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As a well-informed newspaper reader, you're aware of inflation and rising costs with every visit to the grocery store or each time you pump gas. The economic ripple has also been felt by this publication.



Tim Schmidt

In the past year, we have been impacted by much higher newsprint costs and multiple postage increases. We are starting to see a growth in paid subscriptions, but not enough to offset the expensive cost of printing two editions each week.

Effective the first week in January, the Monitor-Index will be reducing its print frequency from two days per week to one day, only on Wednesdays. The final Saturday publication will be Dec. 31, 2022.

News will continue to be published daily at moberlymonitor.com, with the print edition distributed in the mail every Wednesday. We encourage print subscribers to take advantage of free online access by visiting our website or calling our office to set up an online account.

While the frequency of the print edition is changing, our commitment to covering news, sports, events and stories remains a priority for our staff and company. Our dedication to local, community journalism is unwavering.

The result will be a better

and much larger Wednesday edition, jam-packed with the news and sports coverage you want and deserve.

This change in print frequency will be accompanied by a reduction in your subscription rate moving forward. Paid subscribers will have their subscriptions extended by two months.

Moving forward, in-county subscriptions will cost only \$40 per year and out-of-county/state subscriptions will be \$60.

We recognize this change will be unpopular to some of our readers. But since purchasing the Monitor-Index in September 2021, we promised a publication with a more local focus and doubled our Moberly staff. Reducing our frequency now should help us avoid future staff cuts and keep our focus on publishing a newspaper that features local names and faces.

Please know this was not an easy decision to make, but one that will make sure the Monitor-Index continues to record the history of Randolph County for years and decades to come.

We thank you for your continued loyalty and support and look forward to serving you into the future.

Tim Schmidt
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Linda Bondy shows a copy of "Rural Schools: Where Have They Gone?" which she wrote at the request of the Randolph County Historical Society. Submitted photo

Author: Loss of rural schools changed sense of community

*New book recalls
 country school era*

BY WINONA WHITAKER
 Managing Editor

MOBERLY — After spending about three years researching and writing about country schools, author Linda Bondy concluded that the loss of country schools has been detrimental.

"After I began to work on it so long, it became evident," said the author of "Rural Schools: Where Have They Gone?"

Early in the 20th century, attitudes about education began to change, Bondy said. People thought that big schools could provide better opportunities and better an environment for learning, so they began consolidating small schools.

"But looking in retrospect, we lost a lot," Bondy said. "We lost a community where the family, the school and the church were the accountability for all these children."

If children had trouble in school, people knew it and could help, said Bondy. If a child got in trouble, the parents knew it because the siblings knew it. And if families were struggling to make ends meet, churches knew it and helped the families.

Most books about one-room schools tell personal stories, said Bondy. "This one, I have all the data and figures that came from the newspaper."

"Rural Schools" is organized by school, and the schools are organized by quadrant. Children came to know the small areas around where they lived, and those children, now grown, will be interested in the schools in their neighborhoods, Bondy said.

"I start out in the northwest, and I circle around and I end up in the southwest," said Bondy.

But even people who didn't attend the schools in the book should read it, said Bondy, because the photos and memories will remind everyone of the things these schools had in common.

"Everyone had school picnics," Bondy said.

"Some schools don't have very

Rural Schools Where Have They Gone Randolph County, Missouri



Linda Bondy

much information," said Bondy. Not all of the 81 schools in the county had historians to keep records. Some may have been poorer schools that had no families with cameras to take photos that are now historical.

"Some schools have a lot, some not so much," Bondy said.

"I did not include Moberly because Moberly needs to have its own book," Bondy found too much information about Moberly schools to do it justice with a single section in this book, she said.

"But I did cover Huntsville and Higbee and Northeast and all those, because their history includes the history of all those country schools," the author said.

Bondy never attended one-room schools, but she remembers them.

"There was a county school on our property," said Bondy. Often

4-H clubs met at the old schools, and many schools became community centers.

As farms got bigger, and people moved away, the school buildings disappeared.

"My mother was a country school teacher," said Bondy. Bonnie Kisor, 91, taught many years at Moberly schools, but before that, she taught at Woodville rural school just across the border in Macon County, Bondy said.

The photo on the cover of the book is hers.

"My uncle taught. My aunt taught. My mom went to country school in Jacksonville," Bondy said.

Bondy attended school in Renick. "I was the last freshman class at Renick, and we then came to Moberly," she said.

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Opioid settlement awards county nearly \$40,000

BY WINONA WHITAKER
 Managing Editor

HUNTSVILLE — Randolph County will receive a little less than \$40,000 from class action lawsuits against Janssen Pharmaceuticals and distributors of opioids, Presiding Commissioner John Truesdell said Friday.



John Truesdell

Truesdell received emails Friday stating that Randolph County will receive a payment of \$4,375 in year one of the Janssen settlement and another \$10,207 in year two.

A second email said Randolph County will receive \$12,289 in a settlement with distributors in year one and another \$12,915 in year two.

"The county commission is going to set that away in a special line item," Truesdell said. County organizations involved in combating the opioid crisis, such as the health department or Randolph County Caring Community, can request the funds for services and education, he said.

In 2017, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley filed suit against Endo Pharmaceuticals, Purdue Pharmaceuticals and Janssen Pharmaceuticals for their part in creating a statewide opioid crisis. The suit sought hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and civil penalties.

Attorney General Eric Schmitt filed a motion in 2019 to add additional claims of public nuisance and unjust enrichment against the companies and their distributors.

In July of 2021, the National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, several States Attorneys General and four major defendants announced an agreement to resolve all opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals and its parent company, Johnson & Johnson.



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I began attending Central Christian Church when I was just a few days old and was dedicated to Christ by my parents on Mother's Day at the age of two months. I was baptized at 9 and married my high school sweetheart Doug in the same church on June 17, 1995. We have shared life together for a total of 33 years and raised two amazing sons.

God has blessed me abundantly throughout my nearly 50 years of life, more than I deserve. One moment that stands out to me was during the summer of 1990. I was 17 years old and on a float trip on the Current River with our CCC youth group. I was a lifeguard for seven years before becoming a nurse, and the summer before this one, I had to rescue two friends in our group from the freezing, swirling water of a spring in the river.

