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Howell County to be recognized as Storm Ready community

Presentation will take place prior to community-focused severe weather class

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Two severe weather training classes will be offered Feb. 23 — one for first responders and one for the community at large — and in between them, the National Weather Service is expected to recognize Howell County as a Storm Ready Community.

Howell County Emergency Management Director Mike Coldiron said a recognition ceremony will be held prior to the community-oriented session.

"I would like to extend this invitation to Howell County residents as well as any of our elected officials, school officials, as well as our faithbased folks who have been exceptionally valuable in weather related incidents we have

encountered in the past," said Coldiron.

The community class will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Magnolia Room of the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St. It will be the second session offered that day, the first, a Tactical Storm Spotter class, taking place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the same room. That class is intended for first responders including fire, ambulance and law enforcement personnel, as well as amateur radio operators and emergency operations staff. It is P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified.

The community-oriented class will include many of the basic spotter training elements, along with expanded sections on severe weather and flooding safety, said Coldiron. It will include presentations from NWS officials and feature State Fire Marshal Tim Bean, a West Plains native, as guest

"As the title suggests, this is an awareness level course intended for the general public," he explained. "It is purposely designed to increase understanding of severe storms, including the ability to report severe phenomena, without the implication that attendees be considered mobile storm spotters."

There is no registration required and no cost to attend either class.

STORM READY, WEATHER READY

The Storm Ready program is a voluntary program through the National Weather Service focused on weather-related communication, mitigation and community preparedness. There is no cost to be affiliated with the program, per se, but certain emergency preparedness infrastructure components, such as storm sirens, must meet qualifications, according to program officials.

Once recognized, a community is considered Storm Readv for four years until it must reapply to ensure it meets the latest in weather preparedness standards.

At present, communities within the Quill's 60-mile coverage radius recognized as Storm Ready are Ava, Thayer and West Plains in Missouri, and Ash Flat in Arkansas. Howell County would be the first area county to be recognized.

In addition to being recognized as a Storm Ready Community, Howell County Emergency Management has applied to become a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador under an initiative led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which oversees the National Weather Service.

The Weather Ready initiative is considered an initiative rather than a program as there is no funding allocated within the NOAA budget — rather, it is a push to encourage communities and organizations promote messages and standards pertaining to weather readiness, communicate with NOAA personnel and lead by example. Any organization can sign up to be an ambassador — across all levels of government, businesses and nonprofits of all sizes, and academic institutions, point out NOAA officials.

Learn more about Storm Ready Communities at weather.gov/stormready, and about Weather Ready Nation Ambassadors at weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors.

charged in 2020 Birch Tree murder set to begin trial this

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month

One of two defendants facing murder charges related to the April 2020 death of Barbara Lynn, 77, Birch Tree, is scheduled to begin his jury trial in two weeks.

The defendant, Joseph W. Proffer, 25, is also scheduled for a court appearance on Thursday before 25th Judicial Circuit Court Judge William Earl Hickle in Phelps County; his attorney, Sarah Bernard of the public defender's office in West Plains, is expected to enter a motion for continuance. Proffer is additionally being represented by Bethany Hansen of the West Plains public defender's office, and the case is being prosecuted by William Seay of Salem in Phelps County.

Proffer's case originated in Shannon County and was transferred to Phelps County after requests for changes of judge and venue were granted. Proffer's address is currently listed as Bourbon in court documents, but he was a Birch Tree resident when charged in connection with Lynn's death. In all, he faces charges for second-degree murder, first-degree burglary, second-degree arson, abandonment of a corpse and stealing \$750 or more, two counts. All are felonies.

Codefendant Stanley A. Kenaga, Jr., 32, Birch Tree, faces charges of first-degree murder, first-degree burglary, second-degree arson, abandonment of a corpse and stealing \$750 or

Lynn's body was found by firefighters at about 6 a.m. the morning of April 2, 2020, in her home. Missouri Division of Fire Safety Investigator Robbie Sterner responded to the scene and a subsequent autopsy indicated foul play, that Lynn's death had been the result of an assault.

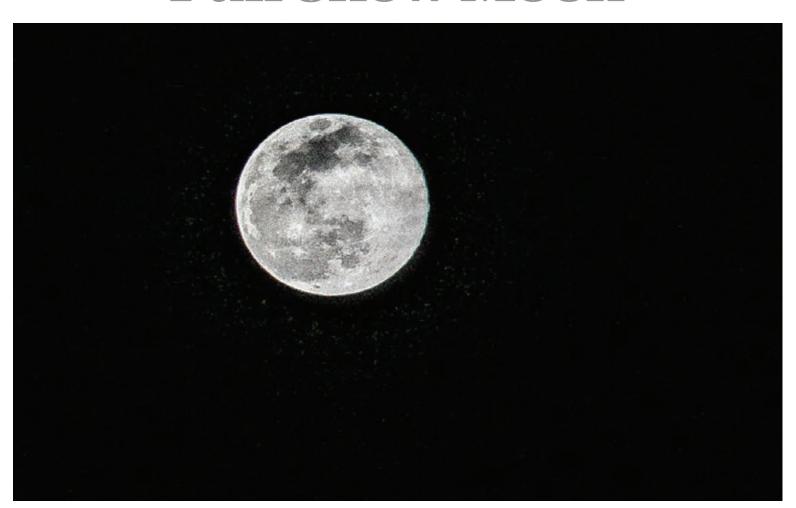
In an interview with Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator Paul Wells, Kenaga reportedly stated he knew the victim had been killed and a fire set in the house.

In a later interview with Missouri Division of Fire Safety Investigator John Matney, Kenaga reportedly said he and Proffer had planned to break into Lvnn's home based on their belief that Lynn had withdrawn \$20,000 from a bank, and were going to take the money and divide it between them.

Kenaga allegedly told investigators that he and Proffer had walked and driven by Lynn's house several times, and they thought Lynn wasn't home the night they planned to break in. Kenaga also reportedly admitted he saw Lynn looking out her window at him on a couple of occasions while he was breaking into a house and storage trailer next door.

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Full Snow Moon



A full moon lit up the night sky Sunday, captured by West Plains photographer Bob Anderson and shared with the Quill. The February full moon was commonly called the Snow Moon or Storm Moon by Native Americans in the northeastern United States because of heavy snowfall typically associated with the month, according to NASA. The moon appears full for about three days total, having begun its appearance early Saturday morning, and maintaining it until early this morning. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, in Canada and the northern U.S., the Cree Nation traditionally called this moon the Bald Eagle Moon or Eagle Moon, while the Ojibwe (Chippewa) called it the Bear Moon in reference to the time when bear cubs are born. The next full moon will take place at about 6:40 a.m. March 7. COURTESY / BOB ANDERSON



West Plains citywide yard sale, cleanup dates announced



MAKE IT HAPPEN HERE

West Plains city officials have announced the dates of the citywide yard sale and spring cleanup

The citywide yard sale will be held April 13 through 15. Yard sale permit fees, typically \$1 per day, will be waived during the three-day event.

The cleanup week will then be held April 17 through 21. The pickup schedule for cleanup items, which in the past have included brush, appliances and furniture, will be on normal residential trash

More details will be announced as the dates near.



