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## Flood damage sidelines Zizzer Stadium turf

BY JOHN DEATHERAGE, QUILL NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Following five days of heavy rain leading to flooding in West Plains, most spring sports grounds came out looking OK, according to West Plains R-7 Schools Activities Director Ashley Tyree Cooley, but one of them will not be used for the rest of the school year. "Outdoor athletic facilities are still being evaluated and inspected," she said Tuesday. "Currently, the only closed facility is our stadium

turf field. We will have more information on stadium turf plans by the beginning of next week." According to preliminary precipitation totals reported by the National Weather Service in Springfield, over 8 inches of rain fell across the greater West Plains area between April 3 and Sunday. Local storm reports submitted to the agency show as much as 12 inches of rainfall was recorded in some areas, measured between the morning of April 4 and 12:30 p.m. April 5. The heavy precipitation caused Howell

Creek, along with others inside the city of West Plains, to breach its banks, resulting in high waters taking over many of the city's streets. Two men were swept away by flood waters late the afternoon of April 4, resulting in their deaths by drowning, reported law enforcement. Some businesses and homes were damaged, but not to the degree seen in 2017, city officials reported, reminding anyone with flood-related damage to contact city hall at 417-256-7176.

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BY JOHN DEATHERAGE FOR THE QUILL

West Plains R-7 Schools Activities Director Ashley Tyree Cooley points out one of many ripples through the turf field at Zizzer Stadium.

## City council, school board races decided

BY KIMBERLY LANGSTON, KIMBERLYL@WESTPLAINSAILYQUILL.NET

Tuesday was election day in Howell County, and voters turned out to elect city council and school board members. There were several city races on the ballot in Howell County. Uncertified results follow.

In the race for West Plains city council, Ron Grennan was challenged by Jarryd Alsup and won by 226 votes to 192 votes. Grennan will replace John Niesen, who didn't run for reelection. Niesen was appointed to fill the remainder of a term in 2021 and elected to a three-year term in 2022.

In Mtn. View, there will be two new city council members: Newly-elected East Ward Alderwoman Jennifer McAdams defeated Brigg Pierson with 49 votes to 28. Barbara "Gail" Wallander ran unopposed for the west ward alderman seat, got 49 votes, and will replace Ed Martin. McAdams will take Gary Yarber's former seat.

For Willow Springs mayor, Adam Webb defeated council member and Mayor Pro Tem Kim Rich 111 votes to 78 votes. Ward 2 Aldermen Danny Bradley and Ward 1 Alderman Phill Knott did not run for reelection, and Michael Tooley ran unopposed for Bradley's spot, getting 69 votes.

Former Willow Springs police chief Bryan Hogan defeated Luke Bartow for the Ward 1 spot by five votes, 57 to 52.

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## James Meese faces dozens of new charges

BY KIMBERLY LANGSTON, KIMBERLYL@WESTPLAINSAILYQUILL.NET

**Editor's note:** The following article describes an investigation into the reported rape of a teen. While care has been taken to report on charges with sensitivity to survivors and readers, it may still be disturbing to read. If you are experiencing domestic or sexual violence, or if you're a survivor of the same and in need of support, call Christos House's hotline, 800-611-5853.

A West Plains man arrested on a rape charge after a standoff with local police in September has had dozens

of child pornography charges added to his case before his April 23 trial in Fulton County, Ark.

At the time of the arrest James M. Meese, 39, was sought on charges of rape, fourth-degree sexual assault and first-degree terroristic threatening related to the alleged repeated assaults of a 14-year-old girl between May and September 2024 in Salem, Ark.

After the victim mentioned going to the police, she reported, Meese threatened to kill her or find someone who would. The two had known each other for about two years and the vic-

tim said she first met him after she and another underage girl who knew him met in Viola, Ark., to smoke marijuana from a vape pen.

She said the two later became friends through Snapchat, he had provided her with a vape pen, and on one occasion she met with him because she'd left it in his car. She said Meese told her to get in the back seat of his car and she complied out of fear of being stranded or hurt, and the two had sex.

She reported another two incidents when she met him to get vapes or

pods at a location in Salem, Ark., the two had sex, and on one of those occasions she mentioned going to the police. In response, she said, Meese told her if she ruined he and his daughter's life he would kill her or find someone that would.

The victim told law enforcement she met with him to end the relationship and he had sex with her despite telling him "no" multiple times, and she recorded the alleged assault on his phone.

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FYI

### City accepting storm debris

To help accommodate cleanup of flood and storm debris and brush, the City of West Plains is accepting those items for free to city residents now through Spring Cleanup Week, which ends April 25.

Proof of residence is required to dump debris items, and businesses that charge for cleanup services will not be eligible for free drop-off.

The City Transfer Station is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and located at 1853 Old Airport Road. City officials thanked residents for their efforts in keeping West Plains safe and clean during ongoing storm recovery.

### Free e-waste event today

The South Central Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the city of West Plains to host an electronics waste event free of charge to residents of Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas and Wright Counties.

Items will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. to noon today or until the transport truck is full.

It will be held at the West Plains Materials and Recycling Facility, 1853 Old Airport Road. Bring electronics and appliances; anything with freon must have the freon removed by a certified professional before disposal. Data destruction and electronic recycling services will be provided by the Computer Recycling Center. The project is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, contact Brent Lidgard, 417-256-4226.

### Quill raises \$175 for Convoy of Hope

The Quill has raised \$175 through ads sold to thank workers for their efforts in cleanup after the March 14 tornado and severe weather. The funds are in the mail and headed toward Convoy of Hope.

The full-page advertisement bearing the names of 35 businesses and elected officials was pub-

lished March 29, and expressed thanks to "all the linemen, road crews, volunteers, emergency & medical workers" in appreciation for their hard work.

### Audition for 'Prince of Egypt'

Director Jordan Hall at the Avenue Theatre has issued an open call for auditions for DreamWorks' "The Prince of Egypt" The performance dates will be June 20 through 22, 24 and 26 through 29, eight total.

Rehearsals will begin the week of May 12, and be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with increased rehearsals in the last two weeks.

Auditions will be held Monday and Friday, April 18 at the Avenue Theatre. Callbacks will be April 19, if needed. Those who can't make those dates are encouraged to reach to make other arrangements.

Sign up for an audition time slot online at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CAEAC28A2F-DC70-55876819-the#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CAEAC28A2F-DC70-55876819-the#).



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# Records

## MoDOT launches survey for Long-Range Transportation Plan, State Freight and Rail Plan updates

The Missouri Department of Transportation seeks public input on Missouri's transportation priorities. The department recently launched a survey to gather information as it updates both the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the State Freight and Rail Plan (SFRP).

Both plans are federally required and serve as roadmaps for the state's transportation network — addressing the evolving needs of the system and setting priorities, explained officials.

"Input from our customers and stakeholders is critical when it comes to our long range and freight and rail planning process," said MoDOT Director Ed Hassinger. "We want to hear directly from those who use the transportation

system and how it's working for communities across the state. These plans allow us to set goals and determine the long-term priorities that are right for Missourians."

The current LRTP was approved in June 2018 and will be updated in tandem with the current SFRP, which was approved in May 2022. According to officials, the new LRTP will build upon the goals outlined in the current plan — including making investments in infrastructure to keep travelers safe and spur economic growth, giving Missourians more transportation choices and reducing congestion on the current system — while determining the goals and direction of the next 25 years.

The SFRP serves as a comprehensive assessment of Missouri's freight and passenger rail systems and determines short- and long-term goals for improving the state's freight and rail infrastructure. Updates to the SFRP will include an analysis of the economic impact of Missouri's public ports and passenger rail systems, an analysis of the truck parking system and the identification of critical supply chains that move the state's economy.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and allows Missourians to help inform the priorities and goals of both plans. The survey can be accessed at: modot-lrtpsfrp.mysocialpinpoint.com on

a computer, smartphone or tablet. Those needing access to a computer and/or internet connection are encouraged to visit their local public library. The survey will be open through April 30.

Drafts of the LRTP and SFRP will be available for public comment in early 2026. The final plans will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for review and consideration later in 2026.

Additional questions about the survey and planning process for both plans can be addressed by calling 888-ASK-MoDOT (888-275-6636), or by mail at Transportation Planning, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

# MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TICKETS

**A 16-year-old driver from Mtn. View**, whose name is not publicized due to state law protecting the privacy of minors, was ticketed at 1 a.m. March 22 on charges of careless and imprudent driving, failure to use headlights, failure to display plates, failure to yield to an emergency

vehicle and driving while intoxicated, alcohol. Officer Dylan Cook.

**Debbie Bews, 62, Mtn. View**, was ticketed at 7:07 a.m. March 24 on a charge of speeding by 6-10 mph over. Cpl. Kylie McGee.

**Jacob Mullins, 27, Mtn. View**, was ticketed at 10:42 a.m. March 24 on a charge of failure to reg-

ister a vehicle. Reserve Officer James Wardrip.

**Michael Groom, 65, Birch Tree**, was ticketed at 4 p.m. March 26 on a charge of careless and imprudent driving.

**Jesi Ledgerwood, 30, Birch Tree**, was ticketed at 4:46 p.m. March 28 on a charge of driving while revoked or suspended. Officer Dylan Vice.

**Judy Lauderdale, 56, Mtn. Grove**, was ticketed at 8:53 a.m. March 30 on a charge of driving while revoked or suspended. Cpl. McGee.

**Christopher Rose, 42, Winona**, was ticketed at 9:26 p.m. March 31 on a charge of failure to appear on a misdemeanor or ordinance violation charge.

**Patricia Brogdon, 65, Hartshorn**, was ticketed at 12:56 p.m. April 1 on a charge of speeding by 6-10 mph over. Chief Jamie Perkins.

**Justin Jolliff, 42, Mtn. View**, was ticketed at 1:56 p.m. April 2 on charges of failure to use a turn signal and a seat belt violation. Chief Perkins.

**Thomasina Shaw, 39, Cabool**, was ticketed at 6:31 p.m. April 2 on a charge of assaulting a law enforcement officer. Cpl. Alexis Johnson.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

On March 21, Officer Cook was dispatched for a report of harassment. After looking at messages and other evidence, a report was taken and an investigation was opened. Officer Kolean McDaniel took reports for two noninjury traffic crashes on March 21.

