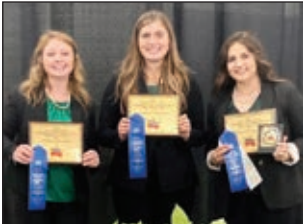




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## Hundreds flock to Willow Springs' Bear City Fall Festival

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WILLOW SPRINGS — Hundreds flocked to one of Howell County's most significant fall attractions, the Bear City Fall Festival.

The festival was under-way this weekend, with over 100 vendors lining Main Street in downtown Willow Springs.

This year's festival began at 9 a.m. Saturday with live entertainment at the Grandstand, keeping attendees entertained for the festival's duration.

Ed and Wendy Cline took to the stage Saturday morning, followed by a live performance by Rick Mansfield leading up to the mid-morning chicken pageant.

On the Floor Cloggers performed at the Grandstand in the afternoon.

"We had so much fun dancing," cloggers with On the Floor said before thanking the chamber for asking the team to dance



Dancers with Impact Dance Studio performed in front of the main stage to close out Saturday's Bear City Fall Festival in Willow Springs. Dancers also hosted a booth to raise funds for their upcoming competition season. PHOTO BY LORI AMOS

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## Alton Black Gold Walnut Festival

**B**ella Adams, 4, gets a rainbow-colored face painting applied by Chayton Croslow Saturday at the Black Gold Walnut Festival in Alton. Adams is the daughter of Austin and Timber Adams, Alton. Face painting was one of several kid-friendly activities there. Other activities included bounce houses, a pumpkin carving contest and vendors offering sno cones, kettle corn and funnel cakes. PHOTO BY KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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Representing Edward Jones are Kevin Gleghorn and Carrie Minge. COURTESY PHOTOS

## Rotary Backpack program drawing is Thursday

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Kevin Gleghorn and State Farm Insurance Agent Ramona Heiney have each contributed \$500 toward the West Plains Noon Rotary Club's annual Backpack Program fundraiser.

Funds raised help supply students in elementary school with easy meals to take home over weekends.

Rotary is selling tickets to giveaway drawings for \$1,500 and \$500 worth of gasoline. Tickets are \$10 each and available from any Noon Rotarian, or they may be purchased online at [rafflecreator.com/pages/51-66/rotary-affle](http://rafflecreator.com/pages/51-66/rotary-affle).

The drawing will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Ozarks Small Business Incubator, 408 Washington Ave. in West Plains. The event will be livestreamed on the Noon club's Facebook page, @westplainsnoon-rotaryclub.



Representing State Farm are, from left, Abbey Hicks, Brittany Diamond, Ramona Heiney, Christi Johnson and Kate Martin. COURTESY PHOTO



## W.P. Bank and Trust Company joins banks across U.S. for anti-phishing campaign

Banks team up in coordinated effort to protect consumers during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

On Monday, West Plains Bank and Trust Company announced it has joined the American Bankers Association (ABA) to promote an industrywide campaign educating consumers about the persistent threat of phishing scams.

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that consumers lost \$5.8

billion to phishing and other fraud last year, an increase of more than 70% compared to 2020. To combat phishing, the #BanksNeverAskThat campaign uses attention-grabbing humor and other engaging content to empower consumers to identify bogus bank communications asking for sensitive

information like their passwords and social security numbers.

"We're excited to join ABA in the #BanksNeverAskThat Campaign to bring awareness on spotting phishing scams and how to stop fraudsters in their tracks", said West Plains Bank

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MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Officer Kylie McGee assisted a woman who walked into the police department with questions about the Department of Family Services. Her case worker was contacted and the situation discussed.

Officer McGee conducted a well-being check on a man reported to be a coworker with paranoia on the 500 block of Pine Street. She spoke with him and he stated he had taken medication given to him by the hospital. McGee later returned to give him a courtesy ride home after he called for help, reporting he thought someone was messing with him. He declined needing to go back to the hospital.

Cpl. Trenton Roberts conducted a well-being check at James Street Apartments to check on a woman with possible breathing difficulty. Contact was made and the woman stated she was just upset.

Cpl. Roberts conducted a well-being check on U.S. 60 for a man who reportedly had not slept in three days and was acting paranoid. An ambulance was dispatched and the man was taken to the hospital.

Cpl. Roberts was dispatched to a report of money bags on the road on Highway 17. Roberts located the bags and returned them to the owner.

K-9 Sgt. Michael Pauly was contacted by a person looking to file a report for stolen medication. They were advised to come in to file the report.

Assistant Chief Stetson Schwien completed a building check on the 400 block of East Street where it was found that someone broke in overnight. The owner will be placing cameras and a report was taken.

Officer James Wardrip arrested a person on a no-bond warrant and took a report.

Officer Wardrip conducted a traffic stop on U.S. 60 where the driver was given a citation and summons for a seatbelt violation.

K-9 Sgt. Pauly assisted another agency with a vehicle found and stopped on Fifth Street and U.S. 60. A sword was in plain view in the back of the vehicle covered in blood. The driver was turned over to the Texas County Sheriff.

K-9 Sgt. Pauly responded to a report of a suicidal man with an unknown location. He was

unable to make contact with the reporter and disregarded the call.

Officer Matthew Combs conducted a traffic stop on U.S. 60 in which the driver was found to be speeding and given a citation and summons.

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Assistant Chief Schwien contacted a woman who'd called dispatch who was appearing for court and wanted to set up a time to speak with the prosecutor. Schwien took her information and will have the police clerk make contact.

Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop on East 5th Street in which the driver was given a citation and summons for failure to obey a stop sign.

Officer Combs conducted a well-being check on the 900 block of North Ash Street after a woman called and stated her nurse was trying to kill her. Combs did not get a response when he repeatedly knocked, and had maintenance open the door. Upon clearing the apartment Combs was notified the woman had been taken to the hospital a week prior.

Officer Combs was dispatched to a report of a domestic disturbance regarding a woman's car on West Second Street. Upon arrival the woman stated she got her keys back and all was well.

Officer Combs responded to a report of harassment on U.S. 60. Upon arrival he spoke with a woman stating a truck stalked her from her work to Walmart and Anchor. Combs followed her to city limits but did not spot the vehicle.

Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop Sept. 16 in which the driver was given a citation for speeding.

