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Fire damage in the 1200 block of West Breckenridge.

Mexico Public Safety Chief sends out thanks to community for support

By MATT PILGER
Editor

Mexico Public Safety Department battled a deadly apartment building fire in the 1200 block of West Breckenridge Drive, followed by another fire on Elmwood, in the Miller Warehouse on Dec. 23.

"The weather was frigidly cold and the wind cut through like a knife. It was the holiday season when a lot of fire fighters and Public Safety Officers were out of pocket. But the came out nonetheless, and Mexico answered the alarm," said Mexico Public Safety Chief Susan Rockett.

The Chief went on to say, "We requested help in fighting the fires after two fires were reported in a short period of time, and after two engines were damaged due to freezing. Little Dixie Fire Protection District came right away and fought the fire shoulder to shoulder with us. There

at the scene, Audrain Ambulance District, monitored our health and cycled us through rehab and warming to insure our safety against the cold and exhaustion. Audrain County Emergency Management was on the scene bring help and resources. Red Cross was called and they were on hand to help the families displaced by the fire. We got a call from Toys for Tots to ensure that any children would not be missing some Christmas.

"After the fire was under control, we called upon the Missouri State Fire Marshals to assist in the investigation. And who was sent but two Mexico Public Safety Alumni, Marshal Joe Jones and Marshal Brian Baker. They had to work in the cold without the heat of the fire to stave off the dangerous sub-zero temperatures.

Mexico Public Works was on the scene with a backhoe to pull the See **THANKS**, Page A2

Best chances of surviving a heart attack

Local officials offer their input after NFL tragedy

By MATT PILGER
Editor

People watched in horror as 24-year-old Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suddenly collapsed after going into cardiac arrest in the game against the Cincinnati Bengals on Monday Night Football on Jan. 2.

The incident has sparked many conversations around the community. Questions are being asked. How did this happen to such a young man in such great shape? What can be done to help someone having a heart attack? The first thing is to recognize the signs.

"Chest pain or pressure, shortness of breath, arm pain, skin changing color, are some of the signs," said Graeme Goodwin, director of the Audrain Ambulance



Graeme Goodwin, Josh Loyd, Josh Bickmeyer, and Derek Deener of the Audrain Ambulance District. [Matt Pilger]

District.

Other signs include nausea, vomiting and dizziness and excessive sweating. It can happen to anyone regardless of age.

"It is important to know your family history and consult with your doctor. Several things you can do to improve your heart health are: don't smoke, watch your diet, weight and monitor your blood pressure," said Goodwin.

If you live in the Mexico areas and are experiencing a cardiac event, EMS or

unfold; however, we are prepared to handle it," said Steve Haag, head coach of the Mexico Bulldogs High School football team.

"MSHAA (Missouri State High School Activities Association) requires that staff be certified in CPR, and what to do in the case of heat exhaustion. We also have an athletic trainer that guides staff on what we need to do, and the school has a portable AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which transforms pre-hospital treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The closest an incident like this has happened was at the Pleasant Hill wrestling meet. Mexico wrestling head coach Gayle Adams witnessed another wrestling coach go down and he had to be revived. I personally have not witnessed anything like this happen when coaching or playing football," said Haag.

The Audrain County Ambulance District offers online and in-person CPR classes. For more information on the classes call 573-581-1772.



Sgt. Derek Chism and K9 Chal

Silex man takes Audrain County Deputies on a foot pursuit

By MATT PILGER
Editor

An Audrain County Sheriff's deputy stopped a car along Highway 19 the night of Tuesday, Jan. 3, in Laddonia.

"They pulled the car into Casey's after noticing a truck plate on a car. The driver then took off running. The license plates on the vehicle that was stopped came back stolen. Sgt. Derek Chism and K9

Chal were called in. The dog tracked straight and true," said Audrain County Sheriff Matt Oller.

The passenger in the car identified the driver as 57-year-old Michael Behrens of Silex, according to Oller.

"He is not a threat to the community and a probable cause statement has been submitted for driving on revoked and resisting detention or stop," said Oller.



Lucas Biggers and Corey Dieckmann

New business heading to Mexico

By MATT PILGER
Editor

New construction in Mexico has gained some attention in Mexico, silently heralding the coming of another new business to town.

Cory Dieckmann, owner of the Car Lot in Mexico, is having the building built at 2121 East Liberty, where people may remember as the old Site gas station.

"It was originally just going to be a storage building; however, a friend reached out to me to see if

he could put a business in it," said Dieckmann.

That friend is Lucas Biggers.

"I am starting a window tint, vinyl graphic design banners business. I have been doing this for about the last seven years and have decided to go out on my own. I have not nailed down a name just yet," said Biggers.

The construction of the building started in December and weather permitting the hope is for the business to open as soon as early spring, in either March, or April.



New window tint and vinyl graphic design business being built at 2121 East Liberty in Mexico. [Matt Pilger]



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building down for safety. As we started clean up and rehab of the equipment, they arrived with two heaters to hasten the thaw of the engines. (Delivery and pick up.) When we discovered the full extent of the damages to engines, we knew they had to be taken to Roxana, Illinois, for repair. They could not be driven. So, we had to find a tow truck or some other way. Sydenstricker Nobbe came to the rescue and provided a truck, driver and low-boy trailer to deliver the engine to Illinois, and bring back a loaner engine."

"After this rugged night in the cold, everyone was getting very low on energy through exhaustion and hunger. This is when the troops really started pouring in bringing food. I hesitate to name names for fear of missing someone, but we saw Pizza Hut, Ori Hibachi, Bucky's Sit or Git, McDonalds, and some stuff people brought from home. We managed to refuel (a couple of times). Food kept coming after I lost count and days later. I had to turn some offers away because we had so



much at that time." "Let it be said that we at Mexico Public Safety so appreciate this community we serve. We know we do not stand alone. Our back is always covered. Things in Mexico do not happen to the 'other guy'. It happens to all of us. Thank you, Mexico. Thank you for your unwavering generosity and compassion. Thank you to all the agencies who came when we called for your professionalism and ethics. We remain Mighty MexMO!!!"

~ Chief Susan Rockett and the members of Mexico MO Department of Public Safety

Sixty-year-old Ruth Ann Stuart, of Mexico, died in the apartment fire. The Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire which has not yet been released.

