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My name is Wesley Gerber.

The reason I am running

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Kirksville City Council candidate profiles and background

Staff Reports

here are nine candidates running for the Kirksville City Council: Zac Burden, Wes Gerber, Kevin A. Alm, Jennifer Walston, Dana "Danny" McDowell, Stephanie Deren, Kabir Bansal, Robert A. Prough and Jessica Parks. The Daily Express was unable to contact candidate Robert A. Prough. The election is on Tuesday, April 5.

Following are statements from the available candidates as to why they are running and, if elected, what they hope to accomplish as council members.

My name is Dana (Danny) McDowell. I'm a life long resident of Kirksville and a graduate of Kirksville High School. I've worked in the the surrounding area doing construction, hospitality at local hotels and as a chief maintenance engineer. The last 25 years I have been the building manager of the Recreation Center at Truman State University.



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I am Jessica Parks, current mayor pro tem for the city of Kirksville, and I am grateful to have been on the city council for the last three vears.

I have a background in nonprofit work and ran my own small business, Take Root Café, on the downtown square for five years. I currently run the Truman bookstore.

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My name is Kabir Bansal and I am running for Kirksville City Council. The reason I am running is ultimately rooted in the fact that Kirksville is my hometown. I was born and raised in this community, the kids I grew up with are teachers, business owners, law enforcement and many other professions.

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My name is Jennifer Walston. Kirksville is the only community I have considered home; my family moved here nearly 16 years ago. I am trained as a therapist and have been employed locally in a variety of roles in human services and education — the Kirksville schools, Truman, ATSU, MACC, Lifeline, and the YMCA. Over the years,





Kevin Alm, who has lived in Kirksville for 47 years, is running for council for the 33rd time. Originally from Kewanee, Ill., Alm grew up on a farm south of Sugar Creek and has worked in farming, construction, demolition and has done mechanic work on race cars when there used to be a stock car track here years ago.

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My name is Stephanie Deren and I am a candidate for Kirksville City Council. I am a mother to four wonderful children.

I grew up in the Springfield, Mo. area but my family has lived in the Kirksville area for almost two centuries. My grandfather Gary Yadon and my grandmother LaNell Martin were

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My name is Zac Burden. To be elected by the people of our community three years ago was one of the greatest honors of my life. Being entrusted by the people of Kirksville to serve on their behalf propels me to be an engaged leader and work with integrity at all times. If reelected to the city council, I would want to con-

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Cerroni to retire after 29 years with Missouri **State Highway Patrol**

Kirksville Chamber of Commerce holds candidate forum for city council race spoke to as why they want- crimes are occurring most

By Marty Bachman Kirksville Daily Express

The Kirksville Chamber

ed to be elected to the posi- at and keep track of that. tion. Candidates were then He said that another way they could address it was providing more training for Kirksville police officers. 'Not like the training they've already received," he said, noting that some crimes he's seen were related to mental illness. "So receiving more training for issues that might be the result of mental health cases." He said that police only get a certain number of hours training to deal with mental illness so he felt expanding the amount of hours would be a solution. Alm said that many times he has seen crimes happen all over Kirksville and that sometimes it can be controlled and sometimes it can't be controlled.



Highway Patrol

Captain Erik A. Gottman, commanding officer of Troop B, Macon, Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced that effective April 1, Sgt. Christopher L. Cerroni will retire with over 29 years of dedicated service.

Cerroni was appointed to the Patrol on Jan. 1, 1993, as a member of the 65th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned to Troop B, Zone 4, Putnam and Sullivan counties. On Jan. 1, 1998, Cerroni was promoted to corporal and designated assistant zone supervisor of Zone 5, Adair and Schuyler counties.

On Feb. 1, 2001, he transferred to Troop C, and was stationed in Pacific. On Aug. 1, 2002, he transferred to Troop B, Zone 5, Adair and Schuyler counties. On Sept. 1, 2003, Cerroni was again promoted to corporal and designated the assistant zone supervisor of Zone 6, Clark and Scotland counties.

On July 1, 2010, he was promoted to sergeant and designated zone supervisor of Zone 7, Knox and Lew-



Sgt. Christopher L. Cerroni

is counties. On June 1, 2020, Cerroni transferred to Zone 6, Clark and Scotland counties, and was designated the zone supervisor of Zone 6. It is from this assignment that he retires.

During his career, Cerroni was assigned to numerous notable assignments including backup pilot for Troop B, several Missouri State Fairs and Missouri inaugurations, as well as the Ferguson detail, Hells Angels detail, and the detail handling the visit by Pope John Paul II.

Cerroni is a native of Crestwood and graduated from Vianney High School in Kirkwood. Cerroni holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Cerroni and his wife, Kristie (Thompson), have two children.

of Commerce held a virtual candidate's forum on Zoom on March 15, for eight of the nine city council candidates running for three open spots. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 5.

The candidates participating in the forum were Zac Burden, Wes Gerber, Kevin A. Alm, Jennifer Walston, Dana "Danny" McDowell, Stephanie Deren, Kabir Bansal and Jessica Parks. Candidate Robert A. Prough did not participate in the event. The forum was moderated by Sherie Eklof.

The forum began with 90 second introduction from each candidate where they

asked questions in rotating fashion and each candidate was given two minutes to respond. No rebuttals were offered in the forum and no closing statements were allowed, either. Candidates responded in the order in which they filed to run for office.

Due to the length of responses, this story is the answer to only the first question: "What are your thoughts on addressing the increase in crime?" The candidates answer to the other questions will be run in the next two issues of The Express.

Gerber answered first saying we need to look at what areas of Kirksville

Sherie Eklof was the moderator of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce candidate's virtual forum held on March 15.

"It's unbearable to see this happening all over," he said.

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Adair County SB40 holds annual awards reception

By Adair County SB40

The Adair County SB40 Board of Directors, staff and management held a reception where they announced the winners of the inaugural 2022 Spotlight Awards for Community Leadership, presented to four community members with developmental disabilities. The ceremony took place in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building on the Truman State campus on March 15. "As March is Develop-

mental Disabilities Awareness month, recognizing these four individuals who have demonstrated leadership and courage and whom have each contributed to the betterment of their Northeast Missouri community is an important part of raising awareness about advocacy and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities. We are pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with each of

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(L to R) Susan Lassabe, Adair County SB40 assistant director of Service Coordination; Letty Snyder, Greencastle, 2022 Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award Winner; Russell Lehmann, keynote speaker from Community Engagement Conference.