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WEST PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENT REPORTS

At 3:41 p.m. Jan. 2, officers responded to the 1200 block of North Howell Ave. for a report of an assault in progress. A female was taken by ambulance for a 96-hour mental health hold and evaluation. A report was completed and probable cause statement sent to the West Plains Prosecutor's Office. Officer Brent

At 3:58 p.m. Jan. 2, officers responded to the 1100 block of Columbus Street regarding a complaint of damage to a vehicle. A report was taken. Sgt. Colter Reid.

At 9:50 p.m. Jan. 2, officers responded to Lanton Road for a report of a runaway youth. The child was found and placed on a 96-hour mental evaluation hold. It was also learned the youth damaged property. A report was completed and a probable cause statement forwarded to the juvenile office. Officer Keepes.

At 8:53 a.m. Jan. 3, Sqt. Brandon Romans was dispatched to a residence on the 1600 block of Fifth Street for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, one party had already left. It was learned that a 43-year-old man had gotten into an argument with his 60-year-old mother, verbal only. No charges.

At 9:05 a.m. Jan. 3, Officer Ivie Powell responded to the 2000 block of Catalina Driver regarding an overdose. Upon arrival he saw a woman sitting on the floor, semiconscious. An ambulance arrived and after emergency medical personnel assessed her, the woman was taken to Ozarks Healthcare for treatment and a 96-hour mental health evaluation and hold. During the course of investigation, it was learned the woman

At 10:53 a.m. Jan. 3, Officer Lovelace was dispatched to the 1300 block of Division Drive for a report of a runaway youth. The incident is under investigation.

had attempted suicide.

At 1:05 p.m. Jan. 3, Officer Lovelace spoke with a person at the police station regarding a report of stealing. The case was forwarded to the detective division for further investigation.

At 1:10 p.m. Jan. 3 Officer Conner Burnes was dispatched to the 700 block of Pamela Drive for a report of a runaway youth. The child was later located and parents were contacted.

At 1:28 p.m. Jan. 3 Officer Powell responded

WEATHER

TODAY: A 50% chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Wind chill values as low as 46 early. West wind 6 to 13 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 18 mph.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m. Sunset: 5:39 p.m.

Temperature Year Ago: High: 38 Low: 9

Precipitation: 3.26 inches

Last Year: 3.44 inches Normal: 3.1 inches

TONIGHT: Showers likely, mainly after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 43. East wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between

three quarters and one

inch possible.

TOMORROW: Showers. High near 53. East wind 10 to 14 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.

to the 900 block of Second Street for a report of property damage. Upon arrival, he spoke with the alleged victim who said an unknown party had spray painted the back of his shed overnight. The matter remains under investigation.

At 2:04 p.m. Jan. 3, Officer Lovelace took a report at the police station of property damage that occurred not eh 1200 block of Jackson Street.

At 6:19 p.m. Jan. 3, Officer Martin was dispatched to the 300 block of East Third Street for a report of a hitand-run. The suspect was identified and charges are sought.

At 1:23 a.m. Jan. 4, officers located an abandoned vehicle near the high school It was towed from the scene. Officer Jacob Brixey.

At 4:41 a.m. Jan. 4, Officer Brixey was dispatched to the 2000 block of K Highway for a suicidal male and possible overdose. The subject was taken to Ozarks Heathcare by South Howell County Ambulance for a 96-hour mental evaluation and hold.

At 9:42 a.m. Jan. 4, the Howell County Sheriff's Department requested digital forensics on a mobile device as part of an ongoing investigation. A report was provided. Detective Joe Neuschwander.

At 5:10 p.m. Jan. 4, Officer Martin traveled to the 800 block of Lanton Road to serve a warrant. The subject was taken into custody without incident.

At 8:17 p.m. Jan. 4, officers responded to a 911 call about a person entering a condemned home on the 600 block of Minnesota Street. A man was found and ticketed. Officer Martin.

At 8:44 p.m. Jan. 4, officers responded to the 800 block of Oregon Street regarding a domestic assault not in progress between a child and parent. A report was taken. Officer Keepes.

At 12:17 p.m. Jan. 5, the Southwest Missouri Cybercrimes Task Force, Homeland Security Investigations in Springfield and the Springfield Police Department served a residential search warrant concerning the sexual exploitation of child in Springfield. Several items capable of storing digital files were seized as evidence and a person was taken into custody pending formal charges. Detective Neuschwander.

At 12:45 p.m. Jan. 5, the Southwest Missouri Cybercrimes Task Force received a tip from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children indicating a mother of a child in West Plains had observed he was being extorted monetarily in exchange for not sharing child sexual abuse material on a social media application. Detective Neuschwander.

At 2:18 p.m. Jan. 5, officers responded to the 900 block of Preacher Roe Boulevard regarding a disturbance at a restaurant. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a half-naked man who appeared to be under the influence of substances. Officers observed narcotics in the bathroom where the man was located and placed him under arrest. Cpl. Thomas Manning.

At 2:23 p.m. Jan. 5, officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Webster Avenue for a report of auto theft. Upon Officer Chris Barrett's arrival, he spoke with a man who said someone had stolen his dirt bike after 8 p.m. the night before from the side of his home. A report was forwarded to the detective division.

At 4:22 p.m. Jan. 5, Officer Martin spoke with someone at the West Plains Police Department for a fraud report. A statement was taken and the report was forwarded to the investigations unit.

At 6:47 p.m. Jan. 5, Officer Stephens was dispatched to the 1400 block of Preacher Roe Boulevard for a report of a stolen phone. The matter is under investigation.

At 1:35 a.m. Jan. 6, Sgt. Josh Wichowski responded to a residence on the 500 block of Oak Street for a domestic disturbance. Upon investigation it was learned no physical altercation took place. A report was completed for documentation.

At 4:39 a.m. Jan. 6, Sgt. Wichowski saw a man walking in the area of the West Plains Civic Center. The man was identified as someone with an active felony warrant out of Los Angeles County, Calif. He was arrested and taken to the Howell County Jail and placed a 24-hour hold on a charge of being a fugitive from out of state.

At 9:05 a.m. Jan. 6, the Southwest Missouri Cybercrimes Task Force received a tip report from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children that SnapChat observed a file depicting child sexual abuse material uploaded to their server. The suspect is identified as living in the Howell County area. Detective Neuschwander.

At 9:15 a.m. Jan. 6, it was learned an inmate in the city jail caused damage to jail property. Charges are expected to be sought for two counts of destruction of jail property Sgt. Romans.

At 4:33 p.m. Jan. 6, Officer Martin spoke with a woman regarding a stolen property report that occurred on the 500 block of Worcester Street. A report was completed and the case closed due to lack of evidence.

At 8:43 p.m. Jan. 6, Officer Stephens was dispatched to Walmart for a report of shoplifting. Two people were ticketed on charges of shoplifting.

At 8:56 p.m. Jan. 6, Cpl. Brent McKemie completed an incident report regarding an attempted sexual assault between youths that occurred on the 1100 block of Lanton, Road, The case is open and has been forwarded to the detective division.

At 8:40 a.m. Jan. 7, officers responded to the 2000 block of K Highway for a woman with active warrants for her arrest. She was located and placed under arrest. Cpl. Manning.

At 1:23 p.m. Jan. 7, officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Jefferson Avenue for a report of a domestic dispute. Upon Officer Barrett's arrival he spoke with a woman who said she'd had a fight with her boyfriend. No charges were filed due to lack of cooperation and the

boyfriend leaving the scene.

At 2:33 p.m. Jan. 7, officers were dispatched to CC Highway to a rollover accident. The driver was taken to Ozark Healthcare, placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated and put in a 12-hour-hold for detox. Officer Heuchelin.

