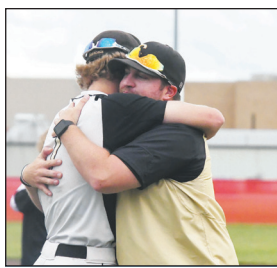




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Kadie Crivello arranges flowers during the inaugural farmer's market of the 2022 season. Despite some rain, residents arrived to check out the vendors and activities offered Thursday at The Fennel.

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Farm fresh at the Fennel



Margaret Connoley admires the stingray she made at the Little Dixie Regional Library table at the farmer's market Thursday in Moberly.

Photo by Winona Whitaker

BY WINONA WHITAKER
Managing Editor

MOBERLY — Organizers of the 2022 farmer's market in Moberly were happy with the early turnout Thursday.

"So far I'm thrilled," said Tina Roberts, a public health educator with Randolph County Health Department, minutes after the market opened at 4 p.m. "I wasn't sure what to expect."

This early in the growing season, vendors are limited, said Roberts. And with rain threatening, she wasn't sure how many Randolph County residents would venture out.

Four vendors sold herbs and flowers and homemade lip balm. The University of Missouri Extension Office of Randolph County offered food samples. Little Dixie Regional Library advertised its summer reading program.

Children's activities included hillbilly golf—which kept brothers Dawson and Preston Sevits busy—and seed planting.

The theme for the library's summer reading program is Oceans of Possibilities, said Yasmeen El-Jayousi, children's librarian. "We're making some stingrays," she said, pointing to Margaret Connoley's finished construction.

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MACC will offer associate degree in computer science

BY WINONA WHITAKER
Managing Editor

MOBERLY — A new associate degree will be available to students at Moberly Area Community College in the spring of 2023.

The college's board of trustees approved an Associate of Science degree in computer science during its May meeting.

The college offers computer programming, networking and cyber security, said Todd Martin, vice president for instruction. However, those programs result in applied science degrees for students going directly into the workforce.

The new Associate of Science degree will allow students who move on to four-year schools in pursuit

of bachelor's degrees to transfer the credits they've earned in Moberly, Martin said. The program was approved by the curriculum committee, the president's council and Moberly Area Community College President Jeffrey Lashley before it was presented to the board.

The program must be approved by the coordinating board for higher education, said Martin, but he expects the new classes to begin in the spring.

According to the proposal presented to the board last week, all required courses already exist in other programs and departments, though the math department will develop a new math course, discrete math, that administrators will recommend as part of the new associate degree.

Moberly High School to ban cell phones during class hours

BY WINONA WHITAKER
Managing Editor

MOBERLY — Moberly High School teachers advocated for a ban on cell phones in classes during last week's school board meeting.

A committee of teachers researched the issue, said High School Principal Deb Haag. "They've been thoughtful and tried to find a balance."

"This might be an unpopular opinion," said language arts teacher Sabria El-Kurbu, "but I think it's a necessary change. All the teachers are on board."

The teachers plan to require that students leave their cell phones in their lockers during the school day. The ban would include other devices, such as watches, that have the same capabilities as phones.

The ban will help teachers combat cyberbullying, El-Kurbu said. Students take videos and photos of others without their consent and make nasty comments about them in group chats. "This would help to stop that," she said.

If students need to communicate with parents or other students electronically, they can use email on their Chromebooks, which teachers can monitor.

The ban would also help control the vaping problem at the high school, El-

Kurbu said. Students message one another about where to meet to vape, which they won't be able to do without the phones.

Students will be more attentive in class if they aren't distracted by their phones, said El-Kurbu. She cited a study which showed that even when phones are turned off or placed face down on desks, students are still distracted by them.

Students cheat on tests using their phones, said El-Kurbu. They take photos of tests and share them and text answers to one another.

Despite the advantages of cheating, test scores are higher when cell phones are banned, according to a study cited by El-Kurbu.

"You can't learn if your attention is divided," she said. Students take more notes and remember more of what they've heard when they don't have phones available in class.

"Phones are a really big problem in the classroom," El-Kurbu said. "I'm never going to be able to compete with TikTok."

Teachers want a schoolwide policy so they aren't competing, said El-Kurbu. Strict teachers may be unpopular with students, while teachers who are more

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Malfunctions lead to purchase of new scoreboards

BY WINONA WHITAKER
Managing Editor

MOBERLY — New scoreboards for the Moberly High School football field should be in place for the fall season after receiving approval from the board of education last week.

The scoreboards at Dr. Larry K. Noel Stadium and at the Moberly High School gymnasium need significant repair, Activities Director Curtis Walk told the school board last week. The scoreboards have malfunctioned during sporting events, causing concern from officials, said Walk.

The boards are old enough—dating back to 1976—that finding parts to fix them is difficult.

Walk asked that the district approve the purchase of new scoreboards for Spartan Stadium and for the Moberly High School gym. The district will have to pay for the new scoreboards up front, but Walk will find sponsors who will pay for advertisements on the new digital score-

boards, recovering the cost within five years, he said.

Revenue from sponsorships after that five year period will go back into the activity and athletic budgets.

Four businesses have already committed to contracting with the school, said Walk: Huffman Insurance Group, O'Loughlin Dental, First State Community Bank and Orscheln Industries. The commitments total \$100,000, about a third of what the boards will cost.

Walk said he has no doubt that he can find sponsors for the total cost of the scoreboards among Moberly's 890 businesses.

Walk said he had to work outside the box to pay for the scoreboards. When he began exploring the feasibility of sponsorships, the Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce posted the project on its Facebook Page. Walk had ten calls in two days, he said.

Walk consulted with other school districts that have made purchases based on sponsorships. Every school that has ever done this has had no



A conceptual drawing shows what a new Watchfire scoreboard at Spartan Stadium will look like.

problem getting 100% commitment, Walk said. At least one had a waiting list, so if a sponsor backed out, another business would pick up the spot immediately.

"The problem is getting it in and get-

ting it up and running before August."

The board approved a bid of \$311,300.86 from Watchfire/Johnson Signs in Oak Grove. Walk asked for a decision because of the lead time for getting a new board in-

stalled and functioning. He wants the project completed before Aug. 31 before the first Spartan home game.

Watchfire will use some of the existing structure, said Walk, so the cost and lead time will be less than if it were all new construction. More than 125 boards are going up across the state, said Walk, and companies are behind. Costs are up 15% from fall, he said.

The new Spartan Stadium scoreboards will feature digital display screens of 12 feet by 24 feet. When not used for athletic events, the scoreboards can scroll school information across the screens, Walk said.

The package for the gymnasium includes a digital video scoreboard on the west side of the gym and a fixed digit scoreboard with stat panels on the east side.

Walk also hopes to use the scoreboards for an elective technology class in the future.

"I think when folks see this in action, they'll be excited," Board Member Dan Wilcox said.

FDA chief suggests infant formula stockpile

BY JENNIFER SHUTT
Missouri Independent

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government should consider creating a stockpile of infant formula to avoid the possibility of future shortages, the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told a Senate committee on Thursday.

Commissioner Robert Califf said during his third hearing on Capitol Hill about the months-long shortage that his agency and lawmakers really need to consider such an initiative after the current crisis is relieved.

“The big question that, I think, is going to have to be addressed is, do we create a stockpile as a backup in case something doesn’t work in the future,” Califf said.

In about two months, Califf said, he expects infant formula manufacturers will begin to produce a surplus. At that time, the federal government will need to decide if it wants to “maintain that surplus as a government activity for the foreseeable future.”

He and lawmakers did not discuss whether a

stockpile would need congressional approval.

The current infant formula shortage began in mid-February after Abbott Laboratories issued a recall of products produced at its Sturgis, Michigan, facility.

In the five months leading up to the plant shutdown, the FDA received a whistleblower report about unsanitary conditions at the facility, four infants became ill with Cronobacter infections, with at least two of them dying, and an FDA inspection of the facility in late January found several violations.

Among the issues at the Abbott infant formula facility were Standing water.

Cracks in key equipment that could have allowed bacterial contamination to persist. Leaks in the roof.

Previous citations for inadequate hand-washing. Bacteria growing from multiple sites.

“A disappointing lack of attention to the culture of safety.”

No evidence of malfeasance

Califf testified before a U.S. House committee on Wednesday that he’s so far found no

evidence of intentional delay or malfeasance within the FDA, despite the slow response.

