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South Fork raises $22K for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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Administration, faculty, staff, patrons and students of South Fork School have long been supporters of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, raising funds for the facility each year. They outdid themselves this year by surpassing their $21,000 fundraising goal by about $1,000.

Principal Dr. Seth Huddleston made a presentation about it at the recent February meeting of the West Plains R-7 School Board, and spoke enthusiastically about the work put in and the pride the school takes in donating to such a worthy cause.

The school partnered with K-Kountry 95 Radio in Thayer, and has been working with the station since 2010 for the annual fundraiser. Over those years, South Fork has raised a total of about $125,000, and have labeled the effort "Kids Helping Kids."

A big part of the event is getting students involved and excited about helping other children. St Jude Children's Research Hospital is located in Memphis, Tenn., and was established in 1962 in no small part with the involvement of the late actor Danny Thomas whose works include the 1953-64 TV show"Make Room for Daddy (The Danny Thomas Show)." St. Jude is recognized worldwide as a facility that treats children at no cost to families. The hospital is also renowned for its research into the treatment and cures for childhood diseases and cancers.

This year South Fork volunteers sold snacks like pizza and ice cream during the school day, and held giveaways of items and services donated by Simmons Bank, Silver Springs Storage, Hirsch Feed and Farm Supply, Edgeller and Harper Farm Equipment, Ozark Quick Lube, Heritage Tractor, Jacob Garrett Law Office, Mission

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Ozark Cafe to donate portion of Thursday sales toward cystic fibrosis research

Ozark Cafe will hold a cystic fibrosis fundraising day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at 662 Missouri Ave. in West Plains.

Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains volunteers said owners Raymond and Kim Eding and their staff will "be cooking up some great food for everyone to come and enjoy." The specials will be fried chicken and meatloaf, and a portion of all sales, whether dine-in, carryout or drive-thru, will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains.

Servers will also have a competition for most popular waitress that day and the winner will be the one with the most money in their tip jar.

The Cystic Fibrosis organization has raised money

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Zizzer trombonist reflects on Carnegie Hall experience

Teen traveled to NYC for Honors Performance Series in February

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Take note and start spreading the news: Ell Bennington, a junior at West Plains High School and a trombone player with the Zizzer Pride Band, has joined the ranks of accomplished musicians who have performed at Carnegie Hall.

Bennington and father Cody Sanders left Feb. 7, flying from Memphis, Tenn., and Charlotte, N.C., to New York City to take part in the Honors Performance Series, sponsored by the WorldStrides Organization. West Plains High School Principal Ryan Smith and Zizzer Pride Band Director Rocky Long, also traveled to the Big Apple to see the student perform.

Getting there began with a highly selective process involving the nomination of a student by a music educator, then being sent music to rehearse, then a performance of that music recorded and sent as an audition.

The Honors Performance Series ran through Feb. 11, a whirlwind of rehearsals with some sightseeing thrown in. The performers had the challenging task of meeting their bandmates, being given pieces to rehearse and having two eight-hour rehearsal sessions, one each on Feb. 8 and 9, plus a rehearsal Feb. 10 and a sound check before their performance that evening. The performance was four pieces, lasting about 30 minutes. On Feb. 11, Bennington took in a last look at New York City, for the time being, and headed home.

Relating the experience to the Quill after the dust settled form the trip, Bennington said the size of the stage at Carnegie Hall itself inspired awe, describing it as "massive and gorgeous."

There were 97 musicians from 48 states including Alaska, and some U.S. territories, such as Guam. It was good to perform with other musicians of the same age with the same enthusiasm, focus, ambition and dedication to their craft, commented Bennington, who was one of seven trombonists in

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West Plains High School junior and Zizzer Pride Band trombonist Ell Bennington takes a moment to reflect during a February trip to New York City, taking in the view from Top of the Rock, an observation platform at Rockefeller Center. Bennington's trip was the result of a successful audition process, culminating in taking the stage as part of the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, sponsored by the WorldStrides Organization. COURTESY

Southern Bank donates $1,000 toward Cystic Fibrosis Concert



Southern Bank of West Plains has donated $1,000 to help with cystic fibrosis research through Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains, and the group's upcoming annual concert fundraiser event will give music fans a chance to contribute while enjoying an evening of entertainment provided by nationally-acclaimed country recording artist Sara Evans. It will begin at 7 p.m. March 16 at the West Plains Civic Center with live and silent auctions and a performance by local volunteer singing group Jessica's Friends. Tickets for adults are $30 in advance or $40 at the door, and $5 for children age 12 and younger, whether purchased in advance or at the door. They may be purchased with a credit card by phone by calling the civic center at 417-256-8123, at Ticketmaster.com/Sara Evans or by scanning a QR code on promotional posters that will take users to the Ticketmaster website. From left: Jessica's Friends member Katlyn Johnson; Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains volunteer Lois Frazier; Southern Bank employees Jeromy Beasley, Skyler Tompkins, Lindsey Peterman, Andrea Atchison and Weston Gant; Cystic Fibrosis volunteer Kaigan Barker; Southern Bank employee Amanda Wallace; Cystic Fibrosis volunteer Jessica Joice-Frazier; Southern Bank employee Tyler Martin holding sons Mason and Blake; and Jessica's Friends members Nevaeh Johnson and Bella Johnson. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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HOWELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

Jan. 18-Feb. 26

Alpine Shave Ice, mobile truck based in Squires, inspected Feb. 21. No violations.

CFA Branson Food Truck, 607 W. Main St., Branson, inspected Jan. 30. No violations.

Conjure House Coffee, 2105 Hubert Redburn Drive, West Plains, inspected Jan. 19. Routine inspection under new ownership, approved for opening. One violation: no hand washing sink. Reinspection set for March 18.

Full Quiver Cafe, 408-2 U.S. 60, Mtn. View, inspected Jan. 18. Pre-opening inspection, approved for opening; will reinspect at opening. Three violations: Temperature measuring devices were not used in all cold storage units as required, shields were needed on light bulbs in prep areas and a wall in the back storage area needed finishing/repair. Deadline given of Jan. 31 for reinspection; no updates available as of press time.

McDonald's No. 2, 1320 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains, inspected Jan. 19. Four violations: sanitizer too low in buckets holding wash cloths, hot water temp lower than the required minimum of 100 degrees at prep area and bathroom hand sinks, a wall near the ice machine was in need of repair and cleaning was observed to be needed in the vent hood, drive-thru area flooring, back storage area and under ice cream machine. Reinspection set for Feb. 18 for all issues. No updates available as of press time.

South Fork Lunchbox mobile truck, 3213 U.S. 160, West Plains, inspected Feb. 6. No violations.

Spring Dipper, 674 Missouri Ave., West Plains, inspected Jan. 19. Two violations: A temperature measuring device was not observed in the front small refrigerators and an unlabeled spray bottle was found in the back prep area; bottles are required to be labeled. Both were corrected onsite.

West Plains Farmers & Artisans Market, 222 W. Main St., West Plains. Inspected Feb. 21 for reopening. Approved for opening and will reinspect prior to opening. No violations.

Health inspection results for West Plains and Howell County businesses are provided by the Howell County Health Department. Details in the report include inspector comments, based on findings. Inspections and their results are public record. View current and past inspections online at howeelcountyhealth.com/health-inspections.

Five hurt in recent traffic crashes

Toni L. Joyce, 42, Dora, was injured in a two-vehicle crash at 7:48 a.m. Monday on CC Highway, 6 miles west of West Plains in Howell County, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Msgt. T.W. Meyer, Troop G, Willow Springs, reported an eastbound 2018 Chevrolet Traverse driven by Joyce crossed the center line into the path of a westbound 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 driven by Logan R. Black, 32, West Plains.

The vehicles sideswiped and the Chevrolet ran off the road and struck a tree, Meyer reported.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts and Joyce was transported by ambulance to Ozarks Healthcare in West Plains for treatment of moderate injuries. No injuries were reported for Black.

A West Plains man suffered minor injuries in a chain-reaction crash involving three vehicles at 2:01 p.m. Friday on east U.S. 160, a mile east of West Plains.

Msgt. Meyer reported a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Vernon W. Decker, 27, West Plains, and a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Roger P. Smith, 44, Alton, had slowed in the westbound lane for a vehicle making a turn.

A 17-year-old girl from Mtn. Home, Ark., was the driver of a 2005 Pontiac Sunfire, also heading west; Meyer stated she failed to see the vehicles had slowed and her car rear-ended the Grand Prix, pushing it into the pickup truck.

Each driver wore a seat belt and Decker was taken by private vehicle to Ozarks Healthcare for treatment, the report shows. No injuries were reported for Smith or the teen driver, whose identity is not reported by the patrol as protected information because she is a minor.

A semitruck overturned at 3:15 a.m. Monday on south U.S. 63, 4 miles south of West Plains, resulting in minor injuries to a man from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Tpr. A.K. Falterman reported a northbound 2021 Volvo tractor-trailer driven by Davron Rozikov, 24, ran off the right side of the road, where it overturned. Davron was wearing a seat belt, and was transported to Ozarks Healthcare for treatment, the report shows.

Falterman was assisted at the scene by Tprs. T.D. Pond and C.C. Battreal.

Paul L. Hart, 72, Ava, suffered moderate injuries in a two-vehicle crash at 7:10 p.m. Saturday on Highway 413, a half-mile south of Springfield in Greene County.

Cpl. D.L. Johnson, Troop D of the patrol, Springfield, reported a northbound 2016 Chevrolet Equinox driven by a 17-year-old Springfield boy failed to yield and made a left turn into the path of a southbound 2016 Toyota Camry driven by Nancy Leach-Smith, 66, Mt. Vernon.

The impact of the crash caused the Chevrolet to overturn and the teen suffered moderate injuries, as did Leach-Smith and passenger Hart. All were wearing seat belts and were transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Springfield for treatment, according to the patrol.

Johnson was assisted at the scene by Cpl. D.W. Henley.

WEATHER

TODAY:
Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Wind chill values as low as 40 early. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 6:07 p.m.

Temperature Year Ago
High: 71
Low: 44

Precipitation:
6.36 inches
Last Year:
9.61 inches +1.44
Normal: 6.26 inches

TONIGHT: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. East wind 6 to 10 mph.

TOMORROW: Showers likely, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Southeast wind 10 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

THURSDAY NIGHT: Showers likely, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after midnight. Low around 50. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

FRIDAY: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 67. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before midnight, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39.

SATURDAY: A chance of showers before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 51.







CIRCLES

Seems that God likes circles.
The sun, moon, planets & earth are round.

Each year, Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall circles around, as well as the clock circles from Day to Day.

We have circles of Family and Friends, and spheres of influence in our Community and Work.

If The Maker of heaven and earth did good work in His circles, let's do good work in ours.

Let's shine our lights and sow good seeds. Make the most of each Day and share His blessings.

Be Blessed
Tracey Jo

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A-State announces students who graduated at fall 2023 commencement

Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., has announced the list of students who completed degree requirements to graduate at Fall Commencement, held Dec. 16 in First National Bank Arena. The list includes graduates from 45 states and territories and 18 other countries.

Chancellor Todd Shields presented diplomas at the associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral levels, along with various program certificates, as awarded through the various colleges: Agriculture, Neil Griffin College of Business, Education and Behavioral Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Liberal Arts and Communication, Nursing and Health Professions, Sciences and Mathematics, and University College

.Undergraduates with a 4.0 GPA are designated as graduating summa cum laude. Those with a GPA of 3.8-3.99 graduated magna cum laude, and those with a GPA of 3.6-3.79 graduated cum laude.

Baxter County, Ark

Cotter: Sally Ann Hall, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Gassville: Skyler James King, Master of Science, Sport Administration; Lexy Eileen Baxter, Certificate Program, Special Education Director; Austin H. Apple, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Faye J. Williams, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and Addison K. Ray, Associate of Arts.

Mtn. Home: Madilyn Dalane Jones, Master of Accountancy, Accounting with Data Analytics; Sarah S. DelaCruz, Master of Science, Early Childhood Services; Pamela Ann Braun, Master of Science in Education, School Counseling; Heather Anne Gilbert, Master of Science in Education, Special Education K-12; Stephanie D. Hughes, Master of Science in Education, Special Education Gifted, Talented, Creative; Abby McMackins Thomas, Master of Science in Education K-12; Joseph R. Steves, Master of Science in Nursing; James Wayne Dieckhoff, Bachelor of Arts, History; Laura M. Feltz, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, magna cum laude; Amanda Renae Brown, Bachelor of Science, Strategic Communications; Lisa A. Browning, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Mathew J. Jesse, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Heidi Ann Tovar, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Branden Calls Carnal, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Cassie A. Jones, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Hannah M. Langhammer, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Victoria Ruth Robb, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Abbigail M. Stephens, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing; Emery G. Davis, Associate of Arts; Desarae C. Adair, Associate of Science; Lauren R. Dewey, Associate of Science; Justien R. Dieckhoff, Associate of Science; Spencer R. Feltz, Associate of Science; Katelyn M. McLean, Associate of Science; Sydney Lynn Miller, Associate of Science; Mandelyn Jane Smeltzer Associate of Science; Laney N. Stout, Associate of Science; and Amanda Rena Brown, Certificate of Proficiency, Social Media Management.

Norfork: Stacey R. Bradbury, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership, and Kinley R. Stowers, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration.

Fulton County, Ark.

Ash Flat: John Wesley Taylor, Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education, and Hannah Claire Gibson, Associate of Science.

Cherokee Village: Matthew David Dombkowski, Master of Science in Education, Education Theory and Practice.

Elizabeth: Destiny M. Brueckner, Master of Science in Education, Special Education K-12.

Gepp: Rachel Ann Dewey, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership.

Mammoth Spring: Hayden Seth Savage, Bachelor of Science, Creative Media Production; Madyson B. Hufstedler, Associate of Science; and Tessa Marie Smith, Associate of Science.

Salem: April Danielle Oliver Master of Business Administration; Katie L. Southard, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership; Tyler E. Conner, Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science, cum laude; Amber L. Yates, Associate of Arts; Shae L. Bassham, Associate of Science; Dustin C. Bullard, Associate of Science; Hannah R. Guffey, Associate of Science; Kylee J. Humphries, Associate of Science; Jaycie I. Strong, Associate of Science; and Cole Jameson Young, Associate of Science.

Izard County, Ark.

Calico Rock: Virginia C. Pharis, Associate of Arts.

Melbourne: Tanner D. Hoskinds, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership.

Oxford: William Derrell McBride, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

Sharp County, Ark.

Ash Flat: Angela B. Scercy, Master of Arts in Teaching; Nathan P. Wright, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; MyKaela Breann Spetnagel, Associate of Science; and Kyle Thomas Olson, Certificate of Proficiency, Limited X-Ray Machine Operator.

Cherokee Village: Romona Elyse Haney, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership; Abbigail M. Sutton, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Caitlan P. Boyce, Associate of Science; and Grant A. Sanders, Associate of Science.

Highland: Nicholas C. Ivey, Associate of Science.

Douglas County

Ava: Jessica N. Hutson, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

Howell County

Pottersville: Bridget Nicole Larsen, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership.

West Plains: Brandon Kyle Hunt, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership; Amanda Jo Collins, Master of Science in Education, Special Education K-12; Amy Lea Schmitt, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership; Caitlin D. Woodworth, Master of Science in Education, School Counseling; and Kaylynn Jewell Newberry, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Agricultural Business.

Oregon County

Koshkonong: Elizabeth Kate Buchanan, Associate of Science.

Thayer: Carlie Lane Dennis, Master of Accountancy, Accounting with Data Analytics.

Missouri Democratic Party's presidential primary is March 23

Mail-in ballots available through March 12

The Missouri Democratic Party (MDP) is accepting requests for mail-in ballots to vote in the presidential primary election scheduled on March 23. Registered Missouri voters can request a ballot online by March 12 at request.mrgvote.com/Missouri, or call 855-433-8683.

Additionally, the Missouri Democratic Party announced the Democratic National Committee has fully approved MDP's plan for Missouri's 2024 Democratic Presidential Primary.

Missouri's Democratic presidential primary will be a hybrid election, offering Missouri Democrats an opportunity to cast their votes by mail or at an in-person voting site from 8 a.m. until noon on the day of the primary. Pending final availability, at least one in-person voting site will be held in each county, with additional sites in larger counties, said party officials.

Area voting locations confirmed to date are the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St., for Howell County; the Texas County Administrative Building, 210 Grand Ave. in Houston for Texas County; Hartville Free Baptist Church, 5658 Z Highway for Wright County; and Oregon County Courthouse, 1 Court Square in Alton, for Oregon County.

Missourians who were officially registered to vote by Feb. 21 are eligible to vote in the Missouri Democratic presidential preference primary election, so long as the voter is not registered as a Republican, party officials note. Mail-in ballots must be returned to the Missouri Democratic Party by 10 a.m. March 23. Votes will be counted by March 25, with the announcement to be made by March 28, officials added.

Missouri Republicans held presidential preference caucuses on Saturday, with former President Donald Trump claiming the state party's nomination, reported the Associated Press.

The difference in procedures follows a a change signed into law in 2022 by Gov. Mike Parson to eliminate the state-run presidential preference primary election in favor of a party-run system to choose presidential nominees in Missouri.

O.I.L. to hold Stars & Stripes Social for veterans

Ozark Independent Living will hold its annual Stars and Stripes Social from 4 to 6 p.m. March 28 at the John T. Kirk Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1898, 1401 Bill Virdon Blvd. in West Plains.

Appetizers and a dessert will be served, along with coffee, tea and lemonade, catered by the Wildflower Cafe, and there will be bingo.

All veterans and one guest each are welcome. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP so organizers will know how many refreshments to provide; do so by calling Lori Cox at 417-256-8714, extension 201.

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Homes near St. Louis County creek being tested after radioactive contamination found in yards

By JIM SALTER,
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A federal agency is examining soil beneath homes in a small suburban St. Louis subdivision to determine if residents are living atop Cold War era nuclear contamination. But activists say the testing needs to be far more widespread.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is taking soil samples at six properties in Florissant, that sit near Coldwater Creek, a meandering waterway contaminated after nuclear waste was dumped there in the 1960s. The decision was made to look beneath the homes after contamination was found in the homes' backyards, but not the front yards, Jeremy Idleman of the Corps' St. Louis office said Tuesday.

Preliminary results could be available by the end of the week, Idleman said. If contamination is discovered beneath the homes, they will be remediated. But Idleman declined to speculate on what that would involve or if the homes might have to be demolished.

Corps officials do not believe any other homes in the area need to be tested, Idleman said. Activists with Just Moms STL, a group that for decades has advocated on behalf of people living near nuclear waste sites in the St Louis region, disagree.

