

ESSEX JCT. TODAY

58°

Low 34° · A stray shower
Tuesday: 45°, sunny and cold

DOW	52,215	▼ -1.2%	S&P 500	7,624	▼ -0.5%	NASDAQ	25,955	▼ -0.2%	DOW FUT.	+0.3%	10-YR	5.00%	GAS	\$4.29	WTI	\$101
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WORLD · BRAZIL

Lula Wins a Fourth Term

Brazil's president comes from behind to beat Flávio Bolsonaro in Sunday's runoff; the challenger has not conceded

BRAZIL BY THE NUMBERS

51.8%

Lula's share of the vote

4.4M

Votes in his margin

4th

Term as president

Jan. 5

Inauguration day

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: PBS NEWSHOUR, PROFILE NEWS

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva won a fourth term Sunday, beating Sen. Flávio Bolsonaro 51.8% to 48.2% with every vote counted, Brazil's electoral court said — a margin of nearly 4.4 million votes.

It was a comeback. Bolsonaro, the eldest son of former President Jair Bolsonaro, led the first round on Oct. 4. It is the first time since military rule ended in 1985 that the first-round runner-up has won, PBS NewsHour reported.

Bolsonaro had not conceded and disputes a court ruling that kept some polls open two extra hours. Both campaigns had asked for the extension, after bus problems in São Paulo and Salvador and heavy rain in the south.

Lula, a former union leader, first won the presidency in 2002 and served two terms. A corruption conviction later kept him in prison for 580 days before it was annulled, and he won again in 2022.

Lula, President Trump and Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega are the oldest presidents in the Americas, all 80, PBS noted. Lula turns 81 on Tuesday and begins his new term Jan. 5. **Markets and more world news, Page 2.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

58°

Low tonight: 34°

Clouds and sun; a stray shower as a dry front passes.

CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY

Then dry through Saturday

25%

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE

45°

5%

WED

53°

5%

THU

67°

5%

FRI

60°

15%

Blue = chance of rain. NWS forecast data, Monday a.m.

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Forecast data: Tuesday is the cold day, with a hard freeze near 27° Wednesday morning; Thursday rebounds to the upper 60s.

NFL · WEEK 8

Seahawks Stifle the Chiefs, 20-3

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Seattle held Kansas City to 213 yards and no touchdowns Sunday night. Sam Darnold found Jaxon Smith-Njigba for a 28-yard score, and Emanuel Wilson ran 21 yards for another.

Seattle ran for 153 yards and kept the ball nearly 36 minutes. Kansas City managed 50

rushing yards, threw an interception and missed two of three field-goal tries.

Miami's 28-25 win over the Jets keeps the Patriots (4-3) second in the AFC East, 1½ games behind Buffalo. Minnesota is still perfect at 6-0.

Tonight: World Series Game 3 and Cowboys at Eagles. **Page 3.**

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Pasta is up 14% in a year. **P. 12**

WEATHER AROUND THE MAP					Monday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight						
MIDDLEBURY, VT		NOW 38°	HI 61°	LO 34°	RAIN 10%	CHARLOTTE, NC		NOW 47°	HI 70°	LO 44°	RAIN 0%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH		NOW 41°	HI 50°	LO 24°	RAIN 35% summit	WILMINGTON, NC		NOW 54°	HI 74°	LO 48°	RAIN 0%
SNOWSHOE, WV		NOW 38°	HI 63°	LO 38°	RAIN 0%	ST. PETERSBURG, FL		NOW 71°	HI 80°	LO 69°	RAIN 20%
ROSEBURG, OR		NOW 50°	HI 56°	LO 48°	RAIN 40%	FULTON, MO		NOW 52°	HI 76°	LO 51°	RAIN 10%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE		NOW 44°	HI 64°	LO 46°	RAIN 0%	HOT SPOT · PHOENIX, AZ		NOW 61°	HI 83°	LO 57°	RAIN 0%

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MARKETS & MONEY

Friday's close · Monday, October 26

THE BIG BOARD — FRIDAY, OCT. 23

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	52,215.16	-652.82	-1.23%	
S&P 500	7,623.68	-39.75	-0.52%	
Nasdaq Composite	25,955.34	-53.52	-0.21%	
Russell 2000	2,775.90	-8.13	-0.29%	

JB'S WATCHLIST

Nvidia (NVDA)	210.96	-1.25	-0.59%	
Palantir (PLTR)	196.75	+0.57	+0.29%	
Microsoft (MSFT)	524.51	+3.44	+0.66%	

BIG NAMES

Apple (AAPL)	347.73	-0.49	-0.14%	
Amazon (AMZN)	248.00	-2.38	-0.95%	
Alphabet (GOOGL)	320.21	-4.02	-1.24%	
Meta (META)	642.62	-6.23	-0.96%	
Tesla (TSLA)	372.22	-2.36	-0.63%	
JPMorgan (JPM)	331.58	-4.95	-1.47%	
Goldman Sachs (GS)	875.68	-15.60	-1.75%	

Index closes via CappNotes; point changes computed by the Courier; stocks and ETFs via StockAnalysis.com.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury up 5 bp, just under 5%	5.00%
30-yr Treasury up 4 bp	5.31%
2-yr Treasury up 5 bp	4.69%
Gas, U.S. avg. AAA regular, up 2¢ in a day	\$4.29
Diesel, U.S. avg. AAA; record is \$6.53 (Sept.)	\$6.32
WTI crude December contract, +3.8%	\$103.27
Brent crude +3.1%, highest since April 29	\$116.72
Gold -1.3%	~\$4,008
Fed meeting ~92% odds of a hold (Kalshi)	Tue.-Wed.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUE. Fed meets; Visa reports

WED. Rate call; Alphabet, Microsoft

THU. PCE inflation; Amazon

Friday: Dow -1.2%, S&P -0.5%, Russell -0.3%, Nasdaq -0.2% · energy +2.6%; staples -1.9%

Index closes via CappNotes

WALL STREET · THIS MORNING

Futures Up as Oil Eases

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCE: YAHOO FINANCE

Stock futures pointed higher Sunday night — Dow futures up about 0.3% — after President Trump said there would be no U.S. strike on Iran “today.” Brent crude fell 1.9% to \$109.59 and U.S. crude 2.2% to \$101.01.

Strategist Ed Yardeni cut his year-end S&P; 500 target to 7,900 from 8,400, citing the Middle East and a market led by too few stocks. Traders put the odds the Fed holds Wednesday near 90%.

PCE inflation data arrives Thursday morning, a day after the Fed.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Meta (META) — Fell 9.4% last week after its earnings.

Alphabet (GOOGL) — AI spending is the question Wednesday.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Cloud growth in focus Wednesday.

Amazon (AMZN) — Reports Thursday after the bell.

Chevron (CVX) — Reports Friday as crude backs off.

Eli Lilly (LLY) — Reports Thursday morning.

Visa (V) — Opens the week’s big reports Tuesday.

Exxon (XOM) — Reports Friday with crude near \$101.

ETF SCOREBOARD

SPY	S&P 500	759.97	-0.52%
QQQ	Nasdaq-100	704.40	-0.01%
DIA	Dow	521.37	-1.24%
IWM	Small caps	275.75	-0.33%
GLD	Gold	366.61	-0.65%
XLE	Energy	69.33	+2.60%
XLK	Tech	183.23	+0.49%
XLF	Financials	55.90	-1.32%

Best of these: Energy +2.60% Worst: Banks -1.32%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000		+11.8%
Nasdaq		+11.7%
S&P 500		+11.4%
Dow		+8.6%

Through Friday; Courier estimate from AP year-start levels.

THE LUMBER DESK

Crude Near \$101

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

U.S. crude slipped to about \$101 a barrel Sunday night, down from \$103 Friday. Weather: a stray shower today, then a cold, sunny Tuesday and a hard freeze near 27° Wednesday morning — keep finishes and glue indoors.

HOUSING STARTS · SEPT.

1.22M

-5.2% from Aug.

-7.4% from a year ago

Permits 140M

Single-family 859K

Census Bureau, seasonally adjusted annual rate · next report Nov. 18

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · SERBIA

Vucic Concedes to Students

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: PROFILE NEWS

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic conceded that his party’s list lost Sunday’s snap parliamentary election to a student-led movement. Early estimates gave the Student List 135 to 140 of 250 seats, to about 105 for Vucic’s camp; official results were still being counted.

The movement grew out of protests after a railway-station canopy collapsed in Novi Sad in 2024, killing 16 people. Students led more than a year of marches accusing the government of corruption in the station’s renovation.

Vucic has dominated Serbian politics since 2014, first as prime minister and, since 2017, as president. His presidential term runs to 2027; the new parliament will choose the next government.

Strait of Hormuz. U.S. Central Command said more than 3,000 commercial ships have crossed the strait with U.S. military support in the past six months, and that Iranian mines have been cleared from the main shipping lanes. (Profile News)

Jordan. Nine people were killed in an attack on a Greek Orthodox church in Karak governorate; no group has claimed it. (Profile News)

ELSEWHERE

Iran. President Trump ruled out a U.S. strike on Iran Sunday, a day after suggesting one, but kept military options open; Qatari mediators were in Tehran. (Profile News)

Saudi Arabia. The Saudi-led coalition said it intercepted 11 ballistic missiles and a cruise missile Sunday; two people were hurt by debris. (Profile News)

Ukraine. Russia launched 153 drones overnight into Saturday; Ukraine’s air force said 119 were downed or disabled. (Profile News)

Soccer. Real Madrid beat Barcelona 2–1 at Camp Nou, with both goals from Kylian Mbappé — his 100th for the club. (Profile News)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ENERGY

Your Power Bill, Up 39%

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: SEVEN DAYS

The average Vermont household electric bill rose from \$97.25 a month in 2019 to \$135 this year — 39% — Seven Days reports, citing Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory data. Rates climbed 29%, a bit faster than prices overall.

