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All Region honors

Saxony Lutheran's girls soccer team garnered six Class 1 All-Region honors, along with several individual awards including Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year and Coach of the Year. **1B**



Youth movement

This summer will be important for the St. Vincent Indians boys basketball team, which lost seven seniors to graduation. The Indians are left with a team mainly comprised of juniors and sophomores. **1B**



Consistency is key

While Perryville Pirates football coach Brent Roth isn't predicting an undefeated record by any means, he is hoping for an improved season this fall as summer workouts get underway, saying consistency is vital. **2B**

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City urges residents to complete survey

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The city of Perryville is looking to the future once again.

The city's comprehensive plan, that has been named "Perryville 2045," was discussed during the Coffee and Connections on June 7 at the Robinson Event Center.

"We are approximately one-third to one-half through the comprehensive planning process," Perryville City Administrator Brent Buerck said.

The biggest thing that came out of the event was the need for the participation in the community survey.

"It's available wherever postcards are. They are pretty much everywhere around town," Buerck said. "It will help determine how the community grows in the future."

Approximately 225 people have completed the survey, with the hopes that 600 complete the survey before its through.

"If we can get to about 600-650 people, then we think it will be statistically relevant for the city to," he said.

The survey asks questions about the types of residential development people would like to see in Perryville, what types of single-family home developments that could be

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constructed, the types of entertainment people would like to see in the city, and ideas for future commercial developments.

"We hope to let it guide our decisions going forward as to what people would like to see in Perryville in the future," Buerck said.

The last community plan was adopted in 2011 and continues to serve the City of Perryville.

"It's been about 12 years and there has been a lot of changes in that time," Buerck said. "This next one we hope can be anywhere from 10-20 years."

The Comprehensive Plan acts as a policy guide providing a framework for the city's staff and appointed/elected officials to make zoning, development, and other decisions. Whether it's the future land use map establishing priorities for future development opportunities, placemaking in the downtown, a new street layout or corridor improvements, the plan also allows residents, businesses, property owners, and the development community to find themselves in the plan. The Comprehensive Plan is not a zoning ordinance, subdivision regu-

lation, capital improvement program, or other regulatory document, but rather the basis for the city's creation and maintenance of such tools which help to implement a comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan identifies priorities related to future land use, street layout, housing, commercial and industrial development, parks & recreation, and other topics that impact the city moving forward.

The city held an open house for this project in March to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan process and share your input of

Perryville's future.

The multi-phase planning process includes a review of existing planning documents; data collection and analysis of existing conditions and trends; public engagement; land use planning and scenario development; the identification and development of community-wide goals and priorities bolstered by objectives, key results, and implementation strategies; and plan adoption. This planning process will include an in-depth update to the city's existing 2011 Comprehensive Plan that will consider the city's changing needs and ultimately support the future envisioned by the Perryville community.

The planning process for Perryville's Comprehensive Plan is being lead by St. Louis-based, planning and economic analysis consulting firm, PGAV Planners LLC. Throughout the planning process, the team from PGAV will work closely with a city-appointed Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee whose membership includes Mayor Larry Riney, Buerck, city staff members, and a mix of Perryville residents, business owners, and community leaders. These Perryville experts will support the PGAV team through providing local

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Board discusses budget for next school year

By Justin Hotop
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Perry County School District No. 32 began planning for exactly what the 2023-2024 school year's budget would look like.

The Board of Education held a special work session on June 7 outlining that task.

Perry County District Superintendent Dr. Fara Jones noted several things that she hopes the budget accomplishes.

"We have several goals which includes improved compensation for our staff, improve hiring and improvement potential, and continue the benefit programs that we currently have. We should support a quality curriculum through scientific based research that contain rigor and set the standards that we want to have."

Jones said that she wants to have long-term improvement plans for the facilities and to encourage student involvement.

"Students need to be involved in something, they need to be involved



in things with us here on campus," Jones said. "We need more kids involved in sports, learned healthy lifestyle habits and being good role models."

Jones wants to make it a priority to create relationships.

"We need to work together with our students, parents, teachers, staff, and community to make this district the best it can be," she said. "We need everyone to be able to do that."

Part of that relationship building with the staff is with the teacher and staff pay schedule.

"The Salary Committee presented this earlier this year, but we moved everyone to the step they should be on with the additional steps added to the schedules," Jones said. "The question is what should we add to the base? I recommend adding \$1,000 to make it \$39,000 as the

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Perryville looking to update building codes

By Justin Hotop
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The City of Perryville ISO rating has briefly taken a hit.

"Usually the board that does these things tells us that we have one year to update your building codes or we will downgrade the ISO," Perryville City Administrator Brent Buerck said at the last City Council meeting. "That's not what they did this time. They said we are going to downgrade your ISO rating, let us know if you update your building codes."

Perryville's ISO rating,

which was a four, was taken down to a nine after new rules and building codes were enforced.

"Right now the ISO is not where we want it to be," Buerck said. "The city is working hard to get building code revisions. I hope to have them at the next meeting. We are going to recommend that we make some changes like we have every five or six years. If we don't people will see it when they pay for their home insurance. It's pretty intense and significant."

Perryville has made

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City cracks down on vandalism in City Park

By Justin Hotop
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The City of Perryville has had to deal with some vandalism in the City Park in the past few weeks, specifically near and around Veterans Memorial Field in the City Park.

"If people are caught doing that, it's a felony and they could get in serious trouble," Perryville Assistant Police Chief Bill Jones said. "It puts everybody at risk. Believe it or not it puts our firefighters and police officers at risk. It can be a



Veterans Memorial Field in the City Park has been the target of vandals in the past few weeks.

very serious thing.

Recent and continued vandalism has led park staff and Park Advisory Board members to suggest the city returns to locking the gates at Veterans Me-

ened in the future but will better protect park amenities for the time being.

Jones said there isn't too much vandalism in Perryville.

"There has always been some to a degree," he said. "Occasionally it will kick up, but not too often," Jones said.

Steps have been taken to decrease the amount of vandalism around the park and parts of the city.

"There are several public access areas that are being monitored electronically."

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Perryville Police Department: (573) 547-4546. Perry County Sheriff's Office: (573) 547-4576.

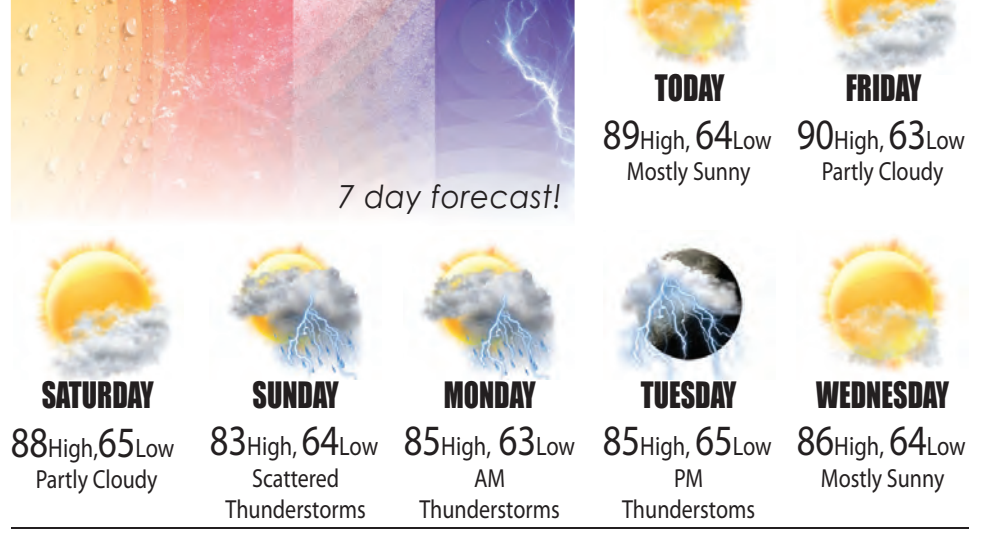
The Perryville Police Department has released its latest report of incidents and arrests:

- Incidents include:
- Officers responded to 815 Grand Avenue on May 27 in reference to a reported stealing incident.
 - Officers responded to 1154 W. St. Joseph St. on June 8 in reference to a reported stealing incident.
 - Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on June 8 in reference to a debit card found at 1314 N. Perryville

- Boulevard.
- Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on June 8 in reference to a key fob found at 1000 N. Rosati Court.
- Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on June 9 in reference to a reported fraud incident involving a credit/debit device at 1126 Edgemont Boulevard.
- Among those arrested were:
 - Bryce F. Teinert, 27, Litchfield Park AZ by officers on June 3 on a fugitive warrant from Maricopa County Sheriff's Office follow-

- ing an investigation of a suspicious subject at 6 S. Perryville Boulevard.
- Perfecta M. Perez-Garcia, 23, Old Appleton by officers on June 5 on a charge of harassment after officers received a call about a reported harassment incident at 801 N. Main Street.
- Jacqueline P. Yount, 40, homeless by officers on June 10 on a fugitive warrant from the Glen Carbon Police Department following a report of a suspicious person at the Perry Park Center. Arrest does not imply guilt.

Perry County Weather Cast



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- State v Connie Sue Pritchard, DOB April 21, 1971. Filing date: April 13, 2023. Charge: possession of a controlled substance-Felony D.
 - State v Rande D. Stapleton, DOB December 28, 1972. Filing date: October 26, 2022. Charge: forgery-Felony D.
 - State v Ryan Alan Paul Absher, DOB February 14, 1999. Filing date: March 23, 2023. Charge: assault, third degree-Felony E.
 - State v Abigail Elaine Johnson, DOB October 4, 1984. Filing date: October 4, 2022. Charge: DWI, serious physical injury-Felony D.
 - State v Gary L. Abney, DOB January 7, 1995. Filing date: October 19, 2022. Charges: stealing, value less than \$150, no prior offense-Misdemeanor D and property damage, second degree-Misdemeanor B.
 - State v Brandon Balsom, DOB November 7, 1997. Filing date: October 12, 2022. Charge: violation of order of protection for adult-Misdemeanor A.
 - State v D'Angelo W. Boyd, DOB August 15, 1996. Filing date: March 23, 2023. Charge: assault, third degree-Felony E.
 - State v Justin J. Conner, DOB May 15, 1989. Filing date: March 7, 2022. Charge: property damage, second degree-Misdemeanor B. Guilty Plea.
 - State v Alonzo Nathan Jones, DOB December 22, 1979. Filing date: December 27, 2022. Charge: assault, fourth degree-Misdemeanor A.
 - State v Carla Faye Little, DOB May 27, 1987. Filing date: March 30, 2022. Charge: DWI-Misdemeanor B. Guilty Plea.
 - State v Kenyeta Latrice McFarland, DOB May 27, 1984. Filing date: May 24, 2022. Charge: DWI-Misdemeanor B. Guilty Plea.
 - State v Akira M. Mosley, DOB June 19, 2000. Filing date:

- August 11, 2020. Charge: possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid-Felony D.
- State v Ryan David Wiggins, DOB October 28, 1999. Filing date: May 17, 2023. Charge: receiving stolen property-Felony D. Filing date: August 24, 2021. Charges: stealing-Misdemeanor A, property damage, second degree-Misdemeanor B, and trespass, first degree-Misdemeanor B. Filing date: June 6, 2022. Charges: operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license, first offense-Misdemeanor D and failure to register a motor vehicle-Misdemeanor B. Filing date: November 15, 2022. Charges: operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license, second offense-Misdemeanor A and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia-Misdemeanor D. Filing date: December 30, 2022. Charge: operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license, second offense-Misdemeanor A.
- State v Patrick Dunn Jr., DOB February 2, 1988. Filing date: May 26, 2023. Charge: tampering with a motor vehicle, first degree-Felony D.
- State v Andrea Lee Fullington, DOB March 19, 1990. Filing date: May 24, 2023. Charges: possession of a controlled substance-Felony D, endangering the welfare of a child, second degree-Misdemeanor A, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, prior drug offense-Misdemeanor A.
- State v Janis Faye Greer, DOB March 3, 1998. Filing date: October 31, 2022. Charge: possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid-Felony D.
- State v Howard E. Thilenius IV, DOB October 20, 1984. Filing date: April 17, 2023. Charges: Trespass, first degree-Misdemeanor B and unlawful use of a weapon, subsection 1, carries concealed-Misdemeanor B. Filing date: May 22, 2023. Charge:

- tampering with a motor vehicle, first degree-Felony D.
- State v Aaron J. Zielinski, DOB January 18, 1993. Filing date: November 18, 2019. Charges: possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid-Felony D and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia-Misdemeanor D.
- State v Cody Wayne French, DOB July 1, 1987. Filing date: May 25, 2023. Charge: domestic assault, third degree-Felony E.
- State v Chadquavin Rice, DOB October 12, 1999. Filing date: June 2, 2023. Charge: tampering with a motor vehicle, first degree-Felony D.
- State v Alexander Coleman, DOB December 27, 2000. Filing date: April 15, 2023. Charges: resisting arrest, detention, or stop by fleeing and creating a substantial risk of serious injury or death to any person-Felony E and exceeding the posted speed limit by 26 MPH or more-Misdemeanor B.
- State v Glen James LaRose, DOB January 14, 1968. Filing date: April 21, 2023. Charges: eight counts of unlawful possession of a firearm-Felony D.
- State v Andrew M. Blouin, DOB December 26, 1992. Filing date: March 31, 2023. Charges: two counts of tampering with a motor vehicle, first degree-Felony D and resisting or interfering with an arrest for a felony-Felony E.
- State v Tyree Bass, DOB August 5, 1999. Filing date: October 12, 2022. Charges: stealing a motor vehicle, watercraft, aircraft-Felony D and forgery-Felony D.
- State v Christopher Layne Pugh, DOB December 2, 1982. Filing date: March 17, 2023.

