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## Judge orders recount of Aug. 6 Republican Primary sheriff's race

By Marty Bachman  
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Macon County Presiding Judge Frederick Tucker ruled on Thursday, Aug. 15, that there will be a recount of ballots submitted in the Aug. 6 Republican Primary race for the Adair County sheriff's race.

Candidate Jason Underwood, who led the race by three votes after the Aug. 6 primary and then found out that he had lost by five votes after two days of meetings of election officials, (Aug. 9 and 10) that included a hand count of ballots, filed a petition through the Nolan Law Firm on Aug. 13, asking for a recount and asking that the county clerk pay for the recount.

Hours prior to Thursday's hearing, Attorney Patrick Nolan submitted an amended petition which claimed that there were security concerns with the election, asking the judge to demand a new election. Nolan stated that there were chain of custody issues with com-

pleted ballots and that they were stored in an unsecured "closet."

"The room in which the completed ballots were stored was initially described as a safe by Clerk Collop, then called a Vault; however, it appears to be a large closet locked with a simple door lock," Nolan wrote in the amended petition.

Nolan claimed that Collop had security cameras removed from her office, citing the minutes of a Feb. 21 Adair County Commission meeting where she made the request. According to the amended petition, Presiding County Commissioner Mark Shahan told Collop that the camera was there for security in case something happened. He also stated, according to the petition, that someone could enter her office through the Treasurer's office, which maintains a common kitchen area with the clerk's office, and that no one would know.

Tucker questioned Nolan about the allegations and others included in the amended petition, but

Nolan was unable to provide any evidence that the ballots had been compromised — only that it was a possibility with the lack of security. The judge dismissed his call for a new election as a remedy but agreed to the recount and, due to the closeness of the vote tally, agreed the cost should be borne by the clerk's office.

Nolan, in later comments, said that Underwood only wanted to highlight the security concerns before the next election is held.

"Jason [Underwood] wanted to point out that this lack of security represents a real problem," Nolan said. "He didn't expect that he was going to get a new election out of that — he more wanted to make sure we raised it to raise the awareness of that so hopefully it'll get fixed before the next election."

Tucker, during the hearing, had both Underwood and candidate Jason Lene decide on two Democrats and two Republicans to serve as election officials to



oversee and verify the recount. He told Collop to put aside any ballots that had discrepancies, which in the original count were tallied based on what election officials felt were the voter's intent, for him to review and decide if they will be counted.

The court established that voters in Missouri, when they submit their ballots at the polls, will have it kicked back if not filled out properly and Tucker determined that those voters would have known there were issues with their ballot at the time they submitted them — but chose not

to correct them.

"I'm expecting that there will be a different number this time," Nolan said. "Jason, just wants to make sure that every vote is counted right."

The recount will take place on Aug. 21 in the county clerk's office and will be open only to Lene, Underwood, their attorney's, the four election officials and officials from the clerk's office. Tucker will review the results once they're finished. The results will be official on Aug. 27, after Tucker reviews the recount and ballots with alleged discrepancies.



## City hosting ADA Sidewalk Compliance Workshop

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville is inviting residents to an Americans with Disabilities Act Sidewalk Compliance Workshop on Aug. 28. The workshop will last from 8 a.m. to noon at the Economic Development Alliance Building, located at 315 S. Franklin Street.

This is another phase as the city updates its ADA Transition Plan. It is an opportunity for residents to participate and aid in that process. Attendees will learn how to spot ADA discrepancies in sidewalks and how to report those issues.

Great Plains ADA Center Director Troy Balthazor will lead the workshop. There will be a

presentation portion and then a portion spent in the field. Attendees can expect to:

- Learn about sidewalk development and compliance in the public right-of-way
- Become familiar with the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines
- Spend time evaluating and assessing sidewalks in the community
- Review sidewalk self-evaluation and transition plans from similarly-sized communities
- Have questions answered and resources provided

For more information, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 660-627-1272.

## Kirksville selected as host city for 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville announced that Kirksville has been selected to host the 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games.

This event will bring hundreds of people — competitors, coaches, family members and spectators — to Kirksville next summer for a weekend full of athletics, fun and community support. This marks the first time Kirksville will host the event. The games are scheduled to take place at the end of May or early June.

"We are excited about connecting with the Kirksville community and Truman State University," said Larry Linthacum, president & CEO, of Special Olympics Missouri. "We're most excited to connect with the Kirksville community and their volunteers as we work together to ensure our athletes have a tremendous championship experience!"

Kirksville was selected over other communities thanks to a great partnership between city and Truman State University staff. Kirksville's Tourism Department and members of the university worked together to create a strong bid that showcased Kirksville as a great destination for these games.



**Special  
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Missouri**

"We are elated to bring the Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games to Kirksville," said Kirksville Tourism Director Sharon Swehla. "I thank Truman for its collaboration to make this a possibility. I believe this event will make a great impact on Kirksville, and we look forward to ensuring Kirksville makes a great impact on it as well."

Truman's facilities will host all four athletic events, which include powerlifting, swimming, track and field, and volleyball. Truman will also host the athletes in its resident halls.

In addition to the sports competitions, the state summer games will include the traditional opening ceremony, featuring the pa-

rade of athletes and the lighting of the torch. The event will also offer health screenings through SOMO's Healthy Athletes program, providing essential health services to participating athletes.

"We are both thrilled and honored to host the State Summer Games along with our wonderful Kirksville partners," said Truman President Dr. Susan L. Thomas. "We look forward to working with the Special Olympics Missouri team to put on the best games yet."

Kirksville has a strong tradition with the Special Olympics, as local athletes frequently qualify for the state and USA games. Kirksville also has a history as a hub for exceptional community support services and organizations for people with intellectual disabilities.

Stay tuned for information next year on how you can be involved in the 2025 Special Olympics Missouri State Summer Games.

"We know Kirksville will provide a warm welcome to all of these visitors," city officials said in a press release. Details about the games including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities will be posted at [somo.org/summergames](http://somo.org/summergames).

## Hospice of Northeast Missouri to offer online caregiver weekly support group

By Hospice of Northeast Missouri

Caregiving can be incredibly draining! Knowing that, Hospice of Northeast Missouri is offering a new online caregivers weekly support group.