At 4:21 p.m. Jan. 7, officers responded to the 100 block of Bartley Street regarding a report of domestic assault. A man was taken into custody and place on a 24-hour hold pending a charge of third-degree domestic assault. A probable cause statement was forwarded to the county prosecutor's office. Sgt. Reid.

At 5:37 p.m. Jan. 7, property found on the 700 bloc of Worley Drive was dropped off at the West Plains Police Department. It will be held in evidence pending owner retrieval. Sgt. Reid.

At 6:27 p.m. Jan. 7, Officer Stephens was dispatched to the 1100 block of St. Louis Street for a report of a runaway youth. The child was found a couple hours later and charges forwarded to the juvenile division.

At 7:05 p.m. Jan. 7, Officer Stephens was dispatched to the 1000 block of Manze Street for a report of a court order violation. Charges have been forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

At 8:19 p.m. Jan. 7, Officer Stephens was dispatched to Walmart for a report of shoplifting, and a male was ticketed.

At 8:27 p.m. Jan. 7, officers were dispatched to a call regarding a shoplifter in the 400 block of West Broadway. A report was taken and the case is under investigation. Officer Heuchelin.

At 10:55 pm. Jan. 7, officers were dispatched to the area of Palmer Street for a report of a vehicle in a drainage ditch. A person was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Officer Siegrist. At 12:33 p.m. Jan. 8, offi-

cers responded to the 1600 block of Fifth Street for a physical domestic dispute. A man was arrested on a charge of third-degree domestic assault. Cpl. Manning. At 6:04 p.m. Jan. 8, a man

was arrested on an active warrant during a traffic crash investigation on U.S. 63 near Wayhaven Drive. He was later released after posting bond. Officer Stephens. At 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8, offi-

cers responded to the city jail to assist with an inmate attempting to self-harm. The inmate was transported to Ozarks Healthcare. Sgt. Reid.

At 11:53 p.m. Jan. 8, officers were dispatched to Casey's on Preacher Roe Boulevard for a report of a man causing a disturbance. A person was placed on a 96-hour mental health evaluation and hold. Officer Siegrist.

At 12:28 a.m. Jan. 9, Officer Heuchelin responded to the 1400 block of BB Highway for a report of a violation of an order of protection for an adult. Statements were taken and a probable cause

statement forwarded to the Howell County Prosecutor.

At 6:42 a.m. Jan. 9, Officer Powell responded to the 3500 block of Browning Lane for a theft report. He spoke with a woman who advised a teen she knows had stolen her medication. The youth was arrested and taken to the juvenile officer, to whom he was released. Charges will be forwarded to the juvenile office.

At 12:14 p.m. Jan. 9, Officer Barrett spoke by phone with a woman who reported someone attempted to open a credit card account in her name. The case is closed.

At 7:12 p.m. Jan. 19, officers assisted the Oregon County Sheriff's Department with an investigation. A report was completed. Officer Keepes.

At 10:05 p.m. Jan. 9, Officer Stephens conducted a traffic stop at Broadway and U.S. 63 bypass during which a man was ticketed for driving 61 mph in a 25 mph zone and driving while suspended.

At 10:10 p.m. Jan. 9, officers made a traffic stop near the intersection of Broadway and St. Louis St. in which it was learned the driver did not have a valid license. She was ticketed and released. Officer Brixey.

At t0:11 p.m. Jan. 9, officers observed a vehicle speeding and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was ticketed on a charge of driving while suspended and a passenger was arrested on active warrants. Officer Heuchein.

At 10:11 p.m. Jan. 9, officers observed a vehicle without plates and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was ticketed and the vehicle towed. Officer Heuchelin.

At 9:01 a.m. Jan. 10, Officer Powell responded to a residence on the 400 block of Monks Street in reference to an earlier disturbance. He spoke with the victim who advised she had been assaulted by her children's father who lives in the home. She declined medical treatment. The suspect was spoken with and had bruising on his upper right arm and also declined medical treatment. The case was forwarded to the city prosecutor.

At 10 a.m. Jan. 10, officers were dispatched to the area of West Plains High School for a report that an underage youth was in possession of a vape. The case was forwarded to the juvenile court. School Resource Officer Conner Burnes.





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OZARKS RFD:

Groundhog Day to remember

By Jim Hamilton

ednes-Groundhog Day. True to longstanding tradition, many Americans watched for groundhogs to emerge from their dens, most notably Punxsutawney Phil over in Pennsylvania, to determine if winter is over or will continue for another six weeks. Dutch folklore holds that it will be six more weeks of winter since Phil saw his shadow and bolted back into his den. Folks who have tracked his forecasting record since 1887 place Phil's accuracy rate at about 50%.

Flipping a coin would be just as accurate, but not nearly as much fun.

The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club makes it a day of festivity with a banquet and a ceremony in which local dignitaries wear top hats and conduct the official proceedings in the Pennsylvania



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Dutch dialect and reportedly speak to the groundhog in "Groundhogese."

Any excuse for a party, I suppose.

Personally, I've never celebrated Groundhog Day, but I and the oversized ground squirrels do have a history.

As a teenager I once shot a young one while out squirrel hunting. I thought it might make good eating, and more of it than a squirrel. What a surprise it was for Mom when she got home after work and found it roasting in her oven. I thought it was fair eating, but I was never inclined to dress and broil another.

Many years later I was engaged with a longstanding feud with groundhogs in my vegetable garden. When a fence couldn't keep them from decimating my green bean plants and robbing me of my best tomatoes, I resorted to a "final solution," eventually eliminating the bandits with my .22 rifle.

In years since then I've had dogs to keep the invaders out; but, on occasion I've had to resort to more drastic measures. As with possums and coons, though, I don't seem to have hurt the wildlife population.

One memory specific to Groundhog Day has nothing to do with Punxsutawney Phil and his ilk. Rather, it's about a Texas Longhorn cow named "Baby" who decided a snowy Feb. 2 was her day to calve.

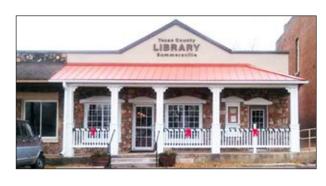
I found Baby and her newborn about a football field's length from the house, the calf still wet and shivering. Without hesitation, I cradled the baby in my arms and headed for the house, momma following scant steps behind and talking all the way. Once out of the weather, I appropriated a towel and my wife's hair dryer to clean up the baby, then returned him to his momma; he was on his feet and nursing when I left both on a bed

Later that morning I went to check and found momma, but no calf. Then I noticed a bump in the scattered hay. It seems momma had covered baby completely and securely as light snow continued to fall. I'd seen cows hide their calves in tall grass or brush plenty of times, but never under a blanket of hay. Whether intentional or just the result of momma tossing hay around as she ate, I can't be sure, but I like to think the former.

I don't know what the weather was like in Punxsutawney that Feb. 2. or if Phil saw his shadow, but the discovery of that healthy Longhorn/ Belgian bull calf under a pile of hay made it a Groundhog Day I'll never forget.

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SUMMERSVILLE BOOKENDS:



By Kathie Ledgerwood-Cox, **Branch Librarian**

hecking out some of our Missouri nonfiction, I came across "Echoes From the Hills: A Defined Guide to Country Sayings" by Roland Lee Netzer, an Ozarks native. Some of the sayings are wise, some are ridiculously funny, but they're ones I've heard most of my life.