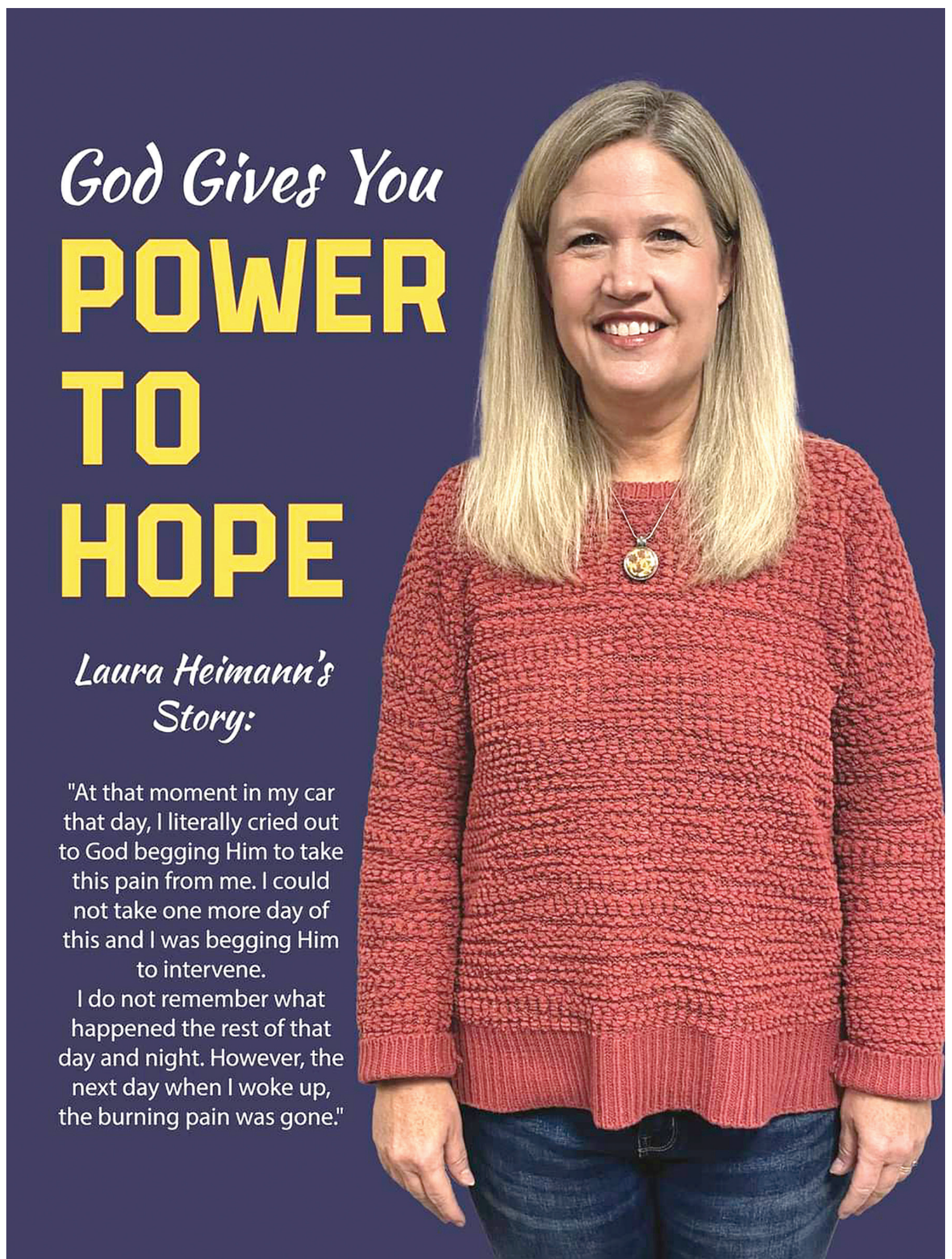
On this particular trip, my friend Shawn and I shared a canoe. The river had been closed for some time that spring due to flooding and we were told that although it was open again, the water level was very high. The day was warm and carefree until the moment when we hit a rough place in the water and our canoe capsized. I was immediately sucked underwater and under a large log. My long hair became entangled in the log and my head and entire body was submerged under water beneath the log. Water was rushing around me and pushing me deeper and deeper under the log.

I could feel Shawn trying with all his might to free me but the force of the water and my hair being entangled held me under. Shawn later told me that my eyes were open and filled with terror as the seconds ticked by. He was certain that he would not be able to free me and I would die right there. Although I have no idea how long I actually was underwater, I do remember how cold the water was and how hard it was pushing me down. I remember looking up at Shawn and seeing a bright light behind his head. I don't know whether it was the light of the sun or the light of "The Son" but at that moment, I could feel that I was running out of time.

Shawn tried with all his strength to pull me up again and this time I was free! He struggled to pull me to the shore and we collapsed on the rocks. We both cried because we knew how close I had come to leaving this world. Of course, our canoe and all our belongings were long gone down the river, but I was alive and that's all I cared about! God spared my life that day and I am grateful to have lived a full, happy 32 years since then.

I went on to graduate high school and college, start my nursing career, get married, buy a home, and have two amazing sons. Life was full and good for me and our little family. One day in November 2001, our two-year-old son Ben woke up and was unable to walk, complaining of his knee hurting. We had moved into a new home the day before and he and John had been jumping and playing on the stairs, so I assumed he had done something to hurt his knee.

We went to his pediatrician and had an x-ray and bloodwork, with nothing really standing out as a problem. We saw an orthopedic doctor the next day and nothing could be found to be wrong, so we went home and went about life. A few days later, Ben



God Gives You POWER TO HOPE

Laura Heimann's Story:

"At that moment in my car that day, I literally cried out to God begging Him to take this pain from me. I could not take one more day of this and I was begging Him to intervene.

I do not remember what happened the rest of that day and night. However, the next day when I woke up, the burning pain was gone."



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again woke up unable to walk. He was seen by his pediatrician and another orthopedic doctor and it was still a mystery. Finally, the pain became so bad that we took him to a third orthopedic doctor, who determined that there was an infection in his knee joint and aspirated the fluid from the joint.

We were admitted to the hospital and spent several days there receiving IV antibiotics. During the hospital stay, I developed a very painful throat infection. I was unable to eat or drink anything except water. A doctor in the hospital said that my throat looked awful and that I needed to be seen by my doctor. Ben was released from the hospital the day before Thanksgiving to continue his IV antibiotics at home and I saw my doctor that day. He said it was a viral infection and treated it with an anti-viral medication. The sores and

terrible throat pain went away in a few days and I was able to eat and drink again.

During the time of the infection, I also had a painful burning in my tongue that felt like I had burned my tongue badly with a hot liquid. Although the pain in my throat went away, the burning in my tongue remained. I tried many things trying to ease the burning, but it did not go away. For three months, the burning continued and began to affect my daily life and cause me anxiety. I finally was referred to a doctor who specialized in disease of the tongue and it was determined that I had neuralgia caused by the virus. The doctor informed me that this neuralgia might go away in a few months, but could also linger for years or for the rest of my life. He shared that some people commit suicide because of neural-

gia that just won't go away, and I could certainly see why.

This diagnosis and the possibility of having to live with this painful condition for months more or even for the rest of my life was devastating to me. I was a young, otherwise healthy young woman with a family and career, and this condition was starting to negatively affect my life and mental health. I left the doctor's office feeling defeated and hopeless. I remember it was a very cold day in February and I sat alone in my car sobbing. I had been praying about this situation for months now, asking God to heal me but the burning remained. At that moment in my car that day, I literally cried out to God begging Him to take this pain from me. I could not take one more day of this and I was begging Him to intervene.

