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Captain D's Cystic Fibrosis Day is Sat.

Captain D's seafood and fast food will host its third annual day in support of Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains on Saturday, in which a portion of sales from dine-in, drive-thru or carryout orders will be donated in support of the 35th annual Cystic Fibrosis Concert.

The concert, March 18 at the West Plains Civic Center, features country musician Eddy Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry, who will take the stage at 7 p.m.

Captain D's, located at 1402 Preacher Roe Blvd. in West Plains and the Stokes family, restaurant owners, have been a supporter of the Cystic Fibrosis Concerts for many years, say volunteers with Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains.

"Three years ago Zach and Jessica Stokes came up with the idea that they would do a Captain D's day the first Saturday in March to help raise more money and awareness of cystic fibrosis," explained volunteer Lois Frazier. "This has become a very successful event that many people have looked forward to."

Also on Saturday, Cystic Fibrosis of West Plains volunteers will be at Captain D's selling tickets to enter giveaway drawings for two handguns, a Kimber 9mm and a Ruger LCP II, donated by 4730 Lumber, Randy and Kelly McGinnis, and Adam and Mindy Williams.

"Please come out and support Cystic Fibrosis and enjoy so great food and good friends," Frazier invites. "Hope to see you there!"



A walk in the park

All three in this small pack of energetic pups have their attention diverted Tuesday afternoon while playing at Galloway Park. From left are Kasandra Tompkins, owner of cocker spaniel Lilly and miniature pinscher Bucky, who is held by Katrina Blankenship, owner of Gummy Bear, described as "a mix of Pomeranian, chow, and wiener dog." They took advantage of 70-degree weather and sunny skies to get outdoors. Strong breezes, perfect for flying kites but dangerous for burning, prompted the National Weather Service office in Springfield to issue a fire hazard risk Tuesday, due to winds gusting up to 30 mph and low humidity. The NWS predicts a storm system with heavy rain and the possibility of high wind gusts will move into the area Thursday and Friday, and the high temperature is expected to peak at 45 degrees on Friday. Officially, the first day of spring will be March 20. STAFF PHOTO / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

Pair with local ties face federal drug, weapon charges

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Christopher A. Calicott, 42, and Jodi L. Calicott, 37, both of Clark, Mo., face multiple drug-related charges filed after law enforcement investigations in June in Oregon County and in September in Scott County.

An alternate address in West Plains is given for the pair in Cape Girardeau County doc-

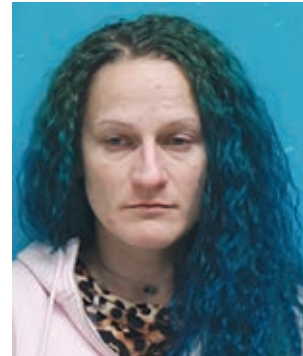
uments filed in December on still other felony charges.

The two are being detained until trial on federal drug charges, which were filed in January in the Missouri Eastern District of the U.S. District Court, federal court records show. In the federal case, Christopher Calicott is charged with a count possession each of methamphetamine and cocaine with intent to distribute, being a

felon in possession of a firearm and possessing a firearm in connection with drug trafficking.

Jodi Calicott is federally charged with a count of possession each of methamphetamine and cocaine, both with intent to distribute.

Each was charged by a federal grand jury indictment alleging that, on Sept. 9 in Scott County, both were in possession of 50 grams or more of a substance



J. CALICOTT



C. CALICOTT

containing meth, plus a substance containing cocaine, both with intent

to distribute.

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Mtn. View moves forward with downtown electrical upgrades

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The Mtn. View City Council recently met in a short special session to set in motion a plan to make improvements to public services and appoint a new member to the city's Planning & Zoning Board.

Mayor Krasuski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Feb. 22. With only Alderman Punkie Stevenson absent, the quorum was met.

Under new business, the council discussed an ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with Central Bank of the Midwest to fund public utility improvements overseen by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA).

In December, a bid was granted to Scobe Powerline Construction, a utility contractor in Cameron, for \$242,190 to make upgrades to the electrical system downtown. During the council's regular monthly session Feb. 14, aldermen agreed to a 20-year loan for \$242,200 through Central Bank, headquartered in Jefferson City.

The ordinance was given first and second readings during last week's special session and approved unanimously by all council members present.

Also during the most recent regular session, city Chief Operations Manager

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R-7 asks for public input on school district communications

The West Plains R-7 School District has published a survey in an effort to gather public input on the forms of communication most preferred by the families it serves.

Questions pertain to methods of communication preferred for urgent and non-urgent communications, forms of social media used, and where those seeking

information about the district go first to find that information.

"At the West Plains School District, communicating district information with our staff, families and students is very important to us," said Communications Director Lana Snodgrass in an email to parents and clicking on the 2023 Communication Survey link.

morning. "To meet your needs, we are asking that you take a moment and answer a few questions about how we send messages and which platforms are preferred."

The survey can also be found by going to zizzers.org, scrolling down to Top Stories and clicking on the 2023 Communication Survey link.

All invited to room dedication March 10 honoring Dr. Marvin Fowler

Officials at Missouri State University-West Plains invite everyone to attend a dedication ceremony at 1:30 p.m. March 10, for the new lecture room in Looney Hall, 128 Garfield Ave., in West Plains.

The room will be named in honor of longtime local physician Dr. Marvin L. Fowler.

University officials noted Fowler and his late wife, Bettye, have supported the nursing program for many years through gifts toward scholarships and the university's first endowed professorship, the Donna Jones Endowed Professorship of Nursing.

He also served on the university's Development Board — twice as its president — and is a member of the Friends of the Garnett Library and a charter member of the Grizzly Booster Club.

Fowler is a member of The Founders Club at Missouri State University and received a President's Medallion in 2022.

He also received MSU-WP's Granvil Vaughan Founder's Award in 2018. Named in honor of the



Dr. Marvin Fowler and his late wife, Bettye COURTESY

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Six locals hurt in weekend crashes

Michael D. Ray, 46, Mtn. View, suffered serious injuries in a traffic crash at 3:55 p.m. Saturday on County Road 3400, just outside Mtn. View.

The accident report was submitted by crash investigator Tpr. J.J. Smith of Troop G of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, based in Willow Springs.

Ray was driving a southbound 1970 Chevrolet C-60 pickup truck that ran off the road and struck a building, fence and tree, according to the patrol.

He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and was flown by Air Evac to Mercy Hospital in Springfield, the report shows.

A 17-year-old girl from Caulfield was injured in a one-vehicle crash at 11 p.m. Saturday on Ozark County Road 544, 3 miles

northwest of Bakersfield.

Tpr. W.A. Wadlington reported the teen was the driver of an eastbound 2007 Ford Mustang that ran off the left side of the road, struck a rock and overturned.

The girl was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and was transported by private vehicle to Ozarks Healthcare in West Plains for treatment of moderate injuries, the report shows.

Wadlington was assisted in the crash investigation by Trooper K.L. Hogan.

Four West Plains residents, including two children, suffered injuries in a two-vehicle collision at 6:30 p.m. Friday on south U.S. 63, a mile north of Brandsville.

A trailer being towed by a northbound 2015 Ford F250 driven by Donald J. Gasper, 60,

Lindsay, Neb., crossed the center of the road and struck an oncoming 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Glen E. Brashear, 59, of West Plains, reported Tpr. T.D. Pond.

Brashear suffered moderate injuries, and passengers Lydia R. Brashear, 32, and two boys ages 4 and 6, each suffered minor injuries.

The adults were wearing seat belts and the children were secured in child safety seats at the time of the crash; the injured were reportedly transported by South Howell County Ambulance to Ozarks Healthcare for treatment.

Pond was assisted in the crash investigation by Cpl. C.A. Kimes.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol does not release identifying details for children younger than 18.

MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Officer Allen Reef took a call at 5:25 p.m. Feb. 1 from a mother whose 12-year-old son had hit his older brother and she wanted parental advice.

At 5:27 p.m. Feb. 1, a women went to the police station to request a complaint form to report dogs killing her chickens. Officer Reef.

Officer Reef was dispatched at 11:51 p.m. Feb. 1 to Chaps Fitness for a report of one man getting into another's face. No charges were pressed.

At 7:34 a.m. Feb. 2, Assistant Chief Stetson Schwien was dispatched to North Ash Street for a possible meth overdose. He secured the scene and ambulance was on standby.

Cpl. Trenton Roberts was dispatched at 7:49 a.m. Feb. 2 to Malone's Motel to speak with a woman whose car had been stolen. A report was taken.

At 2:08 p.m. Feb. 3, Cpl. Roberts was dispatched to Malone's Motel to escort unruly guests off the property, and did so without incident.

Cpl. Roberts assisted the Department of Family Services at 3:27 p.m. Feb. 3 with a home visit.

At 3:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Cpl. Roberts was dispatched to the Walmart parking lot to serve papers for an order of protection. The papers were served without incident.

On Feb. 4, Cpl. Roberts was contacted by a woman wishing to file a complaint for a violation of protection order. A report was taken.

Cpl. Roberts was contacted on Feb. 4 by a woman with questions regarding tenant laws. Information was provided.

