examples of free resources that you can use to reach your customers online!

If you are searching for other resources to start or grow your business, the SBDC is a great place to start! Whether you are trying to grow your business, or you're just getting started, we want to help!

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## ROBIN WRITES

## Old school Halloween

Kids of the '60s looked forward to Halloween night with an excitement that made October seem magical. We whispered and giggled our costume ideas to our friends for weeks before the Big Night, trying them on for 'scare value' in our imaginations.

If your family could afford it, you got a store-bought costume. But those who could not afford plastic masks and fancy getups from the Dime Store were the lucky ones. Our parents stressed the importance and virtue of designing one's own costume. We felt noble and oh-so-clever as we found ways to turn boxes into robots and rags into mummies.

Girls usually dressed as princesses or witches or something equally female: Raggedy Anne, Goldilocks, cheerleaders. All we needed was Mom's makeup and some old fabric.

Most boys were cowboys or GI Joes or monsters of some kind. Hobos were popular, too; complete with a stubby makeup beard, red handkerchief tied on a stick, and the occasional squashed-up cigar for added effect.

Mom's eyebrow pencil became the most valuable item in the house that night. Nothing drew a better mustache, yukkier scar or more convincing 5-0'clock shadow.

The most frequent costume sighting was always a ghost. Year after year, we were sure to share a front porch visit with a stumbling kid inside a sheet that had uneven, fray-

ing eye holes.

We wolfed down supper, praying for twilight—the bewitching aura of night without the threat of darkness. Only rain dampened our spirits, and only slightly. Nothing would ruin our plans.

Most of us got to go door to door without our parents, back in the days when it was safe for children to be children. We tromped through puddles, fell into holes and ditches, and tripped up porch stairs in a mad dash for treats. We were invincible that night.

We carried orange plastic pumpkin containers or paper bags we'd decorated in Art class that week, and we filled them with treats of varying popularity. We knew we'd get an orange or two from some of the older neighbors. Goopy popcorn balls in Saran wrap and full-size candy bars make us shriek with joy.

But the treats were only a small part of the wonder of Halloween. We knocked on doors and waited to be greeted by grownups who thought we were scary/adorable.

Sometimes they tried to guess who we were. Sometimes we had to tell a joke or sing a song before we got a treat. We were impatient to move along, but we were polite—even when we had to go inside to show husband-in-the-recliner our cute costumes.

The adults always smiled at us. Always.

We visited as many houses as we could that night. Halloween



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

would be gone in a blink of Dracula's hypnotic eye.

Back home by 8 p.m., we could feel our insides winding down. Our makeup was smudged and our sweaty masks smelled like puffing breath and salivating, candy-loving lips.

Mom would take a cursory glance at our loot, confident in the integrity of the adults in our town. We were allowed a few treats, with reminders to brush our teeth before bed.

We were suddenly tired, wanting nothing more than to be right where we were, in our own faces and lives. Comparing and trading treats with our brothers and sisters, giving Mom the oranges and other unpopular treats. Trading costumes for pajamas.

The candy wouldn't last long. But the memories would mummify in our minds behind creaking doors that opened every October 31st, our whole lives long.

I can't wait to be the grownup on the other side of the door again this year. I'll be smiling.

Happy Halloween!

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## HOME COUNTRY

## Orange and black are the colors of the season

I think there must be autumnal reasons for Halloween being hued in orange and black. It's a fun time, a magic evening if you're a kid, and if you're a grandpa-type guy, like me, who gets to hand out the goodies.

But the colors of this sweet evening celebration are orange and black, and so is October. In another week or so, our deciduous trees will stand like skeletons against the gray skies of winter, but now we have the orange and black of fall.

It happens right about sunset each day. The sky turns that eternal burnt-umber orange and the remaining leaves and the baring branches of our trees fill the evening with a holy filigree of contrast.

Oh, it's not something we need to do anything about. There's no need for picture taking or anything. But it's just something that we can step outside for ... look



SLIM RANGLES  
HOME COUNTRY

toward the west through the lacy pattern of black branches and for a moment, just a short moment, say to ourselves, "Isn't that pretty?"

If the paint store could sell me something that looked even close to that for the walls of the little cabin I have, I'd buy a gallon. Maybe two.

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## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Peanut Butter Sandwich Salvation



GWEN ROCKWOOD  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

There should probably be a warning on this column because it's graphic, and if your stomach is as weak as mine, perhaps you should turn back now and save yourself.

If you're still with me, let me tell you what happened last week and how a humble peanut butter sandwich saved the day. My 16-year-old daughter, Kate, called me from school, and I instantly knew something was wrong.

Her: Mom, something happened. Mac ate a chicken leg.

(Mac is her 80-pound Goldendoodle service dog who goes to school with her.)

Me: What? How did Mac get a chicken leg?

Her: He found it on the cafeteria floor. When he picked it up, I tried to take it from him, but he swallowed it whole.

Me: WHOLE?!

Her: Yes, it happened so fast.

Me: Is he choking?

Her: No, he seems okay. What should I do?

Me (quickly Googling for answers): This website says you should feed him some bread, and then we need to call the vet. You find bread, and I'll call the vet. I'll text you in a few minutes.

With the vet clinic on speaker-phone, I raced to the high school to get Kate and the dog. She looked worried sick. He looked like a tail-wagging dog who'd just scored some free chicken.

When we arrived at the clinic, they said we'd need to "induce vomiting." Let me stop here to admit that I'm one of those people who nearly gags when I even hear the word "vomiting." I get panicky about puking. I've done it less than 10 times in my life, and every time it happened, I was convinced I was dying.

I asked the vet if there was any other way. But she said the risk of the chicken leg causing a bowel obstruction was higher than the risk of him throwing it up before it could move through his intestines. She said if it was her own dog, she'd do an x-ray and then get it out.

The x-ray left no doubt. In black and white, there was the perfect outline of a 4-inch chicken leg. How'd he swallow the whole thing? No idea. But this dog is what we call "highly food moti-

vated," which is great for training but terrible for dropped chicken legs.

I was nervous the bone might hurt him on the way back up, but the doctor said she'd feed him some special dog food that forms a protective cocoon around the object, making it easier to cough it up. But Mac—who is as afraid of the vet's office as I am of puking—refused to eat. He was too scared. We tried everything, but he wouldn't take a bite.

The vet said his x-ray showed something else in his stomach, and Kate confirmed she'd fed him half a peanut butter sandwich earlier. "Perfect," said the vet. "That will do."

Now, here's where the drama ramps up. The vet gave us the option of having Mac stay in the room for the procedure or be taken to a back room where they'd handle it without us. Kate insisted on staying with him to soothe his anxiety. She's a good dog mama. I felt proud but also terrified that I might sympathy-puke with the dog.

