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Cars were wrapped around the corner and back up to Liberty Street on Saturday, Aug. 5, in downtown Mexico for the annual Health Fair. [Dennis Sharkey]

## Details emerge on some of Tyronn Lue's big plans

By DENNIS SHARKEY  
 Editor

A group that has been enlisted to help jump start a five year plan of investing in the youth of Mexico has secured a \$2.5 million grant to get started.

Mike Hogg with Partners for Rural Impact (PRI) met via video conference with the Mexico Public Schools Board of Education (BOE) late last month to talk about the project and what it entails. PRI has been hired by the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers's owner Steve Ballmer and Head Coach Tyronn Lue, a native of Mexico.

During the Fourth of July weekend Lue was in Mexico and announced a plan to invest about \$10 million into the community over the next five years and promised details soon. Hogg said Ballmer has worked with PRI, a Kentucky based operation, before on other rural projects and when he heard about Lue's ideas he got the two connected. Last summer a meeting was set up in Mexico with the help of the local chamber of commerce.

"Big shout out to Dana (Keller) at the Chamber of Commerce who pulled leaders together throughout the course of the day to have a conversation about what makes Mexico a great place to grow up in and what makes it a challenging place as well," Hogg said.

Hogg said PRI will work with the local community to come up with the plan for the city.

"This is not about PRI coming into a place and going, 'Let's tell you how to do things around here,'" Hogg said. "The folks in place know the answers sometimes they just need someone to ask the questions. It's really up to the community to decide where we have gaps in services."

Hogg said PRI's plans are a cradle to career approach with some plans including service for prenatal care all the way up to the young person becoming an adult and finding a career. Along the way there will be benchmarks of measurement including: entering Kindergarten ready, kids show academic proficiency in reading and math and graduating high school college ready. Hogg said that doesn't always mean a four year degree.

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## Another large turnout for back to school health fair

By DENNIS SHARKEY  
 Editor

More than 650 kids from the Mexico area got hooked up with some free school supplies thanks to some volunteer groups.

The annual Back to School Health Fair was held this past Saturday, Aug. 5, in the parking lot just north of the United Methodist Church. The event, which has been a drive-through since COVID-19, had cars wrapped around the block up Jefferson Street to Liberty Street.

"Couldn't have hardly asked for a better day," one of the event main organizers John Johnson told the Ledger. "The weather held off for us, we had some overcast and a little breeze."

Last year's event wrapped up early due to organizers running out of supplies. Organizers were ready for 500 kids but almost 700 showed up. This year the group was ready for 700 kids to show up. Johnson said 651 school supply packs were given away during the event but expects more to trickle in later.

"We've had some requests from people that were delayed and couldn't quite get there," Johnson said. "We did well."

Before COVID-19 the fair was held inside the Methodist church and kids would get a health screening

that included a quick dental exam, hearing and eye tests, and a quick check for scoliosis. Johnson said they are working on getting a mobile dental truck at next year's event and reaching out to others to help restore the fair back to what it was before the pandemic.

"I don't want to get people's hopes up but we are seriously talking about it," Johnson said. "COVID-19 just cut our legs out from under us from doing all that close and personal health screening."

Johnson said getting more in-person will also help with things like getting the kids shoes. In the past Shoes from the Heart would measure kids' feet but now parents have to enter that information online and it's not always accurate.

"Usually they get it pretty close but occasionally they miss it and we have to do some follow-up," Johnson said.

Johnson thanked all of the volunteers and groups that helped put the event together including the Anna Margaret Griffin Foundation which has financially supported the event for the last several years. Johnson said they wouldn't be able to do the event without them or the volunteers that put it into action.

"In one form or another over 100 people donated their time, supplies, or kept us in their prayers to help make this event possible," Johnson said.



Lynette Brown with the Arthur Center made sure to get a young boy a box of tissues with Spider Man decorations at the health fair on Saturday, Aug. 5. [Dennis Sharkey]



Volunteer Diane Johnson handed some children materials they will need for the upcoming school year at the health fair on Saturday, Aug. 5. [Dennis Sharkey]

## MPSD warns of ongoing scam tactics

The Mexico Public Safety Department has become aware of an increase in scams of area residents lately. Residents are reminded that:

- No company that you do business with will call you and then need your identification information.
- Think about calling a company back or emailing the company back using numbers or email addresses you have, not ones they give you.
- It is common to try and create panic by saying you have been hacked or you will be charged with something. That is so you take less time to consider what is going on.
- No legitimate company will require you to pay them with cash cards
- No legitimate person will give you money to use your bank accounts to cash their checks

## CMCA holds second meeting to identify key players

By DENNIS SHARKEY  
 Editor

Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) held the second in a series of workshops in Mexico designed to implement a plan to address the community's health concerns and needs.

The meeting was held last month on July 25, at the Mexico Housing Authority's community room with a much smaller attendance than the first meeting in June, although the group was competing with the Audrain County Youth Fair and other events around town. However, the group that was in attendance had a goal of identifying all of the key players who needed



A Mexico community member who participated in the last CMCA meeting posted names of people who should be involved in the plan. [Dennis Sharkey]



## Fair Auction raises big cash

The Final numbers are in from the 2023 Audrain County Youth 4-H Fair auction with a total sales combined of \$233,316. [Dennis Sharkey]

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to be involved.

“Not one organization can change everything,” said Kelly Lucero, Show Me Strong Coordinator for CMCA, who was leading the meeting. “Who in this county would have anything to do with the health and safety of the people who live here? The goal is to invite anyone who has anything to do with it.”

In June the group came up with its goal statement which is, “Everyone in Audrain County is safe and healthy.” The group came up with the goal after a breakout session at the first meeting. The goal statement was based on a data walk that was conducted in May that tried to focus on what the community saw as the most pressing issue.

The project will continue with four more meetings that will wrap up next spring when the plan developed will be rolled out to the community. The next meeting will focus on who will be a part of the plan. Those in attendance talked about what their organization does and how it pertains to health and they were asked to come up with names of folks who should be at the next meeting.

“If we brought everybody who could influence change we would look at this room and know if this room can’t come up with a solution then there isn’t anybody else out there who will,” Lucero said. “That is the truth, it will be people coming together to solve this. This is a community plan where everybody plays

a role.”

Lucero said the plan will have a two-prong approach which will include short-term things that can be addressed and long-term solutions. As the plan moves along it will be documented on a public website that will launch soon. Lucero called it “results-based accountability” and said the plan will be designed to be fluid as changes arise.

“You know what we always come back to? How’s it working?” Lucero said. “We won’t wait until the end of the grant cycle. We won’t wait until our core changes position. We’ll look back at the numbers.”

The group will measure how the plan is working through indicators that include: the percentage of people who are food insecure, the number of individuals receiving WIC and SNAP (food stamp) benefits, the percentage of people without health insurance, the percentage of youth who have attempted suicide, percentage of youth using alcohol and drugs and types of cause of death.

In a survey conducted by CMCA, 14 percent of people in Audrain County who responded said they were food insecure and almost 19 percent of respondents said they skipped meals or ate smaller meals. In 2020 of the 3,490 people who reported they were food insecure almost one-third were children. About 43 percent of respondents said they used a food bank or pantry.

# PLANS

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“We include high value certificates in that as well,” Hogg said. “The growth trajectory for a lot of folks isn’t necessarily a four year degree.”

Hogg said kids only spend about 9-11 percent of the year at school and that the burden of solving the community’s issues shouldn’t fall completely on the shoulders of the school and the “It takes a village” approach is also needed. A big part of that success is making sure kids are living in the right mental state.

“We know that if you aren’t safe, you aren’t healthy, and you aren’t supported then it’s a struggle along that pathway so there has to be support along the way,” Hogg said.

A good way of identifying kids who are at risk is absenteeism from school. Hogg said there are legitimate reasons for missing school but kids who chronically are probably having other issues.

“When kids are not well they’re not coming to school,” Hogg said. “If the family is hurting they’re not coming to school.”

PRI has secured a Full-Service Community Grant that will invest \$500,000 a year over the next five years to help administrate the project. The grant includes funds for an office and an executive director who will live in Mexico. The grant will also support a full time person who will work with the public schools that will provide support for family engagement and wrap around services for kids whose family is struggling with food insecurity or utility payments.

Hogg said when he asked for support in getting the grant the response was unlike he had ever seen.

“Usually when I make an ask for folks to send a letter of support for a grant it’ll take me a couple of weeks to get them in,” Hogg said. “It took two days. It just speaks to the community’s commitment to young people.”