Being raised by my dad and grandmother, two Ozarkians, I tested myself on my knowledge of these country sayings. I have to admit that I didn't know what barking spiders or madman muntz meant, but I think I still came out fair to middlin' overall.

Do you know what sacking wildcats and ran out of sacks means? How about always singing the blues? Stop by the library, and we'll learn together!

Blind Date with A Book is ongoing through the month of February at all Texas County Library branches! Come to the library for details on this fun program.

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for more information on any activity or a suggestion for new ones!

The Summersville Friends of the Library group now meets at 5 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the

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MSU-WP announces 2022 fall chancellor's list honorees

Officials at Missouri State University-West Plains have announced their chancellor's list honorees for the 2022 fall semester.

To qualify for the list, students must have earned a 4.0 grade point average for 12 or more credit hours taken during the semester.

Students who maintain a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average for 12 or more hours are recognized in the Dean's List.

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his sweetheart is Jenny and she is still waiting to find that forever home," says West Plains Regional Animal Shelter volunteer Trish Hammen. Jenny, believed to be a possible a coonhound mixed with heeler, was last featured in the Quill on Aug. 25, 2022. At that time, Hammen said, "Her sweet personality makes her adorable. When she greets you she has a grin on her face showing her teeth." Jenny is spayed. The fee to adopt is \$50. Hammen adds that the shelter is in need of volunteers, as well as donations of cat litter and cat food. To learn more about adopting a pet, or to donate, drop by the shelter at 1486 BB Highway between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, or call 417-256-8438. COURTESY/WPRAS

Beyoncé emerges as Grammys queen; Styles wins album honor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Harry Styles won album of the year at the Grammy Awards, taking home the top honor on a night that Beyoncé dominated and became the ceremony's most decorated artist.

Beyoncé won her 32nd award Sunday, breaking a 26-year-old record. But as in years past, the album of the year honor eluded her.

Styles took home three awards Sunday.

Still, Beyoncé stands alone on her Grammy throne, surpassing surpassed the late conductor Georg Solti with her 32nd career win. She thanked her husband Jay-Z and her family for supporting her.

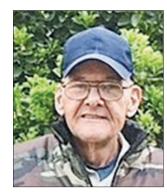
Bad Bunny opened the Grammy Awards with a festive, high-energy performance that brought many of the audience including Taylor Swift who rose to her feet and danced near her table.





Grant Wilburn

Dec. 6, 1951 - Jan. 30, 2023



Grant Douglas Wilburn was born the son of Floyd and Louise (Hayes) Wilburn on Dec. 6, 1951. He finished his time on earth on Jan. 30, 2023.

Grant was a brother to Linda (Robert) Moore and Emily (Jared) Green. He was an uncle to the Moore children (Andrea, Stephen, Aaron and Renee) and the Green children (Samantha, Wil, Ben and Sarah). He is also survived by several aunts, cousins and friends, including his lifelong friend Brant Casey.

He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd and Louise, his stepmother Rosia (Shrum) Wilburn, his grandparents Minn and Anna (Greer) Hayes and Andrew and Delia (Cates) Wilburn and his nephew Stephen Moore.

Grant attended Nebo School, Alton Elementary

and Alton High School. His final year of high school was at Fundamental Christian Academy in St. Louis. Later, he worked various jobs including the logging industry and in the oil fields in Texas. Grant loved retelling stories about his youth, his travels and his

family, in particular. Some

of his favorite memories

were of fishing with his

dad on the Eleven Point

River.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Kabul Nursing Home and Hospice in Cabool, Mo., for the exceptional kindness, care and patience extended to Grant during his stay

A visitation and celebration of life service for family and friends was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Clary's Funeral Home in Alton, Mo., with Brother JR Andrews, family and friends officiating. Burial in the Many Springs Cemetery with pallbearers Brad Vest, Brant Casey, Aaron Moore, Ben Green, Tim Hand and Robert Moore.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks those wishing to extend their sympathy to do so with a donation to the Many Springs Cemetery in Many Springs, Mo.

Larry Olson

May 12, 1948 — Feb. 1, 2023



Larry B. Olson passed from this life on Feb. 1, 2023, at the age of 74. He was born to Raymond B. Olson and Geraldene Byers Olson on May 12, 1948, in rural Pequot Lakes, Minn. He married the love of his life on Jan. 14, 1967. To this union three children were born: Tamey Sue Olson. Timothy "Jake" Raymond Olson and David Lee Olson.

Larry worked with his dad on the farm and starting Nisswa Redi-Mix where he drove a redi-mix truck even before he had a drivers license. Larry moved his family to West Plains, Mo., in January 1976 where he learned to lay brick to add to his talent for finishing concrete. You cannot drive through or around West Plains without seeing some of his work. He turned Olson Construction over to his son Jake in 1994 and started Olson Precast Concrete Products. He thought he was getting a 9-to-5 job, but it turned into more of a 5 a.m.-to-9 p.m. job because Larry never learned to give less than 110% to any job. He retired and sold the precast plant in 2004. But being Larry, he continued to help other concrete finishers when they called. Larry and Marion retired to Elizabeth, Ark., on Jan. 1, 2015, close to his favorite fishing area.

Larry had hobbies that he gave that same 110% to. Family camping and hours

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on the lake with his kids took up any weekend he wasn't working. For quiet time he loved to fish at night and caught several stripers over 40 pounds. He was more than happy to share his fishing techniques with anyone who asked.

Larry is survived by his

wife Marion of 56 years; daughter Tamey Sue (Kent) Meziere Clements of Aurora, Colo.; son David Lee Olson of Jamestown, N.D.; daughter-in-law Lisa Olson; grandchildren Jason (Kayan) Meziere, Katey (Devon) Templeton, Jacob Olson, Thomas Olson, Christopher Olson, Sydney Olson, and Asher and Jackie Olson. His great joy is two great-grandchildren Mava Rose Templeton and Jayden Meziere. He also leaves behind his sisters' boys and daughter who learned some of their mischief from him. There are also beloved aunts and uncles, Don and Myrt Schmidt of Brainard, Minn., and George and Joyce Skoles of Bruce, Wisc., and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Beverly Olson Compton, son Timothy "Jake" and grandson Shawn Meziere.

Larry will be remembered by all who met him for his sense of humor — his stories and harmless pranks and his work ethic and willingness to help anyone in need. Larry never met a stranger.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Kirby and Family Funeral Home in Mtn. Home, Ark.

Arrangements are by Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services -Mtn. Home. Visit an online obituary and guestbook at www.kirbyandfamily.com.



William Owens

William Ray Owens, 78, Thayer. Died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, in Thayer. Willow Funeral Home, Willow Springs.

Mister Zombie Halferty

Mister Zombie Halferty, 33, Union. Died at 11:17 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, in Cuba, Mo. Yarber Mortuary, Winona.

David Joseph Ray, M.D.

Dec. 5, 1936 - Jan. 9, 2023



David Joseph Ray, M.D., formerly of West Plains, passed away peacefully at home in Huntsville, Ala., with his daughter by his side. Born at home in Hayti, Mo., on Dec. 5, 1936, he was the eldest child of David Warren Ray and Louise Pauline Cheek Ray.

A graduate of Lutesville High School, Southeast Missouri State College and the University of Missouri School of Medicine, he served two wartime years in the U.S. Public Health Service before returning to the University of Missouri to complete residen-

cy training in urology. He practiced medicine 40 years. After a start in southern California, he returned to the Midwest and primarily practiced in Missouri (Joplin and West Plains) and Kansas (Concordia).

