

EDUCATION

What's going on at your local library

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Looking for something fun to do this week? Here's a look at what your local libraries are hosting: (Please note these functions are prone to change if the weather prevents the libraries from opening.)

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Tuesday, March 31
• Story Time Stay and Play- 10:15 a.m.

• Chapter and Change: A Self Improvement book- 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
• Rooted and Ready- 6:00 p.m.

CANEY CITY LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 31
• Short Storytimes- 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
• Chair Yoga- 1:00 p.m.
• Senior Programming: Crafting- 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2
• Community Coffee- 8:00 a.m.
Friday, April 3

• Easter Egg Hunt- 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 4
• Storytime- 10:00 a.m.
• Parent Cafe- 10:30 a.m.

COFFEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 31
• Genealogy- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
• Easter Storytime- 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2
• Library Foundation Board Meeting- 4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3
• MTG Night- 5:00 p.m.

IHS SHINES AT FORT SCOTT



The Independence Debate and Forensics teams shone bright this weekend at Fort Scott. Audrey Kaiser placed third out of all the students in 3+ events. In Duet Acting, Audrey Kaiser and Makenna Larimore placed Third, Sophie Ballew and Isabella Martinez placed Fifth. In Humorous Interpretation, Makenna Larimore placed Fourth. In Dramatic Interpretation, Izzy Sharp placed Sixth. In Original Orator, Sophie Ballew placed Sixth. In Informative Speaking, Audrey Kaiser placed Third. In Improvised Duet Acting, Audrey Kaiser and Makenna Larimore placed Third and in International Extemporaneous Speaking, Isabella Martinez placed Second. Congratulations to you all! Courtesy Photo

U.S. & WORLD

Why is NASA spending \$100 billion to return to the moon? Depends on who you ask

BY LOREN GRUSH
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NASA pulled off the moon landing in 1969 with a clear goal from the outset — to be the first nation to put people on the lunar surface. The U.S. was locked in a space race with the Soviet Union, and the Apollo 11 landing helped cement America's lead in the competition to be the reigning geopolitical superpower in the depths of the Cold War. Now, NASA is heading back with its Artemis program. As early as April 1, the agency will send a crew of four around the moon as a precursor for a landing this decade. But why spend nearly \$100 billion to repeat a journey NASA has already made? The goal of Artemis is less obvious than that of Apollo — so much so that the justification for NASA's lunar return largely depends on who is answering the question. It could be about outracing its current rival, China. It might be sustainability — setting up a lunar base to make further exploration easier. Or it could be much simpler: NASA is returning to the moon because it wants destinations for its astronauts, and the lunar surface is the next logical place to showcase its technological prowess. "Human spaceflight is at the core of the institution of NASA going back to Apollo, and the self identity of a large swath of the agency," said Casey Dreier, chief of space policy at the Planetary Society, a space advocacy group. The Apollo program set a precedent that NASA should strive to have a flagship human spaceflight initiative that drives U.S. space exploration forward. After Apollo, NASA's crewed efforts rallied around the Space Shuttle and then the International Space Station, both in low-Earth orbit rather than farther out in space. With the Shuttle retired and the ISS set to end this decade, NASA sees a future where humans can travel deeper into the solar system. "Now that, in a sense, NASA has done low-Earth orbit and done the reusable Shuttle, it's now the

moon," Dreier said. There has been tension for decades, however, about where the next cosmic destination should be: back to the moon or onward to Mars. Programs to do one or the other often struggled to stay funded because of limited resources and revolving political ambitions. But in 2017, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to return humans to the moon, and thanks to a combination of hardware already in development and sustained political momentum, the Artemis program has endured. The moon is also in astronauts' reach with current technology, unlike Mars. "We went to the moon and we have wanted to go back ever since," said Lori Garver, former deputy administrator of NASA under President Barack Obama. "And the combination of hardware and technology have allowed us to finally be in a position where that's in sight." Mars, however, remains in NASA's sights. The agency hopes to use Artemis as a learning opportunity for what it would take to live off-world. Artemis missions will be focused on gathering scientific data about the moon and its resources, and eventually astronauts will build a base there, the design of which NASA unveiled on Tuesday. The lunar outpost will offer astronauts a deep-space environment in which to live, work and conduct experiments that could be applied to Mars living. NASA has also said it wants to use Artemis to create a "lunar economy." The agency hopes resources on the moon, such as ice lurking in frigid craters and lunar minerals, could help sustain bases and perhaps create business opportunities for companies. Any industry will most likely be geared toward sustaining lunar exploration. "When we think of the space economy, it will not be so centered around Earth," said Clayton Swope, deputy director of the Aerospace Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "In the long run, though, we'll probably come to a point where we derive value from something in space that has value in space. So when

I think of things like water on the moon, that will probably have value when there's activity happening beyond Earth." Though Artemis began in Trump's first term, some of the primary vehicles for the program have been in development for decades. During that time, the geopolitical landscape has changed: China has made significant strides with its space program and plans to put humans on the moon by the end of the decade. For lawmakers and defense hawks, that has added urgency for returning. Some, including former NASA administrator and former Senator Bill Nelson, have even said China could lay claim to resources that would prevent the U.S. from exploring the moon. China could also militarize the moon, some analysts warn, putting U.S. space assets at risk. It's a situation not unlike the space race in the Cold War. But NASA is meant to focus on peaceful exploration. And though the rhetoric for international cooperation has dimmed under the current administration, the Artemis program has mostly revolved around showing that the U.S. and allied nations can still achieve great things together. Apollo was "anchored around national security, economic security, science, and then what I would call prestige," Swope said. "I think those are really the same reasons that we continue to want to go to the moon today." For the Artemis II crew, who are set to head to the moon as early as Wednesday, it's about unlocking the moon's potential mysteries. "We have the opportunity to answer the question that could be the question of our lifetime, which is, 'Are we alone?'" Christina Koch, a NASA astronaut on the Artemis II mission said during a news conference on Sunday. "The fact is that answering that question starts at the moon," Koch said. "The moon is a witness plate to our entire solar systems formation. It's a stepping stone to Mars, where we might have the most likelihood of finding evidence of past life, but it's also a Rosetta Stone for how other solar systems form."

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Helpful Tips
What consumers can do to support local farmers
Farming has never been a vocation for individuals looking for easy work. Farmers typically work long hours, braving the elements regardless of how unpleasant the weather may be. All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods. Such devotion merits support, and thankfully there are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers.
• Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies' favorite places, but they aren't exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores? Even individuals who don't typically eat fresh fruit and vegetables can find something delectable at a local farmers market, where anything from homemade tomato sauces to locally raised fresh beef and pork might be on sale.
• Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it's possible to buy directly from them. Farms may offer delivery or pick-up, and consumers can enjoy fresh foods even more knowing that they helped farmers earn higher profits by buying directly from them.
• Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies. Locally produced foods often taste more fresh than items sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will feel better knowing they helped to support local farmers.
• Spread the word. Get the word out after a satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it's buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.
Consumers can do much to support hardworking local farmers. In addition to feeling good about supporting their rural neighbors, consumers also might feel good when they sit down and enjoy a meal featuring locally grown, fresh foods.

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