Hogg said the biggest thing now is communicating and getting more people involved.

“There’s always room in a circle,” Hogg said. “You

just have to take a step back and it’s twice as big as it was.”

Mexico Public Schools Superintendent Melissa Chastain said she attended a forum with PRI and came back inspired to get going to work.

“As an educator I think we feel like our job is to save kids,” Chastain said. “We try it every day but it takes the whole community. I’m excited for our community and our teachers. I think in five years we’re going to see real growth and there’s not enough thanks we can give Tyronn for caring about Mexico so much.”

Board President Todd Yager echoed the comments of Chastain.

“We all love Mexico and to see someone put this much time and effort,” Yager said. “We all know the kids are the future of this place. From the bottom of our hearts thank you for everything you are doing.”

# Audrain County Arrest Report

## Aug. 3

Robert Lee Kohl, 63, possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, Audrain County

Jason Christopher Clore, 41, kidnapping (third degree), rape or attempted rape (First Degree), Audrain County

Travis Edward Saylor, 34, domestic assault (fourth degree), Audrain County

## Aug 4-7

James Alan Keith Jr., 38, domestic assault (third degree), endangering the welfare of a child (second degree), Audrain County

Jeremiah Allen Calvio, 46, two charges of assault (fourth degree), resisting or interfering with an arrest/detention/stop, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, MPSD

Ryan Richard O’Shana, 44, violation of order of protection, MPSD


Abedalhameed M. Abueisa, 29, Vand. Ord. (property damage), Audrain County

Brett Mathews Waters, 30, operating a vehicle without a valid license,

## Audrain County


Alex Bryan Johnson, 28, fugitive in-state, Pike County

Cynthia M. Williamson, 61, Stealing (fourth or subsequent stealing offense within 10 years), Audrain County



### Pool Staff Employees Of the Week

**Alex Terry**  
Years working: 1 year  
School & grade: Mexico High School, 10th Grade  
Hobbies: Basketball, XC and track  
Best part about working at pool: Working with others



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**Maddy Feger**  
Years working: 1 year  
School & grade: Mexico High School - 10th Grade  
Hobbies: Softball, piano and fishing  
Best part about working at pool: Getting tan





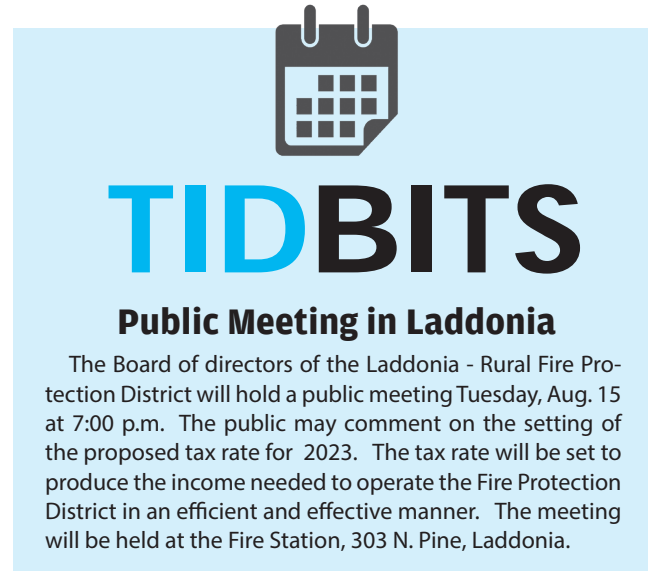
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## TIDBITS

### Public Meeting in Laddonia

The Board of directors of the Laddonia - Rural Fire Protection District will hold a public meeting Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 7:00 p.m. The public may comment on the setting of the proposed tax rate for 2023. The tax rate will be set to produce the income needed to operate the Fire Protection District in an efficient and effective manner. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station, 303 N. Pine, Laddonia.

### Annual Martinsburg Picnic

The 121st Annual Martinsburg Picnic will be held Friday and Saturday Aug 18 and 19. Many events are scheduled. Friday-Music, Baby Contest, Little Mr and Miss Contest, Turtle and Frog Race and Super Farmer Contest. Saturday-Parade at 11:00 a.m., Games, Rides, Pedal Tractor Pull, Bounce House, Rock Wall & Mechanical Bull, Greased Pig Contest and Nail Driving Contest and much more. Fun starts Friday evening and continues Saturday morning.



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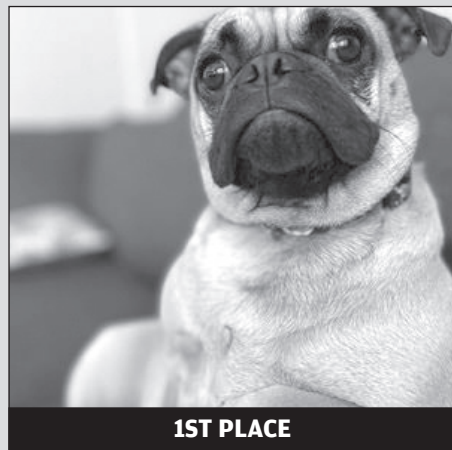
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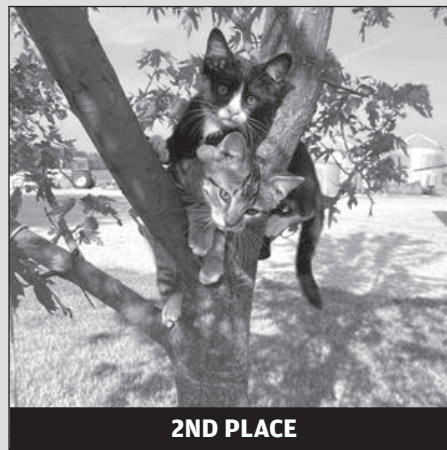
# Favorite Pet Photo Contest winners announced

The Mexico Ledger selected three winners for the Favorite Pet Photo Contest that ended last week. The first place winner was the entry "What's up?" submitted by Terry Brewster, second place was "Just hangin' with my bro" submitted by Whitney Sells and third place was "Winnie playing with a fish" submitted by Robbin Denham. For the three winners, the prizes are two tickets to a Cardinals game for first place, a Miller Tire oil change for second place and a one-year subscription to the Ledger for third place. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos!



**1ST PLACE**

**What's up?**  
[Submitted by Terry Brewster]



**2ND PLACE**

**Just hangin' with my bro.**  
[Submitted by Whitney Sells]



**3RD PLACE**

**Winnie playing with a fish.**  
[Submitted by Robbin Denham]

## The Family of Essential Brands acquires Oak & Olive/Picnic Plus

The Toellner Family of Mexico has announced that The Family of Essential Brands has completed the acquisition of Oak & Olive / Picnic Plus. In announcing this, Mel Toellner, president and founder, commented.

"We have been blessed that our children, Grant and Becky, have joined our business, and developed a great management and service team," said Toellner, "making it possible to keep the dreams and products of a valued business partner alive. We have been a distributor of Oak & Olive products for several years and have watched this brand evolve over the past years, bringing innovative products into the expanding home and outdoor entertaining category."

Daniel Berkowitz, the president and owner of Oak & Olive, started the brand over 25 years ago with one patented outdoor blanket, and as the company has grown, the product assortment has expanded into a wide range of indoor entertaining and outdoor living products including exclusive designs of wood & marble cheese boards, serving boards, wine totes & accessories, cork caddies, insulated totes and unique Made in USA products. "Our nationwide customer base of independent retailers is similar to that of The Family of Essential Brands and with this acquisition, Oak & Olive will be able to further expand into new areas for growth," stated Berkowitz who is planning to retire and spend valuable time traveling with his family.

Toellner added, "We feel Oak & Olive is a natural extension of our product offerings as we have an established business in the Gourmet, Winery, Liquor, and Lake, Lodge & Coastal marketplaces. Additionally, as family-owned businesses, we share a commitment to our independent retailers. The independent retailers who have purchased products from Oak & Olive will continue to be served by Gift Sales Representatives, and will now benefit from the value, accessibility, extensive product line, and central location offered by The Family of Essentials Brands. "We share Oak & Olive's commitment to building lasting relationships through outstanding customer service and will carry on the legacy of unconditional service to the Oak & Olive customer base. We believe this acquisition illustrates our family's belief that the American consumer continues to desire experiential shopping and quality innovative items."

To ensure the superior customer experience is seamless, Oak & Olive will continue to ship orders until the transfer of inventory is completed to the facility in Mexico.

