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Schreiber revives Carthage expansion plan

Project expected to create 100 jobs with average pay of \$53,655 a year

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CARTHAGE, Mo. — Schreiber Foods — already a major employer in Car-

thage with about 1,200 workers — is planning to grow.

The company is reviving plans that were shelved last year to build a 360,800-square-foot manufacturing operation adjacent to its recently finished distribution center on Hazel Avenue.

Construction is slated to start later this year.

The Carthage City Council on Tuesday gave first-round approval to the city providing Chapter 100 financing and property tax abatements for \$197.6 million of the \$267.5 million project.

A final vote is expected at the next council meeting, which is Sept. 22.

While the new plan is similar to the one shelved

by Schreiber in April 2025, Jeff Meredith, executive director of the Carthage Economic Development Corp., and Matt Ryder, a third-party consultant working for Schreiber, told the council Tuesday that there are differences with the new proposal.

This project is expected to create 100 jobs with an average pay of \$53,655 per

year, or 102% of the county average wage of \$52,800, Meredith said.

The project paused in 2025 would have created between 150 and 250 jobs, depending on the size option Schreiber decided to go with.

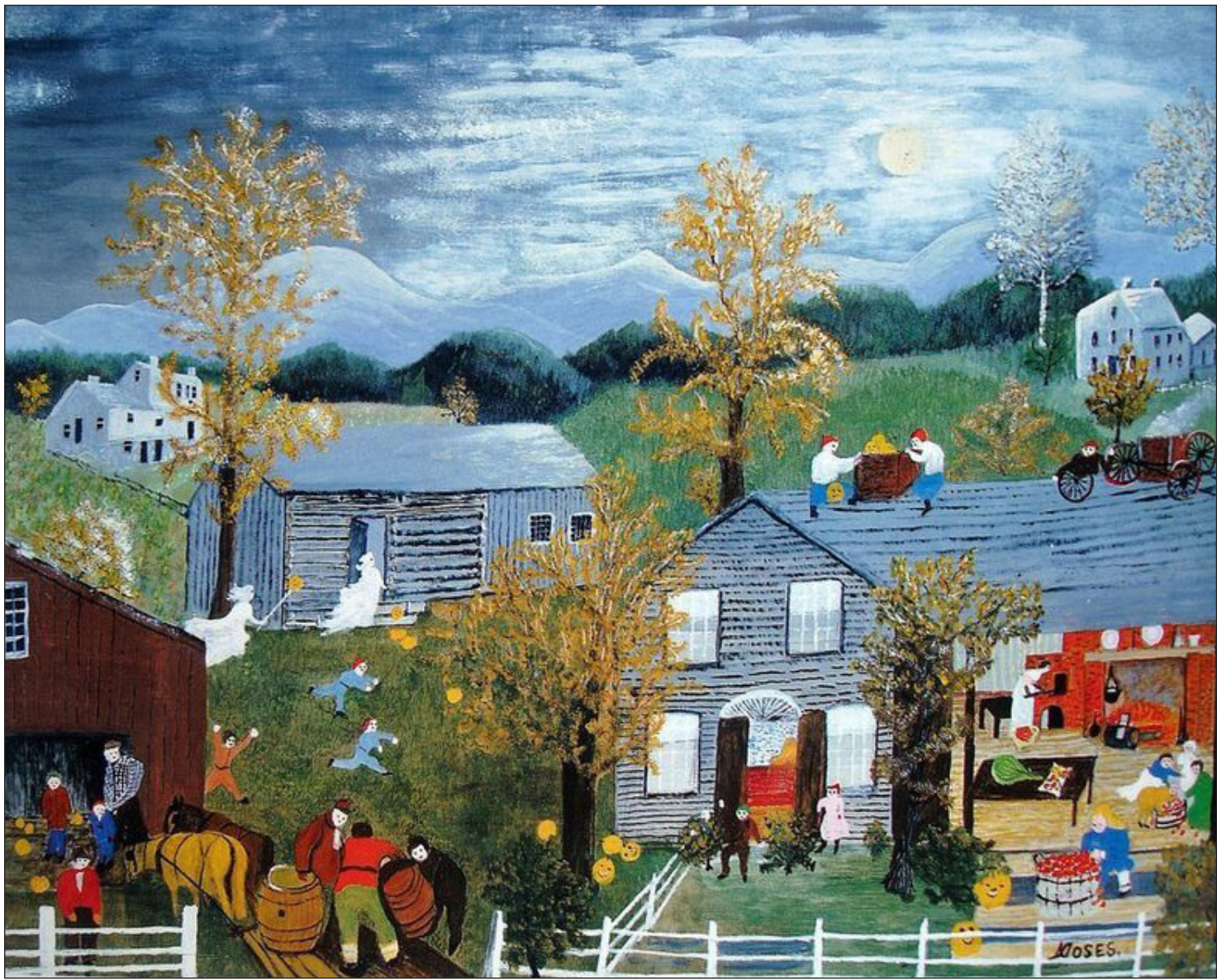
“This project is obviously a bit different in that the original project had more job creation,” Ryder said.