Cpl. Trenton Roberts responded to a report of a mother and daughter fighting Sept. 16. Upon arrival it was determined the fight was not physical and both parties were ordered to separate.

On Sept. 17 Cpl. Roberts was dispatched to the Honeysuckle Inn where drug paraphernalia was found in a vacant room. He took it for disposal.

Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop Sept. 17 in which the driver was given a citation for speeding.

Cpl. Roberts responded to a report of a piece of tire on U.S. 60 by The Anchor Sept. 18. He removed the debris before returning to service.

On Sept. 18 Cpl. Roberts assisted a man requesting information regarding a citation he received.

On Sept. 18 Officer McGee spoke to a woman regarding a custody issue. She was advised to contact her lawyer and the Howell County Sheriff due to where she and her husband lived.

On Sept. 18 Cpl. Roberts responded to a report of a man found unresponsive in a garage. Upon arrival the man stated his back had gone out on him, and refused all medical attention.

Cpl. Roberts responded to a vehicle accident on the intersection of Elm and U.S. 60 Sept. 19. Two vehicles were involved, and the injured were transported to the hospital by EMS. Information was taken for a crash report.

Officer James Wardrip responded to a vehicle accident at Apple Market Sept. 19. Both parties involved denied wanting a crash report for the incident.

Officer McGee assisted MSHP Sept. 19 in confirming a warrant.

On Sept. 19 Cpl. Roberts assisted a woman who came to the police department to report harassing messages and phone calls. He advised her to block the numbers.

On Sept. 19 Officer Wardrip conducted a traffic stop where the driver was given a citation for speeding.

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On Sept. 19 Cpl. Roberts responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at the senior apartments for three weeks. The vehicle's information was taken and the reporting party was informed that after 96 hours the vehicle would be towed.

On Sept. 19 Officer Wardrip responded to a report of an alarm. Upon arrival the key holder shut it off.

Officer Wardrip gave a courtesy ride to a woman Sept. 19, dropping her off on County Road 3330.

Officer Wardrip conducted a traffic stop on Sept. 20 in which the driver was given a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 20 Officer Wardrip was notified by a woman who stated her ex was driving without a valid driver's license.

Officer Wardrip was dispatched to a report of a domestic disturbance on Sept. 20. Both parties were verbally arguing and separated.

Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop Sept. 21 in which the driver was given a citation for speeding.

Assistant Chief Schwien was dispatched to Sharp Street Sept. 21 to assist Children's Division with an investigation. He spoke with the reporting party and victim, and follow-up and investigation will be done jointly with MVPD and Children's Division.

On Sept. 21 Officer Wardrip requested Assistant Chief Schwien's assistance regarding a DUI investigation in the Walmart parking lot. They searched the vehicle and recovered evidence. The driver was arrested and transported to the police department.

Officer Combs responded to a report of a suspicious man walking back and forth in front of a residence talking to himself on Sept. 21. The man was gone on arrival.

Highway Patrol requested a K-9 unit twice Sept. 21. K-9 Sgt. Michael Pauly rendered assistance both times.

On Sept. 21 K-9 Sgt. Pauly responded to a report of a man passed out in a vehicle. Upon arrival he saw the driver huffing a can of air duster. Pauly told the driver the exit the vehicle, placed him in handcuffs and searched his person before contacting Highway Patrol, as the man was outside city limits. The man was later found to have been arrested three hours prior for the same offense. A trooper took the driver into custody, and Pauly stayed with the vehicle until it was towed.

K-9 Sgt. Pauly assisted the fire department regarding an unresponsive person Sept. 21, noting a strong smell of marijuana at the residence.

Assistant Chief Schwien was dispatched to Saint John's Catholic Church for a funeral escort on Sept. 22, shutting down Pine Street and U.S. 60.

On Sept. 22 Assistant Chief Schwien was dispatched to Duncan Street to assist emergency medical personnel with a man reporting chest pains.

Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop on Sept. 22 in which the driver was issued citations for speeding and failure to register a vehicle.

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Officer Wardrip responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. The couple involved was reminded of the 12-hour rule and told they needed to leave in the morning at the request of the building owner.

**TICKETS**

Christy Weaver, 37, Guthrie, Okla., was ticketed at 10:39 a.m. Sept. 16 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 20-25 mph.

Colin Hickey, 24, Joliet, Ill., was ticketed at 3:25 a.m. Sept. 17 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 26-30 mph, and then again 10 minutes later on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 6-10 mph.

Aleksey Belinskiy, 48, Pottersville, was ticketed at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 17 on a charge of third-degree assault.

Tyler Adams-Clements, 27, Kansas City, was ticketed at 2:46 p.m. Sept. 17 on charges of failure to register a vehicle, failure to show proof of insurance, and failure to obey an officer.

James Byse, Mtn. View, was ticketed at 5:08 p.m. Sept. 17 on a charge of failure to use a turn signal.

Tanner Cook, 21, Mtn. View, was ticketed at 6:19 a.m. Sept. 18 on charges of driving while intoxicated and exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph.

Michelle McKee, 59, Mtn. View, was ticketed at 2:49 p.m. Sept. 19 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 6-10 mph.

Rueben Lindsay, 61, Philadelphia, Penn., was ticketed at 1:20 a.m. Sept. 21 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 20-25 mph.

Daniel Beaty, 27, Rockfield, Ky., was ticketed at 11:51 p.m. Sept. 21 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph.

A teen from Ozark was ticketed at 3:43 a.m. Sept. 22 on charges of exceeding the posted speed limit by 20-25 mph and failure to register a motor vehicle.

WEATHER

**TODAY:** Sunny, with a high near 76. Wind chill values as low as 46 early. Light and variable wind.

**Sunrise:** 7:06 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 6:46 p.m.

**Temperature Year Ago**  
**High:** 80  
**Low:** 65

**Rainfall:** 33.57  
**Last Year:** 34.11  
**Normal:** 35.95

**TONIGHT:** Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Calm wind.

**TOMORROW:** Sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.



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WILLOW SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

TICKETS

Tara Lyne Land, Dora, was ticketed at 4:25 p.m. Sept. 2 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Jim Hedlesten.