## TIDBITS

### Volunteers needed

The Mexico Senior Center is looking for volunteers. Opportunities include delivering meals to the homebound seniors in Audrain County, serving drinks in the kitchen, making tea and coffee, front-desk hostesses and more. Contact Ione Bickell at 573-581-7743 or by email at [ibickell@agingbest.org](mailto:ibickell@agingbest.org).

### Coffee Talk Auxvasse

Veterans meet every Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at Grand Prairie Fellowship Hall, Harrison and Main, Auxvasse. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. All veterans are encouraged to come for coffee, donuts and a friendly conversation. This is a great place for "veterans talking to veterans."

For more information, contact Eldora Lowry at (home) 573-386-2148 or (cell) 573-253-0288.

### Centralia Farmers Market

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**Debra C. "Debbie" Nelson**

Debra C. "Debbie" Nelson, 64, Butler, Mo. formerly of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born October 6, 1958, in Fayette, MO the daughter of the late Elbert Sims, Sr. and Peggy Sue Sims. She was united in marriage to Ronald Nelson who survives at the home.

In addition to her husband Ronald, she will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by five daughters Kasey Nelson of Butler, Ronda Nelson of Kansas City, Amanda Johnson of Adrian, MO, Shiela Doll of Butler, and Crystal Barnard of Butler; three brothers Randy Sims of Centralia, Elbert Sims of Boonville, and Jimbo Green of Hallsville; two sisters Jenny Gallepeau of Kansas City, KS and Nancy Wells of Springfield; 15 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to her parents, two brothers Kelly Sims and Leonard Sims and two grandchildren Landen Ivy and Bentley Stroud preceded her in death.

A celebration of life will be 2:00 pm Saturday, August 12, at the Oliver Funeral Home in Centralia. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until service time on Saturday, August 12, at the Oliver Funeral Home in Centralia. Memorial contributions may be made to the family, payable to Oliver Funeral Home, P.O. Box 125, Centralia, Mo 65240. Condolences may also be made to the family at [www.oliverfuneral-home.net](http://www.oliverfuneral-home.net).

**Larry D. Prater**

Larry D. Prater, 64, Columbia, Mo., passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the University of Missouri Hospital & Clinics in Columbia. Funeral services were held Monday, August 7, 2023, at the Oliver Funeral Home in Centralia. Interment will be in Glendale Memorial Gardens in Centralia. Visitation was held prior to the service.

He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his children Jeannie Prater-Schade of Wichita, KS, James Prater-Schade of Mexico, and Lucy Mitchell of Columbia; his mother Betty Schade of Columbia; his sister Roxy Cohen and her husband J.B. of Columbia; one grandchild; three nephews; his fiancé Claire Carter of Columbia, MO; other relatives and many dear friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, c/o Oliver Funeral Home, P.O. Box 125, Centralia, Mo. 65240. Condolences may also be made to the family at [www.oliverfuneral-home.net](http://www.oliverfuneral-home.net).



**Mexico Gets A New Junior High School August 1976**

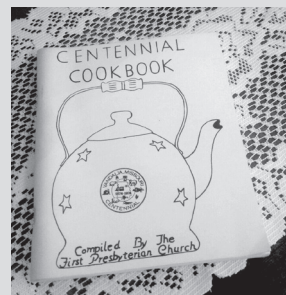
After attending Hardin Junior High School at Richardson Hall on the old Hardin College campus since 1940, Mexico's sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were heading into a new educational experience. The new Junior High School is located on West Boulevard on the former grounds of the Audrain County Fair. It would embrace the latest educational thinking into its design. The media center/library was to be located at the center of the building and would be surrounded by open instructional pods for Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies instead of traditional classrooms. Following a two decade assessment of the new design, the Mexico School Board and school administration in 1988 reconfigured the interior of the building and added walls which facilitated a more traditional classroom setting. MJHS would undergo yet another adjustment in educational philosophy and curriculum in 2008 when it became Mexico Middle School.

*What Was Cooking?*

**Strawberry Fluff Pie**

By Linda Jerman

*From Centennial Cookbook, Compiled by the First Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, Centennial*



Thaw and drain one package (10 oz.) frozen strawberries, reserving syrup. Add water to syrup and make 1 1/4 c. Heat to boiling and pour over 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Strawberry flavored gelatin dessert. Stir until dissolved. Add 1 pint vanilla ice cream, by spoonful, stirring until melted. Chill until thickened but not set (about 20 to 30 minutes). Fold in drained berries, then turn into a baked 9 inch pie shell. Chill several hours or until firm. Serve plain or topped with whipped cream.

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Guests will be able to watch butterflies in the Monarch Butterfly Garden and are encouraged to bring friends, it's free and \$2 donations are appreciated.

Scattering Fork is located at 15640 Audrain Rd. 815 Mexico. For more information, call Laura at 573-581-3003.

**Barn quilts to be meeting topic**

The speaker for the August meeting of the Monroe County Historical Society will be Charla Fashing from Centralia. Fashing will present a program on Barn Quilts--reasons for designs, history and making of the quilts, and other numerous facts. The meeting will be Monday, August 28 at 2 p.m. in the Roegge Room of Dulany Library in Paris. The meeting is open to the public. Fashing also teaches classes involving painting barn quilts.

**Chamber of Commerce Membership**

The following Businesses and individuals are renewal members of the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce: A Marked Salon, Altrusa of Mexico, Audrain Orthopaedics, Car Corner, Cleek's Inc., Continental Products, Jack & Mary Creason, Bob Cusick, Jessica Ekern, Nancy Ekern, First Baptist Church, Fischer Body Shop, Bill & Debbie Fountain, Gentle Healthy Smiles, Steve P. Hagan, JoAnn Hansett, Job Finders Employment Services, Julie Lang, Mexico Ledger, Mexico Noon Lions, Mexico Senior Center, Missouri Military Academy, Morton Buildings, Precision Eyecare, Realty 365, Robert Cox CPA, P.C., Robert & Jan Moore, Re/Max On The Move, Sharpe Ag Services, Simmons Stables, State Farm - Kirk Ekern, The Falls at Teal Lake, The Oaks, United Way, Williams-Keepers and Zenith Aircraft Company.

The Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome new members: EDF Renewables, Inc., Lock Tight Storage, QPS Employment Group, Security Finance Corp., Tractor Supply, Walmart and Ziva Medical Audrain.

**Senior Center Menu**

**August 9-11**

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**Thursday:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Glazed Baby Carrots, Rolls, Milk, Pumpkin Dessert.

**Friday:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Spiced Peaches, Milk, Dessert.

The Mexico Senior Center is located at 606 East Park Street. The center can also be found on Facebook @MexicoSeniorCenter.

**MPSD makes arrest in alleged lewd acts**

On Monday, July 31, an alert area resident notified the Mexico Public Safety Department (MPSD) they were concerned about Dominique D. O'Toole, age 21, Mexico, was in an inappropriate relationship with a juvenile. About 3:46 p.m., officers arrived at O'Toole's home in the 2700 block of South Clark Street and found him in the company of a 14-year-old female from Callaway County. Additional investigation indicated there was a relationship between the two. O'Toole was eventually taken to the Audrain County Jail for statutory rape 2nd degree and statutory sodomy 2nd degree. The juvenile was returned home. Residents are reminded that people arrested or charged with a crime are simply accused of the crime and are to be considered innocent until proven guilty.



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The following people have applied for their marriage license during the month of July in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Teresa L. Allen:

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## Mexico Senior Center plans music-filled August



Curtis Hardin

The Mexico Senior Center will offer a full slate of music in August.

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, the center will host Bernard Ross, who will perform songs made famous by Johnny Mathis, Lou Rawls, Nat King Cole, Al Green and other favorites. This will be Ross's first performance at the center; he will perform during lunch.

Danny Roberts and John Lammers will perform Wednesday, Aug. 16 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The duo will play music made famous by Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson.

Curtis Hardin will perform Wednesday, Aug. 30, delivering classic songs, from country to other genres.

## Remodeling project underway at Senior Center

The Mexico Senior Center is in the process of a major remodeling project.

"It will be a slow process, but we are working on it," said a center spokesperson. "Thanks to the Mexico Housing Authority we have new tile floors installed in most of the building."

A contractor has been hired to start phase one of the painting and remodeling.

"We also had two volunteers come in and paint two of our storerooms," said the spokesperson.

After the painting is completed, new carpet will be installed.

"We have a lot of new ideas to improve and modernize the center," said the spokesperson. "We are looking forward to the final results, but please come see our process now."