Tripped circuit thought to be the cause of Mexico house fire

By MATT PILGER
Editor

Mexico Public Safety responded to the 500 block of Pearson on Sunday, Jan. 1, in reference to a house fire. According to the press release, responding personnel found a small fire in the attic, above a light. The fire was contained and

put out in that area with three ceiling joists suffering significant fire damage and the room below having minor water damage. The resident stated that one of the circuits for that portion of the home had tripped a couple of times earlier in the day. There were no injuries reported from the incident.

Mexico Board of Education to discuss four-day school week

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 at the Mexico Public School District's Board Room at Central Office will be the time and the place for staff and patron input on a four-day school week.

The results of a survey was posted online and discussed during the last board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. Of the 651 respondents,



63.1% said they were in favor of the four-day school week while 36.9% said they were opposed. Sarah Keithley, president of the Community Teachers Association, spoke to

the board and said most of the teachers and support are very passionate about going to a four-day school week. Members of the Mexico School Board will also

have a discussion about the four-day school week during the special session. The public is invited to attend and the meeting for the special session will start at 5:30 p.m. Mexico School Board members are expected to take a vote on this during their regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 17, 2023.

New Year's traffic counting period numbers released

By MATT PILGER
Editor

The Missouri Highway Patrol is reporting two deaths on the state's highways over the New Year's traffic counting period that ran from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 through Monday, Jan. 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. The two deaths were reported in southeast Missouri, with one in Stoddard County on New Year's Eve and another in Scott County on New Year's Day. Crashes were less this New Year's holiday

when compared to last year; however, one more person died according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Overall 243 traffic crashes were investigated by troopers this holiday counting period. There were 321 traffic crashes investigated last year. There were 75 statewide injuries reported this year. That is down when compared to last year when 98 injuries were reported. There were a total of 104 DWI arrests reported this year, down by eight when compared to last year.

What's Coming Up?



Eastern Missouri YMCA

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA hosts a free blood pressure clinic on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Y Gymnasium. The clinic is free for anyone in the community. The clinic is from 8:45-9:30 a.m. The YMCA will be offering a resume and cover letter writing services program through the Y beginning Jan. 12. The cost of the program is \$20. Anyone who is interested should contact the YMCA for more information. The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA is located at 309 South Main, Vandalia. They may be reached online or by calling 573-594-2208.

Mexico teen injured in Audrain County accident

By MATT PILGER
Editor

The Missouri Highway Patrol has reported the first accident of 2023 in Audrain County. According to the online traffic crash reports, it happened in the early morning hours of Mon-

day, Jan. 2, on MO 15 just south of Audrain Road 322. A vehicle driven by a 17-year-old female from Mexico was traveling northbound on MO 15 and hit a deer in the roadway. The teen had minor injuries and was taken by a private vehicle for medical attention.

GFWC Mexico Women's Club celebrates

GFWC Mexico Women's Club enjoyed their Christmas luncheon at the YMCA Cafe on Dec. 12 at noon hosted by Dee Ragsdale, Jackie Hanke, Lara Ryan, Valerie Perll, and Connie Robley. Shirley Brauer read an inspirational essay entitled "There Are Angels Among Us." Members planned a visit and Christmas craft for the residents of Missouri Girls Town. Poinsettias were distributed at the YMCA on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 9:45. The Holiday Fest

was held on Nov. 20 at The 4-H Center featuring the MMA Jazz Band, Presser Pipes and Janet's Dance Studio. GFWC Mexico is truly appreciative of the wonderful support for these projects throughout the community. Proceeds help support the many philanthropic endeavors of the club. In lieu of a program, members enjoyed a lively gift exchange. The next meeting will be held at the YMCA Cafe on Monday, Jan. 9 at 12:30.



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Monroe Manor employees select Employees of the Year

Gloria Callighan and Celeste Vaughn were selected by their fellow Monroe Manor Nursing Home colleagues to be the facility's 2022 Employees of the Year [EOTY], during ceremonies Dec. 21.

Callighan, of the housekeeping department, was named EOTY and Ms. Vaughn, a laundry aide, honorable mention EOTY. Both joined the nursing home's staff in 2018.

Manor administrator Shari Embree said she looks forward to annually announcing the new EOTYs.

"A great perk of my job is revealing the vote of our staff, recognizing and congratulating our Employees of the Year," Embree said. "The staff always gets it right, whom deserves the honor, and this year is no different. Gloria and Celeste won these awards because of their kindness, great attitudes, and the ability to communicate with other staff without being rude."

Embree said the new EOTY was described by her fellow employees as, "friendly, very good at her job, hard worker, team player and always willing to help anyone



Gloria Callighan, left, and Celeste Vaughn are Monroe Manor's Employees of the Year for 2022. [Submitted]

with everything."

Callighan, 56, joined the Manor as a Paris High School kitchen aide, 1982-83, served 1994-96 as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and returned to the Nursing home Nov. 7, 2018, working first, in the dietary department, before moving to housekeeping three years ago.

Gloria Callighan and her husband, Jay Dee,

are the parents of daughter, Nicole, and grandparents of Daisy and Lily.

This year marks the second time Celeste Vaughn has been named honorable mention EOTY. She first received the recognition in 2019.

Employed at the Manor since July 9, 2018, Embree said Celeste's coworkers said she was, "always available to help

other departments, dependable, very positive and possesses a great attitude."

Vaughn, 42, originally from Columbia, moved to Paris with her parents, Don and the late Jan Wiley, in 1998. She is a single mother of four children: ages 22, 18, seven, six years old, and she is a grandmother.

In addition to the EOTYs, Mrs. Embree distributed Christmas bonuses to all full and part-time Manor employees and recognized another half dozen staffers with continuous service cash awards.

Lavonda Nickell, housekeeping, and business office manager Gail Jones each received \$100 for two years of employment.

Ruby Ritter and Alicia Spicer, both of the nursing department, accepted \$200 prizes for five years of service.

Dierdre Edward, of the nursing department, was awarded \$400 after 15 years of continuous labor.

Vanessa Ashenfelter, the Manor's Social Services designee, who retired Dec. 29, was requited \$500 for her exemplary 45 years of

dedicated Manor Employment.

Embree said nursing home employees do more important work for less gratitude than in any industry.

"This nursing home staff and their nation-wide contemporaries are the most essential and least appreciated labor force this country has," Embree said. "Our staff are overworked, overregulated, under-

appreciated and rarely recognized. We are trying to rectify that by implementing periodic rewards for our employees that go above and beyond on a daily basis. As America ages, the nursing home profession is waning.

Federal and state politicians better wake up and recognize the importance of our contributions before it's too late."