He repeated that statement Thursday while testifying before the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Washington Democratic Sen. Patty Murray, chair of the panel, said the fact she needed to hold the hearing, the fact store shelves continue to be empty and the fact that babies throughout the country are going hungry represented a “massive, unacceptable failure.”

Ranking member Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican, said it was time for Congress to “hold the FDA accountable.”

“This is a sad story about the FDA’s unwillingness and inability to do their job,” Burr said.

Califf testified that “there are systemic issues at FDA and in our interactions with the industry and in our authorities that need to be corrected.”

He then said the FDA has a plan to address those issues, but when pressed by Murray about sharing the plan with Congress, Califf said he couldn’t give her an exact date for when FDA

could share the plan since it’s not written down.

Supply chains In addition to suggesting U.S. lawmakers and the FDA consider creating an infant formula stockpile, Califf said his agency needs better insight into the different infant formula manufacturers’ supply chains.

At the moment, Califf testified, infant formula manufacturers are not required to tell the FDA when they have an impending shortage, or when they find contamination in a sample at their facility that has not yet been shipped out. The companies are also not mandated to have a back-up plan, or a contingency plan to avoid a shortage if the plant goes offline.

“If that plant had been hit by a tornado, instead of a quality problem, the same issue would be in front of us now,” Califf said.

If the “FDA had insight into the supply chains and how they fit together,” Califf said, “the likelihood we would need the stockpile would be quite low.”

“Between stockpiling and having a resilient system we should be able to prevent this from happening again,” Califf said.

9 monkeypox cases reported in seven states; CDC urges awareness

BY JENNIFER SHUTT
Missouri Independent

Monkeypox cases are slowly increasing throughout the United States, though public health officials said Thursday they have the tools needed to diagnose, treat and contain the virus that’s mostly spread by skin-to-skin contact.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky said during a briefing that there are now nine diagnosed cases in seven states, a slight increase from earlier in the week. Not all of the cases are travel related, leading officials to presume that community spread is now taking place.

As of Wednesday the CDC had confirmed monkeypox cases in California, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Utah, Virginia and Washington state.

The cases so far, Walensky said, have presented in gay and bisexual men within the United States, but she cautioned that disease transmission is “not contained within social networks, and the risk of exposure is not limited to any one particular group.”

“While some groups may have a greater chance of exposure right now, infectious diseases do not care about state or international borders,” she said.

The Virginia case, however, was diagnosed in a woman, according to the Virginia

Department of Health. The CDC later clarified to Virginia Mercury that officials mis-spoke during their briefing and that the Virginia patient is in fact female.

CDC officials said earlier this week that they’d confirmed one case in a Massachusetts man and were waiting on lab results to confirm what officials expected was one case in Florida, one in New York City and two in Utah.

White House Pandemic Office coordinator Raj Panjabi said during the Thursday briefing that officials are explaining the signs and symptoms of monkeypox to doctors and hoping that everyday citizens will begin to learn about the virus as well.

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Summer reading is not for children only, El-Jayyousi said. Teenagers and adults can also win prizes for reading this summer. Anyone interested in the program should sign up at ldl.org/beanstack or on the Beanstack app.

Gaylene Meyers purchased a basil plant from Kadie Crivello of Mid Rivers Bloom Co. Meyers likes to pair the herb with sundog tomatoes straight from the garden, she said.

Mid Rivers, based in Huntsville, is a fourth-generation family farm that specializes in native trees, bare root plants, cut flowers and specialty produce, according to farmer’s market organizers.

“I have not been to a [farmer’s] market in 10 years,” Crivello said Thursday. She likes having an option closer to home than Columbia, she said, and getting out into the commu-

nity is nice after being locked up during COVID.

Candace Rodman, nutrition and health specialist for the extension office, cut strawberries and cooked asparagus for visitors to sample. Handouts explained how to plant, care for and prepare the fresh fruit and vegetable.

Other vendors at the farmer’s market included Bloom: Cut Flowers, a small family farm outside Huntsville operated by Amanda Quinn, her husband and her mother; Sun-set Acres, a family farm in Sturgeon that specializes in home-grown vegetables and flowers; and Prim Goods, which sells lip balms, sugar scrubs and lotions handmade by students at Primrose Hill Teen Challenge.

The next market will be Thursday, June 9, from 4-8 p.m. at the Fennel in the 300 block of Clark Street in Moberly.

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lenient are considered cool. A schoolwide ban would eliminate the pressure teachers might feel to change their policies.

Students will still learn to be tech savvy in the technical world they live in, said El-Kurbu. Chromebooks will provide that.

Students can still call parents in an emergency, and parents can call students. They’ll simply have to call the office rather than students’ cell phones, said El-Kurbu.

Parents and students can also communicate via email, which students can access on their Chromebooks, said El-Kurbu. But cyberbullying is less likely on Chromebooks. “We can monitor them with GoGuardian.”

GoGuardian is an education technology company that monitors students’ online activities and filters content.

Teachers do more policing than teaching in the classroom, social science teacher

Emily Beaston said. “We set those rules, and we are on [the students, but] the consequences are not there.” A policy banning cell phones will provide disciplinary action for violation of the rule.

Students need to communicate in person, not through text, said Beaston. “We need to gain some skills back.”

Policies that govern dress codes, attendance and cell phones all prepare students for the workforce, said Haag. “These are all career readiness standards,” she said. “It’s our job to instill those things.”

Employers struggle to find young employees who understand those standards, Haag said.

The ban won’t be new for future students. “We’re in line with the middle school who already does this,” said Haag.

“I’m 100% in favor,” said School Board President Heather Cleavinger. “Academics are important.”



Language Arts teacher Sabria El-Kurbu tells the Moberly School Board why high school teachers want to ban cell phones in their classrooms. The high school will require students to keep their cell phones in their lockers during the school day. Photo by Winona Whitaker

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Westran Elementary announces honor rolls

HUNTSVILLE — Westran Elementary School recently announced its fourth quarter honor rolls.

Fourth grade students who made the A honor roll were Aizleigh Hill, Abigail McAdams, Brooke Roberts, Mason Veal, Lennon Winterbower and Preah Matthews.

Fourth grade students who made the A/B honor roll were Emma Land, Dylan Lierly, Leighton Maag, Lily Smith, Mason Strub, Granden Lake, Arianna Adkison, Alex Rippel, Waylon Sly, Jace Prather, Makenna Stufflebean, Berklee Taylor, Will Colley, Kensley Goble, Karissa Hayes, Chase Lakey, Mattie Arends, Ava Fuemmeler, Anna Drewery and

Aneica Barney.

Fifth graders on the A honor roll are Katie Henderson, Kami Humphrey, Jayda Miller-Settle, Conner Patrick, Kendrynn Fuemmeler, Emmalee Kertz, Makenna Farris, Evan Barnett, Sophie Winkler, Kiptyn Payton and Huntley Meyer.

Fifth graders who made the A/B honor roll are Brayden Goble, Gracie Wilkinson, Kendall Martin, Brilea Harris, Addison Garnett, Makenzie Dignan, Kylee Fish, Lily McCloud, Brayden Pearson, Isabel Anthes, Will Bollman, Garrett Hills, Conner Davis, Jason Wohlgenuth, David Bollman and James Smith.



Fifth grade Westran students who made the A/B honor roll pose for a group photo. In front, from left, are Brayden Goble, Gracie Wilkinson, Kendall Martin and Brilea Harris. In the middle row, from left, are Addison Garnett, Makenzie Dignan, Kylee Fish, Lily McCloud and Brayden Pearson. In the back, from left, are Isabel Anthes, Will Bollman, Garrett Hills, Conner Davis, Jason Wohlgenuth and David Bollman.

Northeast students nab more than \$170,000 in scholarships

CAIRO — Northeast R-IV High School seniors received \$172,275 in scholarships, the district announced last month.

Trace Ackley received the General John J Pershing Scholarship, Macon Electric Youth Tour Scholarship, Music Boosters Scholarship, Herman Prather Scholarship, Chris Callahan Memorial Scholarship, Nola Goodrich Scholarship, FBLA Scholarship, Orscheln Industries Scholarship and A+ Schools Program Grant.

Brannoc Baumann earned the Mr. CHS Scholarship, Jacksonville/Cairo Unity Scholarship and A+ Schools Program Grant.

Isaac Brockman received the Welding Institute of Missouri Scholarship, Mu-

sic Boosters Scholarship, Randolph County Community and Family Scholarship, Lioness Scholarship, AECI Scholarship, CTA Gift, Orscheln Outstanding Student Scholarship and an A+ Schools Program Grant.