Since 2010, Vermont’s 17 utilities have asked for rate increases 90 times, more than half of them in the past four years. Regulators approved 5.5% for Green Mountain Power this summer

after it asked for 7.5%. Hyde Park’s small municipal utility raised rates 35%, and Swanton is seeking 30% after a dam bladder tore.

The state Department of Public Service expects rates to rise another 25% by 2030. Still, Vermont’s increases are smaller than the rest of New England’s.

Households that switched to electric heat are “locked into rising electric costs,” Graniteville resident Lori Bernier, 62, told regulators. GMP says its storm-hardening upgrades will save money over time.

SOUTH BURLINGTON · AVIATION

Beta Cleared to Fly Customers

The FAA has authorized Beta Technologies to take potential customers on demonstration flights of its electric Alia aircraft — a first in electric aviation. An Alia flew from Plattsburgh across Lake Champlain to Burlington last week. Full certification is targeted for 2028. (Seven Days)

BURLINGTON · UVM

A Museum Reopens at 200

UVM’s Perkins Museum of Geology, home of the Charlotte Whale — Vermont’s state fossil — has reopened after six years. Student interns run the exhibits. It’s free, weekdays 9 to 4. The museum turns 200 this year; it began as a private club where Burlington’s leaders showed off a “cabinet of curiosities.” (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

STATEWIDE — **It’s Bat Week.** Vermont has nine native bat species, five threatened or endangered; white-nose syndrome cut two of them by more than 90%. (WCAX)

ESSEX — **Tortillas are back.** Vermont Tortilla has reopened in a new Essex production space. (Seven

Days)

MONTPELIER — **Donuts on the move.** Mad River Donuts is moving its shop to Montpelier from Waitsfield, Seven Days reports.

FOLIAGE REPORT

Cold, then mild

Mountains: summits stay below 40° Tuesday.

Lake Champlain: breezy today; the lake keeps shore nights milder.

Gardens: Wednesday’s freeze ends the season — pull hoses.

Leaves: mostly down up high; oaks hold color below.

Trick-or-treat: dry so far for Saturday.

Clocks: fall back one hour Sunday, Nov. 1.

Sunset: before 5:50 p.m. now, and earlier each day.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Clouds, a stray shower, 58°.

Tue. Sunny and cold, 45°.

Wed. Frosty start, then 53°.

Thu. Mild, 67°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

- 39% Rise in avg. power bill since 2019
- \$135 Avg. monthly home electric bill
- 5.5% GMP increase approved
- 200 Years for UVM’s Perkins Museum
- 2028 Beta’s target for certification

SPORTS

World Series Game 3 tonight · Seahawks rout Chiefs · Bruins at Carolina Tuesday

SUNDAY NIGHT · SEATTLE 20, KANSAS CITY 3

TEAM	1	2	3	4	T
KC	0	0	3	0	3
SEA	0	10	3	7	20

TD: Smith-Njigba 28 pass from Darnold; E. Wilson 21 run · FG: Myers 25, 35 (SEA); Butker 50 (KC)

WORLD SERIES · GAME 3 TONIGHT

Peralta Faces His Old Team

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Tampa Bay hands the ball to Freddy Peralta — 2–0 with a 1.08 ERA this postseason, after eight seasons in Milwaukee — to keep the Brewers from a 3–0 lead. Milwaukee starts left-hander Robert Gasser (1.00 ERA).

First pitch is 8 p.m. on Fox at Tropicana Field; SportRadar makes the Rays a 52% favorite. In Game 1, Jacob Misiorowski’s first pitch was clocked at 103.5 mph, the fastest ever in a World Series, topping Aroldis Chapman’s 103.2 in 2016.

Game 4 is Tuesday at 8. If needed, Game 5 is Wednesday in St. Petersburg, and Games 6 and 7 return to Milwaukee Friday and Saturday.

NFL WEEK 8 · SCORES

	Final
PIT 16, NO 10	F
MIN 16, IND 10	F
MIA 28, NYJ 25	F
CIN 35, BAL 13	F
CLE 27, TEN 24	F
TB 43, CAR 13	F
ATL 29, SF 20	F
NYG 27, HOU 21	F
DEN 30, ARI 16	F
LA 35, LV 21	F
DET 20, GB 17	F
SEA 20, KC 3	SNF F
DAL at PHI	Mon 8:15 DAL 67%
CAR at GB	Thu 8:15 GB 65%

Scores and win chances via SportRadar.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	5-1	—
New England	4-3	1½
NY Jets	2-5	3½
Miami	1-5	4

Via SportRadar. Patriots at Miami Sunday, 4:25 p.m.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Back on the Ice Tuesday

At 9–2–1 after Saturday’s 6–4 win over San Jose, Boston plays at Carolina Tuesday at 8, at St. Louis Thursday, then hosts Chicago Saturday at 1.

AROUND THE NFL

Vikings Still Perfect

Unbeaten: Minnesota (6–0) beat Indianapolis 16–10.

Upset: Atlanta handed San Francisco its first loss, 29–20.

MLB · FULL SCHEDULE (ET)

WS G3 Brewers at Rays, tonight 8:00

WS G4 Brewers at Rays, Tue. 8:00

WS G5* Brewers at Rays, Wed. 8:00

THE BOURBON PAGE

A Prohibition-era recipe from Louisville · plus the Manhattan



BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

WHISKEY ROW SERIES · LOUISVILLE, KY.

Old Forester 1920 Prohibition Style

PROOF	AGE	STYLE	MAKER	PRICE
115	NAS	Straight	Brown-Forman	~\$60

Old Forester, the Brown-Forman brand from Louisville, kept selling whiskey right through Prohibition — legally, as medicine. The 1920 Prohibition Style salutes those years with a richer, stronger pour at 115 proof.

It belongs to the Whiskey Row Series, each bottle named for a year in the brand’s history. Old Forester 100 (the Signature) ran here before; this is its bolder cousin.

How to drink it: neat with a splash of water, or in a Manhattan. Expect dark cherry and fruit, caramel, toasted

nuts and oak, with a creamy finish. About \$60.

George Garvin Brown founded the company in 1870, and his family is still involved. Brown-Forman also makes Woodford Reserve, another bottle featured here before.

Why 115 proof? It’s a nod to the stronger whiskey of the era, and it gives the bourbon room to open up with a few drops of water.

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

Whiskey by Prescription

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

Prohibition began in January 1920, but the law left a door open: doctors could prescribe whiskey as medicine, and patients filled the prescription at a pharmacy.

Only a handful of companies were licensed to bottle it. Brown-Forman was one, which is why Old Forester can say it was sold before, during and after Prohibition.

A typical prescription allowed a pint every 10 days. Prohibition ended in December 1933 with the 21st Amendment.

History tip: look for old pint bottles marked “for medicinal purposes only” at antique shops.

THE WHISKEY ROW SHELF

Four Years, Four Bottles

1870 Original Batch — the year George Garvin Brown began bottling.

1897 Bottled in Bond — named for the year of the bonded law; 100 proof.

1910 Old Fine Whisky — aged in a second, charred barrel.

1920 Prohibition Style — this week’s bottle, 115 proof.

Old Forester 100 — the everyday Signature, featured here before.

Old Forester Rye — the house’s 100-proof rye whiskey.

Hunting tip: the 1920 sits on most shelves next to the Signature; it costs about twice as much.

THIS WEEK’S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Manhattan. A strong bourbon keeps it from tasting too sweet.

Stir 2 oz bourbon, 1 oz sweet vermouth and 2 dashes Angostura bitters with ice until very cold, about 30 seconds. Strain into a chilled coupe and add a cherry.

Vermont twist: a bar spoon of maple syrup and an orange peel.

TASTING LAB

Pour the 1920 beside Old Forester 100: same distillery, 15 proof points apart. Add water to the 1920 until they taste alike.

Garnish note: a dark brandied cherry beats a bright-red maraschino.

THIS WEEK’S POUR PLAN

TONIGHT · WORLD SERIES GAME 3

A Manhattan with the 1920 — Brewers up 2–0.

TUESDAY · THE COLD DAY

The 1920 neat, with a splash of water at 115 proof.

SATURDAY · HALLOWEEN

A Manhattan for the grown-ups after the candy runs out.

What to sip with what’s on

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

Prohibition — the U.S. ban on alcohol sales, 1920–1933.

Medicinal whiskey — sold by prescription during Prohibition.

NAS — no age statement on the label.

Barrel proof — bottled at the strength it left the barrel.

Straight — aged at least two years.

Manhattan — whiskey, sweet vermouth and bitters, stirred.

Sweet vermouth — red fortified wine flavored with herbs.

Coupe — a stemmed, shallow cocktail glass.

Neat — straight from the bottle, no ice.