The **Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund** Board of Directors would like to thank our sponsors for their generous monetary donations for the 2022 "Old Fashioned Christmas at the Stables". Special thanks to Blossoms & Blooms Florist for decorating the Santa and Mrs. Claus stall; Scott Weber, St. Luke's Mass Choir, and Presser Pipes for providing Christmas music, and Dr. Raymond Wilbers for the use of his sleigh for the horse drawn sleigh rides. Thanks to our volunteers who gave willingly of their time and talents and to all in the community who attended. Making the day even more special was the presence of Santa and Mrs. Claus, David Pickering Photography, Cedar Hollow Farms and their Belgian horses, and Jeff and Cathy Young. Thanks to everyone for making this a very special Christmas Event!

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Afternoon Class: Front Row: Myla Curran, Kynzy Hall, Alexis Durham, Madison Coale, Riley Miller, Madelyn Wheeler. Back Row: Shelby Twitchwell, Halie Lamberson, Jeniah Tucker, Natosha Yarbro, Teghan Sweeney, Mariah Kemp, Paige Meyers, Allie Goff, Adrienne Johnson, Michelle Blakey, Mr. Cam, (Not Pictured Kloie Kirkwood)

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Candi Jean Carlson

Candi Jean Carlson, 59, of Mexico, entered into peace on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Candi was born on Aug. 12, 1963 the daughter of the late Opal (Snyder) Rinker and Earl Lee Rinker of Laddonia. She was a 1982 graduate of Community R-6 and lived in the Mexico area most of her life.

Candi is survived by three children, Trazarra (Jason) Chapman of Paris, Jacobi Carlson and Quaid Carlson of Mexico; six grandchildren, Ethan and Landen Chapman, Madilyn Carlson, Layla, Kylee and Harper Carlson; two sisters, Dixie (Steve) Sims and Pamla (Harlan) Applebee all of Mexico; two nieces, Mailyn (Garett) Jeffries of Clever, Alexandria (Brandon) Applebee of Mexico; four nephews, Trampus (Kyra) Sims of Mexico, Eric (Mallory) Sims and Derek Sims of Columbia and Trey Knight of Italy; four great nieces Eliona and Seraiah Sims of Palestine, Texas, Millie and Ever Sims of Columbia; two great nephews, Grayson Knight of West Columbia, S.C. and Cole Jeffries of Clever whom shared her birthday. All shared beautiful memories of a very colorful aunt that loved them all so deeply.

Candi was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Earl Rinker II.

Candi had an immense love for her family. Her grandchildren were her greatest achievements in life, loving each one so very much. Her wishes for cremation were honored and a Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date to share memories of her love of family and friends, her pumpkin carving parties, laughs, sitting on the patio, sips, country music and her unwavering love of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Online condolences may be left at [arnoldfh.com](#).

Linda Sue (Dobbs) Stroup

Linda Sue (Dobbs) Stroup, of Middletown, passed away on Jan. 3, 2023, at the Hermann Area District Hospital in Hermann.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, at Myers Funeral Home in Middletown. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery in Middletown.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be given at [myersfuneralhome.biz](#).

Douglas Alewel

Douglas Alewel, age 93, of Carthage, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at St. Luke's Nursing Center in Carthage.

Douglas, son of the late Herman and Emelia (Meyer) Alewel, was born on February 6, 1929, in Concordia. He was a graduate of Concordia High School and then attended the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Pharmacy. After graduating with a degree in pharmacy, Douglas honorably served his country in the United States Army until 1954. After returning, he was united in marriage to Joyce Glaser on September 8, 1957, in Overland Park, Kan. Douglas, later partnering with Jerry Brauer, was the owner and operator of A & B Prescription Shop in Mexico, until he retired in 1983. He and his wife Joyce moved to Carl Junction, in 2001 to be closer to family. Douglas was a lifelong devout and faithful congregation member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Alewel, of Carthage; three daughters, Jeffra Lyn Marcus, and her husband, Norman, of Los Angeles, Calif., Christi Anna Moore, of Joplin, and Sarah Genee Whitney, and her husband, Paul, of Flagstaff, Ariz.; grandchildren, Courtney Konicy, and her husband Sam, Alex Moore, and his wife, Becca, Jaden Moore, Ethan Marcus, Paige Whitney, and Ian Whitney; one great grandson, Silas Moore; and one sister, Bonnie Jean Ness, of Garden Grove, Calif.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Parker Mortuary, Joplin.

Roger W. Loncaric Jr.

Roger W. Loncaric Jr., 52, of Mexico, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 3, 2023, at his home in Mexico.

Roger was born July 8, 1970, in Coral Gables, Florida, the son of Roger and Andrea C. Loncaric.

Roger was the former Chef at The Oaks (Country Club) in Mexico. He had also previously operated his own restaurant in downtown Mexico named The Andrea C.

In addition to cooking, he enjoyed salt and freshwater fishing, was a huge Miami Dolphin Football fan, loved going to Disney and very much loved his pet cats, Mini, Dolly, and Cheesecake.

In addition to his wife Sara, survivors include his father, Roger Loncaric, of Goleta, California; his mother, Andrea C. Loncaric, of Miami, Fla.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, and one Aunt, Elizabeth Chambers.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to the Audrain Veterinary Clinic for the Lynnne Lou's Cat Rescue Fund of Mexico. Make checks payable to Audrain Veterinary Clinic. They may be sent in care of Pickering Funeral Home, 403 N. Western, Mexico, MO 65265.

A memorial life celebration is being planned for the spring and will be announced when planned. Until then be sure to raise a glass and have a toast to Roger!

Condolences to the family may be given at [pickeringfh.com](#).



Elizabeth Anne Schooler

With great sadness Elizabeth, known as Missy, the beloved daughter, sister, aunt by family and friends has passed away. She was the third daughter of Robert and Frances (Sonwalt) Schooler and lived most of her life in Columbia, where she attended Russell Blvd. Elementary School, West Junior High, Rockbridge High School and graduated from Stephens College. She attended FITNY, The Fashion Institute of Technology at New York State University, and had a great love for animals, especially her childhood horse and her family. She had a brave battle with illnesses. She will be remembered for her wit and was a woman of strong faith.

Survivors include Frances Schooler (home); Suzanne (Jim) DuMolin, Belvedere, Calif.; Sally Schooler Wells (George Rickerson); Jackson Wells of Columbia; Matthew (Trinh) Wells and Tyler (Joyce) Wells of Jefferson City. Aunts Ruby Hale (Martinsburg), Shirley Schooler (Charlotte, N.C.) and Barbara Hart (League City, Texas).