On Feb. 5, Officer Timothy Gordon spoke to a caller who wanted to know where a family member was who had been arrested.

Officer Gordon assisted

a Howell County deputy with a traffic stop on Feb. 5.

On Feb. 5, Officer Gordon was flagged down by someone who asked for a well-being check on their son, who had not been heard from. He made contact with the son, who was fine and said he would contact his parent.

Officer Gordon was called to assist a stranded motorist stuck on ice on Feb. 5, but on arrival, a deputy had already rendered aid and gotten the vehicle free.

On Feb. 5, Officer Gordon spoke with someone who requested a check on a dog believed to be locked in a car all day. The animal appeared to be fine and a witness nearby said the car had not been parked there very long. The call was cleared, and the officer continued to monitor until the car was seen driving away a few minutes later.

Officer Gordon was dispatched on Feb. 5 to the Anchor gas station for a report of a gas drive-off that occurred several hours earlier. A statement form was provided and filled out with a license plate number and receipt for the incomplete transaction. After leaving, the clerk called to say the customer had forgotten to pay and returned to close out the transaction.

On Feb. 5, Cpl. Roberts responded to a call regarding a vehicle resembling "all over the road" into Mtn. View. The vehicle was located and he spoke to the driver.

Cpl. Roberts conducted a well-being check Feb. 5 on West Third Street. The person was contacted and advised to contact the reporting party.

On Feb. 6, Officer Kylie McGee was dispatched to the 200 block of Sharp Street for a smoke alarm. Upon arrival, occupants advised there was an issue with new security wiring and they were working with the alarm company.

Officer McGee responded Feb. 6 to Mercy St. Francis Hospital to speak with a patient who wanted to report an assault. A report was taken and investigation is underway.

On Feb. 6, Cpl. Roberts was contacted by a manager of a residential complex who wanted a check on a vehicle parked in the parking lot. He did not recognize the vehicle. Upon arrival the vehicle was found to be unoccupied and parked legally. The manager was advised that if he wanted it towed, he would need to wait the proper amount of time and then begin the process.

Cpl. Roberts was dispatched Feb. 6 to the nursing home for a fire alarm. The call was canceled as it was a false alarm.

On Feb. 6, Cpl. Roberts responded to east U.S. 60 for a runaway child, who was later located near his home and returned safely.

Cpl. Roberts took a call

Feb. 6 regarding a careless and imprudent driver coming into town from west U.S. 60. The vehicle was not found and Missouri State Highway Patrol was notified.

On Feb. 6, Cpl. Roberts was dispatched to East Third Street fro a disturbance regarding loose dogs. Both parties were spoken to and advised to keep their animals on their own properties.

Officer McGee was dispatched to the 900 block of North Y Highway for a well-being check on an upstairs neighbor. The subject advised he had slipped and fallen but was OK.

On Feb. 7, Chief Jamie Perkins was dispatched for multiple reports of a woman in plaid pajama pants walking into traffic near Anchor gas station. She was not found, so he cleared the call, and then another report came in, but she was still not able to be found.

Officer McGee spoke with dog owners Feb. 7 on the 300 block of Marr Street about complaints that their dogs were out. Residents were told to keep their dogs leashed when outside so that neighbors aren't afraid to take their own animals out and animal control would not need to be contacted.

On Feb. 7, Officer McGee was dispatched to the 1800 block of Woolsey Street for a report of an intoxicated person watching a child. On arrival, she was met by a man and woman arguing about their child and the man's drinking habits. The woman wanted him to sober up before being around the child, and he agreed to go to a friend's house for the evening.

Officer McGee responded to a request to meet a person at Mercy St. Francis on Feb. 8. The person had received a phone call from an unknown number and believed it was someone with whom she had an order of protection against and they were pranking her. The officer returned the call and found it to be a business trying to contact the reporting party.

On Feb. 8, Chief Perkins responded to a call regarding an elderly woman who had fallen in the street and was unable to get back up, with possible injuries. He assisted the woman to her feet and back into her home. No injuries were reported.

Officer Gordon responded Feb. 9 to a request to check some power lines near a tree limb. The reporting party was concerned the limb could fall onto the lines due to work that had been done. He confirmed the scenario and advised the electric department should be called to respond and take action.

On Feb. 9, Officer Reef spoke to a mother who said her daughter had been missing fro two hours. He had spoken to the woman previously in a similar situation, in which she was intoxicated.

The child was found at a friend's home in the same apartment complex and not missing.

Assistant Chief Stetson Schwein responded on Feb. 9 to a request from animal control to respond to the 100 block of North Plum Street

for a dog at large, the owners of which had been warned multiple times. A ticket was issued.

On Feb. 9, Officer Gordon responded to a traffic crash involving two vehicles and no injuries. Information was gathered for a report.

WEST PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT REPORTS

At 2:49 a.m. Jan. 29, officers responded to a business alarm on the 1000 block of Chestnut Street. The building was found to be secure and no one was inside. Cpl. Wes Stuart.

Officers were dispatched at 10:57 a.m. Jan. 29 to the 100 block of Jefferson Street for a report of property damage, in which someone had kicked and damaged property. The case is under investigation. Officer Conner Burnes.

At 11:02 a.m. Jan. 29, officers conducted a warrant service at a residence on the 1000 block of Allen Street for a man who had run from officers the previous day. On arrival, Cpl. Thomas Manning spoke with the homeowner who said he didn't know whose truck was in his driveway, but he believed it to be his friend's, and the person officers were seeking was inside the house.

Officers responded at 1:14 p.m. to the 1100 block of Garfield Avenue for a report of a man trying to break into a vehicle. Officers made contact with the man, then detained him, as he was noncompliant, and placed him under arrest, finding narcotics on his person. The victim declined to pursue charges. Cpl. Manning.

At 8:17 p.m. Jan. 29, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Monks Street for a suicidal man, who was taken to Ozarks Healthcare for a 96-hour mental evaluation. Officer Nathaniel Siegrist.

Officer Ivie Powell spoke with a theft victim at 11:05 a.m. Jan. 30, who reported his pistol was stolen from his vehicle between the previous night and early that morning. The case is under investigation.

At 12:42 p.m. Jan. 30, officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Bill Virndon Boulevard for a report of a person on the premises who had previously been told not to be there. Officers spoke with the person and found he had previously been warned for trespassing and issued a ticket and released him. The case will be forwarded to the city prosecutor's office.

Officer Brent Keepes reported at 3:01 p.m. Jan. 30 that, on Jan. 6, it was learned an inmate cause damaged to the city jail.

Charges are expected to be sought.

At about 3:36 p.m. Jan. 30, officers responded to the 1100 block of Lanton Road for a report of an altercation. An investigation was conducted and no charges sought. Case closed. Officer Whitley Clark.

Officers responded to the police department at 4:56 p.m. Jan. 30 for a violation of a child custody order. A report was completed and probable cause statement sent to the county prosecutor's office. Officer Keepes.

At 6:39 p.m. Jan. 30, officers responded to a business on the 1400 block of Kentucky Avenue for an alarm call. An unsecured door was found. The building was cleared and secured. Officer Keepes.

Officers were dispatched at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 31 to the 900 block of Missouri Avenue for a report of trespassing. On arrival, officers spoke to a man who said that unknown people and a dog had been staying on a bus parked on his property. After not being able to contact the subjects for several days and seeing the dog still there, the dog was taken to the pound. The matter is under investigation. Animal Control Officer Brad Jones.

At 9:29 a.m. Jan. 31, Officer Ivie Powell responded to the 1300 block of Southern Hills Drive for a report of an early-morning burglary. On arrival, the reporting party advised someone had entered the business and stolen money from the safe and cash register. The case is under investigation.

Officer Powell conducted a traffic stop at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 1 on the 3100 block of U.S. 63 on a vehicle that was weaving on the road. It was determined the driver was under the influence of intoxicants. The driver was arrested and taken to the city jail where he was ticked, booked and released with a court date set for March 30. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 2:25 p.m. Feb. 1, officers responded to the 2400 block of McFarland Drive for an out-of-control youth who had assaulted his mother. On arrival, officers spoke with the mother and defused the situation, and juvenile remedies were set up. Cpl. Manning.

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TODAY

Through March 18: Art at the Library will feature artwork from students at West Plains High School, West Plains Middle School and South Fork Elementary at the West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours.

Through May 5: Entries from artists of all ages are being accepted into Ozarks Healthcare Behavioral Health Center's upcoming mental health-themed art show, "Pieces of Me." Enter online at www.ozarkshealthcare.com/services/behavioral-health/mental-health-awareness-month or pick up a form at BHC, 23 Parkway Center; BHC inside OZH, 500 E. 19th St., Mtn. Grove; BHC, 1591A N. U.S. 63, Houston. The show will run May 22-31 at the civic center.

Through March 30 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays) Melissa Wharton's photography will be on display on the first floor at Ozarks Small Business Incubator, 408 Washington Ave. Among her images, viewers can find photographs of Ozarks springs and mills.