Joshua Justin Gee, Manteca, Calif., was ticketed at 9:52 a.m. Sept. 3 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Brooklyn Marie Fenstermacher, Buford, Ga., was ticketed at 11:18 a.m. Sept. 3 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Danyelle Thomas, Murray, Ky., was ticketed at 3:21 p.m. Sept. 3 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Carrie Ann Studna, Lee's Summit, was ticketed at 8:57 a.m. Sept. 4 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Vickie Renee Cooley, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 4 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Mark Griffin Snow, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 12:26 p.m. Sept. 4 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

William Nathan Singleton, Branson, was ticketed at 9:57 p.m. Sept. 4 on a charge of operating a vehicle without insurance. Officer David Hocking.

Jayson Cory McDow, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 4:04 p.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of assault. Officer Hocking

Paul W. Fritz, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 4:06 p.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of assault. Officer Hocking.

Amy Gebauer Bertchume, Eureka, was ticketed 8:22 a.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Johnathon Thomas Goodman, Willow Springs, was ticketed 8:23 a.m. Sept 5 on charges of failure to register a vehicle, driving without insurance, and driving on a suspended license. He was arrested and released. Officer John Thomas.

Heather M. Klefisch, St. Louis, was ticketed at 9:13 a.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Yoner Alexander Mantilla Rojas, Pontotoc, Miss., was ticketed at 11:08 a.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Patricia LaDonna Tegethoff, Paragould, Ark., was ticketed at 2:09 p.m. Sept. 5 on a charge of exceeding the posted speed limit by 11-15 mph. Officer Hedlesten.

Keisha Leann Stetina, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 7:31 p.m. Sept. 6 on charges of multiple vehicle-related violations. Officer Thomas.

Chad Ernest Sawyer, West Plains, was ticketed at 9:37 p.m. Sept. 6 on charges of failure to register a vehicle. Officer Thomas.

Cheyann Olivia Farrokhan, Willow Springs, was ticketed at 9:12 a.m. on charges of failure to register a vehicle. Officer Al Lewis.

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OZARKS RFD: PEOPLE WHO MADE ME

A hammer and a tape measure

My faith assures me we are all wonderfully made by and in the image of God, and in that we are all the same; but my education tells me we are each imbued with the DNA of generations of our ancestors, and in that we are each unique. Who we are or will become is further shaped by our world and experiences even before we leave the womb, foreshadowing the formative influences we are subject to throughout our lives.

In our early years our parents are generally the principal architects of our integrity and aspirations, but as we mature I'm sure each of us can remember individuals who molded us in some way from childhood to today. In the remainder of this year I propose to write about some I remember, in no particular rank of importance. For lack of a more eloquent-sounding theme, I simply call them "People who made me."

The first person to give me a regular job after high school was my Sunday school teacher at Elkland United Methodist Church, Rex Price.

Rex was a homebuilder when not leading teenage

boys and girls through weekly lessons in God's Word. In retrospect I can see he was a teacher outside of church, too. I was just one of several local boys he gave a start in building over the years.

I was politely called a "carpenters' helper," but more accurately a "go-fer" or "flunkie."

Though Rex required me to buy a tape measure (which I still have) and a claw hammer (which I lost and replaced some years later), I had little use for the tape. The hammer was another story. In that era before nail guns, I spent hours on my young knees nailing down subfloor and roof decking boards.

Requiring no tools at all, I made countless trips up shaky aluminum ladders with asphalt shingle bundles, fetched boards of all dimensions for the carpenters, and again put my hammer to work reclaiming nail-riddled used boards.

I also learned the fine art of swabbing a concrete foundation with sticky, black tar and put a shovel to good use leveling dirt in new Walking Horse stalls. On that same job I learned to cut black pipe for stall windows, and on another I was told I made "good mud"



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for the crew's mason. I also made several soda pop runs and got lost in Marshfield only once.

These and hosts of other tasks I performed in the spring and summer of 1966 for the princely sum of \$1.25 an hour — not much now, but enough then to buy my first car, a 1956 Chevy.

Though not a formal apprenticeship, those months as a carpenters' helper gave me a foothold in what could have become a rewarding career, as well as a rudimentary understanding of homebuilding.

Thus, when Rex's contracts hit a lull, I was able to soon find another job on the basis of my carpentry experience: I went to work right away building farrowing houses for the new hog farm at Charity, and during my first Christmas break while in college I found work again on a local barn building

crew. By then I needed both my hammer and tape measure, as well as all the skills I learned at the feet of Rex Price and his seasoned crew of homebuilders.

Fast-forward to the spring of 1971: I was a newlywed college senior due to report to U.S. Air Force boot camp in late May. I needed to toughen up a bit after years of soft living, so I turned again to Rex Price. "Sure," he said. And I went right to work on a new house near Fair Grove, again plying my skills and toning my muscles on the business ends of a shovel, rake and hammer. Six months later I was seated at a typewriter in a USAF base newspaper office, doing nothing related to homebuilding — but ever mindful of the opportunity given me by Rex Price five years earlier, and excited about where the current one would lead me.

Thus, I'm still seated at a keyboard, and I still have and use a hammer and tape measure on my 5-acre farm. Nothing was learned in vain.

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Summersville Library gift card winner announced

Fourteen new Texas County Library cards were issued at Summersville Branch Library during the recent September Library Card Sign-Up Month, announced librarian Kathie Cox. Sharyn Sellers of Summersville, shown with her children, was the winner of the \$20 gift card drawn Saturday from the names of new library card holders. "Congratulations," said Cox. "It pays to use the library!" COURTESY PHOTO

Scholarship application opens for H.S. students taking dual credit/dual enrollment courses

The scholarship application to help high school students pay for dual credit and dual enrollment courses is now open for the fall 2022 semester.

The Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development (MDHEWD) launched the state financial aid program to reimburse students for the cost of those courses. The application for the scholarship went live Friday.

The Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment (DC/DE) Scholarship aims to help cover the tuition and fees for students who meet program eligibility criteria. Dual credit coursework is a college-level course taught by a high school instructor to high school students simultaneously earning high school and college credit for the course. Dual enrollment coursework is a college-level course taught by post-secondary faculty to high school students who are

earning college credit and may be earning high school credit for the class.

"We are excited to open this scholarship application to students who may otherwise be unable to afford taking college courses during high school," said Leroy Wade, interim commissioner of higher education. "Taking the courses early gives students the opportunity for a head start and may be a motivation for students to continue their education beyond high school."

