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Voters decide fate of 5 ballot measures

Staff Report

Voters will decide on five statewide ballot measures in November: four amendments and one proposition.

Amendment 3

Amendment 3, if approved, would repeal the 2024 voter-approved amendment providing reproductive healthcare rights including abortion. Under the new measure, abortions would be prohibited except in cases of medical emergency, fetal anomaly, rape, and incest; abortions in cases of rape and incest would only be permitted through 12 weeks of gestation. The measure also would allow the legislature to regulate abortion healthcare providers and facilities.



According to the Missouri Independent, a member of the state's newsroom, supporters say the proposed ban protects women facing medical emergencies and survivors of sexual assault. Critics question whether those protections would work in practice.

The ballot question reads: "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Repeal the 2024 voter-approved Amendment providing reproductive healthcare rights, including abortion through fetal viability;
- Allow abortions for rape and incest (under twelve-weeks' gestation), emergencies, and fetal anomalies;
- Allow legislation regulating abortion;
- Ensure parental consent for minors' abortions;
- Prohibit gender transition procedures for minors?"

State governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Amendment 6

If passed, Amendment 6 would limit the legislature's authority to repeal or modify laws and constitutional amendments initiated and approved by voters since 2010 and into the future.

The ballot question reads: "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- expand the initiative and referendum petition process by making it a fundamental right;
- allow courts to revise ballot summaries through lawsuits;
- prohibit the legislature from weakening initiative or referendum powers;
- prohibit the legislature from changing or repealing laws enacted through the initiative process, or passing laws similar to those rejected by referendum, without approval from at least 80% of both chambers; and
- preserve existing majority vote and signature requirements for initiative and referendum petitions?"

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Grundy County Clerk's Office Counts Down To Election Day

Special Report

The final stretch up to Election Day is upon the Grundy County Courthouse. In-person absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, and polls open the next morning for Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 6 a.m.

County Clerk Courtney Campbell's office has been busy since absentee voting opened in mid-October, handling both walk-in voters and a steady stream of mailed ballots.

"We had 27 in-person, no excuse voters for the first day on Oct. 20," Campbell told the Trenton Telegraph.

Missouri voters don't need a reason to cast an absentee ballot in person. Grundy County residents can do so at the county clerk's office during regular hours until the Monday deadline, according to the county's absentee voting schedule.

Mail voting has kept the clerk's office busy, too. By late October, most of the mailed ballots sent out had already come back.

"We have had 114 mail-in/absentee ballots requested and 90 have been returned," Campbell said.

The window to request a mailed ballot closed earlier this month. Unlike in-person absentee voting, voting by mail requires a qualifying reason under state rules, such as being away from the county on Election Day, illness or physical disability, or religious belief or practice.

Voters who still have a mailed ballot at home should get it in right away. Completed ballots must reach the election authority by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, under state absentee voting instructions.

They should also follow the signature and notarization instructions included in their ballot packet.

Whether they vote early or on Election Day, in-person voters should come prepared. Voters should bring an acceptable photo ID, such as a current Missouri driver's license or nondriver license, U.S. passport or military ID, according to the Missouri secretary of state's voting guide.

Registered voters without acceptable identification can still cast a provisional ballot.

"If they come to vote with their voter card and no form of picture ID, they can vote and their ballot will be placed in a provisional envelope," Campbell said. "They can come back to their polling place on Election Day with picture ID and their ballot can then be taken out of the envelope and put in the machine and counted."

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Under the secretary of state's guidance, a provisional ballot counts if the voter returns before polls close with acceptable ID, or if election officials find the signature on the provisional envelope matches the voter's registration signature. Voters receive a stub with instructions for checking whether their ballot counted.

Once they get their ballots, voters won't find any head-to-head races for county office. Five county offices are up for election this year, Campbell said.