There was a private service at East Lawn Memorial Park and expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arnold Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [arnoldfh.com](#).

Janet Ruth Botkins

Janet Ruth Botkins, 80, of Mexico, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at Heisinger Bluffs in Jefferson City.

Janet was born on Sept. 10, 1942, in Elvins, the daughter of Virgil and Mamie (Barton) Murry. On April 10, 1982, in Mexico, she married Van Botkins. He passed away on June 2, 2007.

Janet graduated from Flat River High School in 1960. She worked for the Missouri 12th Judicial Circuit Court for more than 20 years, retiring in 2001 from her Court Reporter position.

She will be remembered by many as an unselfish caretaker who gave many years of her life lovingly taking care of her husband Van through his many years of illness. Van was the love of her life and she devoted herself completely to his well-being.

Janet had a lifelong passion for music. From dancing around the record player and at school dances as a teenager to dancing the nights away with Van years later. She loved to sing and spent years singing in the church's choir and entertaining crowds as a member of The Silvertones. Janet's musical talent also included playing the piano for her church and on many other special occasions. Her deep love of gospel music moved her to attend every Gaither Homecoming concert within traveling distance. Most of her retirement days were spent singing along with a Gaither DVD.

She also loved to travel. No matter how near or far, she loved the adventure of seeing what was over the next hill. Many of her fondest travel memories were of those annual trips taken with her high school classmates.

Finally, we must admit that everyone has a dark side and Janet's was Putt-Putt Golf. When this God-fearing, loving, and playful woman stepped onto the Putt-Putt course, it was a win at all cost mindset.

Survivors include her children, Jeff Zimmer of Vandalia, MO, Toni Monsen of Mexico, MO, Joel (Christie) Zimmer of Farmington, Cindi (Matt) Kelly of Barnett, and John (Cobi) Zimmer of Hannibal; a sister, Nancy (Charles) Beate of Jefferson City; and many beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband, Van, Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil Murry and George and Mamie Scott.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to Gentiva Hospice (Jefferson City). For more information go to [www.gentivahs.com](#).



Herbert F. Jackson, Jr.

Herbert F. Jackson, Jr., 83, of Mexico, passed away at 12:51 p.m., Friday Dec. 30, 2022 at Pin Oaks.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 7, 2023, at Pickering Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to service time at the funeral home.

Herbert (Herb) Franklin Jackson, Jr., was born on Nov. 17, 1939, to Beatrice and Herbert Jackson, Sr., the oldest of 14 children in Mexico, Mo. He was a graduate of Mexico Senior High and remained a lifelong Bulldog fan. Herb attended Lincoln University and was a military veteran. When he returned from military service, he began employment with the former AP Green Company and retired after 37 years.

Herb accepted Christ at an early age and was a lifelong member of St. Paul C.M.E. Church. He served on numerous boards at St. Paul, most recently on the Trustee Board.

Herb was married to Jessie M. (Barnes) Jackson for 60 years and she preceded him in death. After retirement they enjoyed numerous trips for leisure, visiting family and friends.

Poppy as he was affectionately called by his grands, was an avid sports aficionado. He was an avid golfer and spent many hours on the links until his health began to decline. He enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinals Baseball, NFL and NBA games and attending Mizzou football games regularly. He loved his home and yard and meticulously maintained it.

Herb was a lifelong resident of Mexico until he moved to Atlanta to reside due to his health. While in Atlanta, Barry was the ultimate caretaker; unwavering in his care and support. At the time of his passing, he had returned to Mexico and was residing at Pin Oaks Living Center.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Debbie Cobbins (Minneapolis, Minn.); one son, Barry Jackson, (Atlanta, Ga.); five grandchildren: Andre Cobbins, (St. Louis), Breanne Cobbins, (Baltimore Md.), Ashley Jones, (Chicago, Ill.), Christopher Jackson and Parker Jackson (Portland Ore.), one great granddaughter, Alana Jessie Marie Adams; five brothers: Arthur Jackson (Mexico), Gary (Sarah) Jackson, (Columbia), Larry Jackson (Mexico), Lowell (Jaye) Jackson, (Mexico), and Ivan (Eula) Jackson Cordova, Tenn.; seven sisters, Elaine (Larry) Bell, (Mexico), Jaclyn (Richard) White, Mexico, Carol (Raymond) Williams, (Peoria, Ill.), Alice Jackson, (Mexico), Bobbette Jackson, (Mexico), Maria Jackson, (Columbia), and Rita Jackson, (Mexico); three brothers-in-law Stanley Barnes (Mexico), Theodore Barnes (Clark) and Gary Barnes (Columbia); two sisters-in-law Vickie Barnes Hargraves (Kansas City) and Vernitta Barnes (Seattle, Wash.) and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jessie, he was preceded in death by a sister, Tereatha Richardson; one daughter, Christine Jones; two sons, Harry Williams and Tracy A. Jackson; two brothers-in-law, Leroy Barnes and James Barnes; and two sisters-in-law, Ruthie Barnes and Darlene Davenport.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul CME Church, in care of Pickering Funeral Home, 403 N. Western, Mexico MO, 65265.

Condolences to the family may be given at [pickeringfh.com](#).

Dorothy E. Wright

Dorothy E. Wright, 73, Centralia, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

She is survived by her husband Robert; five children Angela Reynolds of Liberty, Russell Wright of Perryville, Cathy Smith of Topeka, Kan., Joni Wahl of Columbia and Kristy Wright of Columbia; five sisters Velma Stokes of Macon, Charlotte Darling of Shelbina, Louise Million of Centralia, Alice Kuntz of Shelbina, and Jeanetta Westhoff of Shelbina; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and many dear friends.

Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Centralia. Interment will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Oliver Funeral Home in Centralia, with a Rosary to be held at 7.

