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Meet the candidates running for Missouri's 154th House District

Deadline to register for Aug. 6 primary voting is Wednesday

By KIMBERLY LANGSTON,
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With the deadline for registering to vote in the Aug. 6 primary approaching on Wednesday, here is an introduction to the three Republican candidates vying for a spot on the Nov. 5 general election ballot for 154th District representative. A Democratic candidate is running unopposed in the primary race.

Missouri's 154th District includes most of Howell County, except for the far northwest corner that includes the city of Mtn. View and is in the 153rd District.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
Lisa Durnell

Lisa Durnell, Willow Springs, describes herself as a lifelong area resident who believes in the need to fight to keep all constitutional rights intact, including freedom of speech, the right to keep and bear arms, and the right to privacy.

She says as a member of the Missouri Firearms Coalition and the National Rifle Association, she recognizes the importance of our Second Amendment rights and

will fight to protect them. Durnell says she is also committed to a conservative stance on social issues like abortion and preventing children from receiving hormone therapy, puberty blockers, and life-changing, irreversible surgeries. She supports initiative petition reform that shifts the state to a concurrent majority requirement for the Missouri constitution to be amended, and says in general, she believes the process to change the Missouri constitution should be more difficult than it currently is. As it stands, constitutional amendments are introduced as petitions that must meet a threshold of signatures of registered voters before being placed on a ballot, then passed by a majority of voters.

In regard to school choice, Durnell said she believes that if a bill is passed allowing for the money to "follow the child," that there should not be language included that would put home schools and private schools under Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education oversight.

Other issues she says she is interested in and investigating further are illegal immigration, property rights, cattle identification requirements and Central Bank Digital Currency.

For more information, her Facebook page may be found at "Lisa Durnell for

MO House District 154," or visit her website durnellfordistrict154.com.

Larry Lindeman

Larry Lindeman of West Plains says, of all the candidates running, he is the most qualified as the one with the most varied background. He has been a Howell County resident most of his life, was educated in the West Plains school system and graduated from West Plains high school in 1967.

He worked at the International Shoe Company in West Plains while he attended Missouri State University-West Plains, then called the Southwest Missouri State University Residence Center. He transferred to the Springfield campus in 1969 and completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education as a biology major with a chemistry minor before teaching a year at the Stoutland School District in Camden and Laclede Counties. He has a lifetime teaching certification in biology, chemistry and general science.

In 1972, he returned to West Plains and bought and ran a service station for three years before returning to the shoe factory where he worked as one of the youngest foremen in his department, he says. He went back to teaching in 1980 at Dora School in Ozark County while working weekends at Sunburst Ranch, a campground and canoe rental

business he managed for 17 years. During his time as manager he served a three-year term on the Dora School Board, then returned to teaching and was an assistant varsity basketball coach in Gainesville, also in Ozark County, until 2005.

From that time until his retirement in 2018 he worked as an outdoor skills specialist in the outreach and education division of the Missouri Department of Conservation. In that capacity, he supervised the hunter education program in the 12-county Ozark Region and coordinated youth programs in conjunction with schools and organizations like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and 4-H clubs. He is certified in several shooting disciplines and has been a hunter education instructor for 39 years, and says as a Class 2 shotgun instructor, lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and a licensed hunting incident investigator with the MDC, Second Amendment rights are of utmost importance to him. Also related to outdoor activities, he is a level 2 canoe instructor with the National Canoe Association.

Lindeman is currently on the board of directors for the Harlin Museum in West Plains and serves West Plains Senior Center Board President, having been on that board for several years.

He has been a bus driver

and substitute teacher in West Plains and the surrounding rural schools and was most recently a teacher in the kindergarten through third grade special education classroom at West Plains Elementary, for the 2023-24 school year. He has been married to Sherry Thall Lockett Lindeman for a little over five years.

Lindeman says he is running on his credentials and experience and is not soliciting campaign contributions, but will accept them. To contact Lindeman, call 417-255-3977. He is on Facebook, @larry.lindeman.7.

Mark Collins

Mark Collins is a lifelong resident and third-generation farmer of Howell County. He and his wife Ruby have been married and operated their 240-acre family farm in southern Howell County for over 40 years.

They have four children and five grandchildren. In 2014, they opened and began operating and managing their small business, Rubydoo's Vintage Events Center.

Collins has served on numerous state, regional and local boards, including several years in different positions on the State of Missouri County Commissioners Association Board, but in the most recent capacity as president. He served 18

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Woman killed in Quarry Road crash

A two-vehicle crash reported to West Plains Police at about noon Tuesday, involving a commercial vehicle and a passenger car, resulted in the death of a 46-year-old woman, police reported.

The crash occurred on U.S. 63 near Quarry Road in north West Plains. Stephanie Mellott, driver of the passenger car, was pronounced dead at the scene.

In a statement issued to media outlets shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday, police reported that the road was blocked for a time, but had been reopened.

Police say the crash remains under investigation.

WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, with a high near 86. Light northwest wind.

SUNRISE: 5:55 a.m.
SUNSET: 8:30 p.m.

Temperature Year Ago
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TONIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. Calm wind.

TOMORROW: Sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming south 5 to 7 mph in the morning.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

MONDAY: A chance of showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

MONDAY NIGHT: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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years as a Howell Valley School Board member, 14 years as Howell County Southern District Commissioner and 12 years as Howell County Presiding Commissioner. Additionally, he has served on the University of Missouri Extension Board, the Workforce Development Board, the South-Central Solid Waste Board, South-Central Ozark Council of Governments, the Transportation Advisory Board and the Howell County 911 board. He says he feels his experience serving on the state, regional and local boards have allowed him to gain the knowledge needed to be the next 154th District State Representative.

Collins says he is a fiscal conservative and pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-family, pro-education, and pro-veteran's rights and stands with past and present 154th District representatives in continuing to be tough on crime, supportive of law enforcement and emergency services, and strongly believes in supporting public education. He adds that his knowledge of agriculture, transportation and local government makes him the perfect fit to continue serving the people of Howell County and the 154th District, and he plans to maintain the voice of reason and enable the stability needed for the future of all Howell County.

Find his Facebook page, @MarkB.Collins154th.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JoJo Stewart

JoJo Stewart, running unopposed in the primary as a Democrat, is a lifelong Missourian and Ozarkian who describes herself as "a daughter, sister, wife, blogger, avid outdoorswoman and grassroots organizer but, most importantly, a mom."

As a mother with school-aged children, she says, she is a forward thinker who looks at local and state issues and sees the current Republican supermajority as focused on igniting "culture wars" to divide and sow mistrust among neighbors.

Instead, Stewart says, they should be delivering on campaign promises of access to healthcare and mental health care in particular; funding for public schools; reinvesting in small community's critical infrastructure including 911, first responders, fire departments and law enforcement; and repairing roads.

She opposes what she sees as attacks by the Republican Party on public libraries, and tactics of "trying to trick folks into giving up their vote, voice and petition process for direct democracy" by ignoring constituents and overriding

votes, passing unconstitutional laws that don't hold up in court, and wasting tax dollars to build campaigns.

She says she supports the restoration of bodily autonomy and access to reproductive healthcare, including screenings for cervical cancers, access to contraceptives and in vitro fertilization, and testing for sexually transmitted diseases, and the concept of "physical liberty" as a constitutional right.

The local community, she says, deserves to thrive with representation that will sponsor policies that serve the district's interests instead of catering to the desires of corporate donors. If elected, Stewart says she will vote for legislation that serves the district's interests, will not put party over people and be accountable to her constituents as a fellow resident of the district.

She has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations) and says she looks forward to working with them to help bring good-paying jobs to the district.

In summary, Stewart says it's time to bring bipartisanship, civility and common sense back to Jefferson City while making Missouri a better place for everyone. Her Facebook page is at "JoJo Stewart Mo House District-154."

U.S. 63 crash in Thayer claims life of Westphalia man

A Monday morning crash on U.S. 63 near the intersection of Alton Road in Thayer resulted in fatal injuries for an Osage County man, and serious injuries to two children, Thayer police reported.

In a statement published to social media on Wednesday morning, police identified the deceased as driver Adam Berhorst, 43, Westphalia. Noting that police arrived at the scene at 6:25 a.m. Monday, officers said Berhorst's vehicle, a 2016 GMC

Yukon, had traveled off the south-bound shoulder of the road, down an embankment and into a tree. Passengers included a woman and three children; two of the children, ages 9 and 4, suffered serious injuries, police reported, and the third, 11 years old, had no apparent injuries. Missouri state law protects the identities of minor children; as a result their names are not publicized.

The woman, Susan Berhorst, 35, also of Westphalia, reportedly suf-

fered minor injuries. All four passengers were taken by Oregon County Ambulance to Ozarks Healthcare in West Plains for treatment police reported; in a statement issued Tuesday, police noted that two of the children were flown by helicopter from Ozarks Healthcare to Children's Hospital. It was not specified which Children's Hospital they were taken to. There are facilities with that name in Springfield, St. Louis, and Jonesboro and Little Rock in Arkansas.

First responders complete disaster response training course

The Howell County Sheriff's Office recently finished a three-day training in conjunction with Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and Louisiana State University National Center for Biomedical Research and Training. The West Plains Police Department and West Plains Fire & Rescue Station No. 1 were also participants. The training course was designed to improve inter-agency collaboration during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive incident, explained Howell County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Angela Conboy.

She noted the program enables members of the emergency community to recognize their roles and the roles of other first responder duties when preparing for and responding to disasters. During the training session, Deputy Timothy Gordon, left, is sprayed down by fireman Alex Brooks during a mock decontamination procedure. COURTESY / HCSO



Howell Co. Commission to consider bridge bids Monday

Howell County Commissioners are expected to open and review sealed bids for the repair of six low-water crossings in the Northern District during their regularly semiweekly

session on Monday. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the conference room on the second floor of the county office building, 35 Court Square in West Plains. Bids are due by 11 a.m.,

at which time they will be opened for review. The agenda for the meeting also includes a review of general ledger reports for the month of June. Accounts payable

presented to the commission will be approved and guests in attendance will be recognized. The commission typically meets each Monday and Thursday. The public is welcome.

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Willow Springs celebrates liberty, history with annual 4th of July Parade



Grand Marshal Jerry Gibbons, a veteran, got an escort from the Willow Springs Police Department to kick off the city's July 4 downtown parade, organized by the Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce. COURTESY / SOPHIA SKINNER



Willow Care Nursing Home put Lady Liberty on a pedestal for its July 4 parade float, reminding paradegoers to celebrate their freedoms. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON



The "Spirit of '76" was recreated by two drummers and a flute player during Thursday's parade in Willow Springs. The trio are recognizable as Revolutionary War figures and the subjects of a famous painting created in 1876 in celebration America's centennial celebration. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON



The Marine Corps League entered a float in the Independence Day Parade, joining other veterans in reminding all Americans that freedom sometimes depends on those who answer the call to serve their country as soldiers. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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The Ingalls family of Laura Ingalls Wilder books and "Little House on the Prairie" television show fame made an appearance at the parade. Wilder is the well-known author of children's books chronicling her experience as part of a pioneer family that settled throughout the midwest. Wilder spent her final years in Mansfield, Wright County, and wrote the books while living there. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON



Suffragettes were among the historical figures who made an appearance during the patriotic parade held Thursday in Willow Springs. Women who protested for equal voting rights or who attempted to vote in defiance of the law were often arrested and jailed, sometimes beaten in the process. Voting rights were granted in some states prior to 1920, but it took the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to guarantee that right to all female voters. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTONE



Performers with Cornerstone Dance studio dazzled the crowd with their choreographed routine atop their Fourth of July Parade float in Willow Springs. COURTESY / SOPHIA SKINNER



Willow Springs' American Legion Post 384 members waved to the crowd and tossed candy to the children. The veterans were thanked for their service by many as they traveled the parade route. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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The Ozark Spring chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution made their regular appearance in the Willow Springs Fourth of July Parade on Thursday. COURTESY / SOPHIA SKINNER

Around the House

Few have flood insurance to help recover from devastating Midwest storms

By MICHAEL PHILLIS AND MARGERIE A. BECK, Associated Press

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Rick Satterwhite's house backs up to the Missouri River, but flood insurance hadn't really seemed necessary — until late June, when he had to pump water out of his basement after a round of destructive storms.

It's not the first time he's had to dry out his basement from floodwater, but bad storms are getting more frequent, he said. Satterwhite watched with dread Monday as the river came within 2 feet (61 centimeters) of his backdoor in Dakota City, Nebraska, after torrential rain produced record-setting Midwestern floods, destroying hundreds of properties.

"I talked to our agent today," Satterwhite said. "We're going to get flood insurance now."

Satterwhite is hardly alone. As the Midwest begins to recover, many won't have flood insurance, which must be purchased separately from homeowners insurance. Federal data shows that across the flooded states of Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota, the government has only issued about 26,500 flood insurance policies combined.

Lack of insurance can burden homeowners with out-of-pocket repair costs and place more need on nonprofits and the government, said Emily Rogan, senior program officer at United Policyholders, an insurance consumers group.

In Iowa, for example, consulting firm Milliman estimates

that in 22 of the counties covered by the governor's disaster proclamations, less than 1% of single-family homes have flood insurance from the government, which issues the vast majority of policies.

Many think flooding won't happen to them and is hardly worth the cost of another bill, according to Tom O'Meara, CEO of Independent Insurance Agents of Iowa. Iowa property insurance rates have skyrocketed in recent years after a series of expensive weather disasters, he said. Avoidance of flood insurance comes as climate change increases flood risk, creating conditions that produce wetter rainstorms.

And this past week's storms also badly flooded smaller rivers that don't frequently overflow, catching people off guard.

"I don't think people have a personal experience with floods like this very often," said Nathan Young, associate director of the Iowa Flood Center.

In 2022, the average annual price of federal flood insurance was \$935. Federally-backed mortgages and many banks require flood insurance in high risk zones identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but those maps don't consider flooding from all sources, like rain. FEMA's recently-updated pricing reflects more factors, and the agency says these prices — not flood maps — are the best indicator of risk.

In Iowa, hundreds are being helped at American Red Cross shelters. Workers ask people about their loved ones and

basic needs. Then they help victims assess the damage and what can be done. This is when some people first realize they needed to buy a separate flood insurance policy, said Charles Blake, disaster services senior executive with the American Red Cross. People who do have policies are so thankful, he said. "It gives you a leg up," Blake said.

Others like Ben Thomas consciously avoid flood insurance and assume risk themselves. For nearly two days, Thomas pumped water out of his basement on the north side of the Little Sioux River in Spencer, Iowa, moving between his house, his parents' riverfront property across the street and other neighbors.

"I don't believe that insurance is the answer to life's problems," he said. "I would say we made a very well informed decision, but in this case, we got burned."

While he doesn't regret his decision not to buy an expensive policy, he acknowledged residents might feel differently on the south side of the river, where some homes are unliv-

able with water on the main floor.

The National Flood Insurance Program covers up to \$250,000 for a building and offers policies to protect contents worth as much as \$100,000. That's not always enough to replace an entire destroyed house, and even though the private market is small, it provides policies that can fill the gap.

There is some help available for the uninsured. The federal government's disaster declaration for parts of the flooded area allows it to issue grants and low interest loans to help with temporary housing, some home repairs and essentials like cleaning supplies and baby formula.

"We can still help," said John Mills, a FEMA response team spokesperson, but flood insurance provides much more money.