"There's so many homes on the banks of this creek, for miles," Karen Nickel, co-founder of Just Moms STL, said Tuesday. "What about the rest of those homes? I don't think we can say that we trust the Army Corps anymore."

A news release from the Corps of Engineers said that when the Cades Cove subdivision was being built, a portion of the creek was covered in fill dirt. The Corps said the current testing will determine if that fill dirt is contaminated. The homes were built more than 30 years ago.

"We are deeply invested in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the residents," Phil Moser, St. Louis District program manager for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program, said in the news release. "Every step we take is grounded in rigorous research, precise data, and evidence-based remediation decisions."

Uranium processing in the St. Louis area played a pivotal role in developing the nuclear weapons that helped bring an end to World War II and provided a key defense during the Cold War. But eight decades later, the region is still dealing with contamination at several sites.

Nuclear waste stored near Lambert Airport made its way into Coldwater Creek in the 1960s. Many people in that area believe the contamination is responsible for cancers and other illnesses, though experts say connecting radiation exposure to illness is difficult.

In 2022, a Florissant grade school closed amid worries that contamination from the creek got onto the playground and inside the building.

In July, an investigation published by The Associated Press, The Missouri Independent and MuckRock showed that the federal government and companies responsible for nuclear bomb production and atomic waste storage sites in the St. Louis area were aware of health risks, spills, improperly stored contaminants and other problems but often ignored them.

Sen. Josh Hawley, a Missouri Republican, and U.S. Rep. Cori Bush, a St. Louis Democrat, have pushed for compensation for people whose illnesses are tied to radiation exposure. The Senate is expected to vote this week on the compensation plan.

Hawley, in a letter Tuesday to Corps of Engineers leaders, said homes along the creek should have been tested years ago.

"Residents are rightly horrified by the possibility that their homes are built atop radioactive waste — waste which should never have been there in the first place," Hawley wrote, noting that the Corps assumed jurisdiction of the Coldwater Creek area in 1997. "Why has it taken so long for you to disclose this risk?"

Dawn Chapman, who co-founded Just Moms STL with Nickel, will be Hawley's guest at President Joe Biden's State of the Union speech Thursday.

Piedmont Christian boarding school owners jailed, charged with kidnapping crimes

By JIM SALTER,
Associated Press

The husband and wife owners of a Missouri boarding school for boys have been jailed and charged with felony crimes after a lengthy investigation by a county sheriff.

Wayne County Sheriff Dean Finch said in a news release that Larry Musgraves Jr., 57, was arrested Friday evening on the ABM Ministries campus in Piedmont, a small town 130 miles south of St. Louis. Carmen Musgraves, 64, was arrested around 3 a.m. Saturday when she came to the jail to check on her husband, Finch said.

Both have been charged with first-degree kidnapping and jailed without bond. The Musgraves do not yet have listed attorneys. A phone message was left Monday with ABM Ministries, the latest Christian boarding school in Missouri to face legal scrutiny.

ABM Ministries' website says its facility, operated as Lighthouse Christian Academy, is a private Christian boarding school for boys ages 10-13, situated on 250 acres that include a spring-fed pond and a pasture with animals. On average, it has around 40 students, the website says. The website claims success in helping boys who are troubled, learning-impaired or dealing with ADHD or other disorders.

Finch said that since early January, his office has received reports of five runaways from the school. In one instance, two boys were picked up by a neighboring resident and taken home. The boys asked her to call 911.

But Finch said his investigation began several months ago after he was contacted by a former student living in Alabama. He followed up by interviewing other former students, and eventually the current students.

A probable cause statement says the former student told Finch that on her 18th birthday, she was locked in a small room and "held against her will." The statement doesn't specify how long she was allegedly kept in the room.

The sheriff's department "anticipates more charges as the investigation continues, with more alleged victims coming forward," the news release stated.

All five boys who had run away since January have been returned to their homes, the Kansas City Star reported.

The school was coed in 2009 when a federal lawsuit accused a former principal of sex acts with a female student and alleged that the Musgraves failed to take action to protect the girl. Court records show that ABM Ministries and the Musgraves agreed to pay $750,000 in a settlement, and the principal agreed to pay $100,000.

In 2023, Agape Boarding School in Stockton closed after years of investigations, lawsuits and eventually criminal charges that followed abuse allegations. One former student alleged he was raped and called "seizure boy" because of his epilepsy. Others said they suffered permanent injuries from being disciplined or forced to work long hours of manual labor.

Allegations of abuse at Agape and at the nearby Circle of Hope Girls' Ranch prompted a state law in 2021 requiring stricter rules for such facilities. Missouri previously had virtually no oversight for religious boarding schools.

In 2021, Agape's longtime doctor, David Smock, was charged with child sex crimes and five employees were charged with low-level abuse counts. Those cases are still pending.

Also in 2021, Boyd and Stephanie Householder, former owners of Circle of Hope, were charged with around 100 child abuse counts. They pleaded not guilty and have been scheduled to go to trial in November.

Former students at ABM Ministries said justice was long overdue. Juliana Davis, now 34, said she was abused at the school in 2006 and 2007.

"I'm glad that he took us seriously," Davis said of Finch. "There's a whole group of us that have been trying for decades, speaking out about what happened to us and what we saw."

Another former student, Aralysa Baker, 31, recalled being put in a chokehold and having her head held underwater when she was a student from 2005 to 2007.

"I never thought in a million years that charges would ever be brought," Baker said. "We just wanted the school shut down and the kids sent home."

CARNEGIE

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the ensemble.

The selection for the Honors Performance Series Band and consistently high competition ratings should earn scholarship money, besides being an amazing memory for the teen. The conductor/director of the Honors Performance Series Band, Dr. T. Andre Faegin of Central Washington University, has offered to write a letter of recommendation for college and scholarship applications.

Sanders recalled of the experience that Faegin made a point to remind the young performers how impressive and talented they were, particularly considering the group had only about 16 hours of rehearsal together before taking the stage.

Bennington will have the chance to try out again next year for the opportunity to perform at another iconic venue, the world-renowned Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia. If Bennington makes the cut, that trip will take place in August 2025, and include musicians from around the world, not just the United States.

The sightseeing in New York City included a Hudson River dinner cruise on the "Spirit of New York" ferry, Rockefeller Center and Top of the Rock, and Bennington and Sanders were able to take in the Broadway musical "Hamilton."

Their choices also included "Wicked" and "Hades Town." Bennington confessed an initial preference for "Hades Town," but the first 30 seconds of "Hamilton" let the youth feeling "blown away" by the level of professionalism and talent. In the weeks since the experience, Bennington and Sanders have been singing the show's tunes, they shared.

The performers "made it look easy," Sanders observed. When Bennington spoke with the Quill it was obvious the experience in the Big Apple made an impression that will stay with the young musician for some time.

Bennington has been in band since sixth grade, having played the trombone from the start, and has since also started playing the tuba. Looking to the future, the teen wants to be a professional musician one day, maybe as a recording artist or as part of a jazz band or orchestra.

Plans after high school are to continue education in instrumental music at the University of Missouri in Columbia and become part of the Mizzou marching and concert bands. Jazz is Bennington's favorite music genre; Ray Charles, the teen's favorite performer.

For those unfamiliar with how high school band competitions work, students perform with the band as a whole for judges, who give ratings, and some musicians also compete as members of small groups or as soloists. Last year, Bennington earned exemplary ratings, the highest, for performances as a soloist and as a member of a mixed brass quartet and a trombone quartet.

This year's competition season has yet to begin. For those who would like to see the performances, Missouri State University-West Plains will host district competitions March 7 and 8. The soloists and ensemble performers who score high enough to move on to state will perform at a festival April 25 through 27 in Columbia.

To kick off senior year as a member of the Zizzer Class of 2025, Bennington plans to "hit the ground running" this fall in anticipation of entering college.

Bennington and Sanders said they are thankful to supporters in the community for their generosity in donating the funds needed to pay travel expenses, and also grateful for the support of Long, Smith and the R-7 School District as a whole.

OZARK CAFE

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through an annual country music concert, which is its signature fundraising event, and Buddy Bass Tournament.

Kim Eding and cystic fibrosis volunteers will be selling chances to enter into a gun giveaway featuring a 9 mm Kimber and a .22-caliber Keltec pistol donated by 4730 Lumber, Randy and Kelly McGinnis, and Adam and Mindy Williams.

The winning ticket will be drawn on March 16, during the 36th annual Cystic Fibrosis Concert featuring Sara Evans. Concert tickets will also be available for purchase at the restaurant; advance tickets are $30 for adults and tickets for children 12 and younger are $5 in advance and the day of the event.

Organizers invited all to come join them Thursday at Ozark Cafe for a "fun time and some great food."



SOUTH FORK

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First Medical Walk-In Clinic, Midwest Archery, Johnson Machine Works, Broken Bow Archery, Tyree's Fertilizer and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Additionally, the school partnered with Jo Coffee Co. to hold coffee sales, and T-shirt sales were sponsored by Caffeine and Chaos, plus Valentine's Day "cookie grams" were sold with the help of baker Jeff Wood.

Artist and South Fork Elementary art teacher Kathy Grigsby donated a painting that was auctioned, and additional donations were made by Don's Goodyear Auto Service and West Plains Sunrise Rotary.



South Fork School has continued with its St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser this year, donating about $22,000 to the worthy cause through its "Kids Helping Kids" campaign and a partnership with the K-Kountry 95 St. Jude Radiothon. Since 2010, the elementary school has raised about $125,000 total for the nonprofit hospital in Memphis, Tenn., that treats children and conducts research into childhood diseases and cancers without charge to families. South Fork Principal Dr. Seth Huddleston, along with some staff members and students, shared their experience with the West Plains R-7 School Board during a recent meeting. Seated from left: students Caleb Russell, Hazel Riggs, Evelyn Rodriguez and Kenley Russell. Standing: second grade teacher Nichole Riggs, student Aubry Holmes in front of Huddleston, speech-language teacher Caty Holmes holding the sign with first grade teacher Amber Russell on the opposite side, students Granger Johnson and Reese Johnson in front of faculty member Katelyn Johnson, and third grade teacher Patricia Rodriguez holding daughter Meritt.

Newton's donates $2,500 toward cystic fibrosis research



Newton's Agency, a longtime supporter of the annual Cystic Fibrosis Concert fundraiser, recently donated $2,500 to support research into the genetic respiratory disease, for which there is no cure. It is the 36th year for the event featuring country artist Sara Evans, a Boonville native and a Grand Old Opry inductee. The concert will be March 16 at the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St. Doors open at 5 p.m. with silent and live auctions to follow, and local volunteer singing group Jessica's Friends will open for Evans, who will take the stage at about 8 p.m. Tickets for adults are $30 in advance or $40 at the door, and $5 for children age 12 and younger, in advance or at the door. They may be charged by phone by calling the civic center at 417-256-8123, or online at Ticketmaster.com/Sara Evans. Tickets are also available in person at West Plains area banks, West Plains Music, West Plains Walmart, K-Kountry 95 radio station in Thayer, and from Regina Voyles in Winona and Sarah Honeycutt in Cabool. From left: Newton's employees Adrienne Peeler and Jeanette Carrell, Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains volunteers Lily Smith and Lois Frazier, Newton's Administrator Jimmy Miller and nurse/Manager Amanda Mitchell, Cystic Fibrosis volunteers Rick Frazier and Jessica Joice-Frazier, and Newton's employees Sondra Meany and LaToya Vandenbulcke.
STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

Friends of the Garnett Library to host chili supper March 15

Warm up from the early spring chill March 15 at the annual Friends of the Garnett Library chili supper, invite group members.

The fundraising event is set for 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Aid Ave., West Plains.

For $7.50 per person and $5 for students ages 5 and older, area residents can stop by and have a hot bowl of hearty chili or potato soup with all of the fixings, organizers said. The price includes a drink and dessert, they added.

Children ages 4 and younger will eat free. Carry out orders will be available for $10, organizers said.

In addition to the meal, organizers plan to host a bingo game from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Many fun prizes will be available, they added.

Tickets for the chili supper may be purchased in advance at the Garnett Library, 304 W. Trish Knight St. They also may be purchased at the door.

Organizers encourage attendees to purchase tickets in advance, even though walk-ins will be welcomed.

Proceeds will go toward supporting the Garnett Library, organizers said.

For more information about the chili supper, call the Garnett Library at 417-255-7945.

For more information about the Friends of the Garnett Library, visit WP.MissouriState.edu/FriendsofGarnettLibrary or call 417-255-7940.

WP woman faces arson charge for Olden Street house fire

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A West Plains woman awaiting the conclusion of a case involving a charge of third-degree domestic assault against her has been charged with felony first-degree arson after allegedly setting fire to a house on West Olden Street early the morning of Feb. 23 while five people, including three children, were inside.

Heather S. Boswell, 44, is held on a warrant with $50,000 bond, and has pleaded not guilty, court records show. She appeared in the courtroom of Associate 37th Circuit Judge R. David Ray for a counsel status hearing Monday with her attorney, Public Defender Jack Paisley, and is set to appear next on March 19 for a preliminary hearing, according to those records.

West Plains Police Detective Jeremy Pounders, in a statement submitted to prosecutors, reported that at about 6:30 a.m. Feb. 23, the West Plains Fire Department and police officers were dispatched to an active structure fire at a house on Olden Street.

A witness at the home stated he had been in a romantic relationship with Boswell but ended it and was living in the house on Olden Street with a woman and her children. The two adults told investigators they had gotten home around midnight the night before to find a window in the living room had been broken out while they were gone, and that they had been receiving threatening text messages during the early morning hours that day.

The messages reportedly included a threat from Boswell that she was going to the woman's house, and that when she was done there would be nothing left. The residents said they went to sleep sometime between 3 and 4 a.m., and because they had been disturbed by the messages the children slept in the same room as them.

The man said he was woken by the smell of smoke and the sound of breaking glass, and when he opened the bedroom door, he could see the couch in the living room was on fire and there was a lot of black smoke. He woke the other adult and they got everyone out of the house before calling 911.

Missouri State Fire Marshal Investigator Robbie Sterner was called to assist in the investigation and determined the fire started inside the house on the couch, in front of the broken window. Sterner concluded the fire must have been set by someone reaching into the window because there were no other possible sources of fire near the couch.

It was also discovered by investigators that three of four tires on the man's vehicle had been cut on the sidewall using a knife, flattening them.

The probable cause statement adds Boswell was arrested at about 10:30 a.m. that day at her home and taken to the police department for questioning. She reportedly admitted to stabbing the car tires, but claimed she didn't set any fires, while telling investigators she never saw anyone else around the house who could have.

She told law enforcement she ran away from the scene and could hear sirens from responding fire trucks before she got back to her house, a half-mile away.

Court records show she was sentenced to three years of supervised probation in March 2023 relating to a case filed in December 2022, and the terms of probation included a requirement that she complete a 12-week anger management course, have a mental evaluation and refrain from using alcohol.

On March 11, she is to appear before 37th Judicial Associate Circuit Court Judge R. David Ray for a case review. A week later she is scheduled to appear before Ray for a criminal setting pertaining to an unresolved charge of third-degree domestic assault, filed in May.

Court records show public defender Paisley is also her attorney in the 2022 case and the more recent domestic assault charge.

At about 10:30 p.m. May 29, West Plains Police Officer Jerry Mingus said in a probable cause statement, he was dispatched to a call regarding an in-progress domestic disturbance and arrived to find Boswell and a female family member lying on the floor.

Boswell is alleged in that case to have pulled the other woman's hair, bringing both of them to the floor, and injuring the other woman by biting her abdomen and causing a scrape to her forearm. The mother of the two women, as she tried to intervene, was also reportedly struck in the head by Boswell.

Boswell reportedly continued to be aggressive after officers arrived by trying to push past law enforcement to continue the fight and kicked an arresting officer in the chest as he was trying to seat her in a booking area after her arrest.

4th grader goes 'above and beyond'



Andrea Lawson, a fourth-grade student at West Plains Elementary, voluntarily helped clean up trash after the Feb. 19 Lady Zizzer Basketball game, showing exemplary kindness and initiative, shared West Plains R-7 District Communications Director Lana Snodgras. "She went above and beyond without being asked, embodying the true spirit of a Zizzer," Snodgras added. As a token of appreciation from district officials, Lawson received a few concession items. COURTESY / WP R-7





Know of an event not listed here? 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 unless renewed by the host. Call the Quill, 417-256-9191 with questions. Unless otherwise noted, events are in West Plains.

ONGOING

Through March 14: The West Plains Council on the Arts will display an Ozark Women Photo Exhibit by photographer Joyce McMurtrey in the Mezzanine at the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St.

Through March 15 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays) The West Plains Council on the Arts and West Plains Public Library partner to showcase art from students in the West Plains R-7 School District at the library, 750 W. Broadway.

Through Mar. 24 (noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays) Annual High School Art Show Competition and Youth Art Showcase, Harlin Museum, 405 Worcester Ave.

Through March 31 (8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m. weekdays), the works of local artist Janey Hale will be on display on the first floor of OzSBI, 408 Washington Ave.

Through March 31: The Ozarks Heritage Research Center inside the Garnet Library, 304 W. Trish Knight St. on the MSU-WP campus, will host an exhibit about the African American experience in the Ozarks to commemorate Black History Month in February. "African American Heritage in the Ozarks" is a traveling exhibit curated by the State Historical Society of Missouri. For more information contact Rebekah McKinney, 417-255-7949 or rebekahmckiney@missouristate.edu.

Through April 10: Senior Age and the West Plains Senior Center, 416 E. Main St., offer free income tax assistance, including filing for property tax and rent rebates, to seniors. Appointments are being scheduled through February, but will continue through tax season based on interest and need. Call 417-256-4055 to schedule an appointment.

Through April (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays) Dennis Crider Photography Exhibit, "39" Retro Photos from his days at the West Plains Daily Quill, OzSBI's second floor, 408 Washington Ave.

TODAY

March 6 & 7 (9 a.m. to noon) MSU-WP will host Adult Education and Literacy Orientation at its Shannon Hall, 401 E. 17th St., Mtn. Grove. For more information or to register call 417-255-7744 or visit blogs.wp.missouristate.edu/ael/contact-us.

March 6 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Winona clinic, 910 Highway 19. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 6 (9:30-11 a.m.) Ozarks Healthcare offers a weekly Breastfeeding Support Group held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave.

March 6 (noon to 1 p.m.) The Missouri Department of Conservation offers a free virtual class, "Mammals: Bears of Missouri." Sign up online by going to mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com and searching to find the find the event named.

