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Richards School Board meets Dec. 15

The Richards School Board of Education will meet at noon Dec. 15 in the school boardroom for its regular monthly session.

Upon approval of the consent agenda, administrative reports will be given before moving on to program evaluations. Board members will hear discussion on instructional programs, special education and the school climate.

The annual audit report will be given, and board members will consider approving revisions to the school budget.

Before adjourning, the session will move from open to closed for the discussion of legal and personnel matters, then resume open session.

The board typically meets on the third Thursday of each month. The public is welcome.

MSU-WP campus will close Dec. 22 for winter break

Offices at Missouri State University-West Plains will be closed between the 2022 fall and 2023 spring semesters for winter break.

The last working day of 2022 for university employees will be Dec. 21. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 5, 2023.

Area residents and students who need to conduct business in person with university officials before Jan. 5 should visit the campus before 5 p.m. Dec. 21.

For more information about the university's winter break closing schedule, call 417-255-7255.

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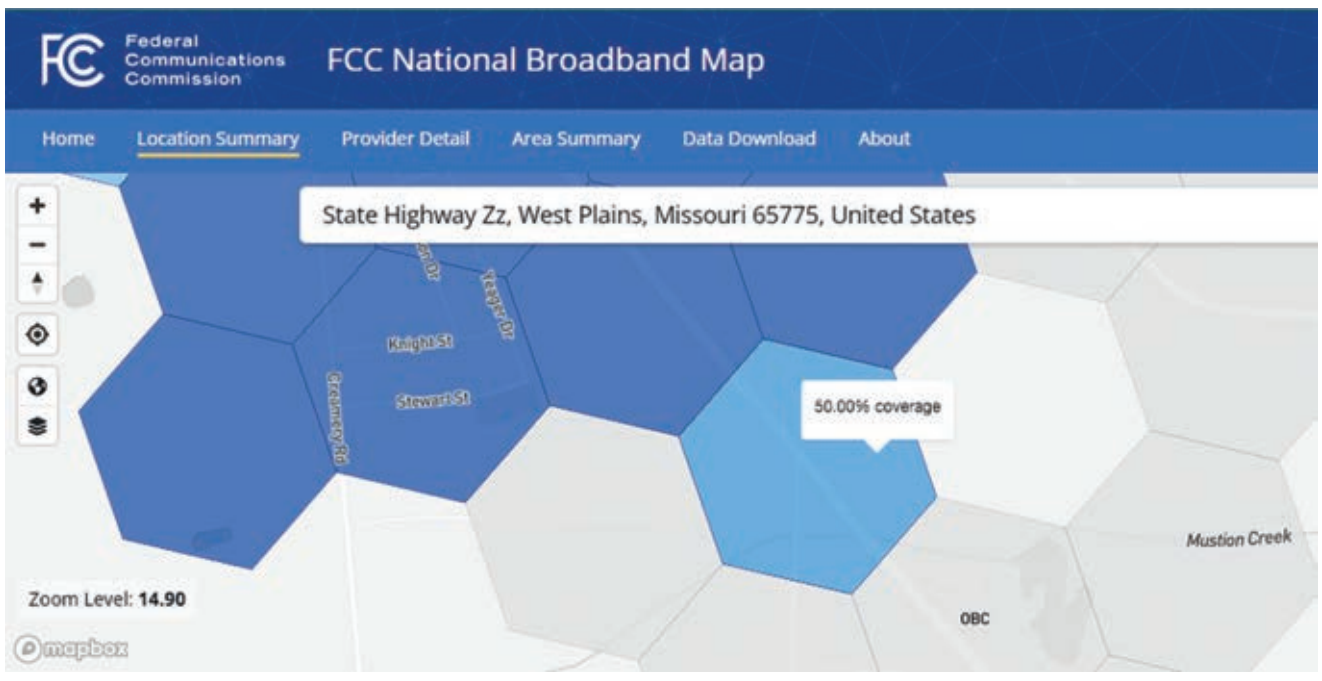
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Internet users called on to report errors in FCC broadband coverage map

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The effort to distribute federal funding to chosen Missouri internet service providers in order to bring broadband internet service to underserved populations remains underway, under the direction of the Missouri Department of Economic Development's (DED) Office of Broadband Development.

Grant eligibility is partly based on an accurate survey of accessibility to high speed internet, and the DED is encouraging internet customers, including residential users, to help identify areas that are incorrectly shown as adequately served by reporting errors to the Office of Broadband Development. The funding will be distributed through the state's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (B.E.A.D.) program to provide service to unserved locations, defined as those with service of less than 25 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream, and underserved locations, defined as those with less than 100 Mbps/20 Mbps service.



This screenshot of the Federal Communications Commission National Broadband Map shows areas with broadband coverage and the quality of that coverage. Dark blue indicates an area with 80 to 100% broadband coverage at speeds of 100/20 Mbps or greater; light blue indicates availability at those speeds at 40 to 60%, and white indicates no coverage at that speed in that area, according to FCC data. The area shows the east city limits of West Plains and the area of Howell Valley School and Mustion Creek east of West Plains.

B.E.A.D. is also in charge of the Connecting All Missourians initiative, a program not only intended to address high-speed internet accessibility, but inequity in access due to lack of education or affordability of services or internet devices.

At stake is a share of about $42 billion in funding, part of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or about $500 million to be made available to 19 regions statewide, based on high-speed internet availability need. The deadline for submitting a challenge to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) broadband map is Jan. 13.

The FCC broadband map may be viewed at https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home; enter an address or click on the "Area" button and enter a state, then zoom in. According to the FCC broadband map, for example, the entire state of Missouri appears to have at least 25 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream service, but by zooming in, pockets of unserved areas, mostly rural, can be found.

The map shows the city of West Plains as having 80% to 100% coverage, but there are two nearby areas east of West Plains on either side of ZZ Highway showing minimum to no service. The map has to be zoomed in to at least a level of 10.69 before these areas begin to show up.

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Rain settles in for an extended stay



As a dense fog, complete with drizzle, enveloped West Plains on Tuesday morning, West Main Street took on an ethereal and timeless appearance with the Howell County Courthouse and Catron Opera House fading into the background. Christmas wreaths lining the sides of the street remind passersby of the season, while First Christian Church at right reminds all, "Kindness never goes out of season." Rain dominates much of the extended forecast with a 90% chance of rain this evening and 100% chance of rain Thursday, according to the National Weather Service in Springfield. Between today and Thursday, West Plains can expect to see about 2 to 3 inches of rainfall. Friday is expected to bring a brief respite in the form of a mostly sunny day before rain chances return Saturday through Monday. Daytime temperatures are forecast to remain in the mid- to upper 50s through the remainder of the week. PHOTO BY CHRIS HERBOLSHEIMER

H.C. Commission to review Christos House grant agreements

At 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Howell County Commissioners are scheduled to meet with officials with the South Central Ozarks Council of Governments to review and sign agreements and resolutions regarding a Community Development Block Grant to benefit Christos House.

The meeting is part of the commission's regular semiweekly session beginning at 10 a.m., the tentative agenda for which also includes review and approval of commission records from Oct. 3 through Nov. 29 and county officials' bonds, as well as review of the November general ledger report.

Commissioners will also consider and award American Rescue Plan Act requests, approve accounts payable and recognize any guests present.

Commissioners typically meet Mondays and Thursdays in the conference room on the second floor of the Howell County Office Building, 35 Court Square in West Plains. The public is welcome.

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Teens injured in Sunday, Monday crashes

A 17-year-old Arkansas girl was seriously injured in a rollover accident 8:45 p.m. Monday on west U.S. 160, 3 miles west of West Plains in Howell County, according to Troop G of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Willow Springs.

Trooper L.C. Pruiett reported the teen, from Viola, was driving a westbound 2000 Jeep Wrangler that off the right side of the road, struck a sign and overturned.

The driver was reportedly wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash and was taken to Ozarks Healthcare in West Plains for treatment.

Pruiett was assisted in the crash investigation by Tpr. A.K. Falterman.

A West Plains teen suffered moderate injuries in a one-vehicle accident 12:45 a.m. Sunday on County Road 4300, a mile west of West Plains in Howell County.

Trooper T.D. Pond reported a 17-year-old girl was driving west in a 2003 Ford Ranger and swerved to avoid striking a deer and the pickup truck ran off the right side of the road and struck an embankment.

Injured was passenger Jaden E. Rybolt, 18, who was transported by ambulance to Ozarks Healthcare for treatment, according to the patrol. Neither she nor the driver wore seat belts, the report shows.

The patrol does not release the identities of minor children in its reports.

MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALLS FOR SERVICE

On Oct. 31 Officer Kylie McGee was dispatched to a report of a mailbox on fire on David Drive with metal inside. Upon arrival she noted no damage, and advised the owner that it looked like a pack of sparklers were set off. He did not wish to file a report.

On Oct. 31 Officer Robert Poindexter responded to a report of a semi trailer blocking traffic. The reporting party then called back, stating the semi was able to move and was no longer in the road.

On Oct. 31 Cpl. Trenton Roberts, Officer Poindexter and Chief Jamie Perkins responded to a report of a house fire. They arrived on scene and assisted the fire department.

On Oct. 31 Officer Poindexter and Cpl. Roberts were dispatched to conduct a well-being check on a man in a Chevy Trailblazer, possibly under the influence. Emergency medical services was contacted due to the man huffing an air duster. The man was transported to the hospital, booked and released.

On Oct. 31 Officer Poindexter was dispatched to Dollar General for a hit-and-run accident.

On Oct. 31 Cpl. Roberts assisted a man wishing to give a statement regarding a crash.

On Oct. 31 Cpl. Roberts was contacted by a woman with questions regarding evicting a person from hotel property. Information was provided.

On Oct. 31 Cpl. Roberts was notified of a water outage on Angelica Street, and contacted the water department.

On Oct. 31 Officer McGee was patrolling West Fourth Street when she noticed a door to a residence was open with no vehicles outside, and belongings scattered outside the home. She was unable to make contact with the owners, but only the screen door was left open; the front door was secure.

On Nov. 1 Officer McGee was patrolling when she observed a water leak in the middle of the road. Dispatch was notified to contact city workers to fix it.

On Nov. 1 Officer McGee responded to a report of a woman at the hospital who had told nurses her husband had cut her arm and she fled West Plains to receive treatment. The nurses told McGee the victim did not want to talk to her, but she spoke with the woman, and gave her a card with abuse hotlines and her contact information on the card. An incident report is to be created to document this, however the woman did not identify herself.

On Nov. 3 Chief Jamie Perkins was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival it was learned a piece of metal came off a truck, and struck a man in the head. The incident occurred 9 miles out of town, and Missouri State Highway Patrol was contacted to respond and take the report.

On Nov. 3 Officer Poindexter and Chief Perkins responded to a report of a man huffing air duster in the Walmart parking lot. He was taken into custody and transported to the Howell County jail.

On Nov. 3 Chief Perkins responded to a two vehicle accident. Both vehicles were towed and the scene was cleared.

On Nov. 3 Officer Poindexter conducted a traffic stop. A citation was issued.

On Nov. 3 Officer Matthew Combs conducted a traffic stop. Citations were issued for speeding and driving while revoked.

On Nov. 3 Officer Combs conducted a traffic stop. A citation was issued for failure to obey a stop sign.

HOWELL COUNTY MARRIAGES

Frankie Gene Renegar, 31, Mtn. View, and Laken Marie Pittman, 28, Mtn. View, married Sept. 10 in Summerville. Officiated by Tommy Gene Collins.

Dalton Levi Headings, 25, Mtn. Grove, and Alexandria Paige Holland, 25, Mtn. Grove, married Oct. 1 in Willow Springs. Officiated by Clayton Lile.

Landen Alan Haynes, 20, Birch Tree, and Peyton Kaye Bush, 19, Mtn. View, married Oct. 8 in Willow Springs. Officiated by Dustin Haynes.

Craig Lee Stewart, 54, West Plains, and Tracie Lee Stewart, 53, West Plains, married Oct. 21 in West Plains. Officiated by Jeffrey Hull.

Steven George Matthews, 43, Mtn. View, and Sara Elizabeth Mays, 28, Mtn. View, married Oct. 22 in Mtn. View. Officiated by Gaylon Noble.

Jeremy Lee Cummings, 30, West Plains, and Kristen Marie Nazarian, 19, West Plains, married Oct. 28 in West Plains. Officiated by David Ray.

Butch Michael Doolittle, 57, West Plains, and Kira Beth Johnston, 35, West Plains, married Oct. 28 in West Plains, Officiated by Jeffrey Hull.

Matthew Stewart Craig, 23, Dora, and Emily Thelma Ross, 22, Dora, married Oct. 28 in Willow Springs. Officiated by Larry Hopkins.

Westin Scott Eden, 24, West Plains, and Rilee Ann Marie Longrie, 18, West Plains, married Oct. 29 in Bakersfield. Officiated by Charles Moss.

Jeffrey Tyler Scott Daniels, 32, Mtn. View, and Megan Renee McDaniel, 26, Mtn. View, married Oct. 29 in Winona. Officiated by Paul Thomas Ordway.

Shon A. Erks, 33, West Plains, and Jerri Leanne Bell, 24, West Plains, married Oct. 29 in West Plains. Officiated by Nathan Rogers.

Torrey Ryan Albin, 48, West Plains, and Kimberly Ann Parrish, 42, Pomona, married Nov. 1 in West Plains. Officiated by Darrel Thornton.

Joshua Eugene Baldwin, 19, Mtn. View, and Isobel Rhoda Tripp, 18, Mtn. View, married Nov. 1 in Mtn. View. Officiated by Eric Louis Tripp.

Ryan Leroy Martin, 25, West Plains, and Sabrina Alaine Seiber, 25, West Plains, married Nov. 5 in. Thayer. Officiated by Jerry Heath.

Randall Wayne Stewart, 27, West Plains, and Emily Secole Harrison, 26, West Plains, married Nov. 5 in Willow Springs. Officiated by Wayne Stewart.

Shelby Lane Barton, 26, West Plains, and Brooke Autumn Taylor, 23, West Plains, married Nov. 6 in Willow Springs. Officiated by Brian Ingalls.

OZARKS MEDICAL CENTER BIRTHS

Nyssa Cross and Heather Herron, Birch Tree, are parents of a daughter, Remi MaryAnn Reese Herron. She was born at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 27. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 22 inches long. Her siblings are Lily, 15, Malila, 13, Letty, 10, and Jesse, 6. Her grandparents are David and Robin Schirpik of Springfield, and Jeff and Kim Warren, and Rich Herren, all of Birch Tree.

Levi and Tiffany Cox, West Plains, are the parents of a son, Reece Jared. He was born at 9:51 p.m. Sept. 30. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. His siblings are Tinsley, 5, and Karrson, 4. His grandparents are Brian and Amanda Yardley, Norman and Terri Wood, and Barry Cox, all of West Plains.

Dakota Dunnihoo and Taylor Watkins, West Plains, are parents of a son, Lincoln James Dunnihoo. He was born Oct 3. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. His sibling is Kentley, 3. His grandparents are Randall and Christy Watkins of Dora, Shawanna Belt of Caulfield, and Jim Dunnihoo and Bobby and Dawn Barrett, all of West Plains.

Shane and Tara Lemasters, West Plains, are parents of a son, Max Ellsworth. He was born at 12:52 p.m. Oct. 5. He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. His siblings are Darrin, 18, Reece, 17, Trevor 15, and Aurora, 12. His grandparents are Marie Lemasters of Lonedell, Dennis and Anita Clinton of West Plains, and the late Max Ellsworth II.

Noah and Jasmine Decker, Willow Springs, are parents of a daughter, Wrinley Mae. She was born at 6:19 p.m. Oct. 5. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her sibling is Winston, 2. Her grandparents are Chris and Martha Decker of West Plains, and Calvin and Melissa Wood of Willow Springs.

Zack and Danielle Bayes, Birch Tree, are parents of a daughter, Hannah Camille. She was born at 6:08 p.m. Oct. 25. She weighed 5 pounds and was 19 inches long. Her siblings are Madi, 12, Beau, 6, and Rya, 3. Her grandparents are Milo Doubeck of Tacoma, Wash., Martina Doubeck of Edgewood, Wash., and Darryl and Cami Bayes of Duvall, Wash.

Joshua Burdick and Abbigale Cass, Cabool, are parents of a daughter, Josie Fay-Lynn Burdick. She was born at 7:54 p.m. Oct. 26. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 10.5 inches long. Her grandparents are Jennifer Henderson of Noble, Andy Henderson of Houston, and Amy Robinson of Cabool.

Alec and Hannah Gewecke, Gainesville, are parents of a son, Evan James. He was born at 1:01 a.m. Oct. 28. He weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 22.5 inches long. His grandparents are Tim Gewecke of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Melissa Geswecke of Pasadena, Texas, Jody Reeves of Gassville, Ark., and Robert Barnett of Gainesville.