FEMA's new pricing method increased rates for about three quarters of policy holders, but others saw decreases for the first time. Selling more policies is a struggle nationwide; slightly fewer people are buying them this year.

One problem is that FEMA is prohibited from discounting premiums for low-income residents, according to Rob Moore, director of flooding solutions at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"Only Congress can fix that," he said.

And when rebuilding starts, that's the easiest time to mitigate the risk of the next flood, said Chad Berginnis, executive director of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

"Instead of rebuilding the same way you did immediately, stop, think about what you can do to protect yourself," Berginnis said. "Nobody wants to elevate their house or do flood proofing projects on a sunny day."

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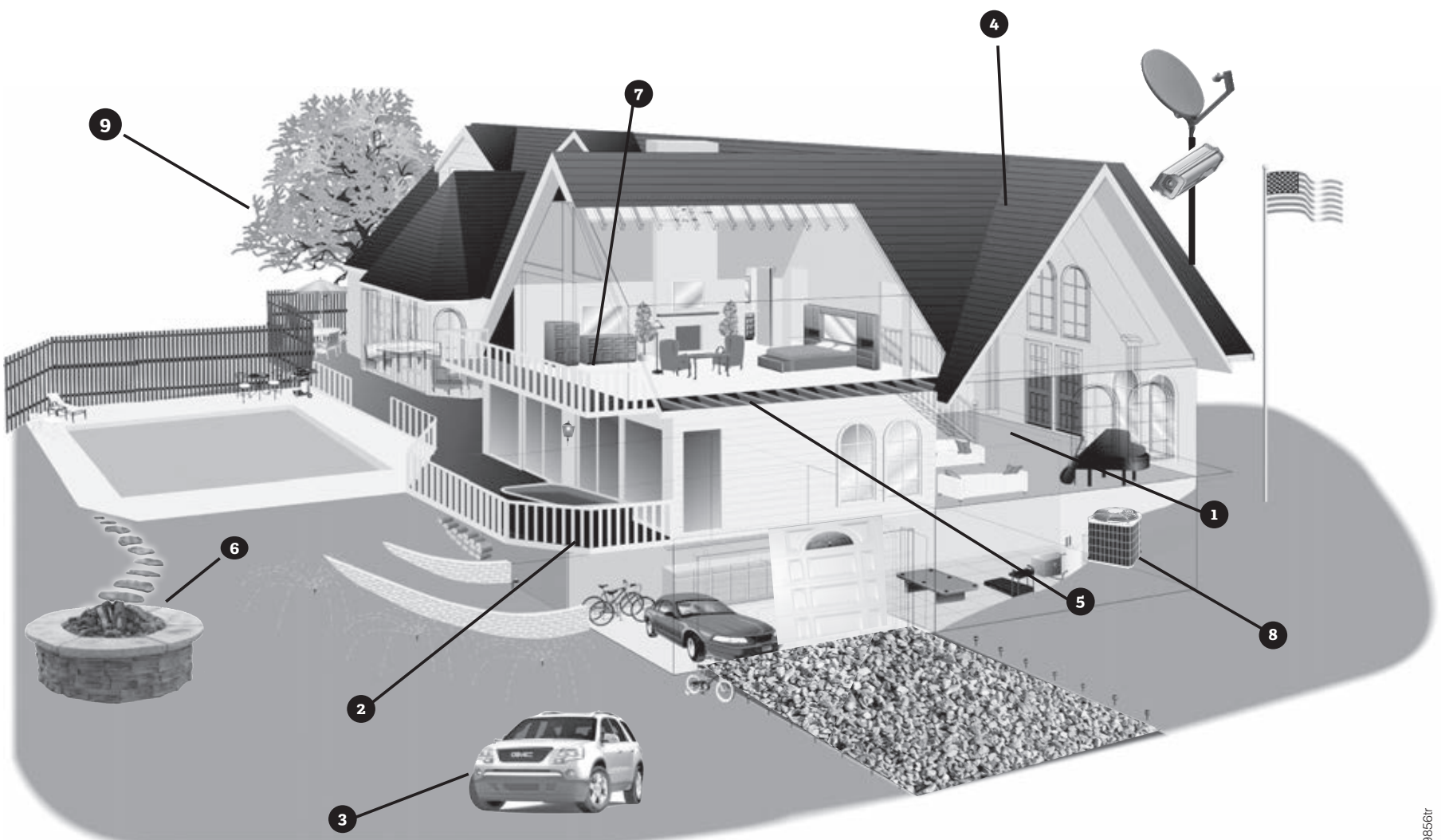
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The explosive history and magic of fireworks



By Chris Herbolzheimer

The Fourth of July just blazed past, and as the last echoes of fireworks fade away, let's take a moment to marvel at the magic that lit up our skies. Imagine this: you're staring up at a night sky bursting with brilliant colors, each explosion more dazzling than the last. Fireworks have this incredible ability to ignite a child-like wonder in all of us, but did you know they have a history as vibrant and explosive as the displays themselves? Buckle up, because we're about to embark on a thrilling journey through time—from ancient Chinese alchemists to today's cutting-edge pyrotechnics. We'll explore how these spectacular shows have captivated hearts and minds across the globe, turning every celebration into a memorable spectacle of light and sound.

From Ancient China to the World

Fireworks have their origins in ancient China, dating back to the 9th century. The story goes that a Chinese cook accidentally stumbled upon the magic formula by mixing together sulfur, charcoal, and potassium nitrate—common kitchen ingredients at the time. When this mixture was compressed inside a bamboo tube and heated, it exploded with a startling bang. The Chinese called these early fireworks "firecrackers," and they quickly became popular for their ability to ward off evil spirits with their loud noise.

By the 10th century, the Chinese had already developed fireworks for entertainment purposes. During the Song Dynasty (960–1279), fireworks began to take on a more sophisticated form, incorporating various shapes and colors. These pyrotechnic displays were used to mark important events such as births, deaths, weddings, and the New Year. The Chinese didn't stop there—they were creative, experimenting with different chemical com-

positions to produce colorful explosions, giving rise to the intricate art of pyrotechnics.

The Role of Fireworks in Chinese Culture

In Chinese culture, fireworks held significant symbolic meaning. They were believed to drive away evil spirits and bring good luck, prosperity, and happiness. Fireworks were an integral part of celebrations, from the lunar New Year to grand imperial events. The Chinese New Year, in particular, was (and still is) celebrated with extensive fireworks displays, symbolizing the joyous start of a new year and the dispelling of misfortune and bad luck from the previous year.

The Spread of Fireworks to the Middle East and Europe

The knowledge of gunpowder and fireworks didn't stay confined to China. As trade routes like the Silk Road opened up, these innovations spread to the Middle East and eventually to Europe. Arab traders were among the first to learn about gunpowder from the Chinese, and they brought this knowledge to Europe.

By the 13th century, fireworks had made their way to Europe, thanks in part to explorers and travelers like Marco Polo, who are often credited with introducing gunpowder to the West after their travels to China. The exact details are a bit hazy, but what's clear is that Europeans were fascinated by these explosive devices.

Fireworks in Medieval Europe

In medieval Europe, fireworks quickly became popular, especially for royal celebrations and public festivals. Italian pyrotechnicians, in particular, took a keen interest in fireworks and began to refine and enhance the techniques they had learned from the Chinese. They introduced more vivid colors and intricate effects, setting the stage for the grand displays we associate with modern fireworks.

The Italians were pioneers in creating aerial shells that could be launched into the sky, producing dazzling displays. These developments significantly enhanced the visual impact of fireworks, transforming them into spectacular nighttime shows. By the 18th century, fireworks had become a staple of European festivities, used to celebrate coronations, military victories, and national holidays.

Fireworks and the Renaissance

During the Renaissance, fireworks were not only a form of entertainment but also a demonstration of technological advancement and artistic creativity. Pyrotechnicians were highly regarded for their skills, and the displays they created were often seen as a blend of science and art. Renaissance fireworks were elaborate, choreographed spectacles that captivated audiences and celebrated the ingenuity of the human spirit.

Fireworks in Colonial America

Fireworks didn't take long to cross the Atlantic Ocean to the New World. Early American settlers brought with them the traditions and innovations of European pyrotechnics. By the time of the American Revolution, fireworks had become a part of American culture. They were used to celebrate important events and victories, much like in Europe.

On July 4, 1777, the first anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, fireworks were used to celebrate the occasion. John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers, even predicted in a letter to his wife Abigail that Independence Day would be celebrated with "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." His prediction turned out to be spot on, as fireworks have become synonymous with the Fourth of July, symbolizing the spirit of freedom and patriotism.

Fireworks: A Global Phenomenon

Today, fireworks are a global phenomenon, used to celebrate a wide array of events across different cultures and countries. From the Chinese New Year to Diwali in India, Bastille Day in France, and Guy Fawkes Night in the UK, fireworks light up the skies in a spectacular display of celebration and joy.

The journey of fireworks from ancient China to the rest of the world is a testament to the universal human desire to create, celebrate, and come together. Fireworks have transcended their origins as simple noise-makers to become a powerful symbol of celebration, unity, and human ingenuity. Whether it's a national holiday, a wedding, or the start of a new year, fireworks continue to bring people together, illuminating our skies and our hearts with their brilliant displays.

The Science of Fireworks: How They're Made

Creating fireworks is a complex process that blends chemistry, physics, and artistry. Let's break down the basics of how fireworks are made and how those stunning effects are achieved.

Basic Components

- **Gunpowder:** The core ingredient in fireworks, providing the explosive power needed to launch them into the sky.
- **Fuel:** Typically a mix of charcoal and sulfur, providing the energy required for combustion.
- **Oxidizers:** Chemicals that supply oxygen to sustain the combustion process, such as potassium nitrate, potassium perchlorate, and potassium chlorate.
- **Binders:** Substances like dextrin or starch that hold the firework's components together.

Colors and Effects

The vibrant colors in fireworks come from metal salts and compounds. Here's how some of the common colors are

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achieved:

- Red: Strontium salts or lithium salts
- Blue: Copper salts or copper chloride
- Green: Barium salts
- Yellow: Sodium salts
- White: Magnesium or aluminum

To produce specific shapes and effects, pyrotechnicians arrange the chemical components in precise patterns within the firework shell. When the firework explodes, these components ignite in sequence, creating intricate designs like stars, rings, and chrysanthemums.

Launch and Burst

Fireworks are launched using a mortar, a sturdy tube that directs the explosive force downward, propelling the firework shell into the sky. Once airborne, a time-delay fuse ignites the bursting charge within the shell, setting off the explosion that creates the spectacular display.

Celebrations Around the World

Fireworks aren't just for the Fourth of July. They're used to celebrate a wide array of events across different cultures and countries.

Chinese New Year

In China, fireworks are an essential part of New Year celebrations. They're believed to ward off evil spirits and bring good luck for the coming year. Cities and villages across China light up the night with dazzling displays that last for hours.

Diwali in India

Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, features massive fireworks displays. The festival, which celebrates the victory of light over darkness, includes lighting oil lamps, exchanging gifts, and setting off fireworks.

Bastille Day in France

France's national holiday, Bastille Day on July 14, commemorates the French Revolution. Fireworks are a major part of the celebrations, with spectacular displays lighting up the Eiffel Tower and other landmarks across the country.

Guy Fawkes Night in the UK

On November 5, the UK celebrates Guy Fawkes Night, marking the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Bonfires and fireworks are lit across the country in memory of the plot's leader, Guy Fawkes.

Modern Fireworks Technology

Today's fireworks are a far cry from the simple firecrackers of ancient China. Advances in technology have made fireworks displays more complex and synchronized than ever before.

Computerized Shows

Modern fireworks displays are often controlled by computer systems that synchronize the explosions with music and other effects. This allows for precise timing and coordination, creating immersive and choreographed spectacles.

Environmentally Friendly Fireworks

With growing concerns about environmental im-

pact, researchers are developing eco-friendly fireworks that produce less smoke and fewer harmful chemicals. These green fireworks use alternative oxidizers and binders to minimize pollution.

Innovations in Pyrotechnics

Pyrotechnicians are continually pushing the boundaries of what's possible with fireworks. Innovations like multi-break shells, which produce multiple explosions from a single firework, and "ghost" shells, which create images like smiley faces and hearts, are just a few examples of the creative possibilities.

A Timeless Spectacle

Fireworks have come a long way from their humble beginnings in ancient China. They've dazzled kings and queens, celebrated victories and holidays, and brought joy to millions of people around the world. As we continue to innovate and refine the art of pyrotechnics, the magic of fireworks will undoubtedly continue to captivate and inspire.

So, the next time you find yourself gazing up at a fireworks display, remember the centuries of history and craftsmanship that have gone into those fleeting moments of brilliance. Fireworks are more than just explosions in the sky—they're a testament to human creativity, a celebration of life, and a reminder of our shared joy in the beauty of light and color.



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Obituaries

BLAKE BOWERS

Sept. 19, 1960 – June 30, 2024



communications unit leader (COML) with BCFS and task force leader with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), showcasing his expertise and leadership in critical communications during emergencies.

In addition to his professional and military service, Blake was a large figure in his family. He is survived by his partner Debra Gerard; his daughters Michelle Adolphson and Lesley Nanney, and sons Victor (Nadezhda) Bowers and Zachary (Kayleigh) Nanney; his brothers James and Steven Bowers; and his sister Victoria Lamb; and Judith Bowers, mother of Michelle and Victor. He was a loving grandfather to eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Elizabeth (McCurdy) Bowers, and his spouse Catherine Ward Nanney, mother to Zachary and Lesley.

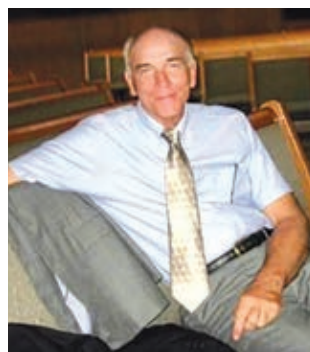
Blake's life was one of unwavering service and commitment to both his country and community, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him. His legacy will be cherished and remembered by his loved ones and colleagues.

Blake Edward Bowers, aged 63, passed away on June 30, 2024, in Long Beach, Calif., after a valiant fight against pancreatic cancer. Born on Sept. 19, 1960, in Evanston, Ill., he dedicated his life to service in both his professional and military career.

Blake honorably served in the United States Air Force, a commitment that reflected his dedication to his country. His career in the fire service is marked by notable positions, including chief of the Lanton, Mo., Volunteer Fire Department, firefighter/paramedic with Albany, N.Y., Fire, firefighter/paramedic with Nashville, Tenn., Fire Department, and with the Monaville, Texas, Fire Department. He also held significant roles in emergency management as an operations officer with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, as

JAMES BOHM

Jan. 6, 1948 – Dec. 30, 2023



Lawrence Bohm.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Mike and Delores Bohm, Redmond, Wash., niece Melissa Bohm and Tina Orsello, Jacksonville, Fla., niece Michelle and Jeff Kujath, Redmond, grandnieces Sarah and Sammy Kujath, Redmond, Wash., and many cousins in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas.

James passed peacefully from this life on Dec. 30, 2023. A memorial funeral Mass for James Bohm will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Plains at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024. A graveside service following the Mass will be held at Oak Lawn Cemetery, both under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

James William Bohm, "Jim," was born on Jan. 6, 1948, in Beloit, Kan. After graduating high school, he attended Kansas State University earning a degree in architecture.