The center will hold a fundraiser Aug. 5, a barbecue at the Mexico Moser's. Proceeds will benefit upgrades.

## Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce

### August Calendar

#### August 9

Queen B Stepp's opening night @ 828 Garfield St. - 6:30pm

#### August 10

Altrusa Meeting @ The Oaks - Noon  
New teacher meet and greet @ Chamber - 4pm

#### August 13

Become an "Outsider" @ Scattering Fork Outdoor Center - 2pm-5pm

#### August 15

Dream Factory Meeting @ Chamber - 7pm

#### August 16

Elks Meeting @ Elks Lodge - 6pm

#### August 17

Mexico Noon Lions Club meeting @ Utterback Crop Insurance - Noon

#### August 24

Altrusa Meeting @ The Oaks - Noon

#### August 25-26

Jaycees Soybean Festival @ Downtown Mexico

#### August 26

Jaycees Soybean Festival Parade @ Downtown Mexico - 10am

Every Tuesday Mexico Kiwanis Club meets @ The Oaks - Noon

Every month the Third Wednesday Alzheimer's Support Group @ MO Veterans - 1:30pm

Every Friday Rotary Club meets @ The Oaks - Noon

Every Saturday Farmers Market @ Northeast corner of Mexico Square - 9am-1pm

## STORY Time

BY: LORRY MYERS

### Grand memories of the grandstand

It was different then. Before tractor pulls, monster trucks and demolition derbies, horse shows were the main event of the County Fair. The fair was a place where grandparents took their grandchildren and my grandmother took me.

Grandma Baker dressed up for the fair wearing her good jewelry and carrying gloves with a matching purse. We strolled through the carnival first so we could get it "out of our system" before we made our grand entrance into the grandstand, my grandmother slipping on her white gloves.

Once we sat down, we never left our seats.

Sitting in the grandstand was like going back in time. Grandma talked wistfully about fairs long gone and people long lost. The red, white and blue banners that draped the walls seemed to have hung there forever. A smell of sawdust and animals and popcorn floated in the hot air and Grandma grew quiet, a soft smile on her face.

I knew she was thinking about those old days, those other fairs.

On the track, the ponies pranced in practice, stepping high with polished hooves and coats brushed to a shine. Grandma quickly chose one she called a dappled gray. She sighed as she told me someone long ago once owned a dappled gray just like that one.

The gray was her pick to win.

The competition began with the riders showing off top hats and shiny jackets, tall boots and velvet vests. Ribbed numbers were attached to the side of each bridle so the contestants could easily be judged. As the dappled gray pranced by, a red plume in its mane, I noticed the rider was an older gentleman, regal in the saddle with white hair showing underneath his bowler hat. Sitting straight and dignified, together, the horse and rider appeared out of place, as if they were from a different era in time.

When the dappled gray pranced our way, I saw the gentleman gaze up at my grandmother catching her eye and her breath as he passed. Her eyes followed the horse as it circled for the judges, and seemingly, for us. You could tell the rider was an experienced showman. Starting up at us from the track, it appeared like he too, was lost in the grandstand, remembering another time.

A younger face in the crowd.

The gentleman and the gray won top honors that night, and the crowd showed their appreciation. Typically, my grandmother informed me, when the Best of Show is awarded, the proper thing to do is to acknowledge the Queen of the Fair. The rider and horse did this in a form of "salute" that had been adopted from the English; a way the winner would show honor and respect to their royalty.

As the dappled gray and his distinguished rider accepted their ribbons, the crowd hushed as the gentleman pulled away. The horse trotted down the grandstand, passed the Fair Queen, and stopped in front of us.

There the rider gave his salute.

Sitting tall and majestic in the saddle, the gentleman tipped his head and touched the brim on his hat. His moist eyes glistened under the lights as he gazed up at my Grandmother, waiting. Gracefully, my grandmother stood, and with a hint of youth forgotten and a look of days remembered, she bowed her head and slightly bent her knees. The gentleman touched his heart in acknowledgment and trotted grandly off the track.

It was the last time I went to the fair with Grandma, and I am glad she passed before the old grandstand went up in flames. All though I never truly understood what happened in the grandstands that night, I have always been thankful for the vision of my grandmother standing so proud, so beautiful under the bright lights. That night is my lasting memory of the grandness of the grandstand, the night a dappled gray took home the grandest prize.

The night my grandmother was Queen of the county fair.

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## Ernest the Painted Rock Snake

### @ Jefferson Street Mini Park

Be sure to stop by the Jefferson Street Mini Park and meet Ernest, our painted rock snake! The participants in our July Art in the Park program painted a rock to add to Ernest and help him grow but he wants more rocks. Paint your own rock and add it to Ernest and lets see how big he can get!

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### ANSWER:

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#### Recognizing Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms: The common signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include: Heavy sweating; Weakness and fatigue; Dizziness or lightheadedness; Headache; Nausea or vomiting; Rapid heartbeat; Muscle cramps; Pale, cool, and moist skin; Fainting or passing out (in severe cases)

#### Treating Heat Exhaustion:

Move to a Cooler Place; Rest; Hydrate; Cool the Body: Apply cool, damp cloths or use a sponge to wet the person's skin. You can also encourage them to take a cool shower or bath if possible; Fan or Circulate Air; Loose Clothing: Remove any tight or unnecessary clothing; Monitor: If symptoms worsen or don't improve, seek medical help; Avoid Dehydration: Continue to drink water in small sips to prevent dehydration; Seek Medical Attention: If the person's condition doesn't improve or deteriorates rapidly, call for emergency assistance.

#### Preventing Heat Exhaustion:

Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, before, during, and after physical activity; Wear appropriate clothing: Choose lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing; Schedule outdoor activities wisely: Avoid outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day; Acclimate: Gradually increase your exposure to hot weather over several days to help your body adjust to the heat; Know your limits: Be mindful of your physical limitations.

Remember that heat exhaustion is a serious condition that requires immediate attention. If someone shows signs of heatstroke (e.g., confusion, loss of consciousness, hot and dry skin), call emergency services right away.

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# EVERYTHING OUTDOORS

## Hunter faces mixed emotions before first African safari



By Brandon Butler  
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The Dark Continent has loomed as a dream for decades. Within 24 hours, I'll be wheels up to South Africa on safari. It doesn't seem real. Quite surprisingly, I feel unsettled about this journey. Being on the opposite side of the world, amidst dangerous game, multiple days of travel away from my loved ones and responsibilities at home has my stomach in knots. I usually live with a bag packed, ready to hit the road at a moment's notice, but now facing the grandest adventure of my life, I'm nervous.

I can't put my finger on why I'm experiencing these feelings of trepidation. I'm sure it has a lot to do with facing the unknown. I'm drawing upon the words of Theodore Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway, Robert Ruark, Peter Capstick and E. Donnell Thomas. These heroes of mine penned accounts of their adventures in Africa, all of which include tales of woe and desperate trials of physical and mental exertion. They highlight the beauty and vastness of the continent but also sell the reality of being in a land where you are not the top of the food chain.

Back in 2020, as part of my MBA program at the University of Missouri, our international experience was supposed to be a trip to South Africa. We already had our tickets, and everything was booked. We were flying into Johannesburg and then we were working across the country to Cape Town. I was going to extend the trip by a week so I could rent a car and drive the Garden Route, which runs along the southern tip of Africa.

I was to end up in Port Elizabeth where I had a short, three-day safari. Then Covid happened. Instead of a trip to South Africa, we spent our residency on Zoom. Now I have the chance to make the trip happen at a grander scale. I should be thrilled. I'm starting to wonder just how much the lockdown changed me, when I never really thought it did. If I explore these feelings, I think they're rooted in a newfound sense of comfort close to home. A couple of other major life changes have played into this for sure, but at the end of the day, I don't like to venture far from home or my loved ones, like I used to.

Still, the show must go on. I'm headed to Africa. The company would be hard to beat. Derek Butler, my cousin and hunting partner since we were boys, is coming along. This is our trip of a lifetime to date. I am so excited to experience this adventure with him. One because of our deep bond as family and friends, but also because



A kudu is one of the animals the author plans to hunt in South Africa.

he's about the most resourceful person I know. It's like bringing MacGyver with you. If something goes wrong, Derek will save us with a paper clip and gum wrapper.