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KIRKSVILLE CALENDAR & NEWS BRIEFS

Kirksville sidewalk study to begin next week

The city of Kirksville is conducting a sidewalk study, through the engineering firm Bartlett & West, in the residential neighborhoods located immediately north, northeast, and east of the Central Business District, or downtown, beginning the week of March 21. These sidewalks are being reviewed to determine where gaps exist in our sidewalk network, the condition of those sidewalks that do exist, and those sidewalks' compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Beginning next week, Bartlett & West's field personnel will be walking the sidewalks in this area and collecting data during daylight hours. Ultimately, the data collected through this study will be used to both develop a sidewalk installation, repair, and replacement plan for the community and continue the implementation of the city's Kirksville Active Mobility Plan (KAMP). This study was made possible in part through a Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation. For more information, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 660-627-1224.

Sidewalk Work Group meeting

Notice is hereby given that the City of Kirksville's Sidewalk Work Group will hold a meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street. For more information, call 660-627-1225

Master Gardener course to be held beginning March 22

A Master Gardener Course will be offered starting March 22 through June 7. Classes will be held by Zoom and in-person. There will be 12 presentations on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Participants can choose to watch the presentation by Zoom from their home, their local county Extension Center, or in-person at the Adair County Extension Center at 503 E. Northtown

Road in Kirksville. To supplement what is learned in the presentations, there will be six outdoor, in-person lab classes on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m., except for June 9 which will be from 2-4 p.m. The rain date is the next day, Friday. The deadline to register is March 18 at noon. Registration is online at https://extension.missouri. edu/events/master-gardener-course-kirksville-area.

Kirksville Chamber of Commerce annual banquet

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, March 25 at the Moose Family Center, 2405 E. Illinois Street, in Kirksville. Titled "Celebrating Missouri's Northern Stars", the event will begin at 5 p.m. with a retirement reception for Tourism Director Debi Boughton. Dinner and the awards ceremony will be held between 6-8:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, awards, fellowship and dinner. RSVP by March 14. Kirksville Young Professionals will present its "5 under 40" winners. Tickets can be purchased

online or stop by the chamber, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adair County Health Department to hold March Covid vaccination clinics

The Adair County Health Department recommends that all county residents ages 5 and older get vaccinated against Covid-19 and all residents ages 16 and older get vaccinated and boosted. No vaccines are 100 percent effective at preventing disease. However, the Covid-19 vaccines are easily accessible, free, and continue to demonstrate that they prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death. The Health Department will administer Covid-19 vaccines at their clinic located at 1001 S. Jamison Street throughout March. Adult clinics are scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 22 and 29. Pediatric clinics are scheduled from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 24 and 31. Call the Health Department at 660-665-8491 to schedule a vaccine appointment.

for our police forces to be equipped, not just in one or two modes of intervention, but to really quickly assess situations they encounter and use the correct measures," she said.

She said that funding for the police department is vital and she believes the new chief

McDowell said that the city needs to look really hard and understand what the citizens are feeling and the problems they have. He said that the city needs to increase the patrols in neighborhoods.

"We're not seeing the law enforcement there," he said. "I think we need to get them out and seen in the public more. At night, it's really

Ribbon Cutting at Bailey's Window Cleaning

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bailey's Window Cleaning at 1306 S. Baltimore in Kirksville, at 4 p.m. on April 7.

Ribbon Cutting for new taxi service at the Armory

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for NextGin Rides on Wednesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. at the Rieger Armory, 500 S. Elson Street, in Kirksville. Join them in the opening of a new taxi service.

Curtain Call annual meeting in April

Curtain Call Theatre Company will be hosting their Annual Meeting on Monday, April 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the theatre at 512 W. Elizabeth Street, and is open to the public to come and learn about their plans for upcoming shows and building improvements. Members who have paid their \$10 annual membership dues will also

to be more communication. 'We also need to see how

the police need to be supported, whether that means more training or continue to support with needs or equipment that we can provide through the budget," she said. "Also, its just going to be about educating the citizens and how they can keep an eye out in their neighborhood in ways that they could remember key facts when they do call in to report something, that they actually know the information about the suspect or just any information, suspicious information, and that's going to be really important."

She said that students need to feel safe in order to have continual business and people coming to Kirksville.

Bonsal said that should he win a seat on the council, crime will be one of his top priorities. He said the first step would be to have a candid discussion with law enforcement in order to know what they're seeing, hearing and then look at the numbers to determine the various types of crime.

be able to vote on new board members.

Foster/Adopt Connect ribbon cutting

Join the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce in welcoming FosterAdopt Connect to the community. Their arrival will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting on April 13 at 4 p.m. at 117 W Potter Ave, Kirksville.

44th annual free children's Easter egg hunt

Mark your calendars and hop on over to the 44th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Truman State University Quad. The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department and Truman State University's Cardinal Key are partnering to host this event free of charge. All children ages 2-12 are invited to join them to find as many eggs as they can. Remember to bring a basket for all the eggs and your camera for a picture with our special guest, the Easter Bunny. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

safe places that people can go to and gather and actually know one another I think is the best way to prevent crime in our community," she said. "I do think it's important that we're still supporting law enforcement ... "

She said that the new police chief has been proactive in talking about getting to know your neighbors.

"That's the best way to prevent crime," she said, noting that she wanted to see that the police had the resources and funding that they needed.

Burden said that crime was a complex issue as were the answers to crime. He said that the city needs to continue to fund the recruitment, retention and training of its police staff.

"I think Kirksville is still a remarkably safe place and I'm very thankful for the Kirksville Police Department and how they play a large role in that," he said. "But there are issues that need to be tackled and we need to approach those from a lot of different mechanisms, including in supporting our local police department and how they're able to function with all the resources they need - but it's also about engaging the people of our community." He said the Neighborhood Watch program was an excellent example of how folks could engage in crime prevention and assisting the police in solving crimes. He said another aspect was engaging people in activities other than crime, as youth, as young adults and as they move fully into adulthood. "A lot of that's going to be about economic development, that means making sure we have jobs to gainfully employ people and make sure they're positive contributors to our community," he said. He said the city needs to ensure education at all levels, parks and recreation offerings and assuring support for mental health concerns and support for substance abuse problems as well. "The city plays a role in crime prevention and response but there are other components to that as well," he said. "We need a fully functioning judicial system in our community so I want to make sure we are supporting all those efforts from prosecutors, public defenders and judges right down to folks that are going to serve on juries."

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He said it would be nice to have a clean environment to stop the drugs from coming in. He said that local university students were



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munities and it'd be great to see

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this happen but it's embarrassing to see all the high crime," he said. "it was getting worse but now it just fluctuates off and on how crime is moving."

> Walston said that she was real excited the first month or two when she joined the city council, as well as when the new police chief, Scott Williamson, came to Kirksville, and that its been pleasant to hear some of the fresh ideas he has for the police department and the community. She said he has worked hard on informing the council on ways to help fund the police department, improving the tools that they have, the technology they need and getting them updated training so that they are equipped to manage a wider variety of situations that they may encounter and use the correct amount of force when needed.

"It's a really an important issue right now nationwide

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is doing a good job of moving the police department in the right direction. She said that there were a number of 2022 budget items approved by the city council and that the city is just beginning to see those things come about.

