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## Kith and Kin of Callaway: Treshawn Gause

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*This column serves as a spotlight, highlighting the everyday people who work and live in Callaway County. The Fulton Sun takes a moment with someone who is not usually featured in the news, but is just as instrumental in making our community the strong and beautiful place we all know and love.*

Treshawn Gause is a senior at William Woods University and is majoring in exercise science. Gause is a member of the WWU men's basketball team. He is originally from Springdale, Arkansas.

**Q. What was your first job?**

A. Refereeing youth basketball games. I do it every summer, actually, but I started my junior year of high school doing it at the Springdale Youth Center.

**Q. Who most inspires you (living or dead)?**

A. My parents. I see them getting up and going to work and providing for me and my younger sister every day.

**Q. What have you done in life that was most fulfilling?**

A. So far, I would say getting my associate degree in junior college as of right now because I haven't gotten my bachelor's yet. I got my associate at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

**Q. What is something you are proud of that you have been recognized for?**

A. I think I've always tried to exhibit being a leader and not a follower, and that's something people have recognized in me. My parents instilled that in me from day one.

**Q. What profession, other than your own, would you like to attempt?**

A. If everything went perfectly, definitely basketball on a professional level. That's my dream job. But after finishing my education and getting my bachelor's in April, coaching is what I want to pursue.

**Q. What profession would you not like to do?**

A. I would not want to be a scientist (laughs). I just don't like science like that.

**Q. What is something that nobody would be able to assume about you?**

A. I'm lowkey kind of shy.

**Q. What is your favorite thing about Callaway County?**

A. There's not as much traffic (laughs). That's definitely what I think is the best part about it.



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## School boards discuss improvements

New Bloomfield interested in adding football, volleyball

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Callaway County's public school districts have heard a host of proposals during their October board of education meetings.

Fulton Public Schools will be hosting its fourth community forum Oct. 30 at Fulton Middle School in the Carl E. Lee Gymnasium. At FPS' Oct. 9 Board of Education meeting, the finalized details of the district's facilities planning was unanimously approved.

"I suspect (this forum) is going to look like the last ones. I'm of the opinion that you don't really mess around with (the forum format) when they've been working well," FPS Superintendent Jacquie Cowherd said.

Some of the future facilities upgrades will include securing entries at all schools, upgrading security cameras, adding a new gym at the high school, improving the high school's theater, renovating the middle school's gym, creating enough new space to support two grade levels, expanding the district's athletic complex parking lot, and improving the district's HVAC, electrical, plumbing,



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**The North Callaway Board of Education met in August in the North Callaway High School media center to vote on various items including the 2019-20 school tax rate. The board voted to keep the tax rate the same.**

parking lots and sidewalks.

"The big picture is set in stone in terms of what's happening in each building. How it gets done in each building is not set in stone yet when thinking about priorities or what gets done when," Cowherd said.

The New Bloomfield R-3 Board of Education met Oct. 17 at the district's central office. During the meeting, the board discussed the possibility of adding either football or volleyball to the school district's athletic program. A survey will be distributed throughout the student body, and the topic will be discussed at the district's November board meeting.

North Callaway R-1's Board of Education met Oct. 9, and facilities improvements and concerns were discussed, though no formal action was made. The board also unanimously approved two new hires at Hatton Elementary, one at Auxvasse Elementary and one at North Callaway High School.

South Callaway's Board of Education met Oct. 9 at South Callaway High School. At the meeting, Superintendent Kevin Hillman presented the board with a crisis management plan. He suggested the plan should be adopted every five years. The board unanimously approved it.



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## Light-up crafts

**Students from the Missouri School for the Deaf work with teachers to finish the light-up craft project at the library. Other Halloween-themed events coming up at the library include another session of the Spooky Circuits class at 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Holts Summit Public Library and a costume party for children from 10 a.m. Oct. 28 at the Fulton location.**

## Man pleads guilty in statutory rape case

Fulton Sun staff report

A man accused of statutory rape pleaded guilty in Callaway County court Monday morning.

Stephen Kittel, 47, of Williamsburg, took a plea deal on two of seven felony charges.

In so doing, he admitted to touching the underage female victim's genitals with his hand (second-degree statutory sodomy) and having sexual intercourse with the victim (second-degree statutory rape). According to court documents, those offenses took place sometime between July 2015 and February 2016.

For the two class C felonies, Judge J. Hasbrouck Jacobs sentenced Kittel to a total of 12 years in prison.

"The family is happy with the plea offer," Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin Miller stated. "(The victim) is sharp and



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## Historic preservation changes on City Council agenda

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Fulton City Council members will discuss changes to the city's historic preservation code during tonight's meeting.

City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Fulton City Hall (18 E. 4th St.). Meetings are open to the public. The meeting will also feature a public hearing on the city's 2020 budget and three-year capital program.

Fulton's rules on historic preservation — as set out in Chapter 62 of the city code — were last updated in 2002. Members of the historic planning commission agreed during their Sept. 17 meeting the current ordinance is confusing and in need of clarification and updates.

Bill 1560, tabled at the last council meeting,

would repeal that entire chapter and replace it with the updated code.

One immediately obvious change is the addition of a section with definitions of key terms necessary to understanding the code, from "alteration" to "survey."

Section 62-26, which establishes the historic preservation commission, isn't changing much. However, the new code adds the commission's president must refrain from voting on issues unless needed as a tie-breaker.

Section 62-27 adds a provision for the appointment of a new commissioner in case of a membership vacancy. The next two sections, on officers and meetings, are shuffled slightly but otherwise unchanged.

Section 62-30 describes the preservation commission's powers and duties remains

largely the same. However, a new item directs the commission to conduct "an ongoing survey for the identification of significant ... properties ... that exemplify ... cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history ... and maintain the research information in an inventory accessible to the public."

Section 62-31 adds a note, absent from the previous version, that properties identified as Fulton Historic Properties are subject to non-binding design review for demolition and new construction. Section 62-32 now describes that design review process in detail, including what changes necessitate or do not necessitate such a review. The former section 62-34, which laid out design guidelines, has been added to

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

<b>Today</b> HIGH: 58 LOW: 41 SKIES: Sunny	<b>Wednesday</b> HIGH: 70 LOW: 42 SKIES: Partly Cloudy	<b>Thursday</b> HIGH: 50 LOW: 35 SKIES: Cloudy	<b>Friday</b> HIGH: 54 LOW: 34 SKIES: Partly Cloudy

### Female spacewalking duo uplifted by excitement below

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The astronauts who took part in the first all-female spacewalk are still uplifted by all the excitement down on Earth. International Space Station resident Jessica Meir said Monday when she floated outside last week, she wasn't thinking about whether she was going out with a man or woman because everyone is held to the same standard. Nonetheless, she said it was extra special being accompanied by Christina Koch, a close friend. Koch said knowing so many were so excited about two women spacewalking together "just added to the moment" during Friday's event. She said it was "uplifting" to have the opportunity to inspire future explorers.