I gathered myself and

headed home from Columbia. I do not remember what happened the rest of that day and night. However, the next day when I woke up, the burning pain was gone. I never had the pain again, still to this day, 20 years later. I believe that God answered my prayer on that cold February day and healed me, and I am still so grateful.

God has richly blessed me. I have a loving family, a devoted husband, amazing children, good health, faithful friends, a warm home to live in, a nursing career that I enjoy, a loving church family, and most of all, a Savior, who loves me more than I can even fathom. On my ugliest days, when I have fallen short (and there are many!), my Savior loves me, forgives me, and day after day, year after year, blesses me beyond measure. Life has not always been easy. There have been rough days and

weeks. There has been illness, sadness, disappointment, heartbreak, loss, and tragedy. But in the words of Anne Wilson's song My Jesus,

*"He makes a way where there ain't no way,
Rises up from an empty grave,
Ain't no sinner that He can't save,
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
"His love is strong and His grace is free,
And the good news is I know that He,
Can do for you what He's done for me,
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
And let my Jesus change your life!"*

He can do the same for you. All you have to do is surrender to Him and ask him into your heart and life. He'll take it from there. <https://powertohope.org/>

Ameren adjusts charge to recover renewable costs

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri, to adjust the renewable energy standard rate adjustment mechanism charge that appears on the monthly bills of its electric customers.

The charge appears as a separate item on the monthly electric bills of Ameren Missouri customers and is designed to recover costs associated with Missouri's Renewable Energy Standard.

The charge allows electric companies to adjust rates outside of a general electric rate case to reflect

prudently incurred renewable energy standard costs (such as solar and wind). These costs would be costs above renewable energy costs already included in the company's base rates.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the charge will increase from a bill credit of about 50 cents a month to a charge of 35 cents a month, an increase of approximately 85 cents a month, said the Public Service Commission.

The adjustment is expected to take effect Feb. 1, 2023.

Ameren Missouri serves approximately 1.29 million electric customers in Missouri.

Students of the Month



Northeast R-IV School District in Cairo recognizes middle school and high school Students of the Month. From left are middle schooler Brylie Watkins, high schoolers Eleina Blanchette, Emily Burks, Reece Robison and middle schooler Millie Zike.

Submitted photo

Events

Friday, Dec. 23

Christmas in the Park ends today in Moberly's Rothwell Park. Visitors may view the Christmas light displays to the sounds of Christmas music from 5-9 p.m. Sponsored by Altrusa International, the event is free, but donations are welcome.

Hillside Carriages will offer sleigh rides in Rothwell Park from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$40 for a 20-minute ride for up to four people.

Moberly police report

MOBERLY — An Illinois woman was arrested by Moberly police Saturday after attempting to obtain fraudulent prescriptions, police said Monday.

The 24-year-old woman ran from a local pharmacy as police arrived. She was taken into custody and later posted bond and was released.

Moberly Police arrested Jeffrey Dzurick, 35, Saturday for endangering the welfare of a child following a report from the 700 block of S. Clark St. that Dzurick was acting erratically.

Police investigated a vehicle accident Saturday near the intersection of Fisk Avenue and the Rothwell Park entrance. A witness told police that a truck had struck a guardrail and left the scene.

A Randolph County Sheriff's Deputy located the truck later, west of the accident site, police said. A 31-year-old Moberly man was taken into custody for driving while intoxicated, driving while his license is revoked and leaving the scene of an accident.

Police stopped a vehicle that was being operated poorly Sunday and arrested an 18-year-old Moberly woman for driving while intoxicated, police reported Monday. The woman was released with a summons to appear in court.

Randolph County Circuit Court

HUNTSVILLE — Nicholas Meyer Janssen, of Cairo, posted bond in the amount of \$3,500 this month after being charged with third degree domestic assault.

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office investigated a domestic dispute between Janssen, 39, and his girlfriend, identified as D.G. at an apartment on County Road 1395 in Cairo about 10:30 p.m. July 3, 2021.

According to a probable cause statement filed with the court, D.G. said Janssen had hit her several times in the face during an argument. Janssen appeared to be intoxicated at the time, the statement said.

Arraignment is set for Jan. 4.

Drugs

Toby Earl Kindell, of Cairo, was charged this month with possession of a controlled substance.

Kindell, 42, was stopped by a Randolph County Sheriff's deputy about 3 p.m. Dec. 20, 2021 for a registration

violation, according to a probable cause statement filed with the court. During the investigation, the deputy found fentanyl and methamphetamine in the vehicle.

Arraignment is set for Jan. 4.

Joseph David Vargas, of Moberly, was charged this month with second degree drug trafficking following a traffic accident.

Moberly police investigated an accident at 500 Promenade St. just before midnight Dec. 12. A silver 2005 Dodge Dakota, driven by Vargas, was partially off the road in front of a white 2014 Dodge Ram legally parallel parked, according to a probable cause report filed with Randolph County Circuit Court.

The Dodge Dakota appeared to have struck the rear left side of the Dodge Ram, the report said.

Vargas's license was suspended at the time of the accident, and he was placed under arrest. Police found fentanyl capsules on Vargas, accord-

ing to the probable cause statement. Police say Vargas, 37, has multiple convictions for drug-related offenses.

Bond was set at \$15,000.

Arraignment is set for Jan. 4 for Anthony Sean Davis, 42, of Huntsville, for possession of a controlled substance.

A Moberly police officer parked in the 700 block of Reed St. about 11:30 p.m. Feb. 14 saw a 2020 Ford Edge stop in front of 613 Adams St., a residence suspected by police of being used for illegal narcotics activity, according to a probable cause statement filed by Moberly police.

A woman left the house and got into the vehicle, which headed west on Adams and turned south on Hagood. The vehicle failed to stop at the intersection of Hagood and Reed, and police stopped the vehicle at West Rollins and South Williams Streets.

Davis, the driver, was hostile and would not exit the vehicle, police said. He retrieved a blue backpack

from the back seat.

Police brought a K9 unit to the scene. The K9 showed a positive alert for drugs in the vehicle, the probable cause statement says.

Police searched the vehicle and found substances that later tested positive for methamphetamine inside the vehicle and in the backpack, the court document says.

Arraignment is set for Dec. 21 for Stephen Lynn Curtis, of Mexico, on charges of possession of a controlled substance following a traffic crash last year.

Curtis, 52, was the passenger in a gold Chrysler Pacifica which overturned on U.S. 63 north of County Road 2675 about 5:30 a.m. Dec. 3, 2021, according to a probable cause report filed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Lynn was transported to the hospital where he told a nurse that he had methamphetamine in his pocket, the report said.

Driving

Sarah Elizabeth Da-

vidson, of Moberly, was charged with driving while her license was revoked or suspended. She'll be arraigned Jan. 4.

Matthew Smith Spears, of Madison, was charged with persistent driving while intoxicated. According to a probable cause statement filed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Spears, 46, was stopped by the Highway Patrol about 7 p.m. Dec. 26, 2021 on U.S. 24 in Randolph County for following the patrol car too closely.

Spears had dry and cracked lips and spoke rapidly with slurred speech, the Highway Patrol said. His pupils were dilated, and he seemed agitated.