Kiegan Osborne and Shelby Starr, West Plains, are parents of a son, Kayne Paul Osborne. He was born at 8:35 p.m. Oct. 30. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Trisha Ledgerwood of Hartshorn, Chris and Cassi Willrett of Van Buren, and Daleah and Darren Osborne of Fremont.

Justin and Jena Baker, West Plains, are parents of a daughter, Lilah May. She was born at 1:26 p.m. Nov. 3. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long. Are siblings are Levi, 12, Jacob, 6, and Liam, 2. Her grandparents are Dave and Rita Berkheimer of Caulfield, and Dustin and Teri Rhodes of Udall.

Shane Lindstrom and Megan Collins, West Plains, are parents of a son, Legend Ivan Paul Collins. He was born at 3:07 a.m. Nov. 4. He weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. His siblings are Desmond, 5, Krimson, 4, Aiden, 4, and Adilynn, 2. His grandmother is Suzanne Lindstrom of West Plains.

Lily Vanlaningham is the parent of a daughter, Maxine Marie Ann Merren. She was born at 4:06 a.m. Nov. 7. She weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches long. Her grandparents are Nyssa Cross, Heather Herran, and Christopher Shores, all of Birch Tree.

WEATHER

TODAY: A 40% chance of showers, mainly after noon. Cloudy, with a high near 57. Wind chill values as low as 46 early. Light and variable wind.

Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.
Sunset: 4:51 p.m.

Temperature Year Ago:
High: 71
Low: 47

Rainfall: 40.58
Last Year: 41.38
Normal: 44.72

TONIGHT: Showers. The rain could be heavy at times. Low around 48. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.

TOMORROW: Showers. High near 59. Southeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.









Email submissions by noon Fridays to news@wpdailyquill.net with "CALENDAR" in the subject line. Three sentence maximum must include event description, date, time, location, cost and source for more information. Weekly events will be printed for no more than a month at a time. Call the Quill, 417-256-9191 with questions. Unless otherwise noted, events are in West Plains.

TODAY

Through Dec. 8 (9 a.m. to noon) AEL Orientation for Willow Springs classes, Willow Springs Schools, 201 W. Main, Willow Springs. For more information, call 417-255-7744, email WPAEL@MissouriState.edu or visit Blogs.WP.MissouriState.edu/AEL.

Through Dec. 17: The West Plains Council on the Arts will exhibit works by 12 area artists in "Deck the Halls," a showing in the civic center gallery on the mezzanine.

Dec. 7 (9 a.m. to noon) AEL Orientation for Mtn. Grove classes, Shannon Hall in Mountain Grove. For more information, call 417-255-7744, email WPAEL@MissouriState.edu or visit Blogs.WP.MissouriState.edu/AEL.

Dec. 7 (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) MSU-WP's Office of Workforce Development will host its monthly Bite-Sized Learning session at GOCAT, 395 Jackie Garrett Drive. Bring a lunch and enjoy an hour of "bite-sized" learning. This month's theme is "Managing Holiday Stress," presented by Elizabeth Mahan of MSU-WP. The event is free, but seating is limited; RSVP to 417-255-7784 or email wpworkforce@missouristate.edu.

Dec. 7 (1-2 p.m.) Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona will host a virtual session, Nature Art: Holiday Swags. Register online by finding the event at mdc.mo.gov/events?combine_event=&location=2971&county=1122&region=705.

Dec. 7 (3-5 p.m.) A photo op with elves will be available for the public inside Ozarks Healthcare's main entrance, 1100 Kentucky Ave. A professional photographer will not be available but parents may snap photos with their own cameras. Elves will also be traveling through the hospital to spread Christmas cheer.

Dec. 7 (5:30-6:30 p.m.) AEL Orientation for Houston classes, Piney River Technical Center, 204 W. Spruce St., Houston. For more information, call 417-255-7744, email WPAEL@MissouriState.edu or visit Blogs.WP.MissouriState.edu/AEL.

THURSDAY

Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 (2-6 p.m.); Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18 (noon to 6 p.m.); Dec. 26-30 (noon to 5 p.m.) Railways of the Ozarks & West Plains Model Train Club Exhibit, Harlin Museum, 405 Worcester Ave.

Dec. 8, Jan. 12 (6-8 p.m.) Wii Bowling League Tournament Day at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Virdon Blvd. in East Towne Village. Free to play.

Dec. 8 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Treat Your Palette painting party at the Yellow House. Create a gnome Santa. Cost is $25. Required reservations may be made at treatyourpalette.com

Dec. 8 (7 p.m.) Grizzly Basketball vs. Moberly Area Community College, 7 p.m., West Plains Civic Center arena.

FRIDAY

Dec. 9 (10:30 a.m. to noon) Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona will host Nature Art: Holiday Greenery Present. Register online by finding the event at mdc.mo.gov/events?combine_event=&location=2971&county=1122&region=705.

Dec. 9 (noon to 1 p.m.) Friends of the Garnett Library luncheon and meeting, Lybyer Technology Center Rooms 104-105. Guest speaker, Sheila Barton who will discuss the university's workforce development programs. For more information or to reserve a box lunch, call 417-255-7940 or email FriendsofGarnettLibrary@MissouriState.edu.

Dec. 9, 10, 16 & 17 (7 p.m.) & Dec. 10 & 17 (2 p.m.) The Nutcracker Ballet, civic center theater.

Dec. 9 (7 p.m.) Roman Young and Alex Kentner will play live country music at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Virdon Blvd. in East Towne Village, providing the musical accompaniment to a benefit toy drive. No cover.

SATURDAY

Dec. 10: Shop with a Cop will be held in West Plains. Fundraising is underway. Drop donations at West Plains Police Department, 1910 Holiday Lane, or mail to Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 43, P.O. Box 1462, West Plains, MO 65775. Make checks payable to: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 43.

Dec. 10 (8-10 a.m.) The Boys & Girls Club of the Greater West Plains Area will host Breakfast with Santa at the civic center. Cost is $3 for kids 1-12 and $5 for attendees age 13 and older. A pancake breakfast will be served, and activities for kids including a photo opportunity with Santa will be offered. For more information email programs@bgcwp.com or call 417-204-2582.

Dec. 10 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Cedarhurst of West Plains, 1521 U.S. 63, will host its first-ever Christmas Craft Show. Shoppers have the opportunity to pick out last-minute Christmas gifts while supporting local crafters.

Dec. 10 (noon to 7 p.m.) The Community Worship Center on South Market Street in historic downtown Alton will host an 11 Point Prductions event, "The Arts in A-Town." The event is free and open to the public, and "Oregon County casual" attire is encouraged, rubber boots optional. Featured local artists include Barbara Williams, Karen Crews Bridges and Tammy Curtis, and pianist Laurel Johnson will provide musical accompaniment. An artists' reception with hors d'oeuvres from Court Square Cafe will take place at 2 p.m.

Dec. 10 (4 p.m.) The West Plains Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will travel through downtown, beginning at the corner of Porter Wagoner Boulevard and Webster Street near People's Park. It will head down West Main Street to Court Square, around the south side of the square to East Main Street, then disburse at the corner of East Main and St. Louis Street. This year's theme is "Christmas Memories." Prizes will be awarded. Entry forms are available at the chamber office, 401 Jefferson Ave.

Dec. 10 (5-7 p.m.) West Plains Downtown Revitalization will host Downtown in December in following the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, which starts at 4 p.m. and will make its way from People's Park through downtown. The annual holiday-themed event will include Christmas carols, hot chocolate, holiday crafts and a visit from Santa Claus.

Dec. 10 (6-10 p.m.) The Heart of the Ozarks Bluegrass Association will hold its annual Christmas party, potluck supper and bluegrass jam at the West Plains Senior Center, 416 E. Main St. All are invited to bring family and friends. Side dishes and desserts are welcome.

Dec. 10 (7 p.m.) Americana/rock duo Batterton & Edwards will perform at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Virdon Blvd. in East Towne Village. No cover charge.

SUNDAY

Dec. 11 (2 p.m.) Mtn. Zion Church in Akers will host its eight annual Christmas Celebration. All are invited to enjoy a Christmas message and singing of Christmas carols. Bring an ornament and memory, picture or story to share. Refreshments will be served. Attendees are asked not to bring food. For more information contact Judy Maggard Stewart, 573-247-8706, or Ruth Ruppel-Maxwell, 815-866-4419.

MONDAY

Dec. 12 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) A photo op with Santa will be available for the public inside Ozarks Healthcare's main entrance, 1100 Kentucky Ave. A professional photographer will not be available but parents may snap photos with their own cameras. Elves will also be traveling through the hospital to spread Christmas cheer.

Dec. 12 (5 p.m.): The 30th annual Lights of Life tree lighting ceremony will be held at Ozarks Healthcare inside the main entrance at 1100 Kentucky Ave. Holiday refreshments will be served with musical accompaniment. A photo opportunity with Santa will be available to children prior to the ceremony, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. To purchase a light, drop by the OZH Foundation Office, 12 Parkway Center, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

TUESDAY

Dec. 13 (4-5:30 p.m.) Volunteer recruitment and retention program at the civic center Walnut Room presented by Kasey Hammock from Partner for Better, Columbia. Sponsored by West Plains Council on the Arts in conjunction with Arts Alliance. Free and open to all community organizations.

NEXT WEEK

Dec. 14 (10:30 a.m.) Willow Springs Senior Center, 501 Senior Lane, will host its annual Christmas lunch with carols sung by Willow Springs Head Start and a visit from Santa with treat bags for all. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Call 417-468-3892 for more information.

Dec. 15 (4 p.m.) Veterans and their spouses are invited to join Salutes and the Battery Station for a free Christmas dinner at First Baptist Church Youth Building, 106 Grove St. in West Plains. Attendees must RSVP and show proof of service. To RSVP, volunteer or donate, call the Battery Station, 417-257-779; email troops@batterystation.com; or call Salutes, 417-204-4095.

Dec. 15 (6-7 p.m.) Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona will host Nature Art: Pine Needlers, a 12-month embroidery workshop that meets once a month. Signing up is is a commitment to attend all 12 sessions. For those unable to attend all 12 sessions, a virtual program will be offered the same day. Register online by finding the event at mdc.mo.gov/events?combine_event=&location=2971&county=1122&region=705.

Dec. 16: Half-day for West Plains R-7 students. West Plains Elementary will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.; Zizzer Pride Academy, 12:05 p.m.; West Plains middle and high schools, 12:15 p.m.; and South Fork Elementary, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 (6:30 p.m.) Local rock band Monsters Calling Home will open for The March Divide, an indie pop rock band, at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Virdon Blvd. in East Towne Village. No cover charge.

Dec. 19-Jan. 1: Winter Break. No school for area students.

Willow Springs Senior Center to hold Christmas lunch

Willow Springs Senior Center, 501 Senior Lane in Willow Springs, will host its annual Christmas lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 14.

Willow Springs Head Start will sing Christmas carols and Santa will arrive with treat bags for all.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

For more information call 417-469-3892.

A look back.... At Howell County History



In this 40-year-old photo, babies of West Plains Gazette staff Eran Hampton, left, and Seth Baier unwind with toys under a Christmas tree after conducting quality control tests on a selection of Salvo toys from the Country Fair in West Plains. WEST PLAINS GAZETTE NO. 20, NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 1982









OBITUARIES

Bettye Fowler

March 12, 1927 — Dec. 3, 2022



A memorial service for Catherine Elizabeth Blackshire Fowler, known as Bettye to all, 95, West Plains, Mo., will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at First Christian Church, West Plains, under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fowler passed away peacefully at the West Vue Sleepy Oaks home in West Plains on Dec. 3, 2022.

Bettye was the younger of two daughters born to Cecil Earl Blackshire and Otilla Embry Blackshire on March 12, 1927. While most of her childhood was spent in Morrilton, Ark., she moved to Harrison, Ark., for her junior year of high school, living with her older half-sister, Beryl Newman Murray.

During her year in Harrison, Bettye began walking to school with a classmate who lived next door. And though they never dated in high school, her neighbor and walking partner, Marvin Fowler, would later become the man Bettye would walk through life with for 73 years of marriage.

Bettye returned to Morrilton for her senior year of high school, then obtained a degree in vocal music from Arkansas State Teacher's College (now University of Central Arkansas) in Conway. While attending college she won the title of Miss Morrilton and competed in the Miss Arkansas pageant, where she captured first place in the talent portion of the competition singing Oscar Hammerstein's then-popular "Indian Love Call."

Bettye loved to sing and to teach others to sing. After college, she taught vocal music in public school systems, first in Crossett, then in Van Buren. While teaching in Van Buren she and Marvin rekindled their relationship and married on June 20, 1949, just before Marvin's final year of medical school at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

After their 1954 move to West Plains, where Marvin started his medical practice, Bettye organized choral groups, taught young people to sing, and volunteered weekly at the West Vue Nursing Home, carrying in boxes of songbooks from her church, leading devotionals and singing hymns with West Vue's elderly residents.

She was a longtime member of the Curry Street Church of Christ before joining the First Christian Church in West Plains, where she sang in the choir until age 89. Bettye and Marvin raised three children, Richard, Robin and Rex, in a home they built on West Third Street in West Plains.

Bettye was a passionate and competitive bridge player. She loved to organize bridge games at her home, and seemed to have a different brightly patterned jacket and matching pair of shoes to wear for every foursome. She enjoyed hosting dinner parties inside her home and in her backyard for friends and neighbors, Sunday school class members, her extended family and for others she'd just met. Bettye cherished her friendships wherever she lived. These friends were deeply committed to her, even as her health deteriorated in her later years.

Marvin, Richard, Robin and Rex will forever be grateful to them. The family is also appreciative of the compassionate care Bettye received in the final years of her life from the caregivers at West Vue.

Bettye is survived by her husband and the love of her life, Marvin; their son and daughter-in-law Richard Tilden Fowler and Barbara Roll Fowler of Fayette, Mo.; their daughter and son-in-law Robin Elizabeth Fowler Lee and Rod Lee of Camano Island, Wash.; their son Rex Fowler of Hartford, Conn.; son-in-law James 'Jim' Mauer of St. Louis; five grandchildren Ryan Fowler and his spouse Emily, Tommy Mauer, Dane Fowler, David Mauer and his spouse Kristin, and Melanie Mauer; and two great-grandchildren Cora Fowler and Bayleigh Fowler. Survivors also include two nephews and one niece John Jeffrey Scroggin, William Earl Scroggin and Phyllis Scroggin McKuin, along with their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bettye loved the children and family members of her sister Billie Jeanne as if they were her own.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Howell Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests that those who wish to make a memorial gift in Bettye's name please consider the Martha Vance Samaritan Outreach Center, 715 Missouri Ave., West Plains, MO 65775 (www.samaritanoutreachcenter.com) and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.

"And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend – Even so, it is well with my soul!"

David Driskell

Oct. 28, 1948 — Dec. 3, 2022



Funeral services for David Driskell, 74, Pomona, Mo., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, in the Langston Street Chapel of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mr. Driskell passed away at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at his home.

He was born Oct. 28, 1948, in Howell County, Mo., to Virl and Lola May Driskell. On May 27, 1967, he was married in Independence, Iowa, to Linda Lou Straw, who preceded him in death on April 14, 2017.

Mr. Driskell was a veteran, having served with the United States Army where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, and a Bronze Star.

Before his retirement, David was a mechanic for International Harvester, Independence, Iowa; White Ford, Willow Springs, Mo.; and Morlan-Shell Ford, West Plains, Mo., and was a cattle hauler for Hoover Farms of West Plains. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, truck and tractor pulling and spending time with family.

He is survived by two daughters Schantel Smith and Melanie Reid, both of Pomona; three grandchildren Hailey and David Reid and Nora Elizabeth Reed; one brother Larry Driskell and wife Dixie, Tecumseh, Neb.; five sisters Arlean Szynskie, Tabor, Iowa, Irene Garrett, West Plains, Eulah Marie Driskell, Illinois, Lucy Bjorgaard and husband, Dale, Pomona, and Linda Bloomquist, Maryville, Mo.; sisters-in-law Nancy Driskell, Carol Miller and Donna Simmons; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents; wife; two infant brothers; two brothers Junior and Dale Driskell; two sisters Joyce Ahrens and Thelma Lanam; mother-in-law and father-in-law Agnes and Ruben Straw; four brothers-in-law Jerry Miller, Jeff Simmons, Jackie Garrett and Dan Ahrens; and one sister-in-law Ellen Driskell preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday in the Langston Street Chapel of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Howell Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Danny Hicks

Danny Joe Hicks, 59, Pomona. Died at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at his home. Yarber Mortuary, Willow Springs.

Juanita Wood

Juanita Jane Wood, 90, Mtn. View. Died at 5:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at Mtn. View Healthcare, Mtn. View. Yarber Mortuary, Birch Tree.