Maddie Creed received the United Credit Union Scholarship and an A+ Schools Program Grant.

Tyler Davis was awarded the Russell Bolden Memorial Scholarship, Tamara P. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship, Dolen Family Scholarship, Johnathan Gittemeier Memorial Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Brandon Dennis received an Indian Hills Community College Foundation Computer Software Development Scholarship and an

A+ grant.

Stephen Donald earned the Presidential Scholarship at Lake Forest College and an A+ grant.

Justyn Gittemeier was awarded a Mr. CHS Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Lilly Hale received a MACC Superintendent's Scholarship, Melvin Koenigler Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship, Noel and Linda Keen Memorial Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Thad Harman earned the Cornell Leadership Scholarship, Chancellor's Scholarship of Mizzou, Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Scholarship, Mizzou Honors College Scholars and Fellows Scholarship, Student

Council Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship, FBLA Scholarship, Orscheln Industries Scholarship, Stephen Bragg Memorial Scholarship, Bright Flight Scholarship and A+ grant.

Carly Hunsaker- Macon Electric Youth Tour Scholarship, Music Boosters Scholarship, Bulldog Legacy Scholarship, Truman A+ Scholarship, TruMerit Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Loretta Joseph earned the MFA Foundation Scholarship, Northwest Missouri State University Merit Scholarship, Hummert International Horticulture Student Award and A+ grant.

Ian Mollick was award-

ed an Indian Hills Community College Foundation Computer Software Development Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Jack Prewett was given a Moberly Area Community College Baseball Scholarship, MACC Superintendent's Scholarship, Byron Allen Memorial Scholarship, Mr. CHS Scholarship, Stephen Bragg Memorial Scholarship, Noel and Linda Keen Memorial Scholarship and an A+ grant.

Conner Adams, Tyler Luntsford, Breanne Moore, Brandon Schumann and Isaac Steward were awarded A+ Schools Program Grants.

Morgan Taylor received the Missouri Association of Rural Education Scholarship, Missouri Association of School Educators Scholarship, CTA Administration

Scholarship, Noel and Linda Keen Memorial Scholarship, Macon Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Johnathan Gittemeier Memorial Scholarship and A+ Schools Program Grant.

Matt Wheeler received a Skills USA Scholarship.

Gage Wilson was given the Bulldog Legacy Scholarship, Truman A+ Scholarship, TruMerit Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship, Mr. CHS Scholarship and A+ Schools Program Scholarship.

Morgan Wortmann earned a Music Boosters Scholarship, Plato's Closet Scholarship, Griffon Guarantee Scholarship, CTA Gift, Nola Goodrich Scholarship and A+ grant.

Austin Wright received a Mr. CHS Scholarship and an A+ grant.

USDA relaxes conservation program rules

BY JARED STRONG
Missouri Independent

Agricultural landowners who are not renewing their agreements this year with the federal government to keep their land out of production have the ability to put that land back to work earlier, a potential boost to wheat and other crop production amid global shortages, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Thursday.

Those who have land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program now have the option to terminate their contract early if they are in the final year of the contract. Under normal circumstances, landowners would have to wait until October to put the CRP land back into production or would be required to repay the money they've received from the program.

"They can now voluntarily terminate without penalty for those acres that are coming out of that program," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack told a U.S. Senate committee on Thursday, "so that they'd be in a position to do work now on that land, to either prepare it for a crop or to potentially think about other crops that can be grown during the course of the winter."

He said the equivalent of about 1 million acres of ag-

ricultural land is leaving the program this year — the difference between the acres that are expiring and the newly enrolled acres this year. In March, about 22.1 million acres were actively enrolled, according to USDA data.

President Joe Biden has warned that people "are going to starve to death" if millions of tons of wheat and corn in Ukraine is unable to be exported because of the ongoing Russian invasion, which began more than three months ago.

Ukraine is a significant producer and exporter of those crops, much of which is sold to African nations. Ukrainian officials have accused Russian troops of destroying farms and stealing grain and equipment. It's not yet clear how much the war will affect Ukraine's crop production this year.

Agriculture groups such as the American Farm Bureau Federation have been pining for months for the USDA to release CRP farmland back into production without penalty to help boost the global food supply.

In letters to CRP landowners this week, the USDA offered early terminations to those who hadn't renewed their enrollment.

Russian President Vladimir "Putin's unjustified invasion of Ukraine has cut

off a critical source of wheat, corn, barley, oilseeds and cooking oil, and we've heard from many producers who want to better understand their options to help respond to global food needs," Zach Ducheneaux, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency, said in a press release Thursday. "This announcement will help producers make informed decisions about land use and conservation options."

CRP contracts typically last for 10 to 15 years. Landowners set aside the land to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality and wildlife habitat, and the government pays them per acre. Those rental payments vary widely, depending on where the land is located.

Payments for Iowa land have the highest average at about \$234 per acre, according to a recent USDA report. Payments for Nevada land were the lowest at about \$10 per acre.

Landowners can end those contracts whenever they chose, but they must repay the rental payments with interest and face a potential additional penalty. The USDA periodically offers early termination without repayment or penalty. In 2017, the department offered it to certain landowners to encourage land sales to new farm-

ers and ranchers.

"I think it's a great step in the right direction, but I believe that we can do more," U.S. Sen. John Boozman, R-Arkansas, told Vilsack during a Senate agriculture committee meeting Thursday, which was convened to address the challenges facing farmers and rural communities.

Boozman said early terminations should be more broadly offered to CRP participants to "allow potentially millions of acres to return to food production."

Vilsack said the USDA is seeking to balance short-term and long-term global food concerns — especially as they pertain to climate change — and that CRP's emphasis is on less desirable agricultural land.

"We basically have been focusing on highly erodible areas," Vilsack said, "areas that are not particularly productive."

Sen. John Hoeven, R-North Dakota, said the USDA should offer to supplement potential crop insurance payments to farmers who are late to plant this year.

Corn planting in North Dakota has been severely delayed this year by wet weather. Just 20% of the state's corn had been planted as of Sunday, compared to the five-year average of 66%, according to a recent USDA report.

Drawn out of district, Democrat drops out of race

BY RUDI KELLER
Missouri Independent

Democrat Ben Samuels on Friday became the second Missouri congressional candidate in a strong position for their party's nomination to abandon a campaign because of newly drawn district maps.

Samuels, the leading fundraiser in the 2nd District Democratic primary, announced he was quitting the race because his home is now within the 1st District.

"After months of dragging its feet, the Missouri General Assembly passed a new congressional map with no regard for fairness or representativeness," Samuels said in a news release. "Instead, they drew a map designed to give Ann Wagner a 'more secure' district and to draw me out of it."

Wagner, a Republican, has represented the 2nd District since 2013. Samuels had raised more than \$1.1 million, and had almost \$840,000 on hand by March 31. Of the two other

candidates in the Democratic primary, state Rep. Tirsh Gunby, D-Ballwin, had raised \$313,681 and Ray Reed had not reported any donations.

Gunby reacted to the withdrawal Friday morning with a news release stating she is confident she can defeat Wagner even with the extra Republican voters.

"The path is clearing up for Trish to take on and defeat Ann Wagner this November," the release stated.

Wagner had \$1.8 million on hand March 31.

Samuels joins state Rep. Sara Walsh, R-Ashland, on the list of candidates who ended their campaigns after the district maps were finalized. Walsh was seeking the GOP nomination in the 4th District. The final map put her home and legislative constituents into the 3rd District.

When Samuels filed for office on Feb. 22, the Missouri Senate was already locked in a filibuster begun by a minority of Republican senators demanding changes to a House-passed map that would allow the GOP to win seven of the state's eight districts.

Moberly tech center names students of the month

MOBERLY — Moberly Area Tech Center recently announced its students of the month for March and April.

March students of the month are Tyler Brucker, Hunter Boots, Lane Schumann, Christian DeWolfe, Rylie Snell, Brayden Hopper, Carter Hamilton, Austin Richardson, Payton

Hess, Lauren Kitchen and Brayden Price.

For April, Conner Tenney, Christian Chester, Emma Seidel, Julia Tuggle, Sophia Boggan, Camden Murray, Abigail Richardson, Wilson Matheis, Isaac Brockman, Tyler Luntsford and Matt Wheeler were students of the month.


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OBITUARIES

William (Bill) Nelson

William (Bill) Nelson, 74, of Columbia, formerly of Moberly, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Funeral services and Military Honors celebrating and honoring Bill's life were held Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Oakland Cemetery. A visitation was held prior to burial. Cater Funeral Home served the family.