"County offices that are on the ballot this time are – associate circuit judge, presiding commissioner, clerk of the circuit court and ex-officio recorder of deeds, clerk of the county commission and prosecuting attorney," Campbell said. "None of these are contested races in this election."

On Election Day, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters with questions can call the county clerk's office at (660) 359-4040.

Voters in one part of Trenton will find their polling place at a newer location.

Trenton's 2nd Ward and Lincoln Township moved from the Ketcham Community Center to the Grundy County Health Department Annex, 1307 E. 17th St., starting with the April election, and the change remains in place, KTTN reported.

Here's where Grundy County votes on Election Day, according to Campbell:

- Liberty and Myers townships: Galt Baptist Church
- Franklin and Washington townships: Spickard Christian Church
- Wilson and Marion townships: Laredo Community Building
- Madison and Taylor townships: Edinburg Baptist Church
- Trenton 1st Ward and Jefferson Township: Grundy County Courthouse
- Trenton 2nd Ward and Lincoln Township: Grundy County Health Department Annex
- Trenton 3rd Ward and Harrison Township: First Christian Church
- Trenton 4th Ward and Jackson Township: First Baptist Recreational Center.

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State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Amendment 7

Amendment 7, if passed, would establish a permanent public endowment fund. The state legislature would invest it to earn enough interest to eventually replace taxes with earnings and couldn't withdraw money for non-government purposes.

The ballot question reads: "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a permanent public endowment fund to support state government instead of taxing Missouri residents, prohibit the General Assembly from appropriating or diverting the fund, and eliminate state-imposed taxes once the fund generates sufficient revenue to replace them?"

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Amendment 8

If approved, Amendment 8, put on the ballot by the legislature, would add to the state constitution the authority of elected sheriffs in most counties to serve as the county's chief law enforcement officer.

The ballot question reads: "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to support law enforcement by preserving the right of citizens to elect a county sheriff, prohibiting the removal of a county sheriff except by a writ of quo warranto, and recognizing the office of sheriff as part of the administration of justice?"

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Proposition A

Proposition A asks voters whether to approve the 2025 congressional district map or keep the 2022 map.

The ballot reads: "Do the people of the state of Missouri approve the act of the General Assembly entitled 'House Bill No. 1 (2025 Second Extraordinary Session),' which repeals Missouri's existing congressional plan, and replaces it with new congressional boundaries that keep more counties intact?"

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

A "yes" vote will approve redrawing the congressional district boundaries.

A "no" vote will leave in place the congressional district boundaries enacted in 2022.

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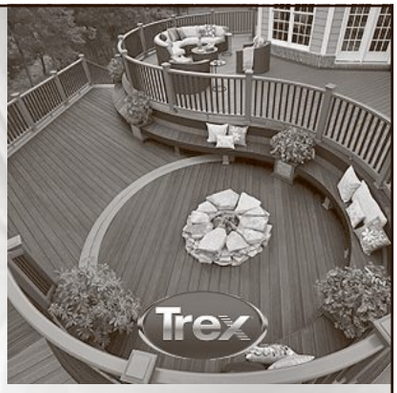
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Parents As Teachers Receives Vision Screening Device

The Trenton R-IX Parents as Teachers program received a $7,500 grant for a PlusoptiX S20 vision screener. Trenton is one of 35 school districts in Missouri that received this grant.

The screening device can detect common vision issues in children ages 6 month and older including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, amblyopia, anisometropia, anisocoria and misalignment.

"Results are sent home to parents/guardian for follow-up referrals if needed," reads a release from the PAT program about how the screening device is used. "Parents as Teachers will bring this free screening to day care centers, home day care, home-schooled and families in Grundy County."

For more information or to schedule a screening, contact Connie Hoffman or Crystal Hamilton at (660) 339-6266 ext. 3210.



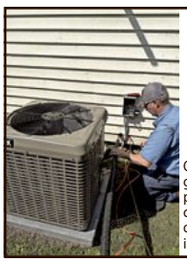
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Marching Band Success Continues

The Trenton High School Golden Bulldog Marching Band continues to have success in competitions, with the latest round of accolades coming from the Macon Marching Festival, held this past weekend.