She said there have been talks about bringing Neighborhood Watch programs back to Kirksville and cultivating a culture and pipeline of kids that might be interested in law enforcement careers.



not safe to be walking on our streets. Many of our citizens feel that way."

He agreed that Neighborhood Watch would be good to have and that the city needed to get more community involvement in the neighborhoods of Kirksville. He said also, the city needs to support its police department and that police officers in the city were all very good but they are held back. "I think we should let

them do the jobs that they work hard to do," he said. "I know that there's much problems in this town and we need to look to them problems and we need the community to get involved in helping explain what they see in their neighborhoods."

He said that he appreciates what the city police do for the community and he was sure many of the citizens appreciate as well.

"Let's support them and give them the support that they need and the confidence it takes for them to do their job," he said.

Deren said crime was the beginning of an issue that the city was going to have to be proactive about. She said that being able to have young families come to town and feel safe is really important to her and that there needs to be a collaboration between the council and city residents and the police department because a lot of businesses have been hit and there needs

"I hear from a lot of people, local citizens, that this is just a big problem right now," he said. "But I want to hear what law enforcement has to say."

He said that he wanted to see the numbers and know the different areas of concern. He said that with the council, it comes down to funding.

"Is that what is going to help it or do we need that in addition to supplemental measures," he said. "But I really think the first step is having that discussion, 'how can we help you.""

Parks said that it was important to look at preventative measures as opposed to reactive measures especially when thinking long term. She said that improving the overall quality of life for citizens was a priority and providing mental health resources and police training was an important step in that direction. She said it was important to make sure language resources are available to those in the community that don't speak English and improving the park system and having a beautiful community, which she said "builds morale."

Parks said that improving housing conditions and getting to know people as well as creating community development would have an impact on crime.

"I'm real excited to see that we now have a community building, we're saving the historic armory, but having

To see a video of the forum, go to the following link: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=RST2ky-P6ubQ&t=347s

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OBITUARIES

Chester Dean Hale

Sep 3, 1947 – Mar 16, 2022

Chester Dean Hale, 74, of Green City, passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in Milan.

Dean was born on September 3, 1947, in Green City, to Joshua Chester "JC" and Billie "Jean" (Whitaker) Hale. He attended grade school at Rose Hill country school before attending and graduating from Green City High School in 1965. After high school, Dean went to work at Banquet Foods while



also working on the farm. On June 23, 1968, Dean married Karen Tipton and she survives of the home. Dean is also survived by three children; Angie Shuey (Rick) of Kirksville, Missouri, Heather Dodson (Ron) of Grain Valley, Missouri, Ansil Hale (Rachel) of Green City, Missouri, grandchildren: Ceci Drerup (Danny), Catie Colton (Chase), Cassie Shuey, Chandler Shuey, Colby Shuey, Mason Partin (Leslie), Michael Partin (Jordan) Marcus Partin, Marshall Partin (Paige), Evie Hale, Ansil Hale Jr., Ian Hale, great grandchildren; Ellie Drerup, Jayce Colton, Reece Colton, Bo Partin, Luke Partin, and Tucker Mills, brothers; Randy (Kandy) Hale of Milan, Rick (Teresa) Hale of Kirksville, Rocky (Sharon) Hale of Kirksville, sister in laws; Peggy Callahan of Milan and Joan Brummitt of Milan, brother in law Jim Tipton of Milan, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded by his parents.

While driving a school bus for Vo-Tech, Dean received a degree in computer programming. He then went to work for the Kirksville School District leading the data processing department. He then went to work for the Department of Mental Health as a computer programmer where he retired. After retirement, Dean joined his father at Hale Order Buyers. He also sold real estate. Dean served on the Board of Directors for Macon Mutual Insurance for over 20 years and was also on the Penn Township Board. In the fall of 1968, Dean gave his life to Jesus. He later served as an elder and on the board at the Milan Christian Church and University Christian Church in Kirksville. He loved working with the kids in Jr. Church and attending mission trips. One of his greatest highlights was baptizing his three children. Dean loved to talk and never met a stranger, but most of all loved spending time with his family and sharing memories.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM, on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Milan Christian Church. A visitation will be held one hour before the service beginning at 1:00 PM. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. Schoene-Ruschmeier Funeral Home in Milan is handling arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to continue mission work in the Dominican Republic c/o Karen Hale

John Wallace

Dec. 18, 1952 — Mar. 7, 2022

John Thomas Wallace, age 69, of LaBelle, MO, passed away Monday, March 7, 2022, at his home

south of LaBelle, MO. He was born December 18, 1952, in Quincy, IL the son of Joseph Ralston and Rosemary Ann Smith Wallace.

He was united in marriage to Lori Ann Bruns on July 28, 1979, in Lewistown, MO.

Surviving are his wife Lori Ann Wallace of LaBelle, MO, two sons

Joseph Michael Wallace and wife Danika of Ewing, MO and Ryan Thomas Wallace and fiance Angela Kirchner of LaBelle, MO, five sisters, Linda Shanks and husband Robert of Bloomington, IN, Judy Zeigler and husband John of Portland, OR, Janet Beavers of Springfield, MO, Mary Myers of Kirksville, MO, and Marjorie Finlay and husband Kent of Centralia, MO, two grandchildren Suny Wallace and Kashton Wallace, his mother and father-in-law Raymond and Rosalie Bruns of LaBelle, MO, and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, two grandsons, Joseph and Mason Hagar Wallace, brother in-law, Randy Bruns and one brother Joseph Michael Wallace.

John graduated from Hickman High School in Columbia, MO and attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1972 to 1973. After his service he returned south of LaBelle where he was engaged in farming with his father. John was a 44year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 in St. Louis, MO. John enjoyed taking motorcycle trips with his wife, spending time with his grandchildren, and farming and working the land. John had an engineering mind because he would always modify a piece of equipment, vehicle, motorcycle or furniture to be the way he thought it ought to be to work best. He had a fondness for labrador retrievers and owned many through the years. His memory was extremely sharp and his family relied on him to recall dates and events. He was a gun and knife enthusiast. John, like his father, was an avid reader. The most striking part of John's personality was being a big teaser. He would tease his grandsons, wife and anyone he could stir up.

John will be cremated and graveside services with full military honors will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, MO. Officiating Chaplin John Bambrick.

There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville or the ALS Organization. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Coder Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 151, LaBelle, MO 63447.

Wanda Jeannine (Filkins) Riley

Jan 11, 1930 – Mar 16, 2022

Wanda Jeannine (Filkins) Riley, 92, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, March

16, 2022 at the Schuyler County Nursing Home in Queen City, Missouri.