A longtime member of First Baptist Church, his Christian faith was central to his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Judith Lee Amyx Ray and his brother Warren Alvin Ray. Survivors include his brother Stephen Louis Ray (Rhonda), his daughters Cynthia Ray Hamady and Laura Meredith Ray Stewart (Jim), his stepsons Lee Freeman (Brenda) and Wes Freeman (Heather), 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

At his request, there will be no memorial service. A private graveside service is planned for a later date.

Maxie Arlene Cork

May 24, 1934 — Feb. 3, 2023



Funeral services for Maxie Arlene Cork, 88, West Plains, Mo., will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, in the Rose Chapel at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cork passed away at 1:31 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at her home.

She was born May 24, 1934, in the state of Virginia to Robert McCoy and Victoria Hammond Mc-Coy. On July 10, 1990, she was married in Paducah, Ky., to Dewayne Edward Cork, who preceded her in death on May 2, 2020. Mrs. Cork loved her family and was the best Grandma. She enjoyed her garden and making quilts. Mrs. Cork was a member of Center Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two

children Michael Woodruff and wife Charmaine, Aurora, Ill., and Gerald Woodruff, Moody, Mo.; special daughter-in-law Maria Woodruff, West Plains; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three sisters Claris Stark, Aurora, Ill., Eula Butz, Montgomery, Ill., and Rethia McCoy, state of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents; husband; one infant daughter Sandra' one granddaughter Jessica Woodruff Evans; four brothers Ben, Sydney, Freddie and Bluford; and two sisters Lucille and Janie preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Burial will be in South Fork Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society 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.

MURDER

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According to court records, Kenaga said he and Proffer forced open the back door to Lynn's home with a crowbar, and when he stepped inside he saw the shadow or outline of a person, and Proffer had been the one who confronted Lynn and assaulted her, resulting in her death.

In the interview with Matney, Kenaga also reportedly admitted he and Proffer had taken a laptop valued at \$500, and that Proffer had taken two cameras and other stolen items to his house, valued at over \$1,200. Kenaga also reportedly blamed Proffer for setting the fire at Lynn's

In his report to prosecutors, Sterner noted that Kenaga lived in a Birch Tree neighborhood which had been the area of several break-ins and house fires over the months leading to Lynn's death, and that Proffer frequented the same neighborhood.

Court records show Kenaga's charges remain filed through Shannon County and his attorney had requested a change of venue, but in lieu of that, a jury would be selected from Jasper County in southwestern Missouri for Kenaga's trial. His attorneys are Public Defender Thomas Jacquinot and Assistant Public Defender Devon Pasley, both based in Kansas City; Assistant Public Defender Caroline Engelman, based in Chandler, Ariz.; and Special Public Defender Larry Burton, based in Mtn. View.

Kenaga's case is being prosecuted by Shannon County Prosecuting Attorney Jodie Brumble and special prosecutors Melissa Pierce of Jefferson City and Catherine Dierker of St. Louis.



Zelda Beavers

March 4, 1929 — Feb. 3, 2023



Funeral services for Zelda Bernice Beavers, 93, Pottersville, Mo., will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, in the Rose Chapel at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beavers passed away at 2:33 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at her home.

She was born March 4, 1929, in Dora, Mo., to Claude Warren and Myrtle Garfit Warren. On June 28, 1948, she was married in Mtn. Home, Ark., to Carl Robert Beavers, who preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2021. They celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Zelda loved to cook; she tried to feed anyone that came into her home. She enjoyed canning, flowers and gardening. She especially enjoyed mowing her yard and did so until the age of 92. Zelda was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Beavers was a member of the Church of Christ and attended Odom Church of Christ.

She is survived by three children Robert Beavers and significant other Fave Mueller, Pottersville, Carol Moore and husband Ernie, Mtn. Grove, Mo., and Paula Perry and husband James, Pottersville; seven grandchildren Robbie Beavers, Robin Morrison, Stacy Hutchinson, Jennifer Wickham, Tangela Ratliff, Jodie Prichard and Matt Worsham; four step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and one on the way; several step-great-grandchildren; two sisters Dimple Mitchell and Mary Sheers, both of Mtn. Home; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents; husband; one great-grandson Stetson Hutchinson; three brothers Millard, Thurman and Donald; and two sisters Velda and Sue preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held from 1 until 2 p.m. Tuesday at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Pottersville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pottersville Cemetery or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 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.

Funeral home finds woman breathing hours after declared dead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILLER PLACE, dead at a New York nursing home but found to be breathing three hours later at the funeral home where she had been taken, authorities said.

The woman was pronounced dead at Water's Edge Rehab and Nursing Center at Port Jefferson on Long Island at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Suffolk County police said.

The woman, whose name was not released, was taken to the O.B. Davis Funeral Homes in Miller Place at 1:30 p.m., police said in a news release. She was discovered breathing at 2:09 p.m., they said.

The woman was taken to a hospital. No update on her condition was available Monday.

The case has been referred to the state attorney general's office for investigation, police said.

The state health department is investigating, as well, spokesperson Monica Pomeroy said, adding that she could not elaborate.

An email seeking comment was sent to the nursing home. A person who answered the phone there Monday hung up.

Officials at the funeral home said in a statement, "Out of respect

for the privacy and confidentiality of the families we are honored to serve, N.Y. — An 82-year-old we are not in a position to woman was pronounced comment further on this matter."

The apparent premature declaration of death occurred days after a continuing care home in Iowa was fined \$10,000 over a similar episode.

Authorities there said a 66-year-old woman was declared dead Jan. 3 at the Glen Oaks Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Urbandale, where she was receiving hospice care.

The woman was placed in a body bag and taken to the Ankeny Funeral Home & Crematory, where workers found she was breathing and called 911, authorities said.

She was returned to hospice care, where she died Jan. 5, according to a report issued last week by the Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals.







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For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Montana Bridges, dated November 14, 2017, and recorded on November 16, 2017 as Document No. 2017R4787, in , in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Howell County. Missouri. the undersigned Successor Trustee will on February 28, 2023, at 1:00 PM, at the Front Door of the Howell County Courthouse, West Plains. Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

LOTS 15 AND 16 IN BLOCK 3 OF OZARK RANCHETTES, REVISED AND AMENDED, A SUBDIVISION OF ALL THAT PART OF THE W 1/2 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, WHICH LIES NORTH OF HO-WELL COUNTY ROUTE ZZ., commonly known as 7649 County Road 8280, West Plains, MO, 65775

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

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Publication Dates: January 31, February 7, 14, and 21, 2023.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Adam J. Dickson,

spouse of Stephany Dickson, and Stephany Dickson, spouse of Adam J. Dickson Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Adam J. Dickson, spouse of Stephany Dickson, and Stephany Dickson, spouse of Adam J. Dickson dated May 25, 2017 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Howell County, Missouri as Instrument Number: 2017R2068 modified by U.S. Department of Agriculture Loan Modification Agreement recorded February 28, 2022 Instrument Number: 2022R1009 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Legal Notice

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 11:55 AM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of West Plains, County of Howell, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Howell County, State of Missouri, to wit:

TRACT #1: A PART OF THE

NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 10, AND A PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 9, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST COR-NER OF SAID SECTION 10. THENCE SOUTH 177.8 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID SECTION LINE AND THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE BB HIGHWAY, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID HIGHWAY 15.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES AND 44 MI-NUTES EAST 160 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 138.2 FEET. THENCE NORTH 89 DE-GREES AND 44 MINUTES WEST 172 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY 123.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE S SALE

For default under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Brittany Ward and Keeling W Ward, her husband, dated February 2, 2022, recorded on February 7, 2022 as Document No. 2022R0650, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Howell County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the East Front Door of the Howell County Courthouse, in West Plains, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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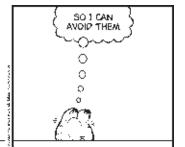




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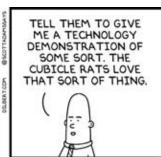


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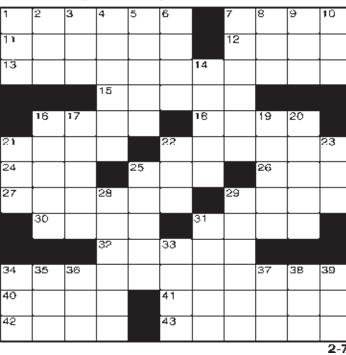
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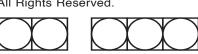


Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.





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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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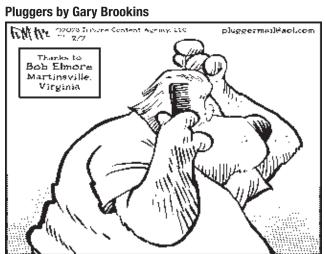
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Jumbles: EXACT DINKY MISHAP INFAMY CartoonCaption: When they randomly chose people to team up to play tennis, it was —BNA: MIX{ }AND MATCH

The Family Circus by Bil Keane





Pluggers don't care what color their hair turns as long as it doesn't turn loose.

Cryptoquote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three Us, 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.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: SURELY YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS... LAM SERIOUS, AND DON'T CALL ME SHIRLEY. "AIRPLANE!"

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Google, Mo. FFA Foundation partner to enhance tech in ag classrooms

Google is making a \$50,000 donation to the Missouri FFA Foundation in support of the organization's Learning by Doing Classroom grants program, officials recently announced. The Missouri FFA Foundation says it plans to use the funds over the course of four years to support updating or purchasing new technology in 40 agriculture education classrooms across the state.

In 2022, the Missouri FFA Foundation launched the Learning by Doing Classroom grants program to assist agriculture education teachers across the state in improving the curriculum, equipment, facilities and supplies needed to support instruction in production agriculture, agribusiness or related areas, explained officials.

The response to the program was enthusiastic, they said, with almost twice the number of applications as funding available.

"We saw a clearly demonstrated need to not only continue but broaden the program if the challenge of adequate funding could be resolved," said foundation Executive Director Heather

Dimitt-Fletcher.

"When Google approached us wanting to make an impact on students across Missouri, we were pleased to introduce them to the Missouri FFA Foundation," said Missouri Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe. "This grant will make an incredible impact on students, and I would like to thank Google for investing in the future leaders of Missouri agriculture."

Possible uses of the funds, according to the foundation, include new technology such as an ultrasound machine for monitoring pregnancies in livestock, energy-efficient water and heat controls for greenhouses, and 3-D printers for making hard-to-find/fit parts in ag mechanics classes.

"We see amazing potential in the foundation's Learning by Doing Classroom grant program," said Dan Harbeke, Google's regional head of public policy and external affairs. "Agriculture is increasingly becoming reliant on new and emerging technology and we want to help ensure the next generation of American farmers is prepared."

Strengthening sorghum against a worldwide fungal threat

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By USDA ARS

A gene discovered by a team of U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Purdue University scientists could help fortify the defenses of sorghum to anthracnose, a disease of the cereal grain crop that can inflict yield losses of up to 50%.

The discovery, to be reported in an upcoming issue of The Plant Journal, opens the door to breeding disease-resistant sorghum cultivars that are less reliant on fungicides to protect them, reducing growers' production costs and safeguarding grain yields and quality, among other benefits.

Sorghum is the fifth-most widely grown cereal grain crop worldwide, providing consumers not only with a source of food containing 12 essential nutrients, but also forage for livestock and material for biobased energy. However, unchecked with fungicides or other measures, anthracnose will attack all parts of a susceptible cultivar, often forming reddish lesions on leaves and the stem as well as causing damage to the plant's panicles and grain heads.

Genetic-based disease resistance is the most effective and sustainable approach to combating anthracnose in sorghum. However, how this resistance actually works in the plant is poorly understood, according to Matthew Helm, a research molecular biologist at ARS's Crop Production and Pest Control Research Unit in West Lafayette, Indiana.

That knowledge gap is worrisome because of the genetic variability among different races (or types) of the anthracnose fungus and their potential to overcome a cultivar's resistance genes over time. Additionally, anthracnose resistance can be temperature-dependent, potentially leaving a sorghum crop vulnerable to infection if temperatures soar above a certain threshold.

Fortunately, Helm and a team of Purdue University scientists led by Demeke Mewa have begun to close this gap. They identified a disease-resistance gene that orchestrates a series of defense responses to early infection by the anthracnose fungus, preventing its spread to the rest of the plant and grain heads.

Additionally, sorghum plants carrying the resistance gene, known as "Anthracnose Resistance Gene 2" (ARG2), successfully withstood the fungus even when greenhouse temperatures were increased to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature stability could be a potential boon for sorghum production regions of the world where growing season temperatures can reach those levels.

The team also determined that ARG2 helps make a protein concentrated in the plasma membrane of resistant sorghum cells. There, it acts as a kind of intruder alert that's triggered by certain proteins used by the anthracnose fungus to infect the plant.

"These results significantly advance our understanding of how sorghum detects fungal pathogens and opens the door for engineering new disease resistances against plant pathogens of cereal grains," the team writes in an abstract sum-



ARS and Purdue University scientists identified a gene that could help sorghum withstand the fungus that causes anthracnose disease. COURTESY / ARS

marizing its findings in The Plant Journal paper.

ARG2 and its protein don't protect sorghum from all races of anthracnose. However, combining ARG2 with other similar genes could help broaden that protection — either through conventional plant breeding methods or biotechnological ones. With ARG2's discovery, scientists now have a key to unlocking a fuller understanding of how the mechanisms of anthracnose resistance work and making the best use of them as a disease defense that growers worldwide can count on.

In addition to Mewa and Helm, the The Plant Journal paper's other authors are Sanghun Lee, Chao-Jan Liao, Augusto Souza, Adedayo Adeyanju, Damon Lisch and Tesfaye Mengiste, all of Purdue University.

AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News Missouri Dept of Ag Mrkt News Sat Feb 4, 2023 Email us with accessibility issues with this report. Livestock Weighted Average Report for 2/4/2023 - Final SPECIAL This Week Last Reported Last Year 12/10/2022 Total Receipts: 1,156 1,288 961 Replacement Cattle: 1,156(100.0%) 1,288(100.0%) 961(100.0%) Weather and road conditions improved enough for a large crowd to be in atten-

Ozarks Regional Stockyards Feeder Cattle - West Plains, MO

weather and road conductors improved enlough for a large trowd to be in atteriadance at the special replacement cattle sale at the Ozarks Regional Stockyard on Saturday. Compared to the last special in December, Bred Cows traded 100.00-200.00 higher while Cow/Calf pairs traded 250.00 higher. Demand was very good on a moderate supply, which included several local herd sellouts. The top bred cows were a package of 13 head of 3-6 year old, black-hided cows, in the 2nd/3rd stage, that brought 1850.00. A package of 12 head of 3-6 year old, redhided cows, in the 2nd/3rd stage and a package of 38 head of 2 year old, black-hided bred heifers, in the second stage also sold for 1850.00. The top pairs for the day were a 3-n-1 package of 1 head of 3-6 year old, black-hided, cows in the 1st/2nd stage, with 350 lb. calves which-brought 2275.00. Another standout offering was a package of 13 two-year old heifers, with 100 lb. calves, which brought 1900.00/pair. Fortythree percent of the offering was bred cows and 14 percent was cow/calf pairs with the balance slaughter animals and calves.