- Charge: sex offender present or loitering within 500 feet of school building, grounds, or conveyance to transport students-Misdemeanor A.
- State v Crystal Lynn McBride, DOB September 3, 1980. Filing date: January 6, 2023. Charge: domestic assault, third degree-Felony E.
- State v John A Moll, DOB January 12, 1975. Filing date: March 16, 2023. Charge: three counts of unlawful possession of a firearm-Felony D and domestic assault, second degree-Felony D.
- State v Jeffrey Scott Perea, DOB April 20, 1981. Filing date: July 21, 2022. Charges: possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid-Felony D and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia-Misdemeanor D.
- State v Gestrell Bowen, DOB March 25, 1992. Filing date: May 26, 2023. Charge: tampering with a motor vehicle, first degree-Felony D.

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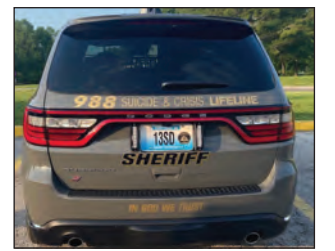
- R-M staff
- The Perryville Fire Department responded to multiple calls over the past two weeks. Those calls included:
- JUNE 4**
- Crews were called at 7:27 p.m. to Perry County Road 912 in reference to a male that was unresponsive from a motorcycle accident. The accident had a fatality and crews assisted the ambulance and set up a landing zone.

Sheriff's Office promotes mental health awareness

R-M staff

The Perry County Sheriff's Office recently joined the Community Counseling Center Foundation in support of Mental Health Awareness Month during May, displaying a yard sign which reads, "It's Okay to NOT be Okay."

Moving forward, the Sheriff's Office will continue to support mental health awareness by promoting the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and website — www.988lifeline.org — displayed on the rear of the department's newest patrol vehicles.



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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline transitioned to a call or text 988 option on July 16, 2022, as a free and confidential service staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week for anyone experiencing suicidal, substance use and other mental health crisis.

A majority of the Perry County Sheriff's Office personnel has received the Crisis Intervention Team training to help identify and refer individuals who may be experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

"This has been a priority of our office for several years," said Perry County Sheriff Jason Klaus, "to train all our staff in properly identifying a person who may be in crisis, utilizing verbal de-escalation skills and having knowledge of appropriate community resources to assist that individual. By partnering with the Community Counseling Center, Gibson Center for Behavioral Change, Perry County

Memorial Hospital, and other community services, we can develop relationships which will best serve those in need."

Klaus said he believes by promoting services like 988, his department will be able to provide individuals with another option when experiencing a crisis, instead of calling 911 or other emergency services.

"We are here to serve our community, whatever the call, but sometimes finding the right service, at the right time, may not always be law enforcement," Klaus said. "The Sheriff's Department will continue to promote 988 on their new patrol cars and work with community services to best serve our citizens when in crisis."

For more information about the Crisis Intervention Team and the training provided, visit the website at www.MissouriCIT.org.

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Community Calendar

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Teen Activity

Hey Teens..check out all the fun with your friends at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Thursday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m. There will be crafts, activities, and snacks.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Craft-All Day

Make a Father's Day Owl for your dad while supplies last at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Friday, June 16.

Blood Drive

Perryville Elks Lodge will host a blood drive on Friday, June 16 from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Story Time and Craft

Join Mrs. Melissa for a great story time and craft at the Riverside Regional Li-

brary on Monday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Open House

Mark your calendar to tour the new Ranken Technical College-Southeast Campus on Tuesday, June 20 from 3 - 6 p.m. The campus is located at 1907 N. Perryville Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 133

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 133 will host a lunch and card playing social for all ALA, Legion members, and guests at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Bring your favorite game and enjoy food and fun with friends.

Royal Princess Summer Celebration

Your invited to a special celebration for Anna's Birthday! Join the fun on Wednesday, June 21 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Robinson

Event Center. VIP Child Admission is \$35 and includes early entry, special keepsake, preferred seating, photo op with princess group (limited to first 40 Children). General child admission is \$25 & adult admission is \$15 (ages 18 & up). All tickets include princess meal, photo op with your camera, and princess stage performances. Purchase tickets online at royalprincess.eventbrite.com (processing fees apply). Checks and cash accepted. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. This Royal celebration is presented by Perry County Health Systems and benefits the PCHS Cognitive Stimulation Therapy program which treats individuals with mild to moderate dementia.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Teen Activity

Hey Teens..check out all the fun with your friends at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Thursday, June 22 at 3:30 p.m. There will be crafts, activities, and snacks.

Make-N-Take Craft

Pick up a whirligig craft while supplies last at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Lawn Mower Races

Looking for a family friendly event to go to? Head to the Patton Lawn Mower Races on Saturday, June 24 for a fun night of racing and the annual 4th of July Fireworks show. Located at the Patton Saddle Club on S. Highway 51. Gates open at 5 p.m. and racing starts at 6 p.m. \$5 per carload and concessions are available.

Stitching Group

Bring your stitching project and hang out with other stitchers at the Riverside Regional Library Altenburg Branch on Saturday, June 24 from 9 - 11 a.m. Want to learn how to stitch? Many willing hands are happy to help you get started. Cro-

cheters and knitters are also welcome.

Horse Show

Join the fun at the Perry County Saddle Club Horse Show on Saturday, June 24 at 150 PCR 202, Perryville. Admission is free at the gate. The obstacle course is at 4 p.m. and the Main Show is at 7 p.m. Show entries are \$5 per class. Concessions are available- featuring Eric's deep-fried chicken & homemade desserts. For more info call the show committee at 573-517-1164.

Amateur Radio Field Day

Members of the River Hills Amateur Radio Club will take part in the National Amateur Radio Field Day Exercise on Saturday, June 24. The public is invited to The Bank of Missouri Soccer Complex Shelter from 1 - 5 p.m. to see first-hand the skill, service, and science behind amateur ham radio. For more information about this exciting event or amateur radio, contact Christopher Wilson-Club President, at 573-513-2214 or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

Bake Sale

Get some delicious goodies and help out the Sedgewickville Fire Fundraising Committee at their bake sale on Saturday, June 24 from 6 - 11 a.m. (or sold out) at the Circle U Bar & Grill in Sedgewickville. Interested in donating or contributing, contact Sarah Noe at 573-513-1356.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Church Supper

Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna will host a church supper on Sunday, June 25 from 4 - 7 p.m. Menu includes BBQ pork steaks, potato casserole, baked beans, coffee-cake and beverages. Drive thru/carry-out with outdoor seating available. Proceeds to go toward the Youth Hall remodeling project.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Virtual Book Club

Join in this lively discussion of the historical fiction book "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See on

Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m.. To get a Zoom invitation to the Riverside Virtual Book Club, contact Eunice at 573-243-8141 ext. 123 or eschichting@rrlmo.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Perry County Creative Arts

If you want to collaborate, be inspired by, or work with other art enthusiasts join the Perry County Creative Arts on Thursday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at the Catalyst Center Board Room for their June meeting. For more info email perrycountycreativearts@gmail.com and check them out on Facebook.

Teen Activity

Hey Teens..check out all the fun with your friends at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Thursday, June 29 at 3:30 p.m. There will be crafts, activities, and snacks.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Make-N-Take Craft

Pick up a firework sparkler craft while supplies last at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch.

Family Fun Night

Get the family together for some games and activities at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 3

Fireworks Display

Celebrate America's birthday at the Perryville Rotary Club's Annual Fireworks Display. The Rotary Club of Perryville, the City of Perryville, Perry County, and dozens of area businesses will host the community fireworks display at City Park on July 3 at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by JR Digital Sound and Little Tray's Kettle Corn will be available. Perryville's own Ian Ferguson will sing the National Anthem!!

TUESDAY, JULY 4

"Honoring Our Heroes" Luncheon

The 7th Annual "Honoring Our Heroes" Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, July 4 at Noon in the Im-

manuel Lutheran School Multi-Purpose building. The meal and program "Hearts for Heroes" will be held by the Spirit Within Series Committee members and others. Music provided by Nathan Steele and Guest speaker Ray Lynn Munoz from MNVM will share updates about the memorial. The menu includes chicken & dumplings, pulled pork, grilled chicken, hash brown potato casserole, green beans, slaw, desserts, and drinks. All veterans, active-duty military, Perryville Police, Perry County Sheriff, Perry County Ambulance, Perryville Fire Department, and Perry County Rural Fire Protection Association are invited for this wonderful free luncheon. FREE tickets are available at the Immanuel Lutheran Church office M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. until June 28. Tickets are free to a hero and guest. Seating is limited.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Memory Makers Quilt Show

Stop at the Catalyst Center on Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and see some amazing quilts at the Memory Makers Quilt Show.

Touch a Truck

Get up close and Touch a Truck on Saturday, July 8 at The Bank of Missouri Soccer Complex from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be emergency vehicles, tractors and more at this family friendly event.

MONDAY, JULY 10

Blood Drive

Perry County Memorial Hospital will host a blood drive on Monday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

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Viola Marie Webb

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Viola Webb

Viola Marie (Shrum) Webb of Perryville, MO, passed away peacefully at Independence Care Center in Perryville, on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the age of 91, just four days prior to her 92nd birthday.

She was born June 15, 1931, in Bollinger County (Lixville), MO, to Ralph Ramon and Bertha Ethel (Lix) Shrum. On August 31, 1952, she and William C. "Bill" Webb were married at Crossroads Methodist Church in

Bollinger County, by the Rev. Fred Shrum.

She was baptized at Crossroads Methodist Church by Rev. Hopkins, attended Crossroads School for eight years and Perryville High School for one year. In June of 1955, three years after marrying Bill, Viola transferred her church membership to Reagan's Chapel United Methodist Church in Patton, MO, where the two attended regularly until Bill's death in 1995.

Viola worked in the Kiefner Branch of International Shoe Company from March 1948 until July 1951. From October 1951 to January 1952, she worked in St. Louis at Puro Greeting Card Company and Vickers Electric. Not liking big city life, she returned to Perryville in 1952, where she began working at the Magnolia Branch of International Shoe Company where she was employed as a topstitcher until May 1961. In March 1962, she went to work at Prince Gardner in St. Mary, MO, working as a topstitcher on bill-folds for 19 years until the plant closed in 1981.

She was a Charter member of Perry County Writers Guild, and reorganized the Perryville Garden Club, of which she was President for three years and Secretary for two. Her hobbies were crocheting (which she learned at age 14), sewing and quilting. She wrote many poems, of which several were published, as well as a book entitled, "Bountiful Harvest." Other writings included an unpublished song called, "Life," which can be sung to the tune of "The Rose."

Viola is survived by a son, Danny Webb of Perryville; two daughters, Bonnie (Calvin) Ehlers and Cindy (the late Dale) Kertz, all of Perryville; a granddaughter, Alyssa Stahr of Chicago, IL, whom Viola and Bill adopted and raised as their own; three grandsons, Shane (Jenna) Christisen, Jake (Chelsie) Christisen and Caleb Kertz, all of Perryville; four great-grandsons, Jake Jr, Kane, Kai and Hale; and three great-granddaughters, Taleya, Halle and Kit.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Daisy Shrum; three brothers, Ellis, Elmer and Lester Shrum; and son-in-law, Dale Kertz.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday June 15, 2023, at Ford and Young Funeral Home.

Funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Krag Runzi officiating.

A committal service will be held at 9 am on Friday June 16, 2023 at Reagan's Chapel in Bollinger County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Reagan's Chapel Cemetery Fund in Bollinger County. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Ann Huber

PERRYVILLE



Betty Ann Huber

Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church, Betty Ann Huber, 88, of Perryville, Missouri passed away surrounded by her loving family on Monday, June 12, 2023, at Independence Care Center in Perryville, MO.