BROADBAND

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The map can be zoomed in until individual properties are shown, or get there directly by entering an address. Locations where the minimum service is available are marked with a green dot. The data was updated Nov. 17.

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Assistance in filling out the form may be found at the DED website, https://ded2.mo.gov/connecting-all-missourians, with links to a video tutorial, documents, answers to frequently asked questions, or by contacting the local University of Missouri Extension Office. For Howell County, that office is in West Plains at 1376 Bill Virdon Blvd., or call 417-256-2391.

Vandalism at Springfield elementary school includes a swastika

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Police in Springfield are investigating after a swastika was sprayed on an elementary school during a vandalism spree.

The vandalism at York Elementary School, which is under construction, was found on Saturday morning, police spokeswoman Cris Waters said.

Stephen Hall, spokesman for Springfield Public Schools, said the district immediately replaced the window where the swastika was found and removed the graffiti. He declined to say how much damage was estimated to be but said it will require the district to file an insurance claim to recover the costs, the Springfield News-Leader reported.

Hall said the vandalism will not delay the opening of the new York Elementary School in January.

The vandalism comes amid a surge of anti-Jewish incidents across the country, including antisemitic comments from some celebrities such as the rapper Ye.

In April, the Anti-Defamation League reported a record number of antisemitic reports in 2021. The organization said the 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism was a 34% increase over the previous year and the highest number since the ADL began tracking the events in 1979.

ASSOCIATED PRESS TRENDING BRIEFS

Jim Stewart, co-founder of Stax Records in Memphis, dies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jim Stewart, the white Tennessee farm boy and fiddle player who co-founded the influential Stax Records with his sister in a Black, inner-city Memphis neighborhood and helped build the soulful "Memphis sound," has died at age 92.

The Stax Museum of American Soul Music says Stewart died peacefully and surrounded by his family Monday. A cause of death was not disclosed.

Stewart was co-founder of Stax Records in Memphis. During an era of racial strife, white musicians and producers worked there alongside Black singers, songwriters and instrumentalists to create the "Memphis sound" embodied by Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes, Carla Thomas, The Staple Singers and many others.

Kirstie Alley, Emmy-winning 'Cheers' star, dies at 71

LOS ANGELES — Kirstie Alley, a two-time Emmy winner who starred in the 1980s sitcom "Cheers" and the hit film "Look Who's Talking," has died. She was 71.

Her death was announced Monday by her children on social media and confirmed by her manager. The post said their mother died of cancer that was recently diagnosed.













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A Pre-bid Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 10:00 am (local time). This meeting will commence in the West Plains Housing Authority, 302 Walnut, Apt. 1000, West Plains, MO.

Hard copy or electronic proposal forms and contract documents including specifications and plans are on file for viewing at the Housing Authority Office in West Plains, MO and the Architect's office. Copies of the documents may be obtained at the office of the Architect, Esterly, Schneider & Associates, Inc., AIA, located at 1736 E. Sunshine, Suite 417, Springfield, MO 65804 upon receiving $25.00 in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the West Plains Housing Authority for hard copies (electronic available by email at no cost), which will be refunded to each Contractor submitting a bona fide proposal, and upon the safe and undamaged return of drawings and specifications within ten (10) days after date set for opening of proposals. A non-refundable separate check for shipping charges in the amount of $18.00 per set of plans and specifications made payable to Esterly Schneider & Associates, Inc., must be sent with plan deposit.

Ms. Mandy Pitts,
Executive Director
West Plains Housing Authority

Insertion Dates: December 2, 3, and 7, 2022.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI
CIRCUIT DIVISION

The Estate of James Richard Butler, Sr. Petitioner,
vs.
James Richard Butler, Jr., Samantha Butler, his wife, and Sandra Williams, Respondents.

Case No. 22AL-MC00182

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri, will, on the 19th day of December, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, more specifically at 12:30 o'clock p.m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the west front door of the Howell County courthouse in the City of West Plains, Howell County, Missouri, all the right, title and interest of the above named James Richard Butler, Jr., Samantha Butler, his wife, and Sandra Williams, in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Howell and State of Missouri, to-wit:

Tract 1: 10285 S. US Highway 63, West Plains, Missouri and Tract 2: 9599 County Road 9740, West Plains, Missouri and more appropriately described as follows:

Tract 1:
A part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 7 West, described as follows: Commencing at the point near the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 where the South right-of-way line of Highway 63 intersects the West line of County Road No. 9370, thence West along the South right-of-way line of said Highway 63 a distance of 396 feet to the point of beginning, which point is the Northwest corner of a tract conveyed to Robert J. Koelling and Dorothy Koelling by deed recorded in Cabinet B, Drawer 5, at Page 6904-97 of the records of Howell County, Missouri, thence South along the West line of said Koelling tract 383 feet, thence West along North line of said Koelling tract 444 feet to the West line of tract conveyed to John V. Lewis and wife by deed recorded in Cabinet B, Drawer 5, at Page 5878-97 of the records of Howell County, Missouri, thence North along the West Line of said Lewis tract about 383 feet to the South right-of-way line of said Highway 63, thence East along said highway right-of-way line about 444 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to public roads and easements as located thereon, if any.

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This sale is made under and by virtue of an execution issued by the Circuit Clerk of Howell County, Missouri, Circuit Division, on the 29th day of August, 2022, on a judgment entered of record on the 9th day of June, 2022, in Case No. 19AL-PR00066, wherein the Estate of James Richard Butler, Sr. is the Petitioner, and James Richard Butler, Jr, Samantha Butler, his wife, and Sandra Williams are the Respondents.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2022.

Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri
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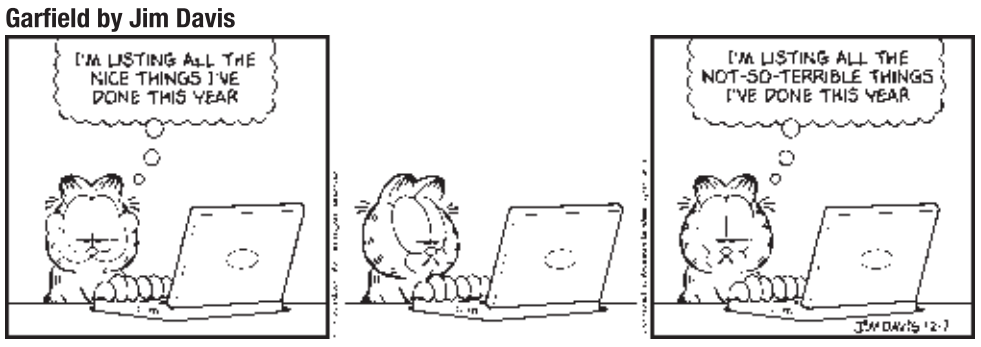
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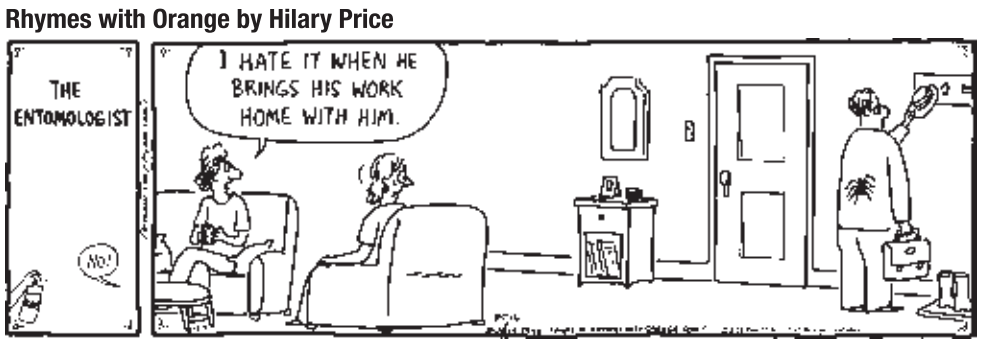
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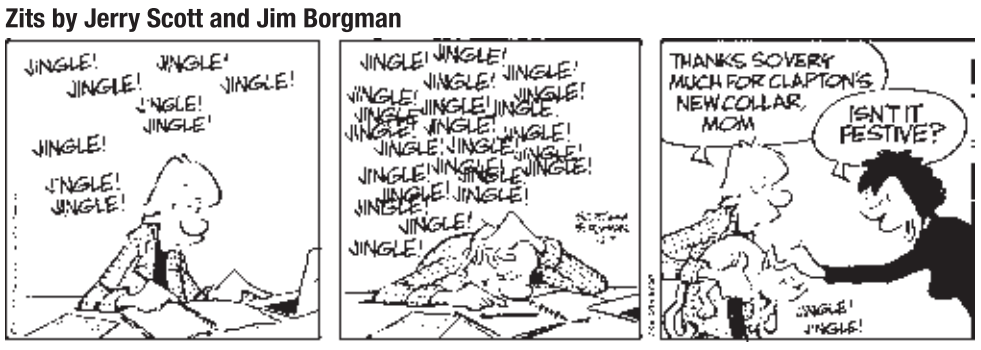
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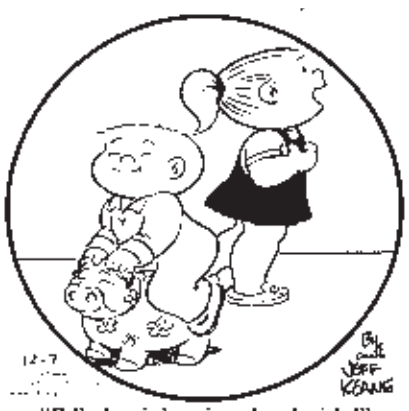
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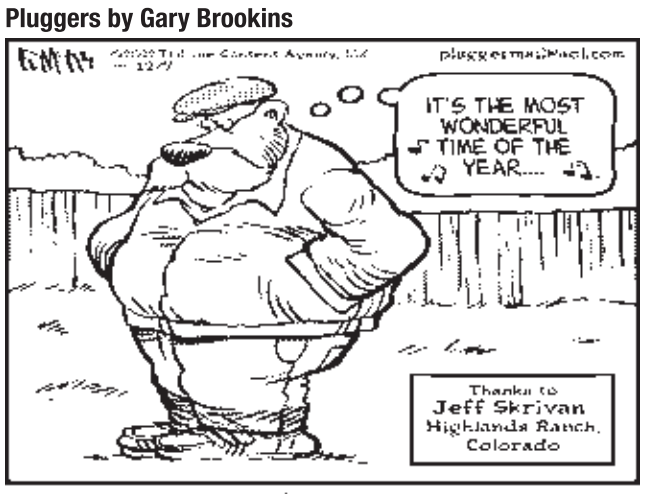


The Family Circus by Bil Keane



"PJ's havin' a piggybank ride!"

Pluggers by Gary Brookins



A plugger's favorite season is the time between when he stops mowing and starts shoveling.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 True thing
5 In the past
11 Back
12 Counterpart
13 Base group
14 Garden pavilion
15 Spinning toy
16 Thin coin
17 Flat fish
19 That fellow
22 Garden pest
24 Rental contract
26 "Hold on!"
27 Movie mutants
28 Land units
30 Used a sponge
31 By now
32 Calls it a day
34 Psychologist Carl
35 Little jump
38 Put another way
41 Singing star
42 Asylum seeker
43 Persia, today
44 Cruise treasurer
45 Turn to liquid

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4 Take a stab at
5 Knock off work
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8 Bullring cry
9 Hold up
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19 Sheep breed
20 "Got it"
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22 Not at home
23 Speed
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

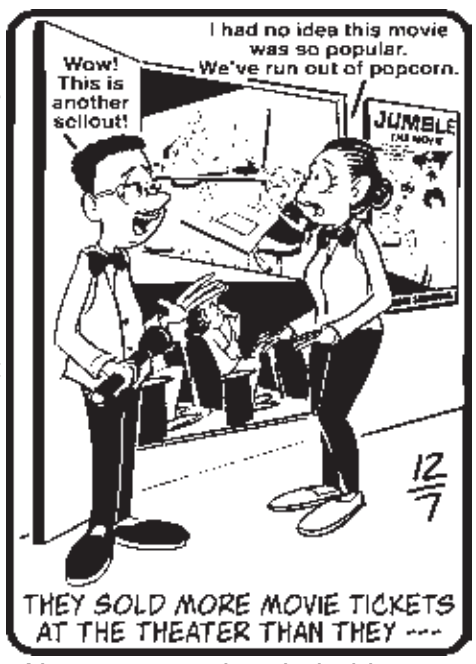
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ANKLE STOOD EMERGE GALLON
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO LOVE A PERSON IS TO SEE ALL THEIR MAGIC, AND TO REMIND THEM OF IT WHEN THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN. — UNKNOWN

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

ANSWER:

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DID YOU KNOW?

By Metro Creative

Hot tea is widely consumed across the globe, and that could be paying healthy dividends for the billions of people who look forward to their daily cup each day. A small study published in the Journal of Hypertension found that drinking black tea could improve cardiovascular function. A separate study also found that drinking black tea and green tea could decrease risk of stroke and coronary heart disease. Black tea drinkers should keep in mind that, unlike most teas, black tea is caffeinated, so moderation is best to ensure the benefits of black tea are not offset by the overconsumption of caffeine.

Enjoy Irish coffee at home

By Metro Creative

Weather-related flight delays or cancellations are often the cause of much frustration. However, one timely storm nearly 80 years might just have paved the way for a beloved beverage.

In 1943, Joe Sheridan was working as a chef at the Shannon Airport in Ireland. According to the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, on one fateful night, a flight bound for Newfoundland was forced to return to the airport in Foynes due to inclement weather. Sheridan was called back to work that night and asked to create a warm beverage for the suddenly stranded passengers. Quick on his feet, Sheridan brewed some coffee but decided to add a little whiskey. Asked if the beverage was Brazilian coffee, Sheridan shook his head before indicating his newly minted creation was “Irish coffee.” And thus a legendary beverage was born.

This recipe, courtesy of the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, can be great for anyone who wants warm up with their own batch of Irish coffee at home.

Step One

Preheat your Foynes Irish coffee glass by filling it with boiling water for 5 seconds, then pour the water out. .

Step Two

Add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar and a good measure of Irish whiskey into the warmed glass.

Step Three

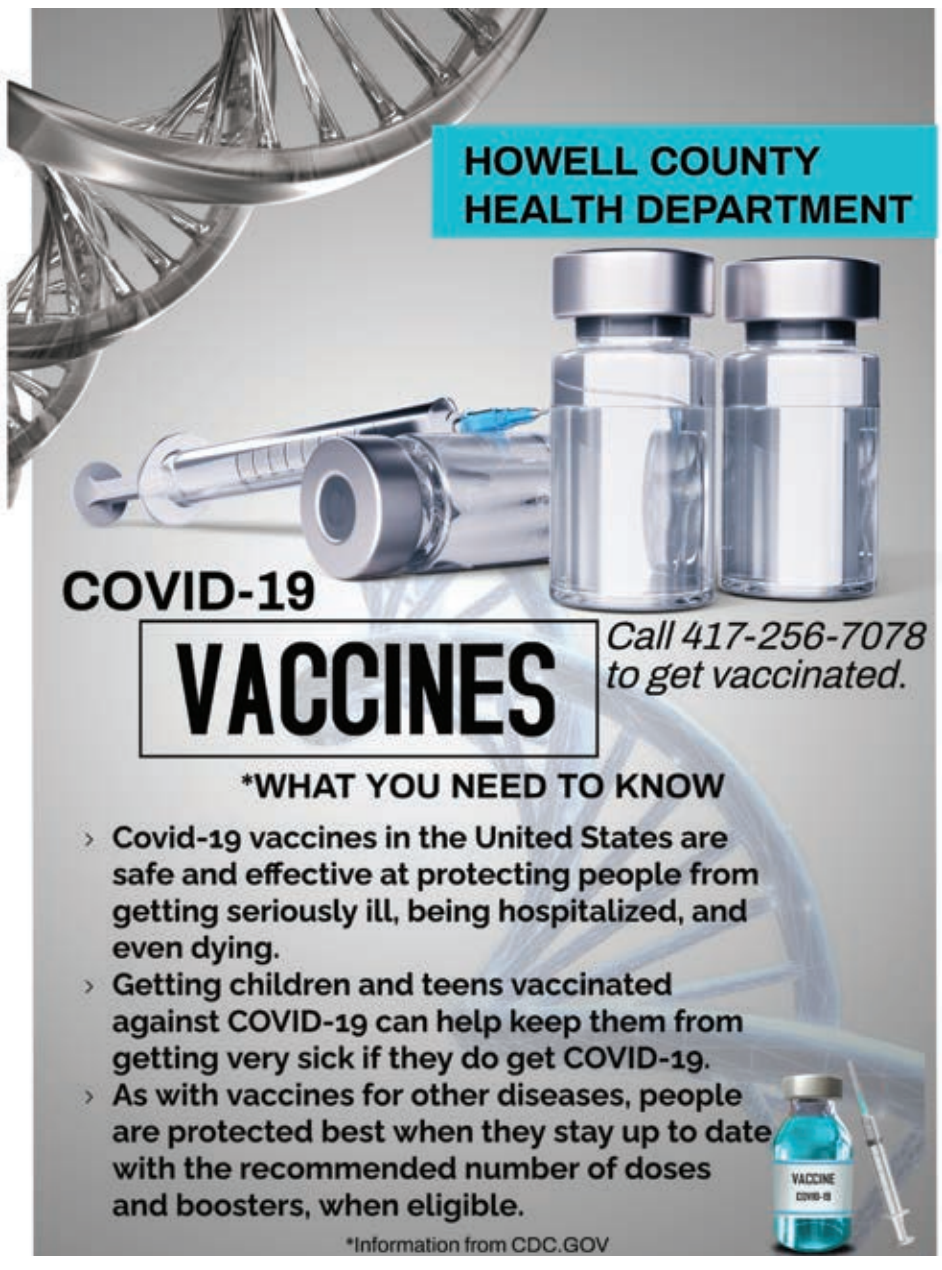
Fill the glass to within 1 centimeter of the brim with hot, strong black coffee. Stir well to dissolve all the brown sugar.