Born January 11, 1930 in Kirksville, Missouri, Wanda was the daughter of the late John Olan and Mary Henrietta (Craig) Filkins. On December 31, 1955 in rural Kirksville, Missouri, Wan-



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da was united in marriage to Irvin "Brice" Riley who preceded her in death on December 10, 1991.

Wanda is survived by her daughter and son-inlaw, Jayne and Howard Sherman of Kirksville, MO; two grandchildren, Leah Vandiver and husband Jordan of Kirksville, MO, and Brice Sherman and wife Cecilia of Quincy, IL, as well as one great-grandchild, Joel David Vandiver of Kirksville, MO.

Wanda was a graduate from Greentop High School with the Class of 1947 and attended Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College where she studied Business and also worked in the Registrars office. Wanda worked for the Regional Planning Commission several years and was a farmer's wife most of her life. She enjoyed gardening, canning, raising chickens, and cooking. Wanda loved her family and was a very devoted caregiver to them throughout the years.

Wanda was proud to be a twenty-two gallon blood donor for the Red Cross, was Secretary of the Hazel Creek Cemetery Association, and was a devoted member of Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church where she was active with the Women's Auxiliary, and played Piano for Sunday services.

Public visitation will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with a service at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville with Pastor Rick Chapman officiating. Interment will follow at Hazel Creek Cemetery, northwest of Kirksville.

Pallbearers will be Brice Sherman, Jordan Vandiver, Jami Sevits, Matt Chrisman, Doug Hamilton, and David Sevits. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Sevits, Bradley Chrisman, Bill Sevits, Darrell Hamilton, Harley Maize, and Howard Sherman.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Wanda may be made to Hazel Creek Cemetery Association or to Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.



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each of these people during the 2022 Spotlight Awards Banquet." said Crystal Aminirad, Adair SB40 executive director. The 2022 Spotlight







Award Recipients are:

• Eight-year-old Letty Snyder of Greencastle, who was nominated by Susan Lassabe. Snyder and her family volunteered to educate her fellow students about disabilities and inclusion in an assembly at her school. Snyder is the winner of the 2022 Kids Inclusion Spotlight Award.

• Kirksville High School Senior Aaliyah Dawson demonstrated great leadership a few months ago when she assisted paramedics with a medical emergency that she witnessed. While out in the community Dawson saw a woman fall, called paramedics, waited with the woman until they arrived and held the flashlight for them as they attended to her. Dawson is the 2022 Youth Leadership Spotlight Award recipient. She was nominated by Laura Morrow.

• Donald Salsberry, owner and operator of his snow removal/lawn care business "Dalmation Lawn Care" was nominated by Andy Magruder.

(L to R) Laura Morrow, Adair County SB40 service coordinator; Aaliyah Dawson, Kirksville, 2022 Youth Leadership Spotlight Award Winner; Russell Lehmann.

Salsberry has been in business for five years and handles all aspects of his business operation, from scheduling, to service, to invoicing and maintaining his equipment. He's known for great customer service at a fair price. Salsberry is the winner of the 2022 Entrepreneur of the Year Spotlight Award.

• Kirksville's own Patty Sutton was nominated by Jason Underwood. He nominated Sutton for her many years of volunteerism with Special Olympics, the Polar Plunge, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Tip a Cop, Cop on TOP, Softball Tournaments, 5k events and other area fundraisers in the Kirksville area. Sutton was presented with the 2022 Community Volunteerism Spotlight Award.

In addition to the Spotlight Awards, five other nominees were recognized for their community volunteerism.

The Adair County SB40 Developmental Disabilities Board is a not-forprofit governmental organization providing services and support to local citizens with developmental disabilities. It is funded through a special property tax passed by Adair County voters in April, 2005, as approved through the Missouri State Senate Bill 40 in 1969. The organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors who are appointed by the Adair County Commission.

For more information on this organization, go to https://www.sb40life.org/.

(L to R) Andy Magruder, Adair County SB40 service coordinator accepting on behalf of Donald Salsberry, owner and manager of Dalmation Lawncare the 2022 Entrepreneur of the Year Spotlight Award Winner; Russell Lehman.



(L to R) Justin Underwood, Mark Twain Behavioral Health; Patty Sutton, Kirksville, 2022 Community Volunteer Spotlight Award Winner; Russell Lehmann.







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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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Do your part, be passionate about your beliefs and make a difference. Speak from the heart, and command attention when needed. Trust your instincts and listen to opposition, complaints and criticisms, and you will come up with valuable solutions that pave the way for a better future.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Share your grievances, deal with the backlash and move forward knowing you've done your part. Look on the bright side and make decisions that bring you the happiness you deserve. Take responsibility.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Overthinking will hold you back. Concentrate on getting things done. The progress you make will inspire you to keep going. Refuse to let uncertainty kick in when forward motion is what's needed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Throw yourself into what you must do and refuse to let yourself become overwhelmed. Dedication and hard work will help you meet demands and build the self-confidence needed to take on your next task.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Let your actions speak for you. Whether it's a hobby, a physical goal or an important relationship, give it your all. You will excel. There will be no downside to going big.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Refuse to let what others do confuse you. Focus on what's important and necessary. Believe in yourself and avoid joint ventures or shared expenses. You'll do best if you take control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Get together with people who share your views. Kick back and enjoy life and what it has to offer. A show of appreciation

and gratitude is encouraged. Do something that makes you feel good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Network, socialize and participate in events that offer personal growth and opportunity. Evaluate your relationships and see who is interested in going on an adventure with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Share your feelings with someone who affects your physical and emotional well-being. Search for a way to improve your life or make your surroundings more comfortable and stress-free.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Relying on others will lead to disappointment. Think outside the box. Surround yourself with people who are not afraid of change. Embrace what you find intriguing, and you'll discover inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Sidestep someone else's dilemma. You aren't likely to get the whole truth if you rely on one source for information. Focus on personal gain, health and how best to handle your finances and love life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take control of financial or health situations. Let your thoughts be known, and don't deviate from your plan because someone complains. Do what's necessary to ensure your safety.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You'll have second thoughts about money or shared expenses. Don't let your emotions interfere with necessary adjustments. A positive change that relieves stress will pay off in other ways as well.