THURSDAY

March 7 (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Ozark Cafe on Missouri Avenue will donate a portion of dine-in, drive-thru and carryout sales toward the annual Cystic Fibrosis Concert featuring Sara Evans on March 16. The day's special is fried chicken and meatloaf. Servers will also be in competition that day to be the customer's favorite, with votes from customers in the form of money left in their name in the tip jar. Also that day, Cystic Fibrosis West Plains volunteers will be selling tickets to enter giveaway drawings to win two handguns: a Kimber 9mm and a Keltec 22 pistol, donated by 4730 Lumber, Randy and Kelly McGinnis and Adam and Mindy Williams. Concert tickets will also be available.

March 7 (8 a.m.) Ozarks Christian Academy, 210 Allen St., will offer a campus visit day for prospective students and their parents to tour the K-12 campus, experience the classrooms, meet administrators and parents of current students and receive enrollment information. For more information visit www.ozarkschristianacadamy.com or call 417-255-1622.

March 7 (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) MSU-WP will host Adult Education and Literacy Orientation at St. Leo's Catholic Church on Douglas County Road 201 in Ava. For more information or to register call 417-255-7744 or visit blogs.wp.missouristate.edu/ael/contact-us.

March 7 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Mtn. Grove clinic, 500 E. 19th St. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 7 (noon) A Q&A session will be held with West Plains City Administrator Sam Anselm during the Greater West Plains Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon.

FRIDAY

March 8 (noon to 1 p.m.) Friends of the Garnett will hold a monthly luncheon and meeting in Looney Hall, 128 Garfield Ave. Guest speakers Lisa Wade and Carla Huddleston will discuss the nursing program and give a tour of the new Gammill Nursing Simulation Lab. For more information or to reserve a box lunch call 417-255-7940 or email friendsofgarnettlibrary@missouristate.edu.

March 8, 15 & 22 (6 p.m.) All Saints Church, 107 S. Curry St., hosts a fish fry with "all the fixin's" each Friday during Lent. The church is located across East Main Street from the civic center.

March 8 (7 p.m.) Stars Foundation Irish Dance Performance, civic center theater.

SATURDAY

March 9 (7:30 am.-3:30 p.m.) The Salem (Ark.) High School Beta Club will hold its 13th annual Beta Bass Tournament on Lake Norfork at Henderson, Ark. Fishing begins at 7:30 and return time is 3:30. Registration opens at 6 a.m. the day of the event, with an entry fee of $100 per boat and an optional $10 trash fit pot. Cash prizes of between $200 and $1,000 will be awarded for big bass and the top three placers. Sponsors welcome. For more information call 870-895-5929 or 870-750-1039 and ask for Kim.

March 9 (8 a.m.) Ozarks Healthcare offer single-session Prepared Childbirth classes recommended for parents in the second semester of pregnancy. Covered are breathing techniques, relaxation methods, support strategies and insights into labor, delivery and C-sections. Classes are held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave. No charge for those planning to deliver at OZH; for those planning to deliver elsewhere, there is a one-time $75 charge to attend one or all new parent classes offered.

March 9 (2 & 4 p.m.) Grizzly Softball vs. State Fair Community College at Hilburn Sports Complex adjacent to West Plains High School. Visit msuwp-grizzlies.com for tickets.

March 9-17: MSU-WP is on Spring Break. No classes, but offices are open.

TUESDAY

March 12 (8-11 a.m.) Ozarks Healthcare will offer low-cost lab screenings including those for blood sugar levels, cholesterol, thyroid function, calcium levels, diabetes, prostate cancer and vitamin D levels. The cost per screening ranges from between $15 to $35, cash or check only. Visit the Alton, Gainesville, Mtn. Grove, Mtn. View, Thayer or Winona clinics, or the West Plains walk-in clinic at 181 Kentucky Ave., or OZH Lab Services at 1100 Kentucky Ave.

March 12 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Alton Clinic, 100 Medical Drive. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 12 (6-8 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare offer single-session Preparing for Breastfeeding classes recommended for expectant mothers. Classes are held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave. No charge for those planning to deliver at OZH; for those planning to deliver elsewhere, there is a one-time $75 charge to attend one or all new parent classes offered.

March 12 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Tara Shahan will lead a workshop, hosted by the West Plains Council on the Arts, to create a bee-themed porch leaner. Cost is $50 and includes all supplies for the class, which will be held in the Dogwood Rooms of the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St. Reserve a spot through the "Bee Porch Learning" event on Eventbrite.com, or text Paula at 417-293-2325.

NEXT WEEK

March 13, 20, 27; April 3 (9:30-11 a.m.) Ozarks Healthcare offers a weekly Breastfeeding Support Group held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave.

March 14 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Mtn. View Clinic, 220 N. Elm St. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 14-April 18 (4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Behavioral Health Center is launching a new six-week Social Skills Group for children ages 8 through 12. Class will meet weekly Thursdays at 23 Parkway Center, 1211 Porter Wagoner Blvd. and are designed to enhance children's social abilities through fun, engaging activities. To schedule a required intake assessment and learn more about enrolling, call 417-257-6762.

March 15 (4:30-7 p.m.) The Friends of the Garnett Library will host its annual chili supper at First Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Aid Ave. The cost is $7.50 per person, $5 for students 5 and older, and free for children 4 and younger. Carryout is available for $10. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Garnett Library, 304 W. Trish Knight St., or at the door the day of the event. A bingo game with prizes will be hosted from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Proceeds benefit the library.

March 17 (noon & 2 p.m.) Grizzly Softball vs. Lyon College at Hilburn Sports Complex adjacent to West Plains High School. Visit msuwpgrizzlies.com for tickets.

March 17 (6 p.m.) Salem Praise and Worship Fellowship, 682 U.S.62/Highway 412 West in Salem, Ark. will host the Mark Trammell Quartet in concert, singing gospel music. There is no charge for admission, but a love offering will be taken. Call Pastor Tom Doty, 870-926-9934, for more information.

March 18 (4-6:50 p.m.) The office of workforce development and community education at MSU-WP will offer a basic print reading and CAD class every Monday and Thursday through May 11, with a cost of $850 per person. To sign up, call 417-255-7788 or email trevorcressman@missouristate.edu.

March 19-28 (6 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays; noon to 5 p.m. weekends) The 23rd annual Art Around Town Exhibit featuring artwork by area K-8 students will be on display in the mezzanine at the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St.

March 19 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Thayer Clinic, 1375 Nettleton Ave. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 19 (5:30-8 p.m.) Ozarks Small Business Incubator, MSU-WP, the Missouri Small Business Development Center and other partners will host a South Central Missouri Early-Stage Business Boot Camp eight-series workshop. Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings through May 7. Sign up and get more information online at efactory.missouristate.edu/bootcamp.

March 19 (6-8 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare offer single-session Heart Saver Infant CPR classes recommended for new parents in the third semester of pregnancy up to a year after birth. Covered are basic resuscitation skills for use on an infant. Classes are held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave. No charge for those planning to deliver at OZH; for those planning to deliver elsewhere, there is a one-time $75 charge to attend one or all new parent classes offered.

March

March 20 (by appointment) Junction Hill School will hold preschool and kindergarten screenings for children residing within the school district who will be 4 and 5 respectively by Aug. 1. Call 417-256-4265 to request an appointment; spots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Bring the child's birth certificate, shot records and proof of residency within the Junction Hill School District to the appointment. Screenings are expected to take about an hour to complete.

March 21 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at OZH's Alton Clinic, 100 Medical Drive. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 21-23: The West Plains Citywide Yardsale. The $1 yard sale permit fee is waived for these three days.

March 21 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Entries will be accepted at the Yellow House Community Arts Center, 209 W. Trish Knight St., for "Total Eclipse and the Art," an Ozarks Artery art show which is planned to coincide with Eclipse West Plains activities. Entry fee is $3 per piece for art to be judged. Works need not be eclipse-themed, though they may be; works relating to the Ozarks are also encouraged, though any subject is acceptable. The exhibit will run from about March 28 through April 13.

March 21 (1:30-3:30 p.m.) The West Plains Senior Center, 416 E. Main St., will host a town hall meeting, "Let's Talk About Social Issues," in partnership with Senior Age Area Agency on Aging. Topics of discussion will include health, transportation, safety, security and daily life. The event is free and open to the public. Call 417-256-4055 for more information.

March 21 (2 & 4 p.m.) Grizzly Softball vs. St. Louis Community College at Hilburn Sports Complex adjacent to West Plains High School. Visit msuwp-grizzlies.com for tickets.

March 21 (6-7 p.m.) Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona offers Nature Art: Pine Needlers, a 12-month program running through May that meets monthly to learn embroidery techniques and explore Missouri's native trees. A virtual session will be held from 4-5 p.m. for those who cannot attend in person. Sign up online by going to mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com, selecting "Shannon" in the drop-down menu labeled "County," and clicking search to scroll and find the event listed.

March 22 (by appointment) Fairview School will hold preschool and kindergarten screenings for children residing within the school district who will be 4 and 5 respectively by Aug. 1. Call 417-256-3868 to request an appointment. Bring the child's Social Security number, birth certificate, shot records and proof of residency to the appointment.

March 23 (8 a.m. to noon) In-person voting for the Missouri Democratic Presidential Preference Primaries will be held at the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St., for Howell County voters; the Administrative Building, 210 Grand Ave. in Houston, for Texas County; Hartville Free Baptist Church, 5658 Z Highway, for Wright County; and the Oregon County Courthouse, 1 Court Square in Alton, for Oregon County. Mail-in ballots are also available through March 12 and can be requested online at www.missouridemocrats.org, due to be returned by March 23. Voting is open in any county to all voters who are registered, provided they are not registered as a Republican.

March 23 (1-3 p.m.) TJ Swift House A.S.C.E.N.D. Program will hold an open house event for prospective students in Lybyer Technology Center, Room 102, 605 W. Main St. For more information call 417-255-7711 or email ascendwp@missouristate.edu.

March 25-29: West Plains Spring Cleanup Week. Extra items will be picked up on customers' normal trash day. Categories to be picked up include regular trash; furniture and mattresses, wrapped; appliances with special conditions for fridges and freezers; yard waste, excepting brush; and recyclables. Tire pickup may be arranged for a fee. Call 417-255-2330 or visit westplains.gov for more information.

March 26 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at West Plains Bank and Trust Company North Branch, 1601 Porter Wagoner Blvd. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 27 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at West Plains Bank and Trust Company Liberty Branch, 607 N. Elm St., Mtn. View. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

March 28 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at West Plains Bank and Trust Company Willow Springs Branch, 708 E. Main St. Women wishing to have a mammogram must be at least 40, have not had a mammogram in the past year, not be pregnant or breastfeeding, have no implants, have no cancer diagnosis past or present and no issues such as breast discharge, lumps, pain or discoloration. Limited appointments are available; call 417-257-5912.

32nd Annual West Plains Home & Garden Show



Terry Hampton (left) and Melissa Wharton manning the table for Explore West Plains.



Jacob with Reliant Prowash.

By Quill Staff

This past weekend, the West Plains Civic Center arena and exhibit hall buzzed with activity and excitement as the 32nd annual West Plains Home & Garden Show made its much-anticipated return. From the moment the doors opened at 3 p.m. on Friday until the event wrapped up at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, the venue was a hub of inspiration for homeowners, garden enthusiasts, and anyone looking to spruce up their living spaces.

The show offered a two-day pass for just $5, an irresistible offer for those eager to explore the vast array of products and services on display. Children 12 and younger were welcomed free of charge, making it a family-friendly event where the next generation could also get inspired about the spaces they inhabit. Attendees had the added excitement of being eligible to win door prizes, adding an element of surprise to their visit.

With around 80 vendors, both new faces and returning exhibitors, the show was a testament to the vibrant community of builders, contractors, landscapers, and home service providers in the region. The range of exhibits covered every aspect of home and garden improvement, from cutting-edge home renovation solutions and security systems to the latest in landscaping and gardening trends. The theme for this year, "Creating strong communities, one building at a time," resonated throughout the event, emphasizing the role of individual home improvement projects in strengthening the fabric of local communities.

Organized by the Southern Missouri Builders Association, the Home & Garden Show is more than just an exhibition. It represents a concerted effort to bring together the various stakeholders in the building community, from contractors and builders to the end consumers, under one roof for mutual benefit. The show serves as a platform for public education on the advantages of engaging with professional builders and promotes professionalism within the trade industry.

Moreover, the event underscores the association's commitment to fostering economic development and enhancing the quality of life in Southern Missouri. By showcasing the latest trends, technologies, and services in the home and garden sectors, the show plays a crucial role in driving innovation and excellence in the region's building industry.

The 32nd annual West Plains Home & Garden Show was more than just an exhibition; it was a celebration of community, innovation, and the shared goal of creating better living environments. Attendees left not only with ideas and inspiration for their home improvement projects but also with a renewed sense of belonging to a community committed to growth and development, one building at a time.

As the Southern Missouri Builders Association and the exhibitors begin to look forward to next year's event, the impact of this year's show will be felt in homes and gardens across the region. And for those who couldn't make it or are eager to revisit the highlights and insights from the weekend, a full recap of the festival will soon be available in the Quill, ensuring that the inspiration and community spirit of the 32nd annual West Plains Home & Garden Show live on.

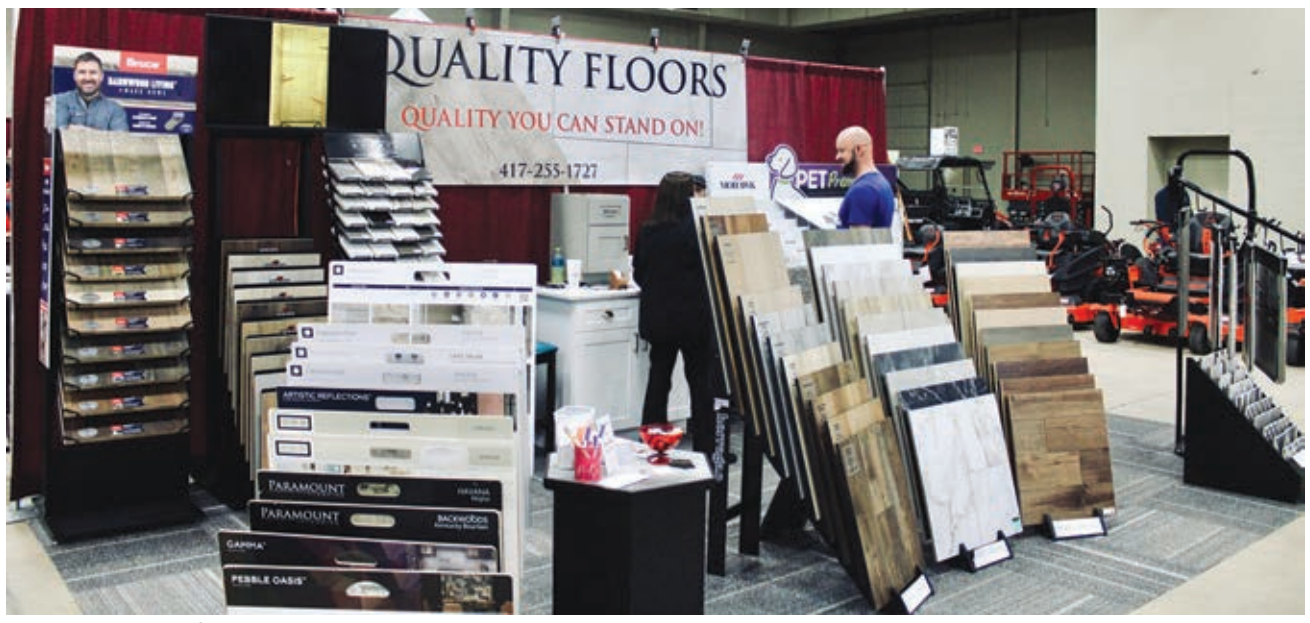
Stay tuned for more updates and get ready to mark your calendars for next year's event, as the West Plains Home & Garden Show continues to be a beacon of inspiration and a pivotal event for the Southern Missouri community.



Current Inc. of West Plains.



Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply shows off a fleet of the latest Bad Boy lawnmowers.



Quality Floors, of West Plains.



Jon with Leafguard of St. Louis.

Eminence Area VFD building, fleet destroyed by Tues. morning fire

By ABBY HESS,
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The Eminence community suffered a devastating blow Tuesday morning when a fire destroyed the Eminence Area Volunteer Fire Department (EAVFD) fire station, along with several trucks.

Officials from fire departments from as close as Birch Tree and as far as Wright City took to social media to express sympathies and support for the volunteer fire organization, as did Eminence Police Chief Steven Hogan and Missouri State Fire Marshal Tim Bean, an area native.

"Tragedy today for Eminence, the fire house has burned. It is a total loss," said volunteers with Shannon County First Responders in a Facebook post made at about 8:30 a.m. Friday, expressing thanks to firefighters from Winona, Ellington, Summersville, Thayer and Timber for assisting the local firefighting crew in battling the blaze.

"Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative handled the utilities and Mercy [Ambulance] and Eminence and Birch Tree First Responders stood by in case of injuries," they added. "Thanks also to Rowden's [Express gas station] and Tim's [Bestway Foods grocery store] for donating water and coffee. Thanks to many other people in the community for many acts of kindness today and your prayers." The post concluded with a warning that, at the time, the scene was still "very active," and asked area residents to stay back.

A little more than two hours later, Bean expressed his sympathies in a Facebook post, noting that the fire was still active at that time.

"Devastating way to begin a day, Eminence Area Volunteer Fire Department lost [their] entire station and equipment this morning. Area fire departments are presently still working on extinguishing the fire," he wrote. "They will need us to pull together for them in the weeks to come."

Chief Hogan drove home in a post of his own just how devastating the loss caused by the fire is. "During my tenure of being a board member for the EAVFD, I learned how hard it was to reign in funding, not only to equip, but operating funds as well," he said. "This will be a huge hardship for Eminence and the area our Fire Department serves."



This photo shared on Facebook by Shannon County First Responders shows firefighters working to extinguish a blaze that destroyed the Eminence Area Volunteer Fire Department building and its fleet. Winona, Ellington, Summersville, Thayer and Timber fire departments responded to assist local crews in putting the fire out. COURTESY

Hogan likewise expressed thanks to all those who reached out with kind words and supportive gestures, including Grant Wilson, a field representative for U.S. Rep. Jason Smith's 8th District Office, who shared information about grant-funding resources; neighbors; and other area fire departments.

Officials had not indicated the cause of the fire or the full extent of the damage, including any injury reports, as of Tuesday afternoon. The Quill will share updates as they are made available.

Hogan encouraged anyone wishing to contribute financial donations toward helping the Eminence fire department rebuild to make out checks to Eminence Area Vol. Fire Department and mail to the department at P.O. Box 518, Eminence, MO 65466.