Step Four

Carefully pour lightly whipped cream over the back of a spoon so that it floats on top of the coffee.

Step Five

Do not stir after adding the cream; optimal flavor comes from drinking the coffee and Irish whiskey through the cream.



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DOWN HOME with Sue



Peanut Butter Fudge



‘Tis the season, fudge season! My oldest son has already put his request in for his favorite fudge this holiday season. While there are many delicious flavors, peanut butter fudge can’t be beaten, it takes us right back to when all the kids were little. Sweet memories like those are the best gifts, we tend to take food for granted. So, I thought I’d share that famous fudge recipe since it makes a great gift plus you can dress it up with sprinkles or mini chocolate chips. And don’t stop at peanut butter, there are tons of fudges for all to enjoy!

Peanut Butter Fudge

- 1/2 cup 1 stick, butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup half and half
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- Line an 8x8 square baking pan with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
- Melt butter in a saucepan over medium low heat. Once melted, go to next step.
- Add brown sugar and half and half to your melted butter sauce pan and heat on medium, stirring constantly.
- Brown sugar/butter Mixture will begin to boil and when that happens, start the time for 2 minutes.
- Boil for two minutes, as mixture will begin to bubble and rise in the pan. Continue to stir.
- After 2 minutes. remove from heat.
- Stir in peanut butter and vanilla until smooth.
- Place powdered sugar in a large mixing bowl and add hot peanut butter mixture.
- Mix peanut butter fudge until combined well.
- Pour fudge into prepared pan and press gently with the back of a spoon to even top.
- If you need fudge to be served quickly, put in freeze for an hour before cutting or place in fridge for 2 hours or overnight (for best set)
- To remove peanut butter fudge from pan, lift foil out of pan and peel away from the fudge.
- Place fudge onto a cutting board and cut into 36 squares.
- Store fudge in air tight container in the fridge





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Willow Springs Bears Basketball

There is an old saying that has been around since the foundation of team sports that goes "You're going to see a whole new team this year." Well for the Willow Springs High School Bears basketball team, those words are pretty much dead on. With for new starters, and a new head coach, it's a pretty different team than last year.

Former Bears assistant coach Dustin Forrest will be running the show. His goal for this season? Work harder than any of the teams they face.

"We actually have decent depth on varsity, with some younger guys really stepping it up over the summer and proving they belong at the varsity level," Forrest said. "Our upperclassmen do a pretty good job of knowing the expectations we have.



The 2022-23 Willow Springs Bears.

Stepping into a head coaching position is always a tall order, but stepping into the shoes of the coach who last season delivered the first district championship for the school in 14 years, is a herculean task.

With four starting spots and key reserve roles up for grabs, the Bears will turn to a handful of newcomers and returnees to contribute.

The Willow Springs Bears will have to fight hard this season, but everyone knows that'a what Bears do best.

WILLOW SPRINGS BEARS SCHEDULE

Dec. 13 West Plains 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 @Alton 6 p.m.
Dec. 26-29 Blue and Gold TBA
Jan. 3 Licking 6 p.m.
Jan. 6 @Hartville 7:30 p.m.
Jan10 @Seymour 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 Gainesville 7:30 p.m.
Jan 20 @Mansfield 7:30 p.m.
Jan23-28 Family Pharmacy Tourn TBA
Jan. 31 @Thayer 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 Salem 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 Ava 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 @Mtn. Grove 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17 Houston 7:30 p.m.

Willow Springs Lady Bears



The 2022-23 WSHS Lady Bears basketball team front row, from left: Natalie Bruning, Ciara Deckard, Sharon Stevenson, Anna Minge, McKylie Cox, Noel Kish, and Karis Cochran. Second row: Zoey Johnson, Lexy Cravens, Chloe Jones, Amelia Novykova, Mckensie Collins, Riley-Faye Unruh, Brooklyn Loo, and Kyli Smith. Third row: Sophie Jackson, Aspin Atwell, Dana Canedo, Paisley Crudgington, Sydney Stuart, Sherridin Hoskins, Jasmine Osborn.

The Willow Springs High School Lady Bears basketball team has a lot to live up to this year coming off of last season's 19-9 finish. The Bears also managed a 5-1 record in SCA Conference play. A record that's even more impressive with a brand new coach at the helm.

Last season, Willow Springs reached the district championship, but fell to Ava 45-40.

Adding to the woes of trying to match last year's successful season, the graduation of 2022 was particularly rough on the Lady Bears as they lost the majority of their starters.

However, if anyone can guide this team through a rebuilding year it's Shannon Crain, who returns to lead the Lady Bears. With nearly 400 wins under his belt, Coach Crain knows what it takes to put numbers in the W column.

While the loss of an impressive senior class it a big pill to swallow, the team does have six lettermen returning to their roster.

The Lady Bears have a tough hill to climb in an incredibly competitive conference, but with hard work and a little luck, they may just find their way to the top.

WILLOW SPRINGS LADY BEARS SCHEDULE

Dec. 12-17 Battle of the Boder Tourn TBA
Dec. 19 @Alton High School 6p.m.
Dec. 26-29 Mtn. Grove Christmas Tourn TBA
Jan. 2 @Mtn. View Liberty 6 p.m.
Jan. 5 Licking 6 p.m.
Jan. 9 @Thayer 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 Salem 6 p.m.
Jan. 14-21 Thayer Winter Classic TBA
Jan. 23 @Strafford 6 p.m.
Jan. 30 Ava 6 p.m.
Feb. 2 Mtn. Grove 6 p.m.
Feb. 6 Marshfield 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 Hartville 6 p.m.
Feb.13 @Cabool 6 p.m.
Feb. 16 Houston 6 p.m.
Feb. 20 @Hollister 6 p.m.

Thayer High School Bobcats basketball

The Thayer High School Bobcats basketball team is yet another team in the SCA looking at a younger group this year. The Bobcats though have a big reputation to defend having won nine straight district championships. They will definitely be looking to make that a nice round 10 this year.

"We have a team full of guys who love to play hard and work hard," said Thayer coach Matt Pitts. "We'll be ready to compete every night. We want to keep playing for championships."

Thayer graduated an outstanding, five-player senior class – all of which made significant varsity contributions amid the final four run.

With a final record of 29-2 last year, and a state third place finish is Class 3, this group of Bobcats has a lot to live up to, but Thayer has a long history of winning and it would be foolish for anyone to to doubt their ability to continue to do so.

THAYER BOBCATS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 2 @Melbourne 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6-10 Lyon Tourn TBA
Dec. 17 Harrison 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 @Izard County 8 p.m.
Dec. 26-29 Cabool Tourn TBA
Jan. 3 Gainesville 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 Eminence 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13 @Mtn. Grove 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 Alton 6 p.m.
Jan 24 Bakersfield 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26-28 Liberator Tourn TBA
Jan. 31 Willow springs 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 @Houston 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 Notre Dame 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 Salem 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 Ava 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 @Mtn. View Liberty 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16 @Cabool 7:30 p.m.

Thayer Lady Bobcats basketball



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The Thayer High School Lady Bobcats head into this season with an older more mature team this year.

The Bobcats will be hungry to improve on last year's 14-13 record.

Now in his second year at Thayer, head coach Denny Young has firmly established a very physical style of play for the Bobcats.

This year's Lady Bobcats have the building blocks for a great time with athleticism, height and work ethic.

Fans can count on them to show up and play to win every time they step foot on the hardwood.

The Lady Bobcats definitely have the tools to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

THAYER LADY BOBCATS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 5 Bakersfield 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 Strafford 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 Flippin Shootout TBA
Dec. 12-17 Border Battle TBA
Dec. 19 @Izard County 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 26-29 Pink and White TBA
Jan. 2 @Mtn. Grove 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6 Dora 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 Willow Springs 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 @Houston 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14-21 Thayer Tourn TBA
Jan. 26 Gainesville 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30 Salem 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 Ava 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 Notre Dame 12 p.m.
Feb. 6 Alton 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 @Licking 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 @Mtn. View Liberty 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16 @Cabool 7:30 p.m.

















Mtn. View-Birch TreeLiberty Eagles basketball



The 2022-23 Mtn. View-Birch Tree Liberty Eagles.

The Mtn. View-Birch Tree Liberty Eagles basketball team is eying a promising season after last year's excellent season.

"We played a lot of great talent, big schools and played against different styles of basketball," said Liberty coach James Lee. "We were very competitive, strong, and I feel like we will be hard to beat if we continue to play like we did this summer."

Lee returns for his third season of leading the Eagles.

The Eagles have the advantage of returning the majority of last year's strong team, including Drew Repko who averaged 15 points per game, and Terrell Gaines who averaged an impressive 22 points per game.

Liberty finished 14-12 overall last season, falling to Thayer in the Class 3 District 10 Tournament semifinals. Since 2010-11, the Eagles have finished with a winning record in all but one season.

"We know what it takes to be successful. I expect us to be in the mix every game, this team will play hard until the final buzzer every game," said Coach Lee.

MV/BT Liberty Lady Eagles basketball



The 2022-23 Liberty Lady Eagles from left: Calle Woolsey, Hadley Chowning, Navraj Kaur, Addy Rutledge, Chloe Kelts, Lyla Cornman, Ashlynn Henry, Sydnee LaFevers, Reagan Wells, Kallee McDaniel, Kallie Henry, Kaylie Foster, Cydnee Haines, Ella Phipps, Josie Colter, Macey Bolander, Teytam McClellan, and Victoria Snyder.



The MV/BT Liberty Lady Eagles basketball on a trip to a James River Christmas.

MV/BT LIBERTY EAGLES BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 9 Mansfield 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 16 @Alton 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 @Eminence 12 p.m.
Dec. 22 Logan-Rogersville 7 p.m.
Dec. 26 Cabool Tourn TBA
Jan. 3 @Doniphan 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 Licking 6 p.m.
Jan. 10 Marshfield 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 Willow Springs 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 @Alton 7 p.m.
Jan 23 Mtn. Grove 7 p.m.
Jan. 31 Ava 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 @Hartville 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 @Cabool 7 p.m.
Feb. 7 @Houston 7 p.m.
Feb. 10 @Salem 7 p.m.
Feb. 14 @Thayer 7 p.m.

MV/BT LIBERTY LADY EAGLES BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 8 @East Carter 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 @Chadwick 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2 Willow Springs 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6 Doniphan 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 Ava 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 @Cabool 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14-21 Thayer Tourn TBA
Jan. 30 @Houston 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 @Salem 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 @Van Buren 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 @Cuba 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 Thayer 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 Plato 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16 @Mtn. Grove 7:30 p.m.

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The Mtn. View-Birch Tree High School Lady Eagles basketball team will look to keep the train rolling from last year's strong 19-7 record.

"We were blessed last season to have a strong balance of juniors and seniors with a nice blend of underclassmen," said Eli Ernst, who is 92-41 heading into his sixth season as Liberty's head coach. "I felt we played really competitively within all of our games."

While the Eagles graduated a few key players, optimism for this season is strong.

"We expect and know that our squad will compete on a nightly basis," Ernst said. "We respect our opponents and also know that success is only found through hard work. Talent certainly helps but working hard can and will triumph over just talent."

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WPHS Lady Zizzers basketball

All hail the reigning Class 5 state champion West Plains High School Lady Zizzers basketball team. The championship winning team only lost one player to graduation, but that player Ashton Judd. Judd was a force of nature averaging 26 points and 11.5 rebounds per game. So that one person loss, is a big one.

"I think many people feel that we are going to drop off after losing Ashton, but I feel we have the chance to be very competitive this season," said West Plains head coach Scott Womack. "This group is very confident in their abilities and really improved throughout the summer."

Head Coach Scott Womack had decided that a second state championship was the perfect way to cap off a tremendous career, and announced his retirement. However, by fall with the severe teacher shortage, and the call of the hardwood calling to him, Womack returned to work his magic with this incredible program.

Womack being just eight wins away from 600 career wins probably also had something to do with his decision.

So far this season Allyssa Joyner has stepped into the leadership role left by Ashton Judd.

"I think the experience this team has gained from playing in the last two championship games is definitely a strength," Womack said. "We have nine returning letterwinners who have played in some very big games the last two years. They believe that they can win any time they step on the floor. I think we will be strong defensively again this season."

This team has already proven this season that they can find ways to win, having jumped off to a 4-0 start and taking first place in the Fair Grove Invitational Tournament, a tournament that even last year's eventual champion team didn't win.

The Lady Zizzers promise to deliver another incredible season of basketball.



The WPHS Lady Zizzers basketball team is off to a great start this season. Front row, from left: Cameron Brill, Libby Welch, Zoe Scharnhorst, Jewelia Willard, Lucy Hafer, Myles Adams, Lily Wiedemann, and Libby Welch. Second row: Madi Hughston, Emily Dawson, Mary Claire Gohn, Kaylea Dixon, Zoey Williams, Drew Harris, Hannah Judd, Allyssa Joyner, and Olivia Lawson. Third row: Assistant Coach Hailee Erickson, Head Coach Scott Womack, team manager Kaitlyn Murphy, Allie Dawson, Ashley Culton, Riley Dawson, Tyra henry, team manager Maren Thompson, and assistant coach Sammi Radosevich.



Lady Zizzers seniors from left: Drew Harris, Kaylea Dixon, Zoey Williams, Hannah Judd, and Mary Claire Gohn.

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LADY ZIZZERS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 13 Mtn. Home 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 Ozark 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 @Nixa 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 27 Pink&White TBA
Jan. 5 Glendale 6 p.m.
Jan. 9 Hillcrest 5:45 p.m.
Jan. 12 @Camdenton 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 @Marshfield 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 @Central 7 p.m.
Jan. 26 Logan-Rogersville 6 p.m.
Jan. 30 Lebanon 6 p.m.
Feb. 2 @Kickapoo 6 p.m.
Feb. 6 Waynesville 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 @Parkview 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 Rolla 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 @Bolivar 6 p.m.





WPHS Zizzers basketball



The 2022-23 WPHS Zizzers basketball team.

The West Plains High School Zizzers basketball team is back this year with big aspirations. An always solid team, producing winning seasons in eight of their last 11 seasons, the Zizzers have not been able to produce a district championship.

"We have a lot of our boys play football and they have made long runs in the playoffs for several years," said West Plains head coach Shane Benson. "It normally takes us a while to transition into basketball form. Last year was no different. Our football boys only had four practices before we started the season, so we finally had a little practice time over Christmas. We also moved Briggs Hughston up off the JV in January which definitely gave us a boost. I felt like our team was improving throughout the season."

West Plains proves time and time again that they can run with the big dogs in the Ozark Conference.

"We play in one of the toughest conferences around," said Benson. "It makes it a little tougher to plan when there is a new coach so we just try to plan for the personnel. I'm sure all the new coaches in this conference will do a great job. That has been one of the things that make this conference so tough is the quality of coaches we face each night.

The Zizzers aim to bring home championship trophies this year, and they have they have the talent to do it.

ZIZZER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 9 @Willow Springs TBA
Dec. 13 @Willow Springs TBA
Dec. 15 Ozark 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 16 @Logan-Rogersville TBA
Dec. 20 Marshfield 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3 @Glendale 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 Central 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 @Hillcrest 7 p.m.
Jan. 12 @Nixa TBA
Jan. 17 Camdenton 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 @Branson 7 p.m.
Jan. 31 @Lebanon TBA
Feb. 3 Kickapoo 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 @Waynesville 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 Parkview TBA
Feb. 14 @Rolla TBA
Feb. 21 Bolivar 5:45 p.m.



Zizzers seniors from left: Blake Harris, Aiden Simpson, and Garrett Mahan.









Chiefs squander control of AFC playoff race in Cincinnati

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

With a rare fumble by Travis Kelce, a missed field-goal try by Harrison Butker and a woeful inability to pressure the quarterback on Sunday, the Kansas City Chiefs squandered a chance to control the AFC playoff race down the stretch.