Finish — the flavor that lingers after a sip.

Master distiller — the person in charge of the whiskey.

Rickhouse — the warehouse where barrels age.

Angel’s share — whiskey lost to evaporation.

Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.

DSP number — a distillery’s federal ID on the label.

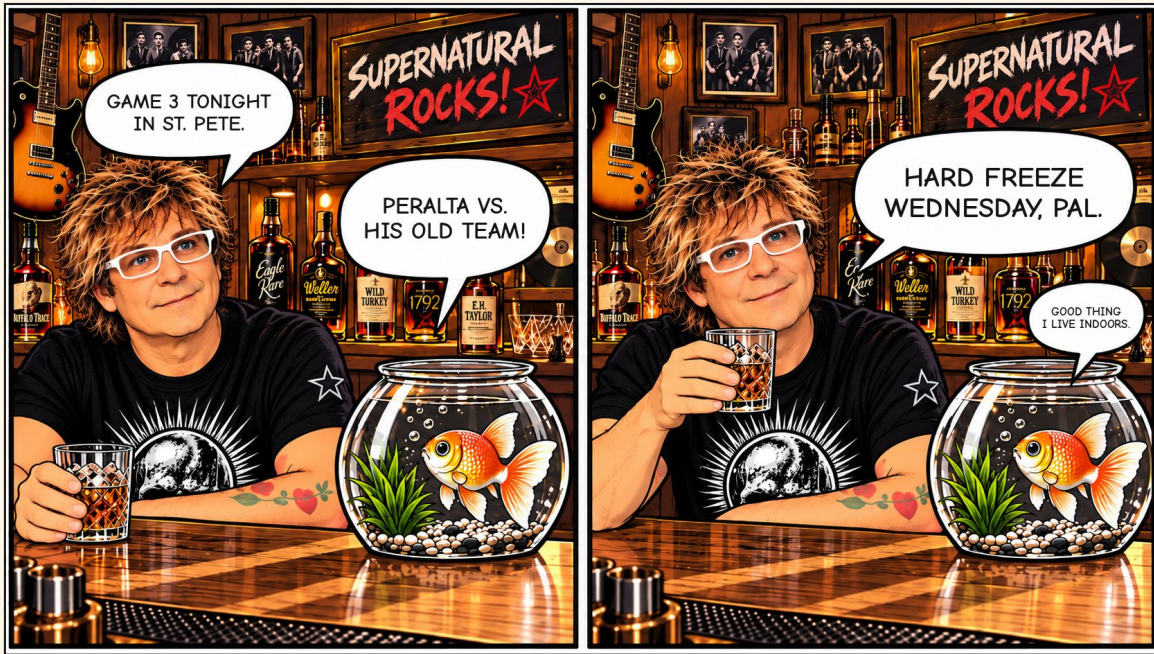
Whiskey Row — Louisville’s Main Street, once lined with distillers.

Stirred — chilled with ice in a glass, not shaken.

Cherry — the classic Manhattan garnish.

THE FUNNY PAGES

JB's Morning Strip — original art by JB, fresh lines daily



Characters and artwork © JB. Today's dialogue: The Courier.

THE WEEK-AHEAD PLANNER

Monday, Oct. 26 — Halloween

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 8:00 — World Series Game 3, Fox.
Tonight 8:15 — MNF: Cowboys at Eagles.
Tue. 8:00 — WS Game 4; Bruins at Carolina.
Wed. 2:00 — Fed decision; WS Game 5* at 8.
Thu. 8:00 — Bruins at St. Louis.
Thu. 8:15 — TNF: Panthers at Packers.
Fri. 8:00 — WS Game 6*, Milwaukee.

AROUND VERMONT

Tue. — Allison Russell at Higher Ground.
Wed. a.m. — Hard freeze — cover tender plants.
Thu. — The warm day: 67° in Essex.
Through Nov. 3 — Early voting at your town clerk's office.
Sat. — Trick-or-treat night; dry so far, 56°.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Mon. — 58°, a passing shower.
Tue. — Cold sun, 45°.
Wed. — Frosty start, 53°.
Thu. — Warm, 67°.
Fri. — Cooler, 60°.
Sat. — Dry Halloween, 56°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

LEWISVILLE, TEX.

\$128,514, Returned

A man spotted \$128,514 and 19 checks left on top of a Bank of America ATM — apparently by a Brinks technician after a repair — and called police instead of walking off. The bank got every dollar back, and the police chief praised his honesty. (Good News Network)

YELLOWSTONE

Luna Comes Home

Luna, a 10-year-old Jack Russell terrier from California, slipped out of a Canyon Village cabin Sept. 10. More than a month later, a volunteer and her owner caught her in a trap baited with the family's clothes — thin but healthy. (Good News Network)

MINERAL WELLS, TEX.

A 40-Year Boat

Dale, 86, has spent 40 years building a 62-foot boat in his yard, dreaming of sailing it to Alaska. After visitors shared his story, more than 1,500 strangers gave \$41,000 to help move it. (Good News Network)

INDONESIA

Forests Spared

Indonesia halted a rice-expansion plan critics called the world's largest deforestation project, sparing about 4.4 million acres of forest and peatland on Borneo and New Guinea. Future farming will use degraded land. (Good News Network)

NEW YORK

A Buddha Set Straight

Working with Chinese experts on a full-size copy, conservators found the Met's 700-year-old, 50-foot Medicine Buddha mural had been hung slightly out of order — the Buddha's head was 2 centimeters off. (Good News Network)

BRITAIN

Solar Farms for Wildlife

A new certification from the group Wild Power rates solar farms and other clean-energy sites on how well they protect and improve habitat — a “fair trade stamp” for green power, its director says. (Positive News)

THE MONDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Serves 4 · 20 min prep · 45 minutes

THE MEATBALLS 1 lb ground chuck · ½ cup breadcrumbs soaked in ¼ cup milk · 1 egg; ½ cup grated Parmesan · 2 garlic cloves, minced · 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp pepper, chopped parsley

THE SAUCE 2 Tbsp olive oil · 1 onion, chopped · 28-oz can crushed tomatoes · 1 tsp dried basil, pinch of sugar · 1 lb spaghetti

METHOD

1. Mix the soaked breadcrumbs gently with the beef, egg, Parmesan, garlic, salt, pepper and parsley. Roll into 16 meatballs.
2. Brown the meatballs in the oil in a large pot, about 8 minutes; set aside. Soften the onion in the same pot.
3. Add the tomatoes, basil and sugar, return the meatballs, cover and simmer 25 minutes.
4. Boil the spaghetti in salted water, drain and serve with the sauce, meatballs and more Parmesan.

Courier tip: Mix with a light hand — overworked meat makes tough meatballs. Pasta costs 14% more than a year ago; see Page 12.

THE TRAVEL DESK

Destinations, drives & the airport board



Courier illustration: a Wren church on a Missouri campus

DESTINATION OF THE WEEK · JB'S PICK

Fulton, Missouri

Where Winston Churchill warned of an “iron curtain” in 1946 — plus a 300-year-old London church rebuilt stone by stone, pieces of the Berlin Wall and a brick-street downtown

Why go: On March 5, 1946, Winston Churchill came to Westminster College in this small Callaway County town and, with President Harry Truman beside him, gave his “Sinews of Peace” speech — warning that an “iron curtain” had descended across Europe. Fulton answered with a monument: a 17th-century London church, burned in the Blitz, shipped over and rebuilt on campus. This week: sunny, mid-70s.

DON'T MISS

America’s National Churchill Museum. It sits beneath the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury. Christopher Wren rebuilt the church after London’s Great Fire of 1666; after a 1940 firebomb, about 7,000 numbered stones — more than 700 tons — crossed the Atlantic, and it was rededicated in 1969.

“Breakthrough.” Churchill’s granddaughter, the artist Edwina Sandys, cut figures through eight sections of the Berlin Wall. It was unveiled on campus in 1990, a year after the Wall fell.

The Brick District. Downtown’s brick streets hold more than 100 independent shops, studios and restaurants, and the district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The “Kingdom of Callaway.” The county’s nickname dates to 1861, when local men bluffed Union troops into a truce. The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society tells the story; Auto World Museum shows more than 80 cars.

Fulton: sunny, 76° today, 71° Tuesday and near 77° Wednesday–Thursday; a 40% chance of showers Halloween. From BTV: fly to Columbia Regional (COU), about 25 miles away, or St. Louis (STL), about 100. Sources: Westminster College; Visit Missouri; forecast data.

ROAD TRIP FROM ESSEX JUNCTION

Quechee Gorge and Woodstock

About 190 miles round trip · a full day

- 1 Essex → Quechee.** I-89 south about 1½ hours to Exit 1, then Route 4 west.
- 2 Quechee Gorge.** Vermont’s “Little Grand Canyon,” about 165 feet deep; view it from the Route 4 bridge.
- 3 Woodstock.** The village green and the Middle Covered Bridge.
- 4 Billings Farm.** A working dairy farm and museum just outside the village.
- 5 Lunch.** Cafés and shops around Woodstock’s Central Street.
- 6 Why Thursday.** 67° and dry — the mildest day of the week.