Missouri health agency appeals \$170,000 ruling

BY TESSA WEINBERG
Missouri Independent

Missouri's health department is appealing a Cole County judge's ruling that put the state on the hook to pay at least \$170,000 in Planned Parenthood's legal fees.

The state intends to argue to the Missouri Court of Appeals in the Western District that Cole County Circuit Court Judge Jon Beetem erred by awarding attorney's fees and expenses to Reproductive Health Services of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and denying the health department's request to reopen the case and pursue additional discovery, according to the notice of appeal filed Wednesday by Deputy Solicitor General Maria Lanahan.

In April, Beetem affirmed an administrative court's ruling that the Department of Health and Senior Services must pay Planned Parenthood for the nearly \$162,000 it accrued defending itself after the state chose not to renew its license in 2019, and for the about \$8,000 it incurred as a result of the litigation arising from the fees dispute.

Beetem also reversed the administrative court's prior decision regarding the award of other expenses, and directed the commission to determine whether the costs, which total a little

over \$88,000, were reasonable and if so to grant them to Planned Parenthood.

The underlying case harkens back three years ago to the state's denial of a license to Planned Parenthood's St. Louis clinic, the only remaining abortion facility in Missouri. The state had launched an investigation into the facility, and it was later revealed former DHSS Director Randall Williams maintained a spreadsheet to track the menstrual cycles of women who had visited the Planned Parenthood location in an attempt to investigate failed abortions.

In May 2020, an administrative hearing commission determined the state wrongly denied the facility its license.

But during a March hearing, lawyers from the attorney general's office representing DHSS argued it shouldn't have to pay Planned Parenthood's legal fees because its investigation that led to the license denial was justified. DHSS also argued it should be allowed to pursue discovery in the case to learn more about Planned Parenthood's corporate structure, which an attorney for Planned Parenthood called a "meritless theory."

Beetem ruled against the state on both points, and wrote in his April order that the health department, "seeks to relitigate every issue on which it lost," and transform the fees dispute into "second major litigation."

Gaming Company pumps \$250K into Torch's PACs

BY JASON HANCOCK
Missouri Independent

A company accused of operating illegal gambling machines in Missouri made six \$40,000 donations this week to a constellation of political action committees run by its lobbyist.

Wildwood-based Torch Electronics cut the checks Monday to MO Majority PAC, Missouri Growth PAC, Missouri C PAC, Missouri Senior PAC, Missouri AG PAC and Conservative Leaders of Missouri.

Each of the PACs is connected to Steve Tilley, a former House speaker who serves as Torch's lobbyist.

The donations were the company's first since last year, when it divvied up \$230,000 worth of donations to Tilley's PACs.

It's not unusual for lobbying firms in Jefferson City to set up a single PAC to allow clients to donate. And some groups deploy multiple political action committees, such as how the Missouri Bank Association has statewide and regional PACs or labor unions have state and local affiliates.

But by deploying six PACs, critics argue Tilley is exploiting a loophole that could allow his clients to skirt the cap on contributions to candidates. Companies can donate any amount to Tilley's six PACs, which can then each donate the maximum amount to a candidate.

Under federal law, when two or more committees are affiliated, they share a single limit on the contributions they make to candidates and oth-

er political committees. Missouri does not have a similar law in place.

A spokeswoman for Tilley's lobbying firm declined comment.

Torch owns games that operate like slot machines in locations around the state.

The Missouri Gaming Commission has deemed them gambling devices, which are prohibited outside of licensed casinos, and the state highway patrol considers them illegal. Several local prosecutors are also pursuing criminal charges against the companies that own and house the machines.

Legislative efforts to outlaw Torch's machines have failed to gain traction in recent years, with Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz recently complaining that the failure is in part due to heavy lobbying by Torch.

Last year, Torch and Warrenton Oil Company, operator of FastLane Convenience stores, filed a lawsuit against the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other state agencies, claiming to be victims of a "campaign of harassment and intimidation." Torch also sued Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson in order to quash an investigative subpoena directed at the company.

Torch has argued, both in its lawsuit and in legislative hearings, that their machines are not gambling devices. Since they reveal the outcome of the wager before a player moves forward, they are not a game of chance, the company contends, and therefore not illegal.

Opinion

Above all else, we must keep talking

BY WINONA WHITAKER
Managing Editor

I write a weekly column because I believe a managing editor should do so. It's not that I don't enjoy it. I do.

But I weighed the decision carefully before I made the commitment.

When I wrote a column in the 1980s in the Daily lowegian, I sometimes wrote about my personal life, as when I got a kitten or reviewed the movie "Rambo." But other times, I gave my opinion of political issues.

That's the scary part of writing a column. I believe that the free exchange of ideas is important to a functioning society, but I asked myself when I joined the Monitor-Index if I really wanted to revisit the backlash that comes with writing about political issues.

I decided that I will. No one wants to be verbally attacked. It's not pleasant. That's why bullying and peer pressure work to silence opposing views.

But we don't need silence. We need honest, open discussion. I have to stand for that regardless of how unpleasant the consequences are.

The freedom to express our opinions is necessary if we are

going to live together as a society. If we silence opposing views, we make understanding one another impossible. If we can't respect and tolerate differences of opinions, we cannot respect and tolerate one another as people.

Paramount to understanding one another is understanding the meanings of words we use. Before we can debate immigration, we have to define it. If we discuss white supremacy, we have to agree on what we mean by that phrase.

We can't discuss things if we aren't allowed to define words or if we refuse to define them. Even if we use a euphemism, we must agree to what it means in our discussion.

When defining words become taboo, conversation becomes impossible. If we can't define the word woman, we can't discuss women's issues.

Some subjects have been made off limits all together. We can't understand problems if we can't discuss them, and if we can't understand them, we can't solve them.

I taught my children the concepts of logic. I taught them how to reason, to get from point A to point B. I told them that they need to understand why they believe what



WINONA WHITAKER



they believe, and they need to be able to explain it to others.

My son once told me he didn't like that he could never beat me in an argument. The purpose of debating isn't to win, though sometimes we do. The purpose isn't to change a person's mind, though that sometimes happens.

The purpose of discussion is understanding.

We have to listen to one another so we can live together. We can't have a functioning society if we ignore entire groups and their opinions.

If we write people off as radical and bigoted, if we declare their opinions to be misinformation and their beliefs to be a threat to democracy, we strip their humanity from them and make hating them acceptable. That doesn't bring harmony

or peace to a society. It brings violence and unrest.

Most people can't explain why they believe what they believe. Convince the masses that good people believe what you believe and bad people disagree with you, and they embrace your opinions just to feel good about themselves.

That's how governments control people. They silence us. Without discussion, there is no sedition. Without dissent, there is no revolution. Labeling your political enemies as bad is easier than arguing for a destructive policy.

Silencing debate will destroy a civilization faster than any other evil because it removes the means of developing respect for one another and finding compromises that allow us to live together in peace.

Opinion

Thoughts and prayers of a different kind

BY DERREL EHRLICK
Missouri Independent

After the school shooting in Texas, I realized that I was about the only columnist in America that didn't talk to my kids about it within 24 hours of event.

Sure, I'll cop to being a mediocre parent, but not for that reason.

Instead, after years—literally decades—of reporting, editing and reading stories about guns being used against children, I'm completely numb. The trauma barely registers and that's, at best, tacky to say.

But, it's also an urgent indicator of the necessity to do something. That I check social media to see which blusterpot politician can talk about praying and thinking good thoughts is so cynical, while the thought of losing a child to gun violence should consume my attention.

Quite frankly, I am sick and tired of "thoughts and prayers" response.

To quote kids today: Just stop.

If anyone was sincerely committed to thoughts and prayers, the situation would have been radically changed by now. I say this as a gun owner who supports basic checks on our freedom to own guns.

Freedom is anarchy and chaos without some measure of responsibility. And, our unyielding worship of guns borders on pathological.

If politicians were sincere about the "thoughts" part, they'd think through the pain of the parents, the loss of innocent lives and devise reasonable solutions and safeguards. After all, guns are like automobiles, implements that can be used to improve our lives, but without reasonable rules and safeguards, they're killing machines.

And yet, every time some politician urges that ol' "thoughts and prayers" line, they never oblige us with any kind of meaningful thought, discourse or discussion on what they pon-



dered as families planned funerals for their grade-schoolers. Count me in when it comes to wanting to hear more about their thoughts in relation to school shootings, and why they seem incapable of even the most basic protections.