Jim worked for the U.S. Army Reserve, until he retired in 2003. Upon retirement, Jim moved to West Plains, Mo.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents Madrene and

JAMES 'EDDIE' WOOLDRIDGE

Aug. 12, 1935 – June 30, 2024

James "Eddie" Wooldridge, a loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2024, in Olathe, Kan., at the age of 88. Born on Aug. 12, 1935, in Lafe, Ark., to James William and Lola Mae (Dortch) Wooldridge, Eddie grew up to embody the adventurous spirit and caring heart that would define his life.

Eddie's formative years were spent on the family farm in Arkansas, where he attended Marmaduke High School. His service to the nation was marked by his role as a commander in the United States Coast Guard, a testament to his unwavering sense of duty and patriotism. His thirst for knowledge and commitment to personal growth led him to Arkansas State University, where he met his future wife, Ruby Ladoyne Hoggard, and was a proud, early member of the Iota-Theta Zeta of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He earned a bachelor's degree that would pave the way for a distinguished career.

For over three decades, Eddie dedicated his professional life to the Missouri Department of Health as a public health inspector, ensuring the well-being of countless individuals and communities. His leadership and dedication were not confined to his professional endeavors; he was also a pillar in the Scouting community. As Troop 61's Scoutmaster in West Plains, Mo., he shaped the lives of young scouts, completing the rigorous Wood Badge program, serving as District Commissioner and receiving the prestigious Silver Beaver Award from the Ozarks Council for his exceptional contributions.

Eddie's life was a tapestry woven with the love of his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, James William and Lola Mae Wooldridge, and his cherished wife of 43 years, Ruby Wooldridge, who shared his passion for family and life's adventures. His sister, Frances Wooldridge, also preceded him in passing. He leaves behind a legacy

of love and family through his children James Edward Wooldridge and his wife Deborah Abundis Wooldridge of Arvada, Colo., William Craig Wooldridge and his wife Beth Graf Wooldridge of Olathe, and Amon Lee Wooldridge and his wife Kristin Kay Wooldridge of Liberty, Mo. His grandchildren include James, John, Ian, Hayden, Kaylee, Adam, Brody and Rhett Wooldridge, along with Erik Lockwood and Raymond Graham. They will carry forward his spirit of learning, adventure and service to others. Eddie is also survived by his siblings Don Wooldridge of Woodstock, Ga., and Ella Mae Kincade of Pocahontas, Ark., who will fondly remember their brother's love and dedication to family.

The world is a better place for having been graced with Eddie's presence, and his life was a testament to the power of family and community. He was the embodiment of a loving son, father and grandfather, a caring brother and a steadfast friend to many. His legacy of family, love and adventure will continue to inspire those who knew him, as well as those who hear of his remarkable life in the years to come. His journey on earth may have come to a close, but the path he forged remains a guiding light for all who seek to live a purposeful life devoted to family.

As we bid farewell to Eddie, we celebrate a life well-lived — a life that continues to resonate within the hearts of his loved and cherished ones. His memory will be treasured, his lessons honored and his spirit will be forever woven into the fabric of the lives he touched. It is with endless love, deep admiration and profound respect that we honor his memory.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday July 5, 2024, at the Irby Funeral Home Chapel in Marmaduke with Brother Kim Bridges officiating. Burial will follow at Harvey's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Pål Enger, Norwegian art thief behind famed 1994 heist of Munch's 'The Scream,' dead at 57

By JARI TANNER
Associated Press

HELSINKI — Pål Enger, a talented Norwegian soccer player turned celebrity art thief who pulled off the sensational 1994 heist of Edvard Munch's famed "The Scream" painting from the National Gallery in Oslo, has died. He was 57.

Tina Wulf, press officer at Vålerenga Fotball, an acclaimed Oslo soccer club for which Enger played as a teenager, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he died Saturday evening.

She was unable to provide information into the circumstances of his death but said he had been in touch with Vålerenga earlier this summer. Citing family sources, Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet said Enger died in Oslo.

Enger served his first prison sentence at the age of 19, before he kicked off a long string of art and jewelry thefts in 1988 when he climbed into a window at the Munch Museum in Oslo and stole the artist's painting "Love and Pain".

More dramatically still, on Feb. 12, 1994 — the opening day of the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway — Enger managed to steal the "The Scream" from the National Gallery.

In the 50-second theft, videotaped by a security camera, two thieves climbed a ladder, broke a window and emerged with the painting, then valued at at least \$55 million. They left a postcard saying: "Thanks for the poor security."

News of the theft of the painting made headlines around the world, and after his capture Enger became an instant national celebrity in Norway with documentaries and an international television series made of his story, including the 2023 documentary "The Man Who Stole The Scream."

The painting was recovered undamaged after Enger confessed that he had hidden it in a secret compartment located in a living room table at his family's home.

Enger was repeatedly convicted of art and other thefts and drug crimes over decades, and he continued to court media attention. In 1999 he absconded while on an outing from a minimum-security prison and tormented police by turning up in a cafe frequented by celebrities in Oslo and granting television and newspaper interviews. He was later rearrested after attracting attention by wearing sunglasses late at night.

During a prison stay in 2007 he started painting himself — first animals and later abstract motifs. He debuted as a professional artist in 2011 with a series of abstract paintings exhibited at a Norwegian gallery.

The self-confessed art aficionado didn't stop stealing, however. In 2015, Enger was charged with stealing a total of 17 paintings from a gallery in central Oslo. According to Norwegian media, police arrested him after he left his wallet and ID card at the scene.

Enger was not married but told newspaper VG in 2011 that he had "four children with four different mothers from four countries."

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DEATH NOTICES

Margaret Pennycuick

Margaret Rose Pennycuick, 86, Springfield. Died at 11:33 p.m. Tuesday July 2, 2024, at The Manor at Elfindale, Springfield. Yarber Mortuary, Birch Tree.

Roxana Gray

Roxana Gray, 75, West Plains. Died Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in West Plains. Willow Funeral Home, Willow Springs.

Muriel Hostetter

Muriel Hostetter, 100, West Plains. Died Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in West Plains. Willow Funeral Home, Willow Springs.

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Willys Jeeps: The Little Vehicle That Won the War

By Chris Herbolsheimer

If there's one vehicle that truly embodies the spirit of WWII, it's the Willys Jeep. This little powerhouse of a vehicle didn't just roll off the assembly line into battlefields; it drove straight into the hearts of soldiers and civilians alike, leaving a lasting legacy. Let's take a journey back in time to explore the history and development of Willys Jeeps, and their monumental significance in WWII.

The story of the Willys Jeep begins in the late 1930s when the U.S. military realized it needed a lightweight, all-terrain reconnaissance vehicle. The military put out a call to American auto manufacturers, asking for designs for a new reconnaissance car that could replace motorcycles and the Ford Model T. The requirements were strict: the vehicle had to be four-wheel drive, weigh no more than 1,300 pounds, and have a load capacity of 660 pounds. Plus, it needed to be equipped with a folding windshield and at least three seats.

Initially, the American Bantam Car Company, Ford, and Willys-Overland Motors answered the call. Bantam was the first to deliver a prototype, the Bantam Reconnaissance Car, but it struggled with financial issues and couldn't meet the production demands. This opened the door for Willys-Overland and Ford.

Willys-Overland, led by Delmar "Barney" Roos, introduced the Willys Quad in 1940. This prototype was based on Bantam's design but featured a more powerful "Go-Devil" engine, which provided the necessary horsepower and torque the military required. Ford also introduced their version, the GP (General Purpose). After rigorous testing and several modifications, the military settled on a standardized design, incorporating the best features from Bantam, Ford, and Willys.

The final production model, known as the Willys MB, became the primary light vehicle of the U.S. military and the Allies during WWII. By the end of the war, over 650,000 Jeeps had been produced by Willys and Ford. These vehicles were incredibly versatile, used for everything from transporting troops and supplies to being modified for ambulance duties and even as armed combat vehicles.

The Willys MB's design

was a marvel of practicality and ruggedness. It had a simple, boxy shape that made it easy to repair in the field, and its four-wheel drive system provided excellent off-road capability. The 2.2-liter, four-cylinder "Go-Devil" engine delivered reliable performance, making it capable of reaching speeds of up to 65 mph. This combination of durability, ease of maintenance, and performance made the Jeep indispensable in the varied terrains of the European and Pacific theaters.

Willys Jeeps saw action in virtually every environment during WWII. They navigated the sands of North Africa, the mud of Europe, the jungles of the Pacific, and the frozen landscapes of Alaska. They were everywhere the soldiers were, often customized to meet specific needs.

In the North African campaign, Jeeps were used by the British Special Air Service (SAS) for long-range desert patrols. These Jeeps were heavily modified, stripped down to reduce weight, and equipped with extra fuel tanks, water canisters, and mounted machine guns. Their role was crucial in harassing and disrupting enemy supply lines.

In the European theater, Jeeps served as command cars, reconnaissance vehicles, ambulances, and even makeshift tanks. Their versatility was legendary; they could be fitted with radios for communication, stretchers for the wounded, and weapon mounts for combat. The Jeeps were often seen leading the way in the advance of Allied troops, navigating bombed-out roads and muddy fields that larger vehicles couldn't handle.

One of the most iconic images of the Jeep is from the D-Day landings in Normandy. Jeeps were among the first vehicles to hit the beaches, and they played a crucial role in establishing and maintaining the beachheads. They ferried officers, carried messages, and provided much-needed mobility in the chaos of battle.

In the Pacific, Jeeps were equally vital. They traversed the rough jungle terrain, carried supplies through areas inaccessible to larger trucks, and provided a quick means of transport across the myriad islands. The ability to mount .50 caliber machine guns on Jeeps turned them into mo-



bile weapons platforms, providing essential fire support during assaults.

Beyond their tactical significance, Jeeps had a profound impact on the morale of the troops. Their reliability and versatility made them beloved by soldiers. A common joke among the troops was that a Jeep could climb a tree if it had to. Stories of Jeeps surviving incredible ordeals—like being dropped out of planes or dragged through swamps—became legendary.

Jeeps also provided a sense of normalcy and comfort. In the downtime between battles, soldiers would use Jeeps for everything from impromptu races to getting a little closer to the front lines to deliver mail or pick up rations. They were a symbol of American ingenuity and resilience, embodying the spirit of the troops who used them.

Post-War: The Civilian Jeep (CJ)

After the war, Willys-Overland recognized the potential for the Jeep in civilian life. In 1945, they introduced the CJ-2A (Civilian Jeep), marking the transition from a military workhorse to a peacetime utility vehicle. The CJ series retained much of the ruggedness and functionality of its military predecessors but was adapted for civilian use.

The post-war Jeep was marketed as a versatile vehi-



1942 Willys Jeep

cle for farmers, ranchers, and outdoorsmen. Its four-wheel drive made it ideal for agricultural work, and its durability ensured it could handle the toughest jobs. The CJ series became popular worldwide, laying the groundwork for the modern SUV market.

The Jeep Legacy

The legacy of the Willys Jeep is profound. Its impact on WWII is undeniable, often hailed as one of the tools that helped win the war. General George C. Marshall, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff during WWII, famously described the Jeep as "America's greatest contribution to

modern warfare."

Today, the Jeep brand continues to thrive, with models that trace their lineage back to the original Willys MB. Modern Jeeps retain the rugged, go-anywhere spirit of their WWII ancestors while incorporating advanced technology and comfort. The brand has become synonymous with adventure and off-road capability.

The story of the Willys Jeep is a tale of ingenuity, resilience, and versatility. From its humble beginnings as a military reconnaissance vehicle to its status as an American icon, the Jeep has left an

indelible mark on history. It played a crucial role in WWII, earning the love and respect of the soldiers who relied on it. And after the war, it seamlessly transitioned into civilian life, continuing to prove its worth in new ways.

As we look back on the history and development of the Willys Jeep, we see more than just a vehicle. We see a symbol of freedom, innovation, and the enduring human spirit. The Jeep is a testament to what can be achieved when necessity meets creativity, and it remains a beloved piece of both military and automotive history.

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COMMENTARY: INDEPENDENCE DAY BILLS AND HILLTOP MEMORIES

By JANET ADKISON, DIRECTOR,
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During July in the Ozarks, you'll see a few combines rolling through the hills and valleys of cattle country. Farmers are harvesting fescue seed that will eventually seed someone's yard or hayfield. The small combines, Gleaners and an old pull behind Allis-Chalmers in our case, were once a beast in their own right, but they pale compared to the size and power of new harvest equipment. When these old machines were "put out to pasture," they found a second life harvesting fescue.

As a kid, I wasn't a fan of the all-day ride-along in the non-air-conditioned, loud, dusty equipment, but the evening trip to deliver the seed is what I enjoyed. Milan's, a seed buyer in Bucyrus, was on a prominent hilltop. While unloading seed, we could watch the scheduled and random fireworks from miles around.

In the last couple of years, firework displays have been thin due to extreme drought. But timely precipitation through the first half of 2024 has helped abate the dark red on the weekly drought monitor. There are still a few pockets of dryness, but it's an improvement from 12 months ago.

One thing that has yet to improve over the last year is the grocery bill. The American Farm Bureau Federation's annual market basket survey shows that a summer cookout for ten people is up five percent from last year and up thirty percent from five years ago. According to the study, the average cost for a ten-person grilling feast is \$71.22 or about \$7.12 a person. This is a record-high price for the annual survey, which began in 2013.

The review looks at twelve items commonly found on the shopping list for the Independence Day celebrations. It covers the main course of beef, pork and chicken to the popular extras of potato salad, strawberries and ice cream.

Unsurprisingly, the retail price of two pounds of ground beef is up 11% to \$12.77. The drought and the lack of forage forced a lot of ranchers to sell some of their herd, reducing the amount of beef available for summer grilling.

The cost of lemonade, a typical summer thirst quencher, is up 12%, to an average of \$4.19. Higher lemon prices are attributed to citrus greening disease. The fruit-killing disease has now spread to California after devastating Florida's citrus industry.

There were two exceptions to higher prices on the shopping list. The cost of potato salad and two pounds of chicken declined 4% from a year ago to \$3.32 and \$7.83, respectively.

The market basket survey is just a snapshot, but it reflects the challenges felt nationwide. Farmers are price takers, not price makers. They are paying more for supplies needed to produce the food we eat, and like other consumers, they are also paying more at the grocery store.

Despite these challenges and others, the U.S. still has one of the safest and most affordable food supplies. From the food on our table to the fuel in our cars or the grass seedlings speckling a new lawn, the diversification and quality of goods provided by the nation's ag sector is an inspiration, and another reason to celebrate Independence Day.

I hope you and your loved ones will have time this week to fire up the grill, have some fun and enjoy the view wherever you are.

TODAY IN HISTORY:

July 6, Althea Gibson wins Wimbledon

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, July 6, the 188th day of 2024. There are 178 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On July 6, 1957, Althea Gibson became the first Black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

ALSO ON THIS DATE

In 1483, England's King Richard III was crowned in Westminster Abbey. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga (ty-kahn-dur-OH'-gah).

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

In 1933, the first All-Star baseball game was played at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League 4-2 behind winning pitcher Lefty Gomez of the New York Yankees.

In 1942, Anne Frank, her parents and sister entered a "secret annex" in an Amsterdam building where they were later joined by four other people; they hid from Nazi occupiers for two years before being discovered and arrested.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

In 1967, Nigerian forces invade the Republic of Biafra, sparking the Nigerian Civil War.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 2013, an Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 from Seoul, South Korea, crashed while landing at San Francisco International Airport, killing three passengers and injuring 181.