WEEK-AHEAD OUTLOOK

	MON	TUE	WED
Essex Jct., VT	58° 25%	45° 5%	53° 5%
Fulton, MO	76° 10%	71° 10%	77° 10%
Snowshoe, WV	63° 0%	64° 0%	58° 10%
St. Petersburg, FL	80° 20%	80° 10%	80° 15%
Charlotte, NC	70° 0%	74° 0%	70° 15%
Cape Cod, MA	64° 0%	51° 10%	53° 0%
Roseburg, OR	56° 40%	54° 75%	56° 15%
Phoenix, AZ	83° 0%	84° 0%	84° 10%

Highs and rain chances, NWS forecast data, Monday a.m.

AIRPORT BOARD · DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS

Today’s U.S. totals: Not available at press time. For scale: U.S. flights averaged about 5,600 delays and 340 cancellations a day last year (FlightAware via CNN).

Saudi Arabia: Riyadh’s main airport reopened Sunday after two weeks, but most departures stayed canceled; 7,802 Saudi flights were scrubbed Oct. 8–25, Cirium says (Gulf News).

Tampa Bay: World Series crowds Monday through Wednesday.

FARE WATCH · ROUND TRIPS FROM BTV

ROUTE	UNITED	DELTA	AMER.	BEST
Tampa TPA · St. Pete	\$311 3/27–4/10	\$311 2/3–2/10	\$311 12/5–12/9 nonstop 12/5–12/9	\$167 Breeze
St. Louis STL · Fulton	\$349 11/10–11/16	\$313 3/30–4/3	\$374 11/7–11/11	\$313 Delta 3/30–4/3
Phoenix PHX	\$366 3/9–3/25	\$366 12/11–12/15	\$333 12/8–12/12	\$333 American 12/8–12/12
Charlotte CLT	—	—	—	\$205 Mixed 11/15–11/26

Lowest round-trip fares found by KAYAK users in the last 72 hours, from KAYAK route pages checked Monday morning — not live quotes. Red marks the cheapest of the big three; “—” means none listed. Fares change; check before booking.

TRAVELER’S TOOLKIT

Before You Go

Fulton: Mid-70s and sunny; evenings in the 50s.

Museum: Call ahead for hours: 573-592-5369.

Gas: U.S. regular averages \$4.29, AAA says.

Fare Watch: Fares are what travelers found, not guarantees.

Clocks: Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 1.

Halloween: Expect trick-or-treaters on the roads Saturday evening.

Airports: Columbia Regional has limited service; St. Louis has far more flights.

Freeze: Wednesday’s hard freeze means frosted windshields — leave early.

World Series: Games 3–5 fill St. Petersburg hotels this week.

Time zone: Missouri runs on Central time, an hour behind Vermont.

COMING UP

Your Pick Next?

Fare Watch rotates routes: Wilmington, Eugene/Medford and Charleston, W.Va., are up next, and the route list is yours to change. Send your next destination pick, JB — Thanksgiving trips welcome.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER’S TAKE

A Cold Snap, Then a Mild Thursday

BY THE COURIER WEATHER DESK · SOURCE: FORECAST DATA · COURIER WEATHER DESK

A dry cold front slips through today: a mix of clouds and sun, a high near 58° and only a 25% chance of a passing sprinkle.

Behind it, Canadian air makes Tuesday the coldest day of the week — sunshine, but a high of just 45°. Tuesday night is the one to watch: a hard freeze, with Essex Junction near 27° by Wednesday morning and colder in the hollows.

The rebound is quick: 53° Wednesday and a mild 67° Thursday ahead of the next front. Friday cools to 60° with a small shower chance.

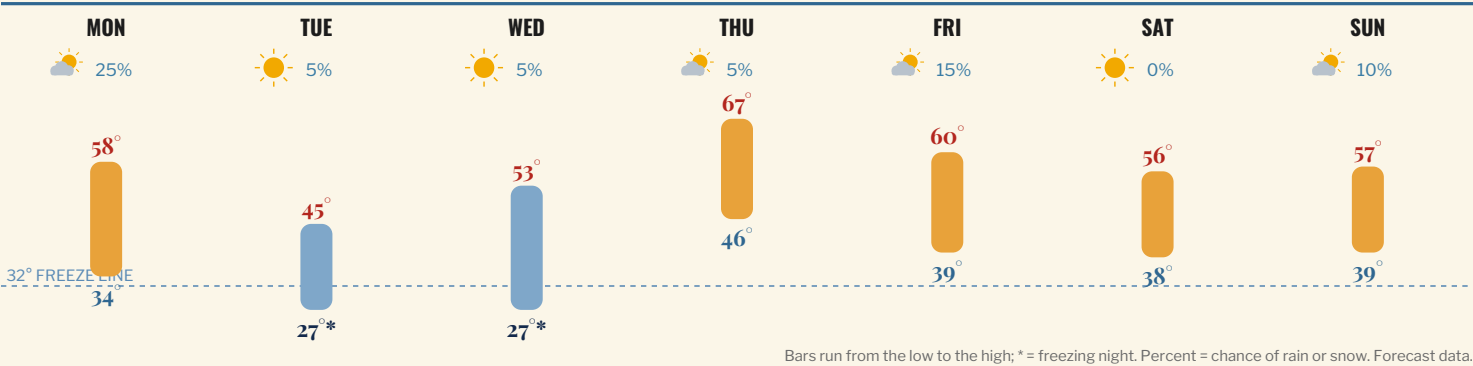
Halloween Saturday looks dry and seasonable, about 56° in the afternoon. And look up tonight: it’s the full Hunter’s Moon, the first full moon after September’s Harvest Moon.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 63° · Low 28°
SUNRISE	7:22 a.m.
SUNSET	5:49 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 27 min
CHANGE	-2.9 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 4 min less light
MOON	Full moon

Sun & moon computed for Essex Jct.; temps from forecast data.

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS



MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

MT. MANSFIELD
Vermont's high point

54° / 29°
35%

Tuesday's high only 38°.

JAY PEAK
Northern Green Mtns.

51° / 28°
25%

Coldest spot: 37° Tuesday.

KILLINGTON
Central Vermont

57° / 30°
10%

Two freezing nights ahead.

BURLINGTON
Lake Champlain shore

59° / 38°
25%

The lake keeps nights milder.

LAKE PLACID
Adirondacks, N.Y.

56° / 29°
35%

Down to 26° Tuesday night.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

6 DAYS UNTIL TRACKING BEGINS · NOV. 1

Season totals in inches, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1

ESSEX JCT.

0.0"

Burlington (BTV)

MIDDLEBURY

0.0"

Addison County

STOWE

0.0"

Mt. Mansfield

SNOWSHOE, WV

0.0"

Highland House · Rimfire

SEVERE & NATIONAL

Quiet Tropics, Desert Storms

The Atlantic is quiet as hurricane season winds down: 10 named storms so far and one hurricane, Isaias, which reached Category 3 this month. Subtropical Storm Josephine brushed the Outer Banks last week.

Out West, the National Weather Service confirmed two EF1 tornadoes in Arizona last Wednesday — near Prescott (105 mph) and in Heber-Overgaard (110 mph). Phoenix, in the low to mid 80s, could see rain by Friday.

Closer to home, the Carolinas stay dry and pleasant all week, with Charlotte in the low 70s and Wilmington in the mid 70s.

SNOWSHOE WATCH

A Warm Week on the Mountain

Snowshoe stays in the upper 50s and low 60s all week, with nights in the upper 30s to mid 40s, forecast data show — still no snowmaking weather. Ski season usually opens around Thanksgiving.

Up north it’s a different story: Mount Washington’s summit tops out near 34° Tuesday, with lows in the low to mid 20s Monday through Wednesday nights.

WEATHER WORD

Hard Freeze

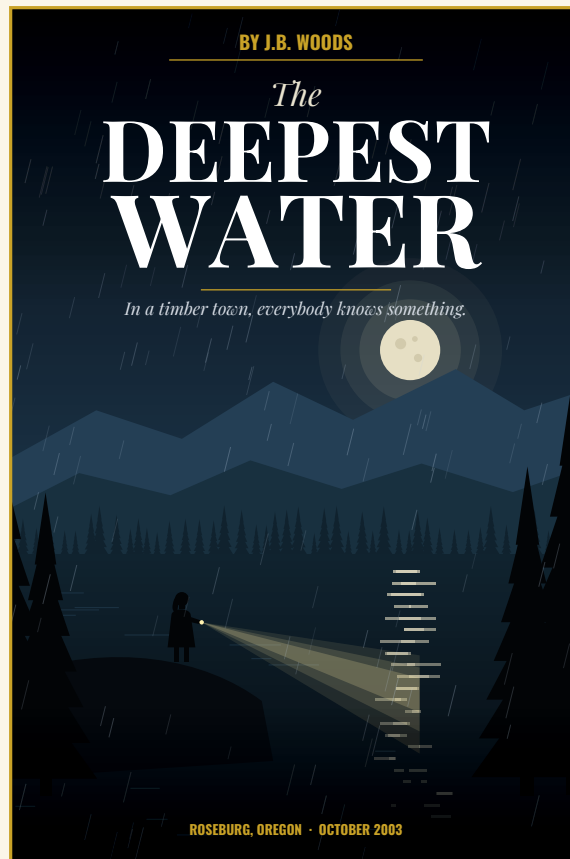
When temperatures fall to 28° or lower for several hours, forecasters call it a hard freeze — the end of the growing season for most garden plants.