Josh Lane is the man who made the trip happen. Loyal listeners to the Driftwood Outdoors Podcast may recognize Josh as the father of Walker and Texas Ranger. Our ongoing inside joke about his boys who he won't let cook their steaks long enough. Josh bought this Africa hunting trip for three at a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet. I'm grateful he asked me to go and had room for my cousin. Deep down, I know it is going to far exceed our expectations.

As far as hunting is concerned, I have identified seven animals I would like to pursue. All plains game. An impala, kudu, gemsbuck, wildebeest, warthog, springbok and blesbok. I don't know how many will give me a shot, but my heart isn't set on this list. It's just tentative. I plan to listen to the advice of those great who've traveled this road before me and accept what the bush offers.

After all the reading and YouTube watching, I still don't have a complete picture of what we're getting into. I don't know what the air smells like in the morning, or the dirt feels like under foot. I'm going into with an open mind. Most property over there is fenced, and

I don't like that. But the fenced areas are hundreds of thousands of acres. In my conservation work, I've questioned operations like this a thousand times in the United States. These African properties aren't 250-acre fenced facilities, though. There is no guarantee of any kill. I admit what I'm doing and won't pretend there's not a fence 20 miles or so away.

Another question rattling around from folks is what happens to the meat? It's my understanding every scrap of every animal is used by the local villagers. They eat the meat, even the parts you might not think to eat, and they use the skins, bones, and all other parts of the animals. It's supposedly much like the way native Americans used the entire animal as a resource. I've been told there is a sense of pride in providing the animals to the locals. I hope that's true, because for me, this could be the best part.

There will be plenty more to come about this adventure. More writing and several podcasts. I have so many questions and hope my nervousness is quickly dispelled by the beauty and majesty of this land. This uneasy feeling has popped up before, but only a few times. And usually, it preceded a life changing event. I hope that's the case this time, too.

See you down the trail...

## MDC invites the public to an archery and atlatl introduction in Fulton

Learn to use bows and atlatls on Aug. 17

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites the public to an archery and atlatl introduction course at the Fulton Archery Range on Aug. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This program includes archery safety, bow operation, shooting fundamentals, and safe storage practices. Participants will also learn how to operate and store an atlatl. Atlatls are narrow devices used to throw a spear-like projectile known as a dart. Darts thrown from this hunting tool can



Bow and atlatl (pictured above) are historic hunting tools in Missouri. [MDC]

achieve speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour. Both bow and atlatl are legal methods of harvesting a deer in Missouri. Participants of this event will have the opportunity to practice their bow and atlatl skills.

Registration for this

event is required and can be done at <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/4mX>. Questions about this event can be sent to Ethan Regan at [ethan.regan@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:ethan.regan@mdc.mo.gov). The Fulton Archery Range is located at 2100-2198 Power Lane in Fulton.



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**Mexico's Grant Van Horn will eventually wrestle as a junior for the Bulldogs but showed how he is a two-time state medalist this past weekend with a first-place finish in his bracket in a Branson tournament.**  
[Jeremy Jacob]

## Mexico medalist Van Horn dominates to first-place in summer tournament

BY JEREMY JACOB  
Sports Editor

Mexico's Grant Van Horn hasn't lost a step on the mat.

The two-time state medalist and junior dominated the competition last weekend from Aug. 4-6 in Branson for the Cowboy Rumble, going 8-0 and not allowing any points scored against him, to take first in the 167-pound bracket for summer squad MO Outlaws Gold. Upcoming Bulldog freshman Carlos Juarez contributed, including a 1-0 decision victory in the 108-pound class, to MO Outlaws Black.

Van Horn's victories included a pinfall at 26 seconds and decision victories of 11-0 and 7-0.

The Gold team finished third out of six teams while Black was in fourth.

Eighth-grader Trevor Cole managed to secure a pinfall victory and lost via a 6-4 sudden decision as part of his 3-2 weekend at 75 pounds for the 15U MO Outlaws Gold team. The Gold team was fourth out of seven teams.

## Mexico kids earn gold in weekend soccer tournament

Some Mexico kids bounced back to capture gold this summer.

The Wolfpack Academy Elite soccer team, which has Mexico graduates Kevin Lopez and Fernando Guzman and is owned by former Mexico High School coach Chris Williamson, went undefeated in a tournament two weekends ago at Allison Sports Town in Springfield.

The Wolfpack lost to state champion Marshall in an early July 4-on-4 tournament in Boonville but then, in a 5-on-5 format, defeated some of the best club teams in Springfield as well as some squads from Arkansas and Oklahoma. Guzman was not available during the Springfield tournament, but Lopez played right before the enlisted Marine shipped out on July 31.

"In order to play at a high level, you have to venture out and go where being competitive is a must, especially if you wanna have a future," Williamson said. "Never waste your talent, believe in it and do it."

The Wolfpack Academy Elite program has been in place for almost two decades. The program is diversified with a variety of players of all ethnicities from different areas of Missouri. They do practices as well as virtual practice.



**The Wolfpack Academy Elite includes in back row from left Kia Fowler (Waynesville), Alexi Brooks (Waynesville), Aerial Williams (Waynesville), and Sei Fowler (Waynesville); in the bottom row from left Faheem Mujahid (Waynesville), Gonzalo Garcia (California, Mo.) and Kevin Lopez (Mexico, Mo.); and the not pictured Fernando Guzman (Mexico, Mo.).**

[Submitted]

## Mexico alum Bledsoe passing love for volleyball as coach

BY JEREMY JACOB  
Sports Editor

No matter how long Payton Bledsoe has been involved in volleyball, her knowledge and love for the game continues to grow.

The Mexico and Westminster College graduate has been coaching beach and club volleyball for several years, and for this upcoming year following her senior year, Bledsoe will be an assistant coach at Battle High School in Columbia to mark her first season as a high school coach.

"I think it's really cool just because I've coached that age group in club before," Bledsoe said. "I just really like that level of play. It feels like it coincides really with what I've learned through playing college. I think it's really cool too because, honestly, I'm not a whole lot older than these girls so it's cool I get to have a good solid relationship with them but also coach them too."

After graduating from Mexico High School, Bledsoe became a Blue Jay at Westminster in Fulton and, not too long after that, began her career with the Club COMO team in Columbia that eventually was renamed Alpha Omega. She said she has coached for Alpha Omega since 2019 after playing for them from 16-18 years old, leading boys from October to February and girls from November to April or May. The club has teams at varying skill levels that either play in the area or national-



**Mexico graduate Payton Bledsoe has remained with volleyball after high school as she had a solid career with Westminster College in Fulton, has spent years as a club coach and is preparing for her first season as a high school coach in an assistant position with Battle in Columbia. Bledsoe said her love for the game grew thanks to some key coaching influences so she tries to have the same effect on her players.**

[Courtesy of Westminster College Athletics]

ly from ages 10-18, and Bledsoe said she is coaching the 18U area boys and 18U national girls.

Bledsoe said she has enjoyed coaching kids at these ages because it's nice to see what future goals they have in mind, whether they want to play in college or not, and see how they improve. The growth isn't limited to the

individual, she said.

"Usually, by the end of the season, you created a team out of players that sometimes have never played before to have this team that finally works well together," Bledsoe said. "Just seeing how they grow as a team and individually is always my favorite part."

Coaching has much to

do for me. I love about it, which is what Bledsoe learned earlier in her life as a player. She said Brian Plunkett encouraged her to start coaching a 13-year old club team bringing her on as a player with Alpha Omega and Westminster. Bledsoe said she had some instructional experience

See **BLEDSON** on page B2



## Bulldog football powers through days of summer into fall season

**The Mexico football team opened up fall practices on Monday following a dead week. Prior to that, the Bulldogs stayed busy during the summer as they were able to run several practices per week, do some work in the weight room, participate in seven-on-seven drills and play in a scrimmage event at Quincy University. Mexico opens their season on Aug. 25 at Centralia. Look for more football practice photos on the Ledger website and expect some for North Callaway and Van-Far in the Saturday edition.**

[Jeremy Jacob]



# YMCA kids get fresh air, fresh experience

The Mexico Area Family YMCA all sports camp for kindergartners through second-graders wrapped up Friday with pickleball and floorball in the gym. The kids also had a chance for some fresh air prior to the arrival of rain as they played on the playground.

[Jeremy Jacob]



## Bledsoe from page B1

in high school at camps but hadn't seriously considered being on the sidelines and was admittedly hesitant at first.

Before that first season, Bledsoe said she was uncertain of how qualified she was and was intimidated but soaked up information during the season as the coach under the head and assistant coaches.