Assault charge filed against woman after incident with walking stick, pan

BY KIMBERLY LANGSTON,
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A West Plains woman is charged with first-degree domestic assault resulting in serious physical injury after allegedly hitting a man in the head with an aluminum pan and walking stick, resulting in the man's loss of consciousness.

Jackie L. Bruffett, 42, is also charged with two counts of armed criminal action; all of the charges are felonies.

Howell County Deputy Robert Malone reported in court documents that, on Feb. 16, he was dispatched to a residence in Brandsville to investigate a possible domestic assault.

The victim, who Malone reported had visible injuries and lacerations to the head, said Bruffett had beaten him. Bruffett allegedly struck the victim in the head with an aluminum pan before hitting him multiple times with a wooden walking stick with a rendition of an eagle head attached to the top of it, and the force of the blows reportedly rendered the victim unconscious and broke the eagle head off the walking stick.

Malone's report added Bruffett and the victim shared the home at the time of the alleged assault, and it was his opinion Bruffett had committed first-degree assault by attempting to kill or knowingly cause serious physical injury to the victim.

Howell County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney agreed with that assessment, and sought the two counts of armed criminal action because Bruffett allegedly used the pan and walking cane as dangerous instruments.

Court records show Bruffett was convicted of misdemeanor third-degree domestic assault in 2013 in Howell County and paid a $100 fine.

She is held on a warrant with a $100,000 bond that was issued and served Feb. 20, according to court records. She has pleaded not guilty and appeared for a counsel status hearing and bond review Feb. 26 before Associate 37th Circuit Court R. David Ray, the records show.

She is represented by Public Defender Micah Jones who filed his entry of appearance as her representation Tuesday; no court appearances are currently on the docket for Bruffett's case, which is being prosecuted by Assistant Howell County Prosecutor Rizwan Ahad and Howell County Prosecutor Mike Hutchings.

Texas County man dies in Friday night crash

Michael W. Naylor, 50, of Licking, suffered fatal injuries over the weekend when he was thrown from his pickup truck in a crash at 9:30 p.m. Friday on Highway 137, 3 miles north of Raymondville in Texas County, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Msgt. D.B. Pounds of Troop G, headquartered in Willow Springs, reported Naylor was driving a southbound 1995 Dodge Laramie that failed to negotiate a curve, ran off the road, returned to the road and became airborne before hitting the right side of the road and overturning.

Naylor was not wearing a seat belt, the report shows.

Texas County Coroner Marie Lasater pronounced him dead at 10:25 p.m. at the scene.

Naylor's death is the second fatality for this year compared to four in the same time frame in 2023.

Pounds was assisted at the scene by Cpl. T.L. Brown, Tpr. J.L. Dedmon, the Raymondville Fire Department and the Texas County Sheriff's Office.



City of Willow Springs to test tornado sirens today

The City of Willow Springs has announced it will take part in Missouri's statewide tornado drill, to be held at 11 a.m. today.

The drill will give Willow Springs and other participating Missouri cities the chance to test storm sirens at that time, in an effort to make sure severe weather warning systems are operational ahead of the spring storm season.

Officials encourage all to make sure weather alerts can be received by phone, television, weather radio or other means.

Besides activating the storm sirens, Willow Springs officials said, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios that are set to receive routine weekly tests will alert listeners that the tornado drill has begun. When outdoor sirens are activated in Willow Springs, participants should practice taking cover in a designated shelter, and the Willow Springs R-4 School District will take part in the drill.

Willow Springs officials remind that severe weather can strike at any time, but spring is a peak storm season, and the drill will provide an opportunity for citizens to make emergency plans with their families or employees before an actual emergency happens.

The City of Willow Springs monitors weather through the police department's emergency operations center any time there is a threat of severe weather, and sirens are activated any time a tornado warning has been issued for the area.

In Willow Springs, a public storm shelter is located on Fourth Street adjacent to the high school and is opened when a tornado warning is issued.

The city's five outdoor warning sirens are located throughout city limits and are designed to be heard by those that are outdoors so shelter can be found before the danger arrives.

City officials reminded that those without a NOAA weather radio can receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service, or tune to local radio and television stations for news and updates, plus information can be found on the City of Willow Springs Facebook page or the Howell County Emergency Management Facebook page.

Willow Springs residents with any further questions or concerns may also call staff at city hall, 417-469-2107.

25th annual Check Out Hunger campaign collects nearly $48K for hunger relief

More than 60 local grocers partnered with Ozarks Food Harvest for the 25th annual Check Out Hunger campaign, raising nearly $48,000 from customer donations to provide more than 142,000 meals across the Ozarks.

The fundraiser wrapped up at the end of December, but The Food Bank received checks from grocers through February. Charitable donations tend to drop after the holidays, which makes this an ideal time for Ozarks Food Harvest to receive a financial boost, said organization officials.

"Families across the Ozarks are facing a perfect storm of increased childcare, housing and food costs," said Jordan Browning, director of communications at Ozarks Food Harvest. "Donations from our Check Out Hunger campaign have come at a perfect time to help us feed more families facing hunger."

Check Out Hunger gives shoppers the opportunity to add a $1, $3 or $5 tax-free donation to their grocery bill at the register of participating retailers during the holiday season. Participating grocers include Apple Market, Country Mart, Harter House, King Cash Saver, King Food Saver, Price Cutter, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Town & Country Supermarket and Woods Supermarket.

Harter House stores in Hollister, Kimberling City, Nixa, Springfield and Strafford have been major contributors to The Food Bank's Check Out Hunger campaign since 2008. In that time, they have helped provide more than 590,000 meals for children, families and seniors across southwest Missouri.

In West Plains, Ramey is also a longtime participant; with its fellow Pyramid Foods stores, including Country Mart, King Cash Saver and Price Cutter, more than 1.1 million meals have been supported.

"This is an amazing opportunity to make a difference in our community, especially as many families across southwest Missouri continue to face hunger," Andrew Bettlach, owner of two Harter House grocery stores, said. "We're happy to partner with Ozarks Food Harvest for their annual Check Out Hunger campaign every year to help raise awareness."

Since 1998, the Check Out Hunger campaign has raised more than $810,000 to help provide more than 3.6 million meals to The Food Bank's network of 270 faith-based and community charities.

MoDOT plans two projects near Mtn. View this month

The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced it will perform maintenance on a bridge on W Highway near Mtn. View later this month.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 25 through 29, as weather allows, W Highway will be closed between County Roads 2000 and 1920 for bridge maintenance.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists should use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For more information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 888-ASK-MODOT or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

Ava women earn honor roll status at Western Technical College

Two women, Bethany Williams and Sarah Williams, both from Ava, have been named to the President's List of High Distinction for the fall 2023 term at Western Technical College in La Crosse, Wisc.

To be included in the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher, carrying at least six credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

BRTC fire science chili cook-off raises $2,000



Black River Technical College's fire science program in Pocahontas, Ark., recently held a chili cook-off to raise money that goes to the BRTC Foundation to fund scholarships for fire science students. Fire departments from Ash Flat, Hardy, Highland, Walnut Ridge, Pocahontas, Paragould and Hoxie gathered to face off using their favorite chili recipes. The overall winner was Highland's Fire Department's Koby Herring, left. "This fundraiser is very important to the fire science program," said Fire Science Program Director Alan Haskins, center. "All proceeds help ensure there are funds available for prospective firefighter students who do not qualify for financial aid." Joining Herring and Haskins is BRTC Black Hawk mascot Stryker. For more information about BRTC's fire science program, contact Haskins at 870-248-4129 or alan.haskins@blackrivertech.edu. COURTESY / BRTC

OBITUARIES

Nelta Faye Johnston

Oct. 22, 1931 – Feb. 29, 2024



Funeral services for Nelta Faye (Miller) Johnston, 92, West Plains, Mo., formerly of Tremont, Ill., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024, in the Rose Chapel at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnston passed away at 7:03 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at her home.

She was born Oct. 22, 1931, in Oregon County, Mo., to Hobert W. Miller and Gertrude B. Judd Miller. On Dec. 24, 1952, she was married in Salem, Ark., to Johnie Johnston, who preceded her in death on March 25, 2016.

Mrs. Johnston spent her days being a wife, mother and homemaker in Tremont. She enjoyed her houseplants along with her flower garden. She was a member of the Tazewell County Home Extension and enjoyed helping at the county fairs. She also volunteered at the Allentown Hall Saturday Breakfasts, for which she would often make her sausage gravy; she also enjoyed the lunch outings with the Allentown Birthday Club. Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Morton Church of Christ.

She is survived by six children Jo A. Johnston, West Plains, Ray (Jan) Johnston, Fort Smith, Ark., Rick (Marilyn) Johnston, Greenwood, Ind., Alan (Tina) Johnston, Tremont, John S. Johnston, Tremont, and Roxanna Abernathy, West Plains; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three sisters Cora Winfrey, Marshall, Mo., Peggy Huddleston, West Plains, and Fern Harris, West Plains; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents; husband; one son Gary Allen; two brothers Joe and Cecil Miller; three infant brothers Carl H., Ray D. and Harold J.; and three sisters Emma Roark, Margaret Carter and Minerva McKenzie preceded her in death.

Visitation services will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Burial will be in South Fork Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be left at www.robertsondrago.com.

Dick Deupree

Dec. 16, 1925 – Feb. 26, 2024



Dick M. Deupree, 98, Dora, Mo., passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, at his home.

He was born Dec. 16, 1925, in West Plains, Mo., to William R. Deupree and Alta Deupree. On Nov. 4, 1964, he was married to Lorena Mae Deupree, who preceded him in death. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Dick worked at Woodworth and Cochran Motors in West Plains from 1943 to 1964. He then went to work at Bill Greer Ford in Sedalia, Mo., from 1964 to 1976. He then started his own trucking business in Sedalia, D & B Trucking, and operated it from 1976 until 1991, when he retired to his farm in Dora, due to his wife Lorena's illness.

Dick enjoyed his quarter horses. In 1973 he placed the fourth fastest time in the All American Futurity. Dick was a quarter horse breeder and in the 1950s and 1960s, he bred and raised Brangus cattle.

He is survived by his daughter Joella Robinson and husband Bob; 10 grandchildren Sherri Parrett, Tonya Thomas Summers and husband Matthew, Angi Littlejohn, Christy Mainprize, Jessica Fox and husband Scott, Amanda DiGiovanna and husband Steven, Jeff Nickles, Melissa Nickles, Doug Richardson and wife Debbie, and Keith Richardson and wife Amy; eight great-grandchildren Jake Thomas, Caleb Littlejohn, Aiden, Ainsley and Avery Fox, Riley and Audrey DiGiovanna, and Delaney Richardson; and nieces and nephews Robert Butts and wife MI, Buddy Butts and wife Dawn, Lori Prater and husband HB, Keith Butts and wife Amanda, Carl Butts and wife Kila, Josh Butts and wife Corrissa, and Jeremy Butts.

His parents, wife, one daughter Roenna Thomas, two sons Danny Nickels and Rickey Nickels, one grandson Eric Nickels and one sister Elizabeth Parker Deupree, preceded him in death.

Arrangements under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.robertsondrago.com.

Mary Good

July 13, 1948 – Feb. 12, 2024



Mary Ann Good was born on July 13, 1948, in West Plains, Mo., to Charlene Shadwell-Sharp. She departed peacefully from this world on Feb. 12, 2024. She spent her last days surrounded by her family and friends.

Mary spent her life serving others. She served through various organizations, including as the president of the West Plains Business & Professional Women's Organization, the vice president of the Missouri Land Title Association, the first female president of the West Plains Optimist Club, a past board member of Howell County SB40, a member of the West Plains Board of Realtors and a member of West Plains Habitat for Humanity. She spent over 50 years in the title industry, where her legacy will forever be remembered.

Mary was a dedicated mother, friend and grandmother and will be missed deeply by all that have known her. She touched many lives throughout her time in this world, and that will never be forgotten.

Mary is survived by her two sons Jason Good, of West Plains, and Matthew Good and wife Melody of West Plains; grandchildren Jordan Godsey-Good and husband Clay, of Centerton, Ark., Logan Good and wife Makenzie, of Okinawa, Japan, and Aubrey, Lucas and Julieann, all of West Plains; great-grandchildren Timber, Raeleigh and Sawyer, all of Centerton; brothers Leroy, Kenneth and Thomas Sharp, all of West Plains; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother Charlene Shadwell-Sharp, the father of her children and lifelong friend Stanley Ray Good and brothers Richard Sharp and Gerald Sharp.

Todd Menz

May 18, 1965 – March 2, 2024



Funeral services for Todd Allen Menz, 58, Pottersville, Mo., will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, at the Langston Street Chapel of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Todd Allen Menz was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was born on May 18, 1965 and met his Lord and Savior on March 2, 2024.

He grew up in Delta, Mo., and moved to Howell County, Mo., in 1990 to pursue a life he loved in the cattle industry. Owning livestock auctions through the years and building relationships across the Midwest, Todd became a staple in the cattle community. During his decadeslong career he was a stranger to none and a friend to all.

While he left us far too soon, the impact Todd had on those who knew him will be felt for years to come. Todd embodied the best of qualities: unconditional love, strength of spirit and an unending generosity. Todd's love was tough, but it ran deep. He was loyal, unbelievably hard working and lived at top speed to selflessly provide. The passion he poured into his family, his friendships, his businesses and his relationship with his Creator never wavered.

Todd was so proud of the farm and the business he built with his son, Chad. His greatest joys included spending time on the lake, enjoying his mornings with Adonia studying God's word over a cup of coffee, loving his adult kids and spoiling his grandchildren.

Todd is survived by his wife of nine years, Adonia; his children Chad Menz and wife Amelia of Pottersville, Haley Menz of Nashville, Morgan Cook and husband Dillynn of Rolla, and Sidney Burgess of Joplin. He was the proud Gramps of Bode and Katherine. Todd leaves behind two siblings, Kelley Phillips and husband Merle of Pottersville, and Brian Menz and wife Shelley of West Plains, and countless other loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jerry Menz and Sharon Coats.

Todd, we'll always be looking for your truck coming up the lane with every sunset.

Visitation services will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, at the Langston Street Chapel of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. A private burial for the immediate family will be after the service. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Todd's honor be made to The Ministries of Heaven's Family, an organization he felt strongly about, and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be left at www.robertsondrago.com.

Rod Thibodeaux

Dec. 16, 1985 – Feb. 27, 2024



It is with broken hearts and great sadness that we announce the passing of our son, Rod Derek Thibodeaux, age 38, of Willow Springs, Mo. Rod was born in Houston, Texas, and departed from us on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, in St Louis.

He embraced Willow Springs as his home for many years. Rod attended Willow Springs School and then furthered his education to become an AWS Certified Welding Inspector as well as other welding-related certifications. He dedicated himself to ensuring quality and safety in his profession.

Beyond his work he found solace and joy in the great outdoors where he indulged his passion for hunting and fishing.

Rod leaves behind a legacy of love and memories cherished by his parents Gaylon and Karen Thibodeaux of Willow Springs, and also endless friends and family.

Their loss is so deeply felt by all that knew and loved Rod as he touched so many with his kindness, dedication, and adventurous spirit. In honoring Rod's memory, may we all find comfort in the moments shared and the impact he made on those around him. He will be always loved, deeply missed, and in our hearts forever.



Edward Bond, a playwright who shocked the stage world with 'Saved,' dies at 89

By JILL LAWLESS,
Associated Press

LONDON — Edward Bond, a playwright who shocked the British theater world with his explosive 1965 drama "Saved," has died, his agent said Tuesday. He was 89.

Bond's literary agency, Casarotto Ramsay and Associates, said that he died on Sunday. No cause of death was given.

Bond was born in London on July 18, 1934, and his childhood was overshadowed by World War II, which saw the city repeatedly bombed. He left school at 15, worked in factories and served two years of national service in the army before gaining success as a writer.

His first play, "The Pope's Wedding," was staged in 1962 at London's Royal Court Theatre, which shook up British drama with plays by Bond, John Osborne and other writers dubbed the "angry young men."

Three years later, the same venue staged "Saved," a play about alienated urban youth that included a scene in which a gang of teenagers stone a baby to death in its pram. At the time, plays needed approval from an official known as the Lord Chamberlain, and the Royal Court was prosecuted for staging "Saved" without a license.

Among its defenders was actor-director Laurence Olivier, who wrote to The Observer newspaper: "'Saved' is not a play for children but it is for grown-ups, and the grown-ups of this country should have the courage to look at it."

The theater lost the case, and both "Saved" and Bond's next play, "Early Morning," a scabrous satire on British royalty, were banned in Britain.

The controversy sparked a legal review that, in 1968, ended stage censorship in Britain. "Saved" is now regarded as a modern classic and has been produced around the world.

Several of Bond's plays drew inspiration from William Shakespeare, including "The Sea," which evokes "The Tempest," and "Lear," a reworking of "King Lear." Shakespeare was the central character in "Bingo," produced in 1974 with John Gielgud as the Bard in the last years of his life.

An exacting character who often fell out with directors, Bond wrote more than 50 plays, including 18th-century class comedy "Restoration" and trilogy "The War Plays." He influenced younger playwrights, notably the late Sarah Kane, whose 1995 play "Blasted" shocked audiences as much as "Saved" had 30 years earlier.

His final play to be staged, in 2016, was "Dea," a forceful adaptation of the Greek tragedy "Medea."

Bond also worked on movie screenplays, including "Blow-Up"— which earned him an Academy Award nomination — "Laughter in the Dark" and "Walkabout."

DEATH NOTICES

Larry Willis

Larry Dean Willis, 81, West Plains. Died Saturday, March 2, 2024, at his home. Yarber Mortuary, Mtn. View.

William Mattison

William Leota Mattison, 42, Mtn. View. Died at midnight Saturday, March 2, 2024, at his home. Yarber Mortuary, Willow Springs.

Mark Gaffey

Mark Gaffey, 71, Willow Springs. Died March 3, 2024, in Willow Springs. Willow Funeral Home, Willow Springs.

NOTICE OF OBITUARY DEADLINES

Obituaries must be received by the West Plains Daily Quill no later than 10 a.m. Tuesdays for publication in Wednesday papers, and no later than 10 a.m. Fridays for publication in Saturday editions of the West Plains Gazette.

All obituaries received after those deadlines will be published in the next printed publication.

Note that in case of holidays, deadlines may be moved earlier. In such cases, notices will be published in the Quill.

Submit obituaries by email to obits@wpdailyquill.net or bring them into the office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at 205 Washington Ave. in West Plains.