To be eligible for the DC/DE Scholarship, students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and have otherwise met the school's requirements for taking dual credit or dual enrollment classes. Students must also meet one or more of the following indicators of financial need: their immediate family is eligible for free and reduced lunch; they are living in a

foster home, as a ward of the state or homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; their immediate family is receiving low income public assistance such as SNAP or WIC; or the students are living in federal subsidized public housing.

All awards are subject to funding availability. The application deadline for the fall 2022 semester is Dec. 1. Semester award amounts are based on the actual tuition and fees charged for the dual credit or dual enrollment coursework after all non-loan aid, such as a dual credit or dual enrollment scholarship from a postsecondary

institution or third party, is applied.

If students are taking dual credit or dual enrollment courses from more than one approved college or university, they can receive the scholarship at each one.

Students can submit the scholarship application and supporting documents online through the student financial aid portal and can learn more at dhwed.mo.gov/ppc/grants/dcdefor-students.htm.

High schools and organizations interested in promoting the scholarship can learn more at dhwed.mo.gov/ppc/grants/dcdeforeducators.htm.

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West Plains Model RR Club display runs through Oct. 30

The West Plains Model Railroad Club's annual October Train Display is open Thursdays through Sundays through Oct. 30 at the Heart of the Ozarks Fairgrounds Harper Building.

Exhibit hours are 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays.

The public will have the opportunity to see the artistic craft it takes to build realistic train models, done to scale, for a show, say organizers. Club members will also be working on plans and changes to displays for the Christmas show to be held at the Harlin Museum.

Admission and parking are free. Donations are accepted.

ARKANSAS

Ozarka to offer LPN night, weekend program at Ash Flat

Ozarka College announces it will offer a night and weekend program for students wishing to earn licensed practical nursing (LPN) certification on the Ash Flat, Ark., campus in January. Applications are accepted through Nov. 1.

To be eligible for application, students must prove successful completion of or enrollment in prerequisite courses. The pre-requisite courses consist of English Composition I, Math for Health Professions, Nutrition, and Body Structure and Function, or Anatomy & Physiology I and II.

To apply, go to the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu and click on "Apply for Admission." Select Technical Certificate — Licensed Practical Nursing as the intended college major.

For additional information, contact Stacy Dale, allied health administrative assistant at 870-368-2077.

WPRAS Pet of the Week

"This energetic guy's name is Mercy. He lives up to his name," says West Plains Regional Animal Shelter volunteer Trish Hammen. "We are always amazed at all the comical antics he does." Mercy is about 6 to 7 months old and is neutered and ready for adoption. "We currently have two smaller dogs that were surrendered because the owner became very ill and is no longer able to care for them. She was very sad to have to leave her babies here," Hammen added. "They are males, neutered and house trained. If you are able to give Eli and Brownie a new forever home please contact us to see them." The fee to adopt a dog is \$50. The shelter is in urgent need of dry food for cats and dogs, and homes for more than 100 cats housed in its facilities. Cats may be adopted for a \$45 fee each. Additional needs include cat litter, paper towels, canned dog and cat food, and volunteers. To donate or volunteer, or to learn more about adopting, drop by the shelter at 1486 BB Highway between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or call 256-8438.

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Follow Him. Find Rest. And Be Blessed!

Ps 23 Passion Bible. by Tracey Jo



## OBITUARIES

### Carnie (Darr) Hammond

Sept. 28, 1936 – Sept. 29, 2022

Carnie Dwain (Darr) Hammond, 86, went home to meet the Lord on Sept. 29, 2022. Darr was born Sept. 28, 1936 in Viola, Ark., to Carnie A. Hammond and Rozella Cawvey Hammond.

Darr graduated high school in Flint, Mich., after which he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska.

On March 11, 1988, he married the love of his life, Sharon Hammond.

Darr worked for 28 years at the Detroit Edison coal-fired power plant and Fermi Nuclear Power Plant. He worked in numerous supervisory capacities including weld inspector and as a metallurgist. His expertise in the field of welding was frequently commissioned by large industrial corporations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Darr and Sharon retired in 1993 to West Plains, Mo.

While he was accomplished in his trade, his true passion was being an all-American cowboy. Born and raised on a farm in Arkansas, his father gave him his first horse “Lulu” at the age of 5 and from then on, the two were inseparable. He would ride it to and from the one-room schoolhouse he attended in Salem, Ark., until the eighth grade. At the young age of 15 he entered his first rodeo and over the course of six decades, competed in all five major events in almost every state in the country.

In 1958, he became the first interstate champion calf roper of Alaska, before it was even a state. In the 1960s he was the Midwest Cowboy Association (MCA) champion saddle bronc rider for four years in a row, the MCA All-Around Champion for two years and president of the MCA for several years. After his retirement to Missouri, he went on to compete in team roping events until the age of 80.

The relentless tenacity of his later years has been said by many to be an inspiration to amateur and seasoned cowboys throughout his career.

In 1987 he acquired his commercial and private pilot’s license. He enjoyed flying for the next 30 years and recounted his first solo flight as the most thrilling highlight of his life. He often quoted his favorite poem, “High Flight”: “Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth; Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.”

-John Magee

Survivors include his wife Sharon Hammond of the family home, and five children Brent Byrd and wife Crystal, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Fred Byrd and wife Katheryn, Spartanburg, S.C.; John Byrd and wife Brittany, Springfield; and Michael Byrd, Little Rock, Ark. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Darr is also survived by his good friend, team roping partner and golfing buddy, Orvil Wilbanks.

While his accomplishments and adventures are too numerous to list in a few short paragraphs, his brilliance and wisdom will live on through those whose lives he’s touched. He will definitely be missed by many.

Arrangements under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.robertsondrago.com](http://www.robertsondrago.com).

### Aleta Downes

March 4, 1950 – Sept. 28, 2022

On Sept. 28, 2022, Aleta Marie Downes of West Plains, Mo., entered into her eternal slumber at the age of 72. Aleta, lovingly known as “Bear,” was born on March 4, 1950, to Albert Williams and Dolores (Flannery) McIntyre.

After graduating high school, Aleta went on to get her master’s degree in psychology.

Aleta had a son Darwin and a daughter Anne.

Over her life she wore many hats: She was a friend, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, professor and counselor.

At this time the family would like to thank the staff of the Rock Point Nursing Facility for the wonderful care and compassion that Mrs. Downes received at the end of her life.