After losing their third straight game to the Bengals, blowing a fourth-quarter lead in a 27-24 defeat in Cincinnati, the Chiefs tumbled out of the top playoff position in the conference.

They are now 9-3 and tied atop the standings with Buffalo, which handed the Chiefs one of their losses and thus holds the tiebreaker with five games left to play.

Making things even more worrisome: The Bengals hold the tiebreaker over Kansas City, too. And they're tied with the Ravens and Dolphins at 8-4, just a game behind the Bills and Chiefs in what is suddenly a tight playoff race.

"They've beaten us three times in a row," Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon said, "so they obviously have our number right now. Looking at it and what we're going through, a lot of times it comes down to just doing what it takes — a minor mistake here and there, and it will come back to cost you."

Such as when Kelce fumbled trying to gain unnecessary extra yardage while the Chiefs were clinging to a 24-20 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Or when Butker missed a 55-yard field goal well within his range with 3:24 to go that would have tied the game. Or any of the times the Chiefs failed to get to Joe Burrow, who was barely pressured much less sacked.

It was all an eerily similar script to the previous two meetings with the Bengals, when the Chiefs blew leads in a regular-season loss in Cincinnati in January and an overtime loss four weeks later in the AFC title game.

"They just have a well-put together team," Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes said. "You saw the offense, even though it has the playmakers, they'll take their time and kind of utilize the clock. Their defense changes up a lot of different coverages. They did a good job trying to take Travis away as much as possible and that's why you saw a lot of the other guys making catches. I feel like we executed at a high level ... (but) it wasn't high enough because we didn't win."

In fact, the Chiefs have had a difficult time defeating both of their biggest rivals for AFC supremacy.

Along with three straight losses to the Bengals, the Chiefs have lost two of their past three against the Bills, including the 24-20 setback at Arrowhead Stadium earlier this season that is suddenly looming large in the playoff picture.

"It was a rematch of the AFC championship game and it lived up to it," Chiefs safety Justin Reid said. "It isn't a good feeling right now, but the good news is we have a lot of football left to play in December, and I'm sure we're going to see those guys again come January."

WHAT'S WORKING

The run game has given the Kansas City offense some balance, and a good argument can be made that the Chiefs didn't utilize it enough Sunday. McKinnon carried eight times for 51 yards with a TD catch and Isiah Pacheco had 14 carries for 66 yards and a scoring run. All told, the Chiefs ran for 138 yards at 5.5 yards per carry; Mahomes was held to 223 yards on 27 attempts.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The Chiefs have turned the ball over at least once in seven straight games, the longest streak during Andy Reid's tenure. That includes two in the loss to Buffalo at the front end of the streak and one to Cincinnati on Sunday.

STOCK UP

McKinnon might be the only player on the Kansas City sideline that could feel good about his play Sunday. He's been used primarily as a receiver out of the backfield, but he proved against the Bengals that he can run the ball, too.

STOCK DOWN

The Chiefs defense took a big step back. It didn't matter whether they used three-man fronts, blitzes or some combination, they failed to put any pressure on Burrow, who was 25 of 31 for 286 yards and two scores.

INJURIES

Mahomes was hobbling around on a sore foot late in the game but said he was fine.

KEY NUMBER

1 — The Chiefs sacked Burrow once, and it was late in the game and rather meaningless. They had no other quarterback hits and only two other tackles for loss in the game.

NEXT STEPS

The Chiefs have a soft finishing stretch, but it continues with two more on the road. First up is Denver on Sunday.

Investors press railroads to add sick time for workers

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

Major freight railroads are facing pressure to add sick days for their workers from a new front: An influential investment group says some of its members are now pushing the measure that Congress declined to as part of the contracts they imposed last week to avert a potentially devastating nationwide rail strike.

The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility said Monday that two investment managers it works with to help promote social change at companies had filed proposals at Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern railroads to give shareholders a vote on whether rail workers should get paid sick leave. Similar proposals are likely to be filed at CSX and at BNSF's parent company of Berkshire Hathaway, but they haven't been submitted yet. The ICCR represents 300 members with over $4 trillion in assets.

The lack of paid sick time in the industry became a major sticking point this fall in contract talks between the railroads and their 12 unions. Four of those unions rejected five-year deals that included 24% raises and $5,000 in bonuses because of their concerns about sick leave, demanding schedules and other quality-of-life concerns.

President Joe Biden signed a bill Friday that forces railroad workers to accept those deals that were negotiated back in September and prohibits them from going on strike. A separate bill that would have required sick time failed in the Senate.

Labor groups said after Congress acted they will keep fighting for sick time and better working conditions even though this round of negotiations that began three years ago is now over because their concerns linger.

Marvin Owens with nonprofit investment manager Impact Shares filed the shareholder proposal at Norfolk Southern. Impact Shares works with groups like the YWCA and NAACP to establish criteria for funds. Owens said companies should consider sick time as an investment in its workforce, not an expense.

"In this day and age, this really boggles the mind why a company would not provide that given the need to retain workers and really provide workers with the kind of support needed to keep them in place and to keep them healthy. Paid sick leave is key to that," Owens said.

The railroads refused to add sick time during these negotiations because they said the unions had agreed over the decades to forgo paid sick leave in favor of higher wages and strong short-term disability benefits that start to kick in after four or seven days and replace part of a worker's wages for up to a year.

The railroads also say employees can take personal leave days or vacation days for illnesses, although workers say those have to be approved far ahead of time so they aren't very useful for illnesses. Workers are also allowed to take unpaid time off for illnesses but they may be penalized under a railroad's attendance policy if they miss too many days.

The Association of American Railroads trade group also said the special board of arbitrators that intervened in the contract dispute this summer opted not to recommend paid sick time.

A spokesman for the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division union that rejected its deal with the railroads praised the investors' action.

"The railroads never engaged on this issue in good faith. Their arrogance led us to this juncture and it has rightfully left their public reputation bruised. That's their fault," said Clark Ballew with the BMWED. "There's no excuse other than their insatiable greed and that is a flimsy, pathetic excuse at that."

Union Pacific said in a statement that it "knows quality of life concerns are real and we are working with employees to make changes."

Norfolk Southern declined to comment on the investor proposal.

AAA: Missouri statewide gas price average nearing $3 per gallon

The statewide gas price average in Missouri is $3.03 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 14 cents less compared to this day last week and is one cent more per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Cape Girardeau are paying the most on average at $3.25 while drivers in Joplin are paying the least at $2.82 per gallon. The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is $3.47, which is 12 cents less compared to this day last week and nine cents more than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

Missouri drivers are experiencing the lowest statewide gas price average, which is nearing $3 per gallon, since January 2022. Some Missouri metro areas have already fallen below that mark. Stabilized crude oil prices have contributed to the retail gas price decline in recent weeks.

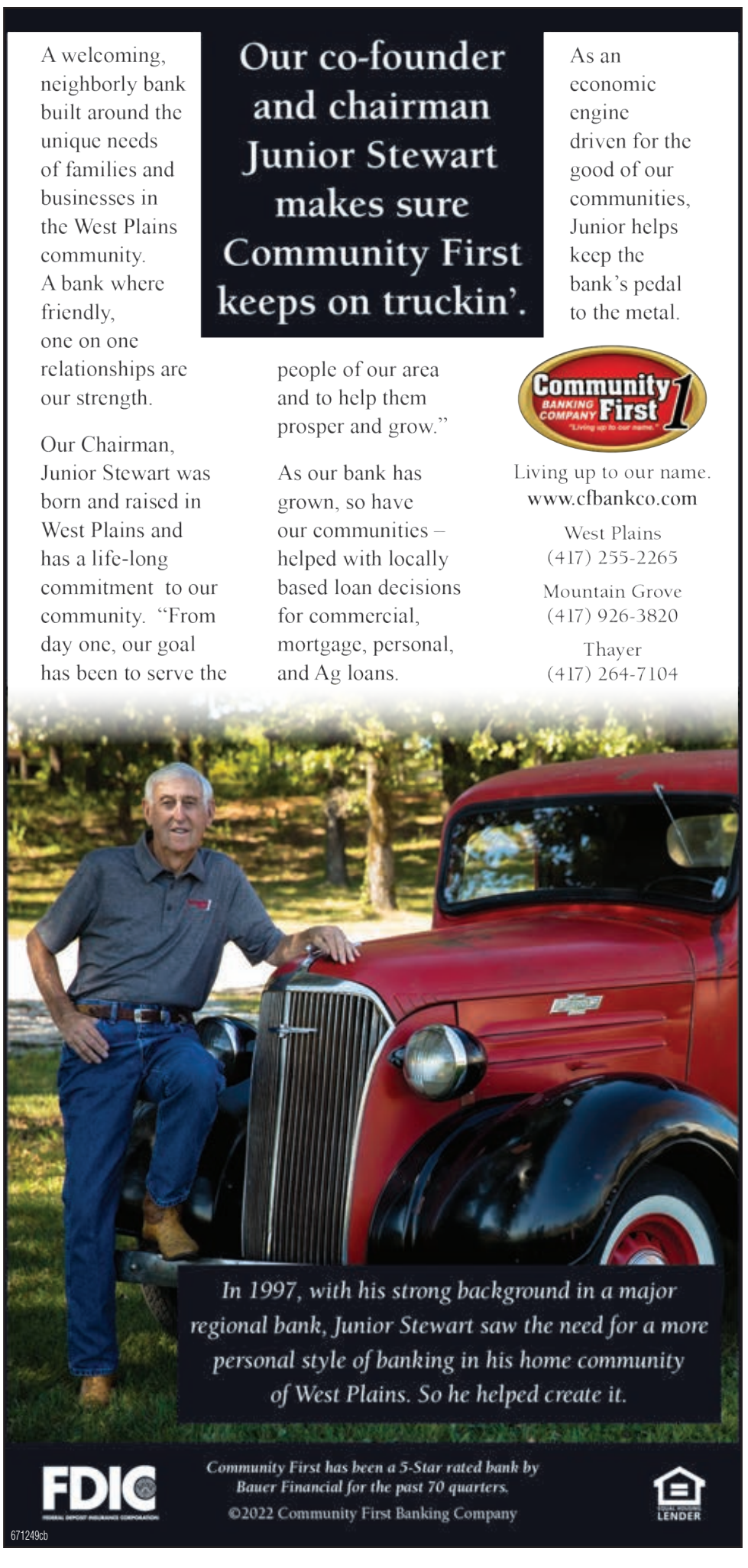
"Missouri gas prices are nearing levels that will fall below the average price from this time last year." said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarria. "Drivers should be aware there are some indicators that oil prices may rebound, and global gasoline demand may increase in the near future which could reverse the current downward price trend."

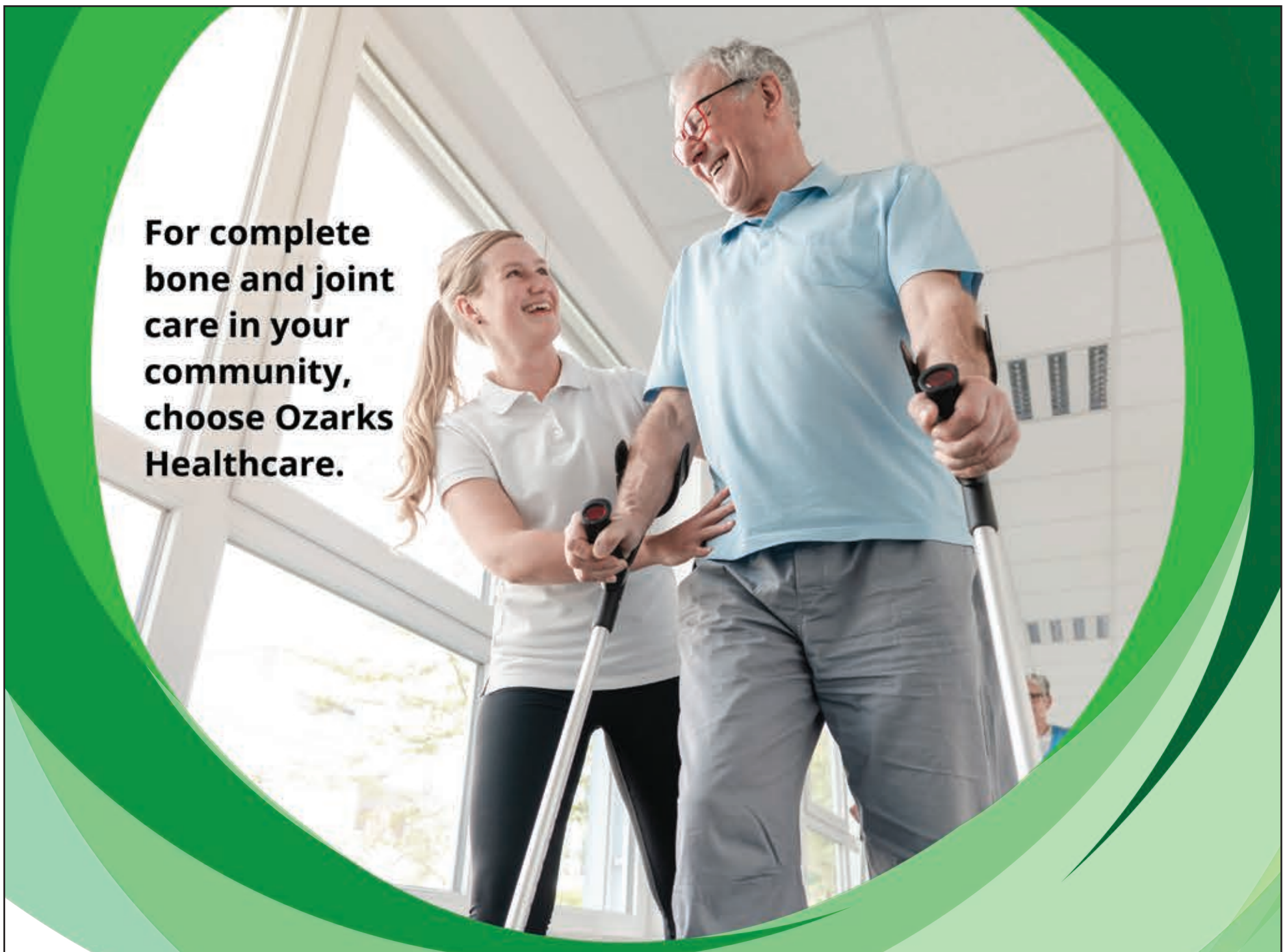
OPEC+ is scheduled to meet this weekend where there's a possibility the group could call for more cuts to crude oil production in hopes of tightening supply. Crude oil prices had been falling due to lower global demand as China has been enforcing stern COVID-19 lockdowns, but the country's leaders announced restrictions will ease in the coming days. This will likely lead to an increase in global demand for crude oil. Crude oil accounts for 50-60% of the cost of a gallon of gasoline.

Drivers in Missouri are paying the 7th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at $4.90 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free and revamped AAA App for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route and learn traffic conditions along that route, find discounts, locate parking, book a hotel and request and track AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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Rangers score 3 in third period to rally past Blues 6-4

By ALLAN KREDA
Associated Press

K'Andre Miller, Alexis Lafrenière and Chris Kreider scored in the third period as the New York Rangers rallied to beat the St. Louis Blues 6-4 on Monday night.

Vincent Trochek had a goal and an assist, and Braden Schneider and Adam Fox also scored for the Rangers, who won for the second time in seven games (2-4-1) and snapped a four-game skid (0-3-1) at home. Artemi Panarin had two assists, Lafrenière added one, and Igor Shesterkin made 25 saves.

"We stepped it up in the third. We really wanted this win'' said Mika Zibanejad, who assisted on Lafreniere's go-ahead goal as part of a new line combination. "From the first shift, you could tell. It was time for us to show it. We got the win ... It's a lot better than standing here talking about another loss."

Jordan Kyrou had a goal and an assist, and Pavel Buchnevich, Vladimir Tarasenko and Ryan O'Reilly also scored for the Blues, who have lost six of seven since a seven-game winning streak. Jordan Binnington had 18 saves.

St. Louis led 4-3 entering the third period before Miller tied it with his first goal of the season at 4:48.

Lafrenière's go-ahead goal came at 8:16 as he tipped a long shot by Zibanejad past Binnington for his fourth.

"It's good to score one,'' Lafrenière said. "I will try to keep going with consistency in my game ... Our third period was really good. We can score when we work hard."

After Trocheck took a hooking penalty with 6:21 remaining, Kreider scored on a short-handed breakaway 25 seconds later. Kreider's 13th goal of the season sparked a loud celebration of relief from the crowd at Madison Square Garden, where the Rangers had squandered leads in three of the four defeats.

"It felt good to give us an extra cushion going into those last couple of minutes," Kreider said. "Every game is a must win. It's up to us to be resilient and we were resilient today."