CHRIS' CORNER

Wrapping up Best of West Plains

By Chris Herbolsheimer

Hey there, West Plains enthusiasts and supporters of all things local! As the dust settles on the frenzied voting frenzy of our beloved annual Best of West Plains, I'm here to spill some tea, share some thanks, and maybe drop a little wisdom along the way. So, grab your favorite beverage, get cozy, and let's dive into the heart of our community's vibrant showcase.

A Whopping 106,000 Votes Later...

First off, can we just take a moment to appreciate the sheer volume of engagement here? Over 106,000 votes were cast in this year's Best of West Plains. Yeah, you read that right—106,000! And no, before you start imagining a population explosion in our cozy town, that's votes, not voters. The enthusiasm you all have shown in supporting your favorite local businesses is nothing short of spectacular. It's like every coffee shop, boutique, and barbershop has its own fan club. And honestly, I'm here for it.

Now, let's get something straight. The West Plains Daily Quill, yours truly, has been the messenger, the platform, the megaphone—but not the decider. Every nomination that popped up on that list? That was all you, the customers, the lifeblood of these businesses. You brought your favorites into the spotlight.

I've heard the murmurs, seen the side-eyes about the nominated businesses. "Why them and not the other place?" you ask. Or that classic mix-up where an athletic trainer got the nod for best physical therapist—patients showed their love, we just tallied the votes. When we caught the mix-up, we adjusted the sails. No harm, no foul. The is absolutely inaccurate, and frankly unfair, to accuse the Quill of committing fraud by misrepresenting these trainers as physical therapists.

Here's the deal: if your cherished burger haven or hidden-gem café didn't make the cut, it's not because the Quill is playing puppet master. It's a simple matter of nominations. And that's the beauty and the beast of democracy, folks. Participation is key.

It baffles me, truly. The Best of West Plains isn't an arena for business gladiators, duking it out for the crown while the rest are left in the dust. It's not about putting one down to prop another up. It's a celebration, a collective high-five to the places that add flavor, care, and character to our daily lives.

Let's flip the script. Instead of seeing a nomination list as a battleground, view it as a love letter to West Plains. It's a testament to diversity, effort, and the unique flavors of our community. Got feedback? Share it constructively. Support your unsung heroes by nominating them next time. Let's cultivate a culture of lifting each other up, not tearing down.

As we eagerly await the special insert announcing this year's winners, let's take a moment to reflect on what makes West Plains truly special. It's not just the businesses themselves but the stories behind them, the dreams built from the ground up, and the community that rallies to support those dreams.

The Best of West Plains isn't just an event; it's a snapshot of our town's heartbeat. It showcases the hard work, dedication, and passion that local business owners pour into their ventures every day. And in turn, it's a mirror reflecting the community's values, preferences, and aspirations.

In a world that's increasingly digital and disconnected, initiatives like the Best of West Plains remind us of the importance of local connections. They reinforce the idea that behind every business is a person or team striving to make a difference, to add something special to our daily lives. It's about appreciation, not competition.

To everyone who took the time to cast their vote, share their opinion, and contribute to this celebration of West Plains' finest, I extend a heartfelt thank you. Your engagement is what shapes our community, making it a vibrant tapestry of people, dreams, and successes.

As we move forward, let's remember that our words and actions have the power to uplift and strengthen our community. Let's choose to celebrate our local businesses, support their growth, and appreciate the diversity they bring to our lives. After all, the heart of West Plains beats strongest when we stand together, appreciating each unique note in the symphony of our community.

So, here's to the nominees, the voters, and every single person who makes West Plains a place we're proud to call home. Cheers to you all, and let's keep that spirit of appreciation, unity, and local love going strong until the next Best of West Plains rolls around. Together, we make West Plains not just a place on the map, but a community with heart.

AN OZARKS MINUTE

Escaping Winter

By Danette House

Around January 15 of this year, my husband and I decided that the arctic-like weather we were having was just too much for us. The temperature highs that week had been 0, 10, and 13 degrees, and it wasn't looking good for a warm-up anytime soon. So, I remembered the old saying, "Everyone always complains about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it!"

We decided to do something about it and flee Missouri for warmer climes. We got the idea to take our trailer to Gulf Shores and set about finding the earliest date that we could go, which turned out to be February 15. Not immediate escape, but it is usually cold and nasty in February, too. So, we started planning.

We found a campground near Mobile Bay and were enticed by the advertising pictures of people sitting comfortably in the sun, boating, walking, grilling food and eating outside. These were all the things we wanted to be doing instead of shivering in Missouri. The only downside of this was a picture of a sign that stated "Keep your pets on a short leash. The alligators will eat them." That gave me some pause as we planned to take our dachshund with us. We would have to de-winterize (is that a word?) and load up the trailer which sounded like a lot of work. So, we sat through the rest of the cold, wet, sunless weather of January and thought how great it was going to be to leave.

As February began, our Missouri weather got warmer and we got less excited about getting the trailer ready. Very much less excited. We got so unexcited about it that we decided to go to Sedona, Arizona. My sister had just been there and said the weather was great and we should go sometime. Okay. That's all it took to cancel our trailer expedition.

Not wanting to put our dog in danger of becoming an alligator's dinner and mostly to keep from all the tedious work of loading up the trailer, we decided that we, too, would go to Sedona. We could fly Allegiant to Phoenix which is one of the nine cities that airline serves from Springfield. Anytime it is possible, we will happily fly out of Springfield because it has 10 gates (St. Louis has 85.)

After a three-hour flight in seats that comfortably fit children no older than 10, we arrived. Arizona had just dug itself out after an unusual blizzard had dumped several feet of snow in the northern part of the state. After landing, we drove north to Sedona in what was one of the longest traffic jams that we had ever experienced (which turned my extremely even-tempered husband into the grumpiest man in Arizona.) To top it all off, when we landed it was warmer back in Springfield than it was in Sedona.

It was dark when we arrived, and in trying to find our rental house we got lost several times. Sedona is a light intolerant city (don't know if that's the technical term) which means they have no streetlights. We finally found our home we'd have for the next week and stumbled into bed. In the morning, what a sight we saw out our window. It is absolutely amazing to me that you can take a three-hour ride in a jet and if you don't have a window seat on the plane you feel like you've landed in a place that looks like the surface of the moon. If I hadn't been able to see pictures of the area on the Internet beforehand, I wouldn't have believed it existed. The first explorers and settlers coming from the more eastern parts of the U. S. must have been dumbstruck by the terrain. It's the polar opposite of the Ozarks.

Sedona is in a canyon surrounded by massive red mountains, huge pillars, spires, and cliffs. These giant, iron-rich natural rock monuments are hard to even describe. The vegetation is mostly low, scraggly brush, cactus, tumbleweed, agave, mesquite, and numerous other small, spindly plants and the soil (dirt) is the same red color everywhere.

When I talked to my folks back in Missouri, they were having nice weather and temperatures that were equal to or warmer than ours in Sedona. When we returned it seemed like spring had already arrived in February! Missouri was having record highs and Easter Lilies were already blooming. That was a little disappointing as the whole point of snowbirding is knowing that everyone back home is cold and miserable, and you aren't. Our timing couldn't have been worse because we managed to plan our winter escape to coincide with one of the warmest Februarys on record in Missouri. But it really was a fun trip, despite our failure as snowbirds.

I will be giving a presentation at the West Plains Public Library at 11 a.m. on March 9. Entitled "The Old Language of the Ozarks," it is a fast-moving, interactive program where we will look at the unique words, phrases, names, and "old saws" of our southern Missouri Ozarks. Bring yourself, a friend, and some old language examples you used to hear (or maybe still do) and we'll have "as much fun as the law allows!"

OZARKS RFD

A girl I barley knew

By Jim Hamilton

March 6, 1971, I married an 18-year-old girl from South Dakota. I barely knew her, but in the span of three months I'd learned all I needed to know.

DeAnn Joy Galbavy came to Springfield in the fall of 1970 to attend Baptist Bible College. We met during her first semester when she started work at Bonanza Sirloin Pit, where I had been a night manager for most of three years. I didn't pay her much attention at first. After all, I was a 23-year-old senior at Southwest Missouri State College and she was a freshman at BBC, that uptight bible college on the north side of town. I had worked with other BBC students for three years, contending with restrictions such as that which prohibited closing managers from giving BBC coed employees rides back to campus after work. Resolving that issue took a telephone call to the college by our boss, John Royal, assuring the dean we were not predatory thugs, but young men offering safe rides back to campus, rather than have the girls wait at the nearest bus stop outside a liquor store.

I don't recall if Dee was one of those I shuttled back to campus before we dated, but she definitely soon became a "frequent flyer."

I had dated another bus girl a couple times before I asked Dee out. As I recall, that girl (who will remain unnamed) went home for a few days and in the space of a week I was smitten, but I didn't exactly ask Dee out. I asked her what she was doing on a Sunday evening, knowing exactly where she would be — in church. I reckoned she would ask me if I wanted to go, and I did.

That was all it took — the spark that lit our fuses.

It was a bit of a scandal in the BBC girls' dorm — Dee dating a SMS senior, rather than a BBC boy. In fact, neither of us paid much attention to the whisperers; we continued to attend her church, but we didn't exactly follow the BBC rules. On days she didn't work at Bonanza Dee caught a bus to SMS, where she would find me in the college newspaper office. We would spend the rest of the evening just hanging out, or going to a movie like "Tora, Tora, Tora," which she slept through. Then I would take her back to BBC, dropping her a block away and following slowly to see she got safely in the dorm. We weren't even supposed to be in a car together except on date night.

And thus it evolved — we were together almost daily from around Christmas until our March 6 wedding at Lakeview Baptist Church near McDaniel Lake. In that time we planned our own ceremony, told our folks what was transpiring and worked to pay all our own costs.

Complicating our courtship were similar designs Uncle Sam had on me. Recently reclassified 1-A by my draft board, I was compelled in January to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, give up my newspaper job and drop out of school. My enlistment delayed until May, we had time to get our ducks in order, but no guarantee where we would be after basic training in Texas.

It was a mess, but together, we worked it out. In July we loaded everything we owned in a U-Haul trailer and headed for North Carolina— absolutely on our own, but never alone.

Such was the 23-year adventure of me and my late South Dakota bride, the girl I barely knew and will never forget.

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THIS I REMEMBER

On the Road Again

By Dennis Willard

As a young boy growing up in West Plains on Walker street, right off of Grace, drinking nickel cokes and R.C.s (Royal Crown Colas), and occasionally eating a moon pie at Elba Francis Walker street grocery, I could never dreamed of what I have been blessed to have seen and heard in my life.

Roy and Gene at the Davis theater, a Pepsi at the Model drug store and Fats Domino on the jukebox singing Blueberry Hill was heaven on earth to me. I checked out Fats Domino on YouTube and it showed 19,638,729 views. One comment was, "my grandfather had dementia, but every time he hears Blueberry Hill, he's his old self again."

At age 18, My best friend Bill Gordon and myself headed for Nashville. On Friday night at WSM studios in downtown Nashville we heard and saw Porter Wagoner, Maybelle Carter, June Carter (Cash) and the Carter sisters. On Saturday night at the Ryman we saw Hank Snow And Ray Price on the Grand Ole Opry. Bill Gordons favorite singer was Jim Reeves.

I remember the New Christy Minstrel Singers, at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas in 1965. "Green Green" sold a million copies, released in 1963. Incidentally "Green Green Grass of Home" is a country song made popular by Porter Wagoner in 1965. It reached number 4 on the Country Chart.

I was privileged to hear Emmy Lou Harris, with world renowned mandolin player Sam Bush in Branson. In 1989 Bush joined Emmylou Harris band, the Nash Ramblers. Also in Branson, Glen Campbell, Jim Stanford, and the great Andy Williams at the Moon River theater, Roy Rogers son at the Happy Trails theater and many other performers including my sister Julia Sheldon.

It was quite a treat when Promotor Jack Reed brought several great entertainers to his theater in West Plains. I missed Charlie Pride in West Plains and Elvis in Lubbock, Texas and my wife still hasn't forgiven me. Sue sold tickets for Jack Reed when David Allen Coe came to town. I wasn't there but Sue said it was a whole lot to risqué for West Plains.

The West Plains Civic Center brought Ricky Skaggs to West Plains and the Porter Wagoner Homecoming with Buck Trent, Jan Howard, Little Jimmy Dickens who stood 4'11", but his impact on the Opry was massive. Ricky Skaggs married Sharon White. The Whites, Sharon, sister Cheryl, and the Dad, Buck White also came to town during the Ozark Heritage Festival and also one of my favorites, "Riders in the Sky" with Ranger Doug and "Blue Montana Skies".

And let's remember together the 35 years of Cystic Fibrosis Concerts. There have been many great shows and stars in our midst but the greatest stars of all have been Rick, Lois and Jessica. May they continue to shine as Sara Evans, the first ever female singer to come as the main attraction graces our stage. The event will be held Saturday, March 16th at the West Plains Civic Center.

This I Remember.

Fulton Co. Hospital agrees to join Baxter Health

After unanimous votes by both the Fulton County Quorum Court on Feb. 20, and the Baxter Health System Board of Directors on Feb. 28, Fulton County Hospital in Salem, Ark., has reached a long-term agreement to become part of the Baxter Health System, officials have announced.

Baxter Health, based in Mtn. Home, Ark., will continue to manage Fulton County Hospital for the remainder of 2024 under the current management agreement and will execute the long-term lease by Jan. 1, 2025.

The decision comes after the Fulton County Hospital Board voted unanimously in August 2023 to sign a letter of intent to enter into a management agreement with Baxter Health. This was the recommendation of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration consultants Alvarez & Marsal Public Sector Service, which helped Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders and state legislators decide how to prioritize hospitals' requests for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, officials explained.

After six months of operational oversight, said officials, Baxter Health has helped increase volumes across various service lines including swing bed and endoscopy. In addition, they said, Baxter has successfully improved the revenue cycle, addressed compliance issues such as price transparency and helped generate positive cash flow to settle debts with key suppliers, fulfill payroll obligations and repay substantial loan amounts to local financial institutions.

"The encouragement from both the hospital staff and the wider community throughout our management partnership have been nothing short of extraordinary. In the challenging landscape of critical access hospitals, where resources are scarce, Baxter Health has stepped in to bridge that gap," said Fulton County Hospital interim Administrator Anthony Reed. "We brought to the table a wealth of resources in financial management and operational strategies. The team at Fulton County Hospital has demonstrated remarkable openness and willingness to collaborate with Baxter Health. Together, we're committed to steering the hospital towards a stable and sustainable future."

"Helping Fulton County Hospital is another example of how Baxter Health is meeting its purpose to champion access to compassionate high-quality care by adding and enhancing services offered by the critical access hospital right in their community. We look forward to continuing to serve the patients of Fulton County for generations to come," said Ron Peterson, president and CEO of Baxter Health.

"Baxter Health brings world class healthcare directly to Fulton County. They stepped in to ensure the citizens of Fulton County have a thriving hospital close to home," said Fulton County Judge Kenneth Crow. "We deeply appreciate their commitment and we've never been more excited for the future of healthcare in our county."

Recognizing National Nutrition Month in March

By April Bridges, WIC Nutritionist,
Howell County Health Department

March is National Nutrition Month. At WIC (Women, Infants and Children), we always encourage clients to visit myplate.gov for help planning a healthy diet. Get a head start on making Nutrition Month successful by trying a few tips you may find there.

To vary your veggies, eat a rainbow of vegetables — have plenty of dark green, orange and red ones. Also try new ones more than just once.

To focus on fruit, use them as a snack or after-dinner dessert in place of sugary treats.

Make half your grains whole: Whole grains are easier to get than you might think. Oatmeal is a great way to start the day, replace white rice with brown and snack on popcorn (many people don't realize that popcorn is a whole grain!).

Go lean with protein: Have seafood at least two times each week, or try other sources of protein like beans, tofu or nuts.

Finally, build strong bones with dairy. Sometimes it's hard to get in adequate calcium just from milk, especially if it's not your favorite drink. Remember that yogurt and cheese count, too; add these to snacks or meals to meet those needs. Be sure to choose low-fat versions and limit added sugars.

By using the "MyPlate" visual aid with each meal, it is easy to fill your plate with all the right foods.

FOR YOUR HEALTH:

What to know about young adult colorectal cancer

By Dr. Graham A. Colditz,
Siteman Cancer Center

We've seen great progress in the fight against colorectal cancer. While it's still one of the most common cancers in the U.S., annual rates of new cases have dropped by nearly half since the mid-1980s.

More recently, though, there's been a concerning increase in colorectal cancers in adults under age 50, with the rates appearing even higher among African American persons and residents of the South. And it's unclear why.

"That's the million-dollar question," said Dr. Will Chapman Jr., an assistant professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis who specializes in colon and rectal surgery.

"Though many people are working on the issue, we have not yet developed a clear understanding of what is driving cancer development in younger adults," he said. "There are certainly some suspects — for example, diets higher in processed foods and/or low in fiber, hormone changes related to obesity and diabetes or changes in the healthy bacteria living in the gut."

While the exact causes of younger adult colorectal cancer are still being studied, we do know some key steps can help protect against the disease.

No. 1 is to get recommended screening tests. Screening can find cancer earlier when it's more treatable. It can also help prevent colorectal cancer in the first place, by finding and removing growths that could become cancer.

Most people should get screened starting at age 45, and those at increased risk may need to start earlier and be screened more often. Colonoscopy is the most common screening test and is typically done once every 10 years. But other recommended tests are also effective, including the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) or the stool DNA test. These types of tests are quicker and easier than colonoscopy, but they also need to be done more often. And if they happen to find anything suspicious, they're usually followed up with a colonoscopy.

Knowing your family history of colorectal or other cancers, particularly if family members had cancer at younger ages, can help doctors estimate your risk of the disease, and if you might benefit from screening at a younger age than most people.

Being aware of symptoms of colorectal cancer is also key — as is immediately reporting anything unusual to a doctor so it can be checked out and followed up if needed, Chapman said. As with screening, reporting symptoms early can help find a cancer earlier when it may be more treatable. Symptoms of colorectal cancer include intermittent red blood with bowel movements or a change in bowel habits, typically in the form of smaller-diameter stools.

"However, many colon and rectal cancers do not have symptoms — which is why screening is so important," Chapman said.