This week: Essex Junction’s low near 27° Wednesday qualifies. The Weather Service generally stops issuing frost and freeze alerts for an area once its growing season has ended.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

“Faux summer,” Oct. 22–26, 1991: St. Johnsbury hit 75°, its warmest so late in the season; Enosburg Falls reached 76°. (Fairbanks Museum)

THE DEEPEST WATER

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CHAPTER 25

Chapter Still Being Written

The author is still at work. The story picks up again soon.

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · CHAPTER 24: FOCUS, TESS

Tess tells Coyle, Walters and Mason that Pryce is alive. At the next day's press conference, Coyle announces Pryce has been found stabbed to death.

CATCH UP ON THE WHOLE STORY — THE READER'S GUIDE IS ON PAGES 9 AND 10

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · The Deepest Water returns soon.

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–24

Published chapters only — no spoilers. Updated every edition. By J.B. Woods · Roseburg, Oregon · October 2003

October 2003. Roseburg is a timber town still sore from the mill closures of the '90s. When its most prominent mill owner vanishes, a reporter who came home to start over finds a town where everybody knows something, and nobody is saying it.

CHAPTER 1

Lights On Till Eleven

Editor Walt Brenner hands Tess Halloran the story: Gordon Pryce, owner of the shuttered Pryce Lumber mill, left the Elks Lodge Friday and never came home. Then a car turns up on Highway 138.

CHAPTER 2

Whoever Left It There

A deputy turns Tess away from Pryce's Lincoln, its wheels turned neatly toward the river. At dawn Sheriff Coyle admits the wallet was on the seat with \$200. Whoever left that car wanted it found.

CHAPTER 3

The Sister at the Bar

Del says nobody stops at that pullout by accident. At the Idle Hour, Big Dave says Gordon was scared all summer and points Tess to "Tic Tac." His sister Darla drinks Tess's drink: her brother told Coyle what he saw Friday night.

CHAPTER 4

Forty Dollars a Plate

Over dinner at Brix Grill, PI friends Teresa and Kally of Eye Spy identify Tic Tac in unison: "Oh, Josh Foster?" But Josh had called Eye Spy asking what it costs to run a license plate.

CHAPTER 5

If I End Up in the River

Trent Pryce says he was home watching the game with his mother. At Abby's, Josh says he saw the Lincoln heading up the canyon with a dark pickup behind it, no lights. As he leaves, a dark pickup follows.

CHAPTER 6

Patient as the Rain

Old neighbor Buck, who fished with Gordon for years, tips Tess to his hidden fishing hole at Cavitt Creek and Little River. That night Darla calls: Josh never showed at the bar, and his truck and fishing gear are gone. "Where is my brother?"

CHAPTER 7

The Third Time Today

Back at the Idle Hour, police come looking for Josh. A dark pickup with no lights roars past; the chase fails. Darla: that's the third time today.

CHAPTER 8

Your Case, Not Ours

Deputy Cal Walters: the dark pickup was seen at the Holiday Inn by the river. A beagle finds a stag-handled knife in the shallows engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Coyle has it logged as found property, then calls a number twice.

No answer.

CHAPTER 9

Up Little River

At Gordon's fishing spot, Eye Spy finds an old tackle box with "G.P." carved in the lid — and a torn mayonnaise packet sitting on top. Tess: "Don't tell anyone you found it. Bring it to me."

CHAPTER 10

August 1987

Kally delivers the tackle box to the Ledger: "No, Tess. Mayonnaise!" Channel 9 breaks the news: Commissioner Harlan Voss is missing; his wife, Tiffany, pleads on TV. That night an envelope waits on her desk: "Ask them about August 1987."

CHAPTER 11

Behind the Hedge

Tiffany Voss lets Tess into a plain, dusty house. Sunday evening Harlan took a call from Josh Foster, came out scared, said "Don't wait up" and drove off. Walters calls: Harlan's wallet turned up at the Rice Hill truck stop. "Harlan never goes north."

CHAPTER 12

The Tin in the Gravel

FBI profiler Christine Mason arrives. Harlan's wallet turns up in Rice Hill with cash receipts. Mason: somebody wants us looking north. Tipped off, Tess finds Josh's dented mint tin behind the Ranch Motel.

CHAPTER 13

The Brass Key

Josh's tin holds Tic Tacs and a brass key stamped "1987." Tess gives both to Mason. Darla breaks down: Josh knew things that put him in danger. At Del's diner, Del says Owen Marsh is out of prison and asking about Harlan Voss.

CHAPTER 14

The Twin Knife

At Seven Feathers, Tess runs into Owen Marsh, the boy she once babysat. He swears he was at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach the weekend Pryce vanished. A housekeeper finds a bloody knife in an ottoman in Holiday Inn Room 118. The guest two doors down: Marsh.

CHAPTER 15

The Door That Wasn't Locked

Room 118's deck door is rigged to look locked. Owen, who loves 118, drives off in a dark blue pickup. Tess sends Eye Spy to the Screw and Brew.

CHAPTER 16

The Screw and Brew

At the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach, Eye Spy learns Freddy, the chef and Owen's alibi, was stabbed to death last night.

CHAPTER 17

Alive a Minute Ago

Owen checked out of the Holiday Inn the night the knife turned up. At the Idle Hour, Josh calls Darla in a whisper: "Pryce and Harlan are alive. At least they were —" A gunshot, and the line goes dead.

CHAPTER 18

The Phone Didn't Ring

At the Idle Hour, Coyle detains Darla; Mason says Josh is now a suspect. Darla tells Coyle he probably has more to do with the disappearances than anyone.

CHAPTER 19

Room 118

At City Hall, Coyle never names Josh. A dark pickup races past; Darla spots a figure in black: "Josh!" Tess books Room 118.

CHAPTER 20

Not a One-Glass Night

Home alone, Tess hears a thud at the door: a third DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987 knife, with a note — STOP DIGGING OR YOU'LL GO FOR A SWIM TOO.

CHAPTER 21

Rubber Gloves and White Wine

Mason casts a shoe print from Tess's lawn. Tess checks into Room 118, Eye Spy next door. At 3:08 a.m. someone stands at the foot of her bed. "It's you!"

CHAPTER 22

Pale as Chalk

Room 118 is empty, its deck door open, a motorboat far off. Tess is gone. Kally suspects a hotel insider. Mason casts a riverside shoe print.

CHAPTER 23

Count to a Hundred

Gordon Pryce is alive. He takes Tess to a hidden shelter: he is hunted, and goods were once smuggled in mill lumber. At dusk he leaves her near Rice Hill.

CHAPTER 24

Focus, Tess

Tess tells Coyle, Walters and Mason that Pryce is alive. At the next day's press conference, Coyle announces Pryce has been found stabbed to death.

OPEN QUESTIONS

• Who killed Gordon Pryce — and who knew where he was hiding?

• What does the brass key stamped 1987 open — and why did Josh have it?

• Three matching knives — river, Room 118, Tess's door. Whose are they?

• Who killed Freddy — and where did Owen go when he checked out Friday?

• Josh says Pryce and Voss were alive. Where — and what was that gunshot?

• Why is Coyle so eager to blame Josh — and whose side is Mason on?

• Who left the notes — and what happened in August 1987?

• What was hidden in the mill's lumber — and who is hunting Pryce?

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

Who's Who in Roseburg

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THE LEDGER

Tess Halloran — Our lead, 34. Reporter at the Umpqua Ledger. Grew up in Winston, laid off from a Portland daily, came home. Daughter of the late Frank Halloran, a faller at Pryce Lumber.

Walt Brenner — Ledger editor. Gruff and protective; keeps stories tight in the conference room until they're ready.

Gloria Bordiam — New staff reporter and newsroom busybody. Tells Tess what to eat — and orders it for her.

THE MISSING

Gordon Pryce — Owner of the closed Pryce Lumber mill. Faked his disappearance and hid in the woods; found stabbed to death.

Josh “Tic Tac” Foster — Idle Hour regular (40s, Mariners cap, rattles a mint box). Saw the dark pickup tailing the Lincoln, got part of a plate, vanished. Called Darla (Ch. 17); a gunshot. Now a suspect.

Harlan Voss — Douglas County commissioner. Left home Sunday about 6 p.m. after a call from Josh Foster; his wallet turned up at the Rice Hill truck stop on I-5.

THE PRYCE HOUSEHOLD

Trent Pryce — Gordon's son, 35, running for county commission. Says he was home all night watching the game with his mother.

Evelyn Pryce — Gordon's wife. Watches silently in a gray cardigan.

Martin Kessler — The family's Eugene lawyer. Shuts down interviews.

THE VOSS HOUSEHOLD

Tiffany Voss — Harlan's wife of 18 years, about 20 years younger; nobody knows her real name. Flashy in public, a plain brown house at home. Josh was kind to her when she was new in town.

THE LAW

Sheriff Ray Coyle — Douglas County sheriff. Stonewalls Tess, downplayed Josh's statement, keeps the river knife quiet — and didn't ask for the FBI.

Deputy Cal Walters — 28. The only lawman who seems to care. Quietly feeds Mason and Tess what he finds.

Christine Mason — FBI profiler, about 50. Takes no guff from Coyle. Holds Josh's tin and the key.

Officer Ron & partner — Roseburg police. Want Josh about a break-in at Umpqua Gold & Coin; lose the pickup in a chase.