The vet gave Mac an injection to start the process, and he got so scared that he peed and pooped his fur pants, which triggered a tsunami of stink. Then the gagging sounds started (his, not mine), and I closed my eyes and silently prayed for the strength not to make this day any grosser than it already was.

The vet, who is clearly a superhero, knelt in front of our dog with a small butter knife, sifting through stomach contents. I couldn't see her because my eyes were squeezed shut, but I heard her yell, "I got it!"

With the entire chicken leg safely out, she gave Mac another shot to stop his nausea. (I wanted one, too, but didn't ask.) The vet and her crew cleared away the mess and handed me a bill, which I was happy to pay because no one has ever earned their money more.

Despite all the trauma and bodily fluids, we ended the day with three positive facts: Mac is safe and healthy. I didn't puke in public. And none of us will ever look at a chicken leg the same way again. The end.

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## POETRY CORNER

## The Kirksville Marching Tiger Band

The memories are still there... locked deep in my mind... it'd be wonderful to go back once again,

I slowly closed my eyes... and began to relax... in my mind, I was drifting back then.

The air is cool... the sky is dark... the field is lit up like day,

A whistle is blown... the drums beat the cadence... we start marching and begin to play.

The evening comes alive... we're the center of attention... it's half-time, the best part of the night,

The band looks sharp... as we march in formation... playing a song that sounds just right.

There was a sense of pride... when I wore that uniform... and when I marched in a homecoming parade,

Staying in step... keeping a straight row... those thoughts stuck in my head as we played.



My memory might be off... just a little bit... a sour note or two might have been played,

But that doesn't diminish... the importance of band... and the impact on my life it has made.

— Danial D. Donovan

## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## Understanding Red Ribbon Week

By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®  
Health Educator, Adair County Health Department

Welcome to this week's edition of Public Health Corner, where we shine a spotlight on Red Ribbon Week—an annual event celebrated from October 23rd to 31st. This vital week serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of living a drug-free life and provides an opportunity for parents, educators, and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share with their children throughout the year.

## Understanding Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide campaign that has been instrumental in promoting drug-free living for over three decades. It takes its name from the red ribbon—a symbol of commitment to a drug-free lifestyle and a tribute to Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a special agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who lost his life in the line of duty.

## Empowering Communities

This week provides a unique opportunity for communities, schools, and individuals to come together to educate and empower young people to make healthy choices and stand up against drug abuse. It serves as a platform to raise awareness about the detrimental impact of drugs on individuals and communities, highlighting the importance of prevention.

## A Collective Effort

The effectiveness of Red Ribbon Week lies in its collective nature. Parents, educators, and community members play a crucial role in guiding young people toward a drug-free life. By providing information and support, we equip our youth with the knowledge and tools they need to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. In Adair County, we have the Northeast Missouri Drug Free Communities Taskforce that is a community coalition centered around youth substance misuse prevention. To learn more visit <https://www.drugfreenemo.org/>



or call the Coalition Director, April Dobrinke at (660) 665-8491 ext. 741.

## A Year-Round Commitment

While Red Ribbon Week serves as a focal point for drug-free living, it's essential to recognize that these messages should be a year-round commitment. Drug education and prevention are not limited to a single week but should be an ongoing conversation and effort to ensure the well-being of our communities.

As we commemorate Red Ribbon Week, let's reaffirm our commitment to a drug-free life and support one another in making healthy choices. Together, we can build a safer, healthier, and more drug-free future for all.

Thank you for joining us in this important cause.

## TURNING THE PAGE

## This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

## 90 Years Ago, October 25, 1933

The City of Kirksville and Adair County were preparing to meet the tramp problem as winter drew near. A sleeping place for tramps known as a “flop house” and a woodpile where they could earn food by cutting wood was provided by the city and county. These facilities were located near the Jefferson Street crossing of the Wabash railroad tracks where they had been for the previous two years. Plenty of wood had been provided so the transients might obtain a meal by sawing wood for an hour and a half. Jim Payne oversaw the operation. His job was to see that the men worked vigorously at the task as the wood was badly needed for distribution in charity cases. Local businesses and housewives were asked to co-operate with the charity board in handling the tramp situation. They were asked to refrain from providing food, clothing, and money to discourage tramps from visiting the city. The police were instructed to keep tramps out of the business district to prevent begging.

## 75 Years Ago, October 22, 1948

A St. Paul, Minnesota, building inspector, Kenneth McCord, informed the judges of the Adair County Court of the deteriorating condition of the tower on the Adair County Courthouse and the danger of at least a portion of it falling. McCord pointed out that the northeast corner was leaning, and it had settled in a year. It was his opinion that the tower might fall at any time, and if that happened the rest of the tower might come toppling down through the courthouse roof. McCord reported that a rod which was tied in place to hold the cornice some years ago seemed to be holding the entire section in place. It was McCord's opinion that the damage was caused by water seeping in between the columns and the rest of the tower, and when it froze it forced the column outward. The county court judges met with the County Highway Engineer Bob Sangster, and McCord. Presiding Judge Bert Elsea said that they would have a survey and cost estimate made to determine how much it would cost to take down the tower.

The Adair County Courthouse before the clock tower was removed in 1949.

## 65 Years Ago, October 23, 1958

A 30-year-old Kirksville man jumped into a creek to rescue the driver of a car that plunged off a bridge. William M. Harper was driving east on U.S. Highway 136 near Princeton, Missouri, when his car was struck from the rear by a vehicle driven by Gene Skroh, 16, of Princeton. Skroh and a passenger, Jerry VanVacter, 17, of Princeton were thrown from their car when it plunged twelve feet from the bridge into a shallow creek. Both were knocked unconscious. Harper's station wagon was turned around by the impact of the collision. The bridge railing was torn off and his vehicle which was demolished was left partly dangling over the edge of the bridge. Harper, who was not injured, leaped into the creek and dragged out Skroh, who was face down in the mud and water. VanVacter did not fall in the water. The two youths were treated at a Trenton Hospital. After Harper returned to Kirksville he was interviewed by a Daily Express reporter. He insisted he was “not as much of a hero” as was reported by the press.

## 60 Years Ago, October 22, 1963

The prospects of Hollister, Inc. coming to Kirksville moved to more realistic stages with two announcements made by Charles



Krueger, Chamber of Commerce secretary. He stated that \$35,000 of the necessary \$40,000 had been pledged by individuals and organizations and that the plans and specifications for the new plant had been sent to prospective contractors. Bids for the building, which was expected to cost between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000 were to be submitted to Hollister's Chicago office by November 8. Bruce Collier, chairman of the volunteer group soliciting the \$40,000, anticipated no difficulty in obtaining the remaining \$5,000. The \$40,000 raised locally would be used to provide water, sewers, roads, and site work before actual construction began on the plant. The new Hollister plant was to be located on 78 acres of land on the south edge of Kirksville just north of the Kirksville Country Club. Acquisition of the land was completed in 1962 with the purchase of 70 acres from the Nell Winn estate and an additional 8 acres from Mrs. S. L. West.