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ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

How you approach life, love, happiness and what's meaningful to you will contribute to your security and comfort for years to come. Contemplate the consequences before you make a move, and you'll make a better decision. Don't limit the possibilities; make use of what's available. An idea planned and executed with patience and attention to detail will encourage success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Leave nothing to chance. Let experience lead the way and intuition step in when necessary. Be willing to fight for what's right, and walk away from no-win situations. Be true to yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Live in the moment. Don't waste time pleasing someone who finds fault in everything. Lighten up. Life is what you make it, so do things your way. You've gotten a lot done, and you can do still more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Adjust to what's going on around you and use any opportunity you get to explore and expand something that interests you. Check out what you need to do to start something new or finish what you've left undone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Consider whether you are heading in the right direction. Talk to someone in the know about what you'd like to do. Sign up for a course or scour the internet for information, and you'll gain insight into possibilities. Romance is featured.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Invest in yourself. Be willing to go the distance to ensure you get the most out of what you have to offer. Don't let what others do shatter your confidence or cause you to question the things you want to pursue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Get in the game, play to win and don't worry about what others do or say. Make changes that put your mind at ease and make your life easier. Focus on love, self-improvement and stability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Rely on experience to help evaluate sensitive situations. Listen to others and respond with compassion; you'll bring about positive change. Revisit connections, make amends and let go of the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Do something that makes you happy, motivates you or encourages you to spend more time with a loved one. Set a personal goal, and distance yourself from wastes of money or time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't share secrets. Stay focused on something that you enjoy doing. An innovative idea will give you a new lease on life. Don't ignore change when you can embrace it as an opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Stay out of the line of fire. Someone will twist things around to satisfy their needs. Keep your facts straight and focus on your needs. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- File away information others share, and it will give you the edge. Search for a unique outlet to use your skills and money, and you'll figure out a way to enrich your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Plan your next move. A safety net will put your mind at ease. A joint venture or sharing expenses with a loved one appears promising. Share your thoughts and protect your interests.

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MO 63557 and the attorney is Barry Cundiff, P.O. Box 7546, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

Date of first publication March 12, 2022.

Clerk of the Probate Division

Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri Linda Decker The Knox County R-I School District is accepting sealed bids for a new strength and conditioning facility to replace our existing structure. Vendors will be evaluated on price, quality of specifications, and completion schedule. Bids need to be sent to Knox County R-I School District, 55701 State Hwy 6, Edina, MO 63537. Bids must be submitted to the Central Office no later than April 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm. If you have any questions about bidding, please contact Keith Gudehus at 660-397-2228 (ext 300). The Knox County R-I School District reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened at 2:00 pm on April 8, 2022, in the Central Office.

If you are interested in bidding, please contact the school at 660-397-2228 (ext 500) to get full specifications.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF ESTATE RICHLENE BROOKE SEAVEY

NO: 19AR-PR00060

NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF RICHLENE BROOKE SEAVEY, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 17th day of February, 2022, Rhonda Noe, Adair County Public Administrator was appointed conservator of the estate of Richlene Brooke Seavey, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The business address of the conservator is 300 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court or be forever barred.

ate of first publication: February 26, 2022.

Linda Decker Circuit Clerk of Adair County, Missouri

Publication Dates: 2-26-2022, 3-5-2022, 3-12-2022, 3-19-2022

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 006-A017

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF STEPHEN T. BLEDSOE, a/k/a STEPHEN THOMAS BLEDSOE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDING

Notice to: Any known or unknown father of Deacon Bryce Hood, a minor

Please take notice that a verified Petition for Adoption of the above named minor child, who was born on or about January 27, 2010 in Adair County, Missouri, to Crystal A. Gratson, has been filed in the Probate Court of Limestone County, Alabama by Petitioner Stephen T. Bledsoe, and that a Dispositional Hearing on said Petition has been scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Said Dispositional Hearing will be held in the Limestone County Probate Court Hearing Room located in the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Suite D, Athens, Alabama 35611.

Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response with the attorney for said Petitioner, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of the Limestone County Probate Court at the address above as soon as possible but no later than (30) days from the last day this notice is published.

Done this 3RD day of March, 2022.

Daniel D. Dwyer Attorney for Petitioner Hodges Trial Lawyers, P.C. 320 Clinton Avenue E Huntsville, AL 35801

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 22AR-PR00030 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp) Judge or Division: PROBATE

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOUR							
Judge or Division: KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM	Case Number: 22AR-I						
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In the Estate of MARY JEFFERY	the Estate of MARY JEFFERY BARNES, Deceased.						
	Testamentary Granted Administration)	Adair County Circuit Court					
To All Persons Interested in the E Decedent:	state of MARY JEFFER	Y BARNES,					

On March 4, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY JEFFERY BARNES, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The name and address of the personal representative is:

Betty Mennemeyer, 23553 Crest Trail, Kirksville, MO 63501 The personal representative's attorney's name, business address

and phone number is: Andrew R. Farwell, 715 N. Baltimore, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-6670.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: January 18, 2022

Date of first publication: March 12, 2022

Linda Decker

Adair County Circuit Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as) Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America) National Association, as Trustee, Successor by) Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as) Trustee for Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-15,)

Plaintiff,

VS.

TAUNJI J. WATERMAN A/K/A TAUNJI JILL WATERMAN, if Living, or if Deceased, her Unknown Heirs, Successors and Grantees, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Darrell W. Waterman a/k/a Darrell Wallace Waterman, if Living, or if Deceased, his Unknown Heirs, Successors and Grantees; and All Other Individuals and/or Entities Claiming Any Lien, Right, Title, or Interest in the Real Property Described in this Petition and Commonly Known and Numbered as 716 North Florence, Kirksville, MO 63501

You are hereby notified by publication in Kirksville Daily Express that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to reform a deed of trust, quiet title and seek other relief as to the following real property:

Commencing 50 feet, East of the Northeast corner of Block 6, Northeast Addition to Kirksville, Missouri thence East 108 feet, thence South 54 feet, thence West 108 feet, thence North 54 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 62, Range 15, Adair County, Missouri.

NOTICE

Under the provision of Section 115.233 RSMo. Election Laws of the State of Missouri, the ballot counting computer will be tested to ascertain that the equipment is in compliance with the law and that it will correctly count votes cast for all offices and on all questions in the Municipal Election on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**.

The test for the **Optical Scan System** will be conducted in the County Clerk's temporary office at 311 N. Elson St. in Kirksville, on **March 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

A pre-audited group of ballots will be processed. If an error is detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the tabulation equipment is approved. The test shall be open to the candidates, the news media and the public.

> Sandra Collop Adair County Clerk 106 W Washington Kirksville, Missouri 63501

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In the Estate of BRENDA K RAFFERTY, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BRENDA K RAFFERTY, Decedent.

On February 25, 2022, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of BRENDA K RAFFERTY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The personal representative's name and address is:

Bruce Pinkston, 1229 County Road 2705, Moberly, MO 65270

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

Sidney E. Wheelan, 630 N. Morley Suite 107A, P.O. Box 187, Moberly, MO 65270, 660-372-2152

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You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid action within 45 days after the first day of publication of the 5th day of March, 2022, or such longer time as the Court may fix by order, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

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GERBER

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our community, to be the beacon of hope for those who lost it. I want to make a difference in the lives of those around me and be the voice for those who can't stand up for themselves.

I feel what qualifies me to be elected for a seat on the council is that I'm very compassionate yet firm. Competitive but a team player.