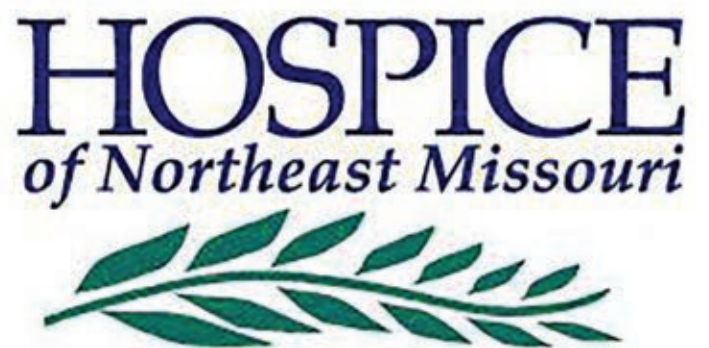
John Bambrick, a chaplain and social worker for Hospice of Northeast Missouri, will facilitate the weekly online caregiver support group that will start Wednesday, Aug. 28. Anyone serving as a caregiver can drop in anytime from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or stay for the entire session to receive

emotional support, reassurance, a listening ear, help with problem solving and education on caregiving. This free online group is a safe space to get support and discuss challenges without leaving your home or caregiving duties.

There is no charge for the support group, but we do ask that you contact John Bambrick in advance at [JBambrick@hospiceofnortheast-missouri.org](mailto:JBambrick@hospiceofnortheast-missouri.org) or by calling 660-627-9711 to get the required zoom link.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a

service of Hannibal Regional, is a non-profit hospice that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast is a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri serving Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan counties. To learn more about the services offered at Hospice of Northeast Missouri, call 660-627-9711 or visit [hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org](http://hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org).



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## HOME COUNTRY

## The word of politicians

Looking around at all the yard signs and hearing politicians tell us on television what a lying crook their competition is, I have to admit I miss Guv Reeve.

Guv had a real first name, but I sure don't recall it now, because this was back in the 1960s and 1970s in the high desert of California. He had his first name legally changed to Guv so everyone would know what he was all about. Every four years, he ran for governor. I worked for the Victor Valley Daily Press in Victorville, which is just 30 miles from Barstow, where everyone's car breaks down on the way to Vegas.

The other folks in the newsroom knew me as the "weirdo reporter" because if someone needed some serious couch time, they were pointed toward my desk.

Guv was maybe in his early 50s when I met him. He came into the newsroom one morning surrounded by four attractive middle-aged women, and all of them were smiling and handing out free cookies.

Guv and I closeted ourselves for the story while everyone else munched cookies, and I learned the Guv Reeve story.

He was a self-proclaimed preacher and lived in a large



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cabin about 30 miles away in the desert mountains. Yes ... with the sunshine girls.

His mission, he explained, was to gather food and clothing, and when they had enough for a large cardboard box, they would pack it up, find the name of a village in Mexico that he thought might be poor, and mailed it to them. Every time one of those boxes "ripened" and was ready for taping, they'd find a different village on the map.

His election platform was fairly simple: no taxes, more jobs, constant access to free cookies, and the love of God spreading throughout every person in California. You'd think a message that powerful would make his election a slam dunk. But the folks in California elected Ronald Reagan governor, instead. I met him, too, but he didn't have cookies.

Sometimes I really miss ol' Guv.

Brought to you by Slim's latest book, *Whimsy Castle*, now available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble and your local bookstore.

## ROBIN WRITES

## Back-to-school shopping

There is a paper clipped chain of memories connecting the sights, sounds and smells of the Back-to-School shopping season. I head down the traffic-jammed aisle at Walmart, dodging waist-high elbows and list-clamping fists.

My senses vibrate as if being tickled by familiar hands. I lean into the feeling; the tickle becomes a hug as warm as August. As safe as round-edged scissors. And as reassuring as the click of metal rings inside a loose-leaf binder.

The store shelves bulge in delightful disarray. Like the aftermath of seismic activity, items lay together in precarious piles that threaten to topple as I tiptoe past.

Towers of ten-cent spiral notebooks are turned this way and that like cheerful, primary colored pagodas of paper and cardboard.

Ridged slabs of bulk yellow pencils—the number "2" reassuringly etched into each—joust dully with flashier, pricier trios of graphite and wood.

Pink erasers, bubble-gummy plump and virtuously unrubbed, beg to be poked. I extend an index finger into



**ROBIN GARRISON LEACH**  
ROBIN WRITES

the bin of rubbery rectangles and stroke the familiar gritty smoothness with unmistakable pleasure. The sacrifice they will make, trading longevity for wisdom, gains my respect in knowing melancholy.

Crayons gather in orderly splashes of different sized lessons of integrated beauty, all waiting for the heat and pressure of chubby fists against the paper names they wear. I open a box—that familiar snap of cardboard—and a rush of waxy, pungent aroma pictures waft from the flat-tipped points.

I inhale their scent of imagination and remember when staying in the lines was as important as sitting up straight.

Squat jars of thick, paddle-applied paste share

space with tall bottle of squeezy glue whose tips always clog. Behind them, hiding from progress, is a lone bottle of goopy mucilage. Its rubber-red top has turned gray from disuse. I recall the frustration of pressing and rubbing, lifting the clear bottle and wonder where the sticky was.

Its time had come and gone; I push the tired bottle back into the shadows.

I see art boxes and backpacks. Pens and pocket calculators. Tools to sharpen, measure, and quantify a world whose definition begins in crayon boldness, fades with age into thin strokes of erasable uncertainty and finally succumbs to the stubborn indelibility of adult cynicism.

Surrounded by the wonder of childhood, I long for new supplies. A fresh start. Pristine erasers and smudge-free paper.

The end of the aisle. I inhale one last, deep breath of Back-to-School shopping options and hold it inside my lungs as long as I can.

Then I step away, along the square-tiled floor, carefully avoiding the cracks and wishing for a hopscotch marker.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

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Welcome to the *Public Health Corner: Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month*

August is Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness about Spinal Muscular Atrophy—a genetic disorder that affects the motor neurons in the spinal cord, leading to muscle weakness and atrophy. This month is an opportunity to educate the public about SMA, support affected individuals and families, and advocate for research and treatments that can improve the quality of life for those living with this condition.

## Understanding Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a rare neuromuscular disorder caused by mutations in the SMN1 gene, which is responsible for producing a protein essential for the survival of motor neurons. When these neurons die, muscles weaken and atrophy, affecting mobility, respiratory function, and overall physical strength. SMA can vary in severity, with different types categorized based on the age of onset and level of motor function affected.

## Early Detection and Diagnosis

Early detection of SMA is crucial for effective management and treatment. Newborn

screening for SMA, now available in many states, allows for early diagnosis and intervention, which can significantly improve outcomes. Parents and caregivers should be aware of early signs of SMA, such as difficulty in holding up the head, poor muscle tone, and delayed motor milestones. If SMA is suspected, genetic testing can confirm the diagnosis and guide treatment options.

## Advances in Treatment and Care

Recent advances in medical research have led to the development of innovative treatments for SMA, offering hope to many affected by the condition. Treatments like gene therapy, disease-modifying drugs, and supportive therapies can help slow the progression of the disease, improve muscle function, and enhance quality of life. Ongoing research continues to explore new treatment options, with the goal of finding a cure.