Spears was arrested for driving while intoxicated and submitted to a blood test. Spears has previous convictions for driving while intoxicated from 2006 and 2011, the Highway Patrol said.

Arraignment is set for Jan. 18.

Poster contest offers trip to Washington, D.C.

JEFFERSON CITY — To help children learn about staying safe and to raise awareness of missing children, the Department of Public Safety is inviting Mis-

souri fifth graders to participate in the annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest.

The national winner and his/her parents and

teacher will be invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 40th annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony May 24. Transportation and lodging

will be provided.

The application kit can be downloaded from dps.mo.gov. Posters, completed applications and signed consent and release forms must be

submitted to the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Attention: Michelle Parks — State Contest Manager, P.O. Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by Jan. 25.

Rural

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Bondy graduated high school in 1971 and attended Moberly Junior College and the University of Missouri, majoring in home economics and food nutrition.

Bondy and her husband, John, a pastor, moved a lot, Bondy said. During her travels, Bondy picked up teaching certifications in chemistry and biology and earned a master of business administration degree.

The Bondys were over-

seas for 13 years, teaching English as a second language in Korea and the Philippines.

When Bondy and her husband retired, they returned to Moberly where Bondy became active with the Randolph County Historical Society.

Joyce Campbell, president of the Society, had Ralph Gerhard's notes about rural schools, Bondy said, and they became the springboard for the book that the Historical Society asked Bondy to write.

The project took about three years, "because you don't work on it all the time," Bondy said.

Research is much different in this age, said Bondy. She combed through newspapers digitally at newspapers.com.

"To me, I'm not a writer," Bondy said. "I'm an organizer of all this information that we can put in one spot."

The Randolph County Historical Museum will have a copy of the book with footnotes for research,

said Bondy. That copy contains a lot of genealogical information, she said.

Books without footnotes will be available for \$25 at the historical museum. For an additional \$7, the staff will mail a copy. The proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the historical society.

Bondy expected that the books would arrive from the printer before the end of December. Residents who want a copy should call the museum at 660-263-9396.

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Nurse practitioner joins Family Medicine

BROOKFIELD — Complete Family Medicine announced this month that Gail Calvert has joined its team of providers.

Calvert is a board-certified family nurse practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center, said Complete Family Medicine, a service of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System.

Calvert received a Bachelor's of Science degree in nursing from Chamberlain University

in 2019 and a Master's of Science degree in nursing from Chamberlain University with a family nurse practitioner specialty track, Family Medicine said.

Calvert previously worked as a family nurse practitioner with Missouri Cancer Associates and held nursing and nursing administration positions at Boone Hospital, Moberly Regional Medical Center, Carroll House and Glasgow Gardens.

Obituaries

Aubrey David Hargis

Aubrey David Hargis, 79, of Higbee, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022.

Words of comfort were shared with the family at a visitation Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cater Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services followed at 1 p.m. Military honors, committal prayer and burial will be held at Myers Chapel Cemetery.

Wilson Curtis Burke

Wilson Curtis Burke, 92, of Moberly, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. in the Cater Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. Private committal prayer and entombment will take place at the Resurrection Mausoleum in Oakland Cemetery.

Danny Ray Baker

Danny Ray Baker, 61, of Moberly, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

As per his wishes, there will be no services. Arrangements were made by Cater Funeral Home.

IN THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, RANDOLPH COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of Terry W Colley, Deceased.

Case Number: 22RA-PR00121

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Terry W Colley, Decedent: On November 21, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Terry W Colley, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Randolph County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: Bobby Colley, P. O. Box 141, Clark, MO 65243.

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number are: Rex V. Gump, Gump & Faiella, 110 N Fifth St, Moberly, MO 65270, 660-263-3100.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods.

Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: November 9, 2022

Erica R. Johnson
Clerk, Probate Division

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Donna L. Hillen, dated October 30, 2003, and recorded on October 31, 2003, Document No. 20035077, in Book No. 563, at Page 855 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Randolph County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on January 6, 2023, at 11:15 AM, 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Moberly School District No. 81
Moberly, Missouri

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Moberly School District No. 8, Moberly, Missouri (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about

whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The debt service budgetary schedule, capital projects budgetary schedule, schedule of revenues collected by source, schedule of expenditures paid by object, schedule of selected statistics, schedule of transportation costs eligible for state aid and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic

financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the debt service budgetary schedule, capital projects budgetary schedule, schedule of revenues collected by source, schedule of expenditures paid by object, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the schedule of selected statistics and schedule of transportation costs eligible for state aid and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the schedule of selected statistics and schedule of transportation costs eligible for state aid and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based

on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2022, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

November 30, 2022

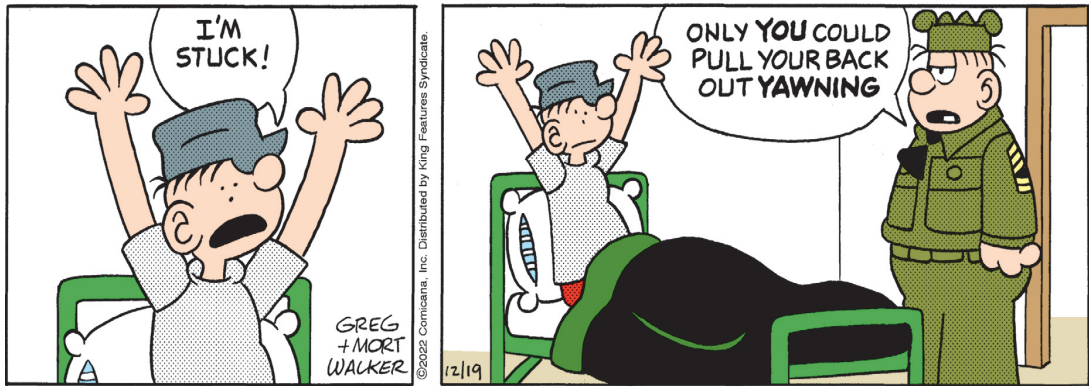
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Certified Public Accountants
Boonville, Missouri

MOBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81 STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types				
	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES COLLECTED:					
Local	\$ 7,005,219	\$ 2,731,215	\$ 2,449,380	\$ 2,052,301	\$ 14,238,115
County	2,159,787	97,388	414,266	88,196	2,759,637
State	1,932,033	7,881,438	-	865,936	10,679,407
Federal	5,777,973	2,422,874	-	169,191	8,370,038
Received from other districts	65,789	674,280	-	-	740,069
Other	-	-	-	6,024	6,024
Total Revenues Collected	16,940,801	13,807,195	2,863,646	3,181,648	36,793,290
EXPENDITURES PAID:					
Regular instruction	824,551	7,902,946	-	52,301	8,779,798
Special instruction	1,335,251	2,533,409	-	-	3,868,660
Vocational instruction	197,689	1,256,885	-	596,552	2,051,126
Student activities	507,348	256,865	-	158,388	922,601
Tuition paid to other districts	-	208,856	-	-	208,856
Student support services	1,060,575	697,661	-	-	1,758,236
Instructional support services	473,322	546,617	-	157,087	1,177,026
Board of Education services	93,488	-	-	-	93,488
Executive administration	790,192	752,188	-	1,027	1,543,407
Building level administration	480,282	1,151,995	-	17,544	1,649,821
Business/central services	204,063	-	-	-	204,063
Operation of plant	2,543,186	-	-	57,022	2,600,208
Pupil transportation	1,193,450	-	-	-	1,193,450
Food services	1,187,591	-	-	61,867	1,249,458
Adult education and community services	81,490	132,662	-	-	214,152
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	1,375,434	1,375,434
Principal retirement	-	-	9,030,000	74,464	9,104,464
Interest and fees	-	-	1,129,058	21,132	1,150,190
Total Expenditures Paid	10,972,478	15,440,084	10,159,058	2,572,818	39,144,438
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	5,968,323	(1,632,889)	(7,295,412)	608,830	(2,351,148)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):					
Sale of bonds	-	-	-	17,000,000	17,000,000
Refunding bonds	-	-	2,925,000	-	2,925,000
Transfers	(2,529,938)	1,632,889	-	897,049	-
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(2,529,938)	1,632,889	2,925,000	17,897,049	19,925,000
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES PAID AND OTHER FINANCING USES	3,438,385	-	(4,370,412)	18,505,879	\$ 17,573,852
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,427,730	-	6,578,581	657,965	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$14,866,115	\$ -	\$ 2,208,169	\$19,163,844	

Beetle Bailey

By Mort, Greg and Brian Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young and John Marshall



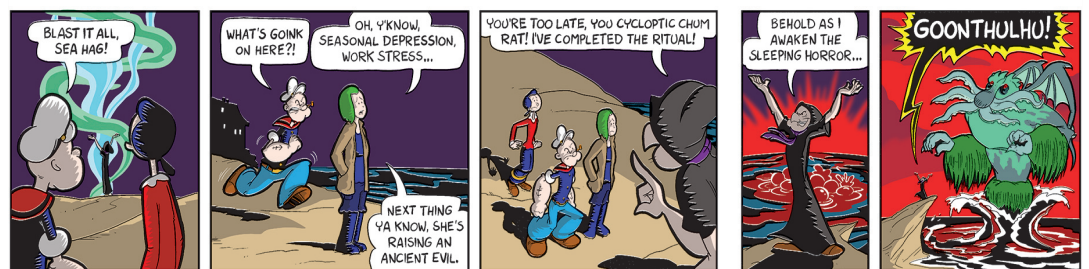
Baby Blues

By Jerry Scott and Rick Kirkman



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Feedbag bit
- 4 Chilled
- 8 Theatergoer's souvenir
- 12 Show to a seat, slangily
- 13 Cleopatra's river
- 14 Poi base
- 15 Dance syllable
- 16 Fabric fastener
- 18 Klum of "Project Runway"
- 20 Hide-hair insert
- 21 Early birds?
- 24 Apple intruders
- 28 Wind-driven toy
- 32 Tidy
- 33 Altar affirmative
- 34 Fusses
- 36 Log chopper
- 37 Region (Abbr.)
- 39 Flag-shaped blazer accessory
- 41 Pago Pago's place
- 43 Sleuth Wolfe
- 44 Sphere
- 46 Lively dance
- 50 Yankee uniform pattern
- 55 Squeak stopper

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59						60				61		

- 7 TV chef Paula
- 8 "Sophie's Choice" author
- 9 Spigot
- 10 Swiss canton
- 11 "— voyage!"
- 17 AAA job
- 19 Morning moisture
- 22 Earth sci.
- 23 Auto style
- 25 Arthur
- 26 Extra-long
- 27 British gun
- 28 Plum centers
- 29 Notion
- 30 Standard
- 31 Easy gait
- 35 Eden tempter
- 38 Perches
- 40 Privy
- 42 Illustrations
- 45 Telly watcher
- 47 Earring site
- 48 "Star Trek" captain
- 49 Medicinal plant
- 50 Prof's degree
- 51 Three, on a sundial
- 52 Away from SSW
- 53 "— Little Teapot"
- 54 Standard

DOWN

- 1 "That hurts!"
- 2 Tennis great
- 3 Bangkok language
- 4 Perception
- 5 Espionage org.
- 6 Sprite

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3			5					2	6
	6			9	8				
		9	4				7		
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	7	2		9				6	
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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: What is the primary setting of the Netflix series "Bridgerton"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Republic of Maldives located?
3. LITERATURE: What is the subject of Walt Whitman's poem "O Captain! My Captain!"?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the third letter of the Greek alphabet?
5. HISTORY: When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia?
6. MOVIES: What was Henry Fonda's jury number in "12 Angry Men"?
7. MATH: What is a heptahedron?
8. BUSINESS: In what year did McDonald's introduce the Big Mac to all of its customers?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do bees collect from flowers and use to make honey?

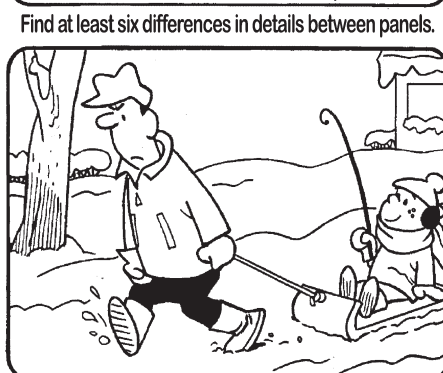
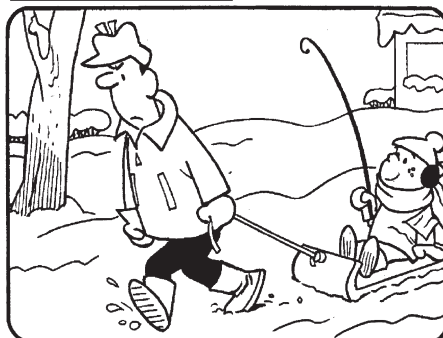
Answers

1. London, England.
2. Indian Ocean.
3. The death of President Abraham Lincoln.
4. Gamma.
5. 1846.
6. Juror No. 8.
7. A polyhedron with seven faces.
8. 1968.
9. Theodore Roosevelt.
10. Nectar.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Collar is different. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Flap and is missing. 5. Whip is shorter. 6. Scarf end is missing.

K	E	S	T	A	R	T	I	L	E	K
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H	E	I	D	I						
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S	T	A	R	O						
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

If a doctor tests your physical fitness level, I reckon he is looking at the vigor picture.

Cryptoquip

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: W equals L

KH E FYXCJY COBCB AYTJ
UPABKXEW HKCROBB WOZOW, K
JOXQYR PO KB WYYQKRS EC CPO
ZKSYJ UKXCTJO.