Aleta is survived by her mother Delores McIntyre of Glen Rock, N.J., son Darwin Downes of Milford, Del., daughter Anne Marie (Williams) Pineault of Goose Creek, S.C., and her grandchildren David and Lyly.

## San Diego Zoo welcomes 41 endangered turtle hatchlings

SAN DIEGO — It only took two decades, but a rare and endangered turtle species has finally bred at the San Diego Zoo.

Zoo officials on Monday announced the arrival of 41 tiny Indian narrow-headed softshell turtle hatchlings.

Conservationists from the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance had for 20 years closely monitored three adult turtles for any indications of breeding.

“This is an extremely prolonged process as the turtles can take close to 10 years to even reach sexual maturity,” according to a news release.

On top of that, the reptiles are known to lay their eggs at night and cover them with dirt — adding to the difficulty of locating a nest.

Two nests were found over the summer containing 41 eggs. All survived.

The hatchlings make the alliance the first accredited conservation organization in North America to hatch the endangered Indian narrow-headed softshell turtles, officials said.

“This is a thrilling moment for us at the San Diego Zoo, and an incredible step forward in the conservation of this species,” zoo curator Kim Gray said.

## WALNUT

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The Alton Black Gold Walnut Festival was held Friday evening and Saturday in the seat of Oregon County. The event included a car show, 5K race and live music Friday evening, and vendor booths, pumpkin carving, live music, black walnut cooking, wood carving and other contests, and bounce houses on Saturday. Vendors included crafters, food booths, businesses, volunteer fire departments and other civic organizations. This is the 37th year for the event, which was very well-attended, according to Alton Chamber of Commerce member and festival organizer Diana Clary. PHOTO BY KIMBERLY LANGSTON

## BEAR FEST

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for the public during the festival.

Following the team’s performance, G&W Foods in Willow Springs once again sponsored a chili cookoff.

Dancers with Impact Dance took to the main stage, situated in the middle of Main Street, later in the day to close out the festival with a performance in front of the bandstand.

“We were excited to be part of Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce’s Bear City Fall Festival on Saturday,” dancers with the team said.

The Impact Dance Competition Team also had a booth with baked goods to exchange for donations that went toward the upcoming competition season.

In addition to over 100 vendor

booths, the Willow Springs chamber, which organized the festivities, had many other activities through the day, such as a petting zoo in front of the library, harvest bounty, chicken pageant, drench ‘em booth, quilt show and car show.

Crafts, demonstrations, plenty of delicious food items, mums and a farmers market were also on hand during this year’s festivities.



More than 100 vendors lined Willow Springs’ Main Street Saturday for the Bear City Fall Festival, offering craft, demonstrations, mums and farmer’s market goods. PHOTO BY LORI AMOS

## CAMPAIGN

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and Trust Company President and CEO, David M. Gohn. “A real bank would never ask their customers to verify personal information at random, such as their digital banking username, password, PIN and/or debit card number, and more. As online fraud continues to grow, this information is more prevalent than ever. We will be sharing links and resources on our social media throughout the month of October and readers can also go to [www.BanksNeverAskThat.com](http://www.BanksNeverAskThat.com) for tips on avoiding falling victim to these scams.”

“Phishing attempts are at an all-time high and scammers are targeting consumers from every direction—by text, phone and email,” said Paul Benda, ABA se-

nior vice president of operational risk and cybersecurity. “Education and awareness are key to helping consumers spot a scam, and with help from participating banks like West Plains Bank and Trust Company, we’re able to reach bank customers across the country so they can stay one step ahead of the scammers.”

West Plains Bank, along with more than 1,000 banks from across the U.S., kicked off this year’s campaign Monday to mark the beginning of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Through October, West Plains Bank will share eye-catching consumer tips on social media and in bank branches designed to highlight common phishing schemes.

Because cybersecurity education and fraud awareness can often be dull and forgettable to many consumers, the campaign is designed to be bright and bold with a bit of comedy.

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## Super squash: 2,554-pound pumpkin carves out new U.S. record

CLARENCE, N.Y. — A 2,554-pound pumpkin grown in upstate New York has set a new U.S. record for the heaviest.

State and national records fell over the weekend at the Great Pumpkin Farm in the Buffalo suburb of Clarence, when Scott Andrusz’s entry broke the previous national re-

cord of 2,528 pounds, The Buffalo News reported.

The previous New York state record was 2,517 pounds, a news release said.

The winning gourd will be on display at the Great Pumpkin Farm fall festival through Oct. 16.

A grower in Italy

holds the world record for heaviest pumpkin. He grew a 2,702-pound

squash in 2021, according to Guinness World Records.