## Supporting Individuals and Families

Living with SMA presents significant challenges, not only for the individuals affected but also for their families. Emotional, physical, and financial support is essential for managing the condition. Support networks, including patient advocacy groups, online communities, and local resources, play a crucial role in providing information, guid-



ance, and emotional support. Connecting with others who understand the challenges of SMA can make a profound difference in the lives of those affected.

## Advocating for Awareness and Research

Raising awareness about Spinal Muscular Atrophy is key to advancing research, improving care, and securing funding for treatments. Public education campaigns, fundraising events, and advocacy efforts can help increase understanding of SMA and its impact on individuals and families. Supporting policies that promote research funding, access to care, and comprehensive support services is vital for continuing progress in the fight against SMA.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month is a time to come together in support of those affected by SMA, to celebrate the progress made in treatment and care, and to renew our commitment to finding a cure. Supporting families, raising awareness, and advocating for continued research can help improve the lives of those living with SMA and work towards a future where this condition is no longer a burden. Let's use this month to educate ourselves and others, support the SMA community, and inspire hope for a brighter future.

## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Empty Nesting 101

Mom seeks advice for her rearranged life

Dear Empty Nesting Professionals,

I need answers. Tom and I are new to being parents with no kids in the house, so I want insight from people who have lived through this transition and have stopped crying about it.

Here's the backstory: Last Friday morning, our 20-year-old brought his pillows down from his bedroom and stuffed them into the last remaining nook and cranny in his Mazda. He and his dad had spent the previous night loading his stuff into the car in what looked like an elaborate game of Tetris — moving one box here to slide in another one there and then stacking three more levels on top of it. When they finished, there was barely enough room for our six-foot-two son to squeeze into the sliver of space behind the steering wheel. We bear-hugged him goodbye and watched his car disappear down the street on a two-day drive to Michigan.

Then I went inside, laid down on the kitchen floor, let myself cry, and tried to remember tips for deep breathing and calming anxiety. Not only had Jack just left home for his junior year, but our youngest daughter Kate was scheduled to move into a first-year dorm that same day. I was staring down the barrel of two emotional goodbyes in less than 24 hours—including our baby bird, which would leave our four-bedroom nest completely birdless. It felt like too much.

If this all sounds ridiculous and overly dramatic, that's because it is. The past several months have shown me that "ridiculous" and "overly dramatic" are two of the roughly 200 symptoms of perimenopause — a condition that often happens at the same time a woman's grown-up kids are leaving home. The cruel timing makes it hard to manage the emotions stacking up like a tower of delicate teacups barely balancing on the edge of a wobbly table. One little bump and the whole thing could come crashing down.

After a short meltdown on the kitchen floor, I dragged myself up and loaded the last of our daughter's boxes into my SUV. She and her service dog, Mac, woke up happy and excited — ready to embrace a new adventure. Their contagious enthusiasm carried us



**GWEN ROCKWOOD**  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

through a day of unpacking in her dorm room. When we were done, I forced myself through a quick hug goodbye before sprinting to the car, where I cried the whole way home. Tom drove in stoic silence, most likely praying that Kate would be safe and that he'd survive the emotional tsunami happening in the passenger seat.

So, here are my questions: Is this going to get easier? And how long does it take until "easier" shows up? Does rearranging the house help? Because I've been reorganizing almost everything for the past few days, hoping that if the house looks different, it'll mask the Grand Canyon-sized absence of the people who grew up and left it.

If the junk drawer becomes orderly, will my life make sense again? If I convert the kids' old playroom into my office, will I find the new version of my life in there?

Thankfully, our oldest son, Adam, is with us for 10 more days. Then he, too, will move back to school for his final year of college. He's an old pro at this now, so he's not nervous. He has learned how to make his own home away from home, and we've had more practice at releasing him into the world to take care of himself.

It feels right that he's here for this transition because he was the baby who turned me and Tom into full-time parents. Now, he's witnessing our first tentative steps into this strange, empty nest. He played board games with us last weekend to keep our spirits up. And he brings me take-out cheese dip when I'm weepy. He's our proof that kids grow up, leave home, and will come back for those times when their parents need them most.

If you've navigated this transition and already found the silver linings, send your guidance our way so we'll know what to watch for. Until then, I'll be here crying over my keyboard and rearranging the kitchen cabinets.

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## POETRY CORNER

## Walking Down the Road in Style

Growing up... shy and insecure... wondering just how to begin,  
Then off to high school... a certified nerd... wondering just how to fit in.  
While in college... I started to grasp... the person I'd eventually be,  
Each night alone... a time to create... it was just my guitar and me.  
I now look back... at who I was... and the old

man now sitting in my chair,  
There's a sensitive side... that's never left... filled with emotion, love, and care.  
All I want... is to fill a page... with positive thoughts and smiles,  
To lighten your heart... to put a spring in your step... you're now walking down the road in style.

— Daniel D. Donovan

## TURNING THE PAGE

### This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

#### 130 Years Ago, August 16, 1894

Two express trains traveling in opposite directions crashed on the Santa Fe railroad track about a mile and one-half northeast of Gibbs. The two trains, which collided head on, were supposed to have met at Gibbs where one of the trains was to be sidetracked to allow passage of the other train. The conductor of one of the trains did not get the order or at least did not heed the order to sidetrack. The trains were traveling about fifty-miles miles an hour. The two locomotives were demolished and other wooden cars "were smashed into kindling wood." The engineer of one train and the express messenger of the other train were killed instantly. As many as thirty passengers and crew members were seriously injured with at least four of them dying a brief time after the crash.

#### 100 Years Ago, August 22, 1924

Mat Miller, an aged Novinger man, drowned in the Chariton River at a point known as "Corduroy Bend." Miller was fishing alone and just how he happened to get into the river was uncertain. It was thought that he went to sleep and fell into the river which was about fifteen feet deep at the place where he entered the river. Miller spent a great deal of his time fishing. Early in the afternoon some boys saw him sitting on the bank with his pole and line. He had his faithful dog with him. Later in the evening someone passing the spot saw the dog sitting on the bank without Miller. They thought he might have fallen into the river and upon inquiring at his home, it was found that he had not returned. A search was initiated, and his body was found in the pool of water where he had been fishing. Miller was the second Novinger man to drown in the Chariton while fishing within the past few weeks.