Condolences may also be made to the family at [www.oliverfuneralhome.net](#)

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Thursday: Meatloaf/Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread/Margarine, Milk, Apple Pie

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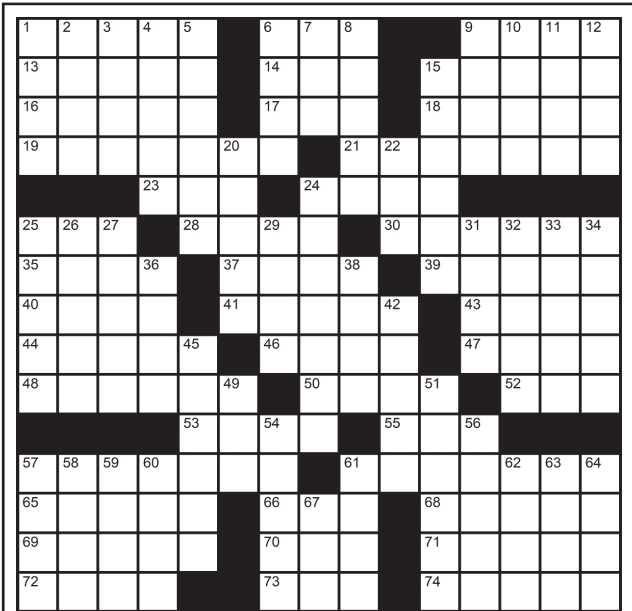
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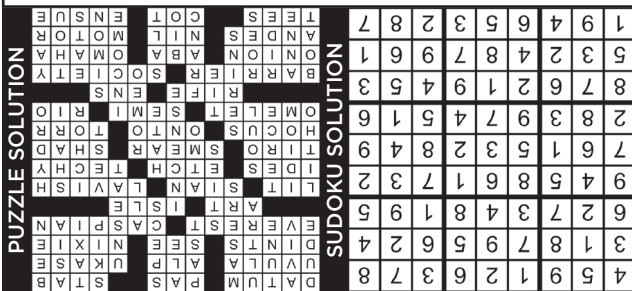
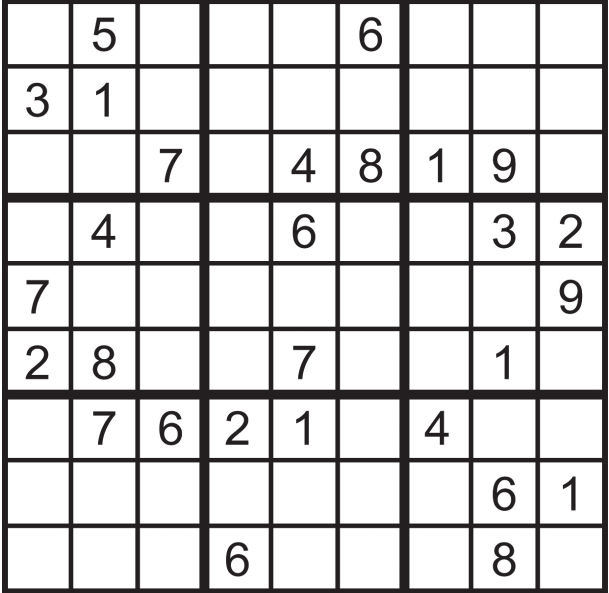
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- 31. Sleeveless garment
- 32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology

- 33. Harry Belafonte's daughter
- 34. * ____ sphere, all water on earth
- 36. Aretha Franklin's genre
- 38. Type of crime
- 42. Young Montague
- 45. Brown and yellow finches
- 49. Cravat or bola
- 51. Financial gain
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- 57. Summer ride
- 58. "Green Gables" protagonist
- 59. Amusement park attraction
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- 61. Table mineral
- 62. Chow or grub
- 63. Biblical pronoun
- 64. Ready and eager
- 67. ____ sphere, all life on earth

SUDOKU



Latest reports from Auditor Galloway detail more than \$11.83 billion Missouri has received in federal relief for COVID-19

Through end of November 2022, state had spent more than \$8.82 billion in federal stimulus dollars intended for COVID-19 response from CARES Act, American Rescue Plan and other programs

The latest monthly reports from State Auditor Nicole Galloway detailing state government's use of federal stimulus dollars intended for the COVID-19 response shows Missouri received \$11.83 billion between April 2020 and November 2022. As the state's financial watchdog, the State Auditor's Office has issued the reports since June 2020 examining Missouri government's distribution and spending of funding received under the federal CARES Act, American Rescue Plan and other federal assistance programs.

The most recent reports show Missouri's spending of federal assistance for the month of November 2022, as well as the cumulative expenditures since the state began receiving funding in April 2020. Through the end of November 2022, the state has spent \$6.47 billion in funding made available by the CARES Act and other federal programs, and \$2.35 billion in American Rescue Plan funds.

A significant portion of expenditures to date are for services

through the state's Medicaid program (MO HealthNet) and other programs receiving federal matching funds. Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the federal government increased its percentage share of the cost of the state's Medicaid program. The American Rescue Plan also offered Missouri a temporary increase in the federal funds matching rate in exchange for the state's Medicaid expansion. As of Nov. 30, 2022, the increased cost share for the federal government has totaled over \$2.07 billion in additional federal funding for Medicaid in Missouri.

Other funding has been provided to local governments, schools, institutions of higher education, child care providers, long-term care facilities and developmental disabilities waiver providers. Funds have also been used for mental health services, purchase of personal protective equipment, virus testing, contact tracing, vaccine preparedness and access, workforce development, economic development programs for small

businesses, COVID-19 dedicated personnel costs, emergency rental assistance and other disaster relief purposes.

In addition to the monthly report examining the state's spending, the Auditor's Office also has an online tool to give Missourians a detailed look at expenditures. The COVID-19 Response page tracks not only how much is received and expended in relief funds, but also lists which state and local government departments, vendors and expense categories are receiving the most funding. The information on the website provides data on expenditures and is updated regularly.

Auditor Galloway's efforts are similar to work performed by the previous State Auditor's administration, which reviewed the state's use of funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Under Article IV, Section 13 of the Missouri Constitution, the State Auditor has a duty to ensure the accuracy of the state's accounting of its spending.

MDC reports three elk harvested during 2022 season

Missouri's elk archery portion ran Oct. 15-23 and firearms portion ran Dec. 10-18.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports that Missouri hunters harvested one bull elk during the archery portion of the 2022 elk-hunting season, Oct. 15-23, and two bull elk during the firearms portion, Dec. 10-18.

The three Missouri hunters were each selected for one of five elk permits issued in 2022 through a random drawing of 9,684 applicants.

Elk are a native species in Missouri but were extirpated in the state

in the late 1800s due to unregulated hunting. Missouri's first elk hunt in 2020 came after years of restoration efforts by MDC, numerous partners including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and many supporters including local communities and area landowners. Learn more about elk at mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/elk. Learn more about elk hunting in Missouri at mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/elk.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION BY VOLUNTARY ACTION TO ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS AGAINST MEXICO CARDIOGRAPHICS, INC.