One of the biggest problems I see in Kirksville is that we do not have a homeless shelter, nor do I think people trapped in addiction are receiving the proper help they need. The solution to these could be combined into one where we contact the proper people and figure out where we could build a shelter that would provide for our homeless while providing treatment and build it to where not only it would provide these things, but where the people hired could help those who stay find jobs to gain financial stability and keep it.

I do believe that Kirksville has changed in positive ways by bringing in more business to create jobs and has done tremendous work to fix main roads, even vast effort was put into the pool to renovate it.

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to take the reigns of molding our community and our youth, it is important we remember the values that we grew up with and pass those on.

As a candidate for public office in the city of Kirksville, what I bring to the table is a decade plus experience of working with various companies to find ways to improve processes; this involves collaboration with various levels of management but most importantly being open to the feedback of the folks who live and breathe the environment we hope

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I have a passion for community development and I want to see all of our citizens thrive in our city. I feel that I bring expertise in community building, outreach, overseeing a budget, and managing people. In the last few years, I think that the city has made some great strides in terms of overall vision and planning for the future with the Think 2040 comprehensive plan, and I would like to see that continue. As a member of the K-REDI board, I would like to continue to improve small busi-

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both born and raised in Adair County. My great, great grandmother Virginia Athon still resides in Kirksville, and I enjoy taking care of her and hearing her stories about our community throughout the years.

For five years, I acted as a family liaison with the US Army community between the families and base command. Encouraging better communication, assisting in the resolution of issues and promoting the safety of our soldiers and families. I was awarded the Order of St. Joan D' Arc for the dedication I gave to the Calvary Regiment.

I have also worked in my family's business, Group Benefit Service (GBS), for 12 yrs. I have worked with great flexibility to aid our family business within various departments depending on the need. Duties have included

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In 1987, when living in the city and doing work on his house and minding his own business, two guys were walking on his property and looking in his windows, trying to tell him what he could and couldn't do with his property. He said he was told that he needed to hire a contractor and they dragged him into court, where he lost his case and was given a fine.

Then the city told him he couldn't work on his car in the driveway of his home. Again he was dragged into a courtroom where he lost

to change for the better.

Along these exact same lines, being on the council requires engaging our local constituents and hearing what they believe is working well in the community as well as what are areas needing improvement. The role of the city council is oversight of the city infrastructure and budget, these important functions require the council to be in touch with the needs of the citizens; the citizens are #1 and we serve them.

Areas we need to address that I hear from our local constituents is crime and a lack of representation of the community on the council. With respect to crime, I want to

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two daughters here.

I'm married and raised

my family of two sons and

I've talked to a lot of citizens who also want to see our parks and recreation opportunities increase, so that would be another one of my main focuses. Lastly, as a mom who has chosen to raise my son here, I want to make sure our community is a welcoming and safe space for all, so I would like to see us continue the work to create better access to child care, mental health resources, language resources, and more support of community programs that bring people together and improve the overall quality of life for every citizen.

ness and economic de-

velopment.

keeping up to date with healthcare laws and legislation, gathering information for bid responses, aiding in decisions that affect the direction of the company and customer service. I want to ultimately expand those skills to assisting the city of Kirksville and finally serve our local citizens.

I have most recently volunteered for the non-profit "Fairy Godmother" with efforts to raise money to help teens in foster care and in financial need with their prom attire. Everyone deserves that special night!

My fiance and I recently opened a business off the square providing a service to the community with any coin and bullion needs. Being a part of the small business community has pushed me to talk to other business owners and allowed me to see areas where we as a city can improve and promote our local small businesses. Through my relationships

again. He said it seems like the laws in Kirksville are going crazy and that the city government is overbearing. He said that the people should be in charge rather than the other way around, but it's not working that way.

He decided to go to city council meetings where he has met past mayors and city council members of which they have all had strong opinons. He said that he believes that if he owns the property, he ought to be able to do whatever he wants with it but that city regulations keep getting worse and worse.

He said that he has spoke with

sit down with law enforcement and understand what they see, where there are areas they need support and in what ways the council, within its jurisdiction, can help; this may require more than just a budgetary process, but thinking outside the box on other supplemental avenues to further support our law enforcement.

These folks put their lives on the line each day and I am grateful we have them to keep order. When it comes to representation of our community, the first step is taking the discussion with the citizens off the council bench and meeting them in a public forum where they can be heard and not

> several other commissions. The council only allows five minutes for a citizen to talk at then end of meetings even though that used to be at the beginning. There is no two-way dialogue Most issues are never resolved. Yes, there is a complaint form online, but that is all by email. Many times those are ignored and now that council has decided to focus on trash in yards and not the yard mowing. Crime is on the rise in the city. Many people I've talked with, especially older residents, don't feel safe in their homes now. With rise in the price of all commodities we'll see more vandalism and thefts. The police need to be on top of petty crimes. Some say crime is

and local business contacts, it has become apparent to me we have an opportunity to include a larger voice for small businesses within the leadership of the city of Kirksville.

As a mother I am concerned about the safety of not only my children, but all our city's youth with the notable increase in crime. I want to set an example for our youth by supporting our local law enforcement, giving our officers the resources, they need to protect our citizens and rebuilding the communities trust in local government as we recover from this pandemic.

It is a polarizing time, not only in our community, but in our nation. It is time to make a choice to heal and come together with a common goal to promote not only our community's safety, improve city streets, growth for our small businesses, affordable housing, and access to day-care for young families

a lot of people and that they want more businesses and industries in town to create more jobs as well as improvements to the skate park, which he thinks should be made into roller skating park so they can have roller hockey. He also thinks a bobsled with rollers replacing the skis could be a big hit. Alm also want to see a motor speedway built in KIrksville.

He said that the city used to have social time for residents at the courthouse square on Saturdays and Sundays and he wants to bring tht back as well as the carnivals, arts and crafts festival that used to be held there.

be constrained to a few minutes of talking. When we give citizens the opportunity to feel comfortable to share their input, we can take that back and see based on our current environment, how close or far off we are to truly serving our community and providing a better quality of living.

April 5 is around the corner, I encourage all those who are reading the Daily Express to vote and reach out to your friends and family who live in Kirksville to also get out and vote. I will represent you, because like so many of you this is where I grew up and I want this community to continue to thrive and be a place folks call home.

> no worse than usual, but when has Kirksville seen so many car window smashing and no resolution and that's just the tip of the iceberg. In fact — you seldom see on the news that anyone has been arrested until it ends in senseless murders. Many don't realize that there used to be an organizational chart that showed the citizens were first, then the council then city manager. I can't find that this exists any more and it doesn't seem like the citizens' voices are being heard at all. I want to change that. Please contact me if you have questions at any time. I will listen to you and talk to you. The citizens need to take back our town.

WALSTON

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I have also been a retail entrepreneur and now operate our family's guest house. My husband and I have two kids and two dogs; I like to garden and sew.