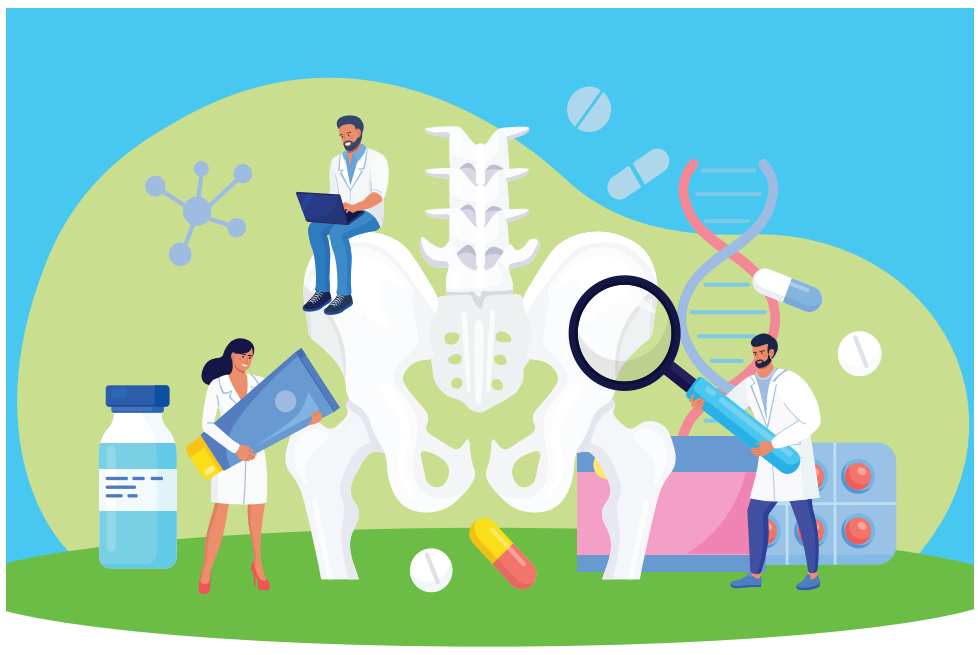
We also know that healthy behaviors can help prevent colorectal cancer — and that many of the same healthy behaviors that lower the risk of the disease in general likely also help lower the risk in younger adults. Screening tops the list. But other healthy steps include keeping weight in check, not smoking, not drinking alcohol, being physically active and eating a healthy diet rich in whole grains and fiber and limited in red and processed meats.

Ongoing research is telling us more about what causes colorectal cancer in young adults. We're also learning more about the effects that family history, genetics, race and ethnicity may have on young adult colorectal cancer risk, treatment and follow-up care. As this knowledge develops, we can still take important steps right now to help protect ourselves — and our families — from the disease.

It's your health. Take control.

For more on ways to lower the risk of colon and other cancers, visit 8ways.wustl.edu.

Dr. Graham A. Colditz, associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, is an internationally recognized leader in cancer prevention and the creator of the free prevention tool YourDiseaseRisk.com.



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Piney River Brewing to celebrate 13th anniversary March 23

Piney River Brewing Company is celebrating its 13 years of brewing craft beer in the Ozarks from noon to 7 p.m. March 23 at the brewery off Junction ZZ in Bucyrus.

The "13th Aleiversary" party will be held at the "BARn" brewery and taproom, and feature special beer releases, live music and food.

"After 13 years, Brian and I consider ourselves to be lucky to make award-winning beers that celebrate the Ozarks on our farm in Bucyrus," said Joleen Senter Durham, who with her husband Brian is co-founder and co-owner of Piney River Brewing. "We are still amazed at the people that make the trip to our farm for a fresh beer"

The Durhams expect that the 13th Aleiversary will be a mix of old friends and new friends, and a reason to hold the "biggest party in Bucyrus."

The 13th Aleiversary features music from two Springfield bands: Kicking Jacksie, and Casey Lynne and the Dealbreakers. Patrons can expect a mix of original tunes and covers from classic rock to folk and country.

Tinga Tacos of Springfield will be onsite providing food for the event. The taco trailer specializes in a variety of made-from-scratch, unique street tacos, nachos and sides prepared with fresh ingredients.

The BARn taproom at Piney River will feature an extensive list of year-round and some limited-release beers during the Aleiversary festivities, too. Andy's Root Beer, a nonalcoholic root beer, is available for kids and designated drivers.

"The Aleiversary is always a great time to enjoy a variety of beers, some of which are not easy to find outside of Bucyrus," said Brian Durham, head brewer. He and his team will debut a new small batch beer, Honeybee Helles, a hell's lager made with local honey. Crankbait Cream Ale will be available, and the 2024 Raise a Ruckus Imperial Stout is still available on tap at the BARn. All of this is in addition to Piney River's extensive lineup of year-round beers, the Durhams said.

"Joleen and I are excited to raise a pint with everyone that makes the trip to Bucyrus on March 23," said Brian Durham. "It's always a privilege to celebrate independent craft beer made right here in the Ozarks."

The special-release beers will be available beginning on the Friday afternoon before the Aleiversary when the tap room opens that weekend.

"Saturday's party will be a big event with lots of beer lovers, families and dogs," Joleen Durham said. "If crowds aren't your thing you are welcome to visit us on Friday evening or Sunday afternoon to enjoy a pint in the tap room or to purchase the limited release beers to take home."

Weather permitting, most of Saturday's activities will take place outside.

The Aleiversary is a free event and open to all ages. Leashed pets are also welcome.

Piney River Brewing is located on the Durhams' 160-acre farm. The taproom and a part of brewing operations are located in a restored 75-year-old barn. The Durhams founded the brewery in 2010 with a small one-third barrel brewing system in today, they brew in a modern 12,000 square foot barn with a. 15-barrel brewhouse.

The brewery distributes its products throughout Missouri and Arkansas.

More information about Piney River Brewing and the 13th Aleiversary can be found at www.pineyriverbrewing.com, on Facebook @PineyRiverBrewingCompany, and on Twitter @PineyRiverBrew.



"Joleen and I are excited to raise a pint with everyone that makes the trip to Bucyrus on March 23," said said Piney River Brewer co-owner and head brewer Brian Durham, joined here by his wife and the brewery's co-owner, Joleen Durham. The pair will host the brewery's 13th annual Aleiversary event that day at the Piney River "BARn" off Junction ZZ in Bucyrus, Texas County.

MSU-WP to offer basic print reading, CAD class beginning March 18

The office of workforce development and community education at Missouri State University-West Plains (MSU-WP) will offer a basic print reading and CAD class beginning March 18.

The class is set for 4 to 6:50 p.m. every Monday and Thursday through May 11. The cost is $850.

The course will cover the fundamental print reading skills required in the technical trades, including shape and size description, annotations, industrial drawing types, specialized parts and prints, and basic computer-aided design (CAD), university officials said.

For more information about the class and how to register, contact the MSU-WP workforce development and community education office at 417-255-7788 or email TrevorCressman@MissouriState.edu.

OzSBI accepting entries for annual Pitch Fest contest

Ozarks-area nnovators and entrepreneurs will have a unique opportunity to pitch their business or product idea to a panel of judges for a chance to win a cash prize: The Ozarks Small Business Incubator has announced it will host its annual PitchFest beginning April 18 at OzSBI, 408 Washington Ave. in West Plains.

The ultimate goal of Pitch Fest participants is to go on to compete at OzSBI's EPIC Pitch Competition on May 2, officials explained.

Anyone with a business idea within OzSBI's seven-county region — Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas and Wright counties — is invited to pitch at PitchFest, said officials, explaining how it works: Contestants are allotted six minutes to pitch their business idea to a panel of judges. As part of the competition, participants are encouraged to work with OzSBI mentors to refine their pitches.

In Round One, six contestants will be selected to move onto Round Two, where they will present their pitch for a second time to the judges. Four contestants will be selected as finalists to present at the EPIC Pitch Competition, part of OzSBI's National Small Business celebration, to win cash and prizes.

The first place winner of the Pitch Competition will receive the top cash prize of $1000, six months use of OzSBI coworking space and a year of business mentoring, valued at over $1,500. Second and third-place winners also receive cash and mentoring prizes.

The deadline for entering Pitch Fest is April 11. To enter, individuals must complete an online application by going to ozsbi.com/events and selecting PitchFest, or visit the incubator to apply in person. Anyone who wishes to compete in the EPIC Pitch Competition on May 2 must first compete at Pitch Fest, officials emphasized.

For more information about PitchFest or EPIC 2024, visit OzSBI's Facebook page or website at www.ozsbi.com, or call 417-256-9724.

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Each year Randy Reese, left, owner of Ozark Trading Post in Mtn. View, donates a guitar signed by the featured performer to Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains' annual fundraising efforts, to be given away at the group's annual concert. This year it is headlined by Missouri native, chart-topper and Grand Ole Opry member Sara Evans. "Each year Randy is so very generous and donates a guitar for our artist to sign for our auction. Some lucky person will purchase a wonderful piece of memorabilia, said Cystic Fibrosis volunteer Rick Frazier. "It is not that often that someone from our area gets the opportunity to own something like this, and we appreciate Randy Reese for making this possible." Doors will open for the fundraiser at 5 p.m. March 16 at the West Plains Civic Center. Chances for the guitar will be sold beginning at 6 p.m. Advance ticket prices are $30 for adults and $40 at the door, and $5 for children 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased with a credit card by phone by calling the civic center at 417-256-8123 or online at Ticketmaster.com/Sara Evans. Accepting the guitar on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis is volunteer Randy Frazier. COURTESY / CYSTIC FIBROSIS OF WEST PLAINS



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Shredded chicken tacos with homemade green salsa

By Chris Herbolsheimer

Tacos: A simple dish at first glance, yet it embodies an explosion of flavors, textures, and colors that can transport you straight to the heart of Mexican cuisine. Hello fellow food lovers and welcome back to my kitchen. Today, we're diving deep into creating the most exquisite shredded chicken tacos you'll ever taste, complete with a vibrant, homemade green salsa and freshly fried corn tortillas. This isn't just a recipe; it's a culinary adventure that will engage all your senses and imbue your kitchen with the essence of Mexico.

The Foundation: Shredded Chicken

Ingredients:

• 2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
• 1 large onion, quartered
• 4 cloves garlic, smashed
• 2 bay leaves
• 1 tsp salt
• 1 tsp black pepper
• 1 tsp cumin
• Water, enough to cover the chicken

Preparation:

Poaching the Chicken: In a large pot, place the chicken, onion, garlic, bay leaves, salt, pepper, and cumin. Cover with water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cook for 20-25 minutes until the chicken is tender and fully cooked.

Shredding the Chicken: Remove the chicken from the pot, reserve the broth for later use. Let the chicken cool enough to handle, then shred it using two forks or your fingers. The goal is to have tender, flavorful strands of chicken that will soak up the salsa perfectly.

The Heart: Homemade Green Salsa

Ingredients:

• 1 lb tomatillos, husked and rinsed
• 2-3 jalapeños (adjust to taste)
• 1 large onion, chopped
• 4 cloves garlic
• 1 bunch cilantro, leaves and tender stems
• Juice of 1 lime
• Salt to taste

Preparation:

Roasting the Vegetables: On a baking sheet, place the tomatillos and jalapeños. Broil in the oven until blackened spots appear, flipping once to ensure even roasting. This will add a smoky depth to the salsa.

Blending the Salsa: In a blender, combine the roasted tomatillos, jalapeños, onion, garlic, cilantro, lime juice, and salt. Blend until smooth. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. The salsa should be vibrant, tangy, and with a kick of heat.

The Soul: Freshly Fried Corn Tortillas

Ingredients:

• 2 cups masa harina (corn flour)
• 1.5 cups warm water
• 1/2 tsp salt
• Vegetable oil for frying

Preparation:

Making the Dough: In a large bowl, mix masa harina with warm water and salt. Knead until the dough is smooth and no longer sticky. If it's too dry, add more water, one tablespoon at a time.

Forming the Tortillas: Take a small portion of the dough and roll it into a ball. Place it between two pieces of plastic wrap and use a tortilla press (or a heavy skillet) to flatten it into a thin tortilla.

Frying the Tortillas: Heat a good amount of vegetable oil in a pan over medium-high heat. Fry each tortilla until it's golden and crispy, about 30-60 seconds per side. Drain on paper towels.

Assembling the Tacos

Now comes the moment of truth: assembling your tacos. Take a freshly fried tortilla, spoon a generous amount of shredded chicken onto it, and drench it in the homemade green salsa. Garnish with diced onions, cilantro leaves, a squeeze of lime, and slices of avocado for a creamy contrast.

Every bite of these tacos is a testament to the time and love you've put into making them. The chicken, tender and imbued with spices, melds with the zesty and slightly spicy green salsa, all encased in a crunchy, golden corn tortilla that shatters delightfully with each bite.

These tacos are not just food; they're an experience, a celebration of flavor and texture that will leave you and your guests craving for more. So, roll up your sleeves, dive into this culinary journey, and create a masterpiece that will be the highlight of any gathering. Buen provecho!



Reuben Casserole

March is here and that means St. Patrick's Day offers a new menu of traditional foods to sample and enjoy. The main course for this occasion is always the corned beef, and we can thank the British for that. It wasn't until the 1860's when Americans combined it with cabbage to make it the holiday meal it is today.

I'm gearing up for our annual St. Patricks dinner with friends but wit the high cost of everything I may have to get tricky and do something thrifty. I'm always looking for way to make food stretch and I found a recipe that might just make our dinner possible and tasty. This recipe gives you the option of using a good deil cut corned beef with rye bread crumbs to make a casserole that can be enjoyed year-round. Homemade bread crumbs are easy to make so don't let that stop you for trying this one, and be sure to get the good deli corned beef and not the packaged, it matters. I also read that if you don't care for sauerkraut, thinly sliced cabbage can be used in its place.

So, be sure to get your green on and enjoy the foods of Ireland with some friends and family, it started with us over 10 years ago with a baked potato bar and grew into an all-Irish meal. Happy March!

Reuben Casserole

• 6 cups rye bread, sliced into 1-inch cubes (I used marble rye bread)
• 1/4 cup melted butter
• 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
• 1 pound cooked corned beef, sliced or chopped (I used deli sliced)
• 1 (16-ounce) jar sauerkraut, drained and rinsed
• 1/2 cup chopped dill pickles
• 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
• Salt and pepper, to taste
• 1 cup Thousand Island dressing
• 6 slices Swiss cheese
• Preheat your oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9×13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
• Add the bread cubes into a large bowl.
• In a separate small bowl, mix the melted butter and garlic powder. Evenly pour the butter mixture over the bread cubes and mix until lightly coated (they shouldn't be too wet or they'll get soggy).
• Layer half of the rye bread cubes in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.
• Then layer the corned beef, sauerkraut, dill pickles, parsley, then salt and pepper to taste.
• Evenly drizzle the Thousand Island dressing, then cover with the Swiss cheese. Top with the remaining bread cubes.
• Bake the Reuben casserole in the oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the bread cubes are a light golden brown and the cheese is melted.
• Let the casserole cool for a few minutes, then slice, serve and enjoy!

"GO FARM" FARMERS MARKET

Fried Pies are Back

Laurie and Karene are back at Saturday market with their famous, and fantastic fried pies!Thursday March 21 is our Annual Meeting for the "Go Farm" Farmers Market and Ozark Farmers Agricultural Cooperative at 6 p.m. at the Missouri Department of Conservation — Ozark Regional Office, 551 Joe Jones Boulevard, West Plains, Missouri, 65775. New market vendors are always welcome! Please call 417-293-0590 if you would like more information.

Our Saturday morning markets continue to be in full swing with so many great local goods for the whole family!

Janet Longo, aka JLP Italian Catering will have hot Italian food and Kevin Finn, Finn's Farm will have hot Pot Stickers and Dim Sum. You can sit and enjoy your food at our new food court with tables and chairs for you to relax and enjoy!

To keep you healthy and well we have Elderberry Tonic from Farmer Little's booth, ginger shots in various flavors from Rons' Microgreens, kombucha and fermented foods from Falling Spring Farm and raw local honey from Ozark Fruit Company/Three Oaks Farm.

Do your grocery shopping with us with all local products! Our vendors are bringing local meats, farm fresh eggs, pickled veggies, sauces including hot sauces, pickles, Dim Sum, pot stickers, whole smoked chickens, jams, syrups, gourmet baked goods, microgreens, freeze dried candies and treats, bread,



Karene Cobble, fried pies.

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The Ultimate Homemade Croissant

Embarking on the quest to create the perfect homemade croissant is not just about baking; it's about embracing an art form, a ritual that has been cherished through generations. Today, I'll guide you through this exhilarating journey step by step, and together, we'll explore the magical transformation of simple ingredients into layers of buttery, flaky goodness. As a bonus, I'll share some irresistible filling ideas, including the ever-popular chocolate, to elevate your croissants to celestial delights.

The Adventure Begins: Crafting the Dough

Ingredients:

• 4 cups of all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
• 1/3 cup of granulated sugar
• 2 teaspoons of salt
• 1 tablespoon of instant yeast
• 1 1/4 cups of lukewarm milk
• 1 cup (2 sticks) of unsalted butter, cold

Preparation:

Whisk Together Dry Ingredients: In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, salt, and instant yeast. This blend forms the foundation of our croissant, each ingredient a pillar supporting the intricate architecture of flavors and textures we aim to build.

Incorporate the Milk: Gradually add the lukewarm milk to the dry ingredients, mixing until a dough starts to form. The dough should be soft but not sticky; adjust with a little more flour or milk if necessary.

Kneading the Dough: Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Knead it with love and patience for about 10 minutes, until it's smooth and elastic. This process activates the gluten, setting the stage for our croissants' magnificent structure.

Resting the Dough: Shape the dough into a rectangle, wrap it in plastic wrap, and let it rest in the refrigerator for 1 hour. This pause allows the gluten to relax and the flavors to meld together harmoniously.

The Heart of the Croissant: Laminating the Dough

Ingredients:

• 1 cup (2 sticks) of unsalted butter, for laminating

Preparation:

Preparing the Butter: Place the 2 sticks of butter between two pieces of parchment paper. Using a rolling pin, gently beat and roll it into a rectangle about 1/2 inch thick. This butter slab will be layered within the dough, creating those coveted flaky layers.

Rolling the Dough: Remove the dough from the refrigerator and roll it out on a lightly floured surface into a rectangle that's twice the size of your butter slab.

Encasing the Butter: Place the butter slab on half of the dough rectangle, then fold the other half over it, sealing the butter inside. This is where the magic begins; the butter is now ready to weave its magic through the layers of dough.

The First Fold: Roll the dough out into a long rectangle, then fold it into thirds, like a letter. This is the first fold. Wrap the dough and chill it in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

Repeating the Process: Repeat this rolling and folding process two more times, chilling the dough for an hour after each fold. This meticulous layering is the secret to achieving those beautiful, buttery layers in your croissants.

Shaping Destiny: Forming the Croissants

Dividing the Dough: After the final chill, roll the dough out into a large rectangle, about 1/4 inch thick. Cut the dough into long triangles.