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Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted. Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News, MO Dept of Ag Market News - Dan Hill, Market Reporter, Lefferson City, MO (573) 751-5618 juwwa.msusda.gow/lpgmn; https://mymarketnews.ams.usda. gow/ | https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/1249

FACT FOCUS: Egg shortage breeds chicken-feed conspiracies

By JOSH KELETY, Associated Press

Social media users claim to have found a new culprit for sky-high egg prices: chicken feed.

The theory gained steam on Facebook, TikTok and Twitter in recent weeks, with some users reporting that their hens stopped laying eggs and speculating that common chicken feed products were the cause. Some went a step further to suggest that feed producers had intentionally made their products deficient to stop backyard egg production, forcing people to buy eggs at inflated prices.

"One of the largest egg producers in the country cut a deal with one of the largest feed producers in the country to change their feed formula so it no longer contains enough protein and minerals for your chickens to produce eggs," one Facebook user wrote in a post shared more than 2,000 times. "They are now price gouging eggs to make hear!"

"They are now price gouging eggs to make bank."
But poultry experts say there's no evidence for such claims. Here's a closer look at the facts.

CLAIM: Chicken feed companies have altered their products to stop backyard hens from laying eggs and drive up demand for commercial eggs.

THE FACTS: U.S. egg prices in grocery stores more than doubled over the past year due to an outbreak of bird flu, combined with increasing labor and supply costs.

Some backyard chicken owners may have separately found their chickens underperforming, but experts say the issues are unrelated. While feed quality can affect hens' egg-laying abilities, state agricultural officials told The Associated Press they have not heard of any widespread issues with feed affecting egg production, and several major feed suppliers say they haven't changed their formulas

Experts say there are far more mundane explanations for the poultry's meager production.

More than 43 million of the 58 million birds slaughtered over the past year to control the bird flu virus have been egg-laying chickens, The As-

sociated Press has reported.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and a farmer-led advocacy group have called for an investigation into potential egg price-gouging by producers. But there is no evidence that altered chicken feed is driving steep egg prices.

Agricultural officials in multiple states, including North Carolina and Georgia, told the AP they have received no reports of widespread problems.

Other factors could explain the individual reports of low backyard egg yields, experts say. Limited daylight hours in the winter can reduce or stop hens' egg production, as can cold weather, said Applegate. Improperly stored feed can become compromised and affect egg production, too.

"Backyard flock producers don't necessarily follow lighting programs to support peak egg production," Anderson said. "A lot of backyard flock people utilize natural daylight."

Many social media users claimed that specific feed products, such as those offered by Purina Animal Nutrition and Tractor Supply, a chain of farm supplies stores, were at fault. Some said their hens started laying again after they switched feeds or made their own. But the companies deny that their products are to blame, representatives of both affirming no changes to the nutritional value or formula of their feeds.

Feed products have been recalled in the past for improper nutrition, according to Adam Fahrenholz, an associate professor of feed milling at North Carolina State University. But while feed nutrition issues, like insufficient protein, can reduce egg production, he found no merit in online claims of a massive conspiracy.

The conspiracy that feed companies are deliberately trying to sabotage backyard egg supplies found an audience thanks to a broader distrust of government officials and experts, said Yotam Ophir, an assistant professor at the University at Buffalo who focuses on misinformation. It's common for people to look for scapegoats during periods of social anxiety, he said.



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Missouri State-West Plains announces homecoming candidates

On Saturday, Feb. 18, two students at Missouri State University-West Plains (MSU-WP) will be crowned the 2023 Homecoming King and Oueen.

The crowning will take place during halftime ceremonies of the annual homecoming basketball game between the Grizzlies and the Mineral Area College Cardinals from Park Hills.

The game will get underway at 7 p.m. in Joe Paul Evans Arena at the West Plains Civic Center.

King candidates include:

- Andrew Howard, Piedmont, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA)
- · Logan Thompson, Iberia, sponsored by Christian Campus House (CCH)
- Kale Willison, Thayer, sponsored by Campus Influencers/Ambassadors
- Shane Hull, Bloomfield, sponsored by the HOPE mental health advocacy group

Queen candidates are:

- Sarah-Ann Kelley, Dix-
- on, sponsored by SGA • Grace Mathews, Ava, sponsored by CCH
- Emilee Dougherty, West Plains, sponsored by Campus Influencers/Ambassa-
- Hailey Baldwin, Salem, sponsored by the Grizzly Cheer Team

Area residents can visit with all of the homecoming candidates during a special "meet and greet" reception at 6 p.m. in the civic center's Dogwood Room.

Also in attendance will be the 2022 Homecoming King and Queen, Jackson Wright, West Plains, and Riley Gilmore, Bragg City.

Organizers said the 2023 king and queen will be crowned by Wright and Gilmore, respectively, and the queen will receive flowers from Chancellor Dennis Lancaster.

Following the crowning, the 2023 king, queen and court will go to the civic center's Dogwood Room for photos and refreshments.

For more information about homecoming activities, call the MSU-WP student life and development office at 417-255-7233.

Grizzly alumni, fans and friends are invited to attend a homecoming after party celebration immediately following the game at KC's Bistro, 409 Washington Ave., in West Plains.

"Whether it's been a year or 60 years since you were last on campus, we hope you will join us after the Grizzly Basketball team takes on Mineral Area," organizers said.

The event is free, but those planning to attend are encouraged to register at Maroonation.MissouriState. edu/MSUWP to receive a complimentary drink ticket.

For more information about the after party, call 417-255-7750 or email WPAlumni@MissouriState.edu.



THE 2023 HOMECOMING King and Queen at Missouri State University-West Plains (MSU-WP) will be crowned at halftime of the Feb. 18 home basketball game between the Grizzlies and Mineral Area College. Queen candidates include, seated from left, Sarah-Ann Kelley, Dixon, and Emilee Dougherty, West Plains. King candidates are, standing, Andrew Howard, Piedmont; Logan Thompson, Iberia; Kale Willison, Thayer; and Shane Hull, Bloomfield. Hailey Baldwin, Salem, and Grace Matthews, Ava, also are candidates for homecoming queen. (Missouri State-West Plains Photo)

Mahomes, Hurts latest Texas prep QBs on Super Bowl stage

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Pro Football Writer

DALLAS — Texas high school quarterbacks guru Todd Dodge got what he wanted when Kansas

City's Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts of Philadelphia won their conference championship games. "I really like Joe Burrow," Dodge said with a chuckle in reference to Cincinnati's star quarterback, "but I'm not going to

root for Joe Burrow over

Patrick Mahomes, that Texas quarterback." The Mahomes-Hurts matchup is the first showdown between a pair of Texas high school QBs and the latest milestone for a football-crazy state once known much more for Earl Campbell and Eric Dickerson than whoever was handing off to those

Dodge, a recently retired high school coach who won seven state from there. championships, played a

future Pro Football Hall

of Fame running backs.

big role in the start of the transformation around 1980. He was the quarterback for what he considered the father of the passing game in Texas.