THURSDAY

March 2 (noon) The Greater West Plains Area Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will feature a presentation regarding the Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival, for which planning is underway. RSVP by Friday by emailing info@wpchamber.com.

FRIDAY

March 3 (10 a.m.) The Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village kicks off its "Only in Arkansas" series with a presentation from Dr. Juliet Morrow, an archeologist conducting an excavation of Greenbrier, a Late Mississippian 15th-16th century town on the White River near Batesville, Ark. The club meets on the first Friday of each month, excepting June and December, at Thunderbird Center, 62 N. Lakeshore Road, Cherokee Village, Ark. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call 870-847-3109.

March 3 (1-3 p.m.) A drop-in celebration for recently retired Howell County Collector Dennis Von Allmen will be held in the county office building, 35 Court Square. Von Allmen held county offices for nearly 40 years, serving as county clerk from 1983-2018, then collector until his retirement in January. All are welcome.

March 3 & 4 (1-6 p.m.) AMVETS Post 98, 1852 County Road 6070, hosts a prom dress exchange. All dresses are available for \$10, and old dresses may be brought.

March 3 (3-8 p.m.) and **4** (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) The 31st annual Home & Garden Show will be held in the civic center. Admission is \$5 for a two-day pass, with children 12 and younger admitted free.

March 3 (3 p.m.-close) It's Vinyl Night at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village. Bring a record to play. No charge.

SATURDAY

March 4 (2 p.m.) Howell County Emergency Management Director Mike Coldiron will be a guest speaker at the Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting in American Legion Hall, 1401 Bill Viridon Blvd. He will give a talk on general preparedness in the event of severe weather. The meeting is open to the public and free to attend.

March 4 (7 p.m.) Anthony Garner will perform outlaw country at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village. No cover charge.

MONDAY

March 6, 20, 27 (4:15-5:30 p.m.) The Harlin Museum, 405 Worcester St. offers Kids Art at the Harlin every Monday for children in kindergarten through fifth grades. The cost is \$10 per child/\$7 for each additional child. Different art projects are presented each week. All supplies included. Sign up by emailing kidsart@harlinmuseum.com or call 417-293-9534.

March 6 (7 p.m.) Movie Night at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village. No charge.

TUESDAY

March 7 (6 p.m.) Texas County Memorial Hospital Hospice of Care invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to its new seven-week Grief Recovery Program held in the Timmons Education Room at the hospital in Houston. Call 417-967-1279 for more information or to register.

March 7 and 9 (5-7 p.m.) Eighth graders planning to attend West Plains High School, and their parents, are invited to Future Freshman Nights in the high school cafeteria, where a presentation will be given, followed by an activity fair to showcase high school offerings and activities.

March 7 (7 p.m.) Arkansas State University-Mtn. Home will host award-winning author Mara Levitt in the Vada Sheid Community Development Center. Levitt is best known for her examinations of official conduct regarding serious crimes in Arkansas, and is the author of "Devil's Knot" and "The Boys on the Tracks."

March 7 (7 p.m.) Local indie rock will be performed by Sean Allen Music at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd., East Towne Village.

NEXT WEEK

March 8 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at West Plains High School, 602 E. Olden St. Make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26 (3-4 p.m.) Ozarks Healthcare Behavioral Health Center will offer a new support group, "Hoarding to Healing," at 23 Parkway Center, 1211 Porter Wagoner Blvd. Space is limited. Reserve a spot by calling 417-257-6762.

March 9 (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) MSU-WP Career Services will host an Educational Employment Fair for educators and locals inter-

ested in working for area schools. The event will take place in the Student Recreation Center, 323 W. Trish Knight St. Come dressed for a job interview. Job applications will be available and resumes and transcripts may be provided by attendees to prospective employers.

March 9 (4-6 p.m.) The West Plains Chamber of Commerce will host a member mixer to celebrate the West Plains Civic Center's 30th anniversary. Gather in the civic center lobby.

March 9 (6-8 p.m.) Wii Bowling League Round 3 at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village.

March 9 (6-8 p.m.): Ozarks Healthcare offers Heart Saver Infant CPR classes for parents in the third trimester of pregnancy or of babies younger than 1 year. Classes cover basic resuscitation skills to be used on an infant. One-session classes are available. To sign up call 417-256-9111 ext. 6440 (TTY: 417-257-5868).

March 10 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Author David Jerome will sign copies of his book, "Bill Viridon, a Life in Baseball," at the Ozark Heritage Welcome Center. The event is free and books are available for purchase.

March 10 (noon to 1 p.m.) MDC offers an online program on Endangered Species: The Ozark Chinquapin. Register online at mdc.mo.gov/events.

March 10 (noon to 1 p.m.) The Friends of the Garnett Library will meet at the library, 304 W. Trish Knight St., to share and hear updates on the organization and the library itself. A box lunch will be offered for \$10, payable at the door with preregistration. Register by calling 417-255-call 940 or emailing friends@garnettlibrary@missouristate.edu by March 8.

March 10 (1:30 p.m.) All are invited to attend a dedication ceremony in which a new room at Looney Hall, 128 Garfield Ave., will be named for longtime local physician Dr. Marvin Fowler. For more information call 417-255-7240 or email wpadvancement@missouristate.edu.

March 10 (6:30 p.m.) It's "Mar10 Day" and a Mario-Kart tournament will be held to celebrate at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village.

March 11 (8 a.m. to noon): Ozarks Healthcare offers Prepared Childbirth classes for parents in the second trimester of pregnancy. The goal of the class is to prepare parents for all aspects of labor and delivery. One-session classes are available. To sign up call 417-256-9111 ext. 6440 (TTY: 417-257-5868).

March 11 (5:30-8 p.m.) The BrewFest annual fundraiser for the West Plains Council on the Arts will be held at the civic center. Tickets are \$25 each in advance and \$35 at the door. Purchase in person at Wages Brewing Company, 1382 Bill Viridon Blvd. in East Towne Village, or the civic center box office, 110 St. Louis St., or call 417-256-8087 to purchase over the phone with a credit card. 21+ with ID.

March 11 (10 a.m. to noon) MDC offers Wild Edibles: Nuts About Berries at Twin Pines Conservation Education Center in Winona. Register online at mdc.mo.gov/events.

March 11 (1-4 p.m.) The Willow Springs Arts Council sponsors a workshop, "Spring Porch Sign," presented by local artist Kristina Kauffman in the Ferguson Building in downtown Willow Springs. The cost is \$25 per person and materials are provided. Class size is limited. Call Rebecca Cash, 417-962-0979, or Kauffman, 417-469-0468.

OZARKS RFD:

An especially significant month

By Jim Hamilton

March 1, here at last — again. For many years the first week of March has been an especially significant time for me.

Growing up a Nian-gua River fisherman in Dallas County, I was long aware of the March 1 opening date for trout season at Bennett Spring. Six months after starting at the Buffalo Reflex in late 1979 that annual event became synonymous with the start of spring as it found me trolling the banks of the Bennett Spring branch with my notepad and 35 mm camera. For more than two decades I missed few opening days, no matter the weather, documenting the thousands of anglers descending on that mile of trout-stocked stream.

However, long before I owned a 35 mm camera or had even heard of the Buffalo Reflex, another date — March 6 — became far more important than pictures of stringers of trout.

That was the date in 1971 that I and DeAnn

Galbavy, an 18-year-old Baptist Bible College student from South Dakota, became man and wife at Lakeview Baptist Church near Springfield. For 23 years afterward I never failed to celebrate March 6, and though Dee was called home 29 years ago I'll never forget my South Dakota bride and the mother of our two daughters.

The first week of March never fails to take me back to that cold Saturday night and how uncomplicated seemed the times in which we wed. Though it seemed we had a large wedding, it was simple by today's standards. We planned and paid for it all ourselves, spending hundreds, rather than thousands, of dollars and left no debt behind us as we walked down the aisle.

As fearless as ever a bride and groom could be, we stepped into an uncertain future, with her family still in South Dakota and mine soon to be left behind in Missouri as I entered the U.S. Air Force. We had not a clue where life would take us, but whatever we might face, we knew we could face it together.

These many years later I marvel at our naiveté and wish I could experience such innocence again. But,



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no one goes through life without scars.

We could not have imagined that March evening the perils that would befall us 20 years later — the loss of a daughter and Dee's cancer. If I must remember our journey, I prefer to dwell on that March we embarked, rather than the September we parted.

In his infinite wisdom, God granted me a new helpmate little more than a year after I lost Dee, as well as three stepchildren. Not only was Martha a bride for me, but a loving stepmom for my grown daughter, Melissa, and became an incomparable grandmother to all our grandchildren, now numbering 11.

What more can I say? God is good, the same now as on that snowy night in March 1971, as I have been reminded every day since.

50-year anniversary vow renewal



Don and Connie Benson, West Plains, will celebrate their Golden 50th Anniversary with a service to repeat their wedding vows. It will be held at 2 p.m. March 11 at the First Christian Church, 422 W. Main St., with Pastor Rick Rutledge officiating. A reception will follow. All friends and family are invited. The couple requests the omission of gifts. COURTESY

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Davis

Sept. 18, 1951 – Feb. 25, 2023



ues to be an integral part of the Special Education Department for the West Plains School District.