FRIENDS & ALLIES

Teresa Juniper — Eye Spy Investigations co-owner, Tess's friend since high school. Tea drinker; has an office cat in Klamath Falls.

Kallysta “Kally” Hawthorn — Eye Spy co-owner, self-declared germaphobe, transplanted from back East. Found the “G.P.” tackle box.

Big Dave — Shift supervisor at the veneer plant south of town; knew Tess's father. Her Idle Hour escort.

Buck — Tess's old Winston neighbor (red suspenders, calls her “Tessie”). Worked for Gordon fifteen years.

Del — Runs the diner in Glide on Hwy 138; drove log trucks thirty years. Marionberry pie and advice. Keeps a faded snapshot of his “niece” by the register.

Flo — Waitress at Del's for as long as Tess can remember. Pink uniform, pencil behind her ear: “Sit anywhere, hon.”

THE IDLE HOUR CROWD

Darla Foster — Josh's protective older sister; raised him. Tends bar part-time and is thawing toward Tess.

Herb & Rocky — Herb, in a fishing vest, waltzes with Rocky, a googly-eyed pet rock.

The owners — Brothers who flip coins to decide who pays for drinks.

TOWNSFOLK & WITNESSES

Earl Haskins — Graveyard-shift cabinet-shop worker who tipped police about the pickup.

Heather — Holiday Inn front-desk clerk; doesn't notice trucks. Called Walters about Room 118.

Marisol Reyes — Holiday Inn housekeeper who found the Room 118 knife.

Lorraine Pettibone & Moose — Retired teacher and her beagle, who found the engraved knife.

Janet Marsh — Local woman whose funeral Tess covered three weeks before the story opens.

Owen Marsh — Janet's son, about 28; 6-foot-5. Tess babysat him. In and out of prison since 18. Says he was in Cannon Beach the Pryce weekend. Stayed two doors from Room 118; checked out the night the knife was found. Drives a dark blue pickup.

Freddy — Smoker chef at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach; met Owen in prison. Found stabbed to death in an alley (Ch. 16).

Sally — Screw and Brew waitress who breaks the news.

The Ranch Motel clerk — Kind, tired, reading glasses on a chain. Remembers a man paying cash Sunday night; didn't see him leave.

THE EVIDENCE LOCKER

The Lincoln — Gordon's car, wheels turned neatly toward the river, wallet on the seat with \$200.

The knife — Stag-handled, engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Found in the shallows; Coyle had it logged as found property.

The tackle box — Silt-filled, “G.P.” carved in the lid, a torn mayonnaise packet on top. Locked up by Eye Spy.

The note — Unstamped, on Tess's desk: “Ask them about August 1987.”

Harlan's wallet — Tossed in a Rice Hill truck-stop trash can, \$41 inside, plus cash receipts from the K&R Drive-In (Sunday, 9:12 p.m.) and the Ranch Motel.

The mint tin — Dented, in a puddle in the tire ruts behind the Ranch Motel. Josh's — still holding his Tic Tacs. Now with the FBI.

The brass key — Small, worn, stamped “1987,” found under the mints. Now with the FBI.

Room 118's back door — Looks locked but opens with a tug; the strike plate was tampered with. A private way in from the river deck.

The second knife — In an ottoman in Holiday Inn Room 118: stag handle, dried blood, same 1987 engraving. The river knife's twin.

KEY TIMES

Gordon Pryce: Friday night: leaves the Elks Lodge · about 10 p.m.: calls home to take a drive “up the river” · about 10:30: Josh sees the Lincoln heading up the canyon, a dark pickup behind it with no lights · next morning: the wallet is still on the seat.

Harlan Voss: Sunday, about 6 p.m.: leaves home after a call from Josh · Sunday night: cash at the K&R and the Ranch Motel · Tuesday: the wallet turns up at Rice Hill · Wednesday: the FBI arrives; that night Tess finds the tin, meets Mason at Carlos and sees Darla · Thursday morning: Del's diner and the news about Owen Marsh · Friday: Owen at Seven Feathers; 4:40 p.m., the knife in Room 118; that evening Walters questions Owen · Saturday: Eye Spy heads for Cannon Beach.

KEY PLACES

Roseburg · Glide · Hwy 138 pullout near Toketee Falls · Idle Hour Tavern · Umpqua Ledger · Brix Grill · Abby's Pizza · Fred Meyer · Holiday Inn on the South Umpqua · Cavitt Creek & Little River · the Voss house on the hill · Rice Hill, 25 miles north on I-5: the truck stop, the K&R Drive-In and the Ranch Motel · Carlos, Winston · Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville · the Screw and Brew, Cannon Beach

THE CRIME DESK

Cold cases · Blotter · Court watch · Top 20 · Scams · Trivia

COLD CASE FILE

Wells, Vermont · 2001

Joan Hunter: A Shotgun on Endless Brook Road

In January 2001, Joan Hunter, 54, was found dead in her home on Endless Brook Road in Wells, a small Rutland County town on the New York line.

She had been killed by a shotgun wound. Investigators believe she died sometime between Jan. 21 and Jan. 22, 2001.

Nearly 26 years later, no one has been charged. The Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit lists her death among the state’s unsolved homicides.

Someone who lived or worked near Endless Brook Road that winter, or who knew Joan Hunter, may remember a vehicle, a visitor or a conversation. Even a small detail could help.

Wells, home to Lake St. Catherine, is a quiet town of farms and summer camps. Police have not released details about a motive or a suspect.

Old evidence matters: new DNA methods have cracked Vermont cases decades old. Burlington’s Rita Curran case, from 1971, was solved in 2023 — see “Solved After Decades,” below.

To share information, use the anonymous tip form at vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call the Vermont State Police at 802-244-8727, and mention case number 01C100447.

CASE FACTS

NAME
Joan Hunter
AGE
54
DIED
Jan. 21–22, 2001
WHERE
Endless Brook Rd., Wells
COUNTY
Rutland
STATUS
Open, unsolved
CASE NO.
01C100447

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

WARREN — A 14-year-old Duxbury girl died after the car she was riding in left Plunkton Road on a curve and hit a tree Saturday. The 16-year-old driver was hurt; State Police are investigating. (WCAX)

OTTER VALLEY — School officials reported finding a hunting rifle inside a student’s car, WCAX reports.

BRADFORD — Police found a red 2009 Ford Mustang that had vanished from a Bradford auto shop’s lot after a crash and tow; tips from the public helped. (WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit

COURT WATCH

Burlington — A judge extended a stalking order barring Aryeh Moskowitz from coming within six feet of Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak until June 2027. He also faces criminal stalking charges. (Seven Days)

North Hero — The involuntary-manslaughter trial of Ellen Willson, charged in a 2025 crash that killed Hunter Rounds, 20, was pushed to March over cellphone evidence. (WCAX)

Brattleboro — Zaaana Mahvish-Jammeh pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, reduced from first-degree, in the 2023 ax killing of homeless-shelter worker Leah Rosin-Pritchard. The deal calls for 20 years to life; sentencing comes later. (WCAX)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

The Golden State Killer

From 1975 to 1986, a man committed at least 13 murders and dozens of rapes across California, then vanished. In 2018, investigators uploaded crime-scene DNA to GEDmatch, a free genealogy website, found distant relatives and built family trees until one man fit: Joseph James DeAngelo, a former police officer, then 72. Officers collected an item he threw away; the DNA matched within hours. Arrested April 24, 2018, in Sacramento County, he pleaded guilty in 2020 and was sentenced to life without parole. The case opened the era of genetic genealogy: within a few years, the same method had named suspects in hundreds of cold cases, including Burlington’s oldest, the 1971 killing of Rita Curran.

SOLVED AFTER DECADES					Cold cases cracked by DNA
VICTIM / CASE	WHERE	CRIME	SOLVED	HOW DNA CRACKED IT	
Rita Curran	Burlington, Vt.	1971	2023	Cigarette-butt DNA and genealogy named her neighbor, William DeRoos, who died in 1986.	
Sherri Rasmussen	Los Angeles	1986	2009	Saliva from a bite mark matched LAPD detective Stephanie Lazarus.	
Michella Welch	Tacoma, Wash.	1986	2018	Genealogy, then DNA from a napkin Gary Hartman used.	
Cook & Van Cuylenborg	Washington	1987	2018	Genealogy led to William Talbott II, convicted in 2019.	
April Tinsley	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1988	2018	Genealogy led to John D. Miller, who pleaded guilty.	
Christy Mirack	Lancaster, Pa.	1992	2018	Genealogy named Raymond Rowe, a local DJ; he pleaded guilty.	
Angie Dodge	Idaho Falls	1996	2019	Genealogy named Brian Dripps and helped free Christopher Tapp.	
Green River	Washington	1982	2001	A 1987 saliva sample, retested, matched Gary Ridgway.	
BTK	Wichita, Kan.	1974	2005	A floppy disk led to Dennis Rader; family DNA confirmed it.	
Bear Brook	Allentown, N.H.	1985	2019	Genealogy named the killer, Terry Rasmussen, and identified victims.	

Genetic genealogy compares crime-scene DNA with public family-tree databases to find relatives, then builds the family tree.

SCAM ALERT

The “Medicare Calling” Scam

Medicare open enrollment runs Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, and so do the scam calls: someone “from Medicare” offers a new card, a better plan or a refund — if you’ll confirm your Medicare number or bank details.