The Blues had won all seven games this season when leading after two periods.

"We played two great periods, controlled the game. But in the third, with the game on the line, we were tentative," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "You've got the lead, you've got to go play with confidence but right now we're not a confident hockey team ... We didn't push enough."

The Rangers opened the scoring when Schneider fired a puck past Binnington with 2:46 left in the first period. It was his third.

The Blues tied it 50 seconds later as former Ranger Buchnevich fired a shot that bounced off Fox's skate and in for his ninth. It was the second game back at the Garden for Buchnevich who was traded to St. Louis in July 2021 after parts of five seasons with the Rangers.

Buchnevich has 14 points in his last 10 games (eight goals and six assists) while the player the Rangers got in exchange — Sammy Blais — has yet to score a goal in 38 games for New York.

The Rangers went ahead 2-1 with 28 seconds remaining in the first on a power-play goal by Fox, his seventh of the season.

Tarasenko then tied it again for the Blues just 12 seconds into the second. It was his seventh.

Trocheck then put the Rangers ahead 3-2 at 1:07 with his ninth goal.

Kyrou scored on a power play to tie it at 11:04 with his team-best 10th, and O'Reilly gave St. Louis its first lead of the night with his eighth 91 seconds later. Kyrou had an assist on O'Reilly's goal, giving him 18 points in his last 15 games.

UP NEXT

Blues: At the New York Islanders on Tuesday night.

Rangers: At Vegas on Wednesday night.

MDC sets deer and turkey hunting dates and proposed deer regulation changes for 2023-2024 seasons

Some counties will have two new firearms deer-season portions and additional antlerless permits.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recently set turkey and deer hunting dates for the 2023-2024 seasons along with regulation changes for the 2023-2024 deer-hunting season. The regulation changes include a new firearms early antlerless portion, a new firearms CWD portion, and changes to firearms antlerless permit numbers in most counties. The hunting dates and regulation changes were approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its Dec. 2 open meeting in Jefferson City.

"The changes to deer hunting regulations for the 2023-2024 deer season were motivated by increasing deer numbers throughout much of Missouri and in response to changes in the distribution of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the state," said MDC Cervid Program Supervisor Jason Isabelle. "With a growing deer population in most Missouri counties, we're increasing opportunities for hunters to harvest deer both within and outside of the CWD Management Zone next year."

2023-2024 Hunting Dates

2023 Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Dates

- Spring Youth Portion: April 1 — 2
- Regular Spring Turkey Season: April 17 through May 7
- Fall Firearms Turkey Season: Oct. 1 — 31

2023 – 2024 Archery Deer and Turkey Hunting Dates

- 15 through Nov. 10 and Nov. 22 through Jan. 15, 2024

2023 — 2024 Firearms Deer Hunting Dates

- New! Firearms Early Antlerless Portion: Oct. 6-8 (in open counties)
- Firearms Early Youth Portion: Oct. 28-29
- Firearms November Portion: Nov. 11-21
- New! Firearms CWD Portion: Nov. 22-26 (in open counties)
- Firearms Late Youth Portion: Nov. 24-26
- Firearms Late Antlerless Portion: Dec. 2-10 (in open counties)
- Firearms Alternative Methods Portion: Dec. 23 — Jan. 2, 2024

New Firearms Early Antlerless Portion Oct. 6-8

MDC will offer a new firearms early antlerless portion Oct. 6-8 for 2023 in the same 100 counties open for the firearms late antlerless portion Dec. 2-10. Get regulation details and a map of open counties from the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/regulation-changes-2023-24-deer-season

"With deer populations being at desired levels in most counties but continuing to increase, additional antlerless harvest is needed to stabilize deer numbers," said Isabelle. "The creation of an early antlerless portion of firearms deer season and increasing the availability of antlerless permits in most counties will provide hunters with more opportunities to harvest antlerless deer and help meet our deer-management goals."

According to MDC, firearms antlerless seasons that occur prior to the primary firearms season are not uncommon and several Midwestern states have established similar season portions.

"The early antlerless portion will help to increase antlerless deer harvest prior to the November portion of firearms season when the focus of many hunters is on harvesting a buck," said Isabelle. "The timing of the early antlerless portion was designed to occur when weather conditions are generally comfortable and during a time that will minimize conflict with archery hunters, who spend the most time hunting during late October and early November as the rut approaches."

New Firearms CWD Portion Nov. 22-26

MDC will offer a CWD portion of firearms deer season Nov. 22-26 in CWD Management Zone counties during the 2023-2024 deer season. Get regulation details and a map of open counties from the MDC website at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/regulation-changes-2023-24-deer-season

According to MDC, hunters will be able to use any unfilled firearms deer permits during the CWD portion and must abide by the statewide limit of one antlered deer during the firearms deer season, all portions combined. They must also abide by county-specific firearms antlerless permit numbers.

"Like they are in most of the state, deer populations are increasing in most CWD Management Zone counties," said Isabelle. "Because higher deer densities can increase the rate of CWD spread, additional deer harvest in the CWD Management Zone is needed to prevent further increases in deer numbers and help minimize the spread of the disease."

He added that the timeframe of the CWD portion was selected because it occurs during the tail end of the primary rut, or breeding season, when deer activity is typically high and when hunter interest remains strong.

"When looking for the best time to provide hunters with more opportunity in CWD Management Zone counties, we considered a number of factors including the potential for good deer movement, level of hunter interest, and potential conflict with other hunters," said Isabelle. "The late November timeframe avoids peak archery hunting weeks and occurs during a time when deer movement is generally good, and when hunters are eager to be in the woods."

Changes to Firearms Antlerless Permit Numbers

MDC has also increased the number of firearms antlerless permits hunters can fill in most counties, including allowing hunters to fill a firearms antlerless permit in Butler, Carter, Scott, and Wayne counties. MDC has also increased the number of firearms antlerless permits from two to four in 82 counties.

"Prior to 2014, firearms antlerless permit numbers were unlimited in 74 counties," said Isabelle. "However, following the severe hemorrhagic disease outbreak that occurred throughout much of the state in 2012, we became much more conservative with firearms antlerless permit numbers to allow the deer population to rebound."



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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

BLAKE SHELTON

The Voice coach, 46, is partnering with Carson Daly on a new celebrity game show, *Barmageddon* (Dec. 5 on USA Network), taking place at Shelton's Nashville bar, Ole Red, where their celebrity friends will compete in over-the-top bar games. WWE Hall of Famer Nikki Bella will host, Daly will be behind the bar and Shelton will take the stage with his house band for music sing-alongs.

Was *Barmageddon* your idea? Well, this is a show about games and drinking, and it was definitely cocktail inspired! Carson and I came up with the initial idea backstage at *The Voice* after we finished taping one evening. One drink led to another and we talked about playing games...and *Barmageddon* was born. Or at least conceived!

Who will be some of your celebrity guests? Let's just start with my superstar wife, Gwen, playing against Sheryl Crow. My buddies and racecar champs Clint Bowyer and Jimmie Johnson face off in an episode. We have singer Chris Young, who's had huge hits in country music, and we toured together, taking on singer Elle King in a hilarious episode. Trace Adkins—who's like a skin tag, I just can't get rid of him—takes on Tennessee Titans Coach Mike Vrabel. We've got Lil Rel and Malin Akerman from the acting world in an episode together, so it's really a fun mix of people from all realms.

What kinds of games will you be playing? We took games that everyone knows, like cornhole and curling, amped them up and now you have supersized air-cannon cornhole, drunken "axe hole" and my own version of darts, which is called "sharts." We also have curling, which we amped up to be "keg curling"—so yes, there's some actual drinking involved!

How much music will there be on each episode? The music is a mix of songs with me and the house band, and some surprise performances too.

What does Nikki Bella add to the camaraderie as the host? Nikki has been entertaining people for decades! She's dominated the world of wrestling with WWE, so she knows how to light up an audience and host a party. *Barmagaddeon* is all about having a good time, and Nikki fits right in!

Carson Daly is behind the bar. How good of a bartender is he? Carson is many things. A great friend, creative, hardworking, a talented host, but he's a terrible bartender! It shouldn't be that hard to mix a cocktail! Thankfully most of the drinks are simple or it's just refilling a beer. Otherwise, we would be in big trouble.





Blake Shelton is the reigning champ when it comes to choosing the winning performer on *The Voice*. As of press time, he'd won eight times in 22 seasons. His wife, coach Gwen Stefani, has won once.

Will season 23 of *The Voice* really be your last? *The Voice* changed my life for the better and it's been successful beyond my wildest dreams. The live [shows] for this season have already started and I'm looking forward to season 23 in the spring!

When you stop coaching, what will you do? Oh, there's lots to do! *Barmageddon*, tour, work on the farm—I'll be busy.

Do you and Gwen have plans for more duets? Music is one of the foundations of our relationship and we've had fun and been fortunate enough to have two number one songs together. I'm releasing some new Christmas songs this year and one of them is "Cheer for the Elves," a song she recorded on her last Christmas album. So, you can bet we're going to always collaborate on music in some way. It's just how we're wired.

Loretta Lynn made music until she was 89. Is that your plan? I'm not sure I'm worthy to be mentioned in the same breath as Loretta Lynn, but I've been singing since I was a kid. All I ever wanted to do was sing country music and record songs that people wanted to listen to and get played on the radio. Music is in my blood and that's never going to change. P

How much has Blake Shelton made on *The Voice*? Go to ***Parade.com/blake*** for his net worth.

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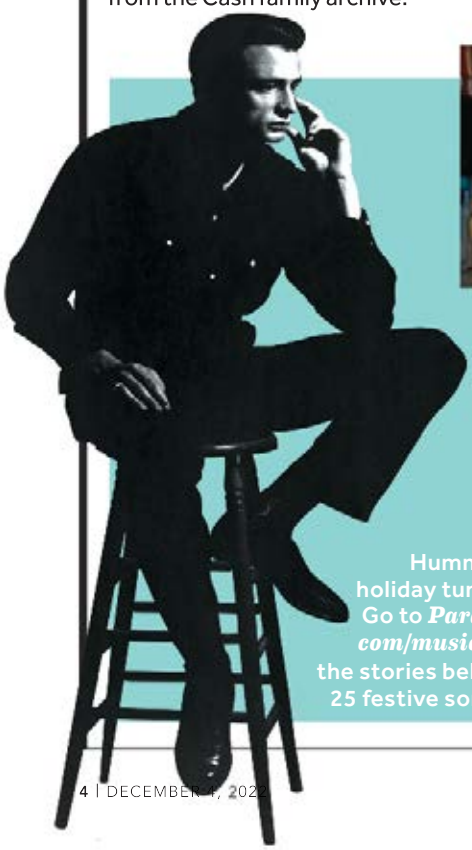
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The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our radar this week. Go to ***Parade.com/entertainment*** for more.

Johnny Cash: The Redemption of an American Icon (Dec. 5-7, in theaters)

This documentary recounts a low period in Cash's life and career, focusing on the making of his famous album, "Man In Black," while the legend was stuck in a cycle of depression and drug addiction. The core focus of the film is the iconic country star's road to redemption and his return to an "unshakable faith" that would influence some of his most famous songs, like "The Man Comes Around." The documentary features John Carter Cash, Sheryl Crow, Tim McGraw, Marty Stuart, Wynonna Judd, Jimmie Allen, Alice Cooper, Franklin Graham, Joanne Cash Yates, Greg Laurie and many others, along with tapes from the Cash family archive.



Humming holiday tunes? Go to ***Parade.com/music*** for the stories behind 25 festive songs.

Idina Menzel: Which Way to the Stage? (Dec. 9, Disney+)





Idina Menzel may be one of Disney's most beloved princesses as *Frozen*'s Elsa, but the *Wicked* star had a dream of her own: to headline a concert at Madison Square Garden in her hometown of New York City. In the documentary, *Idina Menzel: Which Way to the Stage?*—which focuses on the life and career of the Tony winner—we see that dream come true, following a national tour during which she juggles the challenges of being a working mom with a grueling travel schedule.

"We made this documentary to show firsthand how important it is to pursue your passions and lean on those around you in times of hardship," said Menzel, 51. "This documentary was a joy to make, and I hope it resonates with my fans and new audiences alike who find themselves balancing motherhood, work and marriage while chasing their own dreams. [I hope it] inspires others to keep pushing forward."

Pinocchio (Dec. 9, Netflix)



It took 14 years, but Guillermo del Toro is finally bringing his stop-motion vision of *Pinocchio*, the classic tale about a puppet magically brought to life, to the screen. Newcomer Gregory Mann voices the title role, Cate Blanchett is Spazzatura, Tilda Swinton is the Wood Sprite, Finn Wolfhard is Candlewick and Ewan McGregor is Sebastian J. Cricket.

"In our story, Pinocchio is an innocent soul with an uncaring father who gets lost in a world he cannot comprehend," said del Toro, 58. "He embarks on an extraordinary journey that leaves him with a deep understanding of his father and the real world." The director of *The Shape of Water* and *Pan's Labyrinth* saw the film as a kid. "Pinocchio saw the world the way I saw it. I was a bit enraged that people demanded obedience from him so I wanted to make a film about disobedience as a virtue, and to say that you shouldn't change to be loved."

SO MANY PINOCCHIOS

Italian writer Carlo Collodi wrote The Adventures of Pinocchio *in 1883. Since then, there have been many depictions of the woodcutter and his wooden son (18 from Walt Disney Pictures alone!), including these.*



PINOCCHIO (1940) The original animated film has scared and delighted children for decades.



THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO (1996) The wooden puppet was played by Jonathan Taylor Thomas, who was the voice of young Simba in *The Lion King* in 1994 and a regular on *Home Improvement*.

PINOCCHIO (2002) This live-action tale starred Italian Roberto Benigni, who also directed.



PINOCCHIO (2022) Robert Zemeckis's version featured Tom Hanks as Geppetto.

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FRIENDS SEASON 6, EPISODE 13 (2000) **Reese Witherspoon** plays spoiled sibling Jill Green in "The One With Rachel's Sister," where she sports a blue bag from Tiffany's after a shopping spree.

Something From Tiffany's (Dec. 9 on Prime Video)

"I'm just crazy about Tiffany's," says Audrey Hepburn's Holly Golightly in the 1961 film, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. She claims a visit to the store can cure her "mean reds"—a case of depression worse than the blues. "Nothing bad could ever happen to you at Tiffany's," she says. Now, 60 years later, we have a second film with the iconic jewelry store in the title. The romantic comedy *Something From Tiffany's* stars **Zoey Deutch**, 28, and **Shay Mitchell**, 35, and follows a woman whose life gets upended when an engagement ring intended for someone else leads her to the person she's meant to be with.

It turns out that the iconic store on the corner of 57th Street and Fifth Avenue and its wares have been featured in a surprising number of movies and shows. Here are a few others.



SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (1993) Walter (**Bill Pullman**) gives Annie (**Meg Ryan**) an engagement ring during a visit to New York on Valentine's Day. We see the interior and exterior of the store. Spoiler: We also see Annie returning the ring to Walter later.





OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (2007) The heist in this third installment of the *Ocean* adventures is Tiffany diamonds, supposedly worth $250 million.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA (2002) The mayor's son, Andrew Hennings (**Patrick Dempsey**), plans a surprise wedding proposal to Melanie Carmichael (**Reese Witherspoon**) in the Tiffany store. Like the character in *Sleepless in Seattle*, Melanie does not end up keeping the ring.



DEATH ON THE NILE (2022) Tiffany & Co. jewelry is all over the place in this Kenneth Branagh remake of the Agatha Christie story. Linnet Ridgeway Doyle (**Gal Gadot**) receives a 128.54 carat yellow diamond necklace as a wedding present from her husband, Simon Doyle (Armie Hammer); Euphemia (**Annette Bening**) sports gold and diamond jewels from the Jean Schlumberger line, and Jacqueline De Bellefort (Emma Mackey) wears jewelry from the Victoria collection.





SEX AND THE CITY: THE MOVIE (2008) This time **Sarah Jessica Parker** as Carrie is wandering around Tiffany's like a latter-day Audrey Hepburn in the opening of the movie. She sports a gold Elsa Peretti Bone Cuff during the scene.

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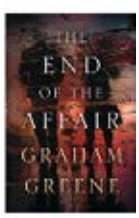


PATTI CALLAHAN HENRY

Author of *Once Upon a Wardrobe*

Favorite: *The End Of The Affair* by Graham Greene

"Graham Greene was inspired to write this novel from his own affair with a woman named Catherine Walston. There is nothing like it and it reads better every single time I pick it up—or listen to Colin Firth read it. It's a love story, and yet it's so much more."