In 2016, Philando Castile, a Black elementary school cafeteria worker, was killed during a traffic stop in the St. Paul suburb of Falcon Heights by Officer Jeronimo Yanez. (Yanez was later acquitted on a charge of second-degree manslaughter.)

In 2018, six followers of the Aum Shinrikyo doomsday cult were hanged along with its leader, Shoko Asahara; they had been convicted of crimes including a 1995 sarin gas attack that killed 13 people and made thousands of others sick on the Tokyo subway system.

In 2020, the Trump administration formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the World Health Organization; President Donald Trump had criticized the WHO's response to the coronavirus pandemic. (The pullout was later halted by President Joseph Biden's administration.)

Today's Birthdays: The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is 89. Singer Gene Chandler ("Duke of Earl") is 87. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 84. Actor Burt Ward (TV: "Batman") is 79. Former President George W. Bush is 78. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 78. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 73. Retired MLB All-Star Willie Randolph is 70. Former first daughter Susan Ford Bales is 67. Actor-writer Jennifer Saunders ("Absolutely Fabulous") is 66. Actor Brian Posehn is 58. Political reporter/moderator John Dickerson is 56. Rapper Inspector Deck (Wu-Tang Clan) is 54. Rapper 50 Cent is 49. Actors Tia and Tametra Mowry (MOHR'-ee) are 46. Comedian-actor Kevin Hart is 45. Actor Eva (EH'-vuh) Green is 44. San Diego Padres infielder Manny Machado is 32. NBA power forward Zion Williamson is 24.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dear Readers,

Another Fourth of July has come and gone. Fireworks were shot, meats were grilled, and adult beverages were consumed. As the festivities wrapped up and the echoes of the fireworks faded, I couldn't help but think back on the July 4th holidays of my youth. There's something about this time of year that pulls me back to those golden days, and I'm sure many of you have similar memories tucked away, too.

For me, Independence Day was almost always spent camping at Norfolk Lake. Now, I know the diehard campers with their tents and rocks for pillows don't consider what we did to be "camping," but I sure appreciated the air conditioning and comfy beds of a camper. To each their own, right? There's no denying, though, that the spirit of the holiday was alive and well on that lake.

The fireworks show at Norfolk Lake, to me, is the embodiment of Independence Day, even though they hold their show on July 3. Sometimes we watched from the bank, but most times we were out on the lake on our boat, the water gently rocking us as we gazed up at the sky. Those fireworks, exploding in a cascade of col-



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Desk

ors, were the highlight of the holiday, painting memories that would last a lifetime.

A week or two prior to the firework show, to be honest I don't remember exactly, a fish fry and pie auction was held at Henderson to raise money for the fireworks. The whole community came together, contributing their best pies and frying up the freshest fish. There was something magical about those gatherings, where everyone's laughter mixed with the scent of fried fish and sweet pies, all for the sake of lighting up the sky on the Fourth of July.

One of my most vivid memories is from the last Fourth of July I spent at the lake with my dad. It was just over a year before he died. I was sitting at the front of the boat, soaking in the anticipation, the excite-

ment, the joy of the moment. I turned back to see him sitting in the driver's seat, his face illuminated by the first burst of fireworks. He was watching the display with a calm, almost serene look. I wonder if he had a sense that it was the last time he would see them? That image is etched in my mind, a snapshot of a moment that was both ordinary and extraordinary.

The fireworks reflected in his eyes, the smile that played on his lips, the gentle rocking of the boat. The Independence Days spent at the lake were finite moments, but the memory of them will last forever. They remind me of the simplicity of joy, the power of togetherness, and the bittersweet passage of time.

As we move forward, celebrating each Fourth of July with our own traditions, let's take a moment to remember those who made past celebrations special. For me, it's my dad and those nights on Norfolk Lake, the fireworks crackling overhead as the water lapped against the boat. What are your memories? Who do you think of when the sky lights up in a thousand colors?

Happy Independence Day,
Chris Herbolzheimer
Publisher
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

READER REFLECTS ON MATTER OF FAITH AND POLITICS

To the editor:

In his June 29 editorial, "Why the Christian Church Should Steer Clear of Politics" Chris Herbolzheimer provided some very reasoned, and in my opinion, Biblical counsel. By contrast, it seems that a great many preachers of electronic fame are now urging the church to get involved in politics in a most direct and partisan way. While I agree that the Christian path has obvious political implications, I sincerely doubt that these are best realized by direct involvement in the system.

Consider the example of Jesus. There were four prominent political systems

(parties) open to Him in His day.

First, the Pharisees. Contrary to popular thinking they were not wealthy aristocrats, but rather members of the common people. Theologically, while being extremely legalistic, the Pharisees believed in both the resurrection and the afterlife, which the liberal Sadducees did not. Second, the Sadducees. They were the aristocrats and would be classed among the liberals of that day. Third the Essenes who withdrew from involvement in both politics and the world. Lastly were the Zealots, revolutionaries who advocated a violent overthrow of the Roman oppressors.

It is important to note that

Jesus identified with none of the above. He never registered as a member of one of their parties. Ironically, His major squabbles were with the party He had the most in common with. Contrast this to the many polarizing coffee shop "conversations" we overhear today in which the opposing side is mercilessly berated. Perhaps a good place to begin a real conversation would be for each of us to critically examine his or her own ironclad assumptions rather than those of our opponents. After all, scripture tells us that Judgment will begin with the household of God (1 Peter 4:17).

Michael Heston,
West Plains

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Fulton Co. Fair announces new time for jr. livestock auction

Fulton County Fair officials in Salem, Ark., have announced a new time for their Junior Livestock Auction.

"The Fulton County Fair is fortunate to have a great Junior Livestock Program and good support from the business community and individuals," said fair officials, making the an-

ouncement. This year's livestock auction will be held at 10 a.m. July 20. A Cookie Jar Auction to fund the county fair's scholarship program will be held ahead of the livestock auction; this year, the fair awarded 11 scholarships totaling over \$10,000.

Livestock exhibitors will be selling cattle, hogs,

sheep, goats and rabbits and two pens of 4-H poultry chain pullets (grand champion and reserve champion), said officials. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to come out and support the Fulton County Junior Livestock Program and cookie jar scholarship auction. Donations are being accepted for added

money which will be divided between all youth who show in the livestock show.

For more information on the Junior Premium Auction, contact the Fulton County Fair Office at 870-895-5565 or a member of the Junior Livestock Committee. Perryman and Perryman Auction Co. will be conducting the sale.

Heritage Tractor's Traveling Tractor to donate to WPRAS



At 10 a.m. July 16, Heritage Tractor's Traveling Tractor Tour will make a stop in West Plains to donate \$1,000 to the West Plains Regional Animal Shelter, 1486 BB Highway. COURTESY / HERITAGE TRACTOR

Heritage Tractor, a local John Deere dealership with 21 locations in eastern Kansas, western Missouri and northern Arkansas, plans to donate to 21 different charitable organizations during its summer Traveling Tractor Tour.

The Heritage Tractor team will gather at 10 a.m. July 16, to present a check for \$1,000 to West Plains Regional Animal Shelter, 1486 BB Highway.

The Traveling Tractor started in Smithville earlier this summer, and will travel from Northern Kansas City to Northern Arkansas — more than 1,140 miles — stopping to donate to 21 charities along the way. Employees from each location voted for a charitable organization in their community earlier this year. The West Plains team tallied the votes and West Plains Regional Animal Shelter came out on top.

West Plains Regional Animal Shelter is a nonprofit and no-kill animal shelter with a stated mission to find homes for all unwanted animals. The shelter also has a thrift store onsite to raise funds for the organization.

"The John Deere 5E tractor is wrapped with an American flag decal to symbolize the fact that our communities, filled with hardworking Americans, are what make up the fabric of the nation," said Heritage Tractor officials, noting that as an American company that sells American-made equipment, Heritage Tractor prides itself on being part of these communities.

The company has a simplistic focus statement that it calls the "Heart of Heritage." According to officials, its heart as a business is centered around three things: coworkers, customers and communities.

"This idea is not a new one, but rather something that the founder placed in the highest regard and instilled in both coworkers and fellow owners," company officials added.

"Our devotion to people stretches far outside the walls of our stores. Yes, we place a high value on providing high-quality equipment and expert service, but it's more than that," said Derek Dummermuth, owner and CEO. "We also want to see our people succeed — our employees, our customers and the communities they all call home. This initiative is just a small nod to that."

The company continues to support many other local organizations year-round, including area schools, FFAs and fairs. The Traveling Tractor donations are an increase over the current annual giving to local events.

Heritage Tractor in West Plains is located at 3285 Porter Wagoner Blvd..

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AUCTION	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		6/25/2024	
Total Receipts:	2,070	1,900	3,440
Feeder Cattle:	2,070(100.0%)	1,900(100.0%)	3,440(100.0%)

Special Note: An additional 626 head sold through the Video Auction.***Close***Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold 3.00-6.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves under 600 lbs were steady to 5.00 higher in a lightly tested market. Demand was good on a light supply of calves and a moderate supply of yearlings. The offering consisted of several multi-pot load drafts of yearling steers and heifers. The largest draft offered was 167 head of 92lb. steers which brought 238.00/cwt. One stick-out draft was 129 head of 807 lb. heifers that sold for 239.50/cwt. Last week the 5-Area Average Price for fat cattle was at an all time high of 195.91. Box Beef Cutouts set a new high for 2024 with Choice Cuts closing at 330.39 today. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (50% Steers, 47% Heifers, 3% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 64%.

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	340	340	390.00	390.00
7	360	360	395.00	395.00
20	401-419	411	322.50-350.00	339.15
5	492	492	328.00	328.00
45	500-547	519	310.00-332.50	315.35
7	592	592	310.00	310.00
10	517	517	315.00	315.00
21	721-743	727	260.00-275.00	270.62
55	758-782	779	257.50-277.50	266.26
96	815-841	835	247.00-259.00	254.77
167	921	921	238.00	238.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
29	362-398	375	325.00-354.00	338.12
17	420-449	437	317.50-322.50	319.31
56	454-498	475	290.00-319.00	305.94
26	509-546	530	285.00-307.50	291.34
46	567-594	581	270.00-296.00	287.26
18	616-638	629	270.00-277.50	274.64
62	651-696	683	251.00-266.00	257.20
10	829-842	833	230.00-234.00	232.79
20	864	864	234.00	234.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	455-464	460	280.00-300.00	288.48
27	706-711	710	230.00	230.00
18	799	799	220.00	200.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	471	471	260.00	260.00
7	716	716	145.00	145.00

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	643	643	263.00	263.00

STEERS - Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	569	569	244.00	244.00

STEERS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
19	684	684	169.00	169.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	352	352	325.00	325.00
15	400-425	413	307.50-312.50	310.29
17	450-499	484	295.00-305.00	298.95
42	515-541	528	280.00-295.00	287.84
16	572-583	581	255.00-265.00	260.31
19	600-617	605	245.00-250.00	246.61
18	659	659	242.00	242.00
154	770	770	240.00	240.00
158	807-838	813	227.50-239.50	237.23

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	365-388	377	307.50-317.50	312.56
33	407-43	430	277.50-300.00	289.82
11	450-473	467	275.00-290.00	284.81
28	500-548	530	250.00-272.50	260.17
7	587-592	590	237.50-240.00	238.93
9	602-643	616	238.00-246.00	243.21
34	650-699	686	220.00-240.00	230.19
26	737-747	740	227.00-229.00	227.54
8	801-821	811	218.00-225.00	221.46

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	356-383	366	285.00-290.00	288.04
13	473-499	487	257.50-260.00	259.24
8	502-544	523	225.00-235.00	229.80
9	710	710	180.00	180.00
19	910-918	912	140.00-160.00	142.12
10	968	968	155.00	155.00

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	428	428	287.50	287.50
6	475	475	270.00	270.00
17	530	530	265.00	265.00
18	596	596	241.00	241.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	335	335	340.00	340.00
5	456	456	297.50	297.50
8	526-532	528	279.00-280.00	279.62
5	650-680	662	242.50-260.00	252.81

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	459-470	465	280.00-282.50	281.10
5	542	542	260.00	260.00
7	550-592	571	240.00-255.00	248.42
5	610	610	225.00	225.00

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 7/2/2024 (Final)

VIDEO AUCTION

	This Week			Last Reported 6/25/2024		
	Offered	Reported	PO	Offered	Reported	PO
Total Receipts:	626	626		580	580	
Feeder Cattle:	626	626(100.0%)		880	580(100%)	

Special Notes: Video Auctions start at 1:30 p.m. during the Tuesday feeder sale. Demand was good on a moderate supply for this Video Auction held in conjunction with ORS' regular feeder cattle sale. Cattle offered are in Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri. All deliveries are current, which are cattle that will be delivered up to 14 days from the video sale date. Current delivery is through July 16, 2024. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (36% Steers, 64% Heifers). Feeder cattle over 600 lbs was 100%. Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% pencil shrink or equivalent, with a 10 cent slide > 600 lbs and 0 cent slide < 600 lbs.

FEEDER CATTLE

South Central (KS, MO, NM, OK, TX)

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)

Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Current	67	810	810	237.00	237.00

Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)

STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)

Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Current	172	910	910	240.25	240.25

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)

Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Current	52	950	950	230.00	230.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)

Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Current	260	765-795	780	236.00-238.00	237.02

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)

Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Current	75	640	640	252.00	252.00

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 7/3/2024 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
		6/26/2024	
Total Receipts:	630	680	915
Slaughter Cattle:	402(63.8%)	237(34.9%)	507(55.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	228(36.2%)	443(65.1%)	408(44.6%)

Compared to last week, slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Demand was good on a moderate supply of slaughter animals and bred cows and a light supply of pairs. The heat advisories were cancelled in the afternoon as isolated showers moved across the area. Hay fields and pastures are looking good for the first week of July, especially in those areas that have been receiving weekly rains. Supply included: 64% Slaughter Cattle (86% Cows, 14% Bulls); 36% Replacement Cattle (15% Stock Cows, 58% Bred Cows, 14% Bred Heifers, 13% Cow-Calf Pairs).

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
66	1280-1610	1454	137.00-148.00	143.16	Average
11	1300-1505	1392	148.00-154.00	150.73	High
10	1300-1715	1358	128.00-135.00	132.11	Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
92	1030-1235	1099	135.00-146.00	141.17	Average
27	1050-1290	1188	147.00-160.00	152.30	High
13	1000-1275	1129	118.00-134.00	128.16	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
60	705-1395	1269	124.00-136.00	129.34	Average
16	885-1140	988	139.00-150.00	146.10	High
48	700-1230	909	96.00-121.00	113.58	Low
4	700-985	795	81.00-94.00	87.42	Very Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
35	1300-1975	1575	163.00-183.00	171.85	Average
13	1632-2290	1869	186.00-200.00	192.53	High
7	1260-1750	1473	148.00-161.00	156.84	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt. Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	O	5	780-1050	941	190.00-207.50	194.84
2-8	O	3	1195-1370	1265	142.00-149.00	145.84

Mtn. View Alumni Association meets today

The Mtn. View Alumni Association reminds its members that the annual meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the Mtn. View First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 409 U.S. 60.

All Mtn. View High School classmates including non-graduates, spouses, teachers and Liberty High School graduates are invited to attend.