In 2011, Joe retired from the West Plains School District, where he was a respected special education teacher, football and track coach, and administrator. His career as an educator spanned over 38 years.

In the 1880s, the first Davis family ancestors settled in West Plains. Joe Davis was proud of his Howell County roots and gave back by serving on many organizations throughout his life including as the West Plains Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) president for two years; West Plains Chamber of Commerce board member; Southern Missouri Community Health Center board member; Howell Valley School District board member; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) board member; University of Missouri Alumni Association, Black and Gold Chapter, Scholarship Chairman; Old-Time Music Festival Steering Committee and volunteer; Ozarks Preservation, Inc., (OPI) Cultural Tourism project; SB 40 Board of Howell County secretary and co-chairman; Heart of the Ozarks United Way board member; and Missouri State University-West Plains Friends of the Garnett Library board member.

Joe's work of serving his community did not go unnoticed. He received the 2011 Humanitarian of the Year Award from Ozark Independent Living in recognition for his sustained actions over a period of many years that have promoted the plight and worth of disabled persons and improved their dignity, respect and potential; the 2011 Community Service Award from the West Plains Rotary Club for development of the SWAT program between the West Plains R-7 School District and Ozarks Medical Center in helping provide daily living skills for members of the community.

Joe had many hobbies which included quail hunting, training bird dogs, fishing, exploring rivers, studying the history of the Ozarks, Zizzer athletics, Mizzou athletics, photography, attending church, playing his acoustic guitar and listening to his vinyl record collection. Most importantly, Joe loved his family. He enjoyed bringing his family together by cooking them dinner. This brought the family together around their dining room table with love and laughter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Plains Schools S.W.A.T. program, made payable to the West Plains R-7 School District, and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.

Memorial services for Joseph Will Davis, 71, West Plains, Mo., will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the First United Methodist Church, West Plains, Mo.

Mr. Davis passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Joe, the son of the late Hilliard and Elinore Davis, was born Sept. 18, 1951, in Springfield, Mo. On May 22, 1976, Joe married Kathy, his "Sweet Pea," in Pocahontas, Ark., a union of 46 years. The first thing they bought as a married couple was an aluminum canoe. This started their passion for adventure and travel together that led them near and far.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, two children Katie and Ty Davis, one granddaughter Elinore "Nellie" Dudden, one brother Dr. Michael H. Davis of Springfield, and two nephews Phil and Paul Davis of Springfield.

In 1969, Joe graduated from West Plains High School. In 1973, he graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree in special education. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity while at Mizzou. In 1977, he graduated from Arkansas State University with a Master of Science degree in special education. In 2005, he received a Specialist Degree in Mental Health from the University of Missouri.

Joe held jobs as a teacher, coach, school administrator and businessman; a career path that reflected his father, Hilliard, whom he greatly admired.

In 1973, Joe's teaching and football coaching career began at the Highland School District in Hardy, Ark. Joe returned home in 1977 to teach in the West Plains R-7 School District. After four years of teaching, Joe transitioned careers in 1982 to work for Davidson Insurance Agency as an insurance broker. After 15 years in the insurance business, Joe felt called to return to the field of education. In 1997, he resumed his teaching career at West Plains Middle School.

In 2005, Mr. Davis created the S.W.A.T. (Students Working at Transition) Program. The S.W.A.T. Program was designed to help individuals with disabilities gain work experience in the community while attending West Plains High School. A major goal of the S.W.A.T. Program was to help students gain post-graduation employment and increase independence for individuals with disabilities. The S.W.A.T. Program contin-

Samuel Bragg

June 13, 1949 – Feb. 23, 2023



Graveside services for Samuel Rex Bragg, 73, West Plains, Mo., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Oak Lawn Cemetery, under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mr. Bragg passed away at 12:40 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at NHC HealthCare.

He was born June 13, 1949, in West Plains to Victor Eugene Bragg and Mary Louise Abney Bragg. Mr. Bragg was a veteran, having served with the United States Navy, and received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He collected old cars and guitars, enjoyed spending time with his

grandchildren and loved his cat, Francis.

He is survived by four children Brandy Bragg and significant other Paul Dunbar, St. Louis, Gretchen Davis, Heather Cronney and husband Travis, and Nathan DeShazo and significant other Whitney Slaughter, all of West Plains; 12 grandchildren Kory and Kayla Noble, Jaxyn and Shelden Bragg, Nicole Ely, Ruby Snethern and Willbilly Snethern, Bud and Megan Collins, Isaac and Toby Luck and Starr DeShazo; one brother Victor Bragg, Kansas City, Mo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents and two sisters Marcella Day and Debra Collins preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and may be left at or mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, 211 West Main, West Plains, MO 65775. Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Joyce Boschenreither

Joyce Ann Boschenreither, 80, Birch Tree. Died at 1:56 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Rock Point Nursing Center, Birch Tree. Yarber Mortuary, Birch Tree.

Shirley Henderson

Shirley Ann Henderson, 86, Willow Springs. Died at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Willow Care Nursing Home, Willow Springs. Yarber Mortuary, Willow Springs.

Howell Valley early childhood screenings March 21

Howell Valley School will hold preschool and kindergarten screenings from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment March 21 in the school's FEMA building on ZZ Highway, just east of West Plains.

Prospective preschoolers must be 4 years old by Aug. 1, and prospective kindergartners, 5 years

old by the same date.

Parents should bring their children's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence, such as a copy of current utility bill or rental agreement.

To schedule a screening appointment, call Howell Valley School, 417-256-2268.

MTN. VIEW

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Eddie Owns told the council that MPUA is conducting a study of city electric rates, indicating a possibility of rate increases due to rising costs.

Upon concluding that business, Mayor Krasuski informed council a member of the Planning & Zoning board resigned last week prior to the special session and the vacancy needed to be filled immediately, as a previously scheduled meeting had already been advertised and needed to be held. The mayor nominated Carlos "Alex" Hernandez to the board, citing Hernandez's construction and electrical experience.

Alderman Murray Anderson mentioned he would like to see the number of board members be increased to nine so that alternates could be available, and participation open up to those living outside of city limits.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Laura Wagner to accept Mayor Krasuski's nomination, seconded by Anderson. All present approved.

Finally, an ordinance amending city code pertaining to the fire department to update language for billing purposes was given a first and reading and approved without opposition. City Clerk Shannon Elliot explained that pricing for fire department response to fires and accidents will not change.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. Also present were Alderman Lindell Vandevort, guests Brenda Colter and Steven and Rebecca Sills, and City Attorney Deedra Nicholson, videographer Andrew Abbey, and Owens.

FOWLER

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campus' founder, the late Missouri State Rep. Granvil Vaughan, the award recognizes individuals who have made a significant impact upon the mission of MSU-WP.

For more information about the ceremony, call 417-255-7240 or email WPAdvancement@Missouri-State.edu.

FEDERAL

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The firearm charges stem from allegations that Christopher Calicott, a convicted felon, had a firearm and it was used as part of a plan to distribute of meth.

The felony drug and weapons charges filed in Oregon County include first-degree drug trafficking or attempt, and court records show a warrant with a \$50,000 bond has been issued for each of them.

Besides trafficking, each is charged with a felony count each of unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon by possessing a weapon and a felony controlled substance, and two felony counts each of possession of a controlled substance.

Each is also charged with a count each of possession of drug paraphernalia as a previously convicted drug offender, a misdemeanor.

A probable cause statement submitted by an Oregon County deputy to county prosecutors, states that late in the evening of June 24, 2022, a Howell County Sheriff's deputy contacted the Oregon County Sheriff's Department seeking permission to come into Oregon County to arrest a suspect with active warrants, and who had allegedly made arrangements to sell methamphetamine to an individual at a Koskonong gas station. The suspect had also reportedly fled from a Howell County deputy earlier in the day.

At about 12:06 a.m. June 25, the Oregon County deputy met with Howell County law enforcement to make a plan to intercept the drug deal, and did so about an hour later at the prearranged location, taking a suspect into custody.

During a search of the suspect's vehicle, two plastic bags each containing about 15 grams each of a white crystalline substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine, several syringes and a torch lighter were reportedly found and seized.

After the suspect's rights had been read, it was learned Christopher Calicott had arranged to meet the suspect at Comfort Green Motel in Thayer to provide a pound of methamphetamine, and described the vehicle Calicott was driving.

Surveillance by both sheriff's departments was conducted on the motel, and when the vehicle pulled in, the Oregon County Sheriff's Department took the lead in the investigation and arrested Christopher and Jodi Calicott, who was a passenger.

Christopher Calicott reportedly told law enforcement there was marijuana and methamphetamine in the vehicle, plus a firearm. Calicott allegedly turned over a container to officers that held a Browning 9mm pistol with two magazines, a small amount of a white crystalline substance that field-tested positive for meth, a small amount of a powdery substance that field-tested positive for opiates and a vacuum-sealed plastic bag containing a green leafy substance.

After lawmen continued to talk to Calicott, the suspect retrieved an epsom salt bag containing a plastic bag that held about a pound of a crystalline substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine, according to court documents.