Protect yourself: Medicare doesn’t cold-call to sell plans or ask for your number. Hang up and call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit medicare.gov. Report it to the FTC.

Real help: Vermont’s Senior HelpLine, 1-800-642-5119, offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In 1987, a Florida man became the first person in the U.S. convicted with the help of DNA evidence. Who was he?

Answer: Tommie Lee Andrews.

THE PRICE CHECK

What things cost — today, a year ago, five years ago, 1995 and 1980

ITEM	UNIT	TODAY Sept. 2026	1 YR AGO Sept. 2025	5 YRS AGO Sept. 2021	1995 Sept. 1995	1980 Sept. 1980	SINCE 1980 times the price
● Gasoline, regular	gallon	\$4.48	\$3.34	\$3.27	\$1.15	\$1.26	3.6×
● Eggs, Grade A large	dozen	\$2.27	\$3.49	\$1.83	96¢	90¢	2.5×
● Milk, whole*	gallon	\$4.11	\$4.13	\$3.58	\$2.46	\$1.06	—
● Coffee, ground	pound	\$9.33	\$9.14	\$4.73	\$4.00	\$3.16	3.0×
Spaghetti & macaroni	pound	\$1.38	\$1.21	\$1.08	88¢	—	—
Rice, long grain	pound	\$1.12	\$1.06	80¢	52¢	52¢	2.2×
Ground chuck	pound	\$6.48	\$6.33	\$4.79	\$1.78	\$1.86	3.5×
Potatoes, white	pound	99¢	\$1.01	80¢	40¢	—	—
Bananas	pound	65¢	67¢	59¢	51¢	34¢	1.9×

Green dot = daily regular. Bureau of Labor Statistics average retail prices, U.S. city average, via FRED; September 2026 data, released Oct. 14. *1980 milk is a half-gallon price. — = no reliable figure for that month.

AT THE STORE THIS WEEK · USDA GROCERY-AD PRICES

	SIZE	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	VS. LAST WK	VS. YEAR AGO
Honeycrisp apples	pound	\$1.83	\$2.08	\$1.75	-12%	+5%
Bartlett pears	pound	\$1.71	\$1.65	\$1.52	+4%	+12%
Russet potatoes	5 lb bag	\$2.97	\$3.26	\$2.68	-9%	+11%
Carrots	2 lb bag	\$1.87	\$2.06	\$2.18	-9%	-14%
Cauliflower	each	\$3.44	\$2.08	\$2.67	+65%	+29%
Pumpkins	each	\$5.54	\$5.36	\$5.15	+3%	+8%

National average advertised prices, USDA National Retail Report – Specialty Crops, released Oct. 23. Updated Fridays.

PRICE OF THE DAY

Spaghetti Night Costs More

BY THE COURIER PRICE DESK · SOURCE: BLS VIA FRED, USDA

A pound of spaghetti and macaroni averaged \$1.38 in September, 14% more than a year earlier, Bureau of Labor Statistics data show. Long-grain rice rose about 5%, to \$1.12, and ground chuck about 2½%, to \$6.48 a pound.

Over the long run, pasta is still a bargain: it was about 88¢ a pound in 1995. Ground chuck has more than tripled since then.

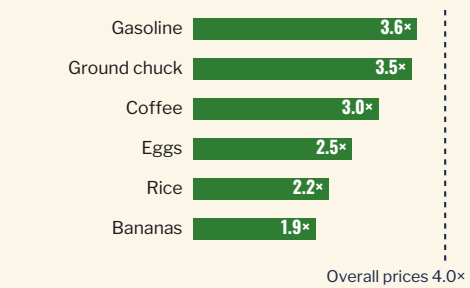
At the store this week: cauliflower jumped 65% in grocery ads, to \$3.44 a head, while Honeycrisp apples fell 12%, to \$1.83 a pound, the USDA says. The average advertised pumpkin: \$5.54.

Some staples got cheaper: white potatoes averaged 99¢ a pound, down about 2½% from a year ago, and bananas 65¢, down about 2%.

Supper math: a pound of spaghetti, a pound of ground chuck and a pound of potatoes — about \$8.85 at September’s average prices — still feeds four.

Tomorrow: new items rotate in. Got one you want checked? Tell JB.

SINCE 1980 VS. INFLATION



Red bars rose faster than prices overall since September 1980; green bars rose slower.

THE COURIER BASKET

Today	\$20.19
1 year ago	\$20.09
5 years ago	\$13.42

One each of the daily regulars (gas, eggs, milk, coffee).

WHAT \$1 WAS WORTH

\$4.01	today buys what \$1 bought in 1980
\$2.20	today buys what \$1 bought in 1995
\$1.23	today buys what \$1 bought in 2021
\$1.04	today buys what \$1 bought in 2025

What \$1 from each year buys in today’s money (CPI-U, Sept. 2026).

HOURS OF WORK

Today	2.8 hrs
1 year ago	2.8 hrs
5 years ago	1.9 hrs

Time at the \$7.25 federal minimum wage to buy the Courier Basket.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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Fill every row, column and 3×3 box with 1–9.

WORD SEARCH · HALLOWEEN

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FIND THESE 12 WORDS

BROOMSTICK
CANDY
CAULDRON
COSTUME
GHOST
GOBLIN
HAUNTED
LANTERN
PUMPKIN
SCARECROW
SKELETON
WITCH

Words run across, down, diagonally — and some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. Which U.S. state is nicknamed the “Show-Me State”?
2. How many points is a safety worth in football?
3. What is the capital of Brazil?
4. Which gas makes up most of Earth’s atmosphere?
5. Which Great Lake lies entirely within the U.S.?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- The Gateway Arch is completed.
- The Beatles play Shea Stadium.
- Medicare is signed into law.

YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Solutions run the next day.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

OCTOBER 26 IN MUSIC

This Day in Music

- 1959** — Marty Robbins releases “El Paso,” his only pop No. 1.
- 1961** — Bob Dylan, 20, signs his first contract with Columbia Records.
- 1965** — Queen Elizabeth II presents the Beatles with MBE medals.
- 1970** — Elton John’s “Your Song” is released as a U.S. single.
- 1981** — Queen and David Bowie release “Under Pressure.”
- 1984** — Don Henley releases “The Boys of Summer.”

Born today: gospel great Mahalia Jackson (1911), funk bassist Bootsy Collins (1951) and Natalie Merchant of 10,000 Maniacs (1963).



SPIN THIS

Freeze-Frame

The J. Geils Band · 1981

The Massachusetts band’s *Freeze-Frame*, released 45 years ago today, went to No. 1 and gave the group its only No. 1 single, “Centerfold,” which sat on top for six weeks in 1982.

The title song was a Top 5 hit, too. It was the band’s last studio album with singer Peter Wolf.

Best with: the radio up on a cold, sunny Tuesday drive.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

- Tue. Oct. 27** · Allison Russell, Higher Ground
- Tue. Nov. 3** · Clutch, Higher Ground
- Sat. Nov. 14** · Phillip Phillips, Higher Ground
- Wed. Nov. 18** · John Scofield, Flynn, Burlington
- Mon. Nov. 30** · Bonobo, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Natalie Merchant, born on this date in 1963 in Jamestown, N.Y., sang lead for which band until 1993?

ACROSS THE USA

*A light look at news from every state**Compiled by the Courier from local TV stations, newspapers and websites over the past few weeks; sources in parentheses.*

ALABAMA Prattville: Prattville's eighth annual Parade of Pumpkins fills downtown through Halloween with community-carved and decorated pumpkins, a Harvest Haven, an expanded GLOW Trail and a Pumpkin Barrel Trail. (WSFA)

ALASKA Anchorage: A black bear wandered into an emergency-room hallway at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson hospital around 2 a.m. and raided a bucket of donated Halloween candy. Staff led a visitor out a back way, and the bear left the way it came. (Alaska's News Source)

ARIZONA Grand Canyon: Meet Blue, an 18-month-old Catahoula Leonberger — one of only two dogs in the country trained to move habituated elk away from crowded spots, without ever touching them. Nine collared elk help measure results. (WNDU)

ARKANSAS Bentonville: Bryan Rose, who entered hospice last week, renewed his vows with Terri, his wife of 22 years, in a ceremony arranged by Wish Upon a Wedding. (Gray News)

CALIFORNIA Atascadero: Mark Russo's 12th annual Halloween Spooktacular is open on Cortez Avenue: a werewolf, four 1,000-watt fog machines and about 25 pounds of candy. Admission is free. (KSBY)

COLORADO Colorado Springs: Venetucci Farm marked its 90th year by hosting kindergarten field trips — about 1,500 children this month — and sending each one home with a pumpkin. (KKTU)

CONNECTICUT New Haven: The Shubert Theatre threw a free Family Fun Day Sunday with a Grinch meet-and-greet, and Manchester's Lutz Children's Museum held a Saturday Spooktacular. (WFSB)

DELAWARE Statewide: Blue Knights Delaware, a motorcycle club of police officers, rode in its 43rd annual Salvation Army Toy Run. Donations are accepted through Christmas. (47abc)

FLORIDA Ocala: More than 140 artists filled downtown for the 59th annual Ocala Fine Arts Festival, competing for \$27,000 in prizes. The free festival, run by Fine Arts for Ocala, wrapped up Sunday with music, food and family activities. (WCJB)