Rolling the Croissants: Starting from the base of each triangle, roll the dough tightly towards the tip to form the classic croissant shape. Curve the ends slightly to create a crescent.

Preparing for the Final Act: Proofing and Baking

Proofing: Place the shaped croissants on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Cover them lightly with a damp cloth and let them proof in a warm place for 1-2 hours, or until they have doubled in size.

Baking: Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Brush the croissants with an egg wash (1 beaten egg mixed with a tablespoon of water) for a golden finish. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until they are puffed and golden brown.

The Twist: Filling Your Croissants

As our croissants embark on their final transformation in the oven, let's dream up some decadent fillings:

• Chocolate Heaven: Place a small bar of high-quality dark chocolate on the base of the triangle before rolling. As the croissant bakes, the chocolate melts into a rich, molten core.
• Almond Bliss: Spread a thin layer of almond cream on the dough triangle, then sprinkle with sliced almonds before rolling. After baking, dust with powdered sugar for an irresistible finish.
• Savory Delight: For a savory twist, add a slice of ham and a sprinkle of grated cheese before rolling the dough. The result is a deliciously melty, savory center that perfectly complements the buttery pastry.

Embarking on this croissant-making adventure is about more than just baking; it's about creating moments of joy, sharing love through layers of pastry, and transforming simple ingredients into exquisite treasures. Whether you choose to fill your croissants with chocolate, almonds, or keep them classic, each bite will be a testament to your culinary journey. Enjoy the fruits of your labor with a hot cup of coffee or tea, and revel in the mastery of your newfound baking prowess.



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1/2cup margarine, softened
4 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg
1/4cup butter, melted
1/4cup buttermilk

Directions:
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a large baking sheet.
Mix flour, softened margarine, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on the prepared baking sheet.
Combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk in a small bowl; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, James Baker spouse of Rachael Baker and Rachael Baker spouse of James Baker, by their deed of trust dated April 29, 2022, and recorded on May 2, 2022, in the office of the recorder of deeds for Howell County, Missouri, instrument #2022R2278, conveyed to Jack Doss, Trustee, ("Trustee"), the following-described property situated in Howell County, Missouri, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-four (24), Range Nine (9), EXCEPT therefrom the West 396 feet of the South Half (S1/2) of the South (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-four (24), Range Nine (9).

There is also conveyed an easement for ingress and egress as set forth in deed recorded in Cabinet B, Drawer 4 at Page 3156-90 of the records of Howell County, Missouri.

Property address: 2791 County Road 4060, West Plains, Missouri 65775

which conveyance was made to Jack Doss, Trustee, in trust to secure the payment of one promissory note in said deed of trust described; and

WHEREAS, default was made and still continues in the payment of said note;

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, Jack Doss, Trustee, will sell the property above described at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the East front door of the Howell County Courthouse, in the city of West Plains, Howell County, Missouri on March 26, 2024, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m., and more particularly at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

Dated: February 22, 2024.
Jack Doss, Trustee, Raymond E. Williams, Attorney for Trustee, Williams Law Offices, LLC, P.O. Box 169, West Plains, MO 65775.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Publication Dates: February 28, March 6, 13, and 20, 2024.

Public Notice

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Legal Notice

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Publication Dates: February 21, 24, 28, 2024, and March 2,6, 2024.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, Michael Forester spouse of Debra Forester and Debra Forester spouse of Michael Forester, by their deed of trust dated January 3, 2020, and recorded on January 13, 2020, in the office of the recorder of deeds for Howell County, Missouri, instrument #2020R0185, conveyed to Jack Doss, Trustee, ("Trustee"), the following-described property:

REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO WIT: All that part of the East 1/2 of Lot #1 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2 Township 21 Range 8 West, lying East of Hwy. 17 except 10 acres squarely off the North side thereof. The land conveyed containing (8) acres more or less, as recorded in Book 458 at Page 365 recorded December 11, 1975. EXCEPT One (1) acre more or less out of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of Lot #1 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2 Township 21 Range 8 West. EXCEPT for an easement beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 2 going northerly 50 feet along East side of said tract, thence Westerly 25 feet, thence Southerly 50 feet, thence Easterly to East 1/4 corner of Section 2 Township 21 Range 8 West.

Property address: 7069 County Road 9900, West Plains, Missouri 65775

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CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = **L**)

A. **18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5**
Clue: Flowering

B. **1 24 23 4 19**
Clue: Part of flower

C. **7 2 16 19**
Clue: Dirt

D. **18 24 24 7**
Clue: Buzzing insects

Answers: A. blooming B. petal C. soil D. bees

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to flowers.

L O P L E N

Answer: Pollen

Guess Who?

I am an entertainer born in New Jersey on March 18, 1970. I beat-boxed for a hip-hop group in the mid-80s before going on to a successful music and movie career. I was nominated for a Golden Globe for my work in the film, "Chicago."

Answer: Queen Latifah

WEDNESDAY

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

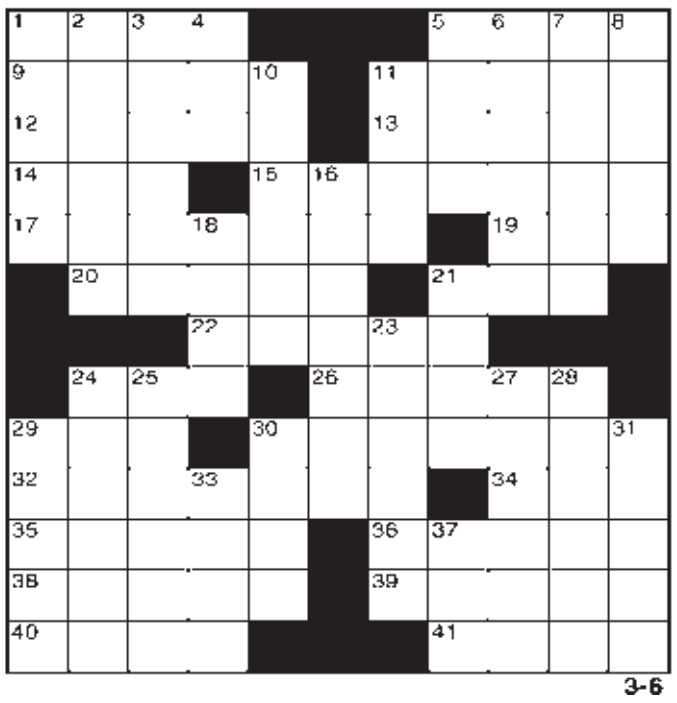
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21 Hosp. workers
22 Scarlett's last name
24 Suffered from
26 Fails miserably
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30 Gaiter's cousin
32 Timber business
34 West of films
35 Steer clear of
36 Summon up
38 Shore fliers
39 Has a meal
40 Important times
41 Style

DOWN

1 "We — overcome"
2 "Forget it!"
3 Blue hue
4 Campaign pro
5 Pharmacy buy
6 Parcel out
7 Adds changes to
8 Join together
10 Keen enjoyment
11 Verne's traveler
16 Left on the plate
18 Evil fighter
21 Tolled
23 In tatters
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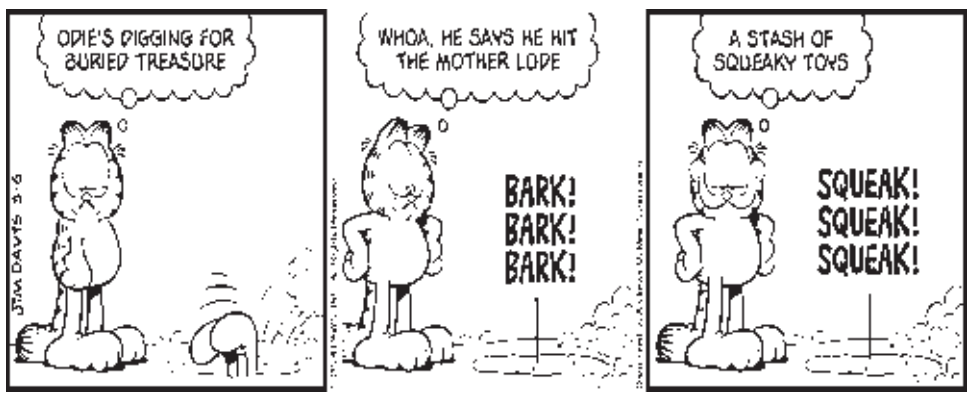
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Yesterday's answer

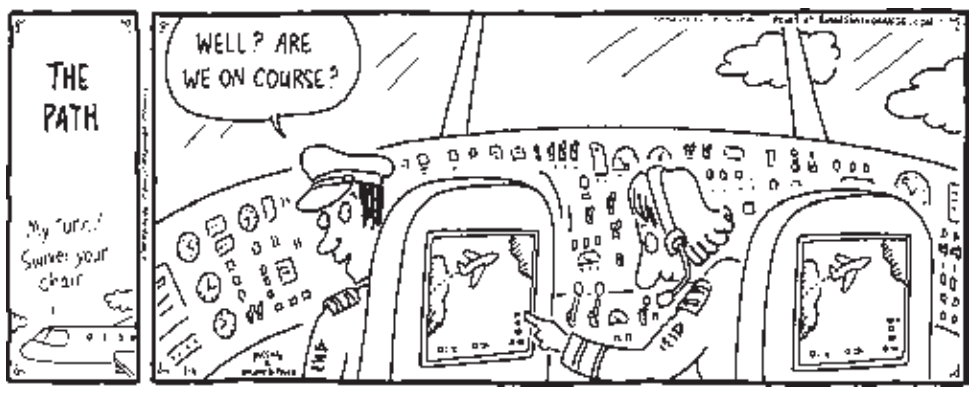


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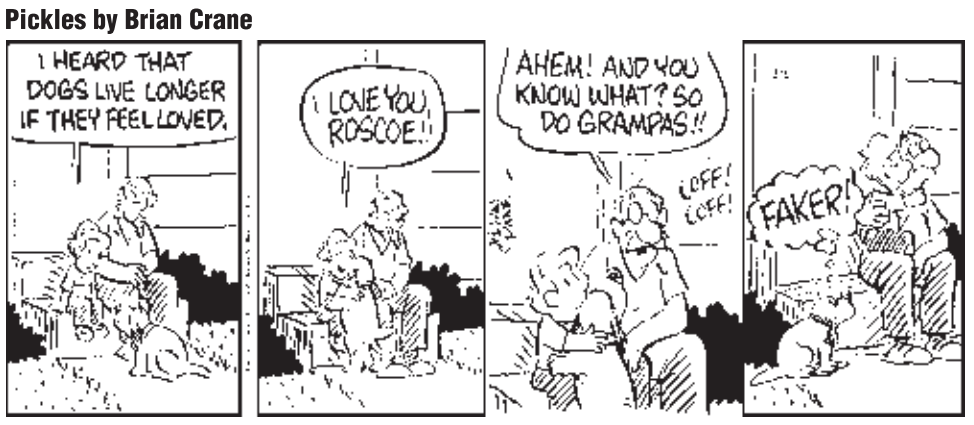
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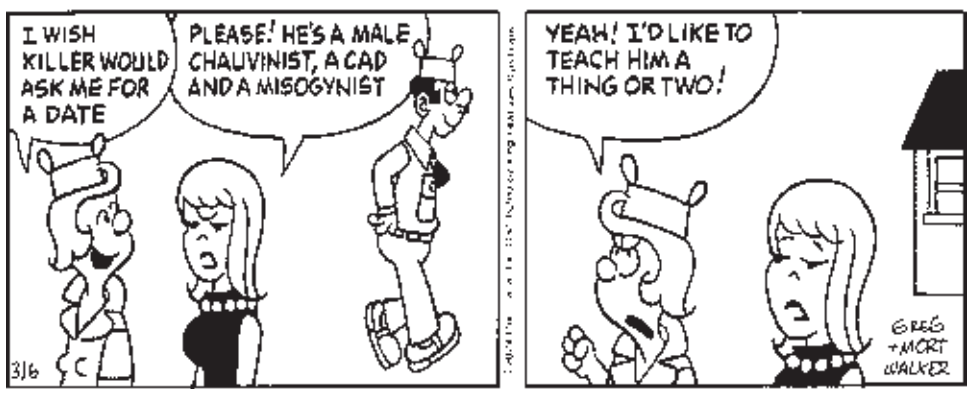
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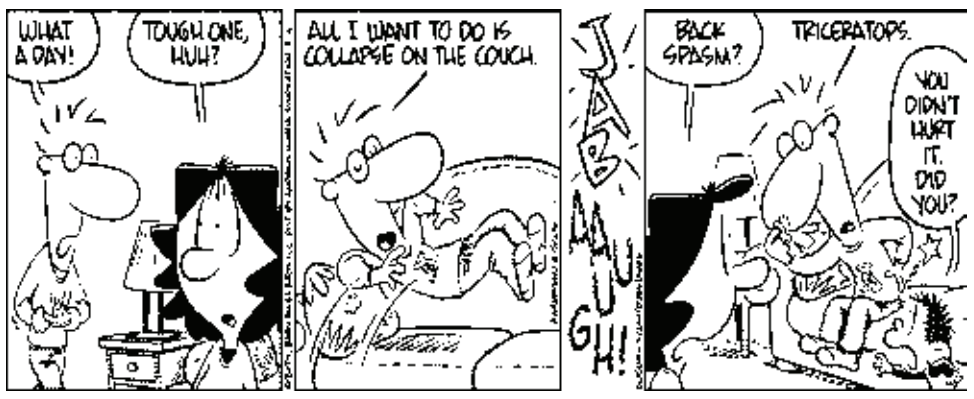
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MONDAY

Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

3-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

V D H V K Z A U X H C P L O Z A , V D L

R Z H G O A O L F O X K V L Z B G U N O ,

H G O I E N V X O X B U H G U I Z

P L O Z A . O L I O X H P V B X V I

Saturday's Cryptoquote: ALL CATS LOVE FISH BUT FEAR TO WET THEIR PAWS. - - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

TUESDAY

Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

3-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

Y G U X U X Y G A O A F M W V A N M

V L F E G : F L U D , C X L V .

M A L Y G A F X . V U D Y . C U X L

H C A K O L X

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: OUT OF A MISTY DREAM, OUR PATH EMERGES FOR A WHILE, THEN CLOSES WITHIN A DREAM. ERNEST DOWSON

WEDNESDAY

Cryptoquote

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3-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

B P O Z O K Z O B C D R X V I D O H A

B P M B H P M E O T C B A M B I " H

V C E O X C Y " C D B O T O T C Y K P .

X C Q C C T C

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS IS THE PERFUME OF MARCH: RAIN, LOAM, FEATHERS, MINT. LISA KLEYPAS

Amusements

MONDAY

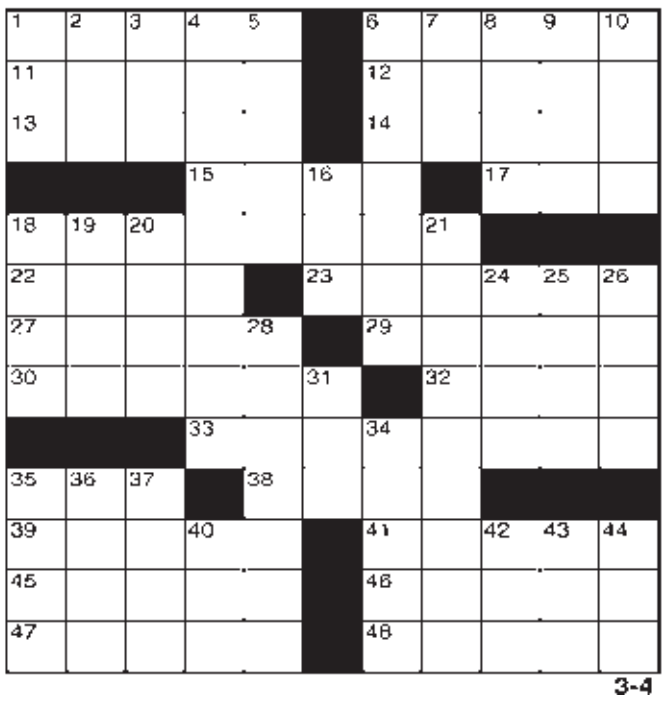
CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Vodka cocktail
6 Day in Hollywood
11 Stream
12 Rodeo rope
13 Blitzen's boss
14 Mischievous
15 Commentary piece
17 Chiding sound
18 Clandestine networks
22 Kaffiyeh wearer
23 Fine point
27 Cockpit worker
29 Stylishly quaint
30 Lipstick mishaps
32 Resting on
33 Some Washington urbanites
35 Drake's music
38 Victories
39 Customary
41 Skydiving need
45 Following
46 Is fond of
47 Spud
48 Fencing swords

DOWN
1 "60 Minutes" network
2 Singer Rita
3 Abel, to Adam
4 Water vessel
5 Giraffe's cousin
6 Water vessel
7 Squeak stopper
8 Water vessel
9 "How sweet —!"
10 Went under
16 Finish
18 Easy targets
19 Prudish
20 New Haven school
21 Water vessel
24 "— boy!"
25 Magnetic metal
26 Cuts off
28 Water vessel
31 Biol. or geol.
34 Husband of une tante
35 Reddish brown
36 Largest continent
37 Fourth-down play
40 Highest card
42 Luau instrument
43 Golf peg
44 Twisty turn

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Saturday's answer



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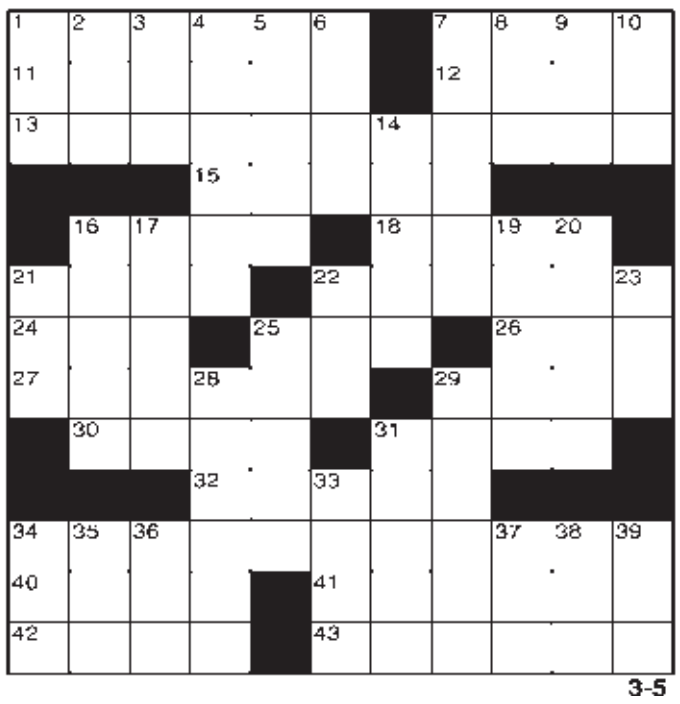
CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Algiers section
7 Pull along
11 Each
12 Franc's replacement
13 Beatrix Potter character
15 Leg bone
16 Panning find
18 Sirius, for one
21 Painter Magritte
22 Shrewd
24 Have something
25 Fish eggs
26 Sense of self
27 Knight's foe
29 Londoner, e.g.
30 Set eyes on
31 Night fliers
32 One a-courting
34 Animated film character
40 Bad time for Caesar
41 "That's it!"
42 Borscht veggie
43 Declared

DOWN
1 Beanie or beret
2 Galoot
3 Use the couch
4 Scarab or ladybug
5 Tart
6 Thyme or tarragon
7 Campaign event
8 Massage
9 Onassis nickname
10 Received
14 Usher's place
16 Bike parts
17 Like draft beer
19 Turn away
20 TV's Philbin
21 Carmine
22 Take in
23 Turn bad
25 Copter part
28 Advice to a young man
29 Singer Streisand
31 Humdinger
33 Metal sources
34 Vault part
35 Praiseful poem
36 "My word!"
37 Wager
38 Presidential nickname
39 Small bit

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Yesterday's answer



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MONDAY

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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ANSWER:

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

TUESDAY

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

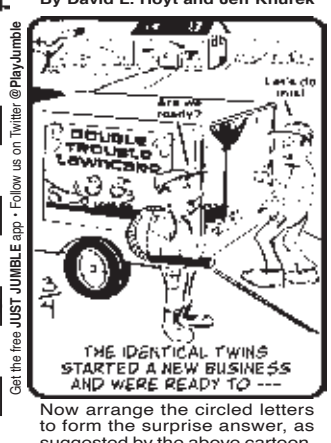
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LZAWT

ONWSO

VHIRTE

SAGTEK



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

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GROUT JEWEL KITTEN MISFIT
Answer: The baby bird was anxious to leave the nest and decided to — JUST WING IT

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TUESDAY

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SEYMS

EDNUU

ROIDNO

NBOTEN



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

Answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WALTZ SWOON THRIVE GASKET
Answer: The identical twins started a new business and were ready to — GET "TWO" WORK

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

RFYRU

GUHLA

EENXTT

SECACS



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

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MESSY UNDUE INDOOR BONNET
Answer: The news anchor's mic recorded her eating which resulted in — SOUND BITES

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Rebel Elite Wrestling:



These five wrestlers from Rebel Elite Wrestling, of Peace Valley, have earned spots at the Missouri USA Wrestling Youth State Tournament. From left: Matthias Biring, Eli Wortley, Gideon Biring, Cooper Gatewood, and James Boykin.