In criminal complaints filed by Oregon County Prosecuting Attorney Justin Kelley, it was noted that Christopher Calicott, by allegedly having in his possession at least 90 grams of material containing any amount of meth, meant to commit the offense of first-degree drug trafficking. One pound equates to 453.6 grams.

Also noted in Kelley's complaint were Calicott's prior convictions, including one in 2013 out of Monroe County for felony distribution, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, and a 2003 conviction of felony forgery in Randolph County. As a convicted felon, the suspect is barred from being in possession of a firearm.

Regarding Jodi Calicott, Kelley stated in his complaint that in 2012, she had been convicted in Howell County of a felony charge of attempting to fraudulently obtain a controlled substance and in Marion County, Ark., convicted of felony second-degree criminal mischief, and as such may not possess a firearm.

White supremacist serving life, fined for prison misconduct

By DENISE LAVOIE,
AP Legal Affairs Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — A white supremacist who killed a woman when he rammed his car into a crowd of counterprotesters at the 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville has been fined for allegedly threatening a correctional officer and brandishing what an inmate disciplinary record called a "dangerous weapon" at the prison where he is serving a life sentence.

Federal prosecutors disclosed the misconduct incidents in court documents as they asked a judge to order James Alex Fields, Jr., to turn over \$650 from his inmate trust account to make a court-ordered payment toward restitution to the victims of his crimes.

In documents filed last week, prosecutors said the victims have not received any restitution payments in the nearly four years since Fields was sentenced. He owes a total of \$81,600 in restitution and assessments in the criminal case, prosecutors wrote.

"Fields is scheduled

to remain incarcerated for life. At his current payment rate of \$100 per year, it would take him 816 years to pay his financial obligation. Such a payment rate effectively avoids the majority of Fields's restitution," U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh and Assistant U.S. Attorney Krista Consiglio Frith wrote. They argued that Fields should be required to turn over \$650 from his account. Fields had asked in a handwritten motion that he only be required to turn over \$298.

Hundreds of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville on Aug. 11 and Aug. 12, 2017, ostensibly to protest city plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Fields, of Maumee, Ohio, is serving a life sentence for murder and hate crimes for ramming his car into a crowd of people who were protesting against the white nationalists, injuring dozens and killing Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old paralegal and civil rights activist.

Fields is serving his sentence at a federal prison in Springfield, Missouri.

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Fund Balances as of December 31, 2022				
General Fund	\$74,716.02	Street	\$146,344.36	
Water & Sewer	\$267,794.29	Cemetery	\$73,970.00	
Trash	\$85,662.47	Special Fund Checkbook Balance 12/31/2022	\$220,314.36	
Electric	\$110,399.05	Police Checkbook Balance 12/31/2022	\$365,123.52	
General Checking Checkbook Balance 12/31/2022	\$538,571.83	1/2 Cent Sewer Tac Acct (WWTP Fund)	\$17,693.79	
		Sewer Savings Account	\$242,583.03	
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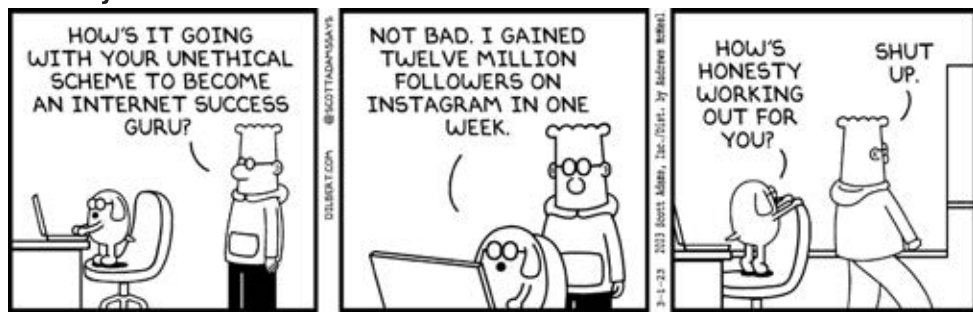
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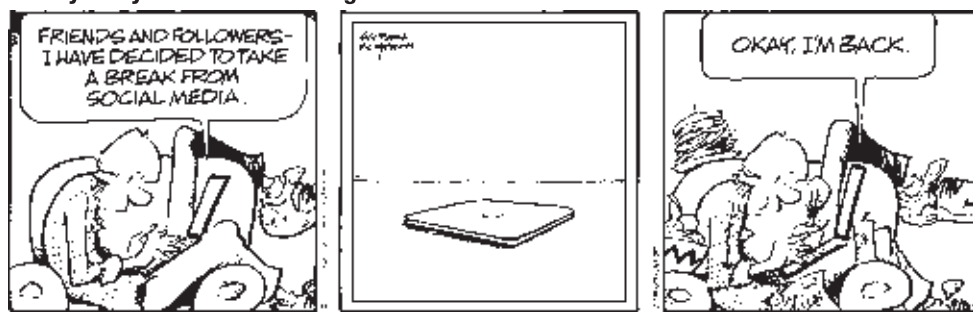
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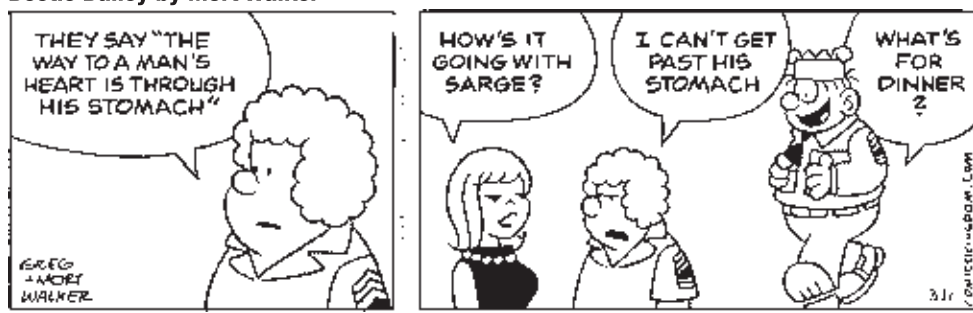
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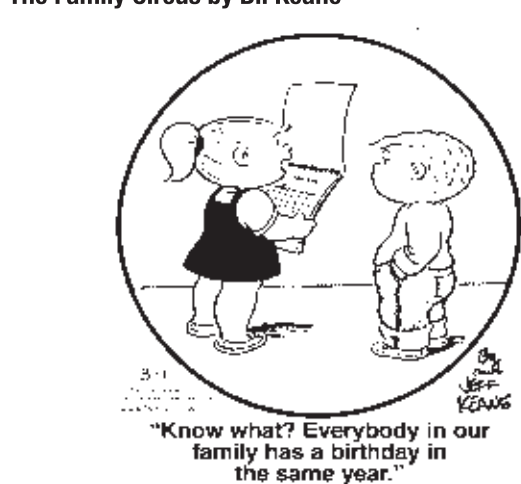
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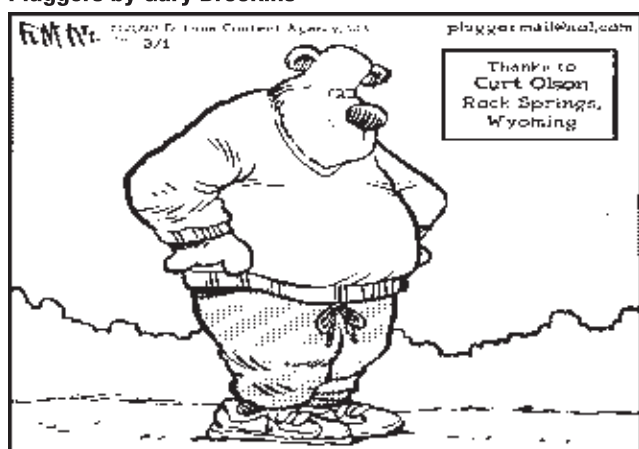
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The Family Circus by Bil Keane



Pluggers by Gary Brookins



You're a plugger when the joggers you wear — pants or shoes — have never gone jogging and likely never will.