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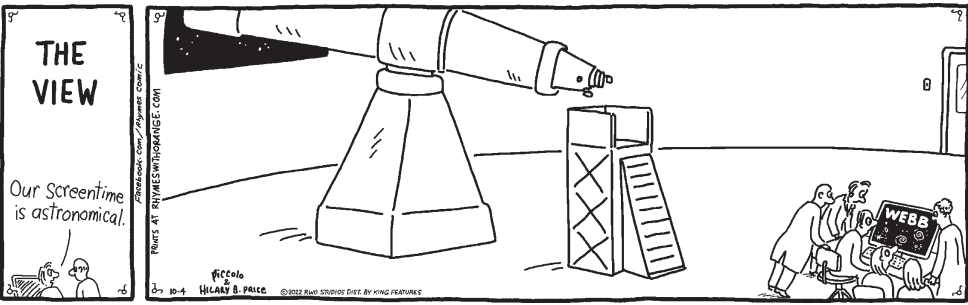
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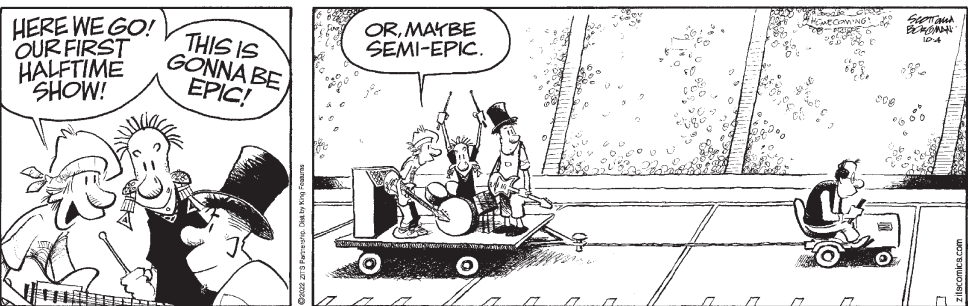
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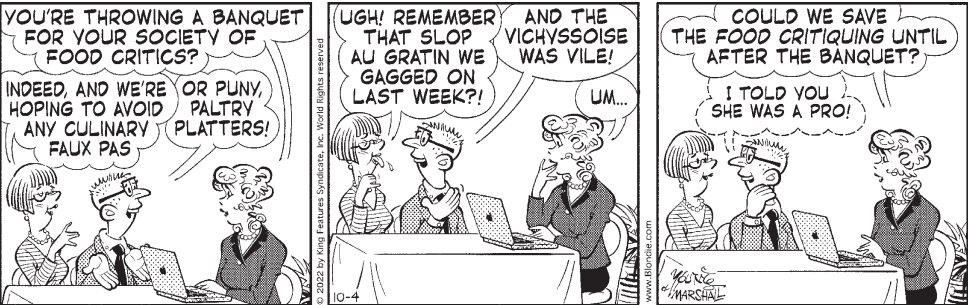
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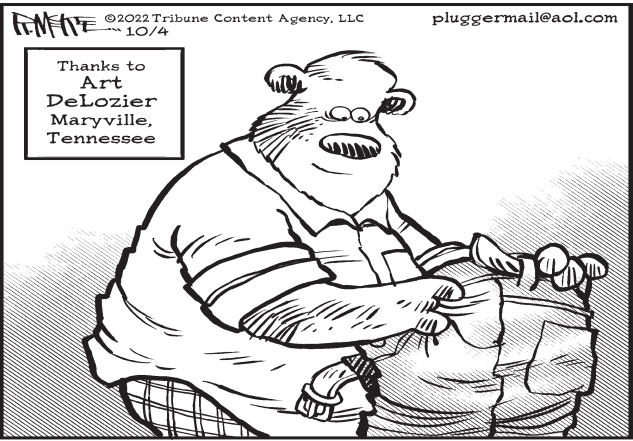
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11 Suspect's story  
12 Gladden  
13 Nocturnal wanderer  
15 Young one  
16 Signing need  
17 Starter's stat  
18 Paper fasteners  
20 Diet no-no  
21 Went ahead  
22 Remote button  
23 Powerful beam  
26 Trimmed  
27 Singer Fitzgerald  
28 Scandal subject  
29 Quarter-back Manning  
30 Looked for  
34 Piston connector  
35 — Vegas  
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41 Brother's daughter  
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43 Exams

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Answers tomorrow)

### Saturday's

CLOAK AFTER DISOWN CHOOSY  
The new shoe store had just opened and it was quickly gaining a — FOOTHOLD.

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE TOLD HIS WIFE HE WAS QUITTING CIGARETTES, BUT HE WAS JUST ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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### CRYPTOQUOTE

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CL HYBVNIQ, CVZ CL K JQEHQJ

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ZTIQZXQE. — DHAUQAZ DKA

ITIX

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I WISH THAT EVERY DAY WAS SATURDAY AND EVERY MONTH WAS OCTOBER. — CHARMAINE J. FORDE

## SUDOKU

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6		3			2			1
5				6		3	8	
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8	3		2				1	
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Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:



# Significant number of adult armyworms observed in area traps

University of Missouri Extension-Howell County Field Agronomist Dr. Sarah Kenyon says she has observed a significant number of adult armyworm moths in insect monitoring traps in West Plains.

She said the pest alert doesn't indicate treatment is necessary; although, individuals should scout fields often for activity of adult armyworms. Several species may attack field and forage crops in Missouri.

True and yellow-striped armyworms are more early-season pests,



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whereas the beet and fall armyworms are general-

ly late-season ones. The true armyworm primarily attacks grass crops, such as corn, fescue, sorghum, wheat and weedy grass species, whereas the other three armyworm species also may attack alfalfa, cotton and vegetables.

All four species are foliage feeders; however, beet, fall and yellow-striped armyworms also may attack the fruiting structures of cotton.

Fall armyworm infestations can result in significant losses in forage production and establishment of annual crops. Damage

often appears quickly.

The pests feed on a variety of forages but prefer lush forages. Scout lush forage in the early morning hours, in the late evening, or on cloudy days because newly hatched larvae avoid light. To determine the presence of small larvae, scout plant debris on the ground and for feeding damage on lower plant foliage. As larvae grow, they will feed higher on the host plant even during daylight hours.

If fall armyworms are found in pasture or hayfields, grazing or haying

is a control option. If there are three or more half-grown or larger worms per square foot, the economic threshold has been reached and spraying is warranted.

Fall armyworm can be identified by the appearance of four black spots forming a square on the eighth abdominal segment and the presence of a pronounced inverted Y shaped white mark on the head.

For more information, individuals can contact Kenyon by calling 417-256-2391 or emailing howellco@missouri.edu.

## Order apple trees in fall for spring planting

Fall is prime time for harvesting juicy, crunchy fresh apples at their peak of perfection.

"While munching on those tasty fall treats, make sure to peruse the nursery catalogs and place an order for apple trees to plant in your own yard," says Michele Warmund, University of Missouri Extension horticulturist.

"Placing an order now will ensure the delivery of the more popular, disease-resistant cultivars for planting next spring," Warmund says. By February or March, most of the apple tree inventory will have been sold, leaving the less desirable stock available for purchase.

"Planting disease-resistant cultivars is a recommended control strategy used to limit fungicide use," she says. Some apple cultivars have been bred for resistance to four main diseases: apple scab, cedar apple rust, fire blight and powdery mildew. Powdery mildew is typically the least serious disease of the four.

Besides disease resistance, there are several other factors to consider when selecting any fruit tree for planting.

"Chose a cultivar that is available on a rootstock that produces trees that will fit the allotted space for at least two trees, since most cultivars require cross-pollination for adequate fruit set," Warmund says. Cultivars on dwarfing rootstocks, such as M.9, G.11, G.16 and G.41, will be smaller than those on a semi-dwarfing rootstock like M.7 or MM.111.