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DESPERATE

Today's Word

3. Propel; 4. Waste

1. Dige 2. Certain

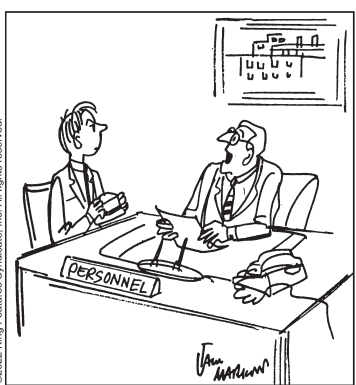
SCRAMBLERS

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!

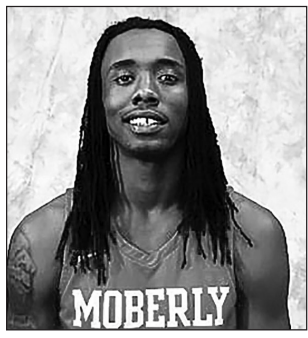
- Lament
- RIDGE
- Secure
- CANRITE
- Push
- LOPPER
- Debris
- SWEAT

TODAY'S WORD



"But try us again sometime — you never know when we'll be _____!"

COLLEGES



Tedrick Washington, Jr.

MACC men capture conso title

FREEPORT, ILL. - The Moberly Area Community College men's basketball team earned the consolation championship at the William R. Bear Tournament on Saturday evening.

The Greyhounds topped Harry S. Truman, 106-61, at tournament host Highland Community College.

Moberly Area's Tedrick Washington, Jr., was named to the all-tournament team. Washington scored 50 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in three games.

The Greyhounds enter the semester break with a 12-3 record. Their next game will be on Jan. 3, 2023, at powerhouse Indian Hills in Ottumwa, Iowa, with tip-off set for 7 p.m.

Southeastern Community College (Burlington, Iowa) won the tournament with a 79-56 conquest over host Highland in the championship.

MACC lost to Sauk Valley, 56-46, in its tournament opener, which relegated the Greyhounds to the consolation bracket. The Greyhounds topped Rock Valley, 86-69, in the consolation semifinals.

In the consolation final, MACC forged ahead 48-30 by halftime. The Greyhounds scored 58 points in the second half.

Six Greyhounds, including Washington, scored double-digit points. Washington had 23 points, Brandon Hall and Tre'von Spillers 16 each, John Thomas a season-high 12, Raeshaun Ambris 11 and Jaheim Tanksley 10.

Xavier Sykes dished off a team-best four assists. Spillers grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds (six offensive) and had two blocked shots. Chris Grubbs had three steals.

When College Resumes

Both Moberly Area Community College and Central Christian College of The Bible are on break until 2023 begins.

The MACC women (12-2) will play at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, against Marshalltown (Iowa) at Fitzsimmons-John Arena.

The CCCB men (3-8) will play University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at the Ferneau Center. The women (3-6) are off until the Midwest Christian Collegiate Conference opener at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, versus Ozark Christian in Joplin.



Higbee's Will Spilman (22) hoists a 3-pointer while defended by Tyler Miller (51) and Kottin McClure (21) of Norborne during Friday's Carroll-Livingston Activities Association boys basketball game in Higbee. The Tigers downed the Pirates, 74-28, with Spilman scoring 22 points.

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

CARROLL-LIVINGSTON BOYS BASKETBALL

Spilman's shooting shines Tiger win

Class 1 fourth-ranked Higbee keeps Gibson in check

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

HIGBEE — Higbee's Will Spilman connected on a season-high six 3-pointers, and he scored 21 points overall in Friday's Carroll-Livingston Activities Association opener.

Spilman's performance was part of a dominating performance for Higbee, who defeated visiting Norborne 74-28 at The Jungle.

"I thought the boys did a nice job defensively," Higbee head boys basketball coach Tanner Burton noted. "Thirteen guys got in the game, and put in some work, which was nice."

Burton was pleased to see the Tigers hold Norborne 6-foot-7 center Kobe Gibson to 11 points, including just 1-of-2 from the free-throw line.

"We did a nice job keeping him in check," Burton added. "He's a nice athlete for Norborne."

It's expected Gibson will surpass 1,000 points in his career during the Pirates' next game scheduled for Jan. 5 versus league foe Braymer.

Speaking of 1,000-point scorers, Hig-

bee honored junior guard Derek Rockett before the game. Rockett was recognized for surpassing the milestone in the Tigers' season-opener versus Bevier on Nov. 22.

Rockett has scored 1,192 points as of the victory over Norborne. He's also grabbed 341 career rebounds, 222 assists, 221 steals and 21 blocks. He's also recorded 11 double-doubles in 63 games played.

He scored 19 of his game-high 29 points in the first quarter, which set the tone for the contest as Higbee rolled to a 32-7 lead.

The Tigers were ahead 51-13 at intermission, and the fourth quarter was played using the turbo clock.

Bench players saw considerable playing time during the game. Danny Janssen knocked down a 3-pointer in the second quarter.

Landon Tuggle added a basket in the third period. Celton Crawford contributed four points.

Rockett finished with eight rebounds, six assists, seven steals and five pass deflections.

Chevy Grimsley added five steals and three assists. Chad Crawford

chipped in with eight rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Higbee, whose only loss this season is to Sedalia Sacred Heart at the Pilot Grove Tournament, now stands at 7-1.

It played on the road Monday at Hale-Bosworth.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BOX SCORE

Friday, Dec. 16

CLAA Game

At Higbee

Higbee 74, Norborne 28

Score By Quarters

Norborne 7 6 6 9 - 28

Higbee 32 19 18 5 - 74

Records: Higbee, 7-1; Norborne, 1-6

Norborne (28)

Kottin McClure 1 0-0 2; Zach Deitch 1 0-0 5; Kobe Gibson 5 1-2 11; Cory Lewis 1 0-0 2; Tyler Miller 0 2-2 2; Brayden Cook 3 0-0 6; Totals: 12 3-4 28.

Three-point goals: Deitch; Team: 1

Higbee (74)

Chevy Grimsley 1 0-12; Derek Rockett 11 4-6 29; Celton Crawford 2 0-0 4; Chad Crawford 4 1-1 9; Jaxon Hudson 2 0-0 4; Will Spilman 7 1-1 21; Landon Tuggle 1 0-0 2; Danny Janssen 1 0-2 3; Totals: 29 6-11 74.

Three-point goals: Spilman, 6; Rockett, 3; Janssen; Team: 10
Personal fouls: Norborne 11, Higbee 4; Fouled out: None; Technical fouls: None issued.



Higbee's Alie Mitchell grabs a rebound during the second half of Friday's Carroll-Livingston Activities Association girls basketball game. The Tigers had little trouble with Norborne, winning 84-11.

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

CLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Victory never in doubt for Higbee

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

HIGBEE — Higbee High School head girls basketball coach Tanner Burton admitted the Tigers have played a Dow Jones-like schedule.

"The girls' schedule has been up and down in terms of competition," Burton said. "I challenged them to play four quarters with everyone regardless of the scoreboard."

"I felt that all 10 girls played really hard for four quarters," Burton continued.