She was born October 26, 1934, in Ste. Genevieve, MO to Fred and Hilda (Roth) Rottler.

Betty and Melvin J. Huber were married June 27, 1959, at Church of Ste. Genevieve in Ste. Genevieve, MO. He preceded her in death on February 7, 2009.

Betty was a dedicated homemaker. After raising her children, she worked for over 16 years as a sales clerk at Hoeckele's Bakery & Deli.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Ladies Sodality, Ladies of Charity, Miraculous Medal Association, volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and Food Pantry, and Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Vincent de Paul Adoration Chapel. Betty was a past member of Tuesday morning Ladies Bowling League.

Betty enjoyed gardening, and cooking for her family. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include nine children, Dennis (Joan) Huber of Overland Park, KS, Sharon (Randall) Balsman of Jackson, MO, Jeffery (Yvette) Huber of Clarksville, TN, Robert (Lisa) Huber of Perryville, MO, Timothy (Jackie Miller) Huber of Washington, MO, Mary (Neal) Gremaud of Perryville, MO, Laurie Beasley of Paducah, KY, Jim (Angela) Huber of Perryville, MO, Christopher (Corran) Huber of Overland Park, KS; sister-in-law, Helen Rottler of Ste. Genevieve, MO; 30 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin J. Huber; two brothers, Harvey Francis Rottler, Glennon Rottler; sister, Dorothy Mae Rottler; sister-in-law & her husband, Barbara Ann & Francis Ray Duvall; brother-in-law, Donald Huber.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and will continue Monday, June 19, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Ford & Young Funeral Home.

Rosary will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2023, at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, June 19, 2023, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders CM officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

The Huber family thanks Dr. Keddy and Perry County Memorial Hospital Emergency Room for the special care given to our mother which allowed her to enjoy three additional months of life. The family also wishes to thank Jennifer Cissell and Crown Hospice for the loving care they gave our mother.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses, Birthright, Right to Life Organization or St. Vincent de Paul Schools.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Leslie 'Sonny' Lowes

PERRYVILLE



Leslie Lowes



Leslie "Sonny" Lowes, Jr., 77, of Perryville passed away Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Perry County Memorial Hospital in Perryville.

He was born Oct. 2, 1945, in Old Appleton, MO, to Leslie Therman and Jacklena "Jackie" L. (Feltz) Lowes. Sonny and Mary Belle Davis were married March 26, 1966 in Perryville. She survives him in Perryville. Sonny proudly served in the United States Marine Corp from 1965-1967 and was a Vietnam veteran where he was Tank Commander in the 3rd Armored Division.

Sonny was the owner of Sunshine Hay Farms, farming hay, grain and livestock. Sonny worked at Davis Farm Supplies before becoming a full time farmer. He always gave more than expected to landlords. He always lived life in a positive manner.

Survivors include four sons, Leslie (Amy) Lowes III, Curtis (Tammie) Lowes, Charles Lowes, Stephen (Stephanie) Lowes all of Perryville, MO; sister, Dolly Lowes; brother, Glen (LeAnn) Lowes both of Perryville, MO; seven grandchildren, MaKayla Lowes (fiance Joshua Parden), Anna (RJ) Long, Leslie "Eli" Lowes IV, Rosa Lowes, Steph (Drew) Richardet, Chelsi (Montana) Giesler, Brooke Lowes (Sean Merk), and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jerry Bailey officiating.

Graveside Military Honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #133 and the U.S Marine Corp Honors Team.

Burial will be at Home Cemetery in Perryville. Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or for family use.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph M. Favier

PERRYVILLE



Joseph Favier



Joseph M. Favier, age 72, was received into the arms of Christ on June 10, 2023.

Joe lived a life that he loved. He will long be remembered as a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, veteran, volunteer, coach, leader and friend.

At 18 months old, Joe was adopted by the Wallace (Si) and Augusta (Gussie) Gagnepain family of Perryville. From them he learned of unconditional love, acceptance and the blessing of family. He went through life reaching out to others, accepting others, supporting, comforting and giving, knowing that the Lord had given him many blessings.

Joe was a practicing Catholic with a strong devotion to Mary.

He graduated from St. Vincent High school in 1968. Through the years he was very active in the SV Alumni Association. Upon graduating high school Joe went to trade school to become a certified electrician.

Joe served our country in the United States Army from 1970-1972.

Joe married his soul mate, the former Patricia Walter on May 23, 1975. They were blessed with 48 years of marriage. She survives along with Joe's pride and joy, his two children, Natalie and Ben.

As a successful entrepreneur, he loved working with his son Ben in their family wholesale distribution business. He loved spending time with his daughter Natalie. He was delighted to welcome Jon White into the family and had a special relationship with him and his three grandchildren; Jocelyn, Jordan & Jackson White.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Gagnepain; sister-in-law, Peggy Gagnepain; brother-in-law, Tony Brenner; father-in-law, Glennon "Bud" Walter; mother-in-law, Stella Walter.

With his adventurous spirit and kind heart, Joe was many things to many people. From former Little League baseball players to high school football players, they will say they have lost the man who inspired them. Friends will say they have lost their leader of fishing and golf outings as well as trips to Mizzou football games. Family and extended family members will say they have lost their shepherd while God has said, "Alleluia, Joe, you're home!"

Visitation will be from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with Rosary Recital at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will follow at 11:30 am with Fr. John Gagnepain, C.M. & Fr. Pat Mullin officiating.

Military Honors will be provided by the Delta Team and American Legion Post #133.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial Contributions may be given to The Association of The Miraculous Medal or The St. Vincent Alumni Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com. Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Codes

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significant improvements over the years to keep a good ISO rating including improving water lines and building fire houses like Firehouse No. 2 which was recently opened.

"Right now we are better than we have ever been in terms of our coverage areas, but our building codes are not," Buerck said.

"There has been a new code that has come out," Perryville Assistant Fire

Chief Bill Jones said. "They come out every three years. We just need to adopt them. With every new code, there are subtractions and additions, and revisions. It's not like we are not reinventing the wheel.

"The whole code is not started over."

Buerck wasn't exactly sure if people would see an increase in their homeowner's insurance, but thought that it would be if and when resident's renewed.

"We are going to work as quick as we can before anyone has to deal with that," Buerck said.

Martin A. Clifton

LAWRENCE, KAN.



Martin Clifton



Martin Alan Clifton, 71, of Lawrence, Kansas, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. He was born in Perryville, Missouri, on October 16, 1951, to the late Martin Clifton and Lonietta Ruessler Clifton.

As a young man, Martin was drafted into the US Army and did a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Martin married his high school sweetheart, Eunice Ochs, on July 8, 1972, in Perryville, Missouri. After graduation from Southeast Missouri University, he worked for over 30 years for JC Penney Company.

Survivors include his wife, Eunice, two daughters Alayna (Cordairo) Hansen of Lawrence, Kansas, Jessica (Derck) Couch of Baldwin City, Kansas, five grandchildren, Bailey Couch, Brynlee Couch, Preston Hansen, Camden Hansen and Grayden Hansen; one sister, Anna (Charles) Brune of Perryville, and one brother, Paul (Betty) Clifton of Perryville. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Martin will be greatly missed by his loving wife and numerous family members, friends and acquaintances. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Family Church in Wellsville, Kansas, with Pastor Curtis Wright officiating.

Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks columbarium in St. Louis, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Baldwin City Family Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 247, Wellsville, KS, 66092.

Melvin H. Berkbuegler

PERRYVILLE



Melvin H. Berk Buegler



Melvin Howard Berkbuegler, 91, of Perryville died Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at his home.

He was born March 4, 1932 in Perryville to Edward and Theresa (Ernst) Berkbuegler.

Melvin and Arly Renaud were married September 28, 1957 at Church of the Assumption in Perryville.

He served in the United States Army and was a machinist for Bilt Best.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, American Legion Post 133, and Amvets.

Melvin loved camping and working on the farm.

Survivors include two sons, Duane (Mary) Berkbuegler of Perryville, Rodney (Angela) Berkbuegler of Park Hills, MO; daughter, Vickie M0lice of Perryville; two sisters, Mildred Zahner of Perryville, Gladys Renaud of Perryville; and very special friend and companion Dianne Bohnert; six grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Arly; brother, George (Ida) Berkbuegler; sister, Alma (Harold) Mattingly; granddaughter, Kacey Berkbuegler; son-in-law, Bill Morice, and two brothers-in-law, Oliver Zahner, Gene Renaud.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Visitation will continue on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Ford & Young Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 am Thursday, June 15, 2023 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders, C.M., officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville. Graveside military honors (to all) will be provided by American Legion Post 133 and the U.S. Army Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Frances C. Lakenan

PERRYVILLE



Frances Lakenan

Frances C. Lakenan, 96, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Independence Care Center of Perry County.

She was born February 4, 1927 in McBride, MO to Roman William and Clara Agatha (Bohnert) Ponder.

Frances and James Meredith Lakenan Jr. were married June 14, 1947 at Church of the Assumption, Perryville, MO. He preceded her in death on September 18, 1996.

Frances was a homemaker. She was a member of Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer.

Frances loved to travel with her friends, gardening and sharing her flowers with many people in the community. She loved to paint and was a former member of the Perry County Art Guild.

Survivors include daughter, Barbara Hubick of Barnhart, MO; two sons, James "Jack" (Sandra) Lakenan III of Perryville, John (Heidi) Lakenan of Channahon, IL; sister, Gerlain Hall of Kansas City, MO; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son; one granddaughter; two sisters, Theresa Ponder, Trula Moonier; one brother, Gildard Ponder.

Graveside service will be at 11:30 am on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Home Cemetery in Perryville, MO with Fr. Clay Kilburn C.M. officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Charity of your Choice or Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer, MO.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survey

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insights throughout the planning process and ensure that the final plan tells an accurate story of Perryville and the community's vision for the

future.

Buerck hopes that plans like this can be long-term.

"All these types of things are going to be in this and are crucial to the future of Perryville. We want the city to be as great as it can be and this is one of those steps," Buerck said.

LIFESTYLES

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Slices of Life OTHER PEOPLE'S MOUTHS

In a book I'm reading, the author relates a lesson taught by one of his teachers, who told him, "You can't shut other people's mouths."

I found this thought to be genius.

It's a simple, but profound statement.

You can't control what other people say. You physically can't shut someone's mouth. Sometimes you can't even find the gumption to shut your own. How can you be expected to be in control of one completely outside yourself?

Good question. Still, it's a truth: you can't shut other people's mouths. (No matter how much you wish you could.) You aren't in control of the words someone else chooses to speak.

And some people choose doozies. Especially in our current culture of speaking them from behind a keyboard or screen. It makes

our words feel anonymous or maybe even invisible, but they're not.

The ensuing situation is wrought with possibilities for misinterpretation and hurt feelings - too often leading to lost relationships and division - or at the very least an unfriending.

Words matter. But as cognizant of this that you may be, you still aren't in control of the words of others. Not even one of them.

And that can be tough. Hard to listen to. Hard to hear. Hard to read. Quite limiting, actually. Unless you take the road less traveled, so to speak.

You can't control what other people say - or write - but you can take charge of



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what you listen to and - even more importantly - what you choose to hear.

Therein lies the power. The cable news channels, the radio, the Internet, your friends, neighbors, in-laws, kids - all of them, whomever they may be - are free to say whatever they want (or nearly so) and sometimes that might cause discord, anger and even anguish.

But you have freedom as well.

Freedom to choose not to listen. To close them out and to tune into your own truths.

It's like the old childhood trick of plugging your ears with your fingers and singing "la la la la" into your adversary's face. Or, like watching a horror movie and putting a pillow over your ears so you can't listen to the scary music or sound effects.

Be forewarned, however, it isn't easy.

Controlling what you input into your brain takes more than putting your fingers in your ears or a pillow over your face. More likely it involves changing the TV channel or the social media sites you choose to frequent. It may even impact who you spend time with or engage

in conversation.

Not we're getting complicated and real, aren't we?

You can't shut other people's mouths. You can't keep them from spouting out loud or posting in all caps. But you can choose not to listen or tune in. Or to allow them into your network. To allow them into your brain time.

It's about controlling your own mind and your own thoughts - either by avoiding the negative messaging or by learning to tune it out. And that starts - and ends - with what information you allow in. Or, better put, what information you seek to allow in.

This can be achieved by not listening the first place, or by simply refusing to pay attention to negativity that could be detrimental to your state of well-being. As hard as that may be.