The Golden Bulldogs earned multiple top-three finishes in the competition, including first for indoor drumline.

The band also earning third in the parade category, missing second place by less than one point; second in the indoor color guard category; and third place in field show, missing second place by less than one point.

"The Golden Bulldog Marching Band placed in all four events at every competition this year," reads a news release on the high school's website.



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Bulldogs Fall On Senior Night

The Trenton Bulldogs suffered their third straight loss on the gridiron Friday, Oct. 23, falling to Gallatin with Tri-County 7 to 43 on senior night.

The loss brings the football team to a season record of 2-7 as they head into the Class 2 District 8 quarterfinal.

Ahead of the losses, the Bulldogs had a two-game win streak, besting Milan on Oct. 2 by a score of 23-0 and blanking South Harrison in late September 15-0.

In the quarterfinal, Trenton will take on West Platte with kickoff at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at West Platte High School.

Bulldogs Volleyball Season Comes to End



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The Bulldog volleyball season came to an end in the district semifinal against Bishop LeBlond, 14-25, 17-25, 6-25. The Bulldogs' season record was 6-22-4.

Choir, Orchestra Rehearsals Begin

The Grand River Valley Choir and Orchestra began its eight weekly Tuesday rehearsals last week in the Trenton High School choir and band rooms.

Those interested in singing as part of the choir can contact Linda Arnold, choral conductor, at lkarnold55@gmail.com or (660) 605-1472.

The orchestra is an auditioned instrumental ensemble. Those interested in participating who are proficient on violin, viola or cello, can contact Sarah Cavanah, orchestral conductor, at semcavanah@gmail.com or (660) 815-1921.

The GRVCO winter concert is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Dec. 12, in the Trenton R-IX Performing Arts Center. A variety of seasonal music will be performed.

Trenton Council Approves Fixes As Busy November Looms

Special Report

Trenton city facilities are undergoing repairs like patches to hail-battered roofs and replacement of a leak-prone water main as city leaders are taking a hard look at utility finances.

The City Council approved Monday, Oct. 26, signing off on roof repairs, water main engineering and new software to forecast utility revenue and reserves, KTTN reported.

Those spending decisions come as city leaders get ready to plan the city's next budget.

"The fiscal year for Trenton starts May 1," City Administrator Matt Harline told the Trenton Telegraph. "We will initiate the capital budgeting process soon."

The biggest check from Oct. 26 covers storm damage. The council accepted a bid from Cornerstone Construction Solutions for metal and composite-shingle roofing at seven city facilities damaged by a May hailstorm.

The buildings include the water treatment plant's chemical feed building, parts of the electric plant and several utility buildings, along with the Trenton Municipal Airport terminal and new hangar.

Five contractors bid on the work. The city expects insurance to cover the cost after an adjuster estimated the damage at $308,099.28.

The council also moved ahead on a troubled stretch of pipe. In a 7-1 vote with Councilman Marvin Humphreys opposed, members approved engineering by The Howe Company to replace the Oklahoma Avenue water main between East 26th Street and Saint Joseph Street.



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City Administrator Matt Harline said Trenton will put out a community survey in early November for residents to provide feedback for strategic planning purposes.

The project would swap an aging 4-inch cast-iron line for an 8-inch PVC main. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Adam Snuffer said the area has seen four leaks since the beginning of July.

Construction is estimated at $445,000, plus an optional $70,000 to bore beneath Oklahoma Avenue at Hillcrest and connect a dead-end main. That work would be proposed for fiscal 2027-28 and would need separate council approval.

The engineering wasn't budgeted, but other available funds should cover it, Harline said.

The city is also keeping a closer eye on its utility finances. The council authorized a six-month, $5,400 subscription to Waterworth software, which will let the city project revenue and expenses, weigh the timing of new debt and plan for minimum cash reserves.