“This will have less, and a lot of that has to do with automation that will be in this facility as compared to the other. We still see this as a big job-creating project.”

Another difference is in the physical size of the project. In 2025, Schreiber was considering two options — a

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‘Paved the way’



“Halloween,” painted in 1955 by Grandma Moses, is an oil on high-density fiberboard.

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Grandma Moses subject of upcoming Crystal Bridges exhibit

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BENTONVILLE, Ark. — A “girl boss” before her time. That’s how curators of a new exhibit describe the artist known as Grandma Moses.

The “girl boss” moniker

helps characterize things Anna Mary Robertson, known as Grandma Moses, did as she painted and sold depictions of rural life in the post-World War II United States.

The works and life of Grandma Moses are the subject of the newest exhibit, opening Saturday, at Crystal Bridges Museum of Ameri-

can Art in Bentonville.

Larissa Randall, associate curator of American art, said Grandma Moses was iconic not only in how she created her art but also in how she dressed and presented her works to the public.

“She was an exemplary businesswoman and a strategic thinker,” Randall said. “She was an incredibly skilled painter with a passion for everyday life and all of its beauty.”

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If you go

“GRANDMA MOSES: A GOOD DAY’S WORK” opens to the public Saturday and continues through March 29, 2027. Tickets are \$15 per person, and free for Crystal Bridges members, SNAP participants, veterans and those 25 and under. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. It is closed on Tuesdays. For more information, go to www.crystalbridges.org.

Joplin to pursue coverage for some trips

Medicaid program could help with MAPS service when used to go to medical appointments

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The Joplin City Council agreed Monday night to have city staff pursue obtaining MO HealthNet coverage for residents who use the MAPS transportation system to get to medical appointments.

During the conversation, council member Eli Moran raised concerns about the low amount communities outside Joplin are paying for MAPS service compared with Joplin’s cost for its operations.

Dan Johnson, director of the Joplin Public Works Department, which includes the public transportation program, told the council Tuesday that MO HealthNet, a Medicaid program, could provide savings to residents on the cost of transportation to medical appointments.

With rides costing \$2 or \$4 per trip to a medical appointment and some residents making up to five trips a month, use of the HealthNet coverage could refund the program \$10 to \$20, depending on the number of trips, Johnson said.

He also said the funding is for MAPS only and not for the Sunshine Lamp Trolley.

Research has been done on other transit agencies that use the HealthNet system for this purpose, Johnson said, and the federal transit administration supports the city of Joplin’s participation.

Agencies that have provided information include Southeast Missouri Transportation Service, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority and OATS Southwest.

A government report on poverty in the Joplin area shows that there’s a higher level of low-income households and people with disabilities here.

“That’s just to show we do have a significant number of riders who would qualify for these reimbursements,” Johnson said.

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University ceremony to mark Sept. 11 anniversary

Area Rotary Club to make burgers for first responders

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Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade

Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, of a plane headed to Washington while passengers and flight attendants tried to recapture the plane.

• **MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY** will hold a ceremony at the big flagpole in the campus oval at

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10:03 a.m. Friday, “marking the time when the second plane struck the South Tower.”

Southern’s website said the ceremony will include remarks from first responders and other speakers, a moment of

silence and the playing of taps.

“We invite you to join us as we pause to remember the lives lost, honor the courage and sacrifice of first responders, and reflect on the lasting impact of that day,” MSSU announced.

• **THE WEBB CITY/CARL JUNCTION ROTARY CLUB** will fire up its grill and make smash

burgers for first responders Friday.

Sharon Clark, a member of the Rotary Club, said members prepare the burgers starting about 8 a.m. and deliver them for lunch in bags decorated by third grade students from area school districts.

This is the fifth year for

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