#### 95 Years Ago, August 22, 1929

Work began on the widening of the streets around Kirksville square. With the approval of the Adair County Court, the courthouse lawn was being whittled down to make room for wider streets. Work started with the removal of the seven and one-half wide concrete sidewalk on the perimeter of the courthouse lawn. The streets were to be widened eleven feet on each of the four sides. Removal of the concrete walkways began on the west side of the courthouse and proceeded to the north side and on around finishing on the south side. The concrete removal process was expected to take three weeks, and then the laying of new concrete for the wider streets would begin. The new traffic configuration had not been explained, but it was understood that traffic would be one way down the center of the streets with parking spaces on each side.

#### 90 Years Ago, August 19, 1934

A young boy, one of a group of eight boys, was held at bay in a watermelon patch by a young farm girl with a shotgun until a deputy sheriff arrived to take the boy into custody. The girl caught four boys in the patch. However, three of the boys escaped while one boy yielded to the girl's aggressive threats and was captured. The incident happened in the watermelon patch on the Murt Summers farm northwest of Kirksville. Upon investigation it was found that the captured boy was one of eight boys who were rounded up and held on charges of stealing watermelons. The boys were seen in the melon patch a day or so prior to the incident. Once all the boys were apprehended, they appeared at the courthouse for interrogation. The major complaint was the damage they had done to the watermelon vines. Some of the boys were high school age and others were younger. Most of them did not have a prior juvenile record. A few days later the boys appeared in juvenile court and were ordered to pay for the damage and stolen melons. If they did not, further charges would be filed against them in circuit court.



#### 90 Years Ago, August 21, 1934

The extreme heat and drought of the summer of 1934 caused further deterioration of the Greenwood School building to such an extent that it would be unsafe for use in the fall. According to J. H. Neville, Superintendent of Schools, plans were made to hold the first four grades of Greenwood school in the Washington School building and the other two higher grades at Benton. The Greenwood building was deemed by parents to be unsafe earlier in the year. They launched a movement which resulted in the passage of a \$225,000 bond issue for construction of new buildings in the Greenwood and Willard districts. It was originally planned to hold fall classes in the Greenwood building, but after the rapid deterioration during the summer, it was decided it might be a danger to students. Construction of the two new school buildings was to have started in the fall, but legal questions about the bonding companies were going to delay the start of construction.

#### 85 Years Ago, August 22, 1939

Two survey parties were in the process of staking out the power lines for the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Association that would bring electricity to rural Adair and surrounding counties. Nearly all of Adair County had been completed as well as the greater portion of the south half of Schuyler County. A total of 125 miles of line were staked out. Nearly all the right of way for the placement of anchors and trimming of trees had been granted by landowners. Word was received from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in Washington, D.C. that work had progressed far enough to allow contractors to start work on portions of the line where right of way agreements had been signed and staking completed. Within the next week Tri-County Electric expected to receive written notice that all its members residing on the lines could commence the wiring of their buildings. Despite early beginnings of electrification in the rural counties, it was several years before it was completed.

#### 80 Years Ago, August 20, 1944

Mrs. Grover Ownbey and son, Marvin, age 11, who lived two miles south of Yarrow, were injured by a young bull while walking along the road. They were both in Stickler Hospital being treated for injuries. Mrs. Ownbey had lacerations on her legs and body and Marvin had a fractured bone in his neck according to Dr. R. O. Stickler. According to reports the young bull belonging to a neighbor in the area had escaped and gone to a neighboring farm where he engaged in a fight with another bull. He was on his way back to his owner's farm when he encountered Mrs. Ownbey and her son. The bull attacked the son first and when his mother came to his rescue, the bull attacked her. A 15-year-old neighbor residing near the site of the attack saw what was happening. He went into his house, picked up a rifle and fired several shots at the bull, at which time the bull left.

#### 75 Years Ago, August 24, 1949

The condition of Jerry Lee Case, the six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Case of Kirksville, remained unchanged at Laughlin Hospital. The baby was stricken the week before with polio. Jerry Lee's illness was the second tragedy to strike the Case family within the past two weeks. Their seven-year-old son, John Eitel Case, died from a streptococcus infection of the throat, brought on by a bout with polio.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 116

### The Smith-Kellogg Mansion – Chapter 4 – Capt. John T. Smith builds his Kirksville Mansion

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum

It was 1869, and Captain John Thompson Smith (1813-1896) had returned from Montana, although reluctantly, to tend to the education of his children in Kirksville. His three oldest sons, Mancil, 24, Robert, 23, and James, 21, had accompanied him on his Montana journey, but John had sent the oldest two back to Missouri to attend college in 1867. Son James would soon strike out on his own adventures.

In 1869, John had decided to come back to his farm and his wife and family in Kirksville and to remain here for a time so he could make sure his children were educated. Although he loved Montana, it was still an untamed territory without good schools or well-organized government. At this time, his younger children in Kirksville were: John Jr., 18; Marthena, 16; Wilmoth (female), 14; and Tilden, 9. Most of John's children would become highly educated for their day. Several of them attended the Kirksville Normal School, and his daughter, Marthena, would later graduate from Dr. Still's American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville.

When John returned to Adair County, he went back to farming and cattle raising. In the 1870 census, his real estate was worth \$25,000, much more than any of his neighbors at the time, except for one. Not far away in the census, was his fellow gold rush participant (and we presume his friend), William Henry Parcels Jr., who was discussed in previous parts of this history. He claimed real estate valued at \$30,000.

Many of the other families in the neighborhood listed property worth \$2,000 or less. It is interesting to look at some of John's contemporaries of the time who lived near him: William Nason, the educator and minister who was discussed in previous episodes, listed \$2,500. David Baird, the marble stone cutter who is buried under the "stone chair" at Highland Park Cemetery, is shown with \$7,000 worth of real estate.

Andrew Ellison, the lawyer who later became a judge, was worth only \$2,000.

John T. Smith owned considerable land at this time northeast of what was then the center of Kirksville. What he called his "ranch" or farm encompassed what is now all of Kellwood Hills subdivision, Rotary Park, the Kirksville Aquatic Center, and perhaps King's Ridge. What is now North Baltimore St., Mill St., and all the streets in the subdivisions did not exist at that time.

John's neighbor to the southeast of his property was William Henry Parcels Jr. who had built what could be considered a mansion in 1859 with some of the gold rush money he had brought from California. His home was a large, impressive, white wooden structure with a cupola which had a cannon ball stuck in its walls from the Civil War Battle of Kirksville.

John Smith and William Parcels were only two years apart in age, and they had followed similar paths in life. Both had been early settlers in Adair County; they each had mercantile stores in Kirksville; both went to California in the gold rush and came back wealthy; both had been bankers in Kirksville and State Representatives. Both were Southern sympathizers during the Civil War, but only John had actually enlisted. That was not to say that William didn't pay his dues because he did. He had to keep his feelings about the Confederacy to himself because the Union had commandeered his estate to set up their rear camp in 1862 during the Battle of Kirksville, and his mother had been compelled to nurse wounded Union soldiers after the battle.