On December 20, 2022 MEXICO CARDIOGRAPHICS, INC., a Missouri Corporation, filed its Articles of Dissolution by Voluntary Action with the Missouri Secretary of State. The dissolution of the corporation was effective on that date.

MEXICO CARDIOGRAPHICS, INC. requests that all persons and organizations who have claims against it to present them immediately by letter to MEXICO CARDIOGRAPHICS, INC., Attn: Charles H. Tillman, Jr., 457 S Jefferson Rd, Mexico, MO 65265.

All claims must include the following: the name and address of the claimant; the amount claimed; the basis of the claim; the date(s) on which the events which form the basis of the claim occurred; and copies of any other supporting data.

All claims against MEXICO CARDIOGRAPHICS, INC. will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the last publication of the notices required by the statute.



LEGALS

NOTICE OF WINDING UP FOR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS AGAINST MEXICO CARDIOVASCULAR ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

Mexico Cardiovascular Associates, L.L.C., a Missouri Limited Liability Company, filed its Notice of Winding Up for a Limited Liability Company with the Missouri Secretary of State on December 21, 2022.

Any and all claims against Mexico Cardiovascular Associates, L.L.C. may be sent to Charles H. Tillman, Jr., 457 S Jefferson Rd, Mexico, MO 65265. Each claim should include the following information: the name, address and telephone number of the claimant; the amount of the claim; the basis of the claim; the date(s) on which the event(s) on which the claim is based occurred; and any documentation related to the claim.

Any and all claims against Mexico Cardiovascular Associates, L.L.C. will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce such claim is commenced within three (3) years after the date this notice is published.

LEGALS

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE CITY OF MEXICO, MISSOURI

Sealed bids will be received for the 2023 Cellular Alarm Lift Station Project until 2:00 p.m. local time on the 25th day of January, 2023, at City Hall, 300 N. Coal St., Mexico, Missouri 65265, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The project consists of adding a cellular alarm system to 3 lift stations, as specified in the bid documents.

All equipment, materials and workmanship must be in accordance with the drawings and specifications on file with the Public Works Director, City of Mexico, 300 N. Coal, City of Mexico, Missouri 65265. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at 573-581-2100 X3.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of 60 days after the date of opening of bids.

A certified or cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal. The City of Mexico hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Missouri Department of Labor Standards regarding payment of Prevailing Wage Rates shall be followed for all projects. Should a project bid be less than \$75,000, Prevailing Wage Rates shall not be required. Any bid over \$75,000 (including Add Alternates) shall meet the Prevailing Wage Rates set forth by the annual wage order, in effect at the time of the advertisement.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder complying with the Conditions of the Contract Documents within the Owner's budget. The Bidder to whom the awards are made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in their interest.

Lady Bulldogs limit looks for Fulton in 41-29 win

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

Two of the Mexico girls' better defensive games have happened against their conference rival.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted North Central Missouri Conference rival Fulton on Tuesday night, having already defeated them 42-29 in the Montgomery County tournament earlier this season, and almost replicated the first meeting's score at 41-29.

Mexico (5-8, 2-2 NCMC) had a 15-2 lead after one quarter and never let Fulton (2-7, 1-3 NCMC) draw any closer than five points early in the third quarter. Head coach Ed Costley said Mexico did have some defensive slip ups in the second half but maintained a good defensive game as it did before against its rival.

"It was just our rotations and making sure we're in the right spots," Costley said. "We didn't give up easy looks. In the third quarter, lack of focus with detail went away, but we forced them to stay out of the perimeter and we got some opportunities in traps."

Costley said the traps on defense helped Mexico gain a sizable advantage early in the game and put away the Lady Hornets later in the game, with eight fourth-quarter points allowed after owning a 30-21 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Claire Hudson finished with a game-high 13 points, Lexie Willer followed with nine points and six rebounds, Kenzie Taylor had seven points, and Jo Thurman picked up six rebounds. Costley said Karlee Sefrit and Kylie Burnett were also big off the bench, each coming away with steals in the second half to seal the game.

"Karlee had two charges, Kenzie Taylor had a charge and we had one other try to attempt one," Costley said. "Those things right there, they kind of set the tone defensively. Kylie had a couple big steals on the baseline there at the end when they kind of made a run."

Mexico had a 7-0 lead three minutes into the game following a steal and quick jumper by Messiah Simpson. Kier Henderson, who finished with seven points behind Kenzie Washington's team-high eight points, had Fulton's lone bucket in the first quarter with an offensive putback.

Costley said keeping Henderson at bay was what the Lady Bulldogs focused on, being successful for the most part.

"When we went to that 1-3-1, we kept their guard under control," Costley said. "For the most part, she wasn't able to get the paint through-out."

Fulton cracked into Mexico's lead initially in the second quarter, coming away with some steals and Washington knocked down her two 3-pointers.

When the Lady Hornets decreased the Mexico lead to 21-16 after an open layup by Henderson, but just like the second quarter, Hudson knocked down a 3-pointer to erase the potential for a bigger Fulton run.

"She had two timely 3s for us," Costley said. "Claire came through with some 3s that really squashed their run. In the first half, we didn't have as much interior play. The second quarter on, I thought we did a better job of finding them."

Willer followed Hudson's timely perimeter shot with some better play in the trenches as she picked up most of her rebounds in the second half, recording an offensive putback for a 26-16 Mexico lead with six minutes left in the third quarter.

After Fulton was within single digits again going into the fourth quarter following a couple of free throws from Audrey Arnold — four rebounds and three steals off the bench, the Hornets were kept off the scoreboard for more than three minutes. During that time, Sefrit and Thurman each swiped the basketball before promptly giving it to Willer for fastbreak layups.

"Defensively, under the basket, we didn't give up easy looks and layups for them on their out-of-bounds plays," Costley said. "Those things make a difference."

Mexico played at Bowling Green (5-7) on Thursday before hosting Hallsville (9-2) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.



Mexico senior Dante Kelley fights Fulton's Walker Gohring for a rebound on Tuesday during the Bulldogs' 56-45 win at home against their conference rival. Kelley made a difference on the defensive end.

[Jeremy Jacob]

Bulldogs swarm Fulton to win state-ranked showdown

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

Fulton has plenty of players to be concerned about.

The Mexico boys learned this in their first meeting this season, losing to their North Central Missouri Conference rival 69-52. The Bulldogs didn't allow the Hornets much room in the rebound 56-45 victory Tuesday night at home in a matchup between the Nos. 5 and 6 ranked teams in Class 4.