On March 21, Officer Cook responded to a trespassing call at a business. He spoke to the people outside of the business who said they were having a yard sale. They were advised they were on private property and could not be there.

Officer Cook was called on March 21 about someone burning in a burn barrel. The person was told to put out the fire and issued a warning.

On March 22, Officer Cook attempted to stop a vehicle for no headlights and no plates. The driver tried to flee and ran off the road. Both occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody.


Officer Vice was called on March 22 to investigate a report of a fire. The fire was only smoldering. The resident was informed of the burn ban that was in place and said he would put it out completely.


On March 22, dispatch received a call about six dogs running loose. Officer Vice responded to the residence and did not find any animals.

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**Sunset:** 7:28 p.m.

**Temperature Year Ago**  
**High:** 68  
**Low:** 44

**Precipitation:** 13.85 inches  
**Last Year:** 11.15 inches  
**Normal:** 11.46 inches

**TONIGHT:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45

**TOMORROW:** Sunny, with a high near 76.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

**MONDAY:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

**MONDAY NIGHT:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71  
**TUESDAY:** Sunny, with a high near 68

**TUESDAY NIGHT:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

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A-State announces fall 2024 graduates

Arkansas State University in Jonesboro has announced the names of students who completed degree requirements to graduate during fall commencement at First National Bank Arena.

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

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

**Missouri**

**Howell County**

**Mtn. View:** Stephanie Fawn Barker, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

**West Plains:** Aubrey Faith Craig, Master of Communication Disorders; Colton Hensley, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership; Jennifer Lynn Lundry, Master of Social Work; Landry Pitts, Associate of Science; and Kyia Lacole Weisbrod.

**Willow Springs:** Richard Ray Forshee, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership,

and Rebecca Eileen Picard, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership.

**Ozark County**

**Bakersfield:** Stephanie Adelia Guffey, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

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**Houston:** Eric Kent Sloan, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

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**Norwood:** Candice L. White, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

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**Baxter County**

**Elizabeth:** Hannah B. Emmons, Associate of Science.

**Mtn. Home:** Jennifer Lynn Bohrtz, Doctor of Nursing Practice; Shelley Brown, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership; Shelby Lyn Williamson, Master of Social Work; Desarae C. Adair, Bachelor of Science, Digital Technology and Design; Jasmine Clara Allen, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Emery Grace Davis, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Cassie A. Jones, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, summa cum laude; Hannah M. Langhammer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Victoria Ruth Robb, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Sydney K. Zimmer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, magna cum; Jake Y. Mize, Associate of Science; and Cooper Oxford, Associate of Science.

**Norfolk:** Sally Foster Bienhoff, Master of Science in Education, Special

Education K-12, and Ariel N Fountain, Master of Arts in Teaching.

**Fulton County**

**Ash Flat:** Kinley Jo Taylor, Associate of Arts, and Allison Webber, Associate of Science.

**Mammoth Spring:** Kassandra G. Cates, Master of Science in Education, School Counseling; Janet Lee Smoot, Master of Science in Education, School Counseling; and Rhonda L. Harris, Associate of Science.

**Salem:** Cole J. Young, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences; Tressie L. Carter, Associate of Science; and Hank R. Guiltner, Associate of Science.

**Izard County**

**Calico Rock:** Blake H. Moody, Associate of Science.

**Dolph:** Kaylee A. Pool, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Management Systems.

**Melbourne:** Addie C. Harris, Master of Accountancy, Accounting w Data Analytics.

**Oxford:** Fischer R. Miller, Bachelor of Science, Finance.

**Sharp County**

**Cherokee Village:** Elizabeth Briana Neicole Holloway, Bachelor of Science, Health Studies; Breanna Kaye Miller, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Alex P. Peruchi, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Animal Science; and Nona R. Saulnier, Associate of Science.

**Highland:** Nicholas Charles Ivey, Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education, and Gunnar Broady Holden, Associate of Science.

WILLOW SPRINGS TUESDAY STUDY CLUB

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Willow Springs Tuesday Study Club, scheduled for Feb. 18, 2025, was postponed due to foul weather. Members met at the beautiful spacious home of Linda Spencer, hostess for the day, for a regular business meeting on Feb. 25, 2025. Following the business portion of the meeting, Claudia Marvin gave the following very interesting presentation:

The history of wheat from about 10,000 B.C. is an important part of the history of agriculture. Wheat is thought to have first been cultivated in the Fertile Crescent, an area in the Middle East spreading from Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon to Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran. Hunter-gatherers in West Asia harvested wild wheats for thousands of years before they were domesticated, perhaps as early as 21,000 B.C. It is a stout grass of medium to tall height. The stem is jointed and usually hollow forming a straw. It has long narrow leaves sheathing the stem. At the top of the stem is the flower head containing some 20 to 100 flowers. Each flower contains both male and female parts. The flowers are wind pollinated.

Wheat sailed to America with Christopher Columbus. Other explorers took wheat grains to the United States too. Colonists like George Washington grew it as one of their main cash crops. Almost 350 years after Columbus landed, the first wheat crop was recorded in Kansas. In 1839, wheat was harvested at the Shawnee Methodist Mission, now Johnson County.

Kansas has long been known as the "Wheat State." In Kansas they produce hard red winter and hard white wheat. Hard wheat flours provide a variety of bread products. Durum semolina and flour are used to make pasta. Ninety-five percent of the wheat grown in Kansas is the hard red winter wheat. The winter wheat can withstand the cold winters while dormant, then flourish during the warmer summers. In the 1870s, German



Jewelry made of wheat remains popular in contemporary fashion among those who appreciate its historic and symbolic meaning. COURTESY / WS TUESDAY STUDY CLUB

and Russian Mennonites brought seeds of turkey red Winter wheat. This strain of winter wheat flourished. Wheat is much more than just a crop. It's a deeply rooted part of the heritage of Kansas.

Wheat jewelry has a long history with origins dating back to ancient times when farmers made jewelry from their harvested wheat. Farmers used to make jewelry from their harvested wheat ears as a symbol of abundance. The ears of wheat evoke rebirth and peace. Wheat symbolizes fertility, life, goodwill, the earth's bounty and golden days of harvest. Wheat was a lucky charm for Coco Chanel because it symbolized wealth, luck and creativity. She was born during the harvest festival and grew up in the French countryside. She inherited her father's fondness for wheat. Wheat was a major source of comfort and inspiration for her.

Wheat chains are similar to rope chains, but have a braided/woven appearance that looks like a stalk of wheat. Wheat jewelry is still popular with contemporary fashionists who appreciate the symbolic meaning. In the Bible wheat is the symbol for righteous people.



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FLOOD

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Many of the West Plains High School athletic facilities were submerged during peak flooding. The stadium turf field has visible rippling throughout, some small spikes were brought to the surface and the sand and rock base layer is damaged, thus the decision to close the field for the rest of the school year.

The stadium track and field events area, Zizzer Ballpark, the Zizzer soccer grass field and Zizzer Tennis Complex, however, are all in operation.

The West Plains Country Club Golf Course, where

the golf team conducts practice, was closed for a couple of days, but is back open, according to an official at the country club. By coincidence, the rest of the golf team's dates for competition this spring are all on the road.

"Our custodial and maintenance crews have worked hard to clean up and ensure a safe space for our students to continue competing this spring season," Cooley said. "However, at this time, Zizzer Soccer will finish their home season out by playing all games on the grass field. We are thankful for the flexibility, patience and grace that our Zizzer athletic coaches, opponents and fans have shown

during this time."

She said the turf field is planned as a topic of discussion at the next school board meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at the West Plains High School Library.

Coaches react

The Quill spoke to some of the high school coaches about possible damage and/or practice interruptions due to flooding.

Soccer

Soccer assistant coach Kourtney Stockton reiterated that the turf at Zizzer Stadium is no longer usable.

"We have to practice and play home games on our grass field now, which is over by discus and shot

put," she said Wednesday. "We practiced inside some of the schools, like the middle school gym, during all the rain and flooding."

The turf needs to be completely redone, she said, adding someone was scheduled to look at the turf Thursday, so a timeline of when everything will be done was still to be decided.

"The community has been very kind, sending thoughts and prayers our way during this time," Stockton said. "St. James was kind enough to let us still have our game we were supposed to host on Monday, but they hosted instead. The coaches were so nice and asked how it was before that game, so

even outside of our small community cares."

Baseball

Baseball Head Coach James Sharp said Wednesday the baseball field at Zizzer Ballpark was unaffected, as far as he knew at that time.

"There may have been a few minor leaks, but nothing major for sure, and the water did not reach the high school baseball field," he commented. "We did have to cancel multiple practices and/or practice in our indoor facility one day, but everything is good to go now."

Tennis

Tennis Head Coach Nathan Huddleston said his team wound up pretty fortunate.

"No significant damage was found, so we are even back at normal practice on those courts starting today," he told the Quill on Wednesday.

He said the team had been using the old courts across the parking lots on campus for practice while the main courts were being checked out.

"There was a bunch of dirt/sand/debris, especially on courts one, five and six," he said, noting the maintenance crew at the high school had already cleaned most of that off.

"We've got efficient people here at West Plains who take great care for our students and facilities," he said. "It's great to be a Zizzer."

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RACES

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Brandsville will see its mayor and council members each take another turn, as all ran unopposed, keeping Mayor Linda Bunch, East Ward Alderman Ron Stirewalt and West Ward Alderman Jim Vandiver.

School Board Elections

Richards School District patrons had two seats to fill on the school board and three people running for them. Voters reelected Brian Morrison and elected

Ryan Kurtzeborn, both of whom defeated Jerry Lewis. There were 223 votes, with Morrison taking 106 of them, Kurtzeborn 70, and Lewis 47.

Ray Murphy chose not to run again after serving six three-year terms for a total of 18 years on the board, but will remain active in education as a member of the Consortium of State School Boards Association, Superintendent Melonie Bunn said.