And it will be hard - at first. But the rewards are significant and include peace of mind. And you can't put a price on that.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

New Arrivals

Chase Matthew Koesterer



Chase Koesterer

Chris and Natalie (Medlock) Koesterer of Perryville announce the birth of their son Chase Matthew Koesterer. He was born at 8:26 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Chase was welcomed home by Wyatt, 2. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Missy Medlock of Wyatt, MO. Paternal grandparents are John and Ann Kirsch and Chris and Bridget Koesterer all of Perryville.

Eleanor Grace Lappe



Eleanor Lappe

Alex and Hannah (Lukefahr) Lappe announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Grace Lappe. She was born at 12:24 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long. Eleanor was welcomed home by Evelyn, 1. Maternal grandparents are Delvin and Lisa Lukefahr of Perryville. Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Peer of Perryville. Paternal grandparents are Randy Lappe and Julie Werner of Perryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Ken and Judy Baer of Perryville.

Emma Kate Miller



Emma Miller

Nathan and Amber (Niccum) Miller of Perryville announce the birth of their daughter Emma Kate Miller. She was born at 5:26 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Emma was welcomed home by Caroline, 3. Maternal grandparents are the late Joe and Marie Hayden and the late John and Norma Jean Niccum all of Perryville. Paternal grandparents are Lisa Abernathy and the late Martin Miller of Perryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Harold and Margie Miller and the late Pete and Verlene Abernathy all of Perryville.

Rhen Willard Buerck



Rhen Buerck

Brian and Kari (Hadler) Buerck of Perryville announce the birth of their son Rhen Willard Buerck. He was born at 12:13 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Rhen was welcomed home by Evelyn, 5 and Kenrick, 3. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Dawn Schumer and the late Greg Hadler all of Perryville. Maternal great-grandparent is Norma Jean Steffens of Farrar. Paternal grandparents are David and Helen Buerck of Perryville.

Silas Paul Klein



Silas Klein

Jesse Klein and Cassandra Roth of Perryville announce the birth of their son Silas Paul Klein. He was born at 3:16 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Silas was welcomed home by Oliver, 3. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Debbie Roth of Frohna. Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth Jordan of Perryville and Elbert and Edyth Roth of Farrar. Paternal grandparent is Fred Klein of Perryville.

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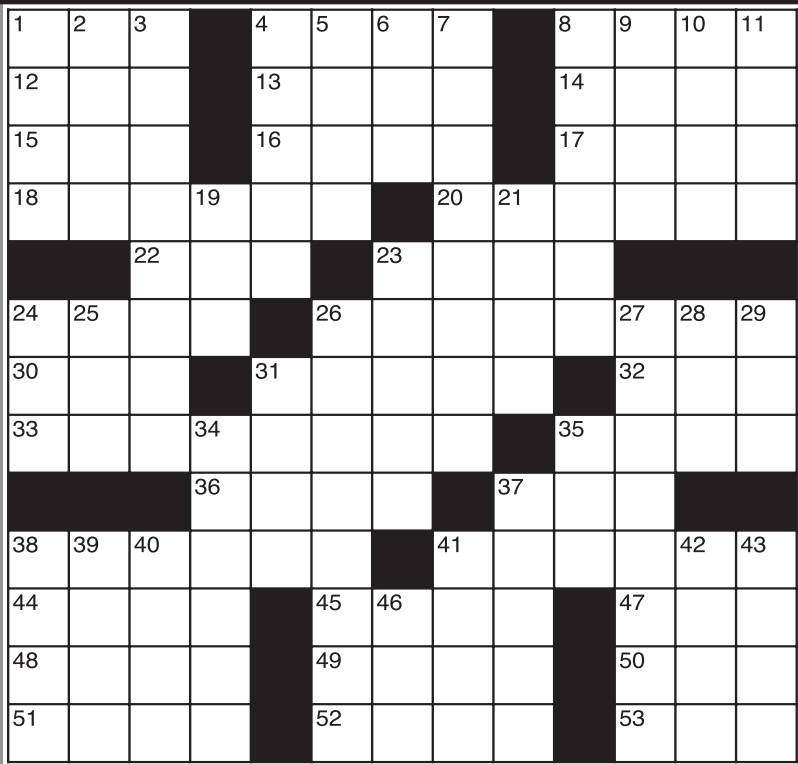
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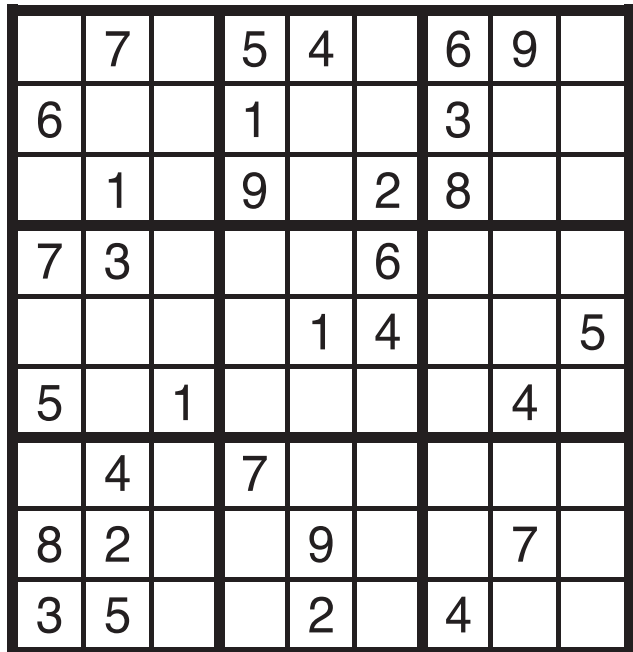
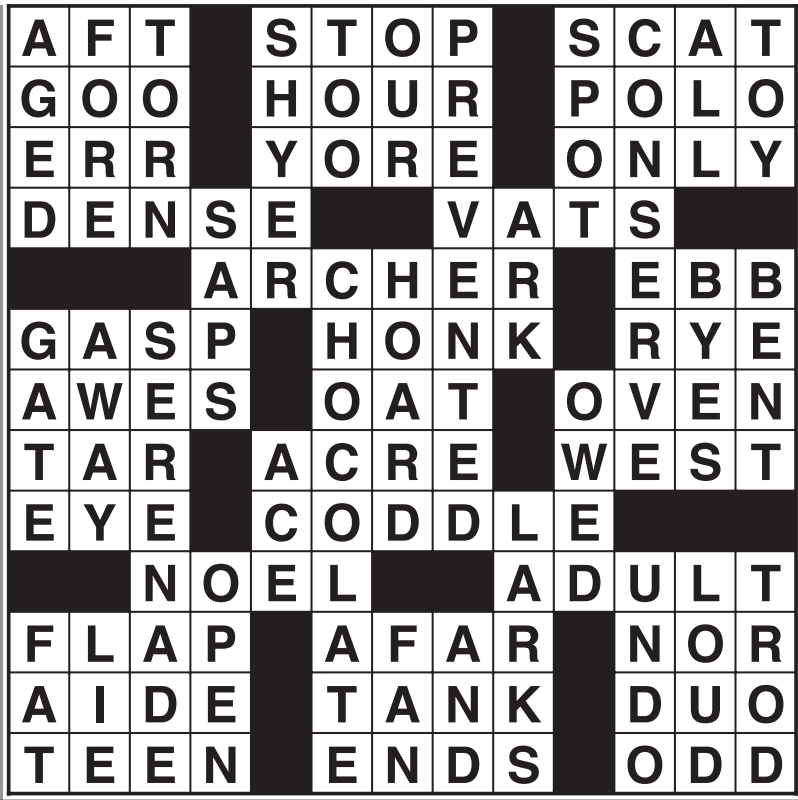
ACROSS

- 1. "___ a Living"
- 4. Soft light
- 8. ___ the fat (chat)
- 12. Cougar, e.g.
- 13. Calendar period
- 14. Traveled by train
- 15. Significant period
- 16. Long-nosed fish
- 17. Exude
- 18. Emphasize
- 20. Bed linen
- 22. Sunbeam
- 23. Eight-sided sign
- 24. Roasting bar
- 26. Bouncing back
- 30. Valuable mineral
- 31. Embroidered
- 32. Connecting link
- 33. Library patron
- 35. Mourned
- 36. Not nearby
- 37. Twain's Sawyer
- 38. Roe
- 41. Cooks, in a way
- 44. Nome's st.
- 45. Chip's partner
- 47. Hurry along
- 48. Skeleton material
- 49. Psychology topics
- 50. ___ out (barely make)
- 51. Tree beginning
- 52. Young society entrants
- 53. Moisture

DOWN

- 1. Sherbets
- 2. Pie's kin
- 3. Having more twinklers
- 4. ___ Rose Lee
- 5. Flower necklaces
- 6. Acorn source
- 7. Grappler
- 8. Eerie
- 9. Household
- 10. Ready for print
- 11. Dampens
- 19. Have a taco
- 21. Clasp
- 23. Woodcutter
- 24. Weep
- 25. Master
- 26. Gave a bonus to
- 27. Listed
- 28. Sip
- 29. Comprehend
- 31. Love seat
- 34. Brought up
- 35. Romance
- 37. Ringlet
- 38. Taxis
- 39. Soothing plant
- 40. Wind direction indicator
- 41. Small lump
- 42. Find pleasing
- 43. Pour forth
- 46. Historic period

6.8.23 - PUZZLE SOLUTION



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

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

Last Weeks Answers

GUESS WHO?

I am a comic actor born in Michigan on July 13, 1969. Before I went into performing, I attended Duke University with the intention of getting a medical degree, and succeeded. In addition to movies, I'm also a judge on a singing talent show.

Answer: Ken Jeong

Immanuel to host Heroes luncheon

R-M Staff

The Immanuel Lutheran "Spirit Within Series" committee will hold its seventh Annual "Honoring Our Heroes" luncheon at noon, Tuesday, July 4, in the Immanuel Lutheran Multipurpose building located at 225 W. South St. in Perryville.

The theme this year is "Hearts for Heroes." Twelve dedicated committee members and many more volunteers help to put together a meal and program each year. The program will be led by "Uncle Sam," portrayed by Lee Unterreiner.

The American Legion Honor Guard will present the colors, music will be by Nathan Steele and some special guests. Ray Lynn Munoz, the new executive director of Missouri's National Veteran Memorial will share updates on the memorial.

Guest will be served a meal of chicken and dumplings, pulled pork, grilled chicken, hash brown potato casserole, green beans, slaw, desserts and drinks by members of the committee and the Scouts.

The committee invites all veterans, active duty servicemen and women, along with members of the Perryville Police Department, Perry County Sheriff's Office, Perry County



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Uncle Sam, portrayed by Lee Unterreiner, take a moment to pose with a young guest during the 2022 Honoring Our Heroes luncheon at Immanuel Lutheran. This year's luncheon will be held at noon, Tuesday, July 4.

Ambulance Service, Perryville Fire Department and the Perry County Rural Fire Protection Association to a free luncheon. Tickets are available at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Office, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Wednesday, June 28.

Tickets are free to a hero and a guest. The committee

encourages all who want to attend to get their tickets early. Seating is limited to 250 guests.

The Spirit Within Series committee enjoys doing this event each year as a way to thank all the Heroes of Perryville and Perry County for their service to the country and community.

OPEN HOUSE AT RANKEN



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Open house at the Ranken - Southeast (Perryville) location is coming June 20, 3-6pm. This is a great time to experience Ranken. Learn more at <https://ranken.edu/summer-open-house>.

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OPINION

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Just listen

I have a complicated history with Father's Day. My parents divorced when I was still an infant and my father was generally absent for most of my life.

I'd get the occasional card or phone call, but I only met him twice, the last time when I was 14.

I'm 51 now, and he's long dead — something I didn't know about until years after it happened. I'm actually older now than he was when he died.

My mom — the family genealogist — told me about his death some years ago, delivering the news almost secondhand during one of her rambling phone calls.

At first, the news didn't hit that hard. After all, this man was a stranger to me. Later, I spent some time ruminating on what it actually meant.

I didn't come to any earth-shattering conclusions. In truth, I still don't know how I feel about it. What I do know is that, thanks to my mother and her parents, I never felt the lack.

As a single mother with an infant, my mother made the decision to move back in with her parents and my grandfather became the dominant male role model for me. I think he enjoyed it, or at least appreciated the change after raising two girls.

As a result, for most of my life, Father's Day was really Grandfather's Day, a day we spent grilling, making things out of wood and watching what many folks would describe as "guy movies."

His loss, I felt deeply. This year, as Father's Day approaches, I find myself reflecting on my own girls — stepdaughters really, but they're mine and young women now — and the last Father's Day I got to spend with my oldest girl.