Now, John and William's farms adjoined each other just outside of Kirksville. John decided in the mid-1870s that it was time he built a palatial home on his property. Whether he was trying to outdo William Parcels and everyone else in town is not known, but John decided to construct the first brick home in Kirksville. He barely beat out Captain Thomas Harris in building the first brick home. (See the previous series on the Harris mansion.) John felt he now had enough money to go over the top with everything in this home he was going to build. It would be the best!

First, he chose the Second Empire style of architecture. The Missouri Governor's mansion had just been completed in 1871-72 in



The Captain John Thompson Smith Mansion built around 1875 in the center of what is now Kellwood Hills subdivision in Kirksville – later known as the Kellogg Mansion



this style, and perhaps he was copying this. There would be three stories, the third floor being a fully usable attic space featuring the popular curved and patterned mansard roof with dormer windows which had decorative hoods.

This style had its roots in the French Second Empire when Napoleon III, nephew of the first Napoleon, became Emperor of France and under his direction, much of Paris was rebuilt in a particular style. His reconstruction of Paris became known as the Second Empire style.

The Smith house would face south and have a small front porch at the entrance with columns and a second-story veranda above the porch. There would be bay windows on the east and west sides and an extended wing on the north. It would have the signature bracketed cornice beneath the mansard roof as featured in the Second Empire architecture. The many windows in the home would be tall, paned and slightly arched at the top.

Inside the home, the most outstanding feature would be the walnut spiral staircase of 31 steps extending all the way to the 3rd floor. John hired Harry Tull of Kirksville, a well-known builder of stairs in many of the finest local homes. The stairs would be illuminated by a domed skylight.

All of the woodwork in the house would be of solid walnut like the Governor's mansion. The floors were to be of inlaid wood, and especially for his wife, John chose to have hand-painted wallpaper in the east parlor. There would be beautiful fireplaces on every level. The rooms would include a living room, parlor, dining room, several bedrooms, kitchen and a buttry. A buttry in those days was considered a luxury. It was basically a pantry or storage area for things such as wine, barrels of food supplies, and equipment such as churns and large kettles. It was an area used and managed by servants of the household.

It seems that John Smith spared no expense to make this home a masterpiece, a place with all the grandeur of his day and time. Maybe he was making up to his wife for all that time he had been absent from the home gallivanting in Montana. Of course, that is just speculation.

When the house was getting close to being finished and all the workmen were being paid, John began to realize that his finances were not as large as he had assumed, and the expense of such a lavish house turned out to be much more costly than he anticipated. John began to comprehend that if he continued with all of this opulence, it would surely bring him to financial ruin. He became alarmed! He knew he absolutely must stop spending, very reluctantly, without finishing the house!

In order to save face and his own pocketbook, John grudgingly decided he would have to sell the house. But, who in Kirksville could afford this expensive mansion? He thought of one of his merchant friends, George Marion McGuire (1837-1902). George was a 30-something entrepreneur who was plenty prosperous with his store downtown, probably even wealthy, John thought. He had a lovely wife, Stacy (Ivie), from a prominent Kirksville family who owned a hotel in town, and George was also the proud father of a young son whom he loved to pamper. Perhaps he would buy this ill-fated, almost finished mansion.

With great reluctance and shamefacedness, John went to visit George McGuire.

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## Mini Mud Mile

5th Annual Kids Mini Mud Mile attracts large crowd to North Park Sports Complex

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The 5th annual Kids Mini Mud Mile was held on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the North Park Sports Complex. The park was filled with children and families, who ran

the mud-filled route, conquering the many obstacles laid out on the course that often landed them in mud. Participants received a free Mud Mile shirt and post-race refreshments, with snow cones and cotton candy given out free.



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## Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is a huge success

Staff Reports

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Golf Outing was held on Friday, Aug. 9 at the Kirksville Country Club. There were 172 golfers on 43 teams that participated in the day's event, and the chamber was able to find a sponsor for every hole. "The weather was perfect!" wrote chamber director, Marie Murphree in an email, noting that it was a "great event" and remains the biggest annual fundraising event for the chamber.

**Results are as followed:**

**Champ Flight**

- 1st place- Walmart
- 2nd place- Team 53

**A Flight**

- 1st place- Team Weber
- 2nd place-S&S Printing

**B Flight**

- 1st place-ATSU Team Becky
- 2nd place-Sparks Construction

**Longest Drive Men's:** Trent Halterman  
**Longest Drive Women's:** Brandy Schneider  
**Longest Putt:** Walt Howd  
**Closest to the Pin:** Kevin Dage  
**Closest second Shot:** Luke Mudd

"Our Totally Awesome Hole Sponsor this year was Hearing Care Partners," Murphree wrote, noting that it is voted on by the players as the most creative and engaging sponsor. "I am so thankful for everyone who participated in this event! We have a great group of volunteers that helped with getting our sponsors to the holes and checking in our teams. This event truly is a wonderful event for everyone."



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## Kirksville Tigers football youth summer camp

STAFF REPORTS

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. -- The Kirksville Tigers football program put on a camp last for youth athletes. Over 70 campers learned fundamentals before putting them to use in the "Youth Tiger Combine" where they had to punt, pass, kick, run a 40-yard dash, run the pro agility drill, and broad jump. The placers are listed below in order of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Congratulations to these campers, and also to the formidable Red Team who won the 5th/6th grade 7-on-7 football competition at the end of camp.

- 1st grade: Maddox Riley, Brooks Luman and Kaizer Elliot (tied), and Carson Billington
- 2nd grade: Lane Slaughter, Lucas Porter, and Easton Burgason
- 3rd grade: Max Rohr, Ryggs Shahan, and Bennett Atchley and Jack Wilson (tied)
- 4th grade: Mac Penn, Cruz Van Dolah, and Braydon Woods
- 5th grade: Ryan Babakanga, Cohen O'Haver, and Noah Pearson
- 6th grade: Zachary Tilton, Hudson Schempp, and James Schaeffer

*Thanks to QB/RB/S Logan Martin for taking the photos.*



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TRUMAN STATE ATHLETICS

## Truman State tennis recognized for academic excellence by ITA

By PRESS RELEASE

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. - The Truman State Tennis team was recognized as an All-Academic Team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). In addition, Allie Brown, Samantha Seggerman,

Abbi Worster, Sydney Dial & Alayna Dostal were named an ITA Scholar-Athlete.

Eligible programs needed a team grade-point average of 3.2 or above and scholar-athletes required a minimum of a 3.5 GPA for the current academic year.

## Kirksville Tigers football high school and middle school summer camps

STAFF REPORTS

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — The Kirksville Tigers football program put on a camp last weekend for high school and middle school level athletes. Official practices begin August 12 for high schoolers and August 19 for middle schoolers.