The prorated price is half the $10,800 annual cost and includes training and support, said Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller Harry Belvel. The water department budget will cover it.

That reserve planning matters. The water department's cash sits below the city's preferred cushion, with a required minimum reserve of $2,285,501 compared with $2,025,880.61 in unrestricted cash and investments as of Sept. 30.

Harline said this year's 2% water rate increase, combined with better forecasting, could help the department rebuild its reserves.

The council meets next at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at City Hall.

"We have not begun to develop the Nov. 9 agenda, but I do anticipate some of the master agreements for on-call engineering will be ready for approval," Harline said.

Those agreements wouldn't cost the city anything up front.

"These will have no immediate cost, but will give us firms to call on for small immediate projects and a short list for moderate-size projects under $5 million," Harline said.

Homeowners dealing with sewer troubles may also get some help. Harline said the council could see measures to restart two assistance programs.

"We may have an ordinance change and a policy document to reestablish our sanitary sewer backflow prevention program and the sewer separation program," Harline said. "We budget about $30,000 a year for that kind of assistance."

CITY COUNCIL

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Pictured are: Bryan Johnson, Phillip Ray and Kevin Ireland, all Grundy County commissioners; Peggy Scott of Friendship Place Apartments; Dan Wilford and Ginny Wikoff of the FFDD Board; James Ross; Dale Campbell, a FFDD bus driver to Hope Haven; and Kayla Graham, FFDD executive director.

A proclamation recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month was signed by Phillip Ray, Grundy County presiding commissioner, helping bring awareness to the importance of inclusion, accessibility and meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

"Every individual has unique abilities, talents and strengths to offer. When we create opportunities for everyone to participate in the workforce and our communities, we all benefit," reads a release about the awareness month. "Families and Friends of the Developmentally Disabled is proud to support individuals with developmental disabilities and promote opportunities that encourage independence, inclusion, and meaningful participation in our community."

City Council

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Beyond the council table, the city is pushing ahead on two separate efforts to clear out rundown houses.

"The city has two demolition programs," Harline said. "One is partially CDBG-funded and involves 24 single-family houses. The other is funded by city and property owners."

The city-funded program is moving first.

"We have seven slated for demolition in the city program. We may see mobilization as soon as this week on up to five of the seven," Harline said in late October. "The city program has completed all asbestos inspections and remediation in one structure."

The council awarded Truitt Dirt Work the $48,750 contract for that work in August, according to council minutes.

The larger, grant-backed project will take longer. Before any of those 24 houses come down, the city must finish environmental reviews and asbestos removal.

"On the CDBG project, we have completed the required notification of the Native American tribes and we should be able to close out the environmental study soon," Harline said. "Then we will work with the Green Hills RPC to do asbestos removal and finally we can select the firm for demolition and begin demolition, probably in early spring."

Residents will soon get a chance to weigh in on the city's future, too. The next stage of Trenton's strategic plan is a public survey.

"We will advertise widely to be taken online or on a hard copy," Harline said. "We hope to get a broad representation of the community to take the survey."

The timeline is tight.

"We plan to have it out the first week of November and be completed before Thanksgiving," Harline said.