It was 2017 and I hadn't seen her in over a year, not since the memorial service for her mother, my wife, my love and a good portion of my life.

During her visit, she was a constant reminder of her mother, both in appearance and attitude.

Once my goofy, gorgeous little brat, she was a teenager then and looked more like her mother every day.

They shared the same hair color and eyes (and toes, although her little sister got most of the dexterity that earned my late wife the "Monkey Toes" moniker).

They also shared the same smile, the same laugh, the same satisfaction in creating little works of art on random scraps of paper, along with that evil grin when they think they have the upper hand and a propensity to cackle with glee at my goofy antics, endeavors in which, I must admit, I mostly engaged to hear that joyful sound.

For those reasons, I thought her visit would be painful. And it was, at first. Wonderfully so.

In the months since her mother died so unexpectedly, she made it her mission to remind me of everything her mother liked, disliked, hated, loved, laughed at or ran away from.

It was her way of remembering, perhaps healing. Hearing her talk about these things on the phone or over the internet is one thing, but having her there in person, seeing her face mirror her mother's with remembered humor, sadness, anger — that was what the poets call "exquisite pain."

She stayed for a week before her aunt, my sister-in-law, showed up to claim her for a few days and take her north to St. Louis to see her cousins, grandmother and great-grandmother.

That little break gave me time to think, to remember, to realize that, as much as it pained me, she needed to tell these stories. And, in the end, I needed to be there to listen.

After all, that's what my wife taught me. No matter how much it hurts, no matter how badly you want to fix what's broken, no matter what the problem is, sometimes all you can do is listen.

So I did. I listened to each and every little story. I relived the time a raccoon took up residence in my wife's car, chasing fireflies at a summer barbecue with family friends, trips to the grocery store that sparked arguments over ice cream flavors.

I also relived the darker times, times I remembered perhaps a little differently, viewed as they were through the eyes of an adult rather than those of a child.

I hate to see my loved ones in pain — whether emotional or physical — and I want to do what I can to make things better, but now I have that little voice in my head that says, "Just listen."

So I listened. To every story my daughter wanted to tell. To every remembered detail, large, small, painful, funny, or sweet.

After a time, I started sharing my own memories, things she left out or didn't notice at the time, taking joy in every laugh, every smile, every embarrassed cry of "Daddy!"

Sweet sounds that I hadn't heard in so long. Eventually, it was time to leave and go back to her father's house.

"My summer is ending," she said. "I don't want it to."

Me neither, kid. Me neither. Happy Father's Day.

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A lifeline for rural America

Decades ago, a bright 16-year old from Cape Girardeau began working at a local AM radio station, unaware that this job would change his life — and American politics — in the years to come. That young man was southeast Missouri's own Rush Limbaugh — the most influential talk radio host in American history. While he's no longer with us in the flesh, his legacy and fight to give Americans an alternative to the liberal media is alive and well today.

Today, AM radio is thriving, home to many popular radio programs that millions of rural, Christian, or conservative listeners tune into. Every month, 80 million listeners tune into AM radio to stay connected to the news, sports, and entertainment. Importantly, AM radio is often a lifeline for rural communities — whether it's a farmer checking weather reports or a family monitoring the path of a severe storm system.

Recently, while appearing on "Real Talk with Riggin" on KZIM, host Faune Riggin and I started talking about a new threat to this popular news source for so many. The auto manufacturer Ford had



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just announced it would eliminate the capability for its 2024 car models to receive AM radio broadcasts. That includes on the F-150, one of the most popular trucks in the United States. Describing Ford's planned action, Faune explained the move as censorship and an attempt to destroy her field of work. She's right. Losing the ability to tune into AM radio will prevent millions of Americans from hearing their preferred sources of news. We've long known that big business too often fails to consider the needs of rural and conservative Americans, but this action seemed particularly tone-deaf.

So on May 15, I joined 101 members of Congress in writing Ford CEO James Farley protesting this decision and urging Ford to maintain AM radio. In our letter, we stated, "For rural Americans, the importance of having access to AM radio in their car or truck is particularly important. When Internet connectivity and cell

phone service is limited or unavailable, these residents do not have as many options to access emergency information as those living in more densely populated areas. AM radio stations are often our constituents' "go to" source for information in times of crisis. We cannot deprive them of that free, life-saving resource."

I followed that up by coauthoring the AM for Every Vehicle Act, legislation that would protect this critical resource for so many in southern and southeast Missouri. The legislation would not only protect AM radio on future models, but would also require manufacturers to disclose up front to consumers when they are selling models that lack AM radio capability.

It is unacceptable that an effort to shut down AM radio got started, but the good news is because of our efforts, Ford announced on May 23 that it would reverse its decision and keep AM radio in all of its vehicles. That's the correct decision. Rest assured, I will never apologize for fighting back against corporate America's attempts to cut off important tools for rural Missourians.

ANALYSIS

Economic development implications of regional study

Dr. Ronda Sauget
Archford Consulting

More than 15 Perryville business owners and other community leaders participated in a business roundtable discussion in Fall 2022 hosted jointly by Kline & Co. of Perryville and Archford Capital Strategies, LLC.

During this discussion, Jim Maher, CEO and Founder of Archford Capital Strategies, LLC., asked the business owners for their feedback on business transition planning as background information for the St. Louis Regional Business Owner Research Study being conducted by a local university.

Archford Capital Strategies, LLC, sponsored this study along with other prominent firms to help owners understand the importance of advanced planning in the transition process to the next generation or to an outside buyer.

Archford conducts educational outreach to inform current and future business owners how best to value their business, prepare for ownership transition, and key information on harmonious family-owned business strategies. During this meeting, speakers also discussed the critical value of small and midsize businesses as the foundation for strong community economic development, job creation, and municipal revenue sustainability.

Later in the year, the 2022 St. Louis Regional Business Owner Study was completed with responses from more than 200 business owners throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan region.

"The Perryville meeting helped us to develop the background knowledge necessary to conduct the research study," Maher said. "The study findings provided business owners with tangible tools to position their companies and set their management teams up for long-term success and growth. Small and midsize businesses are community heroes that provide over 90 percent of the jobs and tax support for local municipal services, such as firefighters, police officers, and teachers."

"It has been a long-term goal of mine to provide these businesses with a strong voice at the table and build sustainable jobs in our communities for the next generation."

Perryville city administrator Brent Buerck attended the meeting and provide his thoughts on this very important topic.

"Understanding the dynamics of company sustainability in our community helps ensure their longevity," Buerck said. "Creating long-term sustainable jobs has been a focus of community leaders for decades and is fundamental to our economic growth strategy for the City of Perryville."

During the Perryville meeting, a panel of key experts led by Maher shared recent business transition trends and also gained a deep understanding of the post-pandemic business environment.

"Small and midsize businesses started by Perry County natives are the economic foundation of our community, so we want to do everything we can to provide them with the best information, resources and expertise," said Crystal Jones, executive director of the Perry County Economic Development Authority.

Family businesses accounted for almost half of the business owners in this study, and 84 percent were wholly owned by the families. Just a snapshot of some of the critical research findings indicated 55 percent of family-owned firms stayed in business for just one generation, 28 percent lasted two generations, and only 17 percent lasted three generations or more.

This research further indicated 97 percent of the second-generation business owners reported being in the decline stage meaning without further planning, preparation, and innovation, this group of businesses would likely not make it to the third generation.

"With proper strategic planning aided by experienced advisors, these firms build multi-generational business legacies," Maher said. "This study found that two-thirds of the businesses in a 150-mile radius of St. Louis was no longer growing with many in the decline stage. This coupled with 70 percent of the business owners approaching or past normal retirement age, creating an urgent issue for all our communities to support succession planning for business continuity, but especially to ensure the jobs created by these firms continue."

"Establishing a strong transition team

is the key to revenue sustainability and long-term generational success."

The study emphasized that family planning meetings benefit family members and non-family member employees.

According to the findings, family meetings allow family members to develop leadership, management, conflict management, listening, and speaking skills. Family members can acquire strategic, capital, estate, or transition planning knowledge. Further, employees can also benefit when family businesses have family planning meetings. The meetings let employees know the family's commitment to the business' future and to helping the employees be successful. Specifically, 59 percent of the family businesses conduct family planning meetings, and 41 percent report having had a family planning meeting in the last year.

However, the study noted that only 23 percent of the firms that conduct family planning meetings have an up-to-date family readiness plan.

"From years of family business coaching, I have learned that transitioning a business is sometimes very emotional for the family members directly involved in the business and those who causally participate in business activities," said Archford Consulting Family Coach Charles Brueggemann. "I often suggest that pre-planning and intentional communications are critical in developing more harmonious transitions."

The study highlighted that most business owners will only transition a business once, so doing it right means doing it right the first time. Even if owners have no intention of selling in the near term, a strategic planning process should be in place to ensure the firm's growth strategy, job sustainability, and strong economic development foundation benefits the tax revenue base of communities in which the firms operate.

Healthy businesses are the heart of strong community economic development and robust job creation for our entire metropolitan region.

For more information and resource help, check out the 2022 Regional Business Owner Study and/or take a free Exit Map Plan survey to see how ready your business is for ownership transition is available at www.archfordcapital.com.

We want to thank the Perryville business owners and community leaders who provided valued insights to help with the completion of this study.

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Missouri pension bills include benefits for lawmakers, officials while in office

By Rudi Keller
Missouri Independent

Inside pension bills with provisions to encourage retired teachers to return to the classroom and protect the finances of the Missouri Sheriffs Retirement System are provisions that could boost the incomes of Gov. Mike Parson, Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe and at least three legislators.

But the idea's biggest legislative proponents, who actually don't stand to gain from it becoming law, argue it's not about any particular elected official, but rather an issue of fairness and ensuring state employees aren't disincentivized from running for office.

Under current law, anyone eligible for a pension from the Missouri State Employees Retirement System, also called MOSERS, cannot receive their benefits if they are elected to the legislature or statewide office.

And while benefits are suspended, MOSERS does not add cost-of-living adjustments to the annuity.

The bills include provisions touching many state-operated pension systems. The bill to encourage teachers would allow them to earn more in non-educator roles at school districts, or even return to the classroom for four years, without losing benefits. The bill that includes the sheriffs retirement system would mandate a monthly contribution to be deducted from each sheriff's salary and a minimum benefit of \$1,000 a month.

The lawmakers responsible for putting the provision into the two pension bills awaiting action by Parson said they did it because people who have earned benefits in other state-operated retirement systems do not lose their pension if they get elected to the General Assembly or statewide office.

"These people worked for this," said Rep. Bill Owen, a Springfield Republican who pushed for the change but will



Rep. Bill Owen, R-Springfield, speaks in the Missouri House during the 2021 legislative session.

not benefit from it. "No other public pension fund denies you your pension."

State employees covered by MOSERS, including statewide elected officials, receive a pension equal to 1.6% of the average of their highest 36 months of wages times the number of years employed by the state.

State workers can start earning a full pension when their years of service plus their age equals 80. Employees hired before 2000 who do not qualify for that provision must have five years of service and be 65 to receive their annuity. Employees hired after 2000 can retire at 62 with five years of state employment.

Lawmakers receive \$150 for every two-year session, or part of a session, if they are in office for three or more sessions. Once out of office, a former lawmaker must be 55 or older to receive the pension.

The change in the bills on Parson's desk creates an exemption to the law requiring retirees to give up their benefits if they return to work in state government for more than 20 hours a week.

Candy Smith, spokeswoman for MOSERS, con-

firmed that any official who meets the requirements for receiving a pension can begin their benefits if the bill becomes law.

The bill "would allow a member to receive, while serving as a member of the General Assembly or as a statewide elected official, a retirement benefit for which they are eligible," she wrote in an email to The Independent.

Parson and Kehoe would be eligible under the bill because of their time as state lawmakers. Parson is a former sheriff and eligible for benefits from the Missouri Sheriff's Retirement System. He is eligible for a MOSERS legislative pension of \$900 a month for his 12 years in the House and Senate.

Parson's office did not respond to a request for comment on whether he would sign the bills or apply for his MOSERS pension if he becomes eligible.

Kehoe, a former auto dealer, is eligible for a MOSERS pension of \$600 a month for seven years in the state Senate. Kehoe, a candidate for governor, would not apply for his legislative pension while in office if he becomes eligible, spokeswoman Gabby

Picard wrote in an email.

There are two House members — Reps. Kent Haden, R-Mexico, and John Black, R-Springfield — and one senator, Sen. Karla Eslinger, who could receive MOSERS benefits if they were not legislators.

There are four other lawmakers who are vested in the system, which means they are eligible for a pension when they reach the minimum age.