There were also three candidates for the Howell Valley School Board: Justin Frazier, Wade Collins and Megan Nickey. Nickey took one seat with 159

votes and Justin Frazier took the other with 114 votes. Incumbent Wade Collins was defeated, but got 81 votes out of the total 354 cast. Board member Levi McWilliams moved out of the district about two months ago, leaving his seat vacant.

There were no school board elections this time around for West Plains or the remaining surrounding rural schools. In Mtn. View-Birch Tree there were two seats and two candidates, Mikael Orchard and Josh Roberts, who got 115 and 116 votes, respectively. Both are incumbents who ran with no challengers.

In Willow Springs, there were three candidates for two seats, and Roger Shanks took 275 votes, Meagan Jones, 265, and Lori Foster was defeated with 161 votes. Board members Debbie Bryan and Jeff Lovan did not seek reelection.

Oregon-Howell (Koshkonong) school district will have two new board members after incumbent Jennifer Johnson was defeated by Ruth Waggoner, who got 15 votes and Joan Billingsley, with nine votes. Johnson got five votes and Tony Ogden had none. Dale Hunsperger did not run for reelection.

MEESE

From Page A1

Meese's bond has remained \$300,000 since the initial arrest, and in January, 31 counts of distributing, possessing or viewing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child and five counts

of possession or use of child sexual abuse material were added.

He was initially charged with one count each of rape and first-degree terroristic threatening, and three counts of fourth-degree sexual assault.

Meese had already been convicted in August 2023 in Howell County of two counts of indecent exposure and was handed a six-month suspended sentence with six months of supervised probation, suspended about a month later when he was charged with

two misdemeanor counts of first-degree sexual misconduct, repeat offense.

The sexual misconduct charges were filed after Meese exposed his genitals to two different women in two separate incidents at the Georgia White Walking Park in West Plains.

West Plains Police Detective Sgt. Aaron Galiher, in a statement submitted to prosecutors, said on Sept. 13, 2023, a woman reported a man had exposed his penis to her while she was at the walking park, and she be-

came alarmed and left.

Six days later a woman reported to police she saw a man sitting in his vehicle with the door open, masturbating while looking at her.

During the investigation, Meese became a suspect, and was identified by the victims as the person who exposed himself to them, and Meese's vehicle was also identified as being the one he was sitting in during the incidents.

Court records show Meese pleaded guilty to the charges in November and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

OBITUARIES

DEBORAH DARLENE HALL

Sept. 28, 1961 - April 8, 2025



Deborah Darlene Hall, age 63, passed away April 8, 2025, in Licking, Mo. She was born Sept.

28, 1961, in Paragould, Ark., to Claude and Mary Barrett. Deborah married David Lee Hall on May 16, 1996.

She is preceded in death by her father Claude Barrett and brother Ricky Barrett.

Deborah is survived by her loving husband David Hall; children, Erica, Johnny, Jacob, Bradley, and David Daniel; her mother Mary Barrett; siblings Sandra Bertrand, Clara Harris and Carol Rion; and grandchildren Caitlyn, Joshua, Gabriel, Lina, Emma, Anna

and Jaeli.

Deborah was a Christian and a member of the Church of Christ in Licking.

She enjoyed quilting, canning and spending time with her family. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Licking Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at [www.foxfh.net](http://www.foxfh.net). Arrangements are entrusted to Fox Funeral Home.

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FROM THE CAPITOL  
Liberation Day

By U.S. Rep Jason Smith,  
Republican, Missouri 8th District

A big reason why the American people chose President Donald Trump to lead our nation was his promise to bring back a golden age of American prosperity. For decades, American manufacturers and farmers have faced unfair tariffs and other trade barriers, imposed by nations around the world and designed to keep our products out of their markets. That's why President Trump recently spoke to the American people — on what he called "Liberation Day" — to unveil new trade and tariff policies that will free our nation from its reliance on foreign goods and services to sustain the American economy and level the playing field for American workers, farmers and manufacturers.



JASON SMITH  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 8 • REPUBLICAN

Washington politicians have long talked about trade fairness while also looking the other way as foreign nations undercut U.S. workers and farmers with unfair trade practices. That's why I've aggressively fought against both tariff and non-tariff barriers that restrict American goods. Two years ago, after Mexico effectively blocked American corn from being sold in its country, I traveled to Mexico and directly told then-Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador that his country's refusal to allow American corn was unacceptable. In Thailand, I told their country's government that putting a 50% tariff on U.S. beef — while allowing Australian beef to come in tariff-free — would be a problem for the future of our trade relationship. When Taiwan sought better trade relations with our country, I pushed back on Taiwan's president on why she was restricting U.S. pork in her country.

On April 2, President Trump announced new across-the-board and reciprocal tariffs on a number of countries. These tariffs target nations who claim to value access to U.S. markets but who at the very same time put high tariffs on and discriminate against American producers to protect their own domestic industries. President Trump recognizes that a new approach is needed and is sticking up for working families, farmers, and producers who have suffered years of mistreatment by other nations, both enemies and allies alike — mistreatment that has led to lost jobs, a hollowing out of communities and a less secure America. Principles of basic fairness demand that foreign companies should face tariffs similar to those American exporters encounter.

Under President Trump's leadership, these tariffs will leverage the power of the world's largest market to create a level playing field for American farmers, producers, and workers. This strategy mirrors President Trump's successful negotiating approach during his first term to persuade China to enter into the historic Phase One Agreement that required China to reverse many of its abusive trade practices while retaining U.S. leverage to address remaining unfairness in this trade relationship. I know there will be a period of adjustment to the implementation of the president's policies, and there may be some short-term pain as markets react and make changes. But the long-term benefit of a secure American supply chain cannot be overstated nor can the benefits to American workers, farmers, and manufacturers who deserve fair treatment. I look forward to working with President Trump to implement an America First trade agenda.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
MISSOURIANS ALREADY MADE THEIR  
DECISION

To the editor:  
I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Joint Resolution 73. This proposal is not just an attack on reproductive rights, it is an attack on democracy itself. Missourians have already made their voices heard on this issue. We've faced this battle before, and when the people spoke, lawmakers didn't like the outcome. So instead of respecting our votes, they stripped us of our voice. Now, they're trying to force their own rigid, religious beliefs into our state constitution through HJR 73. This resolution would outlaw nearly all abortions in Missouri, even in cases of rape or incest. It would take deeply personal medical decisions away from individuals and their doctors and hand them over to politicians. That is not freedom. That is not justice. That is theocracy. Let's be honest: This isn't about protecting life. It's about control. It's about forcing every Missourian to live under the narrow moral code of a few powerful legislators. And it's happening while they continue to ignore the real crises facing our state: crumbling infrastructure, underfunded schools and a growing mental health crisis. We, the people, deserve the right to make our own decisions about our bodies and our lives. We deserve elected officials who respect our votes, not ones who rewrite the rules when democracy doesn't go their way. HJR 73 must be stopped. Missouri deserves better. Sincerely,

Cammie Storm  
WEST PLAINS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ENOUGH WINNING

To the editor:  
President Trump was right. We are all sick and tired of so much winning. Enough is enough!  
We have just won what he has deemed as "Liberation Day," although it is not clear what we are being liberated from. The stock market is crashing, although it is self-induced. The chaos of the day is "Universal Tariffs" based on trade deficits according to an AI-generated formula — a formula which economists, accountants and trade experts universally say makes no sense.  
There are a thousand reasons for trade deficits and it is utterly insane to think that any two countries would ever import and export the exact amount of goods. And to think that the reason there is a trade surplus or a deficit in any given case is because some-

one is cheating is equally insane.  
Let us not forget that it was us that encouraged corporate America to manufacture our goods overseas because it was cheaper and they could profit more doing so. They did and they did. And now we, the consumers, are going to be effectively taxed for it. Yes, the government will collect the tariffs from the importers and yes, you and I will pay for it whenever we go to the store, gas station, grocery store, car dealership or anywhere else. Stock market crashing, retirement plans cratering, prices going up — tired of winning yet?  
In addition, we have been the beacon of the world in terms of democracy and free enterprise. We have in less than 30 days alienated every ally that has ever stood be-

side us or had our back. Will our next victory be to pull (or get kicked out) of NATO?  
We've won more. Every one of us is against waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government. Congress has established over the years many agencies and funded them. Rather than looking for and finding an ounce of waste, fraud or abuse, we have given someone who has not been vetted and who has hundreds of billions of dollars in contracts with government agencies, unfettered access to these agencies with the apparent authority to fire tens of thousands of employees and defund entire budgets. It is of no consequence that he has no accounting or auditing skills, no real understanding of why Congress established any given agency or what it

actually does. Nor has he shown any actual record of what he is doing.  
He is proudly and gleefully doing it with a chainsaw instead of a scalpel. This victory has yielded tons of sensitive data being compromised, and Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid being put in jeopardy to just start the list.  
We are sick and tired of winning. Enough is enough. Every state and federal congressman and most other elected officials have taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Missouri. They each have also taken an oath to faithfully serve us. Write, call, text, email or tell them in person to do their jobs and "Stop all this winning."  
Respectfully,  
Max Freeman,  
CAPE GIRARDEAU

STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH LEADS TO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