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## Missouri voters will decide whether to legalize abortion in November

The ballot question was among three citizen-led measures certified by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office for the November ballot

By Anna Sporre  
Missouri Independent

Abortion will be on Missouri's statewide ballot in November. An initiative petition to enshrine the right to abortion up until the point of fetal viability received final approval Tuesday, securing a place on the general election ballot. If the measure receives a majority of votes, Missouri could become the

first state to overturn an abortion ban through a citizen-led measure.

The Missouri Secretary of State's Office had until 5 p.m. to certify all ballot measures that received enough verified signatures to qualify. It certified the measures as sufficient hours before that deadline. Also certified to be on the November ballot were proposals to legalize sports wagering and raise the minimum wage.

Leaders with Missourians for Constitutional Freedom, the coalition behind the ballot measure, gathered at a press conference Tuesday to encourage Missourians to get out to vote. The coalition is headed by Abortion Action Missouri, the ACLU of Missouri and the state's Planned Parenthood affiliates.

"Politicians have tied doctors' hands and the stakes could not be higher," said Mallory Schwarz, executive director of Abortion Action Missouri. "... With a yes vote on amendment 3 this November, we are taking back what's ours."

In Missouri, the first state to ban abortion after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedure two years ago, abortion is expected to be a focal point of the general election campaign.

Missouri is among 18 states with an abortion ban, and among several states working to put abortion on the ballot. In each state that put the issue on the ballot, citizens ultimately choose to protect the procedure.

"The measure takes away the right from every person who loses a child or a loved one because of negligence during pregnancy, labor or delivery the freedom to sue for malpractice and obtain compensation," Stephanie Bell, a spokeswoman with Missouri Stands with Women, said in a statement Tuesday.

Tori Schafer, director for policy and campaigns for the ACLU of Missouri, responded to the comment, saying the statement is "fully false" and that the amendment doesn't impact malpractice laws already in place.

What would the amendment do?

Abortion is illegal in Missouri, with limited exceptions only in cases of medical emergencies. There are no exceptions for survivors of rape or incest.

If the amendment receives more than 50 percent of votes in approval, the measure would legalize abortion up until the point of fetal viability, an undefined period of time generally seen as the point in which the fetus could sur-

vive outside the womb on its own, generally around 24 weeks, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Such an amendment would return Missouri to the standard of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which also legalized abortion up to the point of fetal viability. Missouri's amendment also includes exceptions after viability "to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person."

Missouri's amendment also states that women and those performing or assisting in abortions cannot be prosecuted. Under current Missouri law, doctors who perform abortions deemed unnecessary can be charged with a class B felony and face up to 15 years in prison. Their medical license can also be suspended or revoked.

Dr. Selina Sandoval, associate medical director for Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes, said the right to make decisions about abortion is personal and she sees each day the barriers and hardships bans cause.

"In Kansas right now, we are serving mostly out-of-state patients, including Missourians, who've had to flee their home states in order to simply access abortion care," Sandoval said Tuesday.

Missourians for Constitutional Freedom, the coalition leading the reproductive-rights campaigns, is headed by Abortion Action Missouri, the ACLU of Missouri and the state's Planned Parenthood affiliates.

A decade ago, when abortion was still legal with fewer limitations, more than 5,000 abortions were performed in the state, according to data from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. But by 2020, that number dropped to 167 due to a series of "targeted regulation of abortion providers" laws passed,

including a mandatory 72-hour waiting period between the initial appointment and a surgical abortion and mandatory pelvic exams for medication abortions.

Since the Supreme Court decision in June 2022 through March 2024, there were 64 abortions performed in Missouri under the state's emergency exemption, according to data from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

A recent study by the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive rights research group, showed that in 2023 alone, 8,710 Missourians traveled to Illinois and 2,860 Missourians went to Kansas for the procedure, which remains legal in both states.

Despite the relative proximity to clinics in the Illinois suburbs of St. Louis and the Kansas suburbs of Kansas City, abortion access for Missourians has remained precarious at best.

Missourians hoping for abortions have increasingly found themselves competing for limited resources — including abortion funds and clinic appointment openings — especially as more southern states have outlawed the procedure, making Illinois and Kansas critical access points for women in states like Florida, Oklahoma and Texas.

This has led many Missourians to increasingly rely on self-managed medication abortions. Rather than traveling across state lines, it's estimated that thousands of Missourians received Mifepristone and Misoprostol to end their pregnancies at home in the past two years according to JAMA, the American Medical Association's journal.

On Tuesday, members of Missourians for Constitutional Freedom continued to return to their continued fears for women's health care in Missouri if a ban remains in

place. Missouri already has stark maternal health care deserts, high maternal mortality rates, and recently saw a decrease in applicants to OB-GYN residency programs.

Schafer, with the ACLU, said the coalition plans to start rebuilding access to abortion on day one, if the measure passes.

"We know that after passage, constitutional amendments take 30 days to go into effect in the state of Missouri," she said. "And we are hopeful that clinics will be open and our teams will be working toward that as our goal."

Schwarz said they've been in contact with abortion providers about coming back to Missouri.

"After we win this in November, the impact will be regional and across the country," she said. "And from abortion providers that we are in close regular relationship and contact with, people are thinking all the time about where the next clinic can be, where the next opportunity is for them to grow and be able to support more and more patients."

Wide support despite initial delays

The initial attempt to place abortion on the ballot began in March 2023.

Legal fights with Republican state officials over the ballot language and internal disagreements on whether to include a viability ban stalled signature gathering attempts until January.

As a result, the coalition had just 90 days to fundraise and collect signatures across the state.

Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers were prioritizing an attempt to raise the threshold for approving citizen-led ballot measures. After a series of Senate filibusters, including one that broke records at 41 hours, the legislation failed on the final day of session.