As far as the prayers portion of the "thoughts-and-prayer" approach, might I suggest the problem isn't with the approach, but the technique?

Here's what I mean: Maybe politicians are so used to using their mouths that even during the personal act of praying, they're not listening. Maybe instead of talking to God, they should listen more.

As much as I would like for politicians not to implicate God in the bargain every time they talk about praying, maybe the problem is too much talking.

And even though it's dangerous, bordering on blasphemous, to assume to know how God may respond in any situation, I would like to think if all those politicians were really praying so earnestly and fervently that they would hear the unmistakable sound of the holy urging them to take action to protect the little children.

After all, it was Jesus who rebuked his disciples saying, "Let the little children come to me; do not harm them."

For all the biblical ambiguity that exists, Jesus is repeatedly clear on what happens to those who hurt children.

I cannot imagine that even if, in those half-moments of silence as politicians are catching their breath while feverishly praying, God interjects and says, "Protect the Second Amendment at all costs." That seems incongruent with the same religion that discusses turning swords into ploughshares.

Using the phrase "thoughts and prayers" is a disservice to both, which are vitally important during this discussion. Yet those clever politicians have figured that it is a magical incantation which thwarts more substantive questions from the public hungry for action.

Because, you know, no one would be so brazen as to question a politician's sincerity during a national tragedy. No one would suggest their words are hypocritical, pandering or insincere.

Well, almost no one.

I am dismissing and rejecting any politician—Democrat or Republican—who offers thoughts and prayers as the antidote to gunning down children.

It's as meaningless and nonsensical as prescribing meditation and scripture for DUI accidents.

Americans get the government they are willing to tolerate, so after all these thoughts and prayers, it's time to demand more. Leaving it to God is punting responsibility, shifting the problem of gun violence from humans to the supernatural. It has allowed far too many politicians to embrace religion and killing, two ideas diametrically opposed to each other.

Sadly, I fear God has plenty of other work keeping him occupied right now, like welcoming in nearly two dozen children and people who were cut down early in the wake of the Texas tragedy. And I just hope for them and their families that Jesus' words about kids are absolutely true: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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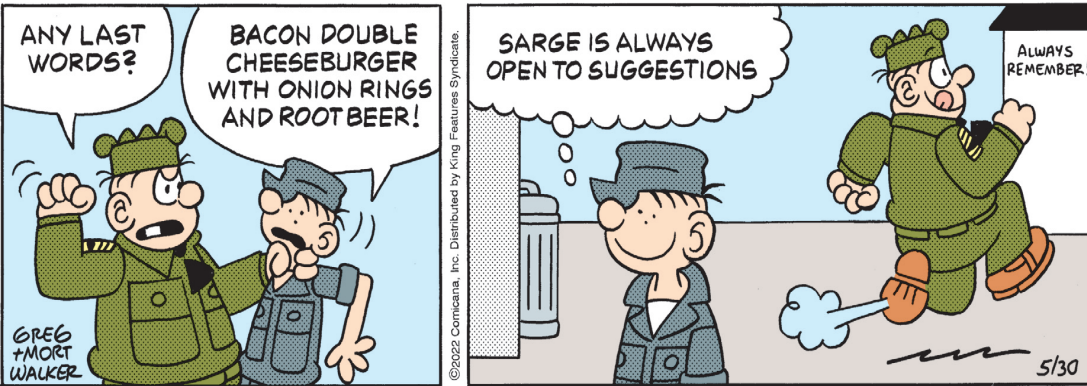
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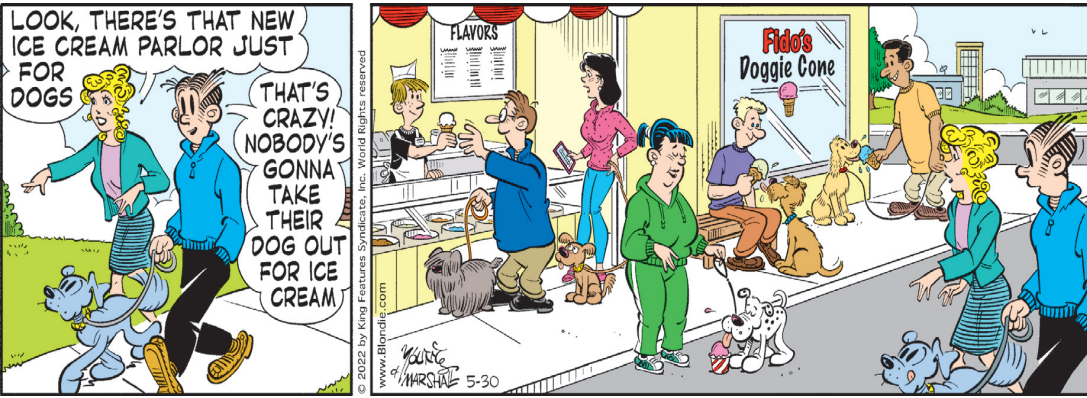
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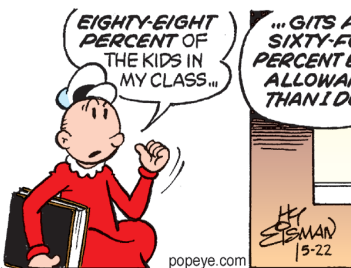
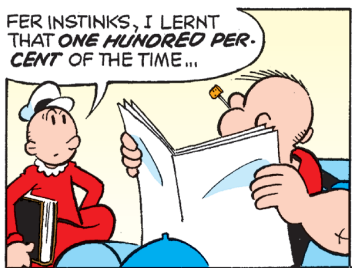
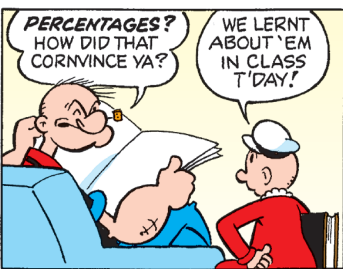
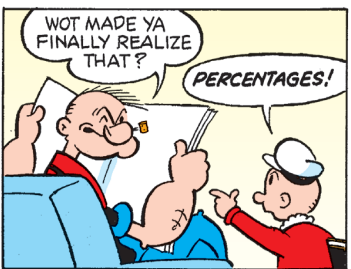
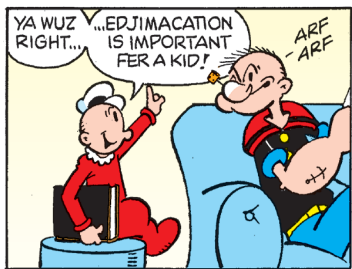
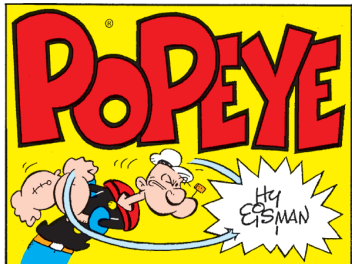
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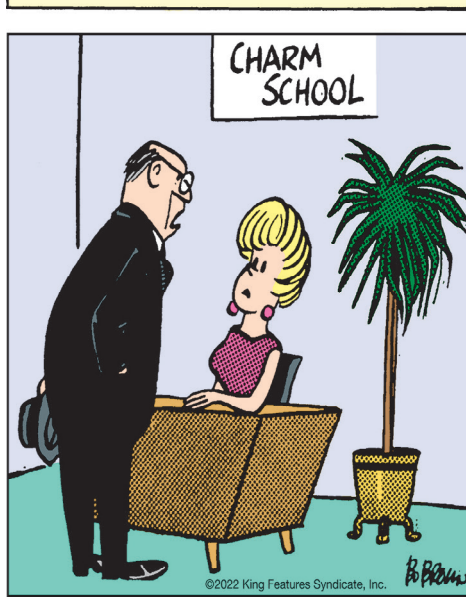