To the editor:  
Monday was the beginning of National Public Health Week, a time where we can sit back on the importance of our shared work and celebrate that we are all part of something much bigger than ourselves.  
Public health is about people — helping families, supporting businesses and responding to crises before they become disasters. It's a commitment to prevention, because the best way to treat illness is to stop it before it starts.  
Local public health agencies (LPHAs) are the backbone of public health. New polling data from the Missouri Public Health Institute demonstrates how great of a job LPHAs are truly doing. Seventy-nine percent of Missourians who were

polled reported a positive experience when using their LPHA, 60% reported a high level of trust in their LPHA, and 86% believed their LPHA was providing unbiased and accurate information.  
And 83% support increasing funding for local public health agencies for increased staffing, locations, hours and outreach efforts.  
The data shows that LPHAs are the second-most trusted local institution in Missouri, behind only firefighters and ahead of police and public schools. Those numbers are truly amazing. It proves that LPHAs are providing great services and have worked hard to build trust among their community members.  
Undoubtedly, there

have been tremendous changes and challenges laid before us in recent weeks. To me, those challenges have underscored how crucial it is that we continue telling our stories and serving our communities.  
As leaders in public health, your work goes beyond responding to crises. You're shaping healthier futures through prevention, education and strong community partnerships.  
The philosophy of public health is simple: Proactive care and disease prevention leads to stronger, more resilient communities. Your dedication ensures that Missourians have access to the resources and support they need to live healthier lives.  
Healthy communities start with strong pub-

lic health. Every day, Missouri's public health agencies are making a lasting impact — preventing disease, promoting wellness and protecting the health of our communities. From ensuring safe drinking water and food inspections to vaccinations and emergency preparedness, you are on the front lines, working to keep our communities safe and healthy.  
Your leadership drives public health and the state of Missouri forward. Together, we'll continue making a difference in the life of every Missourian. Thank you for your commitment to promoting and protecting the health and safety of Missourians every day.  
Sarah Willson,  
Director,  
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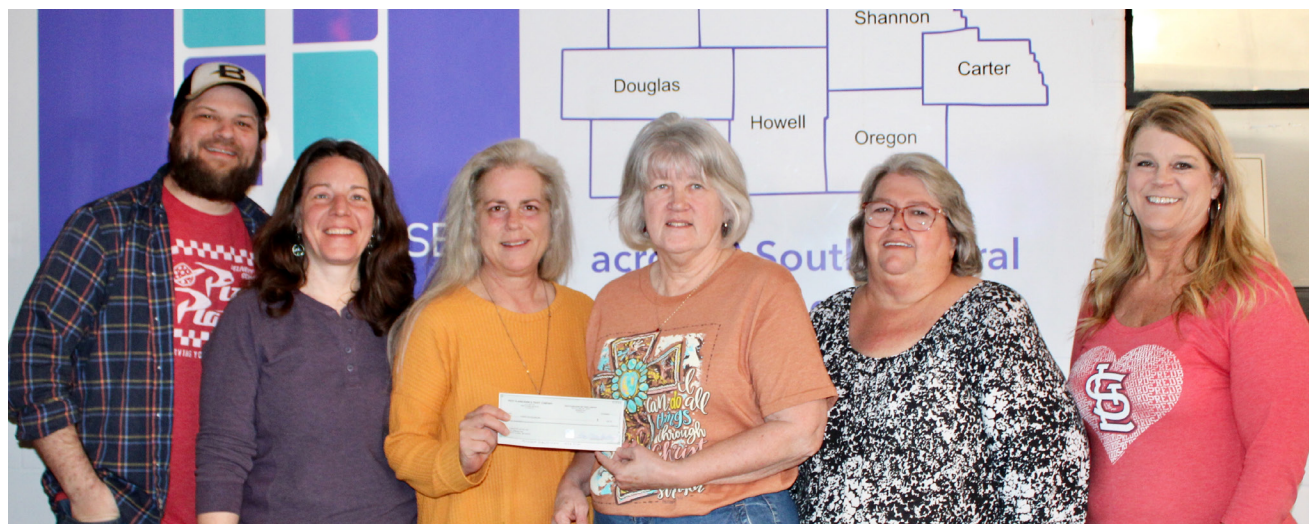
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# WP Bank sponsors May 10 Chocolate Festival



West Plains Bank & Trust is a \$500 sponsor of the upcoming Christos House Chocolate Festival fundraiser. It's the 20th year for the event, to be held from noon to 4 p.m. May 10 at First United Methodist Church, 503 W. Main St. Chocolatiers are encouraged to whip up batches of chocolate treats in the categories of cakes, cookies, candy, pies, and "wild card." Entry forms may be found online at [christoshousemo.org/events](http://christoshousemo.org/events) and are due May 2. Christos House is a nonprofit emergency shelter and service provider for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Howell and Oregon, Carter, Shannon, Texas, Wright, Douglas and Ozark counties. From left: Christos House Office Manager Nicholas Haring, Resale Shop Store Manager Amber McFarland, Christos House Executive Director Kelli Neel, Board Member Barb Linville and Outreach Advocates Brenda Lewis and Kenya Cook.

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## HOEC donates toward Rotary Backpack Program



Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, represented by General Manager and CEO Dan Singletary, center, has donated \$500 toward the West Plains Noon Rotary Club Backpack Program fundraiser. Tickets to a giveaway drawing to win a cruise and flights for two are being sold to help raise money for the program, which provides meals for school children on long weekends and over school breaks. They can be purchased at [www.rafflecreator.com/pages/45929/noon-rotary-cruise-fundraser-raffle](http://www.rafflecreator.com/pages/45929/noon-rotary-cruise-fundraser-raffle). With Singletary are Noon Rotary Club members Greg Carter, left, and Ramona Heiney.

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## Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday kicks off April 19

The Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday returns this spring giving Missourians the opportunity to save money on select purchases while stimulating economic activity in the state, announce officials with the state Department of Revenue.

"All Missouri cities, counties and districts participate in the appliance sales tax holiday," said Missouri's Director of Revenue Trish Vincent. "This event not only encourages Missourians to be energy-minded but it also contributes to increased revenues for local businesses across the state who sell these appliances."

According to Missouri statute, from April 19 through April 25 state sales tax will be waived on qualifying Energy Star certified appliances. This certification indicates that a product

has been independently verified to meet strict standards — which can mean superior performance and long-term energy savings.

Clothes washers, dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners and refrigerators with the Energy Star certification are just some of the items that are

exempt from state sales tax on the first \$1,500 of each appliance purchased.

For more information on the sales tax holiday, a list of qualifying items and frequently asked questions, visit [dor.mo.gov/taxation/business/tax-types/sales-use/holidays/show-me-green](http://dor.mo.gov/taxation/business/tax-types/sales-use/holidays/show-me-green).

## OzSBI to present Quickbooks Online for Business in Ava

The Ozarks Small Business Incubator will host QuickBooks Online for Business from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at The Board Room in Ava.

New and established businesses alike are invited to learn how to harness the power of QuickBooks to manage accounting, invoicing, expense tracking and payroll.

The program will be facilitated by OzSBI Chief Financial Officer and QuickBooks Pro Advisor Ila Sloan. Described as a beginner-friendly workshop, it is designed to help attendees learn how to use QuickBooks Online to track their business-

es' accounting activity.

Topics include features and functions of QuickBooks Online; basic accounting principles; setting up and managing your company account; navigating QuickBooks Online; recording sales, expenses and purchases; and understanding the report dashboard and how to generate reports. This workshop is available to the general public for \$175 and to OzSBI members for \$140. This fee includes lunch and a manual.

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Jedlicka named state Golden Owl finalist



A month after West Plains FFA teacher Tonya Jedlicka, center, was named a semifinalist for the Missouri FFA Foundation's Golden Owl Award, officials announce she has advanced to become one of seven state finalists. As a finalist, Jedlicka will receive a \$500 award and be honored at the Missouri FFA State Convention later this month. She is now in the running for the title of Missouri Agriculture Educator of the Year and the prestigious Golden Owl Award trophy. Presenting her with the award are Dave Higgins of the FFA Foundation, left, and Traci Wiley of Wiley Insurance, a Nationwide agribusiness agent. To learn more about the award, visit [missouriffa.org/mo-ffa-foundation/golden-owl](http://missouriffa.org/mo-ffa-foundation/golden-owl). COURTESY / WPR-7

Celebrate native trees with MDC through Arbor Days in April

The Missouri Department of Conservation invites people to celebrate the value of Missouri trees and forests during Arbor Days in April by planting native trees and practicing proper tree care. Missouri Arbor Day was recognized April 4. Missouri has been observing the state's official Arbor Day on the first Friday in April since 1886 when the General Assembly declared that day be set aside for the appreciation and planting of trees. National Arbor Day is recognized on the last Friday of April, which is April 25. Get information on backyard tree care — including types of trees for urban and other landscapes, selecting the right tree for the right place, planting tips, and watering and pruning info — at [mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-care](http://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-care). The MDC George O. White State Forest Nursery near Licking in Texas County offers a variety of low-cost native tree and

shrub seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control and wildlife food and cover. Orders are accepted through Tuesday. For more information, visit [mdc.mo.gov/seedlings](http://mdc.mo.gov/seedlings). Learn more about the State Forest Nursery by listening to the March episode of MDC's Nature Boost podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or on the MDC website at [mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/nature-boost](http://mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/nature-boost). Communities around the state also hold local Arbor Day activities. For more information on Arbor Day and Missouri's Tree City USA communities, visit the Arbor Day Foundation at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org). Missouri forests cover about one-third of the state and provide outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, and watersheds for streams and rivers. Spending time in Missouri forests can provide a natural health benefit, too. Exposure

to nature contributes to physical well-being, reducing blood pressure and heart rate, relieving stress and boosting energy levels. Get more information at [mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/forest-care](http://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/forest-care).