Head coach Darren Pappas said coach Dion Nunnely and the team had a game plan for the Fulton team that was allowed to do what it wanted offensively in the Montgomery County tournament championship game. The key Hornets of Colby Lancaster and the Gohring brothers — Walker and Rowdy — had to work harder this time around.

"We doubled down on Lancaster and tried to limit him as much as possible," Pappas said. "He's a load so he's going to still get his points. We contested their shooters — the Gohring brothers are really good ball players — and tried to limit other guys as well."

Pappas said he likes how Mexico (8-3, 3-1 NCMC) rebounded the ball this time, limiting the big Lancaster to six rebounds and Walker Gohring and Donovan Weigel to five boards each. Gohring and Lancaster finished with 17 and 16 points, respectively, but the next highest scorer for the Hornets (8-2, 3-1 NCMC) was Dusty Hagens with five points.

Mexico, on the other hand, combined for 11 steals and had several score in double figures, including Jordan Shelton with a game-high 19 points along with two 3-pointers and two blocks. Anthony Shivers and DJ Long each followed with 11 points and five rebounds, Jaydon Eldridge had nine points, and Dante Kelley finished with four points and had four steals and two blocks.

Lancaster did eventually get his points in the second half but had four points through two quarters while Walker Gohring had eight points at halftime. Mexico made it uncomfortable for any Hornet that happened to be handling the ball and were especially focused on Fulton's best ball handler in Gohring.

"I thought we did a good job of swarming when he did attack the basket and try to make it difficult because he does a really good job of finding the big when he does attack and the defense collapses," Pappas said. "We did a really good job of getting our hands up, getting some deflections and then getting some steals."

Pappas said the Bulldogs were at their best on the boards as that is the factor that helped Mexico open a consistent lead of around seven points, starting in the latter part of the second quarter.

"We did a good job of rebounding — trying to keep them off the glass and getting out in transi-

tion," Pappas said.

Fulton did lead 17-14 after one quarter as the Hornets used an 8-2 lead on 3-pointers by Rowdy Gohring and Hagens and then Hagens came through with a steal and score.

The second quarter went to the Bulldogs after Shelton's fury of scoring as he put in seven points in quick succession. He knocked down a 3-pointer before rushing down the floor for two circus layups off steals. Shelton finished with 11 points in the first half, and Long had nine points at the break.

"He did a good job of reading the defense and finding open guys, and I thought DJ did too," Pappas said. "We need those guys to be at their absolute best. When they're at their absolute best on both ends of the floor, we play our best."

Following that, Mexico had a 21-18 lead with 5:46 left until halftime and then built an 11-1 run to take a 33-24 halftime lead, with the result of the Bulldogs' latest game still fresh in their minds. Last week, Mexico led Blair Oaks 32-25 at the intermission prior to a 62-56 loss. All Fulton could muster in the second half Tuesday was 21 points.

Fulton did shrink Mexico's lead down to as low as 38-34 with 3:34 left in the third quarter after Lancaster's second dunk of three in the game.

"That was the message at halftime — we've been in this situation where we've had a lead and let a team slip in," Pappas said. "The first few possessions of the third quarter, we got kind of lackadaisical. We didn't stick to our assignments on the defensive end, and they scored a couple quick buckets. That's why we called a timeout to try to gather and regroup and then get them back out there. Can't say enough about these guys and their focus in this ballgame."

Pappas' team responded soon after with a 49-38 lead at the end of the third quarter as Shelton and Eldridge hit shots from the perimeter and Kelley stood out on the defensive end, tallying his fourth steal before dishing an assist to Shivers in transition.

Kelley kept up the effort with two blocks in the fourth quarter, helping to prevent Fulton from scoring until a Walker Gohring 3-pointer almost halfway through the fourth quarter.

"That's one thing — you're never going to question Dante Kelley's effort," Pappas said. "He's going to give you 100 percent effort. It doesn't matter if he's outweighed, outsized, outmatched, he's going to give it everything's he's got. He was one of the glue guys for us tonight. When we needed a stop, he got a stop."

Mexico faced Bowling Green (4-5) on the road Thursday before starting its stint in the Lindbergh Invitational Boys Tournament at 5:25 p.m. Monday against Class 6 Francis Howell North (4-5).

Events on deck

Today

Boys basketball
Community R-6 vs Sturgeon in New Franklin Tournament 12:30 p.m.

Boys wrestling
Mexico at Cameron Duals

Centralia at Lafayette Schools in Wildwoods
North Callaway at Marshall Tournament

Girls wrestling
Centralia at Lafayette Schools in Wildwoods

Monday

Boys basketball
Mexico vs Francis Howell North in Lindbergh Invitational Boys Tournament 5:25 p.m.

Van-Far vs Elsberry 7:30 p.m.

Centralia vs Boonville 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
North Callaway vs Linn in South Callaway Varsity Tournament 7:30 p.m. at high school
Centralia at Hannibal 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys basketball
Mexico vs TBA in Lindbergh Invitational Boys Tournament
Community R-6 vs Madison 7:30 p.m.

North Callaway vs Calvary Lutheran in South Callaway Varsity Tournament 7:30 p.m. at middle school
Van-Far at South Shelby 7:30 p.m.

Missouri Military Academy vs Columbia Independent HS 6 p.m.
Centralia vs Fayette 7:30 p.m.

Paris vs Salisbury 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Community R-6 vs Madison 6 p.m.
Van-Far at South Shelby 6 p.m.

Paris vs Salisbury 6 p.m.

Boys wrestling
Centralia at Blair Oaks 5 p.m.

North Callaway vs Fatima, Centralia in Westphalia

Missouri Military Academy vs Macon in Macon 6 p.m.

Girls wrestling
Centralia at Blair Oaks 5 p.m.

Angel, Weber score milestone points for CR-6 girls, NC boys



Community R-6 senior Sarah Angel takes a shot Monday against Bunceton/Prairie Home.

[Courtesy of Leslie A. Meyer]

BY JEREMY JACOB
Sports Editor

Angel scores 1,000th point for Lady Trojans in win vs Sweet Springs

The Community R-6 girls advanced to the championship game in the New Franklin Tournament, but that wasn't the only accomplishment on people's minds on Wednesday night.

Senior Sarah Angel scored the 1,000th point of her career as she finished with 11 points and four steals, and Olivia Kuda led with 20 points and six rebounds in a 59-28 victory against Sweet Springs. The Lady Trojans (10-2) earned the right to face Central Activities Conference foe New Franklin (10-2) for the title on Friday night.