## 45 Years Ago, October 20, 1978

Henry Thoburn Hawk, 78, died in a Kirksville Hospital where he had been a patient for over two weeks. He had been in failing health for several months. Mr. Hawk, as his former students knew him, was remembered as a strict, but outstanding teacher, who stood at his classroom door in the hallway, sticking out his crutch to remind speedy students to slow down. He was born in LaCrescent, Minnesota, on May 10, 1900. Mr. Hawk attended Missouri Wesleyan College for two years and was then stricken with acute and chronic arthritis. Afterwards he was left bedfast, and in and out of wheelchairs and hospitals, before being left crippled for life. In the early 1930's he taught in Kahoka, Missouri and then moved to Kirksville in 1935 to complete his A.B. Degree at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (NMSTC, now Truman State University). He did graduate work at the College and at the University of Missouri. In 1937 he taught for a year at the College, and the next year he took a temporary social studies teaching job at the Kirksville Junior High School which turned out to be permanent. After 27 years of teaching at Ophelia Parrish, Mr. Hawk retired in 1965 at the age of 65 due to the 65-age limit in accordance with Kirksville Board of Education policy. After retirement Mr. Hawk continued to live in Kirksville and served as a substitute teacher at Kirksville Junior High School until 1976. He was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America and held several Scouting positions in Colorado and Missouri. He was a member of the Adair County Welfare Commission and the First Methodist Church in Kirksville. He was an active member of the Lions Club and served as president and secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Thoburn Hawk taught social studies at Kirksville Junior High School for 27 years.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

## Local history in William Baird's own words

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society  
and Museum

INTRODUCTION: In 1911, the year before William Baird died, E. H. Violette, Professor of History at the Kirksville Normal School, wrote an extensive history of Adair County, Missouri. Included were the reminiscences of several prominent citizens of that day about their lives in Adair County. The following is what William Thomas Baird, the banker, wrote:

IN HIS OWN WORDS: “My acquaintance with Kirksville began March 21st, 1857, when Professor W. P. Nason and I rode into Kirksville from LaGrange, Missouri. On entering the village from the southeast, the first man we met and spoke to was W. H. Sheeks, of whom we enquired for Mr. James Coghill, a farmer. Mr. Sheeks was the sheriff of Adair County, and later when we got to know him, he said the fact we enquired for James Coghill, kept him from arresting us as horse thieves.

“With the help of Professor Nason, I secured a school in what was known as the David A. Ely District. The school house was located in a little hickory thicket near Mr. James Coghill's residence. It was a log structure with puncheon floor. The seats were split logs supported by two short sticks in each end. One log was cut out in one end of the building and filled with a row of 8 x 10 glass for a window. I banged on the door with a stick when I wanted my “students” to come to “books.”

“We rode around often in wagons drawn by oxen. I remember calling on a young lady one Saturday night, and on Sunday morning the family, “my girl,” and myself all went to a meeting at a cross country school house in an ox wagon, driving through the prairie grass, scaring up the prairie chickens and rabbits, and we were happy and had a good time. Of course, I stayed with the family until Monday morning.

“At that time, Kirksville was a small village, with not a church nor a school house in town. The county had erected a brick house in the public square, where our present magnificent court house now stands. Church services were all held in the court house. A Sunday school was organized and held its sessions there also. There was a fence around the public square, with eight entrances to the court house. There were no sidewalks except in some places a long plank was laid in front of the houses; but very soon walks were being laid, first two feet wide, then four feet. The teams were hitched to the fence around the square, and later a heavy chain on posts was placed around the square a few feet from the fence for hitch racks.

“There was a saloon in an old shack of a house standing just about where Ben Henry's drug store is now located, and a man rode up and hitched his horse just opposite this saloon and went into this dive and shot and killed a man and broke for his horse which had gotten between the hitch rack and the fence, untied the horse, mounted and rode away at break-neck speed, passing out at an opening on the east side and went north, pursued closely by a



number of men from the start, made his escape, and has never been heard of since. I was in the bank on the corner, heard the shot, saw the fellow run, mount his horse, and ride away.

“Better things soon began to develop. The Cumberland Presbyterians began the erection of a building for a school to be known as “Cumberland Academy.” This became the property of the State, and the First District Normal School was organized in this building.

“The first church building erected in Kirksville was a little frame one on a lot where the M. E. Church now stands. This was done by J. H. Wesscher, an M. D. and a Free Will Baptist preacher.

“The first school house built in Kirksville was erected by Professor W.P. Nason as his personal property. This was used for religious services, preaching, prayer meetings and Sunday School. “We had no railroad and no modern conveniences whatever. I have seen the wild deer bounding through the hazel brush on what is now the beautiful Normal campus.

“The old stage coach was a great attraction as it came rolling in from Canton and Macon, with a big horn blowing to let the people know the “mail” was coming, and the people would gather at the post office and listen for their names to be called, happy to get a letter from home.

“Alex Sherwood built a two-story business house on the south side of the square, and the second story was used as a hall for public gatherings. This was the first place of that kind in Kirksville. The Masonic Lodge was held in the second story over Ben Murphy's saloon.

“After the battle of 1862, the Enrolled Militia was organized for home protection by State authority, and we had to do regular military duty. So, one night Joseph Baum and myself were stationed on the road north of town as pickets, about one mile out; and along after midnight we were called on with the alarming statement that two of our pickets on the road east of town had been captured by the “rebels” and a fight was imminent. So, we all gathered in and about the court house, ready for battle. Scouts were sent out to reconnoiter and report. But, no enemy could be found. At day-break that morning, our two “captured pickets” were found in the home of Mr. Rice, resting sweetly in a feather bed. So, they were publicly turned out of the company in disgrace.

“The first passenger train arrived here July 18th, 1868, at 11:30 a.m. Its arrival was hailed with great joy and enthusiasm by the people assembled en masse. It was an excursion and remained here until 3:42 p.m., a wonderful sight to many natives who had never seen a railroad train before.

“I have seen Kirksville when it was a little village of a few hundred people living in small cottages on the public square



Cumberland Academy - School built in Kirksville in 1860 by the Presbyterians at west end of Memorial Park. Used by Union Soldiers during Battle of Kirksville. Renamed by Professor Joseph Baldwin for his original Normal School which developed into Truman State University.

and immediately surrounding it, not a business house of importance having been erected. These have been moved off or burned down, and their places filled with good brick business houses of two and three stories, occupied by thrifty, enterprising merchants and bankers, business and professional men; fine residences, schools, churches, hospitals and factories, and a city of 8,000 enterprising people, with paved streets, good sidewalks, two railroads and modern conveniences, and many beautiful and lovely homes.