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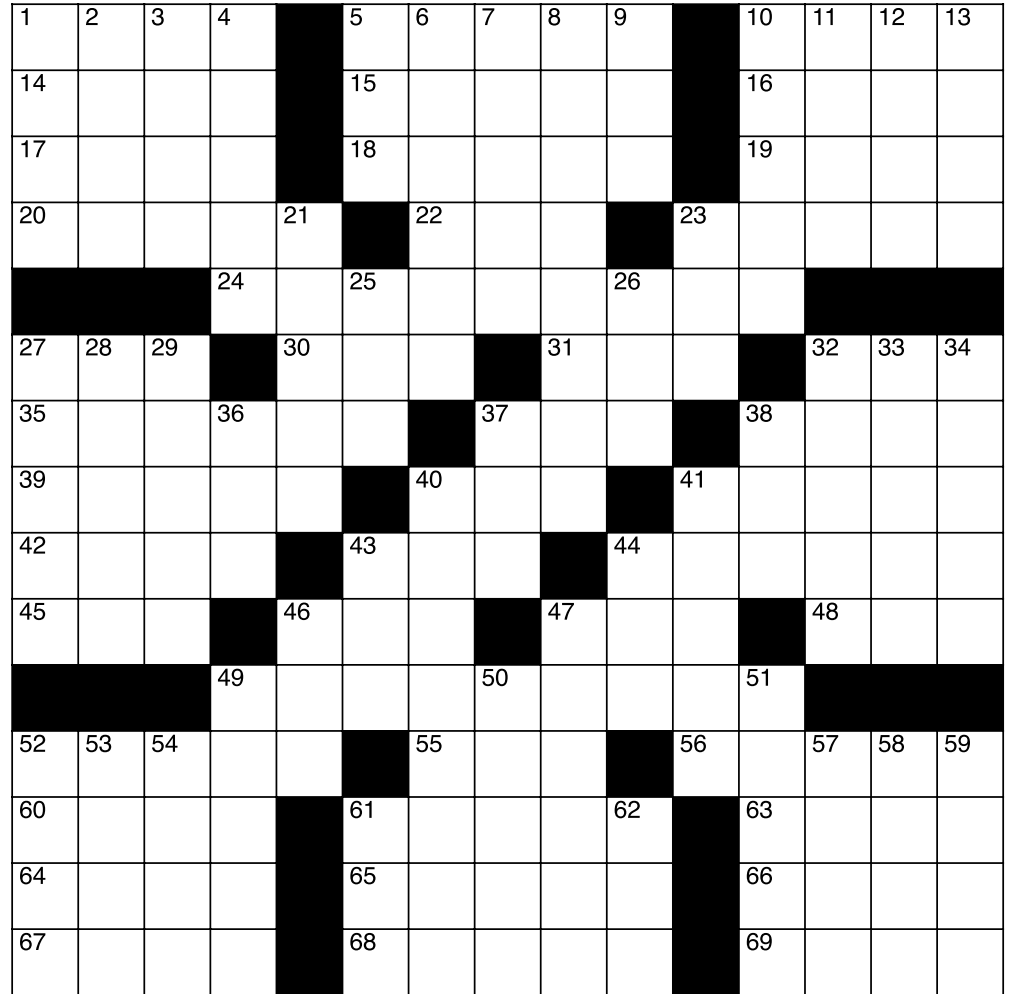
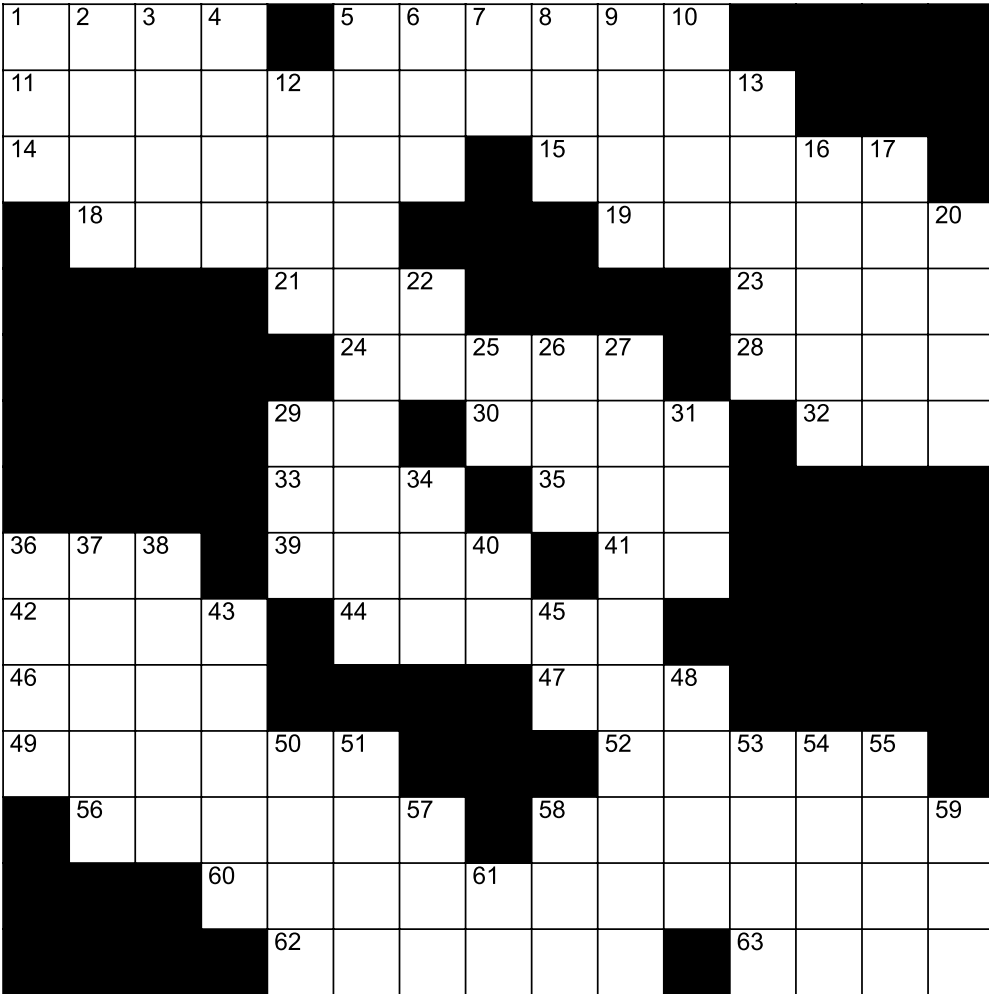
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 5. Not bad
- 11. NYC Mayor
- 14. Essays
- 15. Walk lightly
- 18. Those who utilize
- 19. Actress Judd
- 21. One-time community of nations
- 23. Norwegian river
- 24. Unconscious states
- 28. Make muddy
- 29. Unit of volume
- 30. Consciousnesses
- 32. Envision
- 33. When you aim to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports are some
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Military flyers (abbr.)
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back

**CLUES DOWN**

- 52. Princess's headgear
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. Famed Falls
- 60. Reiterations
- 62. Eras
- 63. Track event

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- 2. Instead
- 3. Gifts for the poor
- 4. A type of gin
- 5. Torments
- 6. One point south of due east
- 7. Actor Pacino
- 8. Feline
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Short cries for help
- 12. Straits can sometimes be this
- 13. Further
- 16. Variety shows
- 17. Supernatural
- 20. A university in Connecticut
- 22. Atomic #27
- 25. Of 1