"After that season, I found that I really loved coaching," Bledsoe said. "Every year after that, I just get more confident in my abilities as a coach. It's just become one of my favorite things really."

Building up confidence happens every year even after someone steps away from being a regular player, Bledsoe said. She learned that as a senior at Westminster, which ended up being her best as a Blue Jay as she was named a conference player of the week and was awarded the college's senior female athlete of the year. The man at the center of her improvement was Jerry Chambers, who she is coaching with in club ball for a second year.

"He was the cool, calm, collected kind of coach," Bledsoe said. "He is somebody I feel like wants to get to know you as a person first rather than just an athlete. He doesn't come into a practice immediately trying to just tell you what to do. He tries to build this rapport and respect with you, which has been super influential for me as a coach in reaching athletes."

Chambers was an assistant at Westminster during Bledsoe's senior campaign and was the person who could reach the seemingly unreachable players. He had a big effect on her as well.

"I remember coming in my freshmen year coming to play college and felt like I was confident coming in knowing the game of volleyball, but I realized it's so much more," Bledsoe said. "You not only have to have confidence in your ability as a player but also confidence in general. It took me a long time to be confident like that. I would say actually until my senior year I thought I was always the player who could play but just wanted to be there to cheer on other people's success."

Chambers' effect on her demonstrates perfectly how a coach should be, Bledsoe said, as he didn't condemn her urge to cheer on other but rather convinced her she deserves and can achieve success too.

It is nice when a coach can be more than a coach for an athlete as Bledsoe said Chambers is one her

best friends now. This involves sharing matters that don't relate to volleyball hut can still effect the player on the court as the 22-year-old Bledsoe believes being close to her kids' ages helps.

"You want to build a relationship with your athlete first because, by doing that, they know that, even after you're done being their coach for that one season, they can still reach out to you," Bledsoe said. "Just the other week, I had a girl who I had coached the previous season who told me she didn't want to play volleyball anymore and just wanted to focus on school. She still reached out to me because she was having an argument with her parents and didn't know what to do."

It is more than just volleyball and volleyball is more than just the physical. Being mentally secure is vital to success. Bledsoe believes this as while it isn't terrible to suggest athletes push through issues, it would be wrong to not extend a helping hand to guide them through some issues that are affecting them mentally. Being constructive instead of belittling is also important to her.

Another player was surprised to see Bledsoe still playing at the Show-Me State games in Columbia this year, but she hopes that positively impacts her players. She tries to improve even after the end of her playing career and admits to even watching film of herself to teach the girls incessant improvement leads to team success.

"I want to watch players individually because my idea if I can tweak this one thing that you do, it's going to improve the team's success," Bledsoe said. "Trying to fix things on a smaller level that a lot

of people don't recognize makes way bigger impacts than you would think."

Coaching has changed from an activity Bledsoe was uncertain about to being something she said she isn't sure she can live without. Now she doesn't see herself stopping anytime soon.

"The more I do it, the more I think there is no way I can stop," Bledsoe said. "It keeps me close to sport I love, and I'd had a lot of athletes who have told me that I've brought the love of the game back to them. That is probably one of the biggest compliments I could receive."



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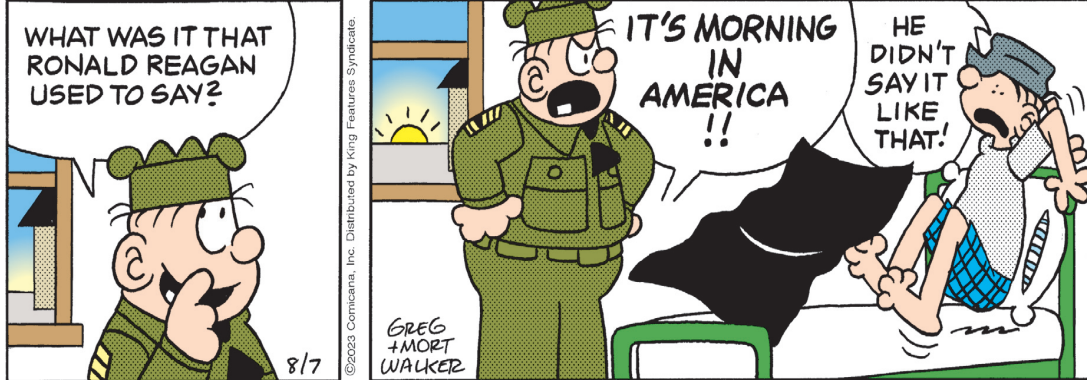
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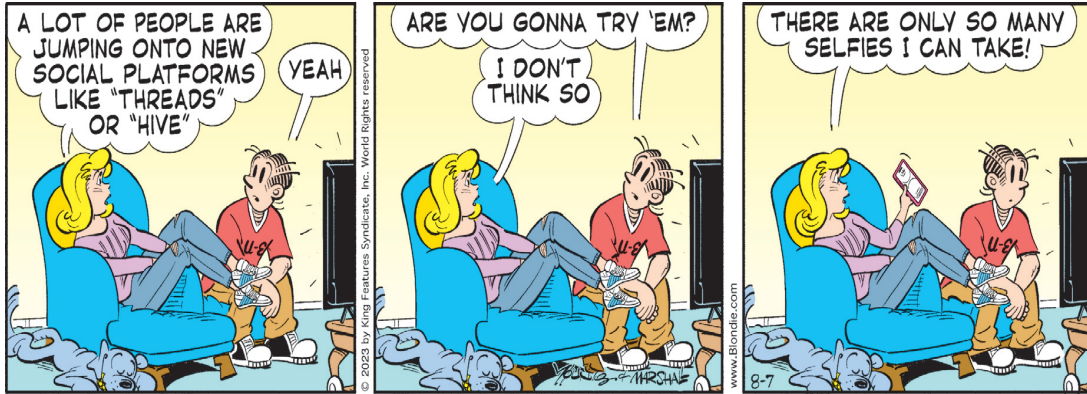
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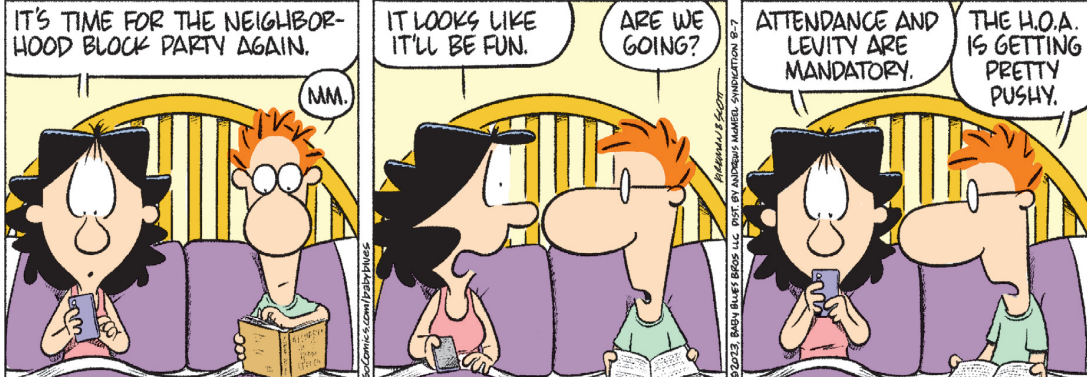
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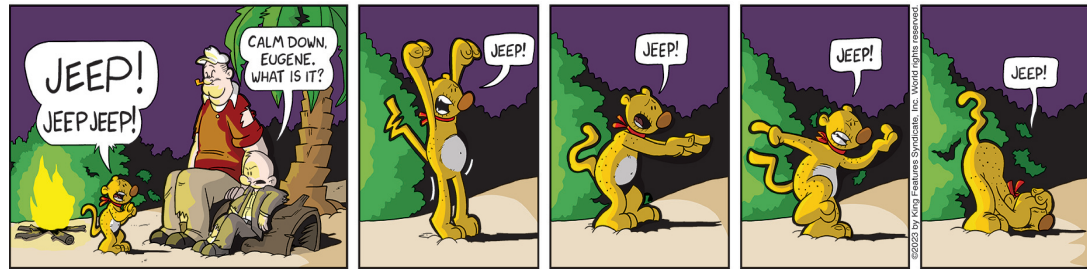
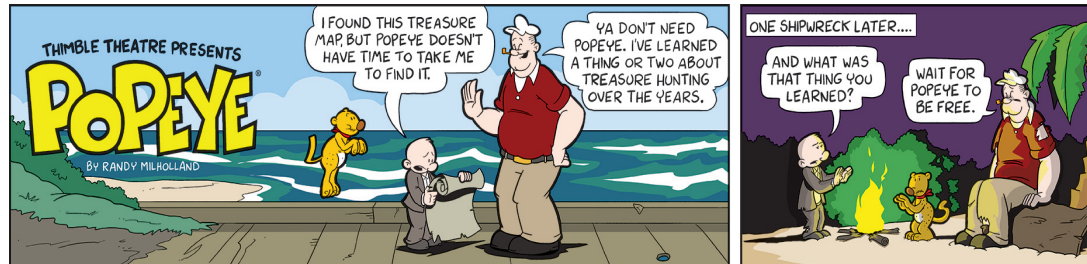
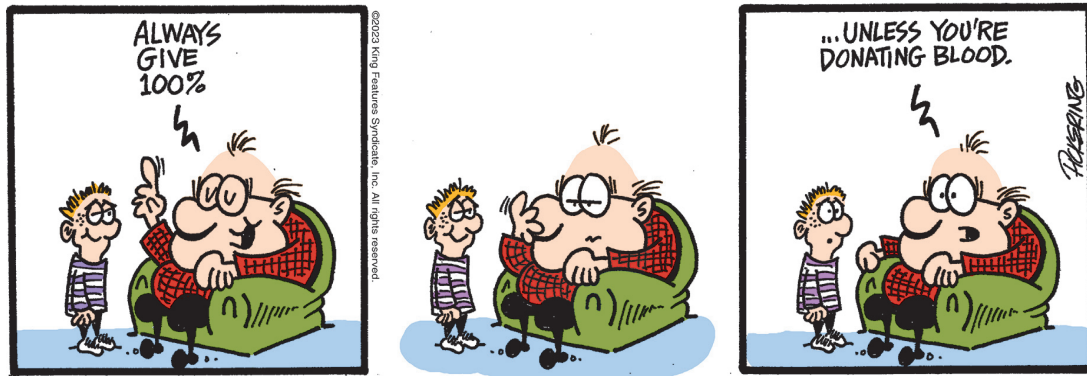
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**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Follow  
**HEADER** \_\_\_\_\_