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/9/2025 (Final)						
VIDEO AUCTION						
This Week			Last Reported (4/1/2025)			
	Offered	Reported	% PO	Offered	Reported	% PO
Total Receipts:	264	264		709	709	
Feeder Cattle:	264	264 (100%)		709	709 (100%)	
Special Notes: Video Auctions start at 1:30 p.m. during the Tuesday feeder sale. Demand was good on a light supply for this Video Auction held in conjunction with ORS' Replacement and Slaughter cattle sale. Cattle offered are in Arkansas 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 April 23, 2025. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (47% Steers, 53% 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 1-2 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)						
Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
Current	72	690	690	269.00	269.00	
Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)						
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)						
Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
Current	124	870	870	262.00	262.00	
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Est. Wt)						
Delivery	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
Current	68	740	740	267.50	267.50	
Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.						
Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News MO Dept of Ag Market News - Dan Hill, Market Reporter Jefferson City, MO   (573)751-5618 <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/pgmn">www.ams.usda.gov/pgmn</a> <a href="https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/">https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/</a>   <a href="https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3416">https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3416</a>						

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 4/9/2025 - Final						
AUCTION						
		This Week	Last Reported 4/2/2025	Last Year		
Total Receipts:		396	728	546		
Slaughter Cattle:		157(39.6%)	253(34.8%)	323(59.2%)		
Replacement Cattle:		239(60.4%)	475(65.2%)	223(40.8%)		
Compared to last week, slaughter cows were 1.00-2.00 higher and slaughter bulls were steady. Demand was good on a light supply. Heavy rains and flooding last week resulted in the cancellation of Tuesday's Feeder Sale and a lighter offering of replacement cattle and slaughter animals today. Supply included: 40% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 60% Replacement Cattle (21% Stock Cows, 49% Bred Cows, 7% Bred Heifers, 22% Cow-Calf Pairs, 1% Bulls).						
SLAUGHTER CATTLE						
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
9	1310-1525	1411	137.00-146.00	140.80	Average	
8	1310-1425	1388	148.00-154.00	149.52	High	
7	1345-1690	1524	119.00-136.00	129.91	Low	
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
16	1040-1310	1156	134.00-144.00	139.88	Average	
12	1070-1315	1170	145.00-159.00	149.33	High	
10	1055-1275	1148	114.00-132.00	127.69	Low	
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
22	725-1255	975	118.00-130.00	123.84	Average	
18	865-1150	1028	131.00-141.00	135.17	High	
22	745-1210	958	93.00-115.00	105.76	Low	
7	700-975	821	77.50-91.00	85.61	Very Low	
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
13	1330-2365	1742	160.00-173.00	167.02	Average	
3	1780-1985	1882	176.00-178.00	176.70	High	
4	1320-1900	1664	151.00-154.00	152.87	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	0	2	1100-1176	1138	187.50-217.00	202.74
2-8	0	10	1100-1440	1239	134.00-175.00	151.22
STOCK COWS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	0	3	845-995	915	197.50-229.00	212.77
2-8	0	23	760-1060	979	130.00-175.00	148.45
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1	12	1165-1181	1180	1900.00-2075.00	1914.40
2-8	T2-3	35	1125-1373	1199	2100.00-2800.00	2485.02
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1-3	9	1120-1189	1181	1800.00-1900.00	1810.53
BRED COWS - Medium 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T2-3	8	1000-1085	1043	2000.00-2400.00	2175.44
BRED COWS - Medium 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1-3	17	820-1075	907	1250.00-1950.00	1667.12
BRED COWS - Small and Medium 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	T1-3	10	700-1055	830	650.00-1125.00	990.60
BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1-3	7	980-1075	1007	1800.00-2100.00	1891.49
BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1-3	2	760-980	870	1300.00-1400.00	1356.32
BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T1-3	3	700-780	753	1700.00-1750.00	1715.49
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Estimate Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	33	1325	1325	3500.00-3775.00	3616.67
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Estimate Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	2	950-960	955	2700.00-3000.00	2850.00
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium 2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Estimate Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	0	6	700-860	788	1450.00-1700.00	1541.67
BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	1	1520	1520	4050.00	4050.00	
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	1	1535	1535	2850.00	2850.00	
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West Plains High School hosted a Zizzer Basketball Meet-and-Greet for boys basketball student-athletes on Tuesday. The session with newly-named Head Coach Seth Huddleston, standing, left, provided an opportunity for student-athletes to connect with him and learn about his vision for the 2025-26 season. During the event, Coach Huddleston discussed his goals and expectations for the team, emphasizing the importance of commitment, teamwork and development. He also shared his plans for the offseason and summer. "It was a valuable chance for players to understand the direction of the program and what they can expect moving forward," shared Zizzer Activities Director Dr. Ashely Cooley. COURTESY / WP R-7

younger athletes together for fun, fundamentals and football. The non-contact camp will focus on skill development, teamwork and game basics.

For more information, contact Kenaga at [Brock.kenaga@zizzers.org](mailto:Brock.kenaga@zizzers.org).

West Plains welcomed Paragould today for a game at Zizzer Stadium.

### **Zizzers host Paragould**

Brett Walker showed a good eye at the plate Thursday, as he walked three times while leading the West Plains Zizzers varsity baseball team to a 12-0 victory over Paragould at Zizzer Ballpark.

"We overall played really well," Coach Sharp said. "Had nine hits and four of them went for extra bases, pitched really well only giving up one hit in five innings, and played good defensively."

last week," Zizzers Head Coach Jacob Womack said.

"Silo Ridge is where our State tournament is later in May, so it was good for the boys to get to see the course, Womack said. "We're ready to get back to work this week, and the boys will be ready to go during the SPS Invitational at Rivercut Golf Course next Monday," he added, referencing next week's meet hosted by Springfield Public Schools.

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BY CHRIS HERBOLSHEIMER,  
Quill Contributing Writer

building strength, but also working on speed, agility, and overall athleticism. That, paired with the experience these guys gained last year, makes for a very promising combination."

Much of that promise rests on a pitching staff led by senior Devin Harrington, whose mix of velocity and sharp secondary pitches gives Thayer a go-to arm on the mound. Sophomore Mason Thornton and junior Colton Mills will also be vital on the hill as the Bobcats aim to limit opponents early and often.

Thornton will also handle catch-

Coach Pitts said. "Those were strengths for us last year, and we've only improved. Now, we just need to take the next step offensively."

Improvement at the plate will be a key focus moving forward.

"We need to become more consistent throughout the lineup," Pitts said. "Situational hitting, reducing strikeouts, and coming through with runners in scoring position — those are the things we've been working on every day in practice. If we can make strides there, I believe we can compete with anyone."

With a veteran core, rising young talent, and renewed energy, Thayer's approach is rooted in fundamentals and hard-nosed play.

"We want to be a team that does things the right way — smart baseball, disciplined baseball, competitive baseball," Pitts said. "We've got a group of guys who love to play and who understand what it takes to succeed. That's a great foundation to build on."

As the season gets underway, the Bobcats are determined to prove that last year's progress was just the beginning.

present the Head Coach of the Year, the Assistant Coach of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year awards and discuss the future of the Grizzly Athletics program.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be paid for at the door. Guests are asked to RSVP by April 22 by emailing [MSUWP Athletics@MissouriState.edu](mailto:MSUWP Athletics@MissouriState.edu).

Those who cannot attend but would like to support the Grizzly Athletics program or those who would like more information about the event may contact Peterson at [RachelPeterson@MissouriState.edu](mailto:RachelPeterson@MissouriState.edu).

No preregistration is required. Third through eighth graders from any area school are welcome. Transportation will be available for those attending West Plains R-7 summer school.

A current physical is required for players in seventh grade and up. Registration is \$25 and includes a T-shirt.

All sessions will be divided into groups based on the participants' skill levels, Phay said, adding the camps are open to all youths of every ability, Phay said.

All equipment for the camps will be provided, with the exception of personal attire. Campers are encouraged to bring their own ball with their name on it, but a ball can be provided, if needed.

Participants also should bring their own water bottles, and those who are participating in the all-day camp should bring their own sack lunch.

### **Camp Costs and Registration**

The cost of attending the morning session is \$95; the cost to attend the all-day camp is \$185; the cost of attending the elite camp is \$125. Spaces are limited for each session, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Registration forms can be downloaded at [MSUWPGrizzlies.com/Camps/Grizzly\\_Basketball\\_Summer\\_Camp\\_2025](https://MSUWPGrizzlies.com/Camps/Grizzly_Basketball_Summer_Camp_2025).

For more information about the camp, contact Phay at 417-255-7991 or [JaredPhay@MissouriState.edu](mailto:JaredPhay@MissouriState.edu).

88, for a team total score of 327.

Out of all the teams, the top three were first place Poplar Bluff, with a 290 combined team score; second place Helias Catholic, with a total of 301; and third place Nixa, with 304.

A West Plains junior varsity golf meet was sched-

West Plains won thanks in part to seven runs in the first inning. Walker tripled, scoring three runs; Holloway grounded out, scoring one run; Ethan Miller doubled, scoring a run; Dominic Hale hit a sacrifice fly, scoring another run; and Landon Montgomery doubled, scoring one run.

The Zizzers added to their lead in the bottom of the second inning, after Paragould committed an error, and Isaiah Jones grounded into a fielder's choice, each play scoring one run.

Hale was the starting pitcher for the Zizzers. He allowed zero hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking none.

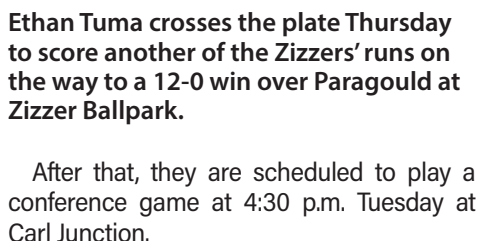
Hoyt Weisbrod pitched two innings of no-run ball for West Plains in relief. He gave up one hit, striking out none and walking none.

The Zizzers tallied nine hits in the game. Montgomery and Ethan Tuma each collected two hits for West Plains while hitting back-to-back.

Overall, the Zizzers had seven walks for the game. The team didn't commit a single error in the field. Holloway had the most chances in the field with eight.

Statistics courtesy of 2025 GameChanger Media, Inc.

The Zizzers varsity baseball team is away this weekend at the Hollister Festival, having played Fridav with more games set for today



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Wood as storyteller: West Plains resident Jim Mahan's enduring craft

By SAM MACPHERSON, Quill Feature Contributor

Jim Mahan, 85, of West Plains, has been carving wood since his father introduced him to the craft at 8 years old. Although he received supplemental training via Boy Scouts, Mahan is primarily self-taught and has found local fame in his realistic carvings.

Visitors to the Mahan residence are greeted with a variety of wood and antler figures borne from Mahan's imagination, including necklaces and pendants, Native American faces and effigies, bird feathers and a multitude of morel mushroom carvings. There's also the "snake stick," a particularly striking serpent carved to encircle a wooden cane.

Mahan was raised in West Plains in a house constructed by his parents but eventually relocated to Kansas City, where he matriculated and studied electronics.

After graduation, he was hired at Collins Radio Company in Iowa, where he worked on airplane tower communication equipment for 36 years. During this time, he met his wife, Chris Jamason. The two have been married for 41 years.