“But, we had many hard battles to fight for righteousness and against king alcohol, gambling and kindred vices. I am told that in the early days, the temperance men bought out the saloons, with an agreement that they would quit the business, and the whiskey was emptied out on the ground. But this was only temporary, and the fight was on again.

“Later, a ‘League of Honor’ was formed on account of the terrible onslaught liquor drinking was having on society here. A pledge of “sacred honor” to abstain from drinking for one year was solemnly signed. There were nineteen names of “jolly good fellows” placed to this pledge, and they were followed by twelve more, and there were eleven non-drinking members who joined the ‘League of Honor.’ Every honorable means was used for the betterment and uplift of the people of town and county.

“One of the strongest factors in the effort for the cause of righteousness and the good of humanity was Professor W.P. Nason. He was my teacher in Kentucky and my close bosom friend, and we came to this county together. He became a Presbyterian minister, and was an uncompromising temperance man, a great and noble Christian man, a man who loved and honored God and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, Lord, and Master. In 1858, he became a candidate for county school commissioner. While he made his canvass of the county for the office, I had sole charge of his school in Kirksville. He was elected by a good majority in August, and re-elected in 1860. He was a man of strong convictions and fearless in his defense for right living, and a terror to evil doers. In 1867, W. P. Nason, in connection with Professor Joseph Baldwin and J.M. Greenwood, organized a private Normal School here, which later became the First District State Normal School. He remained with the State Normal School for twenty years, most of the time as Vice-president, and one year as acting President.

“Professor Nason was born in South Carolina in 1824 and died at my home in Kirksville in 1909. — W. T. Baird”

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## Missouri State Highway Patrol urges everyone to have a safe Halloween

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

It's that time of year when young ghosts, vampires, superheroes, and cartoon characters are planning their night of trick-or-treating. While some local events take place in large parking lots the weekend prior, many trick-or-treaters will be out on Halloween night. It's imperative that drivers and pedestrians stay alert.

Young children excited by Halloween could dart in front of a vehicle. Slow down and drive with extra caution. Expect an increase in the number of slow-moving vehicles in neighborhoods as motorists pick up and drop off trick-or-treaters. Please be courteous and stay alert for trick-or-treaters of all ages. Distracted drivers are dangerous drivers — when you're driving, keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone.

Parents, remind children to approach only familiar houses

that are well-lit. Remind them they should never enter a stranger's house or vehicle. Consider trick-or-treating with your children for their safety and because it's a fun way to spend an evening. Give some thought to safety when choosing a costume. Consider using make-up rather than wearing a mask, which can obstruct a child's vision making it difficult to see an oncoming car. A light-colored costume is easier for drivers to see at night and adding reflective tape to dark costumes makes them visible. Flame resistant costumes are encouraged.

All trick-or-treaters are reminded to watch for traffic while they are out and about this Halloween. Remember to look both ways when crossing the street. Use sidewalks wherever possible and trick-or-treat while it is light outside. If you do go out after dark, increase your visibility by using a flash-



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light and wearing a light-colored costume. An adult should always accompany small children, and older children should stay in groups.

Halloween isn't just for children. Many adults enjoy dressing

up and visiting haunted houses or attending gatherings of friends. If you are driving to a costume party, make sure your costume doesn't hamper your vision. If you attend a Halloween party that includes alcohol, designate

a sober driver for the trip home. Alcohol, even in small amounts, slows reaction time and dulls the senses. Driving after you've had alcohol could have a sad and possibly deadly result.

Have a safe, happy Halloween!

## Tidal Wave Auto Spa in Kirksville raises \$1,427 for Adair County SB40

By Tidal Wave Auto Spa

Tidal Wave Auto Spa, one of the top five conveyor car wash companies in the country, hosted their 15th annual Charity Day on Sept. 15. This year's event raised a record-breaking total of \$368,038 — the highest proceeds in the event's 15-year history, which will be donated entirely to local charitable organizations.

This year, Tidal Wave Auto Spa at 2510 N. Balti-



more Street, raised \$1,427 for Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board. Tidal Wave representatives said they are proud to support SB40's

mission to service people with developmental disabilities in Adair, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan Counties with this donation.

Tidal Wave's 15th annual Charity Day event supported over 150 charitable organizations across 174 participating Tidal Wave locations. Over the years, Tidal Wave's Charity Day has made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals and organizations. With this year's

proceeds, the event's cumulative total donations have surpassed \$1.3 million, underscoring Tidal Wave Auto Spa's dedication to making a positive difference.

Ahead of the one-day philanthropic event, each participating Tidal Wave location selects a local charity or non-profit organization to receive 50 percent of their site's proceeds and donations. The other 50 percent of proceeds are donated to the company's longtime corporate partner, Annandale Village, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing pro-

gressive life assistance to adults with developmental disabilities across the country.

"Charity Day not only raises funds but also brings communities together, fostering a spirit of unity and giving that extends far beyond the event itself. Tidal Wave looks forward to continuing its tradition of Charity Day for many years to come," said Tidal Wave Auto Spa CEO and founder, Scott Blackstock.

In addition to Tidal Wave's annual Charity Day event, which received a gold 2023 Brandon Hall

Group HCM Excellence Award® for Best Initiative for Philanthropy and Corporate Giving, the company also gives back year-round through fundraising. Tidal Wave's fundraising program has helped raise over \$2 million for local organizations, and provides a simple, fast, and convenient way for local schools, churches, civic groups, and more.

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## Looking back at 2023 local high school softball season

By Adam Tumino

The La Plata softball team advanced to the state championships held on Friday. The Bulldogs were the only local high school softball team to advance out of their district tournament. Let's take a look at how the 11 teams that did not win district titles fared in 2023.

### Atlanta

Coming off of four-straight district titles, the Hornets ultimately came up short of a fifth title. They finished the season with a record of 8-16 and after winning the Class 1 District 11 Tournament the last three years, and the Class 10 one the year before, had a tougher time in the Class 5 Tournament this year.

The Hornets lost to defending state champion Canton after beating Marion County in the opening round of the tournament. Canton then lost to La Plata in the title game. Atlanta averaged 6.6 runs per game, a slight increase over last year, but allowed 10.5 runs per game, the most since 2016.

### Brashear

The Tigers won 13 games for the second-straight season in 2023. They went 13-10 after going 13-8 last season. An 11-4 start had them off and running, but it was followed by a 2-5 stretch to close out the regular season. A loss to Paris to open the District 1 Class 5 Tournament ended Brashear's season.