Slant  
**GLEAN** \_\_\_\_\_

Team  
**POLUCE** \_\_\_\_\_

Clamor  
**ONESI** \_\_\_\_\_

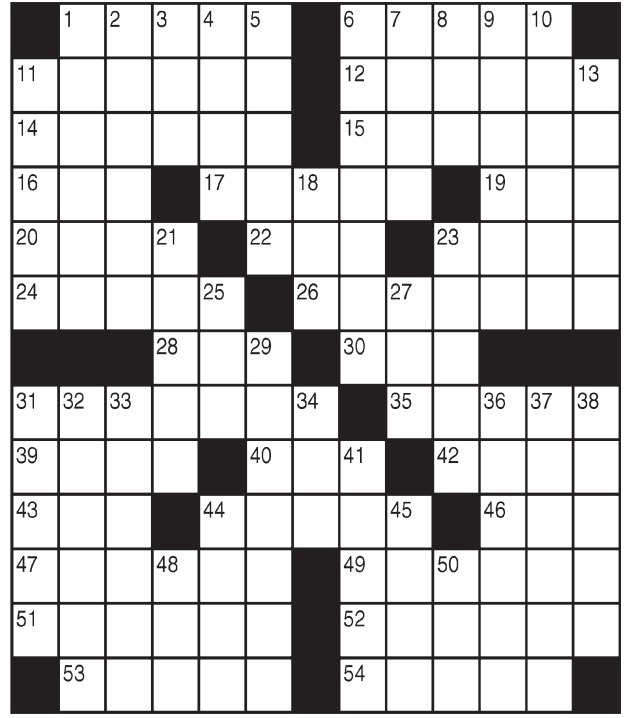
**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

"That's our \_\_\_\_\_ plan"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Glasses, slangily
- 6 Acid type
- 11 "Cut that out!"
- 12 Alphas' opposites
- 14 He loved Roxane
- 15 Not certain
- 16 PC key
- 17 Blue Grotto isle
- 19 Hearty quaff
- 20 Floral rings
- 22 Vat
- 23 Peevish fit
- 24 Song of praise
- 26 Olympic skater Brian
- 28 "Certainly!"
- 30 Away from SSW
- 31 Mexican chili pepper
- 35 Labrador explorer
- 39 Nashville venue
- 40 "A spider!"
- 42 "— Breckinridge"
- 43 Fib
- 44 King of Judea
- 46 Taunting laugh
- 47 Captivate
- 49 Comic Ray



- 51 Bagel choice
- 52 Retaliate
- 53 Trusty horse
- 54 Dweebs
- 8 In medias —
- 9 Big lizard
- 10 Comedian George
- 11 Overcharge for tickets
- 13 Handle
- 18 Tavern
- 21 In a sneaky way
- 23 Fulton's power
- 25 — culpa
- 27 Business mag
- 29 Showed scorn
- 31 Fishing rods
- 32 Speaks one's mind
- 33 Chicken serving
- 34 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 36 Manually
- 37 Arboreal apes
- 38 Western resort lake
- 41 Imam's holy book
- 44 Abode
- 45 Peace symbol
- 48 Astronaut
- 50 Mal de —

DOWN

- 1 Fashions
- 2 Shakespearean heiress
- 3 Ecol. watchdog
- 4 Title akin to POTUS
- 5 Brown ermine
- 6 Kentucky brew
- 7 Hotel chain

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
- MOVIES: What kind of enchanted flower is featured in the animated film "Beauty and the Beast"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many pyramids are in the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt?
- TELEVISION: What did the surgeons on the "M.A.S.H." TV drama call their tent home?
- FOOD & DRINK: When was the first restaurant franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken founded?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Vermont?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the only letter that doesn't occur in the Periodic Table?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god equivalent of the Greek god Hermes?
- LITERATURE: Which famous singer-songwriter won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016?
- MUSIC: Which country is the pop band ABBA from?

Answers

- A mob.
- A rose.
- Three.
- The Swamp.
- 1952.
- Montpelier.
- J.
- Mercury.
- Bob Dylan.
- Sweden.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bitterly is moved; 2. Fence rail is missing; 3. Jar is smaller; 4. Net is different; 5. Arm is moved; 6. House is missing; 7. Girl is smaller; 8. Net is different; 9. Arm is moved; 10. House is missing.

**King Crossword**  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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

**CryptoQuip**  
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals H

HXRK-EOAKJ VXRZTP MXDQHTL  
LMXL'P XAFXWP SKZL OD X  
PLXLK QE JOPXBBXW:  
LMK FBKVS MXAA.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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

**SCRAMBLERS**  
Today's Word  
solution  
1. Adhere 2. Angle; 3. Couple; 4. Noise

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
Game-filled campus hangout that's always kept in a state of disarray; the wreck hall.

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## The Mexico Ledger

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## Embree recognized and honored for 30 years of service

Monroe Manor Nursing Home District Administrator Shari Embree was the recipient of a surprise reception Tuesday, Aug. 1 honoring the 30th anniversary of her employment with the special governmental district.

Manor residents, staff, the facility's board of directors and others were present as Embree was presented a Missouri House of Representatives Resolution by District 43 State Representative Kent Haden (R-Mexico) honoring her 30 years of exemplary service; staff members presented the administrator with a personal gift, flowers and an abundance of exemplary comments about the skillful way she directs the facility, along with her decent demeanor and conduct in her day-to-day interaction with residents, families and staff.

According to the house resolution, Embree began her employment at Monroe Manor in 1993, as an administrative assistant, promoted to business officer manager three years later and, in 2005, was named the administrator. In her 18 years heading the facility, she is the longest tenured person to hold the position; she has managed hundreds of employees, accounted for nearly \$100 million in revenues and expenses and presided over more development and investment in the nursing home's infrastructure than any time in its near half a century history of its existence; all accomplished with proficiency, but most importantly been responsible for the care and well being of more than 10,000 of the state's most vulnerable citizens, directing the custody and protection of the elderly, poor, dispossessed and disabled with dignity and grace.

Representative Haden said there are some people whose reputation precedes them and Mrs. Embree is one of those.

"Before I ever met



**Monroe Manor Nursing Home administrator Shari Embree received a Missouri House of Representatives Resolution from 43rd State Representative Kent Haden (R-Mexico) Aug. 1, recognizing her for 30 years of employment with the special governmental district.** [Submitted]

Shari, I heard about what a great reputation she and Monroe Manor has," the state representative said. "and that has been verified by what I see and my constituents tell me. This facility has a stellar reputation and gives me great pleasure to recognize her on a great career."