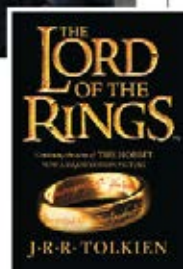


GEORGE R.R. MARTIN

Author of *A Song of Ice and Fire*, adapted into the HBO series *Game of Thrones*

Favorite: *The Lord Of The Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien

"It will surprise no one to learn that my favorite fantasy novel is *The Lord of The Rings*. Fantasy is the oldest branch of literature, with roots that go back as far as Gilgamesh and Homer, but Professor Tolkien redefined the genre, and every fantasist since has been writing in his shadow."





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Author of *Endless Love*



Favorite: *Pale Fire* by Vladimir Nabokov

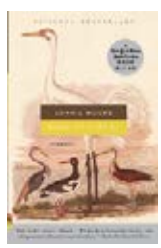


"You're always on thin ice when you say a book is the greatest of all time—or even the greatest of the year in which it was first published. But I feel terra firma beneath my feet when I say *Pale Fire* by Vladimir Nabokov is the most astonishing work of fiction I have ever read."

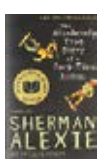


SHERMAN ALEXIE

Author of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*



Favorite: *Birds Of America* by Lorrie Moore



"It is hilarious and heart-wrenching in equal measure. I've reread this book at least 20 times and I think that's always the best sign of greatness."

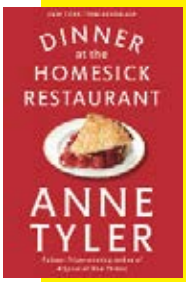
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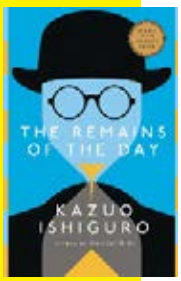
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ANNE TYLER

Author of *Dinner at The Homesick Restaurant*



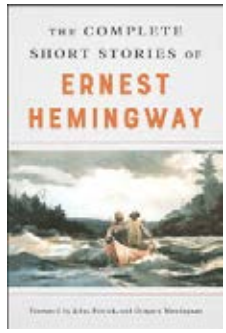


Favorite: The *Remains of The Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Writer Anne Tyler said yes when asked to contribute to *Parade*'s list of the best books of all time—on one condition: The only book she wanted to talk about was *The Remains of the Day*, the story of an English butler so devoted to service he misses his chance at love. "I don't think I'll ever forget the heart-stopping moment near the end when the central character all at once understands that his entire life has been wrong," she says of the book hailed as an instant classic on publication in 1989.







JULIE OTSUKA

Author of *The Buddha in the Attic*

Favorite: *The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway* by Ernest Hemingway

"I'd somehow managed to avoid reading Hemingway until my early 30s, when I was first beginning to write. I'd always thought he was 'not for me'—I'm not white, I'm not a man, I've never stalked a lion, I haven't been to war. And yet, as soon as I began to read him, I could not stop."

MATTHEW PAUL TURNER

Author of the children's book, *I Am God's Dream*





Favorite: *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

"This is a perfect children's book because it's one of the most delightful to read aloud, offering moments to read quietly, in almost a hush, and also lines to read loudly with growls and snorts. I love that I was able to introduce my kids to a story that I loved when I was their age."



ELIZABETH STROUT

Author of *Olive Kitteridge*





Favorite: *The Collected Stories* by William Trevor

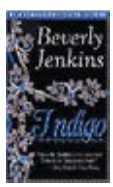
"William Trevor is so precise and so gentle and can flip over a sentence in a heartbeat. He writes about the lives of ordinary people, who are all—of course—extraordinary. One of my favorites is called 'Mrs. Silly' about a young boy sent to boarding school and his lovely mother who embarrasses herself on their visiting day. It's a quiet, honest killer of a story."



BEVERLY JENKINS

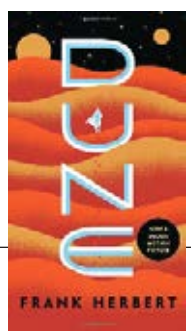
Author of *Indigo*





Favorite: *Dune* by Frank Herbert

"It appeals to the fantasy/sci-fi lover that I am," Jenkins says. "*Dune* is also the ultimate romance, and that appeals to me as well. Lady Jessica was told by her Order to birth a girl child, but her love for her Duke overrode that directive. She gave Leto a son instead. Without that love, there'd be no Paul. And without Paul, there'd be no Dune."



TIM O'BRIEN

Author of *The Things They Carried*





Favorite: *The Stranger* by Albert Camus

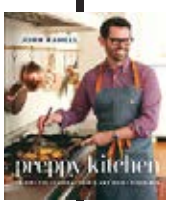
"I'm always moved by how unmoved the book's protagonist is in the midst of shattering circumstances. (Yet, by and large, don't we all 'recover' and somehow move on from lost loves and dead mothers and our own misdeeds?) The book is among the novels that made me dream about writing one of my own."



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YOUR NEW FAVORITE

Christmas Cookies!



There's a good chance you have the ingredients to make these festive cookies from the new cookbook, ***Preppy Kitchen,*** by blogger and YouTuber John Kanell. In the book, the former middle-school math and science teacher shares the best-loved recipes he cooks for his husband and their twins, Lachlan and George, on their farm in Connecticut.

RUMMY CHOCOLATE CRINKLE COOKIES

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp espresso powder (like Medaglia D'Oro Espresso Instant Dark Roast Coffee)
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ¾ cups granulated sugar, divided
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- ¼ cup aged or spiced rum
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup powdered sugar, plus more for dusting

1. In a medium bowl, sift together first 4 ingredients. Whisk in salt. In a large bowl, combine ½ cup granulated sugar, brown sugar, butter, egg, rum and vanilla. Whisk until well combined. Using a silicone spatula, fold flour mixture into sugar mixture until dough is uniform. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

3. Sift ½ cup powdered sugar into a small bowl. In another small bowl, place remaining ¼ cup granulated sugar.



4. Scoop dough with a spoon and roll into 1-inch balls. Roll each dough ball in granulated sugar followed by powdered sugar. Place dough balls 2 inches apart on one of the prepared baking sheets. Lightly sift powdered sugar over the top. Chill remaining dough balls (probably about half the dough) and coat in sugars just before baking.

5. Bake 1 sheet at a time until cookie edges are set and cracks have formed, about 10 minutes for gooey-center cookies and up to 12 minutes for fully baked but soft cookies. Cool completely on pan. Store cookies in an airtight container for up to 4 days. **Makes about 2 dozen.**

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ORANGE LINZER COOKIE WREATHS

"You can use any kind of jam sandwiched inside these cookies," says Kanell, "but I prefer orange marmalade because it's sweet but not too sweet, with just a little bit of bitter to keep you coming back for more." If you use marmalade with large, thick strips of zest, he advises pulsing it in a food processor to break them up.



Visit ***Parade.com/chaicookie*** for Taylor Swift's Chai Cookies recipe.

In a large bowl, sift together 3¼ cups **all-purpose flour**, ½ tsp **kosher salt** and ¼ tsp **baking powder**. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat 1 cup (2 sticks) **unsalted butter**, softened, and 1 cup **granulated sugar** on medium speed until creamy, about 3 minutes. Add 1 **large egg** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract**; continue beating until fluffy, about 2 minutes, stopping to scrape down sides of bowl as needed.

Reduce mixer speed to low and slowly add flour mixture. Beat just until a dough starts to form, 1-2 minutes. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured work surface; knead gently into a ball. Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a disk; wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Chill at least 45 minutes and up to 3 days.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out each dough disk to about a ⅛-inch thickness. Use a 2¼-inch round cutter to cut dough into rounds, rerolling scraps as needed. Place half the rounds 1 inch apart on one of the prepared baking sheets.

Using a ¾-inch cutter, cut center out of remaining rounds. Place 1 inch apart on the other prepared baking sheet.

Bake cookies one sheet at a time 12-15 minutes or until edges are just starting to brown. Cool completely on baking sheets.

To garnish, use a fingertip to spread a spot of **orange marmalade** on top of cutout cookie. If desired, press on a piece of **fresh rosemary sprig** and thinly sliced **cranberry** and add **golden sprinkles**. Let marmalade dry a few minutes; lightly dust all over with **powdered sugar**.

On flat side (most likely underside) of each solid cookie, spread about ½ tsp marmalade and top with a cutout cookie. Gently press to adhere. Repeat with remaining cookies. Store in an airtight container up to 4 days. **Makes about 20 sandwich cookies**.

FIRST COOKING MEMORY

"Growing up, we had a weekly pizza night, and my brother and I would get to shape the dough, spread the sauce, choose toppings and add cheese to ours. It's a memory I've recreated with my children on our pizza nights."

FAVORITE HOLIDAY RITUAL

"Gathering around the table for a big meal with family. And we have certain Christmas recipes that get made every year. There's a roast turkey, a **bûche de Noël**, my mom's special herbed rice and, of course, holiday cookies!"



TOP BAKING TIP

Bake cookies one sheet at a time on the middle rack for the most consistent results. "Ovens also tend to have hot spots towards the top and bottom, so baking your cookies on the middle rack is one way to keep them nice and golden," he says.

MUST-HAVE INGREDIENTS

Cocoa powder, vanilla extract ("it really adds so much flavor"), superfine sugar for making meringues and a variety of flours (all-purpose, almond, bread and whole wheat). Kanell also favors European butter, which is richer and creamier than American butter, thanks to more butterfat.

LIVING OUT LOUD

A TONY NOMINEE, EMMY WINNER FOR *ABBOTT ELEMENTARY* AND SINGER AND SPEAKER OF THE TRUTH, SHERYL LEE RALPH GIVES US A LESSON IN BELIEVING IN YOURSELF.

BY NICOLE PAJER



When winning an award, most actors take the stage in awe, rattle through a list of names to thank and wipe a few tears from their eyes. But at this year's Emmys, Sheryl Lee Ralph used her moment to show her appreciation in a different way. She accepted her statuette for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series by taking a deep breath to compose herself, then belting out the opening lines to "Endangered Species" by jazz artist Dianne Reeves: "I am an endangered species, but I sing no victim song. I am a woman. I am an artist. And I know where my voice belongs."

Ralph, 65, had everyone in the crowd standing and clapping wildly before transitioning into an inspirational monologue. The actress, who won for her role of Barbara Howard in *Abbott Elementary*—becoming the first Black woman to claim the category in 35 years—dedicated her award to her fellow dreamers, proclaiming "I am here to tell you that this is what believing looks like. This is what striving looks like. And don't you ever, ever give up on you." That's exactly what Ralph has done throughout her career, staying persistent in pursuit of her dreams. She spoke with *Parade* about her journey.

Want more great TV? Go to ***Parade.com/midseason*** for winter's hottest shows.

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Ralph's Emmy hit, the critically acclaimed *Abbott Elementary,* was created by Quinta Brunson (bottom, center).



On Broadway, Ralph got a Tony nomination for her role in *Dreamgirls* and knocked everybody's socks off in *Reggae*, *Wicked and Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

CHASING THE DREAM

Ralph was born in Connecticut and raised in Jamaica and Long Island by a college professor dad, Stanley, and fashion designer mom, Ivy, whom she credits for much of her inspiration and drive. "I'm an immigrant child, and my mother came here with a dream, and it wasn't just for herself, but it was for her family as well," she says. "The people still to this day talk about Miss Ivy and what she meant to them, how she cared for them, how she inspired them," she says. Ralph became interested in acting at Rutgers University and after graduation, she embarked on what has become a nearly five-decade performing career, full of noteworthy performances.

On stage, she's portrayed Deena Jones in 1981's original *Dreamgirls* on Broadway, a role that landed her a Tony Award nomination, Madame Morrible in *Wicked* and Elyse in *The First Wives Club*. She starred alongside Denzel Washington on the big screen in *The Mighty Quinn*, and is known for roles in *To Sleep With Anger*, *The Distinguished Gentleman*, the *Sister Act* sequel, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, and as the voice of Rita in *Oliver and Company*. And on television, she's appeared in everything from *Moesha* to *The Jeffersons*, *Designing Women* and more. Along the way she had two children with first husband, Eric Maurice, divorced, and got remarried to Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Hughes.

But continuing to stay relevant in show business throughout the years, Ralph admits, was not always easy, even for someone as driven as she was. And at one point along her journey, she almost quit acting. "My daughter was in junior high, and things had slowed down a bit," she recalls. She ran into a casting agent whose child went to her kids' school and was asked what she had been up to. "I said, 'Well, I haven't been acting much.' The agent stopped in her tracks and said, 'If you haven't been acting much, it's because you don't want to act much,'" Ralph recalls. This caused her to reexamine her entire career, from her goals to how she was being marketed to the industry. "It was a wake-up call and it worked great for me," she says. "I got new representation. I got new thoughts on myself. And I just went for it. That was the best thing I could ever do," she says.

Another best in her life has been ABC's new hit, *Abbott Elementary*. The mockumentary created by Quinta Brunson about a predominantly Black school in Philadelphia has been a dream. "I'm working with a great cast and crew on a series that is perfect for the time that we are in right now," she says. "I've got a boss that's half my age, and I adore



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Ralph married Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Hughes in 2005.

her. And God is good." But she does acknowledge that the role of old-school kindergarten teacher Barbara Howard took her by surprise. "At first, I was just like, 'Oh, well, here we go. Another role that I can absolutely play with my eyes shut,'" she says. Ralph was initially interested in portraying Ava, the inept principal character. "It was something that I could do very easily, but people would probably not see me as that," she says. But when Brunson told her, "Absolutely not. You are the perfect Barbara Howard," Ralph found herself in a role she absolutely adores. "This is probably the first time that I've ever really watched myself in a show, because I just like it so much," she says.

PRACTICING SELF-CARE

Having a positive mindset is very important to Ralph, both on and off set. She starts her days off with an affirmation. "First thing I do every morning is look in the mirror and love what I see," she says. "That whole 'Good morning, gorgeous,' that's old news for me. It has always been 'Girl, look at you. You look fabulous. Just the way you are.' I love to encourage myself." She credits this to her parents who nudged her to appreciate herself at a young age. "I'm a child of the '60s. If you didn't encourage yourself, it was not easy to make it out of that time in life," she says, only half joking.

Ralph has a work ethic of steel but has learned if she doesn't balance it with some TLC, she's not able to devote her full self to her craft. That's why she makes a point to check in with herself daily. "I love having full-on conversations out loud, balancing the pros and the cons and saying, 'Okay, where are we going? How are we doing this? How are we making this happen? What is the plan? How are we feeling? How can we feel better?' I'm telling you some of the best conversations I've ever had have been with myself," she says.

Health and wellness are not new to Ralph. "My mother always believed that your body is your temple. My dad said it's your castle and you have got to take care of it," she says. Her parents, she says, were very clear about what happens in every decade of life and how

ACCORDING TO *SHERYL*

FAVORITE HOBBY "Sleep! When we were first together, my husband would always laugh. He was like, 'Why do you sleep so much?' And I'm like, 'Why do you sleep so little? You think that four hours a night is good for you?' Give me seven to eight hours. I'm fine."



FAVORITE MOVIE
Black Orpheus (1959)



LAST BINGE
Succession

MORNING WAKE-UP ROUTINE Warm water, followed by tea or "fake coffee" made from barley or chicory root

EXERCISE MANTRA "Like the song says, you've got to "Move it, move it…'"

RELAXATION TECHNIQUE Box breathing (inhaling for four seconds, holding for four seconds, exhaling for four seconds and repeating)

FAVORITE COLOR Bling!

SURPRISING FACT "I played the violin as a child."

FAVORITE TRADITIONS "Christmas on the beach in Jamaica, indulging in local cuisine like black cake and rum punch, and giving big gifts in tiny boxes."



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Ralph's mother "Miss Ivy" (who passed in 2018) taught her that "your body is your temple."

you need to adjust your routine accordingly. So, while aging in Hollywood means she's doing it in front of a lens, she's learned to see growing older as a privilege. "I'm doing what I can. And you look at me, what I can do is pretty damn good because I put my best into it," she says.

POWERING THROUGH THE HURDLES

Adopting a positive mindset hasn't always come easy to Ralph. "There are moments where you forget even the best lessons that you've learned," she says. She's made a point to be transparent throughout the years, speaking about some of the hardships she's experienced and the things she's done to bounce back. "In my 20s, when things were out of hand for me as a young actor, and it seemed as though everybody else was in control, I took control by not eating," she says. "We now know that that is called anorexia, but back in the day, they just thought I was losing my mind." She credits the support of her family and early intervention for getting back on track.

She also experienced depression in the aftermath of her 2001 divorce from first husband, Eric Maurice, with whom she shares two children (Etienne Maurice and Ivy Maurice, now 30 and 27). "I looked in the mirror and I just started crying. And it was so unusual for me," she says of the moment she realized she was more than just sad. "And I was just like, 'I think I need to talk to somebody; I need some help.'" Deciding to leave her marriage, she says, came down to wanting to have her children see her at her best. "I couldn't be my best in that relationship, so I had to make a choice to be my best outside of it," she says. With the help of her family, "a great therapist," who worked with her and her family together, and her friends, she was able to improve her mental health.