The Tigers averaged eight runs per game, their highest since 2019. They scored in double figures 11 times and plated a season-high 25 runs on Sept. 27 against Clark County. Brashear now has back-to-back winning seasons to build on heading into 2024, when they will look for their first district title since 2011.

### Green City

The Gophers posted a 4-17 record in 2023, starting 1-12 before finishing up by going 3-5 to close out the year. Their first win of the season came in game six with a 10-9 win over Linn County.

They then lost seven in a row, five of which came against opponents that finished the season at .500 or above. That streak was snapped with a 10-9 win over Atlanta, which was followed up with



Brashear pitcher Madison Moots throws a pitch to a La Plata batter during the game on Sept. 15.

a 13-8 win over Macon County with Bucklin. Green City also opened the Class 1 District 6 Tournament in style with an 18-5 win over Grundy County, but fell to Schuyler County in the next game to end the season.

### Kirkville

The Tigers posted their fifth-straight season in 2023, finishing 16-12. They won the last three games of the regular season, and five of six, before losing 5-0 to Capital City in the opening round of the Class 4 District 5 Tournament.

Kirkville started hot, winning nine of their first 11 games, before a four-game losing streak brought them back down a bit. They won three in a row after that, and went 9-5 after snapping that losing streak.

The Tigers averaged 7.1 runs per game, the most since 2012, and allowed 4.9 runs per game. This was slightly higher than last season's mark, but only by 0.5 runs per game.

### Knox County

The Eagles went 5-11 this season. They went .500 in games played at neutral sites or on the road, but went 1-6 at home. They have gone 49-59 in the last five seasons since a dominant stretch that ended with a third-place finish at state in 2018.

Their first win came in the third game when the Eagles beat Marion County 12-11. Two games later, they beat Scotland County 19-3, setting a season high in runs. They celebrated senior day

with an 11-5 win over Westran. They went 1-4 after that to close out the regular season.

The Eagles began the Class 1 District 5 Tournament by beating Scotland County 18-12, but then fell 14-0 to eventual champions La Plata.

### Macon

The Tigers went 18-10 in 2023, posting a winning record for the seventh-straight season. They have only finished below .500 twice in the last 10 years, in 2014 and 2016, and finished just one game below .500 in each of those seasons.

They lost back-to-back games to open the season, with the second loss coming to Hallsville, and then won seven of their next eight games. They slowed down a bit heading into districts, but still won four of their final seven games of the regular season.

Macon opened the Class 3 District 4 Tournament by gutting out a 3-2 win Centralia, but fell to Hallsville for the third time this season in the next game. They had 11 games decided by three or fewer runs, and averaged just 1.2 runs more per game than they allowed.

### Milan

The Wildcats came up just short or reaching .500 this season, going on a hot streak to end the regular season but finishing 11-13. A 4-2 start got them off on the right foot. They lost three in a row after that, but then took three of four.

A five-game losing streak dropped Milan to 7-11, but they won four of their last five games heading into the Class 2 District 6 Tourn-



Kirkville senior Brianna Elsea releases a pitch in the game against Battle on Oct. 5. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

ment. They then lost 6-2 against Marceline to stay at 11 wins.

Their average of 6.5 runs per game was the highest since 2010. They also lowered their average of runs allowed from 8.1 last season to 6.3 this season.

### Novinger

After winning just eight games from 2018 through last season, Novinger surpassed that number with a 9-15 record in 2023. It was their highest win total since 2013.

They started a bit slowly, going 2-8 to start the season. They then won three games in a row, beating Linn County 10-9 in extra innings, Macon County with Bucklin 12-2 and Meadville 6-4. They also won three of their last five games of the regular season and their first game of the Class 1 District 6 Tournament, beating Meadville once again. In that six-game stretch, Novinger averaged 9.3 runs per game, above their season average of 7.5 runs per game.

They lost to Braymer after the Meadville win to wrap the season. The Wildcats posted their highest scoring average since 2010 and their 10.3 runs allowed were the lowest since 2016.

### Putnam County

The Midgets posted a record of 14-8 this season, bouncing back from a 9-15 campaign in 2022. They started 2-3 and then pulled off an eight-game winning streak, averaging 10.1 runs per game over that span. They finished the regular season 4-4 and headed into the Class 2 District 6 Tournament.

Putnam County fell to Brookfield 2-0 in the tournament, their fourth shutout loss of the season and first in the last five games. Still their average of 6.7 runs per game was the highest since 2018. They allowed 5.1 runs per game, dropping it from 7.5 runs per game in 2022.

### Schuyler County

The Rams went 9-18 in 2023, with an 0-6 start putting them in an early hole. They finished the season a bit stronger than they started it though. After going 3-11 in the first 14 games, they went 6-7 over the final 13.

After not winning consecutive games during the regular season, Schuyler County won the regular season finale and then their first two games in the Class 1 District 6 Tournament. They scored 36 runs in those three games and allowed just eight. The season came to an end though in the district title game with a 14-2 loss to Braymer.

### Scotland County

The Tigers had a tough time in 2023. After winning the season opener 17-7 against a solid Novinger team, Scotland County lost the final 20 games of the season. They came close to other wins throughout the season, with four losses coming by three or fewer runs.

A 5-4 loss to Atlanta, a 9-7 extra inning loss to Schuyler County and a 10-9 loss to Putnam County stand out. They also lost a shootout to Knox County in the Class 1 District 5 Tournament, falling 18-12.

## GLVC football teams heading into 5th week of conference matchups

By Adam Tumino

There are only three conference games left for each football team in the GLVC. There is now less and less time for the teams at the top, Indianapolis and Truman State, to solidify their resume for potential postseason play, while the rest of the conference will be looking to finish strong over the last several weeks. Let's take a look at each matchup for week five of the conference season.

Truman State at Southwest Baptist, 2 p.m.

One of two 2 p.m. kick-offs on Oct. 28, this game will feature one of the conference's best teams in Truman visiting last-place Southwest Baptist. Truman is 7-1 this season and 3-1 in conference play, giving them the No. 21 spot in the AFCA Coaches Poll. Southwest Baptist is 2-6 overall and 1-3 in conference.

Truman is coming off a 31-10 homecoming win over William Jewell, a bounce back for the Bulldogs after falling to Indianapolis the week before for their first loss of the season. They are the third-ranked scoring team in the GLVC, averaging 30.9 points per game, while they have allowed just 18.4 points per game, the second-best mark in the conference.

Truman ranks near the top of the nation in several categories. They are among the least-penalized teams in the nation, having



Truman running back Denim Cook runs through a sea of William Jewell defenders in the game on Oct. 21. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

the third-fewest penalties in the nation and the second-fewest penalty yards. They rank 17th in third-down conversion rate and third in time of possession.