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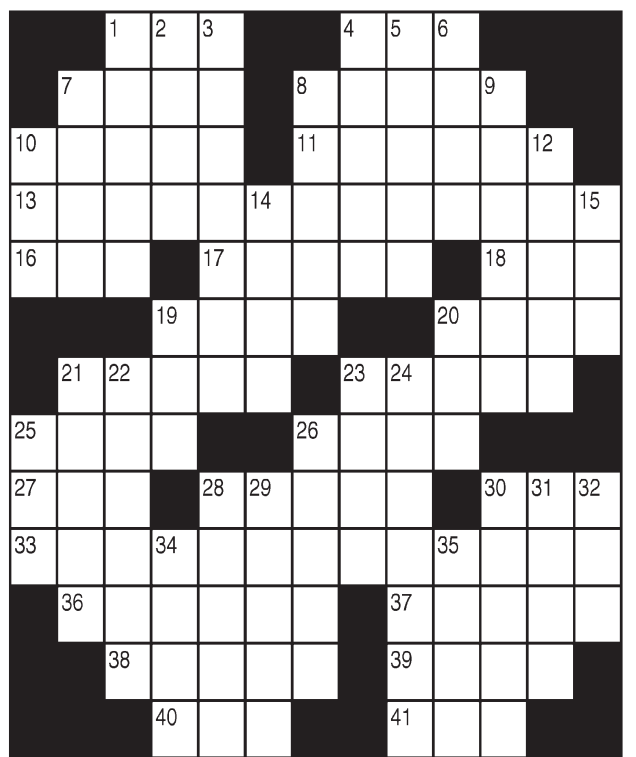
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Scratch
- 4 Hosp. scan
- 7 Ashen
- 8 Ridicule
- 10 Director Forman
- 11 Seek, as office
- 13 Breakfast order
- 16 Simile center
- 17 Four-star reviews
- 18 FDR project
- 19 107, to Cato
- 20 Actor Johnny
- 21 Velocity
- 23 Apple centers
- 25 And others (Lat.)
- 26 French cheese
- 27 Plopped down
- 28 Pink hue
- 30 Insult, slangily
- 33 Steakhouse order
- 36 Eucalyptus eaters
- 37 Start of a supplication
- 38 Move furtively
- 39 Smile
- 40 Trail the pack
- 41 Thesaurus wd.



DOWN

- 1 Island south of Sicily
- 2 Oodles
- 3 Set aside
- 4 Bea Arthur sitcom
- 5 Littlest litter-mates
- 6 Data
- 7 Name of 12 popes
- 8 Fountain of Rome
- 9 Precisely
- 10 CEO's deg.
- 12 Answers an invitation
- 14 Incursion
- 15 Phone bug
- 19 Cartoon frame
- 20 Rap's Dr. —
- 21 Desolate
- 22 Cookout spots
- 23 Beach crawler
- 24 Drilling platforms
- 25 Mentalist's claim
- 26 Invigorating
- 28 Salsa singer Cruz
- 29 Borneo ape, for short
- 30 "Mack the Knife" singer
- 31 "This — outrage!"
- 32 Pigs' digs
- 34 Teen hangout
- 35 Grand Ole —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Luke's Diner is a prominent feature in which 2000s TV show?
2. MUSIC: When did The Archies' "Sugar Sugar" hit the No. 1 spot?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the Greek translation of rhinoceros mean?
4. MOVIES: Which movie features the song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head"?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the American English equivalent of the British English phrase "drawing pin"?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is the Yellowhammer State?
7. HISTORY: Who is believed to be the first to draw a world map, in 6th century BC?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which company advertised its product with the one-word description "Fahrvergnügen"?
9. GEOGRAPHY: How many states are in Australia?
10. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel starts with the line, "They're out there"?

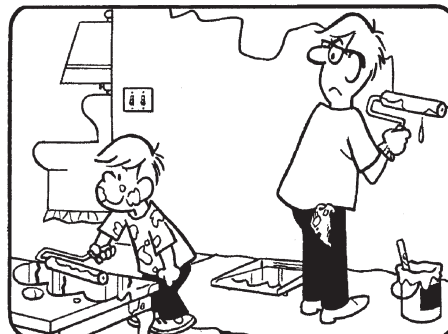
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1. "The Gilmore Girls"
2. 1969
3. Horned nose
4. "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"
5. Thumb tack
6. Alabama
7. Greek academic Anaximander
8. Volkswagen. It's German for "driving enjoyment."
9. Six
10. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

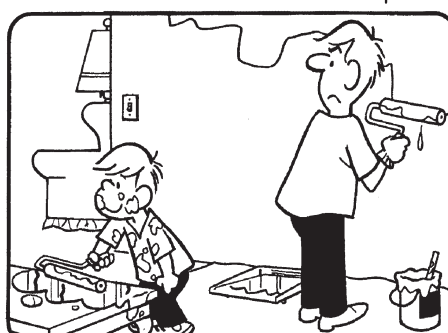
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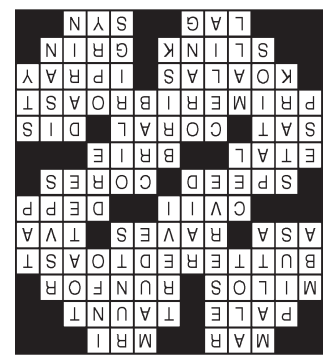
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shade is smaller; 2. Switch is different; 3. Neckline is different; 4. Glasses are missing; 5. Flag is missing; 6. Stick is moved;



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Warning cry heard in a food store when all of its leaves have become moldy.
"Bread alert!"
answer
CryptQuip

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals L

CZPTJTF XPB EQZPV JT Z LUUV

AYUPQ CEQT ZKK UL JYA KUZWQA

EZWQ IQXUDQ DUKVB:

"IPQZV ZKQPY!"

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ARGUMENT

Today's Word

3. Granite; 4. Yield

1. Brute 2. Maroon

SCRAMBLERS

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Bully
- TUBER
- Forsake
- ROAMON
- Rock
- TEARING
- Produce
- EYLID

TODAY'S WORD



"I'm NOT starting another

— this is the same one"

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- Sophia Haines - Baby Grand Piano and Household Good

Will be disposed of at a public auction ending June 7th at 10:00 am, to enforce storage lien. The auction will be held on site.

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Default having been made in the payment of principal and interest now due as provided by the notes secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Gregory S. Kasner and Kelly L. Kasner, husband and wife, dated November 14, 2012, recorded in Book 785 at Page 404 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Randolph County, Missouri, conveying to the therein named Trustee the following described property situated in the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, to wit:

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Moberly boys' golf recalls season

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

The Moberly High School boys' golf team made strides throughout the 2022 season.

Those strides were remembered during an awards presentation on Thursday, May 12, at Heritage Hills Golf Course.

Moberly head coach Jared Van Cleve reported he handed out "character awards" during this year's program.

Spartan freshman Isaac Stoneking was given the Integrity Award.

"During the Spartan Invitational, one of his competitors who was keeping his score had him 8-10 strokes less," Van Cleve said. "But, Isaac corrected him every single time, which resulted in a much truer score."

Van Cleve said the same thing occurred during the Class 3 District 4 Tournament at Hodge Park in Kansas City. People called markers were assigned to groups on the course with the task of keeping their scores.

Stoneking missed out on qualifying for the state tournament by two strokes, shooting a 95. However, he still has three more opportunities to do so in future seasons. He also recorded the best stroke average on the squad at 46.9 per nine holes.

Sophomore multi-sport



Moberly's Nick Kessler hits a chip shot during a regular-season tournament at Heritage Hills Golf Club. Kessler received the Spartans' Leadership Award during a post-season awards presentation on May 12. (File photo by Eric Viccaro/Monitor-Index)

athlete Nick Kessler received the Leadership Award. Kessler finished with the second-best stroke average (50.9 per nine holes).

"Nick displayed leadership among the group, helping keep the team focused when needed," Van Cleve said. "He also showed the others how to carry themselves on the golf course."

Kessler showed improvement during the season, with his low 18-hole total a 94 during the Spartan Invitational at Heritage Hills on April 11.

Kessler a sophomore, earned the Determination Award.

"Gage struggled during the middle of the season, and he missed the cut for the conference (North Central Missouri Conference) tournament," Van Cleve noted. "He decided to get lessons, in fact three separate lessons. He made the even tougher cut for districts and finished with the second-lowest score there."

St. Clair finished with a 55.1 stroke average and 113 score at the district tournament, which also was his second-best 18-hole score of the season. Gage fared well in the season-opening duel against Salisbury, carding a nine-hole 48.

Moberly's squad didn't feature any seniors this year, with Javanaugh Briscoe and Chase Nelson the only juniors - a youthful team that will just keep gaining experience and knowledge on the course.

His top 9-hole score was 46 in a duel with Boonville - also at the home course.

Gage St. Clair, like

SPORTS DIGEST

MACC sets week-long hoop camp

Moberly Area Community College will have a week-long basketball camp from June 6-10 at Fitzsimmons-John Arena.

The camp is for girls and boys entering second through 11th grade.