Head coach Bob Curtis said Angel not only reached the milestone through years of hard work but did so in a fitting fashion. He said she stole the ball at midcourt before finishing at the other end with a layup.

"She is an extremely hard worker and has gotten better every year throughout her standout career," Curtis said. "It is fitting that her 1,000th point came on a steal that led to the milestone as she is such a good defender and a lot of her points are on turning the

other team over."

Curtis said Angel was recognized after the bucket with an announcement, plaque and game ball as play was stopped so she had time to hug her parents in the crowd. Angel plans to play in college next fall, Curtis said, and she had an "awesome" career thus far with more games upcoming this season.

Alyssa Beamer and Kylie Brooks followed Angel in the scoring for Community with eight points each, and Aaliyah Welch had seven points. Curtis said Kuda, Brooks, Welch and Jocelyn Curtis combined for 37 points of the team's 59 points in the paint.

He said they were also key in holding Sweet Springs' senior star Ryan Johnson to 10 points.

The Lady Trojans went into Friday the winners of three straight games, averaging 60 points in those games.

Weber scores 1,000th point in Thunderbirds' win vs South Callaway

It was just a matter of time for North Callaway senior Matthew Weber.

In a season he wasn't able to begin right away because of an injury, Weber scored his 1,000 career point, leading the Thunderbirds with a game-

high 14 points in a 53-42 victory Tuesday at home against South Callaway.

Going into the night, Weber needed 11 points to reach the milestone so it was fitting that North Callaway's leading scorer gave the team more, head coach Matt Miller said. Weber also finished with eight rebounds.

"It doesn't happen every day at a school," Miller said. "I'm very pleased with that accomplishment for Matthew."

The Thunderbirds (5-5) also had key games out of Braydn O'Neal as he finished with 10 points, going 6-for-8 from the free throw line. Trenton Jones recorded a game-high 16 rebounds, and Sam Pezold followed with eight boards to go with his eight points.

Ryan Lepper led South Callaway (5-6) with 13 points and two 3-pointers, and Tayber Gray followed with nine points.

The Thunderbirds fell behind 16-12 after the first quarter before taking a 27-26 halftime lead and then 38-33 advantage after three quarters.

North Callaway went to New Bloomfield (0-11) on Friday prior to playing Calvary Lutheran (5-2) in the first round of the South Callaway Varsity Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the middle school.

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Mexico McMillan Early Learning Center plans for carnival

By MATT PILGER
Editor

The McMillan Early Learning Center PTO is planning on bringing back a popular event to Mexico that is near and dear to many people's childhoods. The McMillan Carnival has not been held in over four years. Previously it took place every year for decades.

The event will be open to anyone not just students and parents at McMillan and is being planned for Friday, May 12, 2023 from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m.

"We are starting over from scratch," McMillan PTO president, Katie Azdell, said. "We are just in the early planning stages, however so far we plan to have plenty of games, face-painting, live music, photos and food. We might even have a monkey. The VFW



McMillan PTO President, Katie Azdell

has already signed up to help and will build displays. We still will need plenty of donations and volunteers to make this happen." All the money raised goes back to the school and will be used for Christmas gifts for students, dinners for staff and teachers at parent teachers conferences and towards an annual carnival."

For more information about the event email katieazdell@gmail.com or call the school at 573-581-5681.



McMillan Carnivals from years past. [Submitted]



Presser announces upcoming workshops

Presser Arts Center has two upcoming workshops area residents won't want to miss.

Self-taught artist and entrepreneur Joleen Emery has been influencing an audience of 100,000-plus people with her unique approach to using repurposed materials for her art at Big Raven Farm, a bed and breakfast and retreat center in southeastern Minnesota. Joleen will lead attendees through a series of fun art projects using easy-to-find reclaimed materials.

Prior to the workshop, attendees will be provided with an inexpensive list of materials to bring - and suggestions as to where to find them.

While Emery leads yoga and crafting re-

treats at Big Raven Farm, Darin Warling has been serving well-crafted, hand-made comfort foods to their attendees. Trained as a chef while living in Thailand, his focus is now on creating flavorful dishes for visitors and guests using locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. Warling will lead attendees through a series of surprisingly easy hand-made Italian dishes, including homemade pasta, sauce, salad, fo-



Joleen Emery

caccia, and plum cake for dessert.

Visit presserpac.com for more information or to sign up. Workshops are set for Saturday, Feb. 18.

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• January 8 Owl Prowl @ Scattering Fork Outdoor Center – 4 p.m.
• January 10 VSA meeting @ Chamber – 8 a.m.
• January 11 Chamber Board Meeting @ Chamber – 11:30 a.m.
• January 17 Dream Factory Meeting @ Chamber – 7 p.m.
• January 18 Elks Meeting @ Elks Lodge – 6 p.m.
• January 19 Mexico Noon Lions Club meeting @ Utterback Crop Insurance – Noon
• January 21 Presser Arts Center Gala @ Presser Arts Center – 6:30 p.m.

• Every Tuesday Mexico Kiwanis Club meets @ The Oaks - Noon

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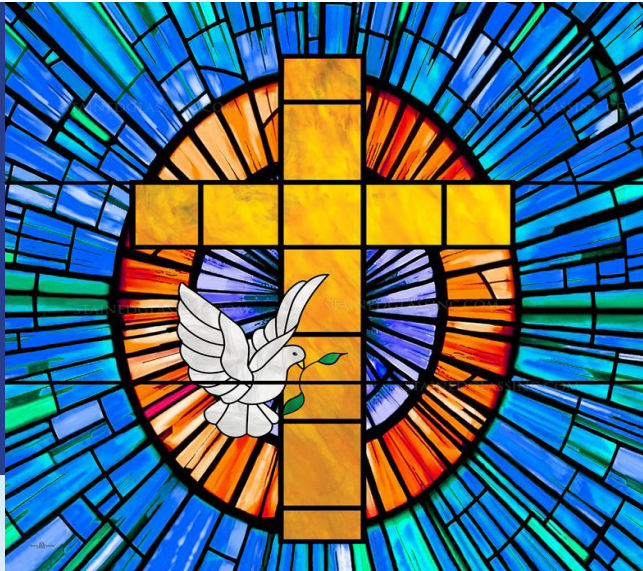


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Encouragement for a New Year

“Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a “Happy New Year!” But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua centuries ago. As Joshua was about to lead God’s people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God’s encouragement.

A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, “Don’t be afraid; don’t be discouraged.”

What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: “The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

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