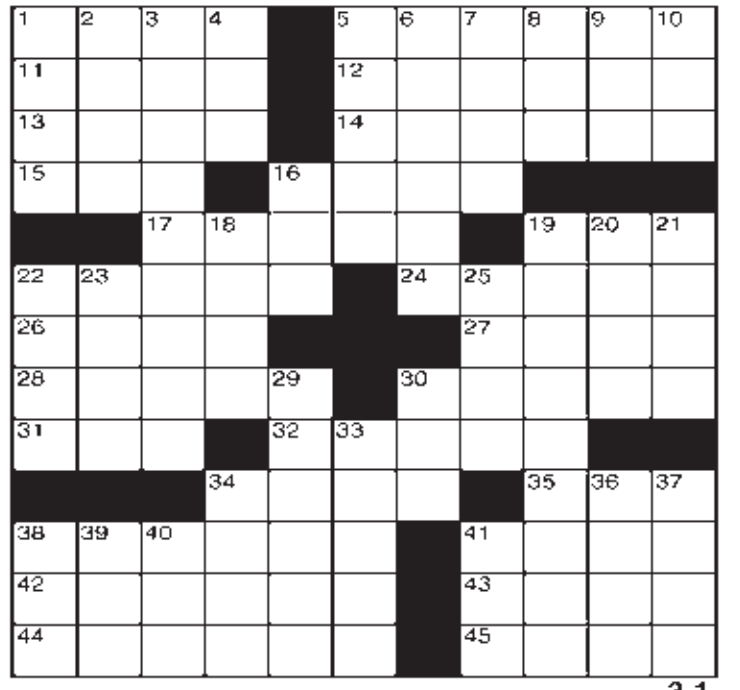
CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Volume school book
 - 5 Sacred beetle
 - 11 Notorious czar
 - 12 State without proof
 - 13 Uncool fellow
 - 14 Ob-structed
 - 15 Pendulum path
 - 16 Blocks up
 - 17 Short poem
 - 19 Kitten cry
 - 22 Do a butler's job
 - 24 Town center
 - 26 Goatee setting
 - 27 Makes mistakes
 - 28 Tirades
 - 30 News summary
 - 31 Chick holder
 - 32 Suppress
 - 34 Obligation
 - 35 Deli meat
 - 38 Financially solvent
 - 41 Washed out
 - 42 South Dakota capital
 - 43 Open space
- DOWN**
- 1 Singer Turner
 - 2 Finished
 - 3 Sousa
 - 4 nickname with "the"
 - 5 Man at the wheel
 - 6 Stop talking
 - 7 Some charity
 - 8 "Stand" band
 - 9 Long time
 - 10 Sleep spot
 - 16 Clamor
 - 18 "— No Sunshine"
 - 19 Mad Hatter's friend
 - 20 Poet Pound
 - 21 Hornet's kin
 - 22 Plot unit
 - 23 Uneven hairdo
 - 25 Sediment
 - 29 Town center
 - 30 Bright beam
 - 33 Say
 - 34 Frosh quarters
 - 36 Baseball's Rodriguez
 - 37 Sub-stance
 - 38 Tablet download
 - 39 Fragrant tree
 - 40 Oahu garland
 - 41 Light touch



Yesterday's answer

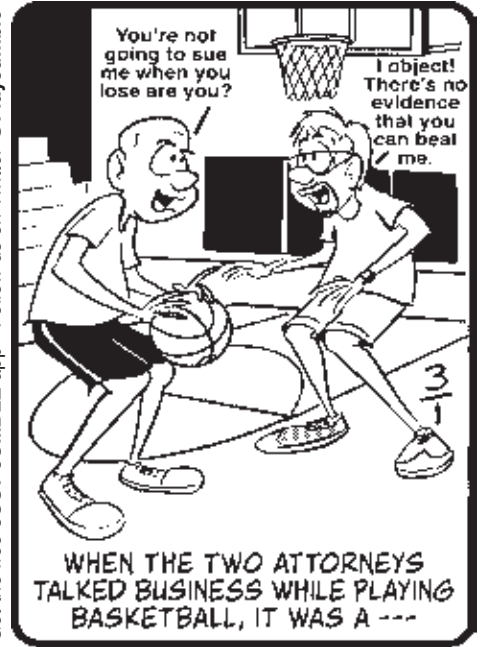
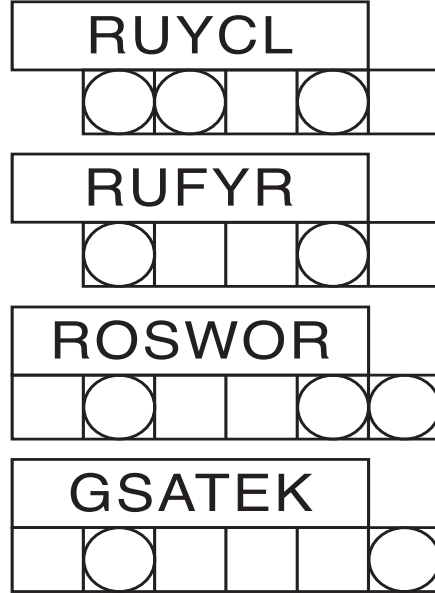


JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

Ans. here: [Circled letters in boxes]

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STYLE PATIO FLAUNT HIGHER
 Answer: The owner of the successful fitness center was making a — HEALTHY PROFIT

Cryptoquote

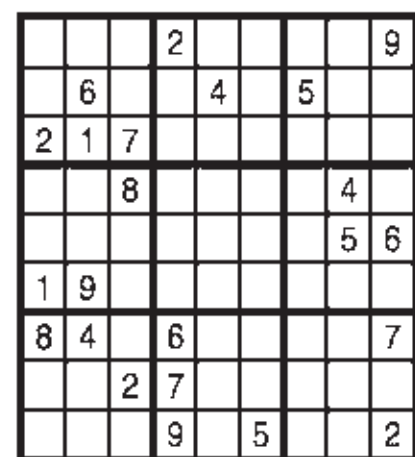
AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-1 CRYPTOQUOTE
 VNMSD HF GSHXW PNCJ
 QNL'DS XNP CNTSJ EXJ XNP
 GSHXW JSFPDNQSJ GQ HP.

— OEJNXE
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DESPITE EVERYTHING, NO ONE CAN DICTATE WHO YOU ARE TO OTHER PEOPLE. — PRINCE

SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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



ANSWER:

A long lost friend returns

By You'vah Schafer

Surprise! You'vah friend back in the kitchen! This probably doesn't surprise you any more than it does me. There have been many doubts in the past two years that I would ever be able to return to putting together a recipe column.

I will make this as brief as possible, but I feel my readers need to know why I just suddenly dropped out of sight.

My first article was published in 1982 so this adds up to 40 years if you don't count the "breaks." The "breaks" are what it will take to explain my absence.

The first break came in 2007 when I was diagnosed with cancer. My son, Randall, accompanied me to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX where we spent several weeks. I refused chemotherapy, but agreed to a second option for which we went to Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. The oncologist there gave me two choices—chemo or call hospice as the cancer had advanced. That made up my mind but she said I didn't have to return to Barnes for chemo as we had one of the best oncologists in the area right in West Plains, Dr. Charles Morgan. I agree wholeheartedly and I am living proof that Dr. Morgan is a great doctor. Remission was gained in 2009. After the round of cancer and chemo I found I couldn't hold my balance without holding on to someone or something. This resulted in two falls, breaking a different hip in each fall that each required major surgery.

In 2015 Carol Bruce, who was city editor with the Quill at the time, contacted me asking if my health was such that I could resume the column.

I jumped at the chance as that was one of the great joys of my life. Although I was still plagued with the no balance problem, things seemed to go smoothly.

In those years the Quill put together seven magazine-type cookbooks for me, using my articles for the contents. They went great.

But, in 2022 I fell in my kitchen, breaking my arm and all but destroying my left shoulder. The orthopedic surgeons I saw all agreed that surgery was not an option but maybe physical therapy would help restore partial of my left arm.

This is where my primary guardian angel, Dr. Jason Spurling came in. He referred me to the therapy unit at Baxter Regional Hospital in Mtn. Home. This was my choice also as my daughter, Kitty, an RN had nursed at Baxter Regional from some 10 plus years and was now House Supervisor. My walker and I were discharged from Baxter to my home in late April 2022 where less than a month later I fell, breaking my right arm and shoulder this time. At this point all activity in my life came to a halt. No driving, house-keeping, etc...and definitely no computer work to put the column together.

I went to Brookhaven for a few weeks of therapy where, thank God, I was discharged to go home where I am now with in-home therapy and an in-home personal care giver.

My most sincere thanks goes to Chris Herbolshheimer, General Manager at the Quill, for giving me another chance at contacting my readers and friends of the recipe column.

I am now ready to dive into the second 40-year round, but let's not be too optimistic, about the number of years. My family and friends just gave me an unbelievable 90th birthday party.

Let's try one article at a time.

But I can't do this without your help. I need recipes and more recipes!

I can't take them by phone, too much room for error, so please mail or email them to me, not the Quill. They are busy people down there and it just takes longer for the recipes to reach me. I will be happy to take your ideas and tips by phone if you promise to call in the afternoon or evening. I am not a morning person. Those that know me best know that I can be nasty in the morning. But sometimes the tips make my efforts more interesting.

Watch for my next article when you will be able to recognize this for what it is supposed to be, a recipe-food column.

My thanks and God's blessings for everyone who has been a part of the first 40 years and plans to make the next years even better.

Mail recipes to:
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320 S. Harlin
West Plains, Mo
65775

You can also email recipes to you'vah@yahoo.com. Call me with tips at 417-256-2687.



The internet is here to stay, that being said, it does make our life easier. We have a world of recipes at our fingertips, an endless supply of meal ideas, and never an excuse to cook up something new. Recently, a fun recipe came across a social media site that tempted me to try it, it was the odd name that really hooked me. Cruffins, are a cross between a croissant and a muffin but taste just like a cinnamon roll. With their rustic appearance, these delights are made from store-bought dough and can be savory too. Icing is optional, but not needed. They freeze well for a quick reheat and are perfect for on-the-go snacks. And I'm sure they will be trending soon enough, you read it here first.