Haden, a veterinarian, was state epidemiologist for the Department of Agriculture. Black, an attorney, was general counsel for Missouri State University in Springfield. Eslinger was deputy commissioner for four years in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Haden worked for the agriculture department for 11 years. He became aware of the provision as the bills were coming to the floor in May, he said. He was absent for the vote on the bill with teacher provisions and voted for the one that deals with the sheriffs' retirement.

He has other income, he said, but he's not going to turn the money down if it becomes available.

"It is going to be nice to have," he said. "I probably

team for a league in the winter and we as a district would pay for that," Perryville Athletic Director Justin Dreyer said. "These kids would get a structured environment at a younger age. The goal is to get these kids in the sport early and make it fun while they are learning the sports too. That would help our sports teams a lot, I believe."

The district also discussed getting another Student Resource Officer, and was looking for avenues to do that."

Budget

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base. The \$38,000 is the state minimum, and the problem is everyone is now at \$38,000 and we would be right where we were if we stick at 38."

The board also discussed the substitute pay, which starts at \$85 per day, but if people work 10 days in a month it moves up to \$95

per day. A retired teacher from the district makes \$100 a day and if a person works in the same spot long term it moves to \$206 per day.

The board moved onto building and facilities which included the transition to the new Middle School building and demolition of the old facility.

"The new middle school also has a place for possible expansion, but the student numbers do not call for that at this time," Jones said. "The meeting turned to

the sports realm and a Youth Academy that the coaches are currently thinking about starting up if it is put into the budget.

The concept includes creating a school-based team as early as third grade for them to learn the basics of a given sport so they can get an early jump on mastering those skills before they enter the middle or high schools.

"For sports like basketball, we would have a third grade team, fourth grade team, fifth grade team, and six grade

would never have recovered the money."

Black, who also served as counsel to City Utilities in Springfield, is receiving a pension for that work from the Local Government Employees Retirement System, known as LAGERS, but not for his 12 years at Missouri State.

Black, too, was aware of the provisions. He voted "present" on the sheriffs' retirement bill and in favor of the bill with teacher provisions.

Black said he's not bothered personally that he isn't receiving a MOSERS pension but said the benefit is far more important to people who spent their entire career in state government.

"People with 20 or 30 years, for many of them, it would be an incredible sacrifice to give up the pension they have earned," Black said. "This allows people with significant experience in state government to provide the benefit of that experience to the state."

Eslinger, through a staff member, declined to comment.

Owen sponsored the allowance for lawmaker and statewide official benefits in a standalone bill and said he wasn't thinking about who could currently benefit when he introduced the bill.

There are more than two dozen former educators, more than a half-dozen former MoDOT and Missouri State Highway Patrol employees and at least 10 who worked

for local governments in the House and Senate. Not all are old enough to receive their vested pensions but many are.

Former public employees covered by MOSERS — a group that includes most four-year state universities as well as most state departments — generally cannot afford the financial sacrifice of being a lawmaker, which brings a \$37,711 annual salary, Owen said.

One way former local officials, teachers and highway patrol troopers contribute to legislative business is by providing insight into those agencies and governments, Owen said. It isn't right to exclude a category of potential candidates, he said.

"We need a broad array of people with strong backgrounds," Owen said. "Why should we exclude that experience?"

State Rep. Barry Hovis, R-Cape Girardeau, included Owen's proposal in Senate bills that he handled as chairman of the House Pensions Committee. He's a retired police officer receiving a pension from the Local Government Employees Retirement System.

He said he knew a handful of current officials could benefit from the change if signed by Parson, but said fairness was a bigger concern.

"The thought process, the bottom line is, we didn't want to prohibit people who have been long-time employees, and that there was a penalty that wouldn't allow them to run for office," Hovis said.

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10 little things dads do that mean a lot

Your dad probably helped shape the person you are today. In honor of Father's Day, here are ten little things that your dad may have done for your growing up that have stuck with you for a lifetime.

1. Read you bedtime stories
2. Played dress up
3. Left encouraging messages in your lunchbox
4. Supported your interests by going to your concerts, recitals and sports meets
5. Built a couch fort in your living room

6. Taught you how to ride a bike, fish or play catch
7. Initiated a dance party
8. Gave you spending money
9. Prepare a family meal together
10. Said "yes" to something that's usually off-limits, like dessert before supper

This Father's Day, return the favor and make your dad feel special, noticed, cared for and loved. Spend quality time together or buy him a unique local gift.



5 bonding activities to do with your dad



Although you can buy your dad a beautiful or thoughtful gift, sometimes spending quality time together is the best present of all. Here are five bonding activities to do with your dad on this special day.

1. GO TO THE MOVIES

Whether your dad loves comedies, heart-pounding action films or psychological thrillers, there are plenty

of good flicks to watch on Father's Day. Reserve seats at a nearby movie theatre and splurge on popcorn and drinks to complete the day.

2. PLAN A SPA DAY

Spa days aren't just for the ladies. If your dad appreciates being pampered, book him a luxurious massage, pedicure or facial. Make sure you join him to create lasting memories.

3. GET OUT IN NATURE

Enjoy the great outdoors with dad by hitting a local hiking or biking trail. Pack a picnic lunch with his favorite goodies to make the most of the day.

4. PLAY BOARD GAMES

Check out a board game café with your dad for the evening. You can play an unlimited number of games and enjoy a good meal. Get ready to strategize your way to a win.

5. GO TO A BEER OR SPIRITS TASTING

If your dad enjoys knocking back a few cold ones or casually sipping on fine whiskey, arrange a tasting at a local brewery or distillery to discover a new favorite.

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Iconic TV dads quiz

Do you watch a lot of TV sitcoms? Test your knowledge of these iconic TV dads with this short quiz.

1. What's the name of Claire and Mitchell's dad on Modern Family?
 - a) Phil Dunphy
 - b) Frank Dunphy
 - c) Joe Pritchett
 - d) Jay Pritchett
2. On which TV show is Jack Pearson the father?
 - a) Our Family
 - b) This is Us
 - c) Tight Knit
 - d) Family First
3. What fictional TV show does Tim the Tool Man Taylor host?
 - a) Home Improvement
 - b) Tool Time
 - c) Dare to DIY
 - d) Build It
4. What's the name of the TV show that follows Al Bundy as the quintessential dysfunctional dad?
 - a) Leave it to Beaver
 - b) 8 Simple Rules
 - c) Married with Children
 - d) The Brady Bunch
5. What's the name of the widowed father

- of three girls on Full House?
- a) James Tanner
 - b) Wayne Tanner
 - c) Ralph Tanner
 - d) Danny Tanner
6. What's Homer Simpson's job at the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant?
 - a) Technical supervisor
 - b) Maintenance
 - c) Safety inspector
 - d) Engineer
 7. What's the name of George Costanza's father on Seinfeld?
 - a) Frank
 - b) Jimmy
 - c) George
 - d) Geoff

ANSWERS

1. d), 2. b), 3. b), 4. c), 5. d), 6. c), 7. a)



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5 unique Father's Day gift ideas

Father's Day is fast approaching! Have you bought your gift? Does your dad insist he doesn't need anything at all? Finding a unique or useful present for the dad that seemingly has everything can be challenging. Here are a handful of unique ideas to inspire you.

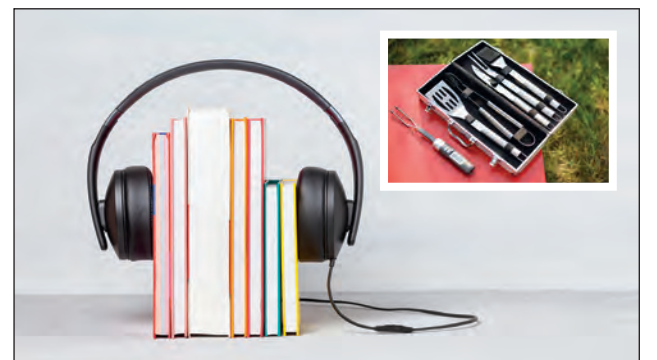
1. SMART HOME GADGETS

Connected technology is the perfect gift for the geeky dad. For example, a smart

doorbell, thermostat or a set of smart LED bulbs are something he typically wouldn't buy for himself but would be grateful to own.

2. READING ACCESSORIES

If your dad is a bookworm but already has shelves full of reading material, get him some fun accessories to improve his reading experience. For example, a set of stylish bookends, a clip-on book light, a bathtub caddy book



stand, a page anchor or "lazy reading glasses" will allow your dad to dive into a great read. If your dad listens to audiobooks, get him a nice pair of noise-canceling headphones.

3. OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

If you have an outdoorsy dad, consider getting him something he can use while enjoying nature. For instance, a pair of binoculars, a fancy multi-tool, an insulated camping chair or a soft-sided beer

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Father's Day

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Now, how things have changed! The roles set for Fathers and Mothers have gone topsy-turvy as to how involved each are to be with raising the children, showing affection, working or not working outside the home, and just what 'bringing home the bacon' actually means. But what stays the same, is the love parents show their children, and the love, respect and honor children are called to show their elders, especially Mom and Dad. And whether you have a cake or special meal to celebrate, have wrapped gifts or some-

thing to hang on the refrigerator specially made at school for Dad, or just hang out at home being with the family that day, Father's Day is a great reminder to us all, just how blessed we are to have someone who cares for us, protects us, and love us day in and day out, even when we don't notice it or recognize him with a simple 'thanks.'

"Fathers are not born, but made," Pope Francis reminds us, "for a man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibilities to care for that child." And consider the many responsibilities that a man, who is a father, takes upon himself: to live his life not only for himself but for his wife and children, to live with an open mind to all the challenges and changes that occur in his life because he must now care for others, to work and gain a fruitful employment that can support a family with those things we consider vital and important for living in our country, having the Faith that will support him and his family knowing that we are all loved by God. Thus, for me and fellow Christians, believing in the central truths of our Faith that our Savior, the Son of God, was given to us by a Loving Father, this man takes on

special and unique roles that make our Father's Day a special and unique day.

And maybe the greatest challenge for any father, is to be a man who seeks not to dominate his children, but raise them to become capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying their own freedom and exploring new possibilities that will surely occur as they grow and age themselves in wisdom and grace. Being a father, I believe, calls him to be an educator and faith-filled example and a sign pointing to a greater fatherhood, that of our heavenly Father. That's a tall order for any man, and the very reason we need to recognize this giving our Dads a sincere thanks in whatever way expresses our love and true admiration.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and granddads, and God bless you all this June 18th and every day of your lives!

The Reverend Jay Jung, C.M., is the Senior Priest in Service at St. Vincent dePaul Parish. Ordained in 1977, he graduated from St. Mary's of the Barrens College Seminary in 1973 and has served in both educational settings and parish ministry for over 45 years. He is a member of the Congregation of the Mission, commonly known as the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers.

God Loves Us As We Are

Charlotte Elliot, born in 1789, grew up in the home of a minister in Brighton, England. She was a popular young woman, however, after she became extremely ill in 1821, she grew discouraged and bitter. The frustration with her illness led to Elliot becoming angry at God. She reasoned, "If God loved me, He would not have treated me this way."



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In an attempt to process her raw emotions, the family invited a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, to visit. During a discussion at dinner one evening, Charlotte lost her temper and lashed out at her family and God. Not knowing how to respond, the embarrassed family left the minister and angry young woman to talk privately. As they talked he asked, "You are tired of yourself, aren't you? You are holding on to your hate and anger because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently, you have become sour, bitter and resentful." She asked sullenly, "What is your cure?" He gently replied, "The faith you are trying to despise."

Elliot refused to talk much at the time, but their conversations had made an impact on her. A few days later she visited the minister and apologized saying she wanted to clean up her life before she became a Christian. Dr. Malan said she need not attempt to clean up her life before coming to God— she needed to, "come just as you are." That day she embraced the faith she had once bitterly rejected. Elliot eventually discovered a verse which became special to her. "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:37, NIV)

Although she would be somewhat ill for the remainder of her 82 years, she changed that day and left behind the bitterness which had once consumed her. In the next 50



Just as I Am
(Woodworth L.M.)
Charlotte Elliot
William B. Bradbury

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
2. Just as I am, and wait-ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
3. Just as I am, though tossed a-bout With ma-ny a con-flict, ma-ny a doubt,
4. Just as I am—Thou wilt re-ceive, Wilt wel-come, par-don, cleanse, re-leave;
5. Just as I am—Thy love un-known Hath bro-ken ev-'ry bar a-er down!

And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Fight-ings with-in, and fears with-out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Be-cause Thy promise I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
Now, to be Thine, yes, Thine a-lone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

years she would write 150 hymns. Most are not well known, but one really struck a chord and became well-loved. It is the song Billy Graham had sung at the end of his sermons when he invited listeners to respond to God's love. The words are as true today as they were when Elliot wrote them well over 100 years ago. "Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me. And that Thou bid'st me come to

Thee, Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I come."