They have the conference's fourth-leading rusher in Mason Huskey, who also leads the conference and is tied for 14th in the nation with 11 touchdowns this season. Bulldog receiver Tate Crane ranks third in the conference in receptions and fourth in receiving yards. Quarterback Nolan Hair ranks third in the conference completion percentage and leads the GLVC in passing yards.

Southwest Baptist ranks second-to-last in the GLVC in scoring offense and scoring defense, ahead of only McKendree in both categories. They are averaging 25.9 points per game and allowing 36.8. Their lone conference win came

against McKendree and they have lost to Quincy, Missouri S&T and, most recently, Upper Iowa.

A big bright spot for the Bearcats has been running back Abel Carter, who ranks second in the GLVC with 80.9 rushing yards per game. The Bearcats also have the busiest kicker in the conference in Logan Turner, whose 16 made field goals are twice as many as the next-closest kicker. His percentage of 84.2 percent ranks second in the conference, trailing only William Jewell's Paul Geelen who is 7-for-7 so far.

William Jewell at Missouri S&T, 2 p.m.

This matchup will feature a Missouri S&T team looking to push its conference record above the .500 mark and a William Jewell team looking to get a little closer to that mark. Missouri S&T is 2.6 overall this season but

2-2 in conference play. William Jewell is 2-5 overall and 1-3 in conference.

Missouri S&T lost its first five games of the season, including the conference opener against Indianapolis, before winning back-to-back games over Upper Iowa and Southwest Baptist. A loss to McKendree last week ended that winning streak.

The Miners are nearly even in terms of point differential, scoring an average of 26.4 points per game this season while allowing 28.3. These numbers rank sixth and fourth in the conference respectively.

Running back Cameren Smith ranks fifth in the conference in rushing yards per game, but is tied for the GLVC lead with 10 rushing touchdowns. Wide receiver CJ Jarmon is tied for the GLVC lead with six receiving touchdowns this season.



Truman quarterback Nolan Hair scrambles up the sideline during the game against William Jewell on Oct. 21.



Truman tight end Chris Kerr runs toward the sideline in the game against William Jewell on Oct. 21.

William Jewell is looking to win multiple conference games for the first time since 2017, but have had three tough losses in a row to the GLVC's top three teams after winning the conference opener against Upper Iowa.

The Cardinals have greatly improved their scoring from recent years and are averaging 26.9 points per game this season, the fifth-most in the GLVC. Their defense has allowed 35.6 points per game and 472.4 yards per game, the most in the conference by a large margin and

the sixth-most yards allowed per game in the nation.

They have the conference's third-leading rusher in Keandre McCullough and sixth-leading receiver in Deldrionn Amos. Receiver Nathan Barnett is tied for the GLVC lead with six receiving touchdowns. Sean Mitchell's three interceptions are tied for the second-most in the conference, as are his 60 total tackles.

McKendree at Quincy, 4 p.m.

# GLVC

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The matchup between McKendree and Quincy will send one team above the .500 mark and another below. McKendree is 2-5 overall and 2-2 in conference play while Quincy is 5-3 overall and 2-2 in conference.

McKendree is currently the lowest-scoring team in the conference, averaging 19.4 points per game. They are allowing 40.4 points per game, the most in the conference and 11th-most in the nation.

Despite these less-than-stellar numbers, the Bearcats have won their last two games. The first saw their offense bust out in a 41-34 win over Upper Iowa before they scratched out a 20-17 win over Missouri S&T the following week.

Surprisingly, both of these wins were without star receiver Yogi Flager Jr., who has been limited to just five games this season. De-

spite missing time, the reigning first team All-GLVC player still ranks second in the conference with 41 receptions. This is even with him recording just three against Southwest Baptist. He had 38 catches in the first four games this season. He does not qualify for national leaderboards, but his 8.2 receptions per game would rank third in the nation.

Quincy was one of the higher-scoring teams in the GLVC last season, but has taken a step forward in that regard. With an average of 42.1 points per game, the Hawks are the top-scoring team in the GLVC and the 10th-ranked scoring team in the nation. An 89-0 win over NAIA Madonna University early in the season certainly inflates that number a bit, but by averaging 35.4 points per game in the other seven contests, have proven that it was not exactly a fluke.

The only times Quincy has been held below 34 points was in a 33-

27 overtime loss to Truman and a 24-14 loss to Indianapolis, the conference's top two scoring defenses.

Quarterback Drake Davis ranks second in the conference with 16 passing touchdowns and his two interceptions are the fewest in the GLVC. He is one of just seven qualified quarterbacks in the nation with two or fewer interceptions. They also have the sixth and seventh leading rushers in terms of rushing yards per game in the GLVC with JQ Brown and Teon Dollard.

The Hawks have generated 23 turnovers this season, the most in the nation, and have the second-best turnover ratio in the nation. Their 23 sacks as a team lead the GLVC.

Upper Iowa at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.

The newest GLVC team, Upper Iowa, will get its first look at Indianapolis as a conference opponent on Saturday. The Peacocks are 3-5 overall and 1-3 in conference play in their first year

in the league. Indianapolis is 7-0 overall and 4-0 in conference. The Greyhounds are ranked 10th in the AFCA Coaches Poll.

Upper Iowa ranks near the middle of the pack in the GLVC in most categories, with a major exception being passing offense. The Peacocks are averaging 251.1 passing yards per game, the most in the conference. They have had quarterbacks Darryl Overstreet Jr. and Marcus Orr split time. Overstreet is averaging 164.4 passing yards per game and Orr is averaging 114.2. They have combined for 17 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

With a quarterbacking duo that generates a lot of yardage, the Peacocks also have the GLVC's leading receiver in Mante Morrow. He leads the conference with 43 catches and 579 yards this season.

As a team, the Peacocks are averaging 27.8 points per game and allowing 30.5, ranking fourth and fifth in the GLVC respectively.

Indianapolis is once again one of the top teams in the nation, and as one of 11 unbeaten teams in all of Division II, will be the toughest test yet for Upper Iowa. The Greyhounds are the second-highest scoring team in the conference, averaging 35.6 points per game. They rank 16th in the nation in total yards per game and rushing yards per game. Defensively, Indianapolis is allowing just 14 points per game. This is the best mark in the GLVC and tied for ninth in the nation.

Quarterback Gavin Sukup leads the GLVC with 17 passing touchdowns and leads the conference in passing efficiency, ranking 10th in the nation in that category. Running back Jon Lewis leads the GLVC with an average of 88.7 rushing yards per game while Jaden Schlabach ranks 10th with 44.4 rushing yards per game. Defensively, lineman Justin Thomas leads the conference with six sacks.