What I offer to Kirksville is 10 months of experience on the council and level-headed, reflective decision-making. I will continue to dedicate myself to the city by engaging with our citizens, asking hard questions at City Hall, and pushing for cooperation, transparency, and stewardship. I have learned a lot in the last year and have started putting this initial knowledge to work to improve our community.

The reality is I'm not interested in "politics": campaigning, debating, party loyalties, or the manipulation of people or information. However, I am interested in the people, organizations, and history of Kirksville. And I am interested in learning through conversations and being a part of positive change. If you email me, I will respond. If you approach me, I will engage with you.

The nature of Kirksville City Council is that our members are citizens, not professional politicians or city employees. We are not specialists in most of the issues that we make decisions about. Therefore, we must engage with specialists and those most impacted by the city's policies. This takes time, initiative, and the willingness to hear diverse perspectives.

As a Kirksville City Council member, I intend to address the divisiveness and lack of cooperative spirit that has evolved in recent years. Political polarity and distancing from our neighbors have impacted our citizens on a personal and organizational level. City council members can address this by creating opportunities to listen to our constituents, both formally and informally.

I am working to grow partnerships between the city and organizations in

For the past 25 years I have been involved in city issues including 11 years on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Six years ago I began attending city council meetings on a regular basis when I realized the lack of transparency in our city government. I suggested to the council many times that they should form a Citizens' Complaint Commission to vet complaints from citizens because they feel like they aren't being heard. I was told they don't need another level of government although we have

our region — with Adair County, SB40, the YMCA, educational institutions, and service organizations. We can accomplish more if we collaborate rather than compete. Furthermore, the council can look for ways to initiate, promote, and fund proposals that build a stronger Kirksville identity, support local business, and increase quality of life for our residents.

To learn more about my values and priorities find me on Facebook: @ Walston4Kirksville

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Kirksville, supporting all who live here, and fostering discussion and dialogue on the how we move forward.

Kirksville has been my chosen home for over 20 years. I fell in love with this community when I first arrived and am still thrilled to make my life here. I own a home here. I attend church here. I shop here, dine here, and dream here. Kirksville is home.

I am honored to have graduated from Truman State University with degrees in history and education. I completed my student teaching nearby in Novinger. There I

worked with middle school and high school students in courses on civics and history.

In my current full-time work, I am a member of the central leadership team with Residence Life at Truman. I have spent a career helping to build communities with students, establishing and upholding expectations, and planning and implementing large scale projects. While serving with a local Rotary club, I got connected with a group of people looking to improve our parks and recreation system here in Kirksville. Through this effort I began to interact with the city council and city staff and later made the decision to run.

I've made it my work to be an engaged leader on the council. This means doing my homework in preparation for meetings and discussions, understanding the information at hand, and asking questions to better understand. I like to hear input from citizens, engage with their ideas, and bring that into my decision making. This means responding to emails and phone calls from citizens, meeting up with folks in their living rooms, and talking on front porches about issues important to people.

I am proud of all our growth and development in Kirksville. We have a high quality of life, low unemployment, and jobs available. Together we're improving our roads systems in significant ways, offering improved and alternative solutions to get around town, making real improvements in our central business district, and expanding and enhancing our parks and recreation offerings. We're working to keep Kirksville safe with investments in our water system, police department, fire department, and 911 center. I've been pleased to support efforts to recruit and retain citizens looking to make careers dedicated to public service. With us all working together, we can further

these goals even more. As a councilmember and mayor, I worked as part of a team to create our comprehensive plan on how to move Kirksville forward over the next 20 years. I am now actively working with city staff, community leaders, and volunteers to take that plan and put it into action.

As a city government, we can do more on how we communicate with the people of Kirksville on work being undertaken, shared expectations, and accomplishments. This means being more proactive in that communication and finding ways for all of us to learn more about what's happening in our community. To this end, I am excited to see plans moving forward to bring on a communications director to spearhead these efforts and help city staff better assist citizens with a richer understanding of matters here.

I'd like to continue efforts with economic development partners and educational leaders on making sure our workforce is prepared for the jobs available now and the ones coming to Kirksville in the future.

Kirksville is a remarkable community and one I am most proud to call home. I thank the people of Kirksville for their trust over these last three years and hope to continue holding that trust moving forward. Thank you.



Sports



Daily Express file photo of Kirksville's Dominic Cahalan. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Kirksville baseball starting spring with unfinished business

By Austin Miller Daily Express

Heath Schneider needed time to gauge his outlook for last baseball season.

After COVID-19 canceled spring sports in 2020, he had few guys with any varsity experience for the 2021 campaign. He won't need 10 games to figure out how much he likes his squad this year.

Kirksville brings most of its lineup back from last year, now a group with plenty of experience under its belt.

"The big problem this year is we have such big numbers. This is a pretty solid squad all the way one through 24," Schneider said. "Quite a few cuts and a lot of guys wanting to play baseball, which is a good thing for the program. We've got a good core group from last year coming back with a lot of varsity experience. Looking for exciting things this upcoming year."

Aside from experience, the Tigers bring something else in from last year: Disappointment with how the season ended.

After some expected ups and



Daily Express file photo of Kirksville's Randon Baumgartner. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

"I think we left some unfinished business on the table," said senior Randon Baumgartner. "Hopefully we can fix that this year."

Kirksville will feature pretty much the same infield as last year. Baumgartner, McHenry will have to throw more. Some younger guys such as Jack Thomas, Tanner Ferguson and Cole Kelly will also be called upon.

Kirksville's offense averaged 7.8 runs per game last year, a mark the Tigers would be happy to - and expect to — be similar or better this year. But allowing 6.5 runs to other teams is an area to improve on, especially come postseason time. "We're capable of doing a lot of good things," Schneider said. "We're going to be strong, I think, defensively. Pitching will be again, just trying to find that No. 1 ace or two that can shut people down. I think offensively, we may even be better than we were last year on scoring. We may not steal as many bases, but I think we'll put the ball in play one through nine."

The Tigers will start the season on the road, heading to Mokane this weekend to play North and South Callaway. Then they'll have a battle at Jefferson City on Monday. The Jays finished third in Class 6 last year.

Royals sign RHP Greinke to \$13M contract for 2022

By DAVE SKRETTA Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals signed six-time All-Star pitcher Zack Greinke to a \$13 million contract for this season Wednesday, reuniting the right-hander with the club that drafted him in the first round two decades ago.

Greinke also can make up to \$2 million in performance bonuses, a person familiar with the terms told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not disclosed.

The 38-year-old Greinke was the sixth overall pick of the Royals in the 2002 amateur draft, and he spent his first six seasons with the club, winning the Cy Young Award during his standout 2009 season. He was traded to the Brewers the following year for a package of players that formed the basis of the Royals' back-to-back AL champion teams.