Cruffins

- 3 tubes (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, divided
- 1 cup (200 g) granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a standard 12-cup muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
- Working on a lightly floured work surface, roll out each tube of dough to a 12x16-inch rectangle. (We used crescent roll sheets; if you are using perforated crescent roll dough, be sure to pinch the seams to seal.)
- Spread 2 tablespoons of softened butter evenly over each sheet of dough.
- In a small bowl, whisk together the sugar and cinnamon.
- Sprinkle ¼ cup of the cinnamon-sugar mixture evenly over the top of each buttered dough sheet, gently pressing it into the dough. Set aside the remaining cinnamon-sugar mixture to use for topping later.
- Starting on the long end of the dough sheet, tightly roll it up into a log.
- Cut the log in half, creating two shorter logs.
- Cut each of those shorter logs in half lengthwise, giving you four sections of dough.
- Repeat with the remaining two sheets of dough. You will have 12 sections of dough.
- Working one section of dough at a time with the layered side facing out, roll it tightly into a cinnamon roll shape, tucking in the end piece of dough.
- Place into the prepared muffin tin. Repeat with the remaining 11 sections.
- Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown.
- Remove rolls from the oven and immediately roll each cruffin in the remaining cinnamon sugar mixture.

The basics of soyfoods

By Metro Creative

When visiting a modern grocery store, consumers may recognize that their options are seemingly unlimited. Those options abound whether you typically visit a large chain grocery store with 20-plus aisles and expansive specialty sections or you tend to go to smaller stores that emphasize organics and other health foods.

Regardless of where consumers buy their food, soyfoods are one option they're likely to encounter. Many people have undoubtedly encountered soyfoods, even if they didn't realize it. For example, edamame is a commonly used soyfood that's found in various recipes. In addition, a trip to the dairy aisle of a favored grocery store will likely lead to an encounter with soymilk. Given the ubiquitous nature of soyfoods, consumers may want to learn the basics of this widely available option.

What are soyfoods?

The United Soybean Board™ notes that the term "soyfoods" refers to a broad category of soybean products that are consumed by humans. Foods that are in the category of soyfoods include tempeh, tofu, miso, soy milk, and soy-based meat alternatives.

How common are soyfoods?

Soyfoods are more common than consumers may

realize. In fact, the Kansas Soybean Commission notes that individuals likely have soyfood products in their pantries even if they aren't aware of that. Protein shakes and baking flour are two examples of foods that include soy ingredients.

How healthy are soyfoods?

First and foremost, anyone considering adding more soyfoods to their diets is urged to speak with a physician before doing so, as any dietary changes, however insignificant they may seem, are best adopted under the supervision of a physician. Physicians also can discuss the latest research into various types of foods, including soyfoods, with their patients.

In regard to the nutritional value of soyfoods, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health notes that there is debate regarding soyfoods. The school notes that nutritional scientists often tout the significant health benefits of soyfoods, but also points out that some research has indicated soy can have negative effects in certain situations. That's led to

some hesitancy regarding whether or not to recommend soyfoods without qualification. This debate underscores the need for people to discuss soyfoods with their physicians prior to altering their diets.

Soyfoods are considered rich in B vitamins, fiber, potassium, magnesium, and high-quality protein. However, the Chan School of Public Health notes that soy also can have estrogenic properties, which can affect hormone levels in the body. Since no two people are the same, the effects of soyfoods on the body figure to be different among individuals as well. Research studying the effects of soyfoods on human health is ongoing, which is another reason why it's so important to discuss soyfoods without a physician before changing a diet.

Soyfoods are available at many different grocery stores. Such foods are worthy of consideration and discussion with a qualified healthcare professional.

'GO FARM' FARMERS MARKET

Honey Sticks and Live Music!

Honey Sticks is a new item at the market and you can find them at the booth of Ozark Fruit Company, who also has raw local honey, jams and syrups made in their commercial kitchen and most fruit grown on their farm.

This week we welcome Hanna Call who is 15 years old and has been playing the violin for 5.5 years and she is fantastic! She will be at the market this Saturday sharing her music and playing for tips. Come on out and support another one of our young, and local, talented musicians!

Just in time for Easter, Charles is back with his live rabbits for sale.

Other vendors for this Saturday will have plants, trees, shrubs, delicious baked goods, farm fresh eggs, local meats, honey,

sorghum, jams and syrups, Kombucha, krauts, yogurt, iced coffee, hot coffee, hot espresso drinks, fresh roasted coffee beans, microgreens/spinach, ginger shots, Elderberry Syrup, boba tea, cinnamon rolls, sourdough breads, Olgas bee venom cream for pain relief, dog treats, soaps, lotions, tinctures, salves, and hot foods: Cajun, Louisiana Boil, Indian inspired meals, Italian and more.

Our Pop-Up Market is at the Ozark Small Business Incubator (OzSBI) on Washington Ave in Suite 410 with 10 of our vendors. Our hours are from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. These extended hours of the market give our community a greater opportunity to buy from local producers and keep money local.

We are located at En-



Honey Sticks, Ozark Fruit Company

durance Church parking lot next to Hirsch, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday (year-round, weather permitting, text/call 417-293-0590 if in doubt).

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MU Grape and Wine Institute expands as interest in winemaking grows



At a GWI workshop, winemakers taste a variety of wine styles to consider how terroir and various techniques can create unique products. Photo by Karissa King, University of Missouri.



Dean Volenberg, right, hosting a 2022 viticulture field day at MU South Farm in Columbia with vineyard manager Carey Page. Photo by Karissa King, University of Missouri.

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Interest in Missouri winemaking exploded during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the University of Missouri Grape and Wine Institute (GWI) has responded to meet the demand.

The institute, a partnership of MU and the state's wine and grape industry, provides information and advice on all issues related to viticulture and enology. (Viticulture is the cultivation and harvesting of grapes for winemaking; enology is the science of wine and winemaking.) The Missouri Wine and Grape Board provides guidance and oversight to ensure that GWI fulfills its responsibilities.

There are 130 wineries in Missouri. Several are large and well established, while more than 100 Missouri wineries are small and/or recent startups.

In 2022, the MU Grape and Wine Institute hired Stephan Sommer as a state extension enology specialist. He joined Dean Volenberg, who has been leader of GWI's viticulture program for the past eight years.

"Stephan brings a wealth of knowledge and practical applied experience in the realm of winemaking," Volenberg said.

Volenberg is researching interspecific wine grape cultivars and advanced grape

breeder selections. "Some of the more interesting, advanced breeder selections include loose-clustered Vignoles, a white berried selection from a cross of Norton x Cabernet sauvignon and a cold-hardy red cultivar with genetic contributions from Cabernet franc and Zinfandel," he said. "The research documents viticultural characteristics of each cultivar or breeder selection. Stephan will make wine from these cultivars and advanced breeder selections to be compared to current industry standards, with the goal to find new promising cultivars or advanced breeder selections that perform well in the vineyard and also produce outstanding wine."

"I am excited to work in Missouri because of the state's incredible history as a wine-growing region," said Sommer. He says the GWI team is well-connected to the industry in Missouri and beyond. "Dean has been leading the viticulture side for years and truly understands the needs and the potential, which is a great help for me."

Sommer holds trainings for those new to winemaking and is educating consumers about Missouri wines.

"I see great potential in the growth of Missouri's wine industry," he said. He



Missouri winemakers prepare to hone their skills identifying wine faults and "off" flavors in an MU Grape and Wine Institute workshop taught by Stephan Sommer. Photo by Bill Wiebold, University of Missouri.

believes that growth can best take place through community engagement and activities with a "buy local – drink local" focus. "Missouri's wine industry can learn from craft brewers, such as those in North Carolina, where I previously worked, that invite families for activities involving food, music and community."

His efforts include helping new and established winemakers improve the quality of their wines. "We have to serve the market here in Missouri – what consumers want when it comes to wine," he said.

Two projects Sommer is focused on for the Grape and Wine Institute are a service lab for anyone in the state to submit wine

samples for analysis and a wine-quality alliance in which samples will be taste-tested and feedback given.

Missouri was one of the nation's leading wine producers in pre-Prohibition times, Sommer noted. The state was also instrumental in breeding and selecting cultivars – which were then lost during Prohibition – and

supplying plant material to other regions and countries. "Missouri was known for wine, and I would like to bring that back to public perception to bring Missouri's wine industry back to its pre-Prohibition glory."

The 2023 Show Me Grape and Wine Conference and Symposium is March 1-2 in Columbia. Visit gwi.missouri.edu/events for details.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways plans to conduct prescribed burns

Preparations are underway for Ozark National Scenic Riverways to accomplish several prescribed burns this spring, between late February and mid-April.

The burns will be carefully planned and monitored by the park's Fire Management staff. The scheduling of these pre-

scribed burns is dependent on weather and vegetation meeting certain conditions. During prescribed burns, park operations will continue as usual, although temporary closure of trails or roads adjacent to the burn unit may be necessary for visitor safety.