The Tigers played all 10 girls in each quarter. In the second half, Higbee played a variety of defenses, and Burton thought the team's intensity remained the same.

Norborne didn't score more than four points in any given quarter, and Higbee earned an 84-11 victory in Carroll-Livingston Activities Association play Friday night at home.

Higbee forced a heap of turnovers (48), and both Raegan Derboven and Marilynn Ritter had a season-high seven steals. Alie Mitchell added five steals.

Offensively, five Higbee players scored in double figures — with 18 from Lauren Spilman (which included three 3-pointers). Ronnie Welch contributed 16 points, Isabelle Welch and Mitchell 12 each and

Ritter 11.

Ronnie Welch also pulled down 12 rebounds (five offensive) and had 10 pass deflections. She also dished off four assists. Isabelle Welch and Spilman each dished off five assists to round out the superlatives.

The Tigers bolted to a 23-2 lead by the end of the first quarter, and they never relented.

Higbee (6-2) played Hale-Bosworth Monday night in its CLAA road opener of the season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BOX SCORE

Friday, Dec. 16

CLAA Game

At Higbee

Higbee 84, Norborne 11

Score By Quarters

Norborne 2 2 3 4 - 11

Higbee 23 23 17 21 - 84

Records: Higbee, 6-2; Norborne, 1-6

Norborne (11)

Avi Leabo 3 1-3 7; Delaney Dunkin 0 1-2 1; Kristin Waters 1 0-0 2; Sarah Mansur 0 1-2 1; Totals: 4 3-7 11.

Three-point goals: None; Team: 0

Higbee (84)

Ronnie Welch 8 0-2 16; Raegan Derboven 1 0-0 2; Emma Johnson 2 0-0 4; Marilynn Ritter 4 1-4 11; Isabelle Welch 5 2-2 12; Madison Ferguson 1 1-2 3; Alie Mitchell 5 0-1 12; Addie White 2 2-4 6; Lauren Spilman 7 1-4 18; Totals: 35 7-19 84.

Three-point goals: Spilman, 3; Mitchell 2; Ritter 2; Team: 7

Personal fouls: Higbee 14, Norborne 13; Fouled out: None; Technical fouls: None issued.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

WEEKEND RESULTS

Thursday, Dec. 15

Boys Basketball

Westran 60, Knox County 41

Boonville 46, Moberly 41

Girls Basketball

Westran 55, Knox County 37

Moberly 54, Boonville 45

Friday, Dec. 16

Boys Basketball

Higbee 74, Norborne 28

Salisbury 64, Cairo 45

Girls Basketball

Higbee 84, Norborne 11

Cairo 65, Salisbury 35

Boys Wrestling

At Richardson Duals

Moberly 46, Chillicothe 28

Moberly 54, St. James 29

Blair Oaks 52, Moberly 30

Ste. Geneveive 45, Moberly 24

Colleges

Men's Basketball

William R. Bear Tournament

At Freeport, Ill.

Sauk Valley 56, Moberly Area 46

Moberly Area 88, Rock Valley 69

Saturday, Dec. 17

Girls Basketball

At John Wood Shootout

Quincy, Ill.

Quincy Notre Dame 48, Moberly 33

Boys Wrestling

At Richardson Duals

Cameron 51, Moberly 27

Moberly 45, School of the Osage 35

Moberly 66, Owensville 15

Moberly 60, Reeds Spring 24

Moberly 66, Westminster Christian Academy 12

Colleges

Men's Basketball

William R. Bear Tournament

At Freeport, Ill.

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HOLIDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

12 Courts Of Christmas next for Higbee

BY ERIC VICCARO
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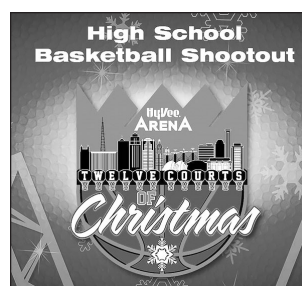
KANSAS CITY — Higbee High School's boys and girls basketball teams will participate in the 12 Courts of Christmas.

The event, billed as the nation's largest holiday basketball shootout, will take place at Hy-Vee Arena (formerly Kemper Arena).

There also is a Christmas tree ornament-making contest for participating schools' art departments and a toy drive benefiting Children's Mercy Hospital.

Higbee head coach Tanner Burton has been working with Steve Maxey on the event.

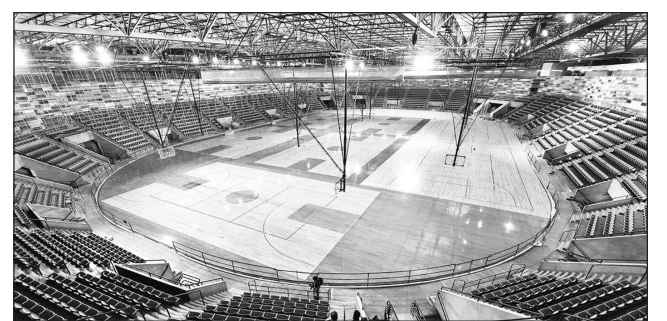
"The event allows us



to see unfamiliar opponents in a neutral site," Burton said. "It's nice to get some games over break."

The Tiger girls will play Class 2 St. Joseph Christian at noon Thursday, Dec. 29. The boys' game will follow at 2 p.m. Both the Lions boys and girls teams are currently 6-2 on the season.

Meadville and Winston also will square off at the same time on an adjoining court.



Hy-Vee Arena (the former Kemper Arena) in Kansas City has been repurposed into a multi-court recreational facility.

(Submitted photo)

The shootout features more than 100 games played over nine dates, with teams participating from as far away as Owasso, Okla., and Bellevue, Neb.

Hy-Vee Arena features 20 basketball courts and 82,000 square feet of space, which also are lined for other sports in-

cluding volleyball, futsal and pickleball.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Tickets may be purchased at eventbrite.com. Browsers, look for a special link at the site.

Games also will be livestreamed at, www.playascopetv.com.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: LEWIS & CLARK CONFERENCE

Westran girls stop skid, win

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

HUNTSVILLE — Depth played a big factor as the Westran High School girls basketball team picked up its second win of the season last Thursday night at home.

Three Hornets scored in double figures, and Westran outscored Knox County 21-6 in the fourth quarter for a 55-37 victory. "The depth of our team plays a big role for us," Westran head coach Alex Thomas said. "The girls know that when they are on the court they can push themselves, and not hold anything back. It showed in the fourth quarter, we had more left in the tank."

What's more, this was a Lewis & Clark Conference win.

"The win was very important for us," Thomas added. "It was a much-needed win to start the conference schedule. We believe we can be competitive in our conference this year, and the win was a big step in the right direction."

Westran (2-7) snapped a seven-game losing streak. The girls played Sturgeon on Monday evening in the final game before the holiday break.

Kharigan Fuemmeler scored 13 points for Westran, and Dylan Perry and Emma Wortmann weren't far behind with 12 points apiece.

Thomas said this was Wortmann's best-ever performance, adding five rebounds (including four offensive), two assists and two steals.