In addition to those published in the June 12 and June 24 issues of the Quill, the association acknowledges dues and/or scholarship donations have been received from the following classmates as of June 28:

- Class of 1945: Moe Simpson;
- Class of 1950, Wilbur Hamer and Sarah Dale;
- Class of 1955, Edna Gimpel Phipps;
- Class of 1956, John Tranbarger and Imogene Cornman;
- Class of 1959, Bill Brooks and Robert Devine;
- Class of 1960, Sharon (Triplett), Lee Plank and Dan Bailey;
- Class of 1961, Connie Perkins;
- Class of 1962, L. Jeanne Davis Taber, Bob West, and Rob and Karen (Graves) Cafourek;
- Class of 1963, Bill Webb;
- Class of 1964, Kay Polk Hall, Mary West, Lonnie and Deborah Brown, Grant and Anise (Holden) Butler, JoAnn Gastineau Bates, Trudy Leonard Miley and Naomi Burskirk Daniels;
- Class of 1966, Dan Hall;
- Class of 1967, Jerry Layton, Betty Jo Buckley Sly, and Charles and Sue Vance;
- Class of 1969, Christina Scharff;
- Class of 1970, Deanna Thompson, Bill Hoover, David and Wilma Schwien, Karen Bradley Beahan, and SuEllen (DeBoard) and Larry Price;
- Class of 1971, Hellen Davis Cummings, Tom Pierce; and
- Class of 1972, Jimmie Cummings.

Those planning to attend are reminded to mail dues and registration so that organizers can have a head count for the meal. Dues and reservation fees per person are \$25 and may be mailed to McCann at 205 E. Seventh St., Mountain View, MO 65548. Include the name or names of classmates attending and the year they graduated, if applicable; address, email address and phone number; amount paid for dues/reservation; RSVP if attending; and an optional scholarship donation amount. Each year, four \$1,200 scholarships are given to Liberty High School seniors.

For more information call 417-247-9772 or email mvhalumni65548@gmail.com.

MDC visits Summersville Library for summer reading program



Sarah Elrod, conservation educator with the Missouri Department of Conservation, standing, visited Summersville Library on June 13 and brought an activity for Summer Reading Program participants, shared librarian Kathie Cox. Twenty-six children and 13 adults were in attendance. COURTESY / SUMMERSVILLE LIBRARY

Pine Meadows to host fundraiser for Whetstone Boys Ranch

Pine Meadows Venue is hosting a Red, White & Blue Concert for a Cause to benefit Whetstone Boys Ranch.

The event takes place from 5:30 to 10 p.m. today at the venue, 1449 Highway 76 in Willow Springs, and features food trucks, live music and a fireworks show. All are asked to bring blankets and lawn chairs to watch the show. Activities are designed for the whole family: There will also be face painting, a bounce house, yard games and a carriage ride.

Music will be provided by Anthony Garner, Nick Davis and Brady Walton, and vendors booked for the event include Melly's Munchies, Make a Face Face Painting, Swirly's Ice Cream, Roscoe T's BBQ, Ozark Burger Co., Big O Fish, Live Events, Ozarks Pet Rescue, Get Roasted Coffee Co. and Katie Lynn Events Bounce House.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger and free for children 3 and younger, and may be purchased online at pinemeadowsmo.square.site.

Rhonda Richter's artwork on display at OzSBI through September



Local artist Rhonda Richter's artwork will be featured on the first floor of Ozarks Small Business Incubator, 408 Washington Ave. in West Plains, through the end of September.

The West Plains Council on the Arts and OzSBI have partnered to bring quarterly art displays to the incubator. Visitors may view the display at the incubator during OzSBI's business hours, anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Richter says she enjoys painting from life. Directly engaging with her subject matter requires navigating rapidly changing light. The challenge of painting quickly in changing conditions contributes to an expressive style. Bold color and brushwork emphasize visual movement within emotionally structured compositions.

She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Missouri, extensive course work at Johannes Gutenberg University/ Mainz and a master's degree at Southwest Baptist University. During the past 12 years, Richter has won numerous awards at plein air events throughout the Midwest. Her works can be viewed on her website at www.rhondarichter.com.

A meet-the-artist event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 8 in OzSBI's lobby. The public is invited to attend to meet Richter and view and discuss the pieces on display.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Madison Sutterfield madisonsutterfield@ozsbi.com at OzSBI or arts council Coordinator Audrey Scott audrey.scott@zizzers.org.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRIEF

Harig earns CMU dean's list placement

The office of Central Methodist University Provost Rita Gulstad in Fayette recently announced the students included on the spring 2024 dean's list.

A total of 900 students across all campuses and online learning met the requirements for placement, including a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

Mark Richard Harig, Eminence, was among those who earned recognition by the University.

Joseph Barnes named to Baldwin Wallace University dean's list

Joseph Barnes of West Plains, a graduate of West Plains High School majoring in business administration and accounting, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, according to Provost Thomas C. Sutton.

The list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.8 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more graded hours during the semester.

Madison Michel achieves spring dean's list at Carthage College

Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisc., recognizes Madison Michel of Pomona for being named to the spring dean's list.

Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

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Words to Live By: Clothed with Love

By Diane Cooke

The phrase, "clothes make the man," is an old saying that points out the fact that how we dress influences how others perceive us. We express respect when we dress up for a job interview or worship service. It's true that we all like to be comfortable, but our own comfort is not the only thing that matters. The same thing is true of the ways we interact with others. In Colossians 3:12 we read, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Our Lord wants us to choose these behaviors and leave some others behind...like anger, greed, arrogance, malice, slander, and lying. Instead, we should put on the virtues we see in Christ himself. Let's remember the wisdom of Colossians 3:14, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." That's the wardrobe God intends for us. May God bless your week! Diane Cooke, Pastor, Presbyterian Churches, Willow Springs and Mtn. View.

Moment in the Word

By Edwin Woolsey

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Although most people do not realize, the appearance of John the Baptist was a turning point in time.

According to the prophecy of Malachi 4:1, God's fiery judgment is coming, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

However, before that final destruction, God made a way of escape by sending the prophet Elijah back to prepare humanity for Christ's first arrival, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6

By Jesus' testimony, John the Baptist was Elijah who returned to prepare the way of salvation, "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, who was to come. 15 He that has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:13-15

Christ's concluding statement is unique, "If you have ears capable of hearing, then you really need to listen!"

But why?

Understanding that Malachi's prophecy of Elijah's return was finished by John the Baptist's ministry of repentance and baptism, then nothing now remains to forestall God's final wrath! JUDGMENT IS ON THE WAY!

Knowing this, we return to our opening text, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12 So, what did Jesus teach about believers' violent effect on the Kingdom of God?

Well, the Greek word is "biazo," which means to "apply force" as an army might "storm" a fortification. We have a better clarification in Luke 16:16, when Jesus restated the idea, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." But today are we actually pressing or forcing our way into God's Kingdom?

In Europe, only 3% of Danes attend church regularly, 5% of Swedes, 5% of Fins, less than 10% of the French and Germans. In Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, and the United Kingdom, only 10-15% of professing Christians bother to attend Church on a regular basis. So, you be the judge. Does that sound like Christians applying force, storming, or pressing their way in to God's Kingdom? Hardly!

What about America? Most churches in the United States now only have services on Sunday morning, and among these, many are permanently locking their doors, each and every week. No, "going out of business for God" is definitely NOT what Jesus had in mind when He admonished His followers to "press in." Rather, the modern secular mentality of the apostate church is best expressed, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Luke 12:19 To which God responds, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not RICH TOWARD GOD!" Luke 12:20-21

As materialism eats away at our spiritual devotion like a cancer, we are no longer "rich toward God." We have fallen prey to the very snare Jesus forewarned his Church about, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matthew 24:12

And here we are on the jagged edge of time, precariously perched on the precipice of final judgment, ignoring God's declaration, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begins at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17

Rather than shutting down, the Church of Jesus Christ needs to be firing up, "This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone, and the day of salvation will soon be here!" Romans 13:11-12 NLT

Faith and medicine

By Chris Herbolsheimer

In certain segments of the Christian church, a contentious belief persists: if one's faith is sufficiently robust, medical intervention becomes superfluous. Adherents of this view hold that prayer alone can remedy every ailment, from mental health issues to broken bones and even fatal diseases. When prayer does not result in healing, the fault is often attributed to the individual's lack of true or strong enough faith. While miracles undoubtedly occur daily, with cures that defy scientific explanation, the notion that faith eliminates the need for medicine is, quite frankly, absurd and dangerous.

The Bible itself provides guidance that faith and practical medical advice are not mutually exclusive. In 1 Timothy 5:23, Paul advises, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." This scripture acknowledges the use of a remedy for health issues, indicating that faith and practical medical advice can coexist harmoniously. Furthermore, Jesus himself said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick" (Matthew 9:13). This statement clearly recognizes the essential role of medical practitioners in the healing process.

There are extreme examples within Christianity where faith is misapplied to the detriment of health. Consider pastors from denominations that handle snakes, who, upon being bitten, refuse medical treatment, believing "God will stop the poison." Many Christians who subscribe to the belief that prayer alone can cure cancer would find this snake-handling pastor's refusal of medical help to be "crazy." This contradiction exposes the flawed logic in dismissing medical intervention on the basis of faith.

Most mental health issues arise from chemical imbalances in the

brain, necessitating chemical correction. Prayer can indeed bring peace and understanding, but it does not negate the need for medical intervention. Proverbs 3:5 advises, "Lean not on your own understanding." What if this wisdom extends beyond mere issues of faith?

What if God placed doctors and scientists in our lives intentionally? Does taking Tylenol for a headache diminish one's faith? I recall a testimonial from a woman whose baby fell into near-boiling oil. She claimed that the Lord instructed them to take communion, after which the child was miraculously unharmed. While relieved for the child's wellbeing, I was also concerned about the reliance solely on prayer in such a critical situation and wondered if I should place a call to DFS. The Bible offers no evidence that faith and medicine are mutually exclusive.

When faced with practical issues in life, such as a broken bicycle or a leaking roof, do we wait for a miracle or seek help from a mechanic or a roofer? God is as capable of repairing a bicycle or mending a roof as he is of healing our bodies. However, this does not mean we should always expect a miracle. We are endowed with intelligence and the capacity to develop medicines and repair our bodies, which are also seen as gifts from God.

So, should Christians go to doctors? Absolutely. God created us as intelligent beings with the ability to create medicines and understand the human body. Doctors are instruments through which God brings healing and recovery. Nevertheless, in this fallen world, not everyone is healed, and the reasons remain a mystery. The Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 12:7, speaks of his "thorn in the flesh," a persistent problem that God did not remove but instead gave Paul the strength to endure.

The promise of Revelation 21:4, where God "will wipe every tear from [our] eyes" and eradicate death, mourning, crying, and pain, is a future hope. Meanwhile, we are assured of God's strength and help in our current troubles. This assurance does not negate the need for medical intervention but rather complements it, providing a holistic approach to health that encompasses both faith and medicine.

The misconception that faith alone suffices for all healing overlooks the practical wisdom God has imparted to humanity. Faith without action is dead (James 2:17). We are called to trust in God's provision, which includes the wisdom and skills of medical professionals. Ignoring medical advice and refusing treatment not only endangers lives but also misrepresents the comprehensive nature of God's care.

This column is intended to step on a few toes, to challenge the dangerous misconception that medicine has no place in a life of faith. It is an urgent call for Christians to embrace the full spectrum of God's provision, which includes both prayer and medical intervention. Faith and medicine are not adversaries but allies in the journey towards health and wholeness.

In conclusion, the relationship between faith and medicine is not one of exclusion but of harmony. Christians are called to trust in God's provision, which includes the wisdom and skills of medical professionals. Embracing medical help is not a sign of weak faith but a recognition of the diverse ways God works in our lives to bring about healing and restoration. We must reject the notion that faith alone suffices for all healing and instead adopt a balanced approach that honors both the miraculous and the medicinal.

Faith Commentary

America Has Been Blessed

By Tim Richards

During the deadly September attack, casualties mounted, with both the capital and the White House being targeted. What few know is how the President secretly sent a Georgetown attorney to meet with our enemies in an attempt to secure the release of a prominent hostage. However, he was detained before his mission could be completed and had to watch the attack. During the battle, he could only pray as he sat helplessly aboard an enemy ship.

The story I just shared is true, but it did not happen in 2001; no, the year was 1814, and the precise date was not the 11th but the 14th. Early that morning, when it became apparent our forces had survived the brutal attack, the attorney, Francis Scott Key, penned these now famous words on the back of an envelope, "O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" He had no idea then that his words would ultimately become our national anthem.

Few Americans realize our anthem has a second verse.

"Blessed with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land, Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us as a nation! Then conquer we must when our cause it is just, and this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.' And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Though relatively few have heard the second verse, I believe it is the most significant, for it reminds us of how God has rescued and sustained our nation.

Sadly, I know many now view the words, "In God we trust" as political. I am not sharing this story to promote a political slogan. In truth, we should trust God not because those words are our national motto, but because he has blessed us as a nation.

An ancient hymn-writer expressed a similar sentiment when he penned these words, "Blessed is the nation

whose God is the LORD..." (Psalm 33:12, NASB) Despite all our problems and the current divisions in our country, we have been blessed.

Because of our blessings, I suggest we express our gratitude to God as we celebrate the Fourth of July. Francis

Scott Key recognized that God had blessed America and encouraged us to be grateful. Now, 210 years and millions of blessings later, I trust you, and I will be like the author of our national anthem, personally thankful that God has blessed our nation.

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Above: Thornfield Band 1891. Front row from left: Walter Baker, Marcus Piland, Charles Brown, John Washington Piland, Elmer Percy, and Tom Norris. Back row: Claude Percy, Monroe Piland, George W. Percy, Abner Morris, W.G. Force, Neal Piland.

At left: The Reverend James H. Sallee (grandfather of Imogene Sallee Ewing). He was also a captain in the War

Time Marches on in Thornfield, Missouri

By Shirley Carter Piland

The men who came to western Ozark County following the exodus of the Indians from the area were different from the earlier white trappers and adventurers. They were family men with wives and children. They came to stay, to build homes and schools and churches. Most of them came directly from Kentucky or Tennessee, bringing their "squirrel shooting, ridge running" culture with them, which they indelibly stamped upon the new region.

Each family had a unique history, yet all shared similar backgrounds and lifestyles. The 1880 US census showed all but eight of the 171 families in Marion Township of Ozark County (the Thornfield area) to be farmers. They were, with few exceptions, Unionists during the War Between the States and lost many men at Wilson's Creek, on Pea Ridge, or to bushwhackers. Letters to their commanding officers indicate that Captain James H. Sallee of the 16th Missouri Cavalry and William J. Piland of the 46th Missouri Infantry together were instrumental in ridding the area of "a band of lawless men who are roaming through the country making expeditions into Arkansas and the southern part of this county, taking the property of individuals and converting it to their own use."

The Sallees have been on Pond Fork in Ozark County for 150 years and the Pilands on Little Creek for nearly 140 years. Following the war, small settlements, each with its own church, school, blacksmith shop, general store, post office, and mill, soon began popping up along the trails about every five miles apart—Pondfork, Igo, Longrun, Toledo, Foil, Noble, Wasola, Hammond, Nottingholl, and at the hub, the oldest one of all, Thornfield.