A Force to Reckon With at District Tournament

By Quill Staff

This past Saturday, the wrestling mats at Ozark, Missouri, bore witness to an extraordinary display of determination, skill, and sportsmanship as the youth wrestling club from Peace Valley, Rebel Elite Wrestling, made their mark at the Missouri USA District 6 Tournament. The event, a battleground for young athletes to showcase their wrestling prowess, became a stage for Rebel Elite Wrestling's athletes to shine, proving their mettle against the best in the district.

A Leap Towards Glory

In a remarkable feat, five of Rebel Elite Wrestling's finest have secured their spots at the prestigious Missouri USA Wrestling Youth State Tournament. The journey to State is no small feat—it requires wrestlers to place at least third at the District level, a testament to the skill and determination required to advance. Rebel Elite Wrestling not only met this requirement but soared past it, with two of its members clinching the coveted title of District Champion.

Champions of the Mat

The tournament was a showcase of talent and tenacity from Rebel Elite Wrestling. Cooper Gatewood and Matthias Biring emerged as the 1st place champions, demonstrating unparalleled skill and resilience on the mat. Their victories were not just wins for them individually but a source of pride and inspiration for the entire club and the Peace Valley community.

Following closely were Eli Wortley and Gideon Biring, who battled fiercely to secure 2nd place in their respective categories. Their performances were a testament to the high level of training and dedication that Rebel Elite Wrestling instills in its athletes.

Not to be overlooked, James Boykin displayed grit and determination to clinch 3rd place, ensuring his advancement to the State Tournament. Jonas Biring, though finishing in 4th place, showcased immense potential and spirit, contributing to the club's overall success.

Beyond the Podium

Success in wrestling is not always measured by the medals or the accolades but by personal achievements and growth. Thaddaeus Biring, Miranda Howe, and Esaias Biring, though not placing, left an indelible mark on the tournament with multiple wins under their belts. Their victories on the mat are a clear indicator of Rebel Elite Wrestling's depth of talent and the bright future that lies ahead for these young athletes.

A Club of High Caliber

Among the 21 clubs participating, Rebel Elite Wrestling stood out not just for the number of athletes advancing to the State Tournament but for their overall performance—boasting the second-best winning percentage with an impressive tally of 24 wins and only 11 losses. This remarkable achievement highlights the club's commitment to excellence and the effective coaching and support system that backs these young wrestlers.

Looking Ahead

As Rebel Elite Wrestling's athletes prepare for the upcoming challenges at the Missouri USA Wrestling Youth State Tournament, they carry with them the pride and support of their club, families, and the Peace Valley community. Their journey thus far is a beacon of hard work, perseverance, and the unyielding spirit of competition.

The achievements of Rebel Elite Wrestling at the District 6 Tournament are a reminder of the power of youth sports to inspire, unite, and celebrate the potential within each young athlete. As these wrestlers move forward, they do so not just as competitors, but as young ambassadors of the sport, ready to tackle the next challenge with the same courage and determination that has brought them this far.

To Cooper Gatewood, Matthias Biring, Eli Wortley, Gideon Biring, James Boykin, and all the athletes of Rebel Elite Wrestling, the road to State is not just a path to potential victory but a journey of growth, learning, and the pursuit of excellence. The Peace Valley community watches with pride and anticipation as these young warriors prepare to take the state by storm.

ANALYSIS:

Kevin Love, DeMar DeRozan still have plenty to say about mental health

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeMar DeRozan and Kevin Love still have things to say. It's been six years since they went public with their own challenges regarding mental health. DeRozan started a conversation with a tweet about depression in February 2018. Love followed a few weeks later with a first-person essay about his anxiety. And it didn't take long for the entire NBA community to stand up and take notice. DeRozan and Love instantly became the catalysts that sparked a shift toward destigmatizing mental health issues in the NBA. It has become a passion for both and it's still raring.

Labor victory for Dartmouth basketball players only start of path to a union deal

A ruling that gives the Dartmouth basketball team the right to unionize has far-reaching implications for all of college sports — from the quaint, academically oriented Ivy League to the big-money football factories like Michigan and Alabama. But it's not time to cut down the nets just yet. Although Monday's ruling by a National Labor Relations Board official put the players on the path toward a union, they have a long way to go. It could be years before they are able to sit down with the school and negotiate a collective bargaining agreement. Only then would the two sides sit down and decide what the players are worth. And others around collegiate sports will be watching.

Acuña expects to be ready for opening day after NL MVP's knee exam turns up no major issues

NORTH PORT, Fla. — National League MVP Ronald Acuña Jr. is expected to be ready for opening day with the Atlanta Braves after a more thorough examination of his sore right knee found no serious issues. Acuña left the Braves' spring training site in Florida to be examined by Dr. Neal ElAttrache in Los Angeles on Monday night. The team says ElAttrache found only irritation in the meniscus of his right knee. Acuña will be able to gradually increase his baseball activities and is expected to be cleared when the Braves open the regular season at Philadelphia on March 28.

Denver Broncos inform QB Russell Wilson they'll release him when new league year begins

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March 6, 1976

Dorothy Hamill wins the World Figure Skating Championships

By Chris Herbolsheimer

On a day that would forever be etched in the history of figure skating, March 6, 1976, saw the emergence of an icon who would captivate the world with her grace, skill, and unparalleled dedication to the sport. This was the day Dorothy Hamill, a young figure skater from the United States, clinched the gold at the World Figure Skating Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, marking a pivotal moment in her illustrious career and in the wider world of figure skating.

The path to the World Championships was a testament to Hamill's unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic. Born in Chicago and raised in Greenwich, Connecticut, Hamill had shown a passion for figure skating from a young age. Her journey through the ranks of competitive skating was marked by both triumphs and setbacks, each shaping her into the formidable competitor she was by the time she arrived in Gothenburg.

Hamill's training regimen leading up to the championships was nothing short of rigorous. Every jump, spin, and routine was practiced and polished with meticulous attention to detail, under the watchful eyes of her coaches. Her dedication was driven by more than just the desire to win; it was fueled by a love for the sport and an innate desire to push the boundaries of what was possible on the ice.

The city of Gothenburg, known for its stunning architecture and vibrant culture, played host to the world's elite figure skaters, all vying for glory at the World Championships. The event was held at the Scandinavium arena, a venue that had seen numerous sporting legends but was now set for one of its most memorable moments.

As the competition commenced, it was clear that Hamill was not just another contender. She was a force to be reckoned with, her performances in the preliminary rounds setting a high bar for her competitors. Her short program was a display of technical precision and artistic expression, earning her top marks and setting the stage for a dramatic finale.

The free skate was where Hamill truly shone. Skating to a selection of music that highlighted her dynamic range and emotional depth, she delivered a performance that was both breathtaking and groundbreaking. Her technical prowess was on full display, with each jump and spin executed with flawless precision. But what truly set her apart was her ability to tell a story on the ice, drawing the audience into her world with every movement.

Among the highlights of her routine was the "Hamill camel," a spin that would become her signature move and a staple in figure skating. Her innovative approach to the sport, coupled with her sheer athleticism and artistry, made her performance unforgettable.

When the scores were announced, there was no doubt about the outcome. Hamill had won the gold, and she had done so with a performance that would be remembered as one of the greatest in figure skating history.

Dorothy Hamill's victory in Gothenburg was more than just a personal triumph; it was a watershed moment for American figure skating. Her win signaled the arrival of the United States as a powerhouse in the sport, inspiring countless young skaters to pursue their dreams with the same passion and dedication that Hamill embodied.

In the weeks and months that followed, Hamill's fame would reach new heights, culminating in her gold medal win at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck. But her legacy was not merely in her medals and titles; it was in the way she transformed figure skating, infusing it with a new level of artistry and athleticism.

Hamill became a beloved figure, known not just for her achievements on the ice but for her grace, humility, and the joy she brought to the sport. Her influence extended beyond the rink, as she became a role model for young athletes everywhere, showing what was possible with hard work and determination.

Looking back on that historic day in Gothenburg, it's clear that Dorothy Hamill's victory was a defining moment in sports history. Her performance not only secured her place in the pantheon of figure skating greats but also redefined what was possible in the sport. Hamill's legacy is a reminder of the power of perseverance, the beauty of artistic expression, and the enduring impact of achieving one's dreams against the odds.

March 6, 1976, will forever be remembered as the day Dorothy Hamill skated into the hearts of millions and forever changed the world of figure skating. Her journey from a young girl with a dream to a world champion is a testament to the indomitable spirit of an athlete who refused to be anything less than her best. Hamill's triumph in Gothenburg is a beacon of inspiration, illuminating the path for future generations of skaters and sports enthusiasts around the globe.

Lady Zizzers: A Season to Remember

By Chris Herbolsheimer

As the echoes of bouncing basketballs fade and the cheers simmer down to a warm murmur, the West Plains High School Lady Zizzers basketball team closed the chapter on a season that was nothing short of a rollercoaster ride—thrilling highs, heart-wrenching lows, and all the adrenaline-pumping moments in between. Last Friday night, under the glaring lights of the district semifinals stage, our beloved Lady Zizzers faced off against the formidable Branson Pirates in a game that had every spectator on the edge of their seats. The final whistle blew at a score of 61-52, not in favor of our hometown heroes, marking not just the end of a spectacular season but also the conclusion of a legendary streak of four consecutive district championships and three back-to-back trips to the state's final four.

The Game That Had It All

Picture this: the gym is packed, the air is electric, and the anticipation is as thick as the humidity on a hot July day in Missouri. The Lady Zizzers, with determination in their eyes and the weight of history on their shoulders, took to the court ready to leave it all out there. And boy, did they deliver!

Olivia Lawson, the dynamo of the team, was a force to be reckoned with, netting an awe-inspiring 31 points. Every dribble, every shot, every play she made was like poetry in motion—a testament to her dedication and skill. Allyssa Joyner, despite being the focus of a relentless double-team defense strategy, managed to score 8 crucial points, proving that pressure can indeed turn coal into diamonds.

Zoe Shrubb and Zoe Scharnhorst, with 6 and 5 points respectively, weaved through the Pirates' defense with grace and agility, reminiscent of seasoned dancers on a stage. Lucy Hafer, although contributing 2 points, showed that in basketball, every point counts, and it's the effort that etches your name in the hearts of the fans.

Coach Womack's Band of Warriors

Behind every great team is a coach who sees potential where others see limits. Scott Womack, the architect of this resilient squad, has not just coached but nurtured these young athletes into the formidable force they are on the court. His pride in their season's journey is palpable, a clear reflection of the blood, sweat, and tears that have gone into making this team what it is.

Coach Womack's philosophy has always been about more than just wins and losses. It's about building character, fostering teamwork, and instilling a never-say-die attitude in his players. This season, his Lady Zizzers embodied every one of those values, fighting tooth and nail every step of the way, making him, and indeed the entire town of West Plains, incredibly proud.

More Than Just a Game

For the Lady Zizzers, basketball is more than just a sport; it's a journey of growth, a series of lessons in resilience, and a collective pursuit of excellence. This season, they've shown us what it means to strive for greatness, to face adversity with courage, and to stand tall in the face of defeat.

Their journey through the season has been a beacon of inspiration for aspiring athletes all around. It's a reminder that success is not just about the trophies or the accolades but about the spirit with which you play the game. The Lady Zizzers have played every game with their hearts on their sleeves, earning them not just points on the scoreboard but a special place in the hearts of their fans.

A Community United in Support

The end of this season marks the end of an era but also the beginning of a new chapter. The legacy of this team, their grit, their determination, and their unwavering spirit, will be the foundation on which future teams will build. As the community of West Plains rallies around these incredible young women, it's clear that while the season may be over, the spirit of the Lady Zizzers will live on.

The outpouring of support from the town, the standing ovations, the social media shoutouts, and the pride in every fan's eyes are a testament to the impact this team has had. They've reminded us that in the grand scheme of things, it's not just about winning or losing; it's about how you play the game.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As we bid farewell to this season, we do so with a mix of sadness and anticipation. Sadness, for the end of a journey, but anticipation for the promise of what's to come. The Lady Zizzers may have closed the book on this season, but the story of their resilience, their courage, and their heart is far from over.

To the Lady Zizzers, Coach Womack, and everyone who's been a part of this incredible journey—thank you. Thank you for the memories, the excitement, and the sheer joy of watching you play. Here's to the end of a remarkable season and the dawn of a new era of Lady Zizzers basketball. Here's to playing the game, one heart-pounding moment at a time.

ANALYSIS

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Denver Broncos on Monday told Russell Wilson they're going to release him next week, just 18 months after signing the quarterback to a five-year, $242 million contract extension. Wilson went 11-19 in Denver. He had an awful first season under Nathaniel Hackett, but bounced back last season under Sean Payton. However, Payton benched Wilson for the final two games of the season. Wilson is 35 years old and is entering his 13th NFL season in 2024.

Eagles center Jason Kelce retires after 13 NFL seasons and 1 Super Bowl ring

PHILADELPHIA — Jason Kelce has retired after 13 seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles. Kelce officially called it quits Monday at the Eagles' NovaCare Complex. The 36-year-old ended a career in which he became not only one of the great centers of his era who played a key role in the franchise's lone Super Bowl championship but a beloved Philly personality and popular podcast host. Kelce was a sixth-round pick in the 2011 draft. He ended his career by making 156 straight starts, and he earned six All-Pro Team selections. He said it was always a goal to play his whole career in one city. He played 193 regular-season games for the Eagles.

Decisions made by Caleb Williams, Marvin Harrison Jr. could impact future NFL combines

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFL's annual scouting combine has evolved from hidden gem into the league's second-biggest offseason event over the past three decades because of new twists. This year it was the opt-outs. All-American receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. chose not to speak to reporters. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Caleb Williams decided to skip the medical exams. Will the decisions of two players who do not have agents begin a trend? That may not be clear till next year when the combine returns to Indianapolis.

Clippers' Westbrook undergoes surgery on fractured hand and is listed as week to week

MILWAUKEE — Los Angeles Clippers guard Russell Westbrook has undergone surgery on his fractured left hand. The Clippers describe his status as week to week. Westbrook broke his hand Friday in the Clippers' 140-115 victory over the Washington Wizards. The 2016-17 MVP and nine-time all-NBA performer appeared to suffer the injury while trying to poke the ball away from Washington's Jordan Poole. The 35-year-old Westbrook had played in every game for the Clippers this season before breaking his hand.

Golden Knights, Avalanche and Rangers headline teams to watch at the NHL trade deadline

There is no clear-cut Stanley Cup front-runner in the NHL this season. That means plenty of the top contenders with an eye on that prize are looking to add before the league's trade deadline Friday. The defending champion Vegas Golden Knights are chief among them and now have cap space after putting captain Mark Stone on long-term injured reserve. Western Conference rivals Colorado, Edmonton and Dallas are also in the mix. And there are a few expected buyers in the East from Toronto, Detroit and Boston to the New York Rangers.

New Jersey Devils fire coach Lindy Ruff, name Travis Green interim replacement

The New Jersey Devils have fired coach Lindy Ruff and named assistant Travis Green as the interim replacement for the rest of the season. General manager Tom Fitzgerald made the surprising move with just over 20 games left to play. The Devils have lost five of seven to fall further out of playoff contention. Ruff was in his fourth season with the club. The Devils reached the second round of the playoffs last year. Green was in his first year with the team as an associate coach on Ruff's staff. He spent parts of five seasons as head coach of the Vancouver Canucks.

Police say former NFL player Braylon Edwards is a hero for saving a man during YMCA assault

DETROIT — Police are praising former NFL player Braylon Edwards for stopping an attack on an 80-year-old man at a YMCA in suburban Detroit. Edwards says he was just minding his own business Friday when he heard a dispute about loud music at the recreation center in Farmington Hills. He says he heard a "thud," turned around and saw a man being attacked in the locker room. That's when he stepped in. Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King says Edwards "absolutely saved that man's life." The alleged attacker has been charged. Edwards spent eight seasons in the NFL, mostly for Cleveland and the New York Jets.

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