After Elliot's death in 1871, her family was pleasantly surprised to discover she had kept over 1,000 letters from people who had written to say they had been touched by her heartwarming hymn. Discovering God loves us where we are was amazing in the 1800's and it still remains a powerful beacon of hope to everyone who seeks God.

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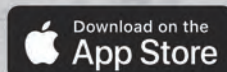
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Saxony, SV soccer earn All-Region HONORS

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The Saxony Lutheran girls soccer team had their best finish since 2016. So, it makes sense they should rake in some post-season awards. Saxony garnered six Class 1 All-Region awards. The honor encompasses districts 1 and 2.

Along with the all-region awards, they also earned some of the top individual awards. Sophomore Camille Richey was named the region's Player of the Year. Junior Annie Adams was named the Offensive Player of the Year.

Junior Grace Ozark was named the regions Co-Goalkeep-

er of the Year, along with Claire Scally of Collegiate School of Med/Bio. Finally, Saxony coach Chris Crawford was named the region's coach of the year.

Along with those four players and one coach, senior defender Anna Mueller and junior midfielder Clara Brune were named as well.

Richey led the Crusaders with 12 goals and seven assists to be named the player of the year.

Adams scored nine goals and dished out another 10 assists for the Crusaders.

Ozark made 90 saves and recorded three shutouts on the years for Saxony in the net.

Saxony Lutheran junior Maci Hollis was named the Class 1, Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year. Hollis was the leader of a defense that allowed just 34 goals on the season.

Brune was crucial with 6 goals and 3 assists on the season, while Anna Mueller helped captain the defense.

St. Vincent had two players named to the Class 3, District 1 All Region team.

Lana Adams and Cailyn Prost made the list of players who were in Districts 1 and 2.

Adams had 32 goals and 27 assists, while Prost had 21 goals and 13 assists.



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP
Saxony Lutheran junior Maci Hollis was named the Class 1, Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year. The Saxony defense surrendered 34 goals in 21 games.

At 31, I am still in my prime, like many other greats

How does that saying go again?

Age is only a number. I hope that turns out to be a true statement because I have grown another year older. I officially turned 31 Friday, which means that I hope that my bones don't start to creak and I can predict the weather by how my knee feels every morning — although I believe that I could still forecast it with the same probability as most meteorologists.

Who am I kidding? I am in my physical and mental prime. I just box-squatted 315 pounds last week and shoulder pressed the most I ever have just a few days earlier. My girlfriend can tell you that's true.

I am still on par with the likes of LeBron James and the other greats of the sports world. James was averaging 25 points per game at age 31 and went back to the NBA Finals for the sixth straight time during the 2015-2016 season. His Cavaliers completed the biggest comeback in NBA Finals, down 3-1 to the Golden State Warriors to win in seven games.

I didn't fact check this, but I believe it was better than another number 23 did in his age 31 NBA season.

Just kidding. I did check. Michael Jordan came back from playing baseball and played 17 games during the 1994-1995 season. Jordan's Bulls lost in the second round of the playoffs to the Orlando Magic. But don't worry, it doesn't mess with his 6-0 Finals record.

Albert Pujols hit .299 with 37 home runs and 99 RBI during his age 31 season in 2011. Pujols finished fifth in MVP voting and did pretty well in the postseason. The Cardinals were a wild card and went on to win the World Series over the Texas Rangers in seven games.

David Freese could probably tell you a thing or two about that series.

Pujols hit three home runs in game 3. He parlayed that success until a mega contract with the Angels after the season.

Tom Brady didn't have a great age 31 season as he tore his ACL in the first game and missed the rest of the year. New England went 11-5 that year with his backup Matt Cassell and missed the playoffs.

I'm not sure if any of these feats are the equivalent to my squat or bench numbers that I feel will only continue to climb in the coming years.

I do hope my skill to crush my Aunt Joan and Uncle Bob in cornhole will continue well into my fourth decade on earth. If my talent at washers improves, I may turn into a great player one day. However, it's been a year and I'm still waiting on a rematch.

I realize that my athletic feats pale in comparison to James, Jordan, Brady, and Pujols, but if I continue to grow as a person, both personally and professionally, that will be good for me.

I will treat 31 as just a number, because that is all it is. Truthfully, I am not one year older, just 24 hours from the day before. I hope I don't feel any different than I do now or the day before when I was still 30. I feel I am on a roller coaster that is only goes up from here and that's good enough for me.

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BETWEEN THE WHITE LINES

Indians to rely on youth this summer



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The St. Vincent boys basketball team is entering into a new era. The Indians competed in the Chaffee Varsity Shootout last week and coach Bruce Valleroy is happy to get the summer workouts and camps going.

"I've seen a lot of good things so far," he said. "Summer is about working the kinks out and getting a ball in their hands again."

The summer will be important for the Indians as the team lost seven seniors, including the trio Blake Monier, Grant Abernathy, and Simon Unterreiner. The Indians are left with a team mainly comprised of juniors and sophomores.

"The summer is important to get that nervousness to get them to



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP
St. Vincent players Jacob Schremp, Blake Monier, Dylan DeWilde and Payton Stratman celebrate a made basket in the second half as part of the Indians' 25-0 run in the third quarter against Grandview to win in June of the 2023 season.

play together and summer gives them a chance to run together and see how it goes."

Valleroy said Jacob Schremp and Payton Stratman will be taking the lead for the Indians this summer and this upcoming season as the only two seniors. Schremp and Stratman both averaged five points last season.

"Along with them, we are looking at having five juniors, f o u r

sophomores and five freshmen. We don't have the numbers like we normally do, but we are happy with what we got," Valleroy said.

Valleroy expected the low numbers this year.

"We only had two juniors last year and we didn't really have many sophomores either," he said. "We lost seven seniors and that means a lot. Your numbers aren't going to be that good every year. We have a lot of work to do."

Valleroy likes what he has seen so far.

"They are very coachable kids," he said. "They play well together and I think that they are good buddies on and off the floor. I think we are very athletic. We will be very young in age, but we will have that athleticism to counter that."

That athletic ability should help the Indians on the defensive end.

"We are probably going to mix it up this year," Valleroy said. "We have some kids who are very versatile who could play some man-to-man and we could press a little more.

We want to get up and down the floor. We want to do some different things, but the old bag of tricks are still there."

Scoring-wise, Valleroy said the points will have to come from everyone.

"We got to have everyone step up," he said. "Jacob started half the year for us, and Payton started all year for us. Max Wheeler played some as a freshman and will probably start for us. Parker Ellis split some time on varsity and JV. So we'll probably end up starting two seniors, one junior, and two sophomores with a freshman coming off the bench. So we'll be a little young for the first time in a long time."

At the Chaffee event, the Indians played the host Red Devils, East Prairie, Oak Ridge and Scott County Central, Kelly, Woodland and others. The team lost a couple of games by a single possession and another in overtime.

"We want to see ourselves getting better during the summer," Valleroy said. Don't get me wrong, we want to win, but we want to run our system and see how we look."



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Perryville sophomore Barrett Wheeler (20) is a key piece of a Perryville Pirates football team that returns experience, but has just five seniors.

Pirate football preaches consistency during summer

By Justin Hotop
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The Perryville football Twitter account posted that "the road to perfection starts now."

While Perryville coach Brent Roth isn't predicting an undefeated record by any means, he is hoping for an improved season this fall as the summer workout began early last week.

The Pirates will compete in several 7-on-7 camps and have workouts and team activities throughout the summer.

"I told the guys that that summer isn't mandatory unless you want to win," Roth said. "They don't have to show up, but if they want to win, they should be here almost every day."

The Pirates had more than 50 players show up when summer workouts began on June 6, but Roth is hoping for even more as the summer progresses.

"We had about 60 guys

last year," Roth said. "I always wait until the end of the week and then I will call out to some of the guys to get them in here. Hopefully we will be right around 70 guys this year. I would like to have about 100 in the program with about 25 kids per class, but that's probably a few more years down the road."

The Pirates will be young this season with just five seniors on this year's squad, after having 19 last season.

"That's very low," Roth said. "The seniors classes have been around 15 players the last few years, so being down to five will be a bit of a challenge."

However, don't talk to Roth about rebuilding. Perryville will have about five players returning on each side of the ball.

"Just because we don't have a lot of seniors doesn't mean we won't have a lot of experience," Roth said. "We had multiple sophomores and freshmen playing last year. But when you lose that many guys

you are going to have to replace some people at positions."

Roth's main goal during the summer is consistency.

"The biggest thing in the summer is numbers and being consistent in attendance," Roth said. "In June, we really try to build up their bodies and prepare them for battle. In July, we start getting more into the playbook. Right now, we are lifting weights and conditioning and doing some football-related activities."

The Pirates went 3-7 last season with wins over Grandview, Bayless and Herculaneum. Roth is hoping for more wins than that, but has a few goals for the season.

"Our goal is to win a conference championship and I believe it is something that is achievable," he said. "If we do that, it would probably help us to get right around .500 on our record and put us in position for a home district game. Those three things are kind of wrapped into one. I think this group can do all those things."

SV football returns key pieces for season

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The team may be young, but St. Vincent football coach Tim Schumer is excited for the season to get rolling. The team has already begun weightlifting and other football activities, including an open field to get a feel for the team.

"We had 39 guys total show up to the open field," Schumer said. "Which is a pretty good year for us in terms of numbers. We are going to be younger, but we have some guys who have some varsity experience from last year."

Schumer said the team doesn't have an overly large senior class, but averages about 11 players in each grade below that.

"We are returning a lot of key guys in important positions and a lot of guys who have playing experience as sophomore," he said. "Those guys may not have been full-season starters, but did get playing time."

One of those key guys will be senior quarterback Christian Schaaf, who will be entering his third year at the helm. Other returners include Cruz Reitzel, Jacob Schremp and Clayton Gremaud, who were key weapons for Schaaf on the offensive side.

Schaaf was named the Offensive MVP of the I-55 conference last season. Schaaf threw for 1,968 yards with 23 touchdowns and 9 interceptions, while rushing for 351 yards and 7 touchdowns.

"This will be Christian's third year in the same system and at this point is a coach out there on the field," Schumer said. "He understands what we are trying to do and what looks we are trying to get on the field and where everyone is supposed to be."

Schumer expects good



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP

St. Vincent senior quarterback Christian Schaaf is one of several key pieces returning for the Indians who hope to make a deep postseason run this fall.

things from Schaaf in his final year as an Indian.

"I just want him to continue what he was doing last year," he said. "I want him to grow and have success."

If Schaaf is the leader of the offense, Drake Robinson is the leader of the defense. He returns for his senior season after a dynamite junior campaign. Robinson led the way for the St. Vincent defense with a team-leading 137 tackles, one sack, and one interception. Robinson led the southeast Missouri area in tackles.

"He is the quarterback of the defense," Schumer said. "He is an extremely hard worker during the offseason and in practice. Much like Christian, he knows where everyone is supposed to be on defense. Having those two guys back on the offensive and defensive side of the ball is a big deal for us."

Offseason training has begun already and will continue throughout the entire offsea-

son.

"Once the season is over, we give the guys a few weeks off to let them rest because they have been busy once the season started," Schumer said. "Once December starts we get them back in there about three days per week and ramp that up in the summer."

St. Vincent typically runs a three-week camp in July.

"Once we get started we just keep rolling, we keep them immersed in it," Schumer said.

St. Vincent went 7-3 last season and fell to Charleston in the district tournament semifinals.

"We would like to go farther in the postseason," Schumer said. "We have a tough schedule so will it be tough in and out. We have the team and the capability to go in and give ourselves a good chance to win every game. We are defending conference champions so we would like to keep that crown."

LADY INDIANS SOCCER PLAYERS EARN POSTSEASON AWARDS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Several St. Vincent girls soccer players earned postseason honors after the 2023 season. Among those honored were JCAA All-Conference first teamers Cailyn Prost and Lana Adams, along with second teamers Kamille Graham, Allie Strattnan and Rylee Robinson. Macy Lukefahr earned an honorable mention nod. Lana Adams was named JCAA Conference Player of the Year. In addition, Prost, Adams, Haley Emmendorfer and Robinson were named First Team All-District, while Addi Schnurbusch earned an honorable mention. At the Class 3, Region 1, level, Prost and Adams earned All-Region honors. Prost was named Best Offensive Player, Robinson was named Best Defensive Player, and Schnurbusch earned the Team Spirit Award. Abigail Schilling earned the 110% Award, Jocelynn Leible was named Most Improved Player, and Adams was named Team MVP.