Thornfield, with its neat painted buildings and close-clipped lawns, doesn't look centurial, but a crumbling foundation here and an old dug well there belie the town's 20th-century facade. The village sits just out of the floodplain on the Little North Fork River in western Ozark County. It consists of a dozen or so dwellings: Heriford's store, Murray's station, Donley's feed mill, the post office, a fire station, an elementary school, two churches, a chapel at the cemetery, and the "municipal pool," a deep hole in the river below the low-water bridge at the edge of town. It is surrounded by cattle ranches and dairy farms.

The town was born in 1867 when William J. Piland purchased land from the state of Missouri and built a store where the Old Salt Road crosses the river at the mouth of Little Creek. Three years later, he secured a post office there, and on May 5, 1870, was sworn in as the first postmaster of Piland's Store, Missouri. He was succeeded by Albert N. Foss two years later and then took office again in 1875 and served until 1878, according to an article written and published by Mrs. Ruby Robbins for the Ozark County Times on September 14, 1967.

And then came George, George W. Percy, a man who, as described by one elderly Thornfield resident, "really bored with a big auger!" A biography of Percy published in "A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region" in 1894 by Goodspeed Brothers, Chicago, Illinois, gives his birthplace as Platte County, Missouri, and his birthdate as March 25, 1848. This article states that his parents later moved to Dallas County, and then when George was four years old, they moved to Ozark County, locating on a farm on Bryant's Fork where his mother died. The father married again and moved with his family to Arkansas,

where George received a common school education and attended academies at Berryville and Mountain Home. He served in Company I, 46th Missouri Infantry in the War Between the States and was honorably discharged at Springfield on March 6, 1865. After the war, he finished his schooling and taught for some years in Webster and Greene counties.

In 1877, George married Mary Turner, the eldest daughter of Samuel and Sarah Turner, well-to-do merchant farmers at Arno, Missouri, in Douglas County. The Turners' youngest daughter, Lois, married Moses Silvey. The Silveys' daughter, Florence, married Neal Garrison and now resides with him in Ava, Missouri. Mrs. Garrison tells that her grandfather gave each of his nine children the choice between land or an amount of money comparable to the value of the land when they married. George and Mary chose the money, with which they bought the Piland store. Tragically, Mary died within three months after her marriage and was returned to Arno for burial. On her tombstone is the simple inscription: "Mary E., Wife of G.W. Percy, Died August 16, 1877, Age 13 years, 10 months, 21 days. In Heaven there is no parting."

The next year, 1878, George Percy became postmaster of Piland's Store, and in December of the same year, changed the name to Thornfield, presumably for the many hawthorn trees growing in the area. He held the office of postmaster continuously until 1914, except for the years 1894 to 1896 when Francis M. Bloomer held the position, and from 1896 to 1898 when Thomas H. Norris ran the office. In 1881, George married Mary's mother's younger sister, Josephine Lyon, who he had courted before falling in love with Mary, according to Mrs. Garrison. From all accounts, George Percy was a man of uncanny business acumen and energy and had a great willingness to venture. He began immediately buying more land and continued buying until he had amassed more than a thousand acres, much of which he had stocked with cattle. In addition to being postmaster, merchant, and farmer, he was a notary public and at one time or another owned a cotton gin, a grist mill, a sawmill, an ice house, and a turkey processing business. Work at these plants provided extra income for many of the local farmers and their sons.

Ealum Bruffett, assessor of Ozark County, remembers hearing his father, William Bruffett, and his step-grandfather, Pete Mallett, reminisce about how they and Pleasant Lawson and Gene Barner had cut ice blocks with a crosscut saw from the creeks in winter for the ice house. "The ice packed in sawdust lasted well into the summer," Mr. Bruffett said. "People always had ice for the Fourth of July picnic. My father said that Mr. Percy expected a day's work for a day's pay and that he didn't keep anyone hired who loafed on the job. He said the man was very particular, but always fair and paid higher wages than anyone else—a dollar a day. A day was from sun up to sundown."

The Percy store was 40 by 80 feet, two stories high, and had a 40 by 40-foot walk-in basement lined with quarried stone which William (Bill) Osborn hauled from Ava in a wagon drawn by a four-horse team. Cream, eggs, and other produce were stored in the basement awaiting shipment by wagon to the railroad at Chadwick. General merchandise was sold on the first floor. A side room contained hardware. Everything from high-buttoned shoes to coffins and funeral clothes, or the materials for making them, was in stock on the second floor. The funeral accou-



— courtesy Florence Garrison
A summer day in the Little North Fork at Thornfield. First row from left: Mabel Friend, Jimmy Stewart, John Kyle, Mertie Friend, and Gladys Stewart. Back row: Moses F. Silvey, Lois Silvey, and Josephine (Aunt Josie) Percy.

trements were kept in a separate room from the other merchandise. Mrs. Percy had a millinery shop on the second floor, where she made the hats that she sold there. Across the road from the store, the Percys built an elaborate, two-story house, richly furnished with full porches front and back, upstairs and down. Down the hill from the house, they built a big drive-through barn with a basement lined with the same kind of stone used for the store basement. There were various other outbuildings, and a hand-dug well less than 30 feet deep just a few yards from the house furnished water.

Sometime in the 1880s, Percy began selling bits of land along the roadways to encourage settlement and the growth of business. A plat of the town in the mid-1890s shows two principal streets, Main and East Main, and the Church House Road, the Old Hammond Road, the Old Salt Road, the road to Pond Fork, High Street, the picnic grounds, Little North Fork (of White River), and Little Creek.

One day last summer, a longtime resident of Thornfield, Mrs. Luvena Murray, took me on a tour of the town and into its past. Beginning at the low-water bridge at the far end of Main Street, Mrs. Murray pointed to a spot beyond the swimming hole and began. "There's where the first mill was. The spring over there turned the water wheel. The swimming hole here has always been, and still is, used for baptizing as well as for swimming. Elmer Delp and Ellah thanks built their first little store right over there across the creek. Marvin (Mrs. Murray's son,

who owns the station) used to sell his rabbits there when he was about eight years old. They lived over there, too. Evy Norris ran the mill and then George Graves operated it. The mill on this side of the creek belonged to Jim Kyle and was operated by Frank Goodnight. You know what? That bottom field along the creek there is where they used to have their picnics."

The Fourth of July picnic was apparently the big event of the year when the people of Thornfield and surrounding communities could buy such rare treats as lemonade, ready-made ice cream, and bologna sandwiches. Horseshoe pitching, live target practice, political speaking, singing, and dancing kept the crowd entertained. On up the hill and around the curve, Mrs. Murray indicated to the left. "There's where the ice house stood," and pointed to a building just beyond, "and that was George Percy's store."

The Percy store, shortened by 40 feet, second story removed, and sheltered with a hip roof, is now H.K. Gaulding's barn. "When we were small, Herbert (Luvena's brother) and I used to walk to the store with Mommy (Babe Howerton taking) from our place. We were usually all carrying buck brush baskets full of eggs which we sold for two cents a dozen. Beans, coffee, etc. were kept in barrels. The merchant scooped out however much you wanted, and you paid for it by the pound. Candy was kept in five-gallon buckets."

Other merchants stocked the store before it became a barn, however. Ed Dunklee, Ellah

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— courtesy Bernie Sallee

First class of the Thornfield Job School. Seated from left: Edith Johnson, Georgia Piland, Alene Adams, Ruby Hobbs, Clarence Sallee, and Kelley Sallee. Standing: Kenneth McSawain, Goldie Simpson, Marie Piland, Bernie Haskins, Blanche Farnsworth, Mary Howerton, and Cecil Bailey, teacher. Not present were Louis Brown, Milfred Smith, and Clinton Smith.



Sons of William T. "Big Billy" Piland who played in the Thornfield band. John, Marcus (standing), and Monroe Piland.



— courtesy Eula Herd

On this page some Thornfield pioneers. Elisha T. Piland's brother, Alexander and his wife.

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Delp's father, ran the store for Mrs. Pearcy for a while. The first after Dunklee was Spencer Blankenship, a cousin to Luvena's mother. Several Thornfield residents remember the Blankenships. They describe "Spence" as a very dignified person. After Blankenship came Jim and Ida Kyle. Mention of the Kyles invariably brings forth comments about Mrs. Kyle's talking parrot. "That was the first parrot I had ever seen. To hear a bird talk—and he used some pretty strong language, was truly extraordinary to me," commented Helen Bruffett, retired Ava teacher. Drucilla (Osborn) Nooncaster says that it was Mrs. Kyle's brother, Carl Kline, who taught the bird to swear. "Mrs. Kyle was crazy about that bird and it upset her for Carl to teach it bad words. When it died, she put it in a big glass bottle and buried it," Drucilla said.

The last mercantile business in the building was operated in the 1930s by the partnership of Ora P. Murphy, Herbert Bushong, and Melvin Bushong. Joe Murphy, a son of Ora, is a retired teacher living in Ava. "We had living quarters on the second floor," Joe said. "There was a stairway inside and 22 steps leading up to the second floor from the outside. There were between 100 and 150 suits of clothing in the store when we bought it," Joe continued. "We found a lot of old high-button shoes downstairs. We tried to sell them for \$0.10 a pair, but they were out of style; we couldn't give them away. We sold overalls for \$0.50 a pair and work shoes for \$0.75. Candy was \$0.10 a pound."

Pointing to a foundation across the road, front steps still intact, Mrs. Murray continued her discourse. "There's where the house stood. The Pearcys lived there with their two sons, Claude and Elmer. The boys went to St. Louis to finish their education and never did come back to Thornfield to live. I stayed with Mrs. Pearcy after her husband died. She liked to sleep outside on the porch upstairs in the fresh air. She nearly froze me to death out there. One night

I got up and moved inside. The next morning, her covers were peppered with snow. I think she was afraid of tuberculosis. Mrs. Pearcy lived on in the house for 17 or 18 years after Mr. Pearcy died. She kept boarders from time to time including Uncle Johnny Harlan who rode his horse from Gainesville up here to go to school at the state Normal. The Pearcys had a black woman named Molly Bray as their maid. Molly had two brothers, Prince and Bill. The Bray family lived in Nottingham. Molly and Prince left the area, but Bill lived there alone until he died, an old man."

On up the hill past three dwellings, Mrs. Murray pointed out the site of the Old State Normal, the first educational institution in Thornfield. The children of the town had previously attended Shady Grove School farther up the river. The Normal, built in the early 1890s, faced East Main Street. It was a large two-story building. Students who lived too far from Thornfield to walk or ride horses to school daily boarded with the townspeople. The school's cornet band, directed by W.H. Beals, became well known and was in demand for concerts and other events over a wide area. Lewis Edwin, the first principal, taught classes along with W.L. Olivers.

The institute closed, and for a few years, the building housed only a grade school, and then in 1926, it became a two-year high school called a Job school (pronounced like "lobe.") Clarence and Bernie (Haskins) Sallee, members of the first high school class, remember sitting in split-bottom chairs at long homemade tables to study algebra, English, science, and history. All 16 students took the same classes under the one teacher, Cecil Bailey. Geometry, English II, and geography were added the second year. Harry Neuenschwander followed Bailey as a teacher, and then came Julian Day. Day was followed by Havel Clark.

The Job school became a four-year high school in 1930 with Roland Edmonds as prin-

cipal. He was followed by Alva Peck. Mrs. Peck, the late Mary Bressie of Ava, taught English. Leonard Haskins and Marie (Piland) Maxwell taught the elementary grades.

In the mid-thirties, the Normal was torn down, and the present building was erected on top of the hill east of town. Classes were held in the old Pearcy store for one year while the new school was being completed. Thornfield lost its high school in 1945 and was reduced to a two-room elementary school. This was a severe blow to the community. However, in 1954, 14 other rural schools consolidated with Thornfield to create the present elementary school.

A Methodist Church stood next to the Normal. It was replaced by a new building in the 1930s and is now a General Baptist Church. A chapel sits by the cemetery, and a Missionary Baptist Church sits halfway up the hill past the cemetery on the Old Church House Road.

The oldest church in the area, however, is the Mt. Lebanon Church, reputed to be the first General Baptist Church organized west of the Mississippi River. The church was established in January of 1847 by members of the Piland and Norris families. (Editor's Note: Look for a history of Mt. Lebanon Church in a future issue of the Gazette.)

Other businesses came and went in the early part of this century on Thornfield's Main Street. There are reports of a J.H. Norris general store; a Clabe Herd Hotel (East Main); an Upton and Co. saw and grist mill; a Love and Thompson general merchandise; a drug store; a livery stable; and apparently an Overing Hotel judging from the terse verse of some early "Nipsey Russell:" "Pearcy town. Bloomer Street, Overing Hotel, and nothing to eat."

Jim Kyle had a store on Main before moving to the Pearcy building. Later on, Walter Trent ran a barber shop in town, and merchants included Arthur and Floyd Viles and their father, Delmas

and Lulu Howerton, Harlan and Myrtle Bryant, and Marcus and Luvena (25 years in business in the cobblestone building), Chet Watson, and Havel and Virginia Gaulding. Pete Graves and Kenneth and Neva Herford had a little store across from the schoolhouse, and Elmer and Ella Delp had a store in the post office on the south side of Main Street. The Delp store belongs to Marvin and Arlee Murray now. They moved it from its original foundation to face the highway. It was a restaurant for some time but is now used for storage only.

Ella Delp followed Ida V. Kyle as postmaster in 1927; Kyle had succeeded Pearcy in 1914. Mrs. Delp held the office until 1957 when she was succeeded by her daughter-in-law, Ella Mae Delp, who held the office until 1962 when she and her husband Edwin moved to Gainesville. Mona Belle Bradley, who took office after Ella Mae, continues as postmaster of Thornfield. Mrs. Bradley reports that the post offices of Hammond, Longrun, Igo, and Pondfork have all been consolidated with the Thornfield office, which now serves 149 families.

A Civilian Conservation Corps established on Pond Fork in the thirties enlivened the town considerably. 220 men were stationed there, and a number of them married local girls and stayed on in the area. Mrs. Murray concluded our tour of the town at the cemetery. It sits just across Highway J from the post office beside Highway 5 on land obtained from George W. Pearcy in 1911. The first person buried there was David L. Dean in 1927. A stone inscribed "William Barner—1853 -1908;" is a memorial only, his grave being in the old Frost Cemetery across Little North Fork. By far the largest and most impressive stone in the cemetery sits near the center of the plot under a huge maple tree. The inscription on it brings our tour full circle: "Josephine Pearcy, February 7, 1857 - October 14, 1934. George W. Pearcy, March 25, 1848 - March 19, 1915."

Local SPORTS

July 6, 1968

Billie Jean King wins her third consecutive women's singles title at Wimbledon

By Quill Staff

On July 6, 1968, the world of tennis witnessed a remarkable feat as Billie Jean King clinched her third consecutive women's singles title at Wimbledon. This historic victory came after an intense and thrilling match against Australia's Judy

Tegart, with King triumphing 9-7, 7-5. This article delves into the details of that unforgettable day, exploring the match, the players, and the significance of King's achievement in the broader context of tennis history.

Billie Jean King entered the 1968 Wimbledon Cham-

pionships as the defending champion, having won the prestigious title in both 1966 and 1967. Her path to the final was marked by a series of impressive performances, showcasing her exceptional skill, athleticism, and tactical acumen. King's aggressive style of play, characterized

by her powerful serves and volleying prowess, made her a formidable opponent on the grass courts of Wimbledon.