Manor business office manager Gail Jones said Embree was the epitome of professionalism.

"Shari sets the example for the administrative staff and all our employees," Mrs. Jones said. "She's the first one in the office every day and the last to leave every night. There is nothing she hasn't done, or would do for our residents and the benefit of the nursing home."

Manor board president Guy Callison said Embree was hired during administrative turmoil.

"Before we hired Shari, we had five administrators in two months; one stayed one day before quitting, it was a madhouse," Callison said. "She was one of three applicants, and I'll never forget, when we were deciding who to choose, Dick Fredrick said, 'Let's hire Shari, if we don't we will eventually because the others won't stay.' Might be the best decision

we ever made, as a board." Embree said she was both surprised and ever thankful for the generous gesture and recognition. The veteran administrator appeared to be at a loss for words, in brief remarks.

"I'm so surprised!" she said. "I had no idea, but now I know something was going on. I really do appreciate this. I thank everyone for what they do every day to take care of our residents."

After Tuesday's ceremony, Embree was reflective of her profession and staff.

"Healthcare is different from all other industries," she said. "This is a very personal business, taking care of people, and it takes staff that are caretakers; our employees - especially our permanent staff - are by their nature sympathetic and genuinely generous and gracious. We have so many on our staff that I wish I could have been recognized today. We have four staffers, Marie Sinkclear, Julie Love, Wilda and Judy Gregg, that have been here longer than me and another half dozen, who have served 10 years or more. I'm part of a great team and fortunate to lead them."

## MoDOT Upcoming planned roadwork for Audrain County area

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northeast Missouri region for the next few weeks.

All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling

up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

### Audrain County

Route Y - August 7, CLOSED for seal coating operations from Route M to Route NN between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

D - August 8, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route HH to CR 975 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route D - August 9, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route M to CR 948 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route D - August 10,

CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 917 to CR 919 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route FF - August 14, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from Route ZZ in Boone County to Boone/Audrain County line between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Route FF - August 15, CLOSED for culvert replacement operations from CR 989 to Boone County line between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Remember to obey all work zone signs and personnel.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 6p.m. August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at the Audrain Ambulance District located at 440 Kelley Parkway, Mexico Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the property tax rate proposed to be set by the Audrain Ambulance District for the year 2023. The tax rate is expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUE	PRIOR TAX Year (2022)	CURRENT TAX Year (2023)
REAL ESTATE	179,825,960	183,530,130
PERSONAL	92,841,973	85,257,043
RAILROAD & UTILITY	50,329,765	52,984,728
	322,997,698	321,771,901

AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BUDGETED FOR 2023	PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2023 (per\$100)
\$800,568	0.2488

AUDRAIN AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD

Brian Unger, SECRETARY

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of directors of the Laddonia - Rural Fire Protection District will hold a public meeting Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. when the public may comment on the setting of the proposed tax rate for 2023. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station, 303 N. Pine, Laddonia, Missouri.

The tax rate will be set to produce the income needed to operate the Fire Protection District in an efficient and effective manner.

	ASSESSED VALUATION		
	2021	2022	2023
Real Estate	12,082,108	12,567,559	13,478,625
Personal Property	6,227,079	12,225,924	10,712,110
Total	18,309,187	24,793,483	24,190,735

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# Audrain County's Municipalities Program earns National Achievement Award

The Audrain County Municipalities' Program has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

In the spring of 2022, the Audrain County's Municipalities Program launched with an initial meeting at the Laddonia City Hall. During that meeting, a variety of topics were covered to help assist local leaders with networking, sharing resources, brainstorming solutions to potential needs and issues in the municipalities, and discussing topics to better serve Audrain County residents. The program spawned from several conversations Audrain County Associate Commissioner Leslie Meyer had with various municipality leaders.

"When I was appointed in the fall of 2021, I met with officials from every municipality to learn what they needed and what was going on in their communities," she said. "During those conversations, it was apparent that several communities were going through problems others had experienced previously and vice versa. Thus, the idea of the municipalities program was born."

During the initial meeting, the participating community leaders

decided upon a schedule to meet every two months. The meeting location rotates so that every community can host. Topics have ranged from insurance coverage for city employees, how to enforce city ordinances and code enforcement, Amendment 3 education, 911 emergency addresses, healthcare options in Audrain County, and county transportation needs. In addition to city leadership, regular partners like Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dana Keller and representatives from the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments also attend to aide in finding resources and sharing information.

Associate Commissioner Tracy R. Graham attributes the success of the program to the participation of the Audrain County municipalities' leadership.

"This is not a commission program," he explained. "This is an Audrain County program to benefit Audrain County residents. The leaderships of each community have dedicated themselves to attending these meetings every two months, provide input, and work together between the cities and the county. Without their participation, this would not be a successful program."

The Audrain County Municipalities Program's

model is being used and duplicated in other mid-Missouri counties.

"The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments is working with counties like Randolph and Monroe to establish municipalities programs in their area as well as several others," Audrain County Presiding Commissioner Alan Winders said. "I think this demonstrates how successful the program has been here in Audrain County and the benefits it can bring to other areas."

Each year, NACo's Achievement Awards are given in 18 categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to recognize innovation in county government. Each nominated program is judged on its own merits and not against other applications.

"The Achievement Awards demonstrate excellence in county government and the commitment to serve our residents every day," said NACo President Denise Winfrey. "This year's winners represent some of the most innovative and collaborative efforts we have seen in over 50 years of presenting these

awards."

Last fall, the Audrain County Municipalities Program also received an Innovation Award from the Missouri Association of Counties.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's

counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary

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## Martinsburg Picnic 2023

Martinsburg, MO      Martinsburg Area Community Betterment Council      August 18 & 19, 2023

**Friday Evening**  
Country Kickers-Line Dancing 5:30 p.m.  
**Baby Contest** - 6:00 p.m.  
Birth - 24 Months  
Must Wear Plain White T-Shirt and Diaper or Shorts

**Little Mr. and Miss Contest**  
Sponsored by "Ultimate Image" - Lisa Householder  
3, 4 & 5 Year Olds  
Winners must ride in Saturday's Parade


**Turtle and Frog Race**  
Sponsored by Triple V Trucking



**Super Farmer Contest**  
In cooperation with Audrain County R-VI FFA  
Sign-up at 7:00 p.m./ \$5 Per Team Entry Fee  
Events include Stick Horse (Juniors), Wife Carry (Adults), Egg Scramble, Grain Shoveling, Hay Stacking & others

**Child Contest** - Ages 12 & Under  
**Junior Contest** - Ages 13-16  
**Adult Super Farmer** - Ages 17+  
Prizes for Top 3 teams + 1<sup>st</sup> place gets 50% pay.

**Parade 11:00 a.m.**  
**Theme:**  
"Where Tradition Grows"  
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #1270




Line up at Stop Sign on Hwy 19 by 10:00 a.m. sharp for judging

**Awards to:**  
Theme Float, Antique Tractor, Antique Original Vehicle, Classic Vehicle, Kid's Entry, Horse & Rider

**Saturday Morning & Afternoon**  
**Salute to Veterans**  
Located at the former Modern Building  
Open Friday evening and Saturday after the parade  
Showcasing  
Veterans of World War I, the Civil War & Spanish American


**Attendance Sign-Up & Guessing Games**  
Sign up after the parade - Drawing after kids games  
**John Hawkins Kiddie Car Rides**  
Available from 11-7 p.m. - no charge

**Saturday Afternoon**  
**Pedal Tractor Pull (after parade)**  
Boys and Girls Ages 4-12 Years  
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**Bounce House, Rock Wall & Mechanical Bull**  
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
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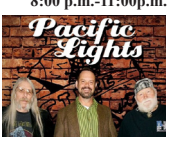
**Kids Games - 3:00 p.m.**  
Money Scramble, Bubble Gum Toss, Sack Race, Hula Hoop Contest, Watermelon Eating Contest, 3-Legged Race, Balloon Toss & Tug of War



**Saturday Evening**  
**Greased Pig Contest** - 5:00 p.m.  
Boys and Girls Ages 4-12 Years  
Adult 13+  
**Nail Driving Contest**  
6:00 p.m. -Men and Women Ages 18+

**Kelly Stanford 8:00 p.m. -midnight**  
Bring your chairs and enjoy the music!



**Pacific Lights 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**  


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