Mahan returned to the Olive Street house he was raised in to care for his mother, and Jamason soon followed. Here, in his father's old shop in the basement, Mahan rediscovered his love for wood as a storytelling medium.

"I've always loved and hunted morel mushrooms," Mahan said. "One day, my daughter gifted me a wooden stick with a morel carved on it. I looked at it and thought, 'I can do better than that,' and carved my own." That first morel mushroom stick, carved with a knife, caught the eye of several acquaintances. At their request, Mahan began carving more — each one unique and imperfect, just like real mushrooms — and was soon contracted by a stick manufacturer based in Arkansas.

"From 2000 to 2019, I was carving at least one hundred sticks a month," Mahan said. "I started out doing it all by knife, but I eventually transitioned to using power tools, some of which were owned by my dad."



Jim Mahan, 85, West Plains, displays his "snake stick," an intricate carving of a serpent wrapping around a wooden cane. He has been carving wood since he was 8 years old

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Mahan spends hours in his late father's shop. He uses various woodworking tools as vessels, translating his ideas into the real world on the surface of wood and elk, deer and moose antlers — the latter of which Mahan collects from various sources.

Mahan uses an array of advanced tools to complete his projects, including a belt sander, drill press, sanding mop and power drills controlled by foot pedals. "I still use just a knife sometimes, though," he said.

After the carving, Mahan applies a finish, often with a golden oak stain, giving his designs a realistic feel.

Mahan has also tried his hand at fractal burning, where a Lichtenberg figure (branching electrical discharge resembling a tree or lightning bolt) is burnt into wood using high-voltage electricity.

"It's pretty dangerous, though, so only experienced woodworkers should try it," Mahan cautioned.

Speaking of experience, Mahan is more than willing to share his with those eager to learn. Mahan views woodcarving as a tradition meant to be passed down from generation to generation. "I've taught at least 15 others in this area how to carve wood, specifically



Jim Mahan puts the finishing touches on a small piece of wood with a belt sander. He began carving with knives only, but eventually began using power tools, some of which were owned by his father.

BY SAM MACPHERSON FOR THE QUILL

morel mushrooms," he said.

"Because of my age, I'm not doing a hundred a month anymore because that's a lot. That's why it's important to pass down this art form so that people can keep doing it for years."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Arts Alliance member events and activities:**
- April 12** (4-9 p.m.) Balloon glow event featuring live music and fireworks. Fundraiser for Child Advocacy Center at Heart of the Ozarks Fairgrounds. [childadvocacycenter.org](http://childadvocacycenter.org) for ticket information.
- April 14** (7 p.m.) MSU-WP Jazz Band Concert, Civic Center Theater, 110 St. Louis St.
- April 14 & 18** (See the Avenue Theatre on Facebook to choose audition time slot) Auditions for Summer Musical "The Prince of Egypt," Avenue Theatre, 307 Washington Ave.
- April 18** (7-9 p.m.) Slim Stanley, an evening of the Dead and inspired music, The Yellow House, 209 W. Trish Knight St.
- April 21** (7 p.m.) MSU-WP Spring Concert, University/Community Band, Civic Center Theater.
- Through April 26** (Thursdays-Sundays, 12-4 p.m.) Spring Art Show, Harlin Museum, 405 Worcester Ave.
- April 26** (1-4 p.m.) Reception and award ceremony for Spring Art Show, Harlin Museum.
- April 29** (3 p.m.) "Global Sustainability" presentation by Dr. Rajiv Thakur, MSU-WP, Melton Hall Room 115.
- May 1** (4-8:30 p.m.) MSU-WP Academic Symposium, "Astronomy in the Ozarks," 110 St. Louis Street.
- May 1-4** (12-4 p.m.) Entries taken for "Golden Years Senior Showcase" Art Exhibit, Harlin Museum. Information on the Harlin Museum of West Plains Facebook page.
- May 2** (7-9 p.m.) Michael "Supe" Granda of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils, The Yellow House.
- May 2-3** (7 p.m.) & May 4 (3 p.m.) "Love, Law & Murder" play, Avenue Theatre.
- Now through June (weekdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Art at the Library, Honest Imagination participants, West Plains Public Library, 705 Broadway, in partnership with WPCA.
- Now through June (weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) Art of Cindy Temple featured inside OzSBI's first floor, in partnership with WPCA.
- Other arts, culture and entertainment events happening in West Plains include:
- April 15** (4:30-5:30 p.m.) "Milling Around: Exploring 26 Mills in the Ozarks" presentation by author Barbara Baird, Library Community Room, 750 W. Broadway
- April 16** (4-5 p.m.) Spring Craft Night (ages 10 and under) Library Community Room, 750 W. Broadway
- April 19** (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) Presentation by Chris Carr, former NBA player, Lincoln School, 1400 Pony Thomas St.
- April 24-26, 29 & May 1-3** (7 p.m.) & **April 27 & May 4** (3 p.m.) Pride and Prejudice, presented by West Plains Playhouse, Dev's Grand Ballroom, 37 Court Square.
- April 25-27** OzCon Gaming Convention, West Plains Civic Center. Visit [oz-con.com](http://oz-con.com) for times, schedule and ticket information.
- May 3** (9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.) "Paws for a Cause" Pet Show & Festival, West Plains Civic Center.
- Additional information about these events and others can be found on the events page at [explorewestplains.com](http://explorewestplains.com).

BEST music show is April 19

The 11th annual spring music show hosted by Better Eminence Schools for Tomorrow (B.E.S.T.) will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 19 in the old Eminence High School gym. Admission to the family-friendly B.E.S.T. Country and Gospel Music Show is free, but a basket will be passed for donations, said organizers. Funds raised will benefit the Eminence School District and go toward projects that serve to meet students' needs.

Musical performances will be given by the Redwings Band in a reshaw, followed by Lonesome Road Bluegrass and Haversticks with Bressler Cousins. Refreshments will be available and a door prize drawing will be held.

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**ONGOING**

**Through April 15:** The West Plains Council on the Arts is accepting submissions for a juried 2-D and 3-D exhibit for current and retired art teachers. Email photos of up to five proposed works to [info@westplainsarts.org](mailto:info@westplainsarts.org).

**Through April 15:** The West Plains Senior Center, 416 E. Main St., offers free tax counseling for the elderly. Call 417-256-4055 to make an appointment.

**Through April 24:** West Plains Noon Rotary is selling tickets to enter a giveaway drawing for a chance to win a four-night Royal Caribbean cruise for two, including airfare. The drawing will be held April 24 and streamed live on Facebook @westplainsnoonrotaryclub. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased online at [shorturl.at/2K2E3](http://shorturl.at/2K2E3). Proceeds support the Rotary Backpack Program.

**Through May 24:** The Caulfield Community Building Board of Directors is offering a special presale of full-day building rentals for 2025 and 2026, at a discounted rate of \$50 per day. Dates can be secured in advance, or vouchers can be issued for a reservation to be made later. To purchase, call Susie Williams, 471-293-5288, or Randy Harper, 417-293-6650.

**TODAY**

**April 12:** The second day of the Salem Home and Garden Show at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Salem, Ark., is in swing. For more information, contact Renee at Mustard Seed Nursery and Landscaping by phone, 870-656-7724, or email, [mustardseedmomma@yahoo.com](mailto:mustardseedmomma@yahoo.com).

**April 12 (10 a.m.-noon)** A free e-waste recycling program will be held at the West Plains Materials and Recycling Facility, 1853 Old Airport Road. Bring electronics and appliances; anything with freon must have the freon removed by a certified professional before disposal. For more informa-

tion, contact Brent Lidgard, 417-256-4226.

**April 12 (10 a.m.)** A 5K Autism Color Fun Run/Walk will be hosted by Children's Behavioral Services and the YMCA in Mtn. Grove. Entry is \$20 per participant. For details, visit [www.childrens-behavioralservices.com](http://www.childrens-behavioralservices.com) and click on "Events."

**April 12 (4-9 p.m.)** The Child Advocacy Center's annual Balloon Glow & Firework Show will take place at the Heart of the Ozarks Fairgrounds on North U.S. 63. Tickets are \$10-\$20 and available online at [childadvocacycenter.org/balloon-glow](http://childadvocacycenter.org/balloon-glow). Food and beverage vendors will be available. All are encouraged to carpool and bring their own blankets and chairs. Proceeds will go toward the Child Advocacy Center in West Plains. The event will be held as weather permits, and all ticket sales are final.

**MONDAY**

**April 14-May 8:** The Early-Stage Business Boot Camp will launch a new cohort in Ava. Registration is underway for the free workshop series to be held at The Boardroom, 305 E. Washington Ave. in Ava. The cohort is offered in partnership between the Ava Area Chamber de Commerce and Ozarks Small Business Incubator. Sign up before April 14 at [missouri.ecenterdirect.com/events/26087](http://missouri.ecenterdirect.com/events/26087).

**April 14-16 (3:45-5:30 p.m.)** West Plains High School Cheerleading tryouts are underway. Prospective cheerleaders must have a current physical to participate and bring it with them on the first day of tryouts. A parent meeting will be held at the conclusion of the first day.

**April 15 (6-6:30 p.m.)** Mercy St. Francis Hospital and the Mtn. View Chamber of Commerce team up to host an annual Easter egg hunt behind the hospital, 100 U.S. 60 in Mtn. View. There are four age groups with two golden egg prizes each. Golden egg winners will receive a bike and helmet. Games, face painting, balloons and food trucks will also be available.

**TUESDAY**

**April 15, May 20 & June 17:** Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be offering mammogram screenings at OZH Gainesville, 37 Medical Drive. To make an appointment, call 417-274-7911.

**April 15 (6-8 p.m.)** Ozarks Healthcare offers Preparing for Breastfeeding classes for

expectant mothers. Classes are free to parents planning to deliver at OZH Women's Center, or for those planning to deliver elsewhere, a one-time \$75 fee to attend one or all classes will be charged. Classes are held in the Women's Center Education Room, 1100 Kentucky Ave. Tours will be offered after classes for interested parents.