Also, select an apple cultivar that doesn't ripen in the summer months, when warm weather causes ripened fruit to be soft. "Many of the more recent introductions can be picked in September or later, when nighttime temperatures are generally cooler," she says. This results in better fruit color and firmness.

Lastly, choose a cultivar with a flavor that matches your preference for sweetness, tartness, sugar/acid balance, flavor and texture, Warmund says.

**Liberty** is currently the most widely planted scab-resistant apple cultivar in Missouri. This cultivar produces medium-sized fruit with a mildly tart flavor. Liberty is favored due to its resistance to apple scab, fire blight, cedar apple rust and powdery mildew.

**CrimsonCrisp** trees produce medium-sized, dark red apples with a firm, crisp texture and a mildly acidic flavor. Its fruit ripens a few days earlier than Liberty and can be stored for at least four months in refrigeration. This cultivar is resistant to apple scab and somewhat susceptible to cedar apple rust and powdery mildew.

**Crimson Gold** is another scab-resistant cultivar that ripens at the same time as CrimsonCrisp. However, Crimson Gold apples have a peel color of reddish-orange blush with a yellow background and fine-textured flesh with a sweet-acidic flavor.

**Bonita** has a pinkish-red peel with a yellow background. Apples have a sweet-tart flavor and interesting aromatic notes. Bonita fruit can be used for fresh consumption, cooking or baking.

**RubyRush** is a selection of a GoldRush x Enterprise cross that has resistance to apple scab, fire blight and cedar apple rust. Trees grow vigorously but can be prone to biennial bearing if young, developing fruit are not properly thinned early in the growing season.

**Galarina** trees grow vigorously with an upright-spreading growth habit. This cultivar also has resistance to apple scab and powdery mildew. Apples are small to medium-sized with orange-red peel and a sweet flavor resembling Gala.

**Smeralda** trees have a compact growth habit and produce tart green apples that resemble Granny Smith and ripen in late September in Missouri.

Story trees are scab-resistant but susceptible to powdery mildew. The red-blushed fruit are very sweet with low acidity.

**Querina** is another introduction with Jonathan parentage. Trees are scab-resistant but susceptible to cedar apple rust. The dark red, medium-sized fruit have a sweet-tart flavor and ripen in October.

**Winecrisp** trees are resistant to apple scab and fire blight but susceptible to cedar apple rust. The apple peel is dark red but can have a dull, rough surface. Fruit have a sweet-tart, spicy flavor that is enhanced by refrigeration.

**Enterprise** is an older but reliable cultivar that ripens in late October. It is immune to scab, resistant to fire blight and cedar apple rust and moderately resistant to mildew. The fruit are medium to large in size with tart flesh, but the red peel tends to be thick.

**Goldrush** is another older cultivar that is immune to apple scab and moderately resistant to powdery mildew and fire blight but susceptible to cedar apple rust. The fruit ripens late in the season after Enterprise. It has medium to large yellow fruit with a sweet-acidic flavor that tends to mellow when cold-stored.

For more information, see the MU Extension guides "Apple Cultivars and Their Uses" at extension.missouri.edu/g6022 and "Home Fruit Production: Apples" at extension.missouri.edu/g6021.

## Missouri 4-H team places first at all-American dairy cattle judging contest

Mtn. Grove teen places 3rd overall in individual competition

Missouri 4-H's dairy judging team finished first overall at the 2022

All-American Dairy Show Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held Sept. 19 in Harrisburg, Pa.

The team of Payton Nix, Lila Wantland and Whitney Yerina finished ahead of Florida and Kentucky to win the contest.

"All three team members finished in the top 20," said Karla Deaver, University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth development specialist and co-coach of the team. "They were very consistent across breeds, and that gave us the edge."

Nix, daughter of Keeland and Lacy Nix of Mtn. Grove, had an incredible contest, Deaver said, finishing as third high individual overall. Nix was second high individual in Ayrshires, ninth in brown Swiss, third in Holsteins and fifth in oral reasons. She talked a perfect 50 in Ayrshires.

Yerina, daughter of Brett Yerina of New York and Katie Dixon of Phillipsburg, was 10th high individual overall in the contest and 12th in Holsteins. Wantland, daughter of Jeff and LeeAnn Wantland of Niangua, finished 19th overall and was seventh in Ayrshires and 11th in Guernseys.

The team was second in Ayrshires by 1 point. They were also fourth in brown Swiss and Holsteins, fifth in Guernseys and sixth in oral reasons.

"This contest allows us to build momentum going into the national contest," said Deaver. That contest took place Sunday.

Contestants placed 10 classes and gave four sets of reasons. The team is coached by Deaver and MU Extension dairy specialist Ted Probert.

Major support for 4-H agriculture programs is provided by the Missouri 4-H Foundation in partnership with Eunice Campbell, Corteva Agriscience, FCS Financial, the Hertzog family, the Missouri Association of Meat Processors, MFA Foundation, Missouri Farm



From left, Missouri 4-H dairy judging team members Lila Wantland, Whitney Yerina and Payton Nix at the All-American Dairy Show Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pa. MU EXTENSION

Bureau, the Missouri Holstein Association, the Missouri Soybean Association and Anita and Wayne Vanderwert.

For more information about the Missouri 4-H dairy judging team, contact Deaver at 417-466-3102.

## Walnut harvest underway; hullers offer \$20 per 100 pounds

The annual black walnut harvest has begun and, according to Hammons Products Company, walnuts are worth more than ever: The company will pay \$20 per hundred pounds after hulling for walnut, repeating the peak high price of 2021, the company's highest buying price in over 75 years of business.

According to Hammon's last year's harvest produced more abundantly than previous years, but hulling stations are still in need of a strong harvest for next year, and early projects of this fall's harvest are positive.

"This year's crop of wild Black Walnuts looks to be good throughout much of the Midwest region where the trees grow naturally," said company President Brian Hammons. "We hope people will pick them up, bringing in an abundant harvest of at least 20 million pounds of nuts, and perhaps as many as 25 million pounds. This would be a welcomed blessing for 2023, keeping our employees working and our customers happy."

In the region including and surrounding Howell County, hulling sites include locations in Alton, Birch Tree, Caulfield, Dora, Eminence, Gainesville, Hartsville, Hartshorn, Houston, Koshkonong/Thayer, Mtn. Grove and Willow Springs, as well as Elizabeth, Gassville and Sturkie in Arkansas.