Several prescribed burns planned at Ozark River-

ways in 2023 will be cooperative efforts between the National Park Service (NPS) and other land management agencies. The Thorny Creek prescribed burn unit (2,206 acres) is located northeast of Rocky Falls and will be conducted with Missouri Department of Conservation. The Devils Well prescribed burn unit (909 acres) is located in northern Shannon County off Highway KK. This burn will be conducted jointly with Pioneer Forest. The following burn units are in the Big Spring area on the Lower Current River: Partney (200 acres) and Longbay (1,200 acres) along Z Highway south of Big Spring; Big Spring Ridge (797 acres) and Sweezie Hollow (374 acres) along

Peavine Road, and Campbell Point/Beaver Pond (605 acres) along Brown's Road.

In order to ensure the safety of firefighters and the public, foot and vehicle travel in or near the prescribed fire operations may be temporarily restricted. Firefighters plan to conduct prescribed burns during weather conditions that will allow for smoke to disperse without causing negative impacts. However, smoke may impair visibility in the vicinity of the prescribed burn and could linger low in the atmosphere over a broad geographic area. Individuals with respiratory ailments are encouraged to take extra precautions to avoid exposure to smoke. Anyone who is concerned about the potential impacts

of smoke from a prescribed burn can request to be added to the park's notification list in order to be contacted in advance.

Prescribed burning has a variety of purposes, including the reduction of fuel accumulations near developed areas, which helps reduce the threat of unplanned wildland fires in and around Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Prescribed fire benefits native plants and animals in a variety of ways. Deer, turkeys, collared lizards, and other species benefit from the use of fire to maintain or improve the habitat they depend on. Native habitats such as glades, savannas, and woodlands can suffer from woody overgrowth in the absence of fire.

For more information about prescribed burns at Ozark Riverways or to be included on the park's notification list, contact Josh Chilton at (573) 226-3945 or josh_chilton@nps.gov. If you would like to receive additional information about other prescribed burns in the local area, please contact Missouri Department of Conservation at (573) 226-3616 or the U.S. Forest Service at (573) 364-4621. We encourage all to visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/ozar or our Facebook page for further updates.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

NBA

LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers may miss multiple weeks with an injury to his right foot, a person familiar with the situation said.

The full extent of the injury is not yet known and more test results were pending, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither James nor the Lakers announced anything about a long-term absence.

The Lakers had already ruled out James — the NBA's career scoring leader — for Tuesday's game at Memphis with right foot soreness.

— By Basketball Writer Tim Reynolds

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LaMelo Ball's frustrating, injury-plagued season could be over after the point guard broke his right ankle in Charlotte's 117-106 win over the Detroit Pistons.

Ball has already missed 27 games this season after he sprained his left ankle on three separate occasions, beginning in the pre-season. He and the Hornets (20-43) were playing their best basketball of the season before he fell to the floor on a non-contact play in the third quarter. X-rays revealed the fracture to Ball's ankle.

MILWAUKEE — Cleveland Browns owners Jimmy and Dee Haslam have agreed to purchase Marc Lasry's 25% stake of the Milwaukee Bucks in a deal that puts the value of the NBA franchise at \$3.5 billion, two people with knowledge of the negotiations said.

The agreement has not been finalized, said the people, who spoke to The Asso-

ciated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the Bucks nor the Haslams publicly disclosed any element of the agreement.

Those numbers, if finalized, would mean the Haslams plan to spend about \$875 million for Lasry's stake in the team.

— By Steve Megargee

NFL

The Washington Commanders released Carson Wentz, an expected move that ends a one-season experiment with the veteran quarterback that did not work out.

After giving up draft picks to acquire him in a trade with Indianapolis last March, the Commanders were able to get out of the final two years of Wentz's contract without any salary cap penalty.

Wentz threw for 11 touchdowns and nine interceptions in eight games, going 2-5 as the starter sandwiched around a broken finger that sidelined him for several weeks.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers hired former Pro Bowl safety Adrian Wilson as vice president of player personnel.

Wilson spent the last eight seasons with the Arizona Cardinals' scouting department, including the past two as vice president of player personnel. He was promoted to co-interim general manager near the end of last season.

SOCCER

PARIS — World Cup champion Lionel Messi edged Kylian Mbappé again, this time to take FIFA's best men's player award.

The best women's player was Spain's Alexia Putellas for a second straight year.

After steering Argentina to World Cup glory in an epic final against Mbappé and France last year in Qatar, Messi won the best player vote over Mbappé and Karim Benzema and secured the FIFA prize for the seventh time in 14 years.

Messi finally won the World Cup on his record-equaling fifth attempt.

The 35-year-old Messi also beat Mbappé — who was seeking his first best player award from FIFA — to the Golden Ball trophy awarded by FIFA for the World Cup's best player. Mbappé earned the Golden Boot as top scorer.

SEOUL — Former Germany great Jurgen Klinsmann was hired to coach South Korea's national soccer team.

The 58-year-old Klinsmann, who won the World Cup as a player with West Germany in 1990, replaces Paulo Bento. The Portuguese coach left the team after leading South Korea to the second round at last year's World Cup in Qatar.

NHL

The Toronto Maple Leafs acquired forward Sam Lafferty and defenseman Jake McCabe from the Chicago Blackhawks.

Toronto sent a conditional 2025 first-round draft pick, a second-rounder in 2026, prospect Pavel Gogolev and forward Joey Anderson to the Blackhawks for Lafferty, McCabe and conditional fifth-round picks in 2024 and '25. Chicago is retaining half of McCabe's salary.

The NHL trade deadline is Friday.

NEW YORK — K'Andre Miller of the New York Rangers will have a hearing with the NHL's department of player safety for

spitting at Los Angeles Kings defenseman Drew Doughty.

The league announced Miller would have a hearing for unsportsmanlike conduct. It was not immediately clear when the hearing will take place. The Rangers do not play again until Wednesday at Philadelphia.

In a message posted on social media, Miller called his actions "completely accidental." The 23-year-old defenseman also thanked Doughty for giving him the opportunity to apologize after the game.

Miller was given a match penalty and ejected late in the first period. Every match penalty carries an automatic suspension, pending review.

TENNIS

Novak Djokovic broke the record for the most time spent at No. 1 in the professional tennis rankings by a man or woman, beginning his 378th week in the ATP's top spot to surpass Steffi Graf's 377 leading the WTA.

Djokovic already held the men's mark, eclipsing Roger Federer's old ATP standard of 310 weeks in March 2021.

AUSTIN, Texas — Women's professional tennis made its WTA tournament debut in the capital of Texas, and Katie Volynets beat Alison Riske-Amritraj 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 in an all-American matchup to reach the second round of the ATX Open.

The 21-year-old Volynets next faces No. 3 seed Anastasia Potapova or wild-card entry Elizabeth Mandlik, whose mother, Hana Mandlikova, won four Grand Slam singles titles. Potapova and Mandlik are scheduled to play each other

Tuesday.

In other Day 1 results at the hard-court tournament, 151st-ranked Mirjam Bjorklund eliminated 50th-ranked Alycia Parks 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; qualifier Heather Watson beat Danka Kovinic 7-6 (2), 6-4; and Anna Blinkova defeated qualifier Ann Li 6-4, 6-4.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Andrey Rublev began his Dubai Championships title defense by spoiling Filip Krajinovic's 31st birthday when he won 7-5, 6-2.

Rublev next faces Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, who beat Malek Jaziri in straight sets in the Tunisian's last pro match.

Also, Alexander Zverev beat Jiri Lehecka 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic plays his first match since winning the Australian Open when he faces Czech qualifier Tomas

Machac on Tuesday.

BASEBALL

TORONTO — Former Houston Astros general manager James Click was hired by the Toronto Blue Jays as vice president of baseball strategy.

Click, 45, helped build the Houston teams that went to three straight AL Championship Series and back-to-back World Series, winning it all last year. But he clashed with owner Jim Crane, and the Astros announced six days after clinching the title that he would not be back.

It's believed to be the first time a World Series-winning GM did not return since 1947, when the Yankees' Larry MacPhail was replaced by George Weiss.

The Blue Jays said Click will work closely with GM Ross Atkins across both professional and amateur levels.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

Camacho stops Sugar Ray Leonard

By The Associated Press

March 1

1919 — Newsy Lalonde of the Montreal Canadiens sets a Stanley Cup Playoff record by scoring five goals in a 6-3 win against the visiting Ottawa Senators. The record is matched four times.

1934 — Primo Carnera retains his world heavyweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision over Tommy Laughren in Miami.

1948 — Top-ranked NYU, the nation's only unbeaten basketball team, is upset

by Notre Dame 64-59 at New York's Madison Square Garden. In a game with 17 lead changes, the Fighting Irish hold Dolph Schayes to nine points and Kevin O'Shea scores 18 for Notre Dame.

1955 — Allen Fieldhouse, home of the Kansas Jayhawks, hosts its first basketball game and the Jayhawks beat rival Kansas State 77-66.

1969 — Tuesdee Testa becomes the first female jockey to win a race at a major American Thoroughbred track when she rides Buz On to victory in the third race with at Santa Anita Park.

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