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PIRANHAS FINISH SECOND



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The Perryville Piranhas Swim Team finished second at the Farmington meet on June 10 despite only fielding 14 swimmers. The Piranhas finished with 382 points in the four-team event, led by Farmington with a grand total of 1,207. The Perryville squad recorded 18 first-place finishes, led by Emmitt Sander, who had four in the boys 8-under division. Lux Meyer had three first-place finishes in the girls' 8-9 year-old division, Paxton Meyer had two in the boys 15-18 year-old division, Cecilia Sander had two in the girls 9-10, Joel Schupp and Joshua Southard had two each in the boys 9-10, Hendrix Meyer and Jacob Schupp had one each in the boys 13-14, and Anna Yamnitz had one in the girls 13-14 division. The team's next meet will be at home at the Perry Park Center beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 17. The team's second and final home meet for the summer will be July 8.

INDIANS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL HONORS



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St. Vincent baseball players Trevor Moonier, Christian Schaaf, Liam Krauss, Blake Monier were named to the All-District team following the 2023 season. At the conference level, Monier, a pitcher, was a unanimous pick for first-team honors, as was Schaaf, an infielder, and Moonier as an outfielder. Pitcher Grant Abernathy was an honorable mention, as was Moonier as an infielder and Krauss as an outfielder. Krauss also earned second team honors as a utility player. Jake Seabaugh (not pictured) earned honorable mention as a catcher. In team awards, Monier was named Best Pitcher, Schaaf was named Best Defensive Player, Moonier was named Best Offensive Player and Team MVP.

PHS BUCCANEER BAND'S DRUM MAJORS ATTEND CAMP



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Perryville High School Marching Buccaneer Band's Johannah Hoffer and Hallie Figge finished up two days of hard work at the SEMO Drum Major Camp. They learned valuable leadership lessons and refined their marching and conducting skills. There were about thirty other drum majors from three states: Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky.

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OUTDOORS

Recent bear incident cause for caution

By Dan Zarlenga
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ST. LOUIS — On May 23, a bear was struck and killed on I-55 near Festus—a reminder that bears are especially active this time of year, and that bear-human encounters are more likely. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds St. Louis region residents black bears are becoming a growing part of the St. Louis area landscape, even at times in highly populated areas.

MDC's ongoing bear research indicates the Show-Me-State is currently home to around 900 black bears, and that population is growing by 9% each year. Only one species can be found in this state—the American black bear (*Ursus americanus*)—though multiple color phases can occur in Missouri other than black, such that a bear's fur can be brown, red, or cinnamon in color.

Most of our bears are found in the southern part Missouri, according to MDC wildlife biologists, which is where the largest tracts of forested habitat are. Despite their primary concentration in the Ozarks, sightings and potential encounters with bears are likely to increase in the St. Louis region as the population continues to grow.

Research shows the population is expanding its range too, which might explain the uptick in sightings in recent years. As the population grows and expands, bears are showing up in areas further north. Additionally, late spring/early summer is prime time for bears to be on the move. Young bears begin to wander seeking food and new areas to settle and adult males begin moving large distances in search of females.

These creatures are part of our state's natural history, and many people enjoy the thought of seeing one of these impressive animals. While generally not aggressive, like any wild animal black bears are driven to find food. It takes a lot of calories to fuel an animal that typically weighs several hundred pounds, and as they emerge from hibernation in spring, they're especially hungry. Bears are attracted to a variety of food sources this time of year.

Food, or rather the lack of it, is key to avoiding conflicts with bears. The last thing homeowners should do is tempt them with any sort of food source, whether it be intentionally or unintentionally. Feeding bears is dangerous as it makes the bears comfortable around people. It can also lead bears to cause significant damage to property while searching for a meal.

A bear that grows accustomed to obtaining food from humans can become a problem which could result in an



increased number of encounters, bolder behavior, property damage, and even the euthanizing of the bear. Tempting a bear to stick around high population areas with ready food sources also increases the chance of a fatal vehicle encounter, like the one near Festus.

These types of situations can be prevented by ensuring bears don't have access to easy foods.

MDC suggests the following tips to avoid issues if a bear has been sighted in the area.

- Store garbage, recyclables, and compost inside a secure building or in a bear-proof container or location.

- Regularly clean and disinfect trash containers to minimize smells that could attract bears.

- Keep grills and smokers clean and store them inside.

- Don't leave pet food outside. Feed pets a portion at each meal and remove the empty containers.

- Refrain from using birdfeeders in bear country from April through November. If in use, hang them at least 10 feet high and four feet away from any structure. Keep in mind that even if a bear cannot get to the birdseed, the scent could still attract it to the area.

- Use electric fencing to keep bears away from beehives, chicken coops, vegetable gardens, orchards, and other potential food sources.

- These measures will also reduce problems with more common critters like raccoons and coyotes.

- While black bears are generally a shy, non-aggressive species and bear attacks are rare throughout their range in North America, MDC offers these tips to stay safe when hiking and camping in bear country:

- Never deliberately offer a bear food.

- Keep campsites clean and

store all food, toiletries, and trash in a secure vehicle or strung high between two trees.

- Do not keep food or toiletries in a tent, and do not burn or bury garbage or food waste.

- Make noise, such as clapping, singing, or talking loudly, while hiking to prevent surprising a bear.

- Travel in a group if possible.

- Keep dogs leashed.

- If hiking or camping in bear country, consider carrying bear spray. Read the instructions carefully and keep bear spray immediately available on your belt or your pack's waist strap, not buried inside your pack.

- Be aware of surroundings. If there are signs of a bear, such as tracks or scat, avoid the area.

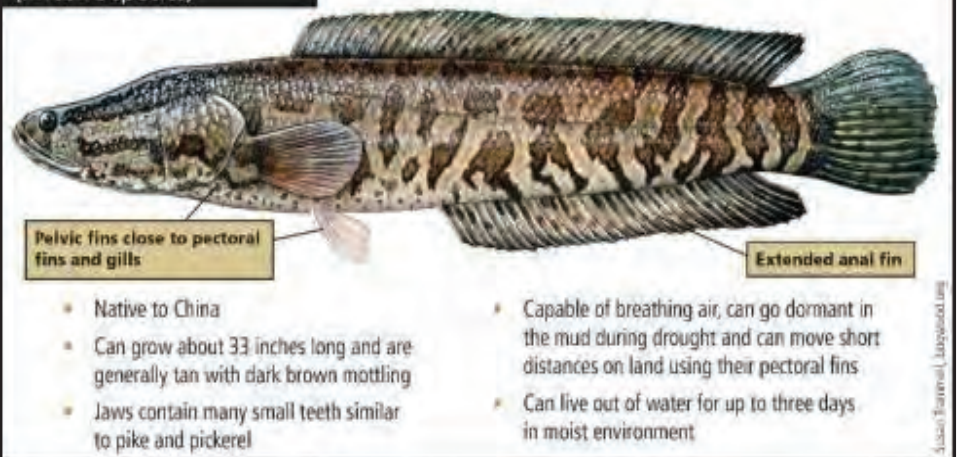
- Leave bears alone! Do not approach them, and make sure they have an escape route.

With a few sensible measures, it's possible to welcome back Missouri's black bears as our neighbors in the wild, without inviting them to the dinner table.

For more on black bears in Missouri, go to mdc.mo.gov/bearaware. Report bear sightings and submit photos online at mdc.mo.gov/reportbears.

In addition to directly educating Missourians on how to Be Bear Aware about black bears in the state, MDC is also affiliated with the BearWise® program. BearWise is a multi-state education effort developed by black bear biologists and supported by state wildlife agencies, such as MDC, that provides sound information and smart solutions that help people, neighborhoods, and communities prevent problems with black bears and keep bears wild. BearWise shares ways to prevent conflicts, provides resources to resolve problems, and encourages community initiatives to keep bears wild. Learn more at BearWise.org.

Northern Snakehead (invasive species)



Bowfin (native species)



MDC confirms second northern snakehead captured in state

By Jill Pritchard
Mo. Dept. Of Conservation

JEFFERSON CITY — Fisheries management biologists with the Missouri Department of Conservation confirm a second northern snakehead has been recorded in the state. The fish was captured by an angler recently while seining for bait at Duck Creek Conservation Area in Wayne County. The first northern snakehead recorded in Missouri was caught in a borrow ditch within the St. Francis River levees in Dunklin County in 2019.

MDC staff spent two days looking for additional specimens on Duck Creek Conservation Area and Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. This effort found no additional fish, likely indicating they're in the area, but at low numbers.

The northern snakehead was discovered in eastern Arkansas waterways in 2008. Since then, its distribution has

been expanding, spreading north through the waters of the St. Francis River watershed.

"Unfortunately, it was only a matter of time before we saw this species continue to spread in Missouri," said MDC Fisheries Management Biologist Dave Knuth.

Snakeheads are an invasive species native to Asia. They're aggressive predators, preying on native species and competing for resources.

"This fish has a wide temperature tolerance, can spawn multiple times in one year, and can survive in low-oxygenated waters by breathing air," said Knuth. "The impacts of this species on native fish populations are still to be determined and it's something we will have to follow over time."

If you find a northern snakehead, MDC recommends the following:

- Make sure it's a snakehead. Northern snakeheads can be confused with the native bow-

fin. Snakeheads have a snake-like appearance with a much longer anal fin than the bowfin.

- Do not release the fish or throw it on the bank, as it could migrate back to the water or to a new waterbody. Remember this fish is an airbreather and can live a considerable amount of time out of the water.

- Kill the fish by severing the head or gutting it.

- Photograph the fish so the species can be positively identified.

- Report any sightings of the fish to MDC's Southeast Regional Office at 573-290-5858.

MDC reminds the public it is illegal to import, export, sell, purchase, or possess a live northern snakehead in Missouri. MDC will continue to monitor its spread in the state.

Learn more about the northern snakehead fish and its negative impact on aquatic habitats at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/snakeheads>.

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Case Number: 23PR-PR00040

In the Estate of RICHARD W BOLAND, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RICHARD W BOLAND, Decedent:

On June 8, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of RICHARD W BOLAND, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of PERRY COUNTY, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

ERIC W BOLAND,
1645 HIGHWAY CC,
PERRYVILLE, MO 63775,
573-846-6770

The personal representative may administer the estate independently

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without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

BRADLEY JOHN LABRUYERE,
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573-334-0555.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability

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insurance claim through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: April 6, 2023

Date of first publication: June 15, 2023

/s/Julie L'Hote, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

Case No. 23PR-JU00005

In Re the Matter of:)
K.J.M.)
A Female Minor Child,)
now 9 years old)
SHAWN MICHAEL KUEKER and)
KELLY JUNE KUEKER)
Petitioners.)

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Unknown Natural Father

FROM: State of Missouri

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You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Perry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition for Adoption.

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption thereof and the name and address of the Attorney for Petitioners is Stephen R. Southard of the firm of Layton & Southard, LLC, 2845 Professional Court, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 8th day of June 2023, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you.

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IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in The Republic-Monitor, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Perry, State of Missouri.

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IN THE 32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

/s/Julie L'Hote, Deputy Clerk

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 23PR-PR00035

In the Estate of LEWIS A RIDDICK III, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LEWIS A RIDDICK III, Decedent:

On May 18, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of LEWIS A RIDDICK III, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Perry County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

MORGAN RIDDICK,
5719 HUNTINGTON VALLEY CT,
APT A,
ST. LOUIS, MO 63129,
573-275-7028.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

CHRIS N WEISS,
2480 EAST MAIN, SUITE E,
JACKSON, MO 63755,
573-243-8463.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death:
06-MAR-2023

Date of first publication:
25-MAY-2023

In Re: Sevin L Glaze, Single Man

TRUSTEE'S SALE – Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by **Sevin L Glaze, Single Man** dated 09/14/2018, and recorded on 09/17/2018 Document 2018R02592 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Perry County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 07/03/2023 at 2:00 PM at the East Front Door of the Perry County Courthouse, 15 W Sainte Maries St. Perryville, MO 63775, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit:

PART OF 1.50 ACRES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI, CONVEYED TO DORA M. HORNBERGER BY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 96, PAGE 512 OF THE PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI LAND RECORDS, IN SURVEY 2129, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET IN SAID CITY OF PERRYVILLE FROM WHICH IRON PIN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 1.50 ACRE TRACT BEARS NORTH 80 1/2 DEGREES WEST 22.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 45' WEST 125.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 80 1/2 DEGREES EAST 225.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 45' EAST 125.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 80 1/2 DEGREES WEST 225.5 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 28,188 SQUARE FEET.

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ALSO EXCEPTING A TRACT OF 13.673 SQUARE FEET CONVEYED TO GILBERT STEINBECKER BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED APRIL 15, 1939 IN BOOK 110, PAGE 148 OF SAID DEED RECORDS.

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