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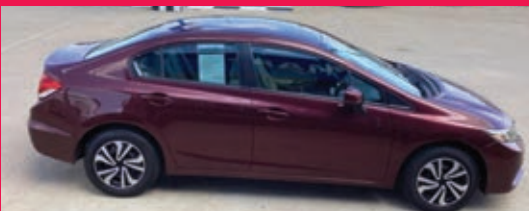
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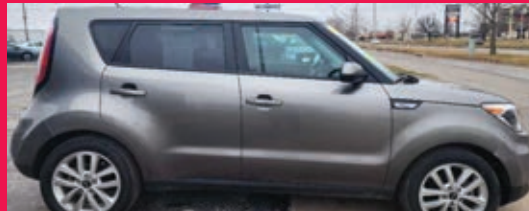
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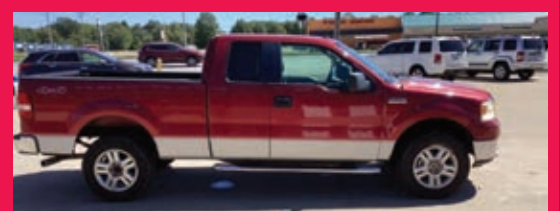
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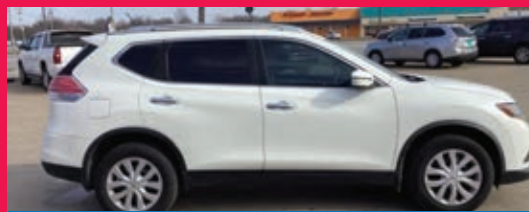
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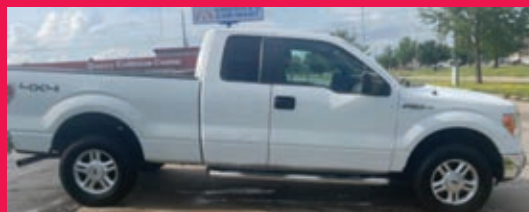
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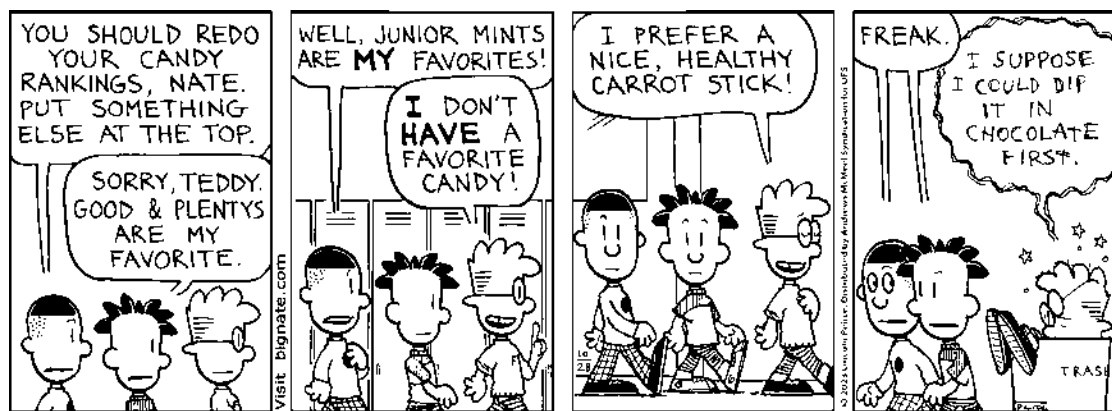
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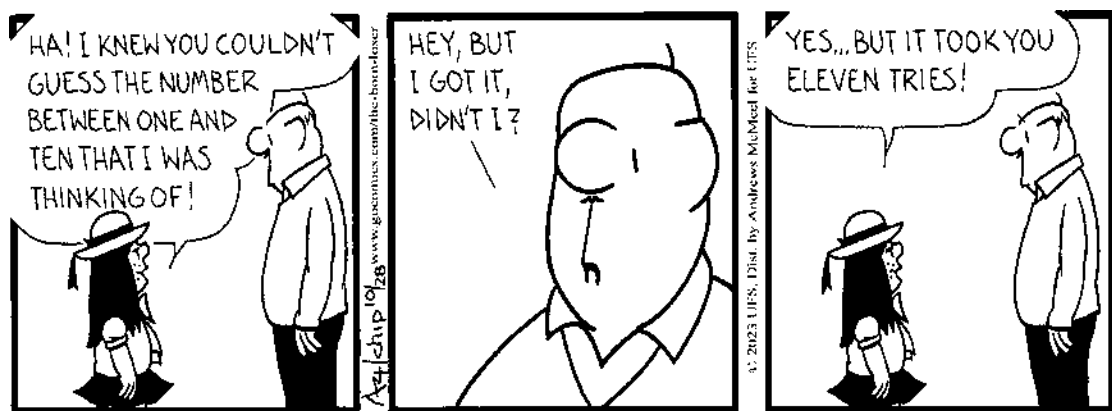
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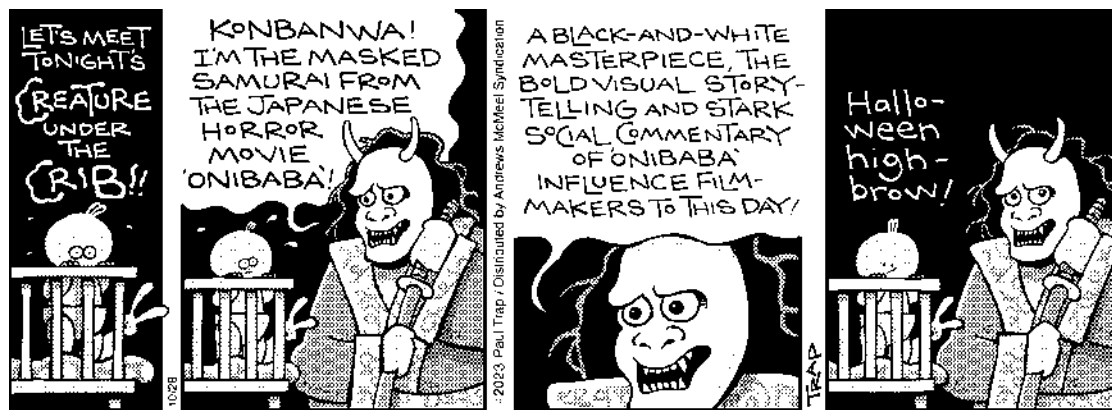
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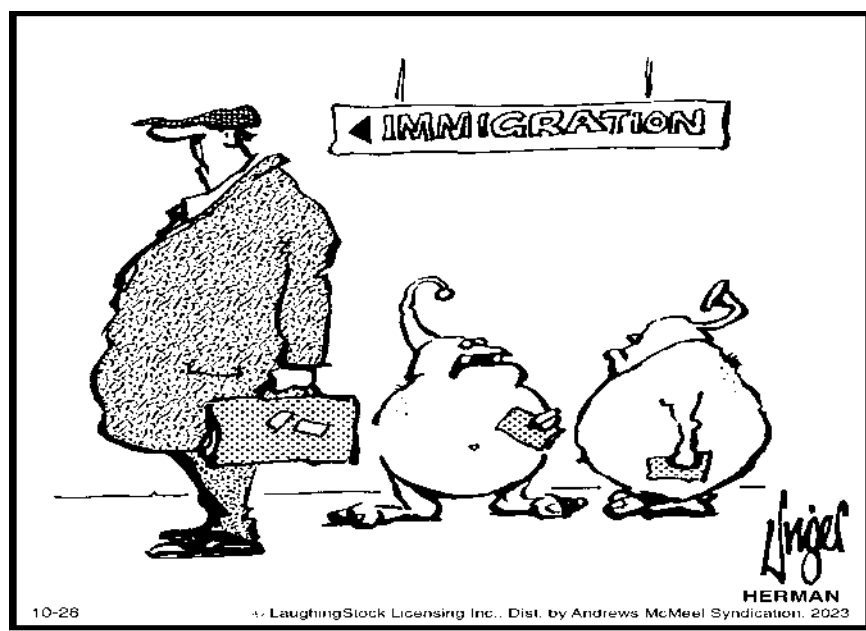
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Experiment, discover new possibilities and carve a path that excites you. The choices you make this year will determine your happiness. Don't settle for less than what you want when, with input, you can control the outcome. Be true to yourself and your beliefs, and you'll find balance and equality that will fulfill your life. Solid partnerships will enhance how things turn out and align you with positive people.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Attend events geared toward connecting with people who share your interests. A deep conversation with someone in the know will prompt unique ideas you'll want to try out.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Stay calm; don't let change upset you. Take the high road and concentrate on making a difference and improving your life. Protect yourself from those who make false claims.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Keep moving forward. You'll impact those you encounter and find a unique solution that will help you save money. An exciting idea will facilitate home improvements.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Time to revise your to-do list and eliminate what's holding you back. Cleaning up the rubble will give you a different perspective. Communication can clear a path to progress.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Go over documents, contracts and investments to see what needs updating, and you'll discover something big. Get involved in a pursuit that interests you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Lie low; it's time to rethink your next move. Let go of the past, live in the moment and be good to yourself.