Judy Tegart, on the other hand, was a tenacious competitor with a strong baseline game. She had steadily progressed through the tournament, defeating several top-seeded players to secure her place in the final. Tegart's determination and resilience were evident in her performances, setting the stage for a thrilling showdown against King.

The Wimbledon final on July 6, 1968, was played in front of a captivated audience, with the anticipation and excitement palpable in the air. The match began with both players demonstrating their strengths, engaging in a series of intense rallies that tested their physical and mental endurance.

In the first set, King and Tegart exchanged games in a closely contested battle. King's aggressive net play and Tegart's powerful groundstrokes kept the score tight, with neither player able to gain a decisive advantage. The set reached a critical juncture at 7-7, where King's experience and composure under pressure began to shine through. She managed to break Tegart's serve and held her own to clinch the first set 9-7.

The second set followed a similar pattern, with both players displaying remarkable skill and determination. Tegart fought valiantly, refusing to concede defeat easily. However, King's relentless attacking style and strategic play eventually tipped the balance in her favor. With the score tied at 5-5, King once again broke Tegart's serve and subsequently served out the

match, securing the second set 7-5 and with it, her third consecutive Wimbledon title.

Billie Jean King's victory on July 6, 1968, was more than just a personal triumph; it was a historic moment in the annals of tennis. By winning her third consecutive Wimbledon title, King joined an elite group of players who had achieved this remarkable feat. Her victory was a testament to her unwavering dedication, exceptional talent, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

King's triumph also had a profound impact on the world of women's tennis. At a time when female athletes were striving for greater recognition and equality in sports, King's success served as an inspiration to many. She became a role model for young girls and women around the world, demonstrating that with hard work and determination, it was possible to achieve greatness.

Beyond her victories on the court, Billie Jean King's legacy extends to her contributions to the advancement of women's sports. She was a pioneer in advocating for gender equality and played a crucial role in the formation of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) in 1973. King's efforts led to significant improvements in prize money and opportunities for female tennis players, helping to create a more level playing field in the sport.

King's influence also reached beyond tennis. She was a vocal advocate for social justice and equality, using her platform to address broader issues such as LGBTQ+ rights and gender equality in the workplace. Her courage and activism have left a lasting impact,

inspiring generations of athletes and activists to continue the fight for equality and inclusion.

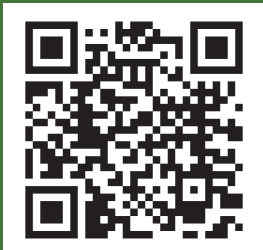
The 1968 Wimbledon final between Billie Jean King and Judy Tegart remains one of the most memorable matches in tennis history. It was a contest that showcased the highest levels of skill, sportsmanship, and determination. King's victory was a fitting culmination of her exceptional performance throughout the tournament and her unwavering commitment to excellence.

For Judy Tegart, the match was a testament to her resilience and competitiveness. Although she did not emerge victorious, Tegart's performance earned her the respect and admiration of tennis fans and peers alike. Her efforts in the final demonstrated the depth of talent and competition in women's tennis during that era.

The day of July 6, 1968, will forever be remembered as a landmark moment in tennis history. Billie Jean King's triumph at Wimbledon was a celebration of athleticism, perseverance, and the indomitable spirit of a champion. Her third consecutive title not only solidified her place among the tennis greats but also paved the way for future generations of female athletes to pursue their dreams with confidence and determination.

As we reflect on that historic day, we are reminded of the power of sport to inspire and unite. Billie Jean King's legacy continues to shine brightly, reminding us of the progress made and the work that still lies ahead in the pursuit of equality and justice for all.

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Pages, Burleson deliver RBI hits in the 10th as St. Louis beats Pittsburgh 3-2

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pedro Pages doubled home pinch runner Michael Siani and then scored on Alec Burleson's RBI single as the St. Louis Cardinals edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 in 10 innings on Thursday.

St. Louis took two of three from its NL Central Division rivals by winning a series finale for the 12th time in its last 13 chances — one of the reasons the Cardinals are 30-17 since May 12, the third-best record in the majors over that span.

"It's important," St. Louis manager Oliver Marmol said. "You feel good heading to the next city, mood wise, just all of it. It carries you through."

Burleson and Dylan Carlson had two hits apiece for St. Louis. John King (3-1) retired Andrew McCutchen with the tying run on second in the 10th to pick up the victory for the Cardinals, who improved to 16-12 in one-run games this season after going 17-26 in tight contests a year ago.

St. Louis starter Andre Pallante worked a career-best seven innings to give the Cardinals' overextended bullpen a little bit of a breather. Pallante struck out five against one walk, his only wobble coming when Bryan Reynolds led off the fourth with his 14th homer of the season for Pittsburgh.

"I mean, definitely the confidence has

been snowballing in the last couple of outings and just having confidence with my pitches and the way that they're going," Pallante said.

Reynolds' homer was the highlight for the Pirates, who managed just seven hits total. Nick Gonzales provided an unusual sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th, hitting a drive to the notch in left-center field that St. Louis left fielder Brendan Donovan tracked down. Donovan, however, hesitated while getting the ball in, allowing pinch runner Michael A. Taylor to score from second.

Jared Triolo and Joey Bart followed later in the inning with consecutive two-out singles but McCutchen grounded into a fielder's choice to end it.

Dennis Santana (2-1) took the loss when Pages hit a liner to left-center that a diving Taylor couldn't grab, scoring Siani. Burleson followed with a bloop that let Pages chug home from second.

The Cardinals went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position and left six men on base through the first nine innings, including two in the ninth when pinch-hitter Matt Carpenter struck out looking with the go-ahead run just 90 feet away.

They survived thanks in part to gritty work by King and Andrew Kittredge, who struck out Reynolds at the end of an 11-pitch at bat in the eighth with the go-ahead run on second.

Martin Perez worked in and out of

trouble over 7 1/3 innings for the Pirates in his second start back from a month-long stay on the injured list with a left groin problem. Perez allowed one run on six hits, with a walk and two strikeout and showed a rare burst of emotion when he pumped his left fist after fanning Paul Goldschmidt to end the sixth.

"I was able to move the ball where I wanted and make some pitches," Perez said. "It was a great game. We played good. That's what happens, they were just lucky at the end, but that's part of the game."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: Placed rookie pitcher Jared Jones on the 15-day injured list on Thursday with a right lat strain. Jones, who will out until after the All-Star break, complained of discomfort in his right side while working five innings against the Cardinals on Wednesday. ... C Henry Davis (concussion) will begin a rehab assignment with Triple-A Indianapolis on Thursday night.

UP NEXT

Cardinals: Head to Washington for a four-game set with the Nationals starting Friday. Sonny Gray (9-5, 2.98 ERA) faces Washington's Patrick Corbin (1-8, 5.49).

Pirates: Welcome the New York Mets for a four-game wraparound series starting Friday. Star rookie Paul Skens (4-0, 2.06) starts the opener against New York's Luis Severino (5-2, 3.42).

Caitlin Clark, Angel Reese headline WNBA All-Star team that will face US Olympic squad

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese will team up on the WNBA All-Star team to play against the U.S. Olympic team led by A'ja Wilson and Breanna Stewart.

The pair of remarkable rookies were selected Tuesday by a combination of votes from the media, players and fans as well as the league's 12 coaches to play in the game in Phoenix on July 20. It's the 20th All-Star Game in the league's history.

"I don't think I've ever been her teammate before, even at USA Basketball. I know people will be really excited about it, but I hope it doesn't take away from everyone else," Clark said. "This is a huge accomplishment for everybody on Team USA and everyone on Team WNBA. They all deserve the same praise. I don't want it to take away from any of that and be the focal point of All-Star weekend because that's not fair to them."

Clark was the leading vote-getter from the fans, receiving 700,735 with her Indiana teammate Aliyah Boston finishing second 72,000 votes behind. Reese was fifth with 381,518 votes. Wilson and Stewart were third and fourth. Wilson garnered 607,300 votes and Stewart had 424,135.

Clark and Reese have been a boon for the WNBA in ratings, merchandise sales

and attendance. They are also playing well on the court with Clark third in assists with 6.9 and Reese leading the WNBA in rebounds at 11.4.

"They just told me I'm an All-Star. I'm just so happy," an emotional Reese said after her Sky beat the Atlanta Dream. "I know the work I've put in. Coming into this league so many people doubted me and didn't think my game would translate and I wouldn't be the player I was in college, or better, or would be worse, or wouldn't be where I am right now. But I trust the process and I'm thankful I dropped to No. 7 (pick in the draft) and was able to come to Chicago."

It's the eighth time that two rookies have been on the team. The last was Shoni Schimmel and Chiney Ogumike in 2014.

Joining the rookies on the WNBA team were DeWanna Bonner and Brianna Jones of Connecticut, Allisha Gray of Atlanta, Dearica Hamby of Los Angeles, Jonquel Jones of New York, Kayla McBride of Minnesota, Kelsey Mitchell of Indiana, Nneka Ogumike of Seattle and Arike Ogunbowale of Dallas.

Ogunbowale was the MVP of the 2021 All-Star game which featured the same format of the U.S. team playing a league All-Star team. The WNBA team won that game.

"She's had an incredible season to this

point," Minnesota coach Cheryl Reeve said of McBride. "She's doing everything for us, so deserving of this All-Star nod."

The U.S. team, which will be going for an eighth consecutive Olympic gold medal in Paris later this month, also features Brittney Griner and Diana Taurasi. The pair of Phoenix players will get a chance to play in front of their home crowd in the exhibition game. Taurasi will be vying for a record sixth Olympic gold medal.

Three of Wilson's Las Vegas teammates — Chelsea Gray, Kelsey Plum and Jackie Young — are on the U.S. team. Gray was on the Tokyo Olympic squad while Plum and Young both helped the Americans win the inaugural 3-on-3 gold medal.

Other returners from the Tokyo Games include Napheesa Collier and Jewell Loyd. Several first-time Olympians will join the team with Alyssa Thomas, Sabrina Ionescu and Kahleah Copper. All three played on the American team that won the World Cup in Australia in 2022.

Every player chosen for either the U.S. team or the WNBA squad is considered an All-Star making this Taurasi's 11th time in the game. She's now alone in second behind Sue Bird for most all time. Bird was a 13-time All-Star.

The league will have a 3-point challenge and skill contest the night before the All-Star game.

Argentina reaches Copa America semifinals, beating Ecuador 4-2 on penalty kicks after 1-1 draw

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Defending champion Argentina advanced to the Copa America semifinals, beating Ecuador 4-2 on penalty kicks following a 1-1 draw after conceding a tying goal in second-half injury time. Lionel Messi put Argentina's first penalty kick off the crossbar but goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez saved Ecuador's first two attempts in the shootout and Nicolás Otamendi beat Alexander Domínguez with the winning kick. Lisandro Martínez have Argentina a 35th-minute lead, but Kevin Rodríguez scored the score in the first minute of second-half stoppage time. Ecuador's Enner Valencia had put a penalty kick off a post in the 60th minute after a hand ball by Rodrigo De Paul.

Diamondbacks' Christian Walker continues his Dodger Stadium rampage, hitting 2 more homers

LOS ANGELES — Arizo-

na Diamondbacks slugger Christian Walker continued his Dodger Stadium rampage Thursday, homering in his first two at-bats for his 18th and 19th home runs in 42 career games at the ballpark. He has homered in five consecutive games at the third-oldest ballpark in the majors, tying the longest single-season streak at the stadium with teammate Joc Pederson, who did it in 2015 with Los Angeles. Pederson and Walker went back-to-back with two outs in the first off rookie Landon Knack, with Walker's blast going 435 feet to center. After Pederson walked with two outs in the third, Walker followed with a two-run homer to left off Knack to give Arizona 4-0 lead in the 9-3 victory. Walker had five homers in the three-game series.

Wimbledon is monitoring social media to try to protect players from cyberbullying

LONDON — The All England Club is monitoring social media

to try to help protect players at Wimbledon from cyberbullying for the first time this year. Tournament director Jamie Baker said Friday that if there is something of concern, the club's security team can help look into it. The police could also become involved if the harassment rises

to that level of concern. Baker declined to say whether that has happened yet during the two-week Grand Slam tournament that began on Monday. The French Tennis Federation began this sort of monitoring of online comments during last year's French Open.

DeLuca and Lowe homer as Rays pounce on poor Kansas City pitching in 10-8 victory over Royals

By DAVE SKRETTA Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jonny DeLuca and Brandon Lowe homered, eight Rays players drove in runs, and Tampa Bay pounced on some erratic Kansas City pitching to squeak out a 10-8 victory over the Royals on Thursday night.

Zach Eflin (5-5), riding a 10-inning scoreless streak coming into the game, allowed six runs — five earned — and seven hits with a walk over five innings. That was still good enough to pick up his first win in his last five road starts.

"The offense was tremendous tonight," Eflin said. "They carried us."

Alec Marsh (6-6) allowed five runs and six hits with three walks in just three innings. The Kansas City bullpen fared no better as five relievers combined to allow five more runs, 10 hits and five walks.

"It was a game of adjustments and I wasn't able to make them," Marsh said. "Feels like you're battling yourself out there."

Michael Massey and Bobby Witt Jr. homered for the Royals, who trailed 9-4 before scoring three times in the sixth inning. The rally ended when Witt — representing the potential tying run — was thrown out trying to steal second.

Pete Fairbanks surrendered Witt's solo homer in the ninth before picking up his 14th save.

"They kept going, getting big hits after big hits," Rays manager Kevin Cash said, "but it felt like when we really needed a play, we made it."

Marsh struggled with his command from the start, walking Richie Palacios on four pitches and Isaac Paredes on a full-count to start the game — both eventually scored. DeLuca homered in the second and Palacios added an RBI single for a 4-0 lead.

The Royals got a run back on Massey's homer in the second. And after Tampa Bay restored a four-run lead on DeLuca's single in the third, Witt hit a sacrifice fly and Pasquantino an RBI single to get Kansas City to 5-3.

Carlos Hernandez didn't have much better command than Marsh for Kansas City. He walked the bases loaded to begin the fifth, and Taylor Walls and Ben Rortvedt made sure all three runners scored, extending the Tampa Bay lead.

The Rays hung on the rest of the way for their fifth straight series win.

"We got a lot of big hits. We had a lot of big at-bats, tough matchups," said Cash, whose club has won 11 of its last 16 games to leave Kansas City above .500 at 43-42. "There were a lot of guys who contributed offensively."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Massey played the field for the first time since May 24, when a lower back issue forced him onto the injured list. He had been limited to DH duties since returning to the club on June 24. ... Royals INF/OF Adam Frazier (right thumb strain) began what is expected to be a short rehab stint at Double-A Northwest Arkansas on Friday night.

UP NEXT

The Rays have not announced a starter for Friday night's series-opener at Texas, though RHP Shane Baz is expected to get the ball in place of Aaron Civale, who was traded to the Brewers earlier this week. Baz missed last season after Tommy John surgery, but he's been dominant at Triple-A Durham, compiling a 1.57 ERA over his last five outings.

The Royals begin a nine-game trip leading into the All-Star break with the first of three in Colorado on Friday night. RHP Cole Ragans (5-6, 3.33) will try to bounce back from a shaky outing last Saturday against Cleveland.