Ronnie Thompson, a high school coach in Port Arthur about 100 miles from Houston, was throwing before it was cool in the Lone Star State, which made Dodge a high-profile recruit for the Texas Longhorns.

While Dodge's career in Austin was disappointing, his legacy of training quarterbacks in his home state is unmistakable. One of the keys was identifying QBs — plenty of them — as early as seventh grade, with the goal of always having two capable of flourishing on the varsity.

Before the likes of Dodge, Art Briles and the late Sonny Detmer came along, the focus was usually on finding the best running back and building

ago would have been the next great tailback in the Southwest Conference," said Dodge, who still runs a quarterback training program in retirement. "Somewhere along the way, his dad put the ball in his hands and he started throwing it."

Indeed, coach Averion Hurts at Channelview just outside Houston put his son at QB. Jalen Hurts went from college star at Alabama and Oklahoma to Philadelphia backup behind Carson Wentz to NFL MVP candidate in a matter of six years.

Mahomes had the throwing pedigree as the son of former major league pitcher Pat Mahomes, and his strong arm was evident long before he became the starter at Whitehouse in East Texas.

The Chiefs traded up to get Mahomes 10th overall in 2017, declared him the starter in the offseason a year later and watched "Jalen Hurts 40 years year and a Super Bowl a coaching clinic.

winner the next.

"I think in Texas it's been a program of building football players up for a long time," said Mahomes, whose Super Bowl matchup against Hurts will be the first between two Black quarterbacks. "There's still the great running backs, there's still the great receivers, the great tight ends, whatever you want to say."

The most recent Super Bowl-winning quarterback from Texas is Matthew Stafford, who played in the Dallas enclave of Highland Park before going to Georgia and getting drafted No. 1 overall by Detroit in 2009.

His prolific career with the Lions mostly went nowhere before a trade to the Rams immediately led to a title last season. His high school coach, fourtime state title winner Randy Allen, has a quarterback training program he believes he started afhim become MVP that ter seeing Dodge conduct

Once Texas became fertile ground for quarterbacks, it was only natural for growth in the college game, and subsequently the pros.

'College coaches want

to win, number one," said Allen, the winningest active coach in Texas. "And number two, they know if they've got a Texas high school quarterback, that he's probably played in front of big crowds. He's probably played against great competition. He's probably had great high

a freshman." One of Allen's Highland Park teams was a round away from facing Mahomes in the Texas playoffs a decade ago, but Mahomes' team lost.

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probably ready to play as

Mahomes never made a deep playoff run before thriving at Texas Tech under Kliff Kingsbury, a prolific Texas high school QB himself in the 1990s.

Allen, Dodge and Mahomes all mentioned the expansion of offseason 7-on-7 football as a significant part of the development of Texas quarterbacks. Dozens of tournaments around the state culminate in a state championship event every summer in College Station, home of Texas A&M.

Dodge also believes it helped when pass-happy teams started winning state championships. In one five-year stretch at Southlake Carroll, where son Riley is now coach, the elder Dodge had a 79-1 record with four state titles in the state's largest classification.

The other three titles

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for Dodge came at Austin Westlake. Before his arrival, that school produced the first two Super Bowl-winning QBs from Texas in Drew Brees (New Orleans, 2009 season) and Nick Foles (Philadelphia, 2017).

Hurts says the high school highlights might have something to do with how the mindset about the position. A regional cable network for Texas carries a live scoreboard show every Friday night, well into a six-week postseason that's capped by championship-game crowds approaching 50,000 at the home of the Dallas Cow-

"Texas is so big," Hurts said. "I'd turn on the TV and see, you had the Texas high school football late night show. It runs throughout the whole state. You see what (Mahomes is) doing."

Western Pennsylvania is famous for quarterbacks, too, with Hall of Famers Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Joe Namath, Jim Kelly and Johnny Unitas among the products. Mahomes is aware of this - because he has teammates from a state that also takes its high school football just as seriously.

"I brag to all my PA guys because they brag they have the best state for football because of the history," Mahomes said. "But I'm like, we're talking about the present, and Texas is pretty good right now."

Mahomes has a point. Texas is already guaranteed to be the high school home of four of the past six Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks.

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By The Associated Press

Feb. 7

1882 — John L. Sullivan wins the world heavyweight bare-knuckle title by beating Paddy Ryan in a nine-round bout in Mississippi City, Miss. **1942** — At the Millrose

Games in New York, Dutch Warmerdam becomes the first man to clear 15 feet in the pole vault indoors. Warmerdam, the first to break the 15-foot mark outdoors in 1940, clears 15 feet 3/8 inch.

1949 — Joe DiMaggio signs his contract with the New York Yankees, making him the first baseball player to earn \$100,000 per year.

1969 — Diana Crump becomes the first female jockey to race at a U.S. pari-mutuel track. She rode her first mount to 10th place in a field of 12 in Hialeah, Fla.

1970 — Pete Maravich scores 69 points, including 47 in the second half, to set a NCAA record, but LSU loses to Alabama 106-104. **1976** — Darryl Sittler of the Toronto Maple Leafs sets an NHL record for points in a game with six goals and four assists in an 11-4 victory over the Boston Bruins.

1990 — Lisa Leslie of Morningside High School in Inglewood, Calif., scores 101 points in the first half against South Torrance High School. The final

score is 102-24 as the coach of South Torrance decides not to bring his team out for the second half.

1995 — Joe Mullen becomes the first American-born player to reach 1,000 points in the NHL when he assists on two of the Pittsburgh Penguins' first three goals in a 7-3 victory over Florida. 2000 — With an astonishing comeback to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Tiger Woods wins his sixth straight PGA Tour victory. Seven strokes behind with seven holes to play, Woods holes a 97yard wedge for eagle on the 15th, and birdies two of the last three holes to win. Woods becomes the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six straight. 2010 — Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints rally to beat Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in the Super Bowl. 2013 — Tyler Griffey

makes an uncontested layup at the buzzer off a baseline inbound pass and Illinois beats No. 1 Indiana 74-72, the fifth straight week the nation's topranked team loses. The Hoosiers took over the top spot in The Associated Press' Top 25 on Feb. 4. The run of No. 1 teams to lose has been Duke,

and Indiana. 2015 — Philadelphia University coach Herb Magee becomes the second NCAA

Louisville, Duke again, Michigan

men's basketball coach to win 1,000 games. Magee, who won 1,000 games over 48 seasons at the school, hits the milestone with the Rams' 80-60 win over Post. 2016 — Von Miller forces two fumbles to set up Denver's two touchdowns and the Broncos defense frustrates Cam Newton all game to carry Peyton Manning to his second Super Bowl title with a 24-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

2016 — Rachel Banham ties an NCAA women's record with 60 points with 10 coming in the first overtime and eight in the second — to lead Minnesota to a 112-106 win over Northwestern. Banham matches the 60 points put up by Cindy Brown of Long Beach State against San Jose State on Feb. 16, 1987. 2018 — St. John's takes down another of the nation's elite, and stuns No. 1 Villanova 79-75 for its second win over a top-five team in one week. St. John's beat then-No. 4 Duke 81-77 at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 3, snapping an 11-game losing streak.



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