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 26. We all have one
- 27. Religious guilds
- 29. This can sting
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Religious leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Ray-finned fish genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. S-shaped line
- 51. Small bunch of hay
- 53. Ripened
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. To the \_\_\_ degree
- 59. Wood
- 61. Cools your home

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Mongolian city \_\_\_ Bator
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city
- 15. Type of sandwiches
- 16. A type of shape
- 17. Son of Shem
- 18. French modernist painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 22. Hill or rocky peak
- 23. Secret political clique
- 24. Songs to one's beloved
- 27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Restrict the number or amount of
- 35. Combined into a single entity
- 37. Brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Materials in the earth's crust
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Of the sun
- 42. Baseball great Ty
- 43. After B
- 44. Place to relax on the beach
- 45. Folk singer DiFranco
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Small dog breed

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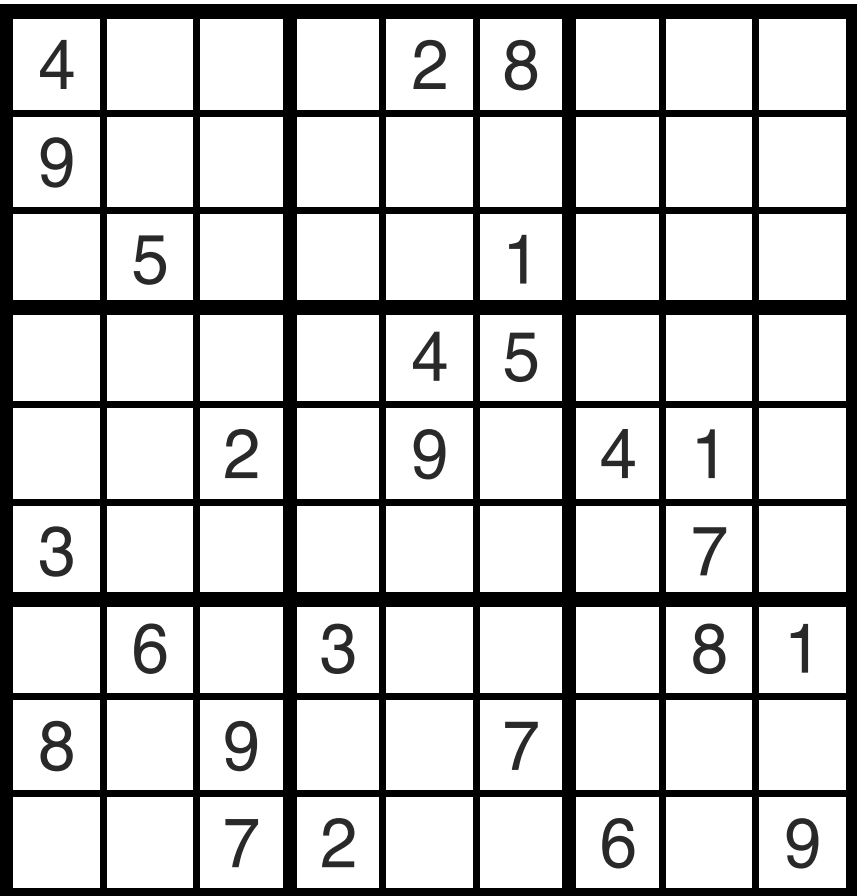
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- 52. Beard moss genus
- 55. Mountain pass
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 61. Metric weight unit
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. Wading bird
- 67. Days in mid-month
- 68. Omitted from printed matter
- 69. Upper body part

**CLUES DOWN**

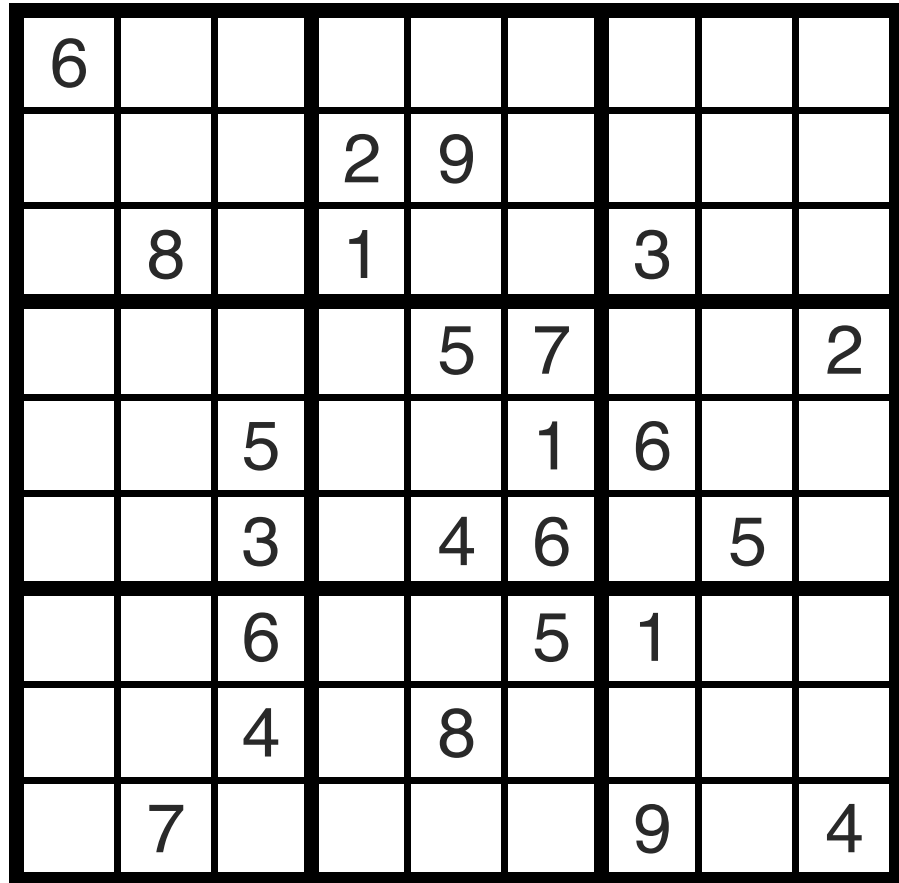
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- 2. Cooking ingredient
- 3. Iranian city
- 4. Accuses
- 5. Corrie
- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Collection of sacred books
- 8. Theatrical
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 10. Arm bones
- 11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 12. \_\_\_ fide: legit
- 13. Gemstone
- 21. Counsels

- 23. Corporate bigwig
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Small Milky Way constellation
- 28. Satirical website
- 29. Border lines
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam
- 34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
- 36. Bar bill
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Notable Bill Murray character
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Gurus
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 44. Reduce
- 46. Spy organization
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth
- 49. Plants of the lily family
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Oral polio vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. Lose
- 54. Former Brazilian NBAer
- 57. Baseball great Ruth
- 58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. CNN's founder

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