Harvesters are encour-

aged to pick up the wild nuts while still green, not black and mushy or dried, and get them to a hulling station one or two days after picking them up. This helps ensure the nuts weigh the most with better quality. To find a hulling station, visit www.black-walnuts.com.

Every year thousands of people participate in the harvest tradition with their friends and family, picking up the black walnuts off their own land, or possibly the land of their neighbors, with permission.

"Some folks picked up black walnuts when they were young and continue to pass along the lessons of nature, good work ethic and resourcefulness to their grandchildren," said Hammons. "

### AREA LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS

- Alton, Steve Mills, U.S. 160, 417-778-6311.
- Birch Tree, Mike Kester, 417-252-3852.
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- Hartville, Mike Kester, South Highway 5, 417-252-3843.
- Hartshorn, Hartshorn Community Center, 417-249-0083.
- Houston, Kevin McGowen, U.S. 63 north and Oak Hill Drive behind H&K Flea Market, 417-254-4067.
- Mtn. Grove, Mike Kes-

- ter, 8665 Outer Road, 417-252-3843.
- Thayer, Dennis Morgan, U.S. 63 in Koshkonong, 417-938-4308.
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- Elizabeth, Ark., Joel Huett, 813 Fawn Wood Road, 870-458-2193.
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# Zizzers softball hosts Cancer Warrior Night

On Thursday evening, the West Plains High School Lady Zizzers softball team was proud to play in memory and honor of the men and women throughout our community who have battled many different types of cancer. The team chose to donate to Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes Jewish Christian in St. Louis. In July 2022, Siteman Cancer Center and Washington University was named No. 10 among all cancer centers nationally, by the US News and World Report.

The Zizzers specifically donated money raised to the patient care fund. This fund is designed to lessen the burden and provide meals, gas, hotel rooms and more to patients receiving treatment and care. Accepting the Siteman Cancer Center donation is patient; Justin Cooley. Justin is the husband of Zizzer Softball assistant coach; Ashley Cooley. Justin is currently taking treatments at Siteman in St. Louis for stage 4 colorectal cancer. Justin presented the donation to his care team at his next appointment on Monday.

A special thank you to Community First Banking Company of West Plains for sponsoring the Cancer Warrior Night event. Zizzer Softball and Community First Banking Company was proud to present a donation of \$5,160 to Barnes Jewish



The WPHS Zizzer softball team recently hosted the Cancer Warrior night where they were able to raise \$6,260 to be donated to Siteman Cancer Center patient care fund.

Christian: Siteman Cancer Center-patient care fund. At the event we held a live auction and was able to raise an additional \$1,100.

The team would like to

thank the following individuals and local businesses for helping make this event possible: Three C's Flower Market, Sugar Lily of West Plains, Lynn and Cindy Tyree,

Jamie Vines, Lonnie and Nita Judd, Lindsey and Carl Murphy, Mindy and Adam Williams, Kelly and Randy McGinnis, MAC Industries, 101 Pastries, Country At Heart,

Ozark Cafe, El Charro, Dennis Meat Market, Jodie McKinney, Brittany Brixey, Laken Reneger, Magnolia June Boutique, Lux Med Spa, and Glass Sword Mov-

ie Theater. The Zizzers recognized and honored the warriors and their families of our community who have battled all forms and types of cancer!.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press undefined

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — Alabama reclaimed No. 1 from Georgia in The Associated Press college football poll in one of the closest votes in the recent years, and six teams — including Kansas — made their season debut on Sunday.

The Crimson Tide received 25 first-place votes and 1,523 points in the AP Top 25, two points more than the Bulldogs. Georgia received 28 first-place votes to become the first team since Alabama in November 2019 to have the most first-place votes but not be No. 1.

The last time there was a two-point margin between Nos. 1 and 2 was Nov. 1, 2020, when Clemson was ahead of Alabama. There have been three other polls with a two-point margin at the top since 2007.

Ohio State remained third, but the Buckeyes also gained some ground on the top two, getting 10 first-place votes.

The Crimson Tide started the season at No. 1, but the defending national cham-

pion Bulldogs took the top spot away from their Southeastern Conference rivals after Week 2 when Alabama needed a late field goal to beat Texas.

No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Clemson and No. 6 Southern California all won and held their places this week, though the Wolverines and Tigers are now separated by just three points. No. 7 Oklahoma State, followed by Tennessee, Mississippi and Penn State, round out the top 10.

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin fired head coach Paul Chryst after a 2-3 start to his eighth season leading the school where he played, in the city where he grew up. The surprising move comes a day after Wisconsin lost at home 34-10 to Illinois and former Badgers coach Bret Bielema.

Chryst was 67-26 since taking over as coach of the Badgers in 2015 after being hired away from Pittsburgh. Chryst had double-digit win seasons in four of his first five years at Wisconsin and had gone 15-10 since.

Chryst, the 56-year-old Madison native, has four years left on his contract. He was set to make \$5.25

million this season.

Defensive coordinator Jim Leonhard, another former Badgers player, was named interim coach. The 39-year-old former NFL defensive back has been part of Chryst's staff for seven seasons and considered one of the top assistant coaches in the country.

The in-season coaching move was the fifth already this season, and second of the day. Earlier Sunday, Colorado fired Karl Dorrell after an 0-5 start in which the Buffaloes were blown out by more than 20 points in each game.

### BASEBALL

ATLANTA — Dansby Swanson and Matt Olson homered for the third straight game, Travis d'Arnaud hit a go-ahead two-run single in the third inning, and Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 5-3, completing a three-game sweep of their NL East rival and taking a two-game lead

in the division with three games to play.

The defending World Series champion Braves have been chasing the Mets the entire season. In the final series of the season, any combination of one Atlanta win or one Mets loss would give the Braves their fifth straight division title.

New York plays its final three games of the season against worst-in-the-majors Washington. Atlanta closed out the regular season with a three-game set in Miami. Should the season end Wednesday in a tie, Atlanta would win the division

after claiming the season series 10-9 with Sunday's victory.

The Braves won five of the last six games in the series, outscoring the Mets 42-19 over that stretch. New York had a 10 1/2-game lead on June 1 but now is lower in the standings than at any

point this season.

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge won't break the American League home run record at Yankee Stadium, remaining at 61 as New York headed on the road for its final four regular-season games after a 3-1 loss to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

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