"You get challenges in life. And it's all about how you are going to work through those challenges," says Ralph. "For me, it has all been about how do you move forward?" She strives to not get "stopped by the negativity but propelled by the positivity," as she describes it. She's also learned that her state of mind is a choice, and choosing to be happy has become her default throughout the years. "A lot of people say, 'But it's not that easy,'" she says. But this is something Ralph practices daily. "I'm a pro at being my best self. I'm a pro at relaxing myself. I'm a pro in bad situations, finding my best self, because that's how I've managed to carry on. That's how I've managed to move forward."





Ralph's many TV and film roles include *The Mighty Quinn* with **Denzel Washington**, *The Jeffersons*, *Designing Women*, *Moesha* and *The Distinguished Gentlemen*.







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Ralph's chilldren Ivy and Etienne Maurice joined her on the red carpet for the film *Just Getting Started* in 2017 .

THE JOY OF GIVING BACK

Another way that Ralph stays healthy is by focusing on others. She is a big proponent for animal adoption and loves to spend time with her rescue puppy, Oscar. "Rescue dogs, animals, cats can be great self-care," she says. "If you need one, don't go out and buy one, go to the shelter. Give the animal the patience that you probably should be giving yourself."

But her true life's work is her D.I.V.A. Foundation, which she founded in 1990 as a memorial to the many friends she lost to AIDS. "As an original company member of *Dreamgirls* on Broadway, it was the best time of my life. And then the worst happened when my friends were just dropping dead of this disease," she says. "I saw how the world's reaction was so terrible, how easy it was to hate on people for their sexual preference, or their gender or whatever." Ralph started D.I.V.A., "Divinely Inspired Victoriously Aware," to help raise both funds and awareness for HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening diseases. "And now we're focused on overall health awareness," she says.

These days she spends her downtime encouraging people to get their check-ups and prioritize preventative health. "We try to deliver messages even to men that say, 'I know you're afraid of getting your PSA numbers, but you can get a blood test [for prostate health]. Things have changed. Go take care of yourself.' For women, it is important to get your mammogram when you need it," she says. She's also pushing for open dialogue and support around women and their periods, pregnancy and the transition into menopause.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

After an upcoming holiday trip to Jamaica, Ralph is excited to hop into whatever her career brings her next, she says. But at the moment, she's enjoying how every character she has portrayed in the past has led her to this Emmy award-winning point, noting that in so many ways she is living the life of Deena Jones from *Dreamgirls*. "Deena Jones came from a singing group, wanted to do something important, wanted to make a difference, wanted to have a family and a happy life," she reflects. Then, she thinks back to her first movie, *A Piece of the Action*, with Sidney Poitier and Bill Cosby, where she played an unruly juvenile delinquent named Barbara Hanley. "I believe that Barbara Hanley has grown up to become Barbara Howard, understanding that she has done the best that she could for herself, and is now doing it for others as a teacher," says Ralph. She finds the circle revelation to be absolutely beautiful. "I'm very thankful!" she says.

And that Emmy? For Ralph, it is all about change. The recognition has caused her to reflect on the times in her life when she felt like she was doing her best work and was often overlooked. Nowadays, she's celebrating her persistence. "You can say the industry wasn't ready, you can say that people didn't realize that diversity was important and other people should be invited to the party. But I believe my award is what change really looks like. Because I've been here doing the work that people say is outstanding," she says. Her Emmy is now right beside her bed, and she goes to sleep and wakes up next to it with a big smile on her face.



Ralph was only the secod Black woman to win the Outstanding Supporting Actress Emmy. The first was Jackée Harry for a show called *227*, 35 years ago.

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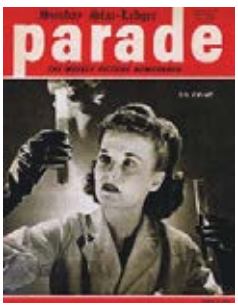


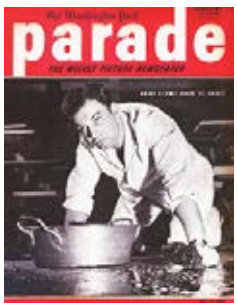
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WORKING FOR AMERICA

It was Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson who said, "Be humble. Be hungry. And always be the hardest worker in the room." Johnson, who worked as a dishwasher when he was just 13 years old, would appreciate this peek into the *Parade* Vault. The magazine has told thousands of stories about jobs over 80+ years, but here are a few that capture that classic can-do American attitude. As former baseball player Sam Ewing said, "Hard work spotlights the character of people. Some turn up their sleeves. Some turn up their noses and some don't turn up at all." These folks? They turned up. —*Anne Krueger*





The World War II Years

During the 1940s, *Parade* highlighted dozens of men and women whose work involved serving our country on the battlefield and off. Among them was the "girl chemist developing secret weapons against battlefront diseases," the soldier on KP duty, the military policeman, the female factory worker assembling a bomber's nose and the parachuting marines.









"His Love Affair With Lady Liberty"

JULY 1, 1990

"I'm nobody special. How did I get so lucky?" That's Vietnam veteran Charlie DeLeo, 42, the son of Greek and Italian immigrants talking about his place of employment. The job? Since 1972, DeLeo has been the sole "keeper of the flame" of the 305-foot Statue of Liberty, keeping every inch of the 29-foot, 2,500-pound torch clean and burning bright (that's him in the torch on the cover). "Most men don't ever discover their calling," he told *Parade*. "I've found mine."

"They Fight Oil Spills"

APRIL 10, 1977

Meet the Coast Guard's four-year-old National Strike Force, a team of men who at a moment's notice jumped on ships or planes with their pumps and other equipment to try to contain or clean up oil spills or other environmental disasters.



"We're like a fire department," Lt. Cmdr. Barry Chambers, 35, told *Parade*. "When the alarm sounds, we get moving." Among them were divers, pumping mechanics and experts in cleaning and rehabilitating waterfowl. It was hard work—60 percent of it spent away from home with some jobs lasting three months. But it was also satisfying, said Lt. John Clay, 26, who had a degree in oceanography.

"I grew up in the environmental revolution. I'm excited about the freedom we have to experiment and get involved." (The Force is still hard at work in 2022).

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"Civilians Who Keep Traffic Moving"

MARCH 31, 1974

"That shapely blonde directing traffic at Broadway and 34th Street in New York isn't a motorists' mirage," wrote *Parade*. "She's a mother of six named Dorothy Donoghue."

The sexist introduction aside, the article went on to celebrate the new 300-strong army of Traffic Control Agents (TCAs) who were keeping city streets unsnarled across the U.S. Donoghue, 32, who received a starting salary of $8,500 and worked 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., had to learn the ropes. "I was shaky at first," she said, especially when a bus approached. "If they don't stop, you have to blow your whistle, walk up and put your hand right up in front of them. It's not easy." But, clad in her orange and white striped Day-Glo vest and white gloves, she'd learned some tricks: "Once you're firm with drivers and keep them moving they'll pay strict attention to you."

Ask Marilyn

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CAN CHOCOLATE BE DECAFFEINATED? I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE IN THE EVENINGS, BUT MY REACTION TO CAFFEINE IS TOO STRONG.

–Marie Travers, Hemet, California

Try a cup of hot white chocolate, which has no caffeine. The flavor is as delectable as its cousin, but a bit more buttery, with a hint of vanilla, along with creamy undertones. The color is actually a pale ivory, and, like commercial milk chocolate, it contains milk.

White chocolate drinks vary the way other chocolate drinks do, but all chocolate comes from cocoa beans. When liquefied, the chocolate liquor (which is not alcoholic) contains two components: cocoa solids and cocoa butter. Only the solids contain caffeine. The more cocoa solids are in the final product, the darker the chocolate and the more caffeine it contains. White chocolate contains only cocoa butter, so it has no caffeine.

Yet another ingredient in chocolate is highly stimulating: theobromine, which is a more potent cardiac stimulant than caffeine. (Caffeine, by contrast, penetrates the blood-brain barrier more readily.) Cocoa solids have even more theobromine than caffeine, but white chocolate has neither.

Find solutions to Marilyn's puzzles and this week's Numbrix on the next page!

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Complete 1 to 81 so the numbers follow a horizontal or vertical path—no diagonals.

	77	78				58	53	
	76			61			52	
		81				15		
	36			25			2	
	35	28				8	1	

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

THE MATH PROBLEM

OCTOBER 2, 1994

By inserting any of the four mathematical signs (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) between the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, can you make them equal 100?

All of the digits must remain in that order.

—Bobbie Ray Mazur, Wellesley, Massachusetts

A BRAINTEASER FROM MARILYN

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You have an aquarium with tropical fish, some of which are silver with blue stripes, while others are blue with silver stripes. One evening, you notice the cat staring at the water. Suddenly you notice that each silver fish with blue stripes has as many identically striped tankmates as oppositely striped ones, with each blue fish with silver stripes has only half as many identically striped tankmates as oppositely stripes ones. How can that be? And what is the lowest number of fish that must be in the tank?

SOLUTIONS

THE MATH PROBLEM

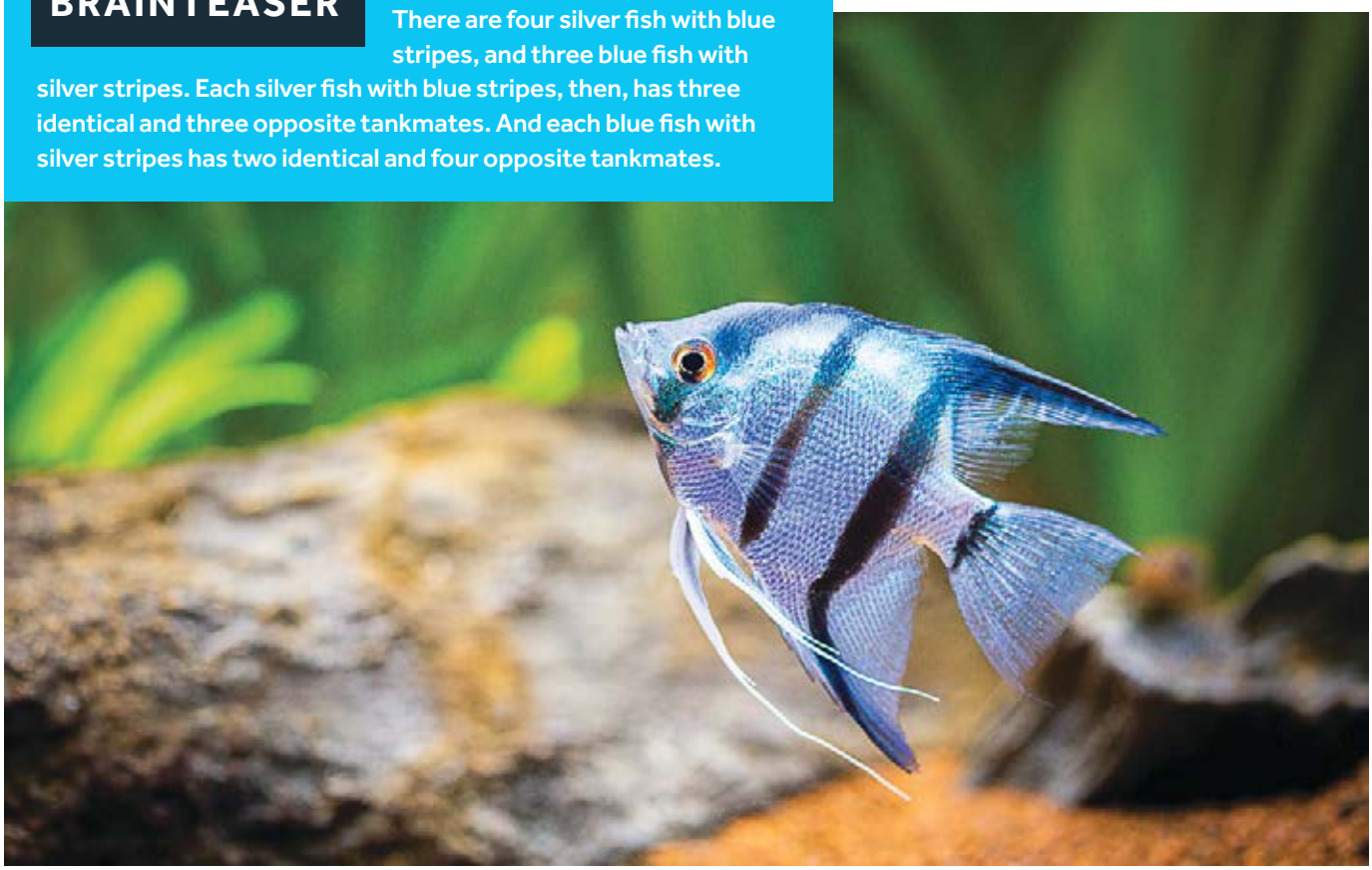
The answer is: There are hundreds of solutions to that problem, so instead of listing them all, let's make it a little more difficult by restricting ourselves to the plus and minus signs. In that case, there are still many solutions, but perhaps the simplest one is:

123 – 45 – 67 + 89 = 100

MARILYN'S BRAINTEASER

The answer is: **SEVEN**

There are four silver fish with blue stripes, and three blue fish with silver stripes. Each silver fish with blue stripes, then, has three identical and three opposite tankmates. And each blue fish with silver stripes has two identical and four opposite tankmates.



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71	70	69	68	67	66	57	56	55
72	77	78	63	64	65	58	53	54
73	76	79	62	61	60	59	52	51
74	75	80	45	46	47	48	49	50
39	40	81	44	17	16	15	14	13
38	41	42	43	18	19	10	11	12
37	36	27	26	25	20	9	2	3
34	35	28	29	24	21	8	1	4
33	32	31	30	23	22	7	6	5

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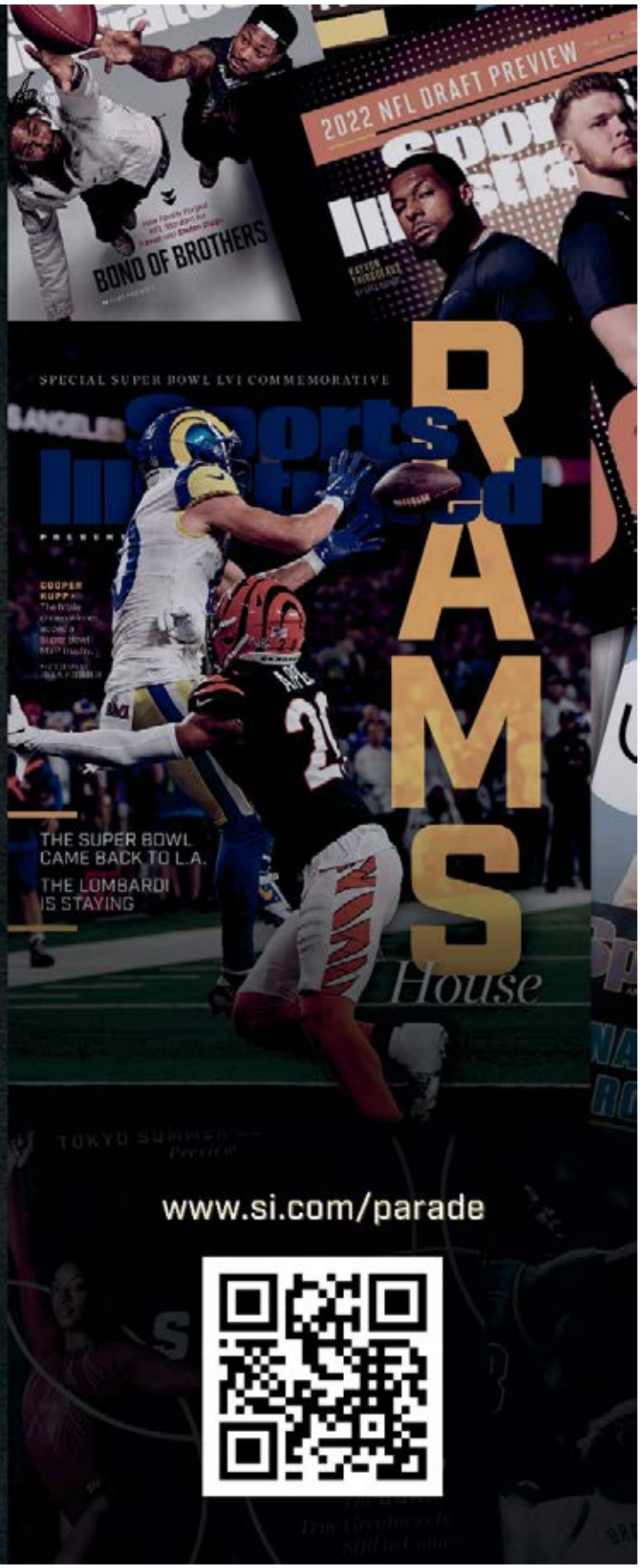
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