Fuemmeler registered a season-high several steals. Central Christian College of The Bible pledge Maci Crutchfield grabbed seven rebounds (three offensive), two assists and two blocks. Perry added five steals, two assists and two steals.



Knox County's Blake Parrish (11) battles Cooper Harvey (middle) and Blake Williams (right) of Westran for a rebound during Thursday's Lewis & Clark Conference game in Huntsville. The Hornets won, 67-38.

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

No. 1 Westran boys remain unbeaten

BY ERIC VICCARO
Sports Editor

HUNTSVILLE — The Westran High School boys' basketball team scored just seven points in the third quarter of last Thursday's victory over Knox County.

Knox County had closed within 13 points of Westran, 43-30.

During the break between the third and fourth quarters, Westran head coach Chris Sander cultivated a sense of urgency among the Hornets.

"I thought in the third quarter we just weren't playing hard enough," Sander said. "We were making things on offense more difficult than they needed to be. We talked about how we need to work harder, and clean up some things. I'm proud of how we responded."

Westran outscored Knox County 24-8 in the fourth quarter for a 67-38 victory in the Hornets' Lewis & Clark Conference opener.

The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Class 2 No. 1-ranked Hornets had a 44-25 edge in rebounds, which propelled them to victory.

"Our size is a factor in most of our games," Sander noted.

Langden Kitchen finished with 14 rebounds (six offensive) to go along with 22 points and three blocked shots. Blake Williams contributed 10 rebounds (five offensive). Marshall Kitchen snared seven caroms.

Langden Kitchen figured in the first six points of the fourth quarter as Westran reasserted itself, going on a 12-3 run for a 55-33 cushion with 5:57 remaining in the salvo.



Westran senior guard Dylan Perry (5) drives inside the lane while double-teamed by Savannah Schrage and Abigail Becker (44) from Knox County during last Thursday's Lewis & Clark Conference girls basketball game. Perry scored 13 points as the Hornets won, 55-37.

(Photo by Eric Viccaro)

Knox County's Savannah Schrage connected on a floater through the lane just before the buzzer sounded to end the third period.

That sliced Westran's lead to a tenuous three-point margin, 34-31.

Westran slowly built its lead during the fourth quarter, hurt by turnovers and missed shots.

Perry spotted Wortmann inside for two points with 4:01 left in the fourth, which helped the Hornets re-establish a dou-

ble-digit cushion at 44-34.

Fuemmeler scored inside with 22.5 remaining, giving the Hornets their largest lead of the contest (18 points), which also proved to be the game's final differential.

Schrage finished as the game's leading scorer with 16 points.

Coming up

The team will face Bowling Green during the Peak Sport & Spine Shootout set for 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at Moberly Area Community College's Fitzsimmons-John Arena.

INFORMATION

GIRLS BASKETBALL
BOX SCORE

Thursday, Dec. 15
Lewis & Clark
At Huntsville

Westran 55, Knox Co. 37
Score By Quarters

Knox	4	13	14	6	37
Westran	18	6	10	21	55

Records: Westran, 2-7;
Knox County, 0-6

Knox Co. (37)

Brianna Miller 2 2-3 7; Savannah Schrage 7 0-0 16; Myleigh Miller 2 0-0 5; Kennedy Parrish 4 1-5 9; Totals: 15 3-8 37.

Three-point goals: Schrage, 2; B. Miller; M. Miller; Team: 4

Westran (55)

Jaelyn Miller 2 1-3 5; Kharigan Fuemmeler 4 3-4 13; Shaylynn Bell 1 0-0 2; Dylan Perry 5 0-1 12; Emma Wortmann 5 2-3 12; Kylee Hayes 0 0-1 0; Hadley Harvey 1 1-2 4; Kyleigh Carroll 2 0-0 4; Maci Crutchfield 1 1-3 3; Totals: 21 8-17 55.

Three-point goals: Fuemmeler, 2; Perry, 2; Harvey; Jansen; Team: 5

Personal fouls: Knox County 21, Westran 14; Fouled out: Abigail Becker, Knox County; Technical fouls: None issued.

BOYS BASKETBALL
BOX SCORE

Thursday, Dec. 15
Lewis & Clark
At Huntsville

Westran 67, Knox Co. 38
Score By Quarters

Knox	11	10	9	8	38
Westran	17	19	7	24	67

Records: Westran, 10-0;
Knox County, 2-6

Knox Co. (38)

Keaton Strange 4 1-1 9; Collin Hayes 0 1-2 1; Kellen Parrish 6 0-2 15; Rylan Roberts 2 0-1 5; Kellen Parrish 2 1-2 7; Austin Jansen 0 1-3 1; Totals: 14 4-11 38.

Three-point goals: Parrish, 3; Strange, 2; Roberts; Team: 6

Westran (67)

Trent Brandow 1 1-2 3; Blake Williams 2 2-3 6; Jace Chapman 1 0-0 2; Ashden Dale 9 2-4 24; Marshall Kitchen 4 2-5 10; Langden Kitchen 8 6-13 22; Totals: 25 13-27 67.

Three-point goals: A. Dale, 4; Team: 4

Personal fouls: Knox County 23, Westran 13; Fouled out: None; Technical fouls: None issued.



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LEADER OF THE MONTH

Sponsored By: Moberly Area Community College

Student Name: **Wilson Stephen Matheis**
 Year in School: **Senior**
 Parents Names: **Katie and David Matheis**

High School Activities:
 Band and track and field (high jumps)

Q & A with Wilson Stephen Matheis

Favorite Food: Chinese food.

follow? "When life gives you lemons make lemonade."

Favorite Music: Pop.

What will you miss most about high school? Seeing the same set of people.

Favorite Restaurant: Love Sushi (Columbia).

Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight Rises.



If you were principal for a day, what would you change? Create classes where kids would learn essential things they need for normal adult life, like taxes.

What is your favorite school memory? Playing on the school playground.

What are your career goals? To be in a networking IT position.

Who has had the greatest influence on your life and why? My sister, Sydney, being as successful as she was in college and in her job, inspired me to do well.

When I'm on the internet, I go to...? Cool math games.

What is a motto you

Hobbies: Band, track, Boy Scouts and video games.

BEARCAT OF THE MONTH



SPONSORED BY: MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Name: **Abi Ogle**
 Year in School: **Senior**
 Parents Names: **James Scott Ogle & Angela Elane Waite**

High School Activities:
 Softball

Q & A with Abi Ogle

Favorite Food: Pickles.

music in my earbuds.

Favorite Music: Lil' Peep.

What is your favorite part of sports? Playing the games.

Favorite Pro Sports Teams: Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals.



When I'm on the internet, I go to...? Clothing stores.

What are your favorite sports memories? Hitting my first over-the-fence home run and my dad coaching my T-ball team.

What is a motto you follow? "It is what it is."

Who is your favorite athlete? Jackie Robinson.

If you were principal for a day, what would you change? Dress code and phone policy.

What is your pregame ritual? Show up blaring

Hobbies: Sleeping and hanging with friends.

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