Camp will run Monday through Friday that week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$140 per camp (\$120 per player on the family plan) with each participant receiving a MACC Greyhound Basketball T-shirt. Lunch also will be provided.

The emphasis of the training sessions will be on shooting form and technique, one-on-one offensive moves with the ball, footwork, dribbling, attacking the basket and other post and perimeter moves.

There also will be daily leagues, contests and competitions.

For information, call MACC head men's basketball coach and athletic director Patrick Smith at 573-819-0496.

Pickleball registration underway

The Moberly Parks and Recreation Department will be offering pickleball lessons throughout the course of the summer.

Registration is underway for the program, which takes place at the Fox Pickleball Courts located off Russhaven Drive. The cost is \$25 per person, and the registration deadline is Friday, June 3.

Session I for beginners will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on June 7, 9, 14 and 16. There will be two intermediate sessions, one on June 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and Aug. 2, 4, 9 and 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

For more information, and to register, visit the MPRD office, log onto www.moberlymo.org or call 660-269-8705, extension 2040.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

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For specifications, please contact the Office of Plant Operations at 660-263-4100 extension 11230.

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For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Ronald Gillespie and Kris Gillespie, dated July 22, 2015, and recorded on July 23, 2015, Document No. 20152191, in Book No. 836, at Page 285 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Randolph County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 17, 2022, at 4:00 PM, at the North Front Door of the Randolph County Courthouse, Huntsville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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TRUSTEE'S SALE--Default having been made in the payment of the promissory note described in and secured by a certain deed of trust executed by Eric W. Prather, A/K/A Eric Prather, a single person, dated October 4, 2001 and recorded October 11, 2001, in Book 492, Page 24, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, the undersigned successor trustee at the request of the legal holder of said note, will on Thursday, June 23, 2022, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm (at the specific time of 11:30 AM) at the West Front Door of the Randolph County Courthouse, in the City of Huntsville, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate described in said Deed of Trust and situated in the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, to wit:

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For the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

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State en(Gage)ment for Cairo

Wilson's dramatic grand slam punches out Northwest

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

Many tiny details helped pave the way for a grand slam.

That's the best way to describe what happened on Wednesday evening as Cairo (Northeast) defeated Northwest (Hughesville), 7-6, on Gage Wilson's game-winning clout in the Class 1 state quarterfinals.

But, Wilson provided perhaps the most dramatic moment in Cairo baseball history, which already was quite rich to begin with.

"It was an awesome moment," Wilson said in an email to the Monitor-Index. "But, it only happened because the guys in front of me had great at-bats and kept passing it down the line. The moment was amazing. It meant that we are doing what every team dreams of doing, which is going to state."

The Final Four is set.

Cairo will square off against defending Class 1 state champion Oran at 4 p.m. Monday at U.S. Baseball Park in Ozark, a suburb of Springfield. The other half of the bracket features St. Elizabeth and South Nodaway/Jefferson (Conception), with first pitch at 7 p.m. on the same day.

Cairo's Morgan Matthews said it marked the first time he had experienced a game-winning grand slam as either a player or coach. This also was only Wilson's second career home run.

"I've never seen anything like it," the coach commented. "Especially since we were down to our last strike like three or four times. It was a storybook ending."

As is typically the case across the spectrum of sports, a stout offense was built from a sturdy defense.

Cairo limited Northwest to two runs in the top of the seventh as Nicholas Crosswhite grounded into a double play. Logan Head, Hayden Holman and Wilson teamed up for the twin-killing.

Isaac Nieters, on a three-ball, two-strike pitch, belted a Jack Prewett pitch to deep left field. And Dalton Taylor came through with a clutch catch.

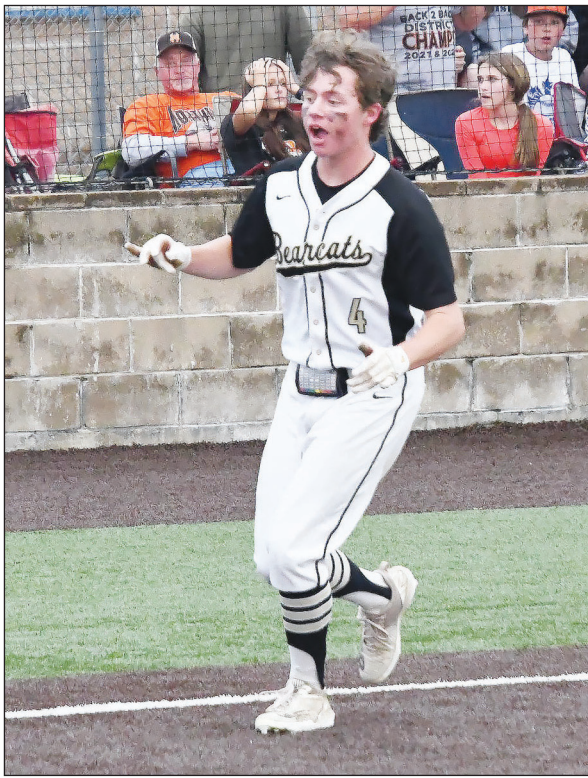
"He read the ball well," Matthews said. "He kept going back, and he wasn't afraid of the fence. He had a job to do, and he was successful doing it."

On grass softened by mid-week rains, Taylor cautiously backpedaled toward the fence. The ball found a spot in his glove, with Dalton's back held up by the fence.

The Mustangs scored, what everyone considered at the time, two insurance runs for a 6-3 lead. Of course, it ended up not being enough.

With Gavin Killion, who happens to be Head's teammate on a Gashouse Baseball summer travel team, pitching for Northwest, Brendan Huntsman and Holman both struck out.

Taylor then walked on four straight pitches, the season was still alive — and the drama began ramp-



Cairo baseball player Gage Wilson, above, hits a grand slam on Wednesday evening at General Omar Bradley Field, propelling the Bearcats to the Class 1 state championship this week.

Left, Cairo's Koy Ryan, a courtesy runner, reacts after Wilson's game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat No. 1 ranked Northwest, 7-6.

(Photos by Eric Viccaro)

Class 1 State Quarterfinal Game At Omar Bradley Field, Moberly Wednesday, May 25

Cairo 7, Northwest 6

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ing up like one of those old cinema cliff-hangers. Koy Ryan was inserted as courtesy runner for Taylor.

Senior Jack Prewett didn't want his senior season to end. Prewett was down in a no-ball, two-strike hole. While fighting back the emotions, he fouled off five straight pitches before hitting a beaming liner to right field. Ryan advanced to second, and Bryce Chrisman was courtesy runner for Prewett at first.

Again, the Bearcats were staring down elimination. This time, junior Ryan Tracy worked a walk during a thrilling eight-pitch at-bat.

That all set up Wilson's heroics. On a one-ball, one-strike offering, Gage blasted a belt-high fastball deep over the fence, in what proved to be a euphoric moment. Killion crouched on top of the mound in disbelief while the Bearcat dugout emptied with hoots and hollers.

Austin Wright finished 2-for-3 with a double and one run scored. Prewett was 2-for-4. Tyler Davis produced a pair of RBI during the Bearcats' three-run fifth. Tracy and Wilson also both walked twice.

Head lasted six innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits — he struck out eight, walked two and issued one hit batter. Despite giving up two runs on three hits in the seventh inning, Prewett was the winning pitcher of record. And Killion absorbed the loss.

Matthews said Head would be the starting pitcher in the Class 1 state semifinal game. There was a send-off for the squad early Sunday afternoon.

"The moment was amazing. It meant that we are doing what every team dreams of doing, which is going to state." — Cairo's Gage Wilson



Bryleigh Knox lands in the sand during her third attempt in the triple jump at the Class 4 state meet on Saturday in Jefferson City. Knox marked at 10.46 meters for 11th overall. (Photo by Eric Viccaro)

Young Moberly sets foundation

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

JEFFERSON CITY — The young Moberly High School girls' track and field team didn't score any points at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 4 state meet this year.

However, by participating in the two-day event at Adkins Stadium, the Spartans have set the foundation for future success.

"We're one of the smallest Class 4 schools," Moberly head track and field coach Scott Knox said. "It's always been an uphill challenge, but one we accept. Zoey (Hannam), Anna (Rivera), Asa (Fanning) and Bryleigh (Knox) put in the work this off-season and proved we can compete in Class 4."

With Hannam, Rivera, Fanning and Knox, the Spartans have a good nucleus to work with. A solid eighth-grade group, which propelled Moberly Middle School to the North Central Missouri Conference title in late April, will bring additional talent to the roster.