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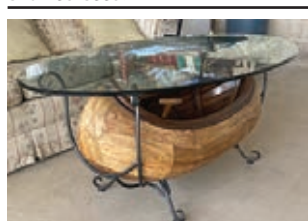
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of West Plains, Missouri at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1910 Holiday Lane, West Plains, Missouri, to give all interested persons an opportunity to be heard on a property vacate. This property is owned by The City of West Plains and more particularly described as follows:

Description 1 (Travis Court south of Mitchell Road) A part of Travis Court, a dedicated street in Southern Hills Subdivision, the plat of which is recorded in Howell County Plat Book E at Page 48, said Southern Hills Subdivision being in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4

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erly, along the north line of said Ordinance #3503 tract, North 70°27'54" West, 53.13 feet to the northwest corner of said Ordinance #3503 tract, being on the west right-of-way line of said Travis Court; thence northerly, along said west right-of-way line, North 01°00'20, 48.44 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Mitchell Road; thence northerly, along said easterly right-of-way line, the following two courses;

- 1) Along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, 48.31 feet, said curve having a radius of 220.02 feet, and a chord bearing of North 46°05'57" East, 48.21 feet;
- 2) North 52°19'25" East, 20.52 feet to said east right-of-way line of Travis Court; thence southerly, along said east right-of-way line of Travis Court, South 00°53'48" West, 112.18 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.09 acres. This description was prepared by Ray L. Riggs, PLS2003000966 and is referenced to Riggs Brothers Surveying, LLC, Job No. R24025.

Description 2 (Travis Court north of Mitchell Road) A part of Travis Court, a dedicated street in Southern Hills Subdivision, the plat of which is recorded in Howell County Plat Book E at Page 48, said Southern Hills Subdivision being in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 29 and in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 32 in Township 24 North, Range 8 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in the City of West Plains, Howell County, Missouri, being more particularly described as follows; BEGINNING at an existing 1" pipe at the intersection of the east right-of-way line of said Travis Court and the south right-of-way line of Chuck Lane, a dedicated street in said Southern Hills Subdivision; thence southerly, along said east right-of-way line, South 00°53'48" West, 83.55 feet to the westerly right-of-way line of Mitchell Road; thence southwesterly, along said westerly right-of-way line, South 52°19'25" West, 64.07 feet to the west right-of-way line of said Travis Court; thence northerly, along said west right-of-way line, North 01°00'55"; East, 124.46 feet to an existing 1" pipe at the intersection of said west right-of-way line and said south right-of-way line of Chuck Lane; thence easterly, along said south right-of-way line, South 88°00'09" East, 49.85 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.12 acres. This description was prepared by Ray L. Riggs, PLS2003000966 and is referenced to Riggs Brothers Surveying, LLC, Job No. R24025.

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Done by order of the City Council of the City of West Plains, Missouri this 26th day of June 2024.

KELLIE MAYERS
CITY CLERK

Insert Date: June 29 and July 6, 2024

Advertisement for Bids Lawn Maintenance of Howell County Sheriff's Office

The Howell County Sheriff's Office is needing assistance with regular lawn cutting and weeding of the Sheriff's Office property located at 1106 Missouri Avenue, West Plains, MO 65775. The Sheriff's Office is seeking a company to perform these landscaping duties on an as-needed-basis, when requested by the Sheriff's Office or scheduled. The bidder must provide a set price for this requested service. The selected company will then bill accordingly after each time the lawn maintenance work is completed. Those interested need to submit a bid in writing to the Howell County Sheriff's Office 1106 Missouri Ave, or Clerk's Office at 35 Court Square, Room 200. Closing of bids will be July 07, 2024 at 5:00pm. Please contact the main office at 417-256-2544 to make an appointment. You may also call to ask questions for clarification.

Publication Dates: June 8, 15, 22, 29, and July 6, 2024.

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The Oregon-Howell R-III School District is accepting bids for firewood, propane, gas & diesel, trash, and milk. Please mail bids to the Superintendent's Office, 100 School Street, Koshkonong, MO 65692; or fax bids to 417-867-3757. All bids must be received by noon on July 8, 2024. The District reserves the right to refuse any bid.

Publication Dates: June 29 & July 6, 2024

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Erica Jones, Board Secretary
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610 East Olden Street West Plains, MO 65775

Publication Dates: June 29, and July 6, 2024

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Publication Dates: June 19, 22, 26, 29, and July 3 and 6, 2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Thomas James Bresee and Katelyn Marie Bresee, his wife Trustee's Sale: For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Thomas James Bresee and Katelyn Marie Bresee, his wife dated September 6, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Howell County, Missouri as Document Number 2022R4697 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 11:55 AM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of West Plains, County of Howell, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Howell County, State of Missouri, to wit:

TRACT 1:
A PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 24, RANGE 8 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, THENCE EAST 573.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 208.7 FEET, THENCE EAST 208.7 FEET, THENCE NORTH 208.7 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD, THENCE WEST 208.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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TRACT 2:
A TRACT OF LAND BEING SITUATE IN A PORTION OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE FIFTH P.M. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 782.5 FEET FOR THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE ANGLE RIGHT 89 DEGREES 30' SOUTHERLY 208.7 FEET, THENCE ANGLE LEFT 89 DEGREES 30' EASTERLY 523.0 FEET, THENCE ANGLE LEFT 89 DEGREES 57' NORTHERLY 208.7 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE ANGLE LEFT 90 DEGREES 03' AND RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 525.0 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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File No :
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Ellen Baumgardner; Shelby Baumgardner, dated February 14, 2007, and recorded on March 2, 2007 as Document No. 2007R1277 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Howell County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on July 26, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at the Front Door of the Howell County Courthouse, West Plains, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED

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Publication Dates: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2024

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Kaleb Micheal Kopf, a single person Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Kaleb Micheal Kopf, a single person dated October 26, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Howell County, Missouri as Instrument Number: 2021R6108 the undersigned

Legal Notice

Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 11:55 AM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of West Plains, County of Howell, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Howell County, State of Missouri, to wit: A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4; THENCE N 01 DEGREES 17' 38" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 653.16 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 37' 38" W A DISTANCE OF 415.98 [415.96] FEET; THENCE N 03 DEGREES 50' 08" E A DISTANCE OF 206.03 FEET; THENCE N 88 DEGREES 33' 08" E A DISTANCE OF 53.59 FEET; THENCE N 48 DEGREES 06' 55" E A DISTANCE OF 5.30 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 24' 54" E A DISTANCE OF 349.46 FEET; THENCE S 01 DEGREES 17' 38" W A DISTANCE OF 211.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN IN SURVEY NO. 16011 BY NORSWORTHY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC, CONTAINING 1.983 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION] to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C.,
Successor Trustee
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No :
222004.072424.444953 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §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. PUBLISH ON: June 29, 2024 07/06/2024, 07/13/2024, 07/20/2024

Sell it fast in the Classifieds!

BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH

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

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BACKYARD
- BARBECUE
- BARK
- BUFFET
- BUNS
- CHARCOAL
- CHICKEN
- ENTERTAIN
- FLIP
- GRILL
- GUESTS
- HAMBURGER
- INFORMAL
- MARINATE
- MEAL
- OUTDOORS
- PARTY
- PATIO
- SALADS
- SAUSAGE
- SMOKED
- STEAK
- TEMPERATURE
- WOOD

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to summer food.

O D O G H T S

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Answer: Hot dogs

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on July 12, 1978. I grew up in Connecticut and attended the University of Southern California before dropping out to start my career in TV. I am known for my role on a show about a certain bell-bottom era.

Answer: Tophér Grace

CROSSWORD

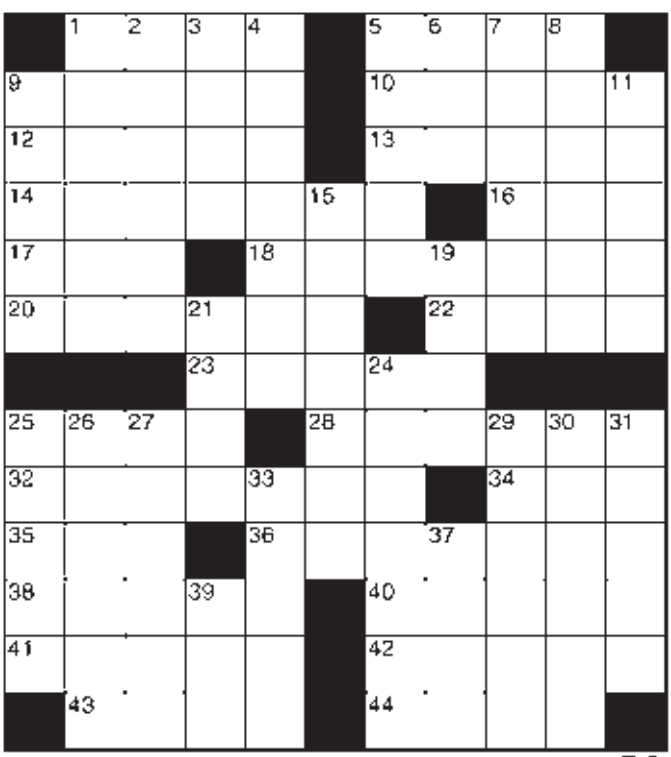
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Praline nut
 - 1 Sub spot
 - 5 Raced
 - 9 Head, in slang
 - 10 Gets bigger
 - 12 Asserts
 - 13 Defeatist's words
 - 14 Fanzine subject
 - 16 Spying org.
 - 17 Golf position
 - 18 Elite athlete
 - 20 Collectible cars
 - 22 Cruise stop
 - 23 Up in the air
 - 25 Petty fight
 - 28 Put on the line
 - 32 Historic satellite
 - 34 Yale rooster
 - 35 Drake's music
 - 36 Commodore's insignia
 - 38 San Antonio mission
 - 40 Dull finish
- DOWN**
- 1 Lacking
 - 2 Weds in secret
 - 3 Some
 - 4 Load, as software
 - 5 Eddy
 - 6 Lobbying org.
 - 7 Demands
 - 8 Turndown
 - 9 Syrup choice
 - 11 Long look
 - 15 Race loser
 - 19 Takes a load off
 - 21 Puts away
 - 24 Rescuers, at times
 - 25 Gown part
 - 26 Rang
 - 27 Llama's cousin
 - 29 Stovetop item
 - 30 Thrilled
 - 31 More dreadful
 - 33 Animated characters
 - 37 Store event
 - 39 Spring month



Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
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Baby Blues

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



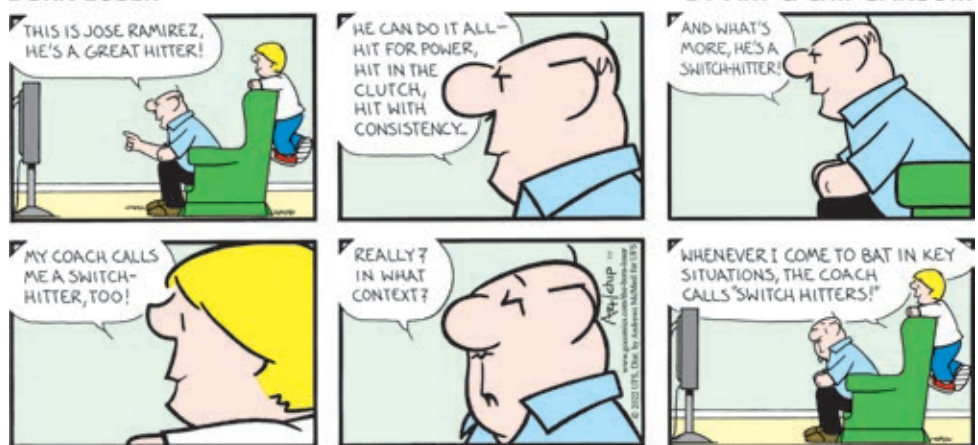
BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



BORN LOSER

BY ART & CHIP SANSOM



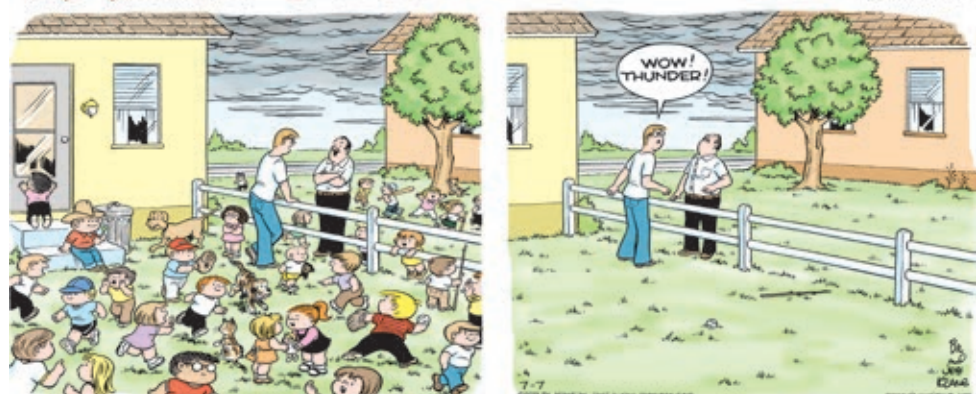
BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



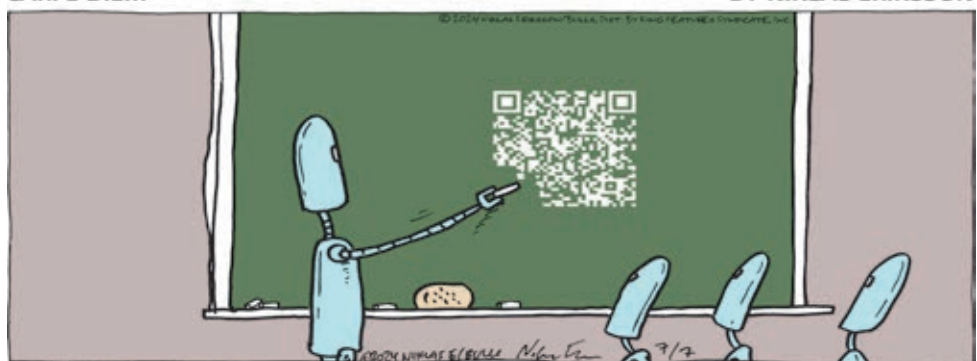
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Nease



CARPE DIEM

BY NIKLAS ERIKSSON



THURSDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDI,BAANR
KLONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I'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.

CRYPTOQUOTE

KYRJR VSORJEE LKRYVO.
IYRJR SG HJ MTRBUJL.

OREPGHSU NJGIZVSE

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN THE MOON COVERS THE SUN, WE HAVE A SOLAR ECLIPSE. WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WHEN BIRDS DO THAT? KIM YOUNG HA

FRIDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDI,BAANR
KLONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I'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.

CRYPTOQUOTE

H TEWQ UOPLYZ WHQV
VRVCXIGHYN'E MHYV. ELI
ZVVD ZPTY. HYZHV GX
JGPV. ON JPKQ HJ IWIHZYN

PMM. EYPXOPLJ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHERE LIBERTY DWELLS, THERE IS MY COUNTRY. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

SATURDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDI,BAANR
KLONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I'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.

CRYPTOQUOTE

P HR CYRQL TSRQ LS OYIQ KSY
HBIK DISR KSYI TZRZYLIQI ...
TSRQ BINTQ SX RK DIQCM
WHCC. EPW KSYI LSOC PXLIS RK
JQITMOC. SFINH WIQOX

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WALK AROUND LIKE EVERYTHING'S FINE, BUT DEAD DOWN INSIDE MY SHOP. MY SOCK IS SLIDING OFF. ANONYMOUS

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