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 16, May 25 & June 18:** Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be offering mammogram screenings at OZH Thayer, 1375 Nettleton Ave. To make an appointment, call 417-274-7911.

**THURSDAY**

**April 17, May 22 & June 19:** Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be offering mammogram screenings at West Plains Bank and Trust Company-Willow Springs Branch, 708 E. Main St. To make an appointment, call 417-274-7911.

**April 17-19:** The cities of Willow Springs and West Plains will both hold their Citywide Yard Sales. Permit fees for yard sales are waived. Those in Willow Springs intending on hosting a yard sale are invited to contact the Willow Springs Chamber with dates, time and location to be included on the map and listing of city yard sales. Email [willowsprings-chamber@gmail.com](mailto:willowsprings-chamber@gmail.com) or call 417-469-5519 by April 10.

**April 17 (8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)** Ozarka College's Friends of the Paul Weaver Library presents the 12th annual Tour d'Art "Wild About Art" in the John E. Miller Education Complex lobby on the Melbourne campus of the college. There is no admission to the art show, which is open to the public. Door prizes will be given. For more information contact Dan Lindsey at 870-368-2058 or [dlindsey@ozarka.edu](mailto:dlindsey@ozarka.edu).

**April 17 (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)** A style show and luncheon to benefit the Friends of the Garnett Library, themed A Walk Down Memory Lane, will be held at the West Plains Country Club. Call Kloe Klozet, 417-256-3581, or Garnett Library, 417-255-7945, to make a reservation.

**April 17 (1:30-3 p.m.)** MSU-WP will officially dedicate its new Neurodiversity and Autism Center with a ceremony outside the new facility on the MSU-WP campus. The event is free and open to the public, and a tour will be offered.

**April 17 (5-5:45 p.m.)** Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ark., will host a special lecture, "Now That's One Wild Woman!" on the legacy of Billy Joe Tatum in the Arkansas Ozarks. Tatum was a renowned naturalist, author and educator known for her work in wild foods

and foraging. It is free and open to the public and will be presented by Dr. Lauren Adams Willette in the Miller Building Lecture Hall.

**FRIDAY**

**April 18 (noon to 6 p.m.)** Ozarks Healthcare and the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will host a blood drive in the Willard Hunter Classroom at OZH Parkway Center, 1211 Porter Wagon Blvd. Successful donors will receive two free admissions to four area attractions: The Discovery Center in Springfield, The Scott Family Amazeum in Bentonville, Ark., Ripley's Believe it or Not! in Branson, and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Eureka Springs, Ark. Make an appointment at [www.cbco.org/adventure](http://www.cbco.org/adventure) or call 417-227-5006.

**April 18 & 25; May 2 & 9 (1:30 p.m.)** West Plains Senior Center, 416 E. Main St., hosts bingo games with a progressive jackpot and cash payouts for ages 16 and older. Card sales start at 12:30 p.m. Call 417-256-4055 for more information.

**NEXT WEEK**

**April 19 (11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)** The Lincoln School Project, 1400 Pony Thomas St., will host former NBA player and current administrator with Drury University Chris Carr for a community talk on perseverance and leadership. The program is free and open to all, but due to limited seating, registration is required. RSVP by emailing [LincolnSchool65775@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnSchool65775@gmail.com).

**April 19 (6:30 p.m.)** The BEST Annual Country and Gospel Music Show will be held in the old Eminence High School gym. Bring the whole family. Admission is free, but a hat will be passed for fundraising for Eminence School and its students. Refreshments will be served. Musical performances will be given by Darrell Johns with The Redwings Band, followed by main acts The Lonesome Road Bluegrass Band, Haversticks'/Bresslers' Band and The Baker Family.

**April 20 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)** Just Another Human will pass out free Easter baskets to those in need at People's Park, as long as supplies last. Baskets accommodating dietary restrictions such as alpha-gal and sugar- and nut-free will be available.

**April 21-25:** Citywide Cleanup Week in West Plains and Mtn. View. Extra garbage items, excluding hazardous materials, will be picked up on residential customers' normal trash pickup day.

**April 21 (5:30 p.m.)** A free Community Education Dinner will be held at the Willard Hunter Classroom in OZH Parkway Center, 1211 Porter Wagoner Blvd. Dr. Caleb Piatt, orthopedic surgeon, will share insights into common orthopedic conditions, treatments and ad-

vanced surgical techniques. The dinner is free but reservations are required and may be made by calling 417-257-6735.

**April 22 (4-6 p.m.)** Twin Pines Conservation Education will hold Discover Nature Fishing Lessons 1 and 2 for ages 7 and older, with family participation encouraged, at Sims Valley Lake in Willow Springs. Learn the parts and function of a spin cast fishing rod and reel and how to cast safely and well, how to fasten basic tackle and catch and handle fish, and how to tie a knot and bait a hook. Supplies provided, no permit required. Each participant must sign up individually. Go online to [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and click on Discover Nature Fishing. Call LuAnn Conway for questions, 573-325-1381 ext. 6036

**April 24 (1-3 p.m.)** Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona will host Nature Art: Watercolors for Pollinators. Learn about native pollinators, how they benefit native landscaping, and create a personal watercolor bookmark of your own favorite wildflowers. Minors welcomed with a registered adult. Materials provided, but participants may bring their own brushes and watercolors if inclined.

**April 24:** Ozarks Healthcare's Mobile Mammography Unit will be offering mammogram screenings at Lutie School, 5802 U.S. 160, Theodosia. To make an appointment, call 417-274-7911.

**April 24 (4-4:30 p.m. [virtual] and 6-6:30 p.m. [in person])** Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona will host Nature Art: Pine Needlers, a 12-month project group meeting through May using embroidery techniques to explore Missouri's native wildflowers. By signing up, you are committing to all 12 months. Registration required. Sign up online by going to [mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com](http://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com), selecting "Shannon" in the drop-down menu labeled "County," and clicking search to scroll and find the event listed.

**April 24 (4-6 p.m.)** Twin Pines Conservation Education will hold Discover Nature Fishing Lessons 3 and 4 for ages 7 and older, with family participation encouraged, at Sims Valley Lake in Willow Springs. Learn about five common fish, their habitats and food web, and learn about fishing with lures and fishing regulations. Supplies provided, no permit required. Each participant must sign up individually. Go online to [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and click on Discover Nature Fishing. Call LuAnn Conway for questions, 573-325-1381 ext. 6036

**April 24 (5-7 p.m.)** West Plains High School hosts

Arts Alive 2025: Take Flight in the gymnasium. The showcase begins with a one-act play from Zizzer Theater, followed by Reader's Theater, art show award announcements, a live choir performance and a performance from the Zizzer Pride Band. Cookies will be provided by the culinary arts class.

**April 24 (6 p.m.)** West Plains Noon Rotary Club will hold a drawing for the giveaway of a cruise for two. Watch online on Facebook @wesplainsnoonrotary to see the winner.

**April 25 (12:30-3:30 p.m.)** The Howell County office of the University of Missouri Extension will hold a private pesticide application training. The fee is \$75 for registration; pay online or present payment in exact cash or check form at the event, 1376 Bill Virdon Blvd. Register online at [extension.missouri.edu/events/private-pesticide-applicator-training-howell-county-1](http://extension.missouri.edu/events/private-pesticide-applicator-training-howell-county-1). Call 417-256-2391 for assistance with registration.

**April 25 (6:30-9:30 p.m.)** and 26 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) The South Central Walk-Worthy Women's Conference will be held at Liberty High School in Mtn. View. Tickets are \$40 through March 31, \$45 April 1-24 and \$50 the day of the event. Breakfast and lunch are included on Saturday. Register at [www.scwalkworthy.com](http://www.scwalkworthy.com).

**April 25 & 26 (7:30 p.m.)** West Plains High School Choir will perform Just Desserts 2025, a night of "Wicked" music in the cafeteria. The cost is \$15 per person. Seating begins at 7 p.m. Sweet treats will be provided by the Lollipop Guild. RSVP to Alison Jones by emailing [alison.jones@zizzers.org](mailto:alison.jones@zizzers.org).

April

**April 26 (8 a.m.-7 p.m.)** The annual Emmett Kelly Clown Festival will be held in Houston, in honor of the world-famous clown raised just east of Houston. Registration for a car show begins at 8 a.m. at Grand Avenue and Main Street, with awards at 12:30 p.m. Fun run check-in begins at 8 a.m. at the Lone Start Plaza at First and Pine streets. A parade begins at 11 a.m. downtown. Other activities include a quilt giveaway, art contest, school presentations, stage entertainment, photo opportunities and the kindergarten circus. Anyone interested in vending may contact Brenda Center, [hisl970@yahoo.com](mailto:hisl970@yahoo.com) or 918-527-6282.

**April 26 (9-11 a.m.)** Cars & Good Company, a local car community, will hold its Cars & Coffee meet-up at Craft Cafe, 311 St. Louis St. All are welcome to bring their cars or just come look. Learn more at @CarsNGoodCompanyWP on Facebook.

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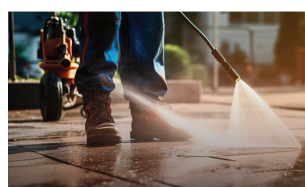
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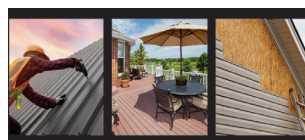
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THURSDAY

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

43 Battery end

1 Go to the polls

5 Grabs (onto)

10 Bitter humor

12 “Chicago” role

13 Positive-thinking

14 “West Side Story” role

15 Greek vowel

16 Realm

18 Infrequently

20 “Patience — virtue”

21 “Clumsy me!”