The Class 4 state meet this year will be remembered for all the dynamic elite performances, 145 of them to be exact according to the website: mo.milesplit.com.

"I can't remember a state meet with so many state records being broken, Class 3-5," Knox said. "There were so many incredible performances both days."

Bryleigh Knox, after scratching on her first two attempts in the triple jump, pulled through with a leap of 10.46 meters (34-feet, 4-inches) on her third try.

On Bryleigh's first attempt, she had what would have been a top-four mark; however, she scratched by the smallest of margins.

"We knew we had to play it safe, and on her third attempt she didn't even touch the board," Knox said. "That jump was three-quarters of an inch from making the finals."

For Bryleigh, hope springs eternal and she will employ determination to improve in future state appearances after an 11th-place finish here.

Teammate Asa Fanning also competed, with three successful attempts. Fanning saved her best leap for last, with a mark of 9.77m (32-3/4), which was good enough for 15th overall. She qualified for state in three events as a sophomore during a fine season.

There were four elite performances turned in during the triple jump, and Ava Lawless from Kearney earned gold in a mark of 11.57m (37-11 1/2). Jefferson City's Emmarie Graham grabbed silver (11.30, 37-1) and Abigail McBride of Marshfield took the bronze (11.02, 36-2).

Zoey Hannam, like Bryleigh, qualified for state in four events as a freshman. Hannam was the closest of any Spartans to reach the podium and earn points for her school.

Hannam clocked in with a time of 48.16 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles preliminaries on Friday afternoon. She finished 0.11 away from qualifying

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Moberly freshman Zoey Hannam strides over the bar during the 300-meter hurdles preliminaries on Friday afternoon at the Missouri Class 4 state meet in Jefferson City. Hannam recorded a time of 48.16 seconds, which was just 0.11 off qualifying for the finals. (Photo by Eric Viccaro)

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Spartans' Huff places 12th in shot put

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

JEFFERSON CITY — Moberly High School athlete Rick Huff will forever be the answer to a trivia question.

That question, you ask? "Name the only Spartan male athlete to qualify for the 2022 Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 4 state meet?"

Huff recorded a mark of 13.83 meters (45-feet, 4½ inches in standard measurement) on his second attempt, which placed him fourth in the first flight of throwers.

"First and foremost, Rick is an extremely hard worker," Moberly throwing coach David Melton said in an email to the Monitor-Index. "He works very hard at the details."

Early in the offing, it was all about Huff becoming comfortable with his body again after suffering an unspecified injury during football season. Then, there were countless hours of practice working on phases of his spin along with mental focus and launch angle.

The progression continued to the point where he earned a personal-best mark by more than one meter during the district meet in Wentzville — which set the wheels in motion for postseason success.

While Huff, a junior, didn't advance to the finals, he earned experience he assuredly will put to good use next season.

Huff faced some incredibly stiff competition, with all eight shot putters who qualified for the finals earning elite performance status from mo.milesplit.com.



Rick Huff begins to spin during a shot put attempt at the Missouri Class 4 state meet Saturday morning in Jefferson City. Huff placed 12th overall with a mark of 13.83 meters (45 feet, 4 1/2 inches).

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

Ethan Crouch from Rolla was the unquestioned gold standard, saving his best for last with a heave of 18.79m (61-7¾).

Crouch's mark was nearly five feet further than Karon Johnson's best attempt, whose top throw was 56-10¾ (17.34m). Kaian Roberts-Day from Festus picked up the bronze medal, marking at 17.02m.

Throwing events have been the calling card for the Huff family.

Rick's older brother, Andrew, finished 15th overall in both the district and shot put at the 2021 Class 4 state meet with respective marks of 38.56m and 13.36m.

Huff also soaked in the limelight. Unlike at other venues, the shot put arena at Adkins Stadium is in a rather prominent location — and throwers often feed off the crowd's emotions.

"The environment at the state track and field meet is unlike any other," Melton noted. "At state,

the put is right in the corner of the stands, and at a busy intersection. It's wonderful that these young men who work hard all season have the opportunity to be showcased in this light."

RECENT HISTORY

While Moberly was shut out from scoring points in 2022, recent history suggests it won't be long before the Spartans return to the podium.

In 2021, the Spartans' Toby Short had four podium finishes — including the gold-standard 4x100-meter finish with teammates Dominic Stoneking, Mar'sean Winn and Jacksyn Miller in the scorching time of 1:31.75 — along with a fifth-place effort in the 4x200 relay and triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

Moberly will lose Winn, a sectional qualifier in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays during his senior season, and Martez Nabors to graduation.

MSHSAA State Meet Team Standings

Class 3

Boys

1, Westminster Christian Academy, 45; 2, Lutheran St. Charles, 42; 3, East Newton, 37; 4, St. Mary's (St. Louis), 35; 5, El Dorado Springs, 34; 6, Osage, 32; 7, Owensville, 31; 8, Cape Notre Dame Regional, 30; 8t, Hogan Prep Academy Charter, 30; 10, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, 25

Girls

1, Westminster Christian Academy, 70; 2, Eldon, 47; 3, STEAM Academy at McCluer South, 44; 4, Ste. Genevieve, 33; 5, Incarnate Word Academy, 31; 6t, Palmyra, 29; 6t, Centralia, 29; 6, St. Charles West, 29; 9, Father Tolton Regional Catholic, 26; 10, Cameron, 24

Class 4

Boys

1, Kearney, 64; 2, West Plains, 50; 3, Festus, 46; 4, MICDS, 41; 5, Willard, 39; 6t, Harrisonville, 36; 6t, Hillsboro, 36; 6t, Rolla, 36; 9, Marshfield, 34; 32, Smithville, 31

Girls

1, Parkway Central, 78; 2, West Plains, 52; 3, Kearney, 45; 4, Nerinx Hall, 38; 5, Carl Junction, 32; 6, Pleasant Hill, 31; 7t, St. Teresa's Academy, 30; 7t, Raytown South, 30; 9t, Ruskin, 28; 9t, Jefferson City, 28

Class 5

Boys

1, Rock Bridge, 97; 2, Joplin, 46; 3, Liberty North, 34; 4, Lee's Summit West, 33; 5, Capital City, 32; 6, St. Louis University High, 28; 7, Park Hill, 25; 8, Liberty (Wentzville), 23; 9, Kansas City Staley, 21; 10t, Liberty, 20; 10t, Lee's Summit, 20; 10t, Blue Springs, 20; 10t, Timberland, 20

Girls

1, Cardinal Ritter, 85.5; 2t, Lee's Summit West, 46; 2t, Blue Springs, 46; 4, Pattonville, 44; 5, Rock Bridge, 43; 6, Lafayette (Wildwood), 37; 7, Blue Springs South, 36; 8, Capital City, 35; 9, MICDS, 34; 10, Kirkwood



Anna Rivera, right, completes the fourth turn during the open 800-meter run on Friday afternoon. Rivera recorded a time of 2:31.90, good enough for 13th.

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

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for the finals, the last spot taken by Hillsboro freshman Emily Wright.

Parkway Central's Sky-ye Lee, like how she performed at the sectional meet in Mexico from May 23, was dominant in Saturday's finals (43.76).

Rivera, a junior, earned 13th place in the open 800 run with a time of 2:31.90, which was roughly eight seconds away from a medals-stand time. Kearney's Jady Barnes took the gold in 2:17 flat.

Knox also was 15th in the long jump with a mark of 4.77m (15-7¾), with Ruskin's Todjai Ross claiming the gold medal (5.42m, 17-9½).

Of all the relays, Moberly fared best in the 4x200-meter variety as the quartet of Haley Baker, Fanning, Hannam and Knox clocked in at 1:50.87, which was good

enough for 13th in the preliminaries.

Kennedy Messer and Chloe Ferguson joined Fanning and Hannam in the 4x100-meter relay preliminaries, clocking in at 52.57 for 15th spot. The 4x400-meter relay quartet didn't finish, exiting the preliminary race during the fourth and final leg.

RECENT HISTORY

Moberly will lose two girls to graduation in sectional qualifier Arianna Wilkey, a distance running specialist who also starred for Spartan cross country, and Malana Pence.

The last Spartan to reach the medals stand at state was Molly Greene during the 2019 meet, with a seventh-place performance in the pole vault at 3.2 meters.

Sophia Powell and Taylor Martin were 9th and 11th, respectively, in the discus during the 2021 meet with marks of 32.64m and 31.80m.

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