Positive thinking and a focus on relaxation will be necessary.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Consider your options and make a move. Don't waste time on things that don't matter. It's your time to take charge, create opportunities and make things happen. Change is favored.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Keep life simple, and don't let outsiders complicate matters. Take more interest in self-improvement and how to use what you already possess to make your life better. Don't give in to temptation.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Pick up the slack and follow your heart. Your stamina and ingenuity will withstand the test of time and lead to something you can enjoy for years. Romance is favored.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Question everyone and everything. Refuse to let anyone railroad you into something you don't want. Emotional manipulation and temptation are present. Seek expert advice.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Learn all you can. The research you do will lead to opportunities far beyond your imagination. A change of scenery will spark your creativity and offer exciting opportunities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Respond to what others want. Offer people incentives. A partnership will require diplomatic negotiations but, in the end, it will provide worthwhile returns. Leave nothing to chance.

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# Friend hasn't delivered promised craft project

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm having an issue with my long-time best friend. We no longer live in the same state, but we talk several times a week and try to visit every year. We both love crafting, and two years ago, I started making her a big, beautiful counted cross-stitch and had it custom framed. The project took several months, and she knew I was making it.

She offered -- I didn't ask -- to make me a quilt from T-shirts I had collected over the years from various places I had been. So I cut the logos/graphics off the shirts and mailed them to her. She told me it would take her only a week to make the quilt. That was two years ago. It has been a year since I drove six hours each way to deliver my cross-stitch gift to her, and she still hasn't made the quilt.

I have since moved even farther away. I miss home, and I really want the quilt. I have asked her about it several times. The quilt would mean so much to me, especially now that I'm more than 1,000 miles away, but she keeps making empty promises about finishing it. Meanwhile, she has found the time to create crochet and cross-stitch items for her extended family and remodel her kitchen.

I'm so hurt about the whole thing that I'd like to ask her to return the T-shirt pieces to me. At least that way I could hire someone to make me the quilt. Am I being unreasonable? -- **WAITING IN THE SOUTH**

**DEAR WAITING:** What you are considering is not only reasonable, but also rational. The next time you and your friend chat, tell her you understand



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DEAR ABBY

what a busy person she is. Explain that you would like her to find the time to return the fabric you sent so you can make other arrangements to have the quilt made. Smile when you say it so your tone will be "warm and friendly." That way, the friendship can continue if you wish.

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Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Adair, Case No. 23AR-CV00725 made entered on the record on 10/19/2023, the name of Colby Lee David Frazier was changed to Colby Lee David Franklin.

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
Judge or Division: Case Number: 23AR-PR00101  
PROBATE

In the Estate of DOROTHY MAE JONES, Deceased.

**Notice to Creditors**  
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DOROTHY MAE JONES, Decedent.  
On September 13, 2023 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY Missouri. All creditors of Decedent, who died on 01-NOV-2016, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration. Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY Missouri. Date of first publication is October 28, 2023.

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

**The Passing Parade**

On Oct. 15, as a child stood near a canal in Cape Coral, Florida, a Dodge Challenger left the road nearby at a high rate of speed and plunged into the canal nose first, NBC2-TV reported -- fortunately just missing the child. "I can only imagine how he's feeling," said Lorraine Holder, who lives on the canal and had a home security camera trained on the water that captured the incident. The car's airbags deployed, which made it difficult to get the driver out, but a Good Samaritan helped him escape before it sank completely. No injuries were reported.

**News You Can Use**

People in London have been perplexed by a bale of hay hanging from the Millennium Bridge, a modern structure that spans the River Thames, Sky News reported on Oct. 18. The bridge is undergoing maintenance that will reduce its headroom. When social media lit up with questions, the City Bridge Foundation, a charity that

benefits crossings over the Thames, came to the rescue: "In accordance with ancient tradition (and the Port of London Thames Byelaws), a bundle of straw is dangled from the Millennium Bridge to warn shipping of work under the bridge (we're not making this up, honest)." At night, workers hang a white light to warn ships. Work is expected to be completed by Nov. 5.

**Bright Idea**

Japanese milk producer Seki Milk has devised an entertaining solution to a growing problem, Oddity Central reported on Oct. 11. The company did research showing that 65% of students weren't finishing their milk at lunch, so it partnered with a manga studio to produce an original comic series and print it in white on its glass milk bottles. As they drink, kids are compelled to finish the beverage so the artwork is revealed. The company says Milk Manga encourages healthy behavior and reading, and gets kids thinking about food loss.

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