23 California red, for short

24 Hammer end

26 Draws

28 Career campaigner

29 Ready for customers

31 “Roses — red”

32 Hap-hazard

36 Ingenue’s hope

39 Far from cordial

40 Met performer

41 Gladden

DOWN

44 Comfort food source

45 Scatter

46 Touches lightly

1 Bad habits

2 Give a speech

3 Sound-related

4 Last part

5 Mom’s mom, affectionately

6 Drawn out

7 Rust, e.g.

8 Cell division process

9 Tar

11 “Double Fantasy” singer

17 Little rascal

19 Buck’s mate

22 Ticked off

24 Omen

25 Franklin’s wife

27 Tourist stop

28 Trattoria dishes

30 Favoring

33 Hunting goddess

34 Duo quadrupled

35 Mike of “Shrek”

37 Took the bus

38 Sketched

42 Backtalk

Yesterday’s answer

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
10				11		12			
13						14			
15				16		17			
18			19					20	
			21			22		23	
24	25				26	27			
28				29	30				
31					32		33	34	35
36			37	38			39		
40						41	42		
43						44			
45							46		

4-10

FRIDAY

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

39 Texan tree

1 Falls back

5 Diminishes

9 Pungent

11 From the Arctic

13 Dictation pro

14 Fry lightly

15 Low digit

16 Nutritional need

18 Ray

20 Hot blood

21 Annoying squirt

22 Wasn’t ignorant

23 “— a deal!”

24 Set afire

25 Citi Field team

27 Rome raiders

29 Cabinet wood

30 Sneaky ones

32 Grabbed with a toothpick

34 Dandy

35 Bit of color

36 Grammar topic

38 Middling card

DOWN

1 Endures

2 Misbehave

3 Resent-fully

4 Naughty act

5 English racing town

6 Junk, e.g.

7 Quite exasperated

8 Swift specialty

10 Steroids users

12 Make fresh

17 Drake’s music

19 Wagers

22 Young foxes

24 Eat a lot, in slang

25 Ship staffs

26 Spotted

27 “My word!”

28 Ad catchphrase

30 Small songbirds

31 Used up

33 Writer James

37 Attach a patch

Yesterday’s answer

V	O	T	E		G	L	O	M	S		
I	R	O	N	Y		R	O	X	I	E	
C	A	N	D	O		A	N	I	T	A	
E	T	A		K	I	N	G	D	O	M	
S	E	L	D	O				I	S	A	
				O	O	P	S		Z	I	N
			P	E	E	N		T	I	E	S
P	O	L			O	P	E	N			
A	R	E			R	A	N	D	O	M	
S	T	A	R	D	O	M			I	C	Y
T	E	N	O	R			E	L	A	T	E
A	N	O	D	E			D	I	N	E	R
S	T	R	E	W				P	A	T	S

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THURSDAY

PUZZLE NO. 693

SUDOKU

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 693

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

HOW TO PLAY:

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FRIDAY

PUZZLE NO. 694

SUDOKU

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 694

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

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SATURDAY

PUZZLE NO. 695

SUDOKU

LEVEL: ADVANCED

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

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 695

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

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THURSDAY

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

DMMEO

GYUBG

LACITI

NHHOOC

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: ELITE SIGHT BOLDLY CANVAS

Answer: The general wanted his son to help around the house, but it was a — LOSING BATTLE

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THE PATIENT WASN’T FLOSSING OR BRUSHING ENOUGH, SO THE DENTIST WAS ---

FRIDAY

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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

DENUU

MRURO

MIBGTA

CIDETE

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: MODEM BUGGY ITALIC HONCHO

Answer: The patient wasn’t flossing or brushing enough, so the dentist was — BAD-MOUTHING HIM

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THE GRUMPY GUY WHO FOUND FAULT WITH EVERY TYPE OF CHEESE WAS A ---

SATURDAY

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

URRNE

LIDLR

TCALAU

VSEWER

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: UNDUE RUMOR GAMBIT DECEIT

Answer: The grumpy guy who found fault with every type of cheese was a — “CURD-MUDGEON”

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THE JACK RUSSELL LOVED THE SOFA, WHICH WAS IN BAD SHAPE DUE TO THE ---

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS

41 2006  
1 Chop  
down  
5 Speedy  
horse  
9 Jason of  
"Aquaman"  
10 Wise guys  
12 Presses  
13 Work  
byproduct  
14 Challeng-  
ing tennis  
play  
16 Count  
start  
17 Call on  
18 Say inad-  
vertently  
20 Leisurely  
walk  
22 Pindar  
poems  
23 Paper  
packs  
25 Rough  
guess  
28 Pasta bit  
32 Surf wear  
34 Zodiac  
animal  
35 Stop  
fasting  
36 Sweet-  
ums, e.g.  
38 Award  
40 Saloon  
quaff
- 42 Heavy  
wood  
43 Await  
44 Car scar

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN

1 Glade  
setting  
2 Ham  
3 Drawn out  
4 Louisiana  
explorer  
5 Useful  
skill  
6 Unrefined  
7 Ancient  
8 Old frosh  
topper

9 Less  
11 Flight  
units  
15 Scarlett's  
friend  
19 Mediocre  
21 Balls  
24 Blotchy  
25 Cleaned,  
in a way  
26 Shred  
27 Clothing

29 Knight's  
foe  
30 Bemoan  
31 Abrasive  
powder  
33 Tip over  
37 Local  
movie  
house,  
in slang  
39 Red from  
Cali

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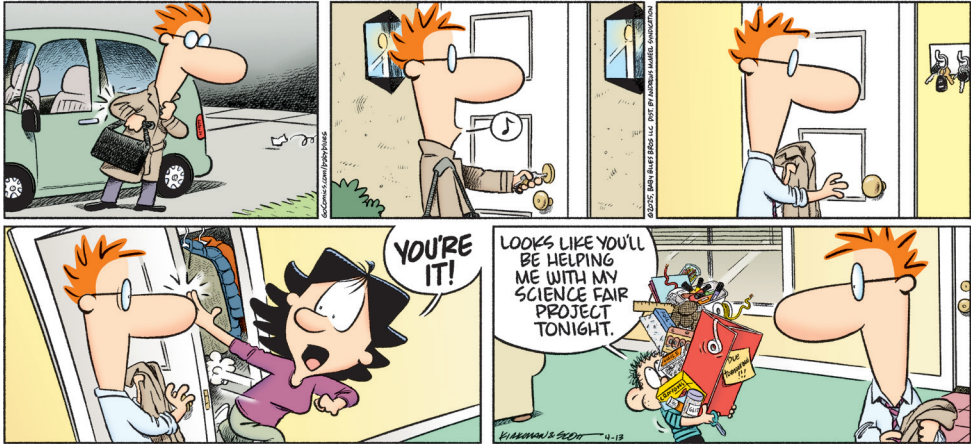
CARPE DIEM

BY NIKLAS ERIKSSON



Baby Blues

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



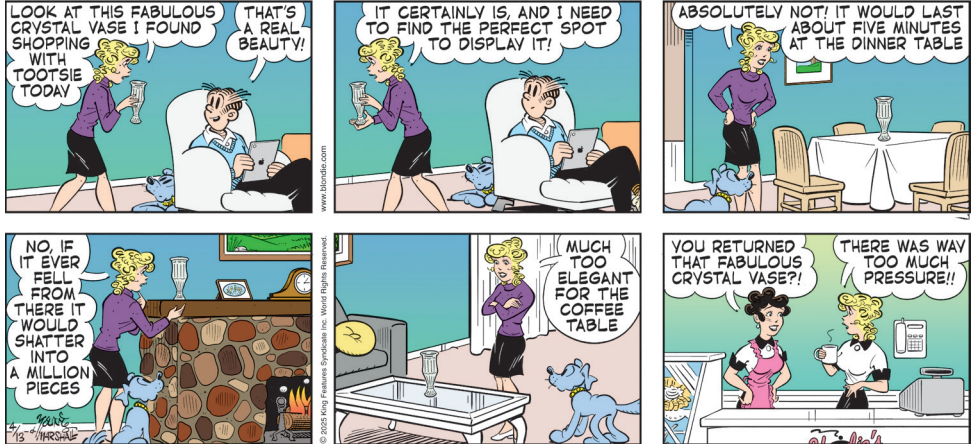
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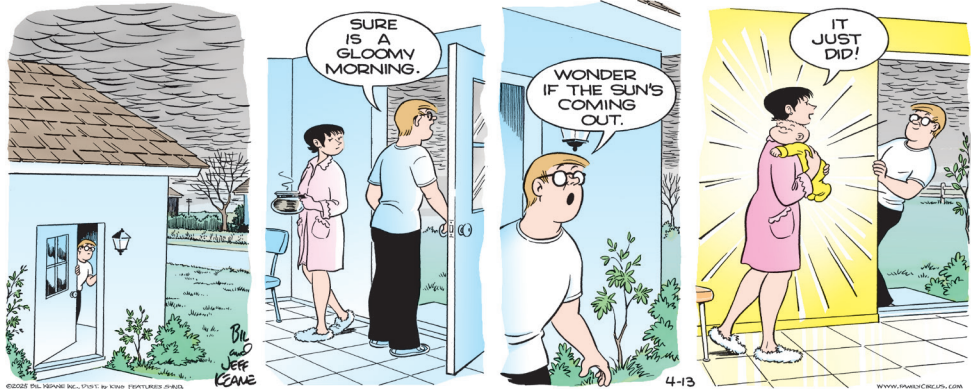
BLONDIE

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By TIL KEANE



THURSDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.  
4-10  
CRYPTOQUOTE  
FLYYDFF EF O YHKKDYREHI  
HW CGHQKDTF FHKMDA.  
— E.T. CDE  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE ONLY REAL FAILURE IN LIFE IS NOT TO BE TRUE TO THE BEST ONE KNOWS. — THE BUDDHA

FRIDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.  
4-11  
CRYPTOQUOTE  
OPZ SDPU, BPXDA UFYK XW  
EXAFK XW IYWO. KFI QEPRHIG  
XW SDPUXDA UFYK XW EXAFK.  
— HODBDP R. TPFDWPD  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SUCCESS IS A COLLECTION OF PROBLEMS SOLVED. — LM. PEI

SATURDAY

Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.  
4-12  
CRYPTOQUOTE  
OETSRI, QBGR MBG GHTMB  
MSDMO JDPOGT MP MBG OLR.  
TLRO H OMTSJM MSVGMHZDG  
PA ADPQGT. — HDSJG POQHD  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU KNOW, DOING WHAT IS RIGHT IS EASY. THE PROBLEM IS KNOWING WHAT IS RIGHT. — LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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