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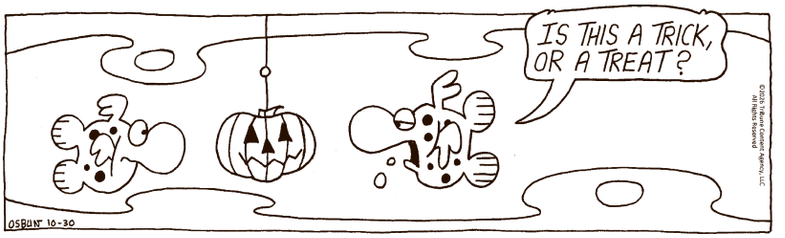
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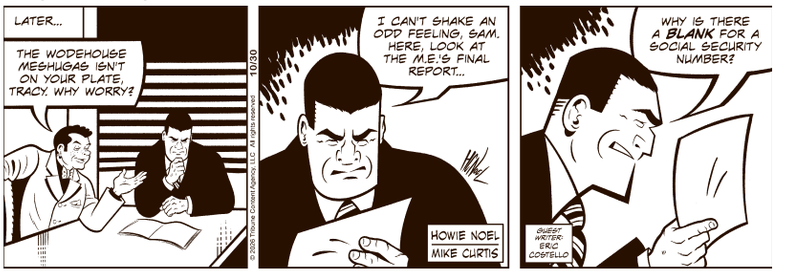
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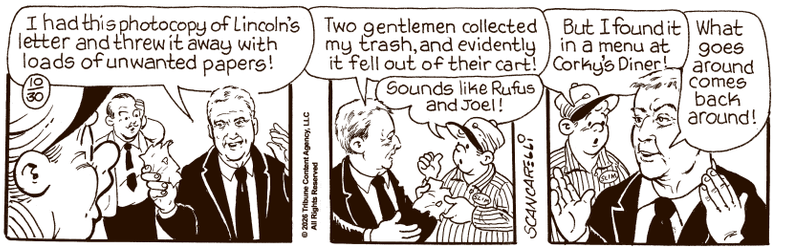
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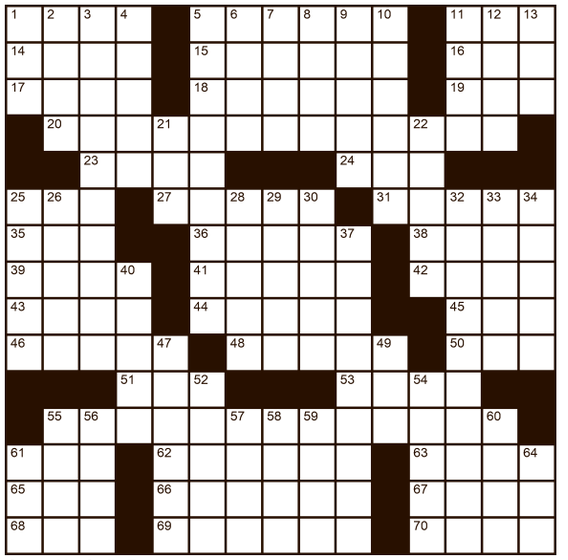
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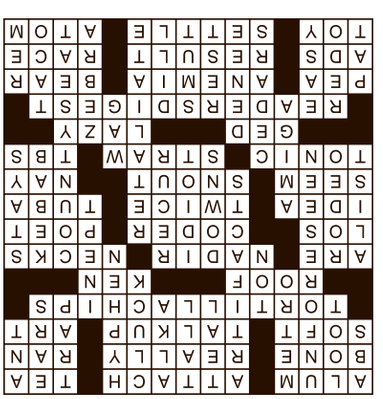
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1 Crunch muscles
2 War booty
3 Not expected
4 Paris subway
5 Prehistoric objects
6 Blue-green color
7 Like NBA players, usually
8 __-Seltzer
9 Hen's sound
10 Punctuation in "so-so"
11 Ensnare
12 Corncob servings
13 Industrious insect
21 2,000 pounds
22 Bungling
25 Top-tier guests
26 "It's not my first __"
28 Football plays
29 Brainless one
30 Happen again
32 Center of local government: 2 wds.
33 Shish __
34 Remains
37 Get revenge
40 Old computer brand
47 Trees in Lebanon
49 Tail movement
52 Actress Benton
54 Striped animal
55 Make over
56 __ as pie
57 Short break
58 Obscene material
59 Pickle seasoning
60 Folded Mexican food
61 Loving touch
64 "Losing My Religion" band



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Friday's Puzzle Solved



SUDOKU

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

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Level 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

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

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