GEORGIA Savannah: Jessica Lange received the Lifetime Achievement Award on the second night of the SCAD Savannah Film Festival. Jordan Firstman won the Rising Star Director Award for "Club Kid," and the cast of "The Mosquito Bowl" took the Ensemble Award. (WTOG)

HAWAII Northwestern Islands: Crews wrapped up a five-year cleanup of the remote Papahānaumokuākea marine monument, hauling out more than 1.3 million pounds of nets and plastic — 147,000 this year alone — and rescuing three monk seals and 20 green sea turtles. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Twin Falls: The Classic Cruisers closed their car-show season with "Cruise into DQ," lining up classic and off-road vehicles beside vendors and a trunk-or-treat for costumed kids. (KMVT)

ILLINOIS Springfield: The Illinois State Fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin topped 1 million visitors for a second straight year. Springfield drew 714,231, and Lainey Wilson and Ella Langley each sold 15,533 grandstand tickets, tying the all-time record. (WAND)

INDIANA South Bend: Potawatomi Zoo has a male Amur leopard cub, born Sept. 8 to Anastasia and Mango. Only about 100 Amur leopards remain in the wild. Keepers are hand-raising the healthy cub because his first-time mother wasn't giving full care. (WNDU)

IOWA Cedar Rapids: The Howl-o-ween Full Moon Parade rolled through Cedar Rapids Saturday night, closing stretches of Second and Third streets SE. (KCRG)

KANSAS Topeka: Costumed families trick-or-treated through the Topeka Zoo at Boo at the Zoo, collecting candy and giveaways from local businesses while the animals got special treats of their own. (WIBW)

KENTUCKY Lexington: Keeneland closed its 17-day fall meet with \$185.6 million wagered from all sources and 22 stakes races worth \$10.7 million. Next up: the Breeders' Cup, Oct. 30–31 — Keeneland's fourth time as host. (WKYT)

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: The 60th Greater Baton Rouge State Fair runs through Nov. 1. Vendor Cautoi Richard of Toi's Snack and Go keeps her late brother Andre's memory alive by still selling his signature seafood plate. (WAFB)

MAINE Lubec: Kyndal Ray Edwards of Jacksonville, Fla., finished his walk to all four corners of the Lower 48 at West Quoddy Head Lighthouse — about 12,144 miles over nearly five years, raising money for Never Alone Recovery. (WABI)

MARYLAND Salisbury: The Salisbury Zoo's Halloween lineup includes a free Halloween Happening with trick-or-treating for kids 12 and under, a sensory-friendly Spooktacular, and an adults-only "Fright of the Living Zoo" on Oct. 30. (47abc)

MASSACHUSETTS Salem: Hundreds in witch hats packed Salem Wharf to try for a Guinness World Record honoring the city's 400th anniversary. Keolis handed out 1,000 hats at the train station; Guinness has not yet confirmed the record. (Boston 25 News)

MICHIGAN Lansing: More than 100 costumed runners turned out for the Spooky Sprint at Burchard Park on Sunday, with races from a kids' dash to a half marathon. It was the event's third year in Lansing. (WILX)

MINNESOTA Rochester: Hundreds dug through crates of vinyl, CDs and memorabilia at the free Rochester Record Show at Little Thistle Brewing. Promoter Tim Schloe says younger fans are embracing records, and the shows help people connect. (KTTC)

MISSISSIPPI Ridgeland: Ridgeland's second Pecan Festival filled Freedom Ridge Park Saturday with more than 60 vendors, a farmers market, food trucks, live music and a kids' zone. The first one drew nearly 2,000 people. (WLBTV)

MISSOURI Springfield: More than 300 performers — 250-plus of them zombies — danced to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" along five blocks of historic Commercial Street at the 17th Thriller on C-Street, before an expected 12,000 spectators. (KY3)

MONTANA Great Falls: Five Beans Pet Care held its fourth annual Lick or Treat on Sunday, a free trunk-or-treat for pets and their people in the Montana Academy of Salons parking lot. (KRTV)

NEBRASKA Lincoln: Lincoln police, Lincoln Fire and Rescue and the City Council are teaming up for the third year to hold a Halloween "swearing-in" for costumed young officers and firefighters. (KOLN)

NEVADA Reno: The Eldorado's 44th Great Italian Festival filled Virginia Street with a grape stomp, a pasta-sauce cook-off, a wine walk, kids' games and live music on several stages. Admission was free. (KOLO)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Laconia: The Laconia Pumpkin Festival brought a pie-eating contest, a dog parade, stein-hoisting and a towering stack of pumpkins downtown, all free. In Dover, costumed zombies shuffled down Main Street Saturday. (NHPR)

NEW JERSEY Flemington: Flemington stretches Halloween over three nights: a kids' costume parade Thursday, the fifth Stangl Witch Walk on Friday and trick-or-treating Saturday, with parts of Broad Street closed to cars. (Patch)

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: The city's Halloween lineup ends with a twist: on Halloween, divers at the ABQ BioPark will carve pumpkins underwater. Police are offering free doughnut decorating, too. (KOB)

NEW YORK New Hartford: Sangertown Square's Trick-or-Treat Street returns Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 6 p.m., with free bags for costumed kids 12 and under at participating stores while supplies last. (WKTV)

NORTH CAROLINA Charlotte: The Elizabeth neighborhood lit its Great Pumpkin Wall on Sunday for the 22nd year — rows of jack-o'-lanterns carved by neighbors on Greenway Avenue. It glows nightly through Nov. 1, and it's free. (WBTV)

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: The first Otto von Bismarck German Fest sold out the Bismarck Depot with knoepla, bratwurst and sauerkraut. The city was named for the German chancellor, partly to attract German railroad investment. (KFYR)

OHIO Troy: The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center threw a free Boo Bash with a 1776 theme: games, crafts and stories, and kids who finished a patriotic checklist won a prize and a chance to sign the Declaration of Independence. (WHIO)

OKLAHOMA Durant: The Choctaw Nation's Fall Festival drew visitors from across the country for traditional cooking, dancing and Native artists. The Heritage Fest and Powwow, with more than 60 tribes, follows Nov. 6–8. (KXII)

OREGON Medford: The Nightmare Chamber haunted house is in its farewell season after 16 years of scares, open select nights through Halloween. Proceeds go to Curtain Call Collective, a nonprofit expanding access to the arts. (KDRV)

PENNSYLVANIA State College: Wasson Farm wrapped up its fall festival season with hayrides, pumpkin picking, a corn maze and, new this year, horse-drawn carriage rides. Owner Candice Wasson called the pumpkin crop "amazing." (WJAC)

RHODE ISLAND Smithfield: Costco picked Smithfield for its first Rhode Island warehouse, aiming for 2028 at Routes 116 and 7 with 200-plus jobs. It's early: no town application has been filed, and an earlier Cranston plan fell through. (NBC 10)

SOUTH CAROLINA Ladson: The Coastal Carolina Fair opens its 69th year Thursday and runs through Nov. 8. Its more than 80 rides are inspected every day before the gates open — more often than theme-park rides, officials say. (Live 5 News)

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: The city's Sioux Spooktacular Trail or Treat brought costumes, candy and activities to Jacobson Plaza along the river Saturday evening. (Dakota News Now)

TENNESSEE Knoxville: Random Acts of Flowers held its Harvest and Bloom Festival at Strong Stock Farm. The nonprofit turns donated wedding and funeral flowers into 20,000 bouquets a year for patients in nine East Tennessee counties. (WVLT)

TEXAS Waco: Eleven thousand rubber ducks raced down the Brazos River in the Great Waco Duck Race, raising money for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which mails a free book every month to more than 2,000 McLennan County children. (KWTX)

UTAH Orem: Jeremy Brown and Taryn Elkins turned their yard into a Harry Potter Halloween display for the films' 25th anniversary. It draws hundreds a night, 6:30 to 8:30, through Halloween — free, with a candy cart. (KSL)

VERMONT Wardsboro: At the Gilfeather Turnip Festival, honoring Vermont's state vegetable, Wardsboro native Brian Loftus, 76, won the biggest-turnip prize with a 21.8-pound root. There was a cooking contest, too. (WCAX)

VIRGINIA Roanoke: The Go Outside Festival filled downtown Roanoke for two days of outdoor fun; chilly temperatures and overnight rain caused no delays. "I'm new to the city, so this is really neat," one visitor said. (WDBJ)

WASHINGTON Spokane: The Hobbit House, a Tolkien-inspired Halloween attraction built in 2017, is drawing hundreds — sometimes thousands — of visitors. Kids can trick-or-treat next door and win dragon eggs; it's best seen from 6 to 9 p.m. (KXLY)

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown: Empty Bowls Monongalia held its eighth fall fundraiser at WVU's Erickson Alumni Center, with games, food, drinks and an auction. (WDTV)

WISCONSIN Statewide: Wisconsin state parks are lighting candlelight hikes through the fall colors this month, with the last ones at Newport on Oct. 29 and Devil's Lake and Kettle Moraine Northern on Halloween. (WMTV)

WYOMING Centennial: Two horses from Summit Pro Rodeo rank among the nation's best: saddle bronc Heavy Feathers is the 2026 PRCA Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year, and bareback mare Game Trail ranked second. Both head to the National Finals. (Cowboy State Daily)