Greinke spent just over a season in Milwaukee before his he was traded to the Angels, then spent three seasons across town with the Dodgers, where he finished second in Cy Young voting in 2015. Greinke went on to pitch four seasons for the Diamondbacks before spending the past three seasons with the Astros.

He went 11-6 with a 4.16 ERA and one complete game in 29 starts for Houston last season.

Greinke has 219 wins over 18 years in the big leagues, seven behind Justin Verlander among active pitchers, and he needs just 191 strikeouts to reach 3,000 for his career. Greinke also is a six-time Gold Glove winner.

The Royals created space on the 40-man roster for him Wednesday by placing reliever Tyler Zuber on the 60-day injured list with a right shoulder impingement.

Greinke left the Royals as an upand-coming star just hitting his prime years, and he returns to provide veteran leadership for a rotation that figures to be among the youngest in baseball. Brad Keller had been the elder statesman at 26 years old, while Brady Singer, Kris Bubic, Daniel Lynch, Carlos Hernandez and Jackson Kowar are even younger.

The move to sign Greinke came hours after the Royals traded lefthander Mike Minor to the Reds for reliever Amir Garrett on Wednesday. The Reds also would get \$500,000 from the Royals if Minor's mutual

downs as the Tigers adjusted to varsity baseball, they figured things out pretty well. They finished the year 15-11 and went 8-2 in their final 10 games of the regular season. With wins over Macon, Mexico and Moberly, the Tigers earned the No. 1 seed in their district.

But they didn't do anything with it, losing an 8-1 game against Centralia in the district semis.

"I think it was disappointing, really," said junior Dominic Cahalan. "I think we had a pretty good regular season, then we went to districts and lost." Grant McHenry, Keaton Anderson, Drew Chrisman and Hunter Tarr are all back with some of them getting more time this year. The outfield is in a similar spot, with Cahalan, who hit a team-high .469 last year, and Jalen Kent returning.

The one spot where the Tigers have work to do is the mound.

Kirksville has about 80 innings to fill after losing three hurlers from a year ago. Cahalan logged the most innings of returning pitchers, throwing 24.2 last spring. Anderson, Chrisman and Kirksville then hosts Macon on March 24 for its first home game of the spring. Macon ended up winning the district it shared with Kirksville last year, its first title in program history.

That could give Kirksville a quick reminder of its postseason hopes.

"You can't take anything for granted," Baumgartner said. "Even though you had a good regular season, you get that 1-seed, you still have to perform in the playoffs. I think we learned that last year and I think we're ready for it this year." option for 2023 is declined.

Minor is due \$10 million in the second year of an \$18 million, two-year contract. The deal originally included a \$13 million club option for 2023 with a \$1 million buyout but a provision converts it to a mutual option because of the trade.

Garrett is eligible for arbitration and likely will have a salary in the \$2 million range.

"I mean, my head was always it could be a possibility, you know?" said Garrett, who was picked by the Reds in the 22nd round of the 2011 draft. "I think moving forward they have to do what's best for the organization and the club. There's no hard feelings. These guys have been with me through it all. All I can say is thank you."

The guys, the experience and the hunger: Putnam baseball ready to follow up state run

By Austin Miller Daily Express

Unionville residents are becoming quite comfortable in Springfield.

With Final Four trips for baseball and basketball in the last 12 months, the Midgets know the southwest corner of the state pretty well now. With that basketball run only just ending a week ago, it's a great reminder of where the baseball team wants to be a few months from now.

"You can't replicate that experience and playing at that level — I don't care what sport it is," said Putnam coach Blane Robinson. "That stuff, hopefully, translates, and I'm excited for that to carry over to baseball season."

Putnam baseball rattled off a lot of firsts for the program last year. They won their first district title and made it to the Final Four for the first time. Their third-place finish is the best ever for the school.



Daily Express file photo of Putnam County's Gage Pearson. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

They knew they had the potential for a big season and made it happen. The Midgets had a 5-0 lead in a state semifinal game against Marionville before giving up eight unanswered runs. Marionville went on to win the state title. Then they came back

from a 9-0 hole against Holcomb to win 11-9 to take third place.

Putnam returns its whole starting nine from last year. That's a lot of guys who not only want to get back to the Final Four but think they can win the whole thing.

But they aren't talking about that. None of that needs to be said. Robinson acknowledges that this year will be the most difficult coaching scenario. Now they are expected to win a bunch of games and get back to state. The key to doing that will be going game-by-game and not thinking about June.

"Our expectations are high, but you know, baseball is a tough sport," Robinson said. "You can have a ball bounce a different way. It's a tough game. I'd like to say we'll be down at the Final Four again, but you never know. Baseball is the toughest game there is. You still have to throw the thing across the plate and give the team their best chance. But I think we've got the guys, the experience and the hunger.

Sports

Gonzaga relishes presence of other mid-majors in NCAAs

By ANNE M. PETERSON Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — While Gonzaga is the king of the mid-majors come tournament time, the Bulldogs are happy to spread some of that attention around.

The top-seeded Zags (26-3) are one of three West Coast Conference teams in the NCAA Tournament, along with Saint Mary's, the only team to beat Gonzaga in conference play this season, and upstart San Francisco.

It's just the third time the WCC has sent three teams to the tourney.

The Mountain West has four teams in this year's tournament, most since 2013 and most of any mid-major conference this year. They include Boise State, Colorado State, San Diego State and Wyoming, which lost to Indiana in the First Four on Tuesday night.

"So all this Power Five stuff, you know, it's getting pretty old now," Gonzaga's Drew Timme said with a laugh.

Gonzaga has had so much success both in the regular season and the tournament that the Bulldogs long ago graduated from plucky mid-major to established powerhouse — a major-mid-major. Still missing for Gonzaga is that elusive national championship. They lost to Baylor in the title game last season and fell to North Carolina in the 2017 championship game.

Gonzaga's quest to finally add that championship banner opens with the Bulldogs facing No. 16 seed Georgia State on Thursday



Gonzaga's Drew Timme (2) celebrates after cutting a piece of the net after Gonzaga defeated Saint Mary's in an NCAA college basketball championship game at the West Coast Conference tournament Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER — STAFF, AP

in Portland. Joining the top-ranked Bulldogs in Portland is No. 8 seed Boise State, which will face ninth-seeded Memphis.

Other West Region games Thursday include fourth-seeded Arkansas against No. 13 Vermont, and fifth-seeded UConn versus No. 12 seed New Mexico State. Both games are in Buffalo, New York.

If Gonzaga and Boise State both win, the two will meet in a second-round game Saturday. If that happens, Gonzaga will push aside its mid-major pride and focus on the game, which would pit Gonzaga coach Mark Few against former longtime assistant Leon Rice.

"You want to root for them every game but at this point, it's the NCAA Tournament, it's just about who you're going to play next and getting the wins," Few said.

Since the tournament expanded in 1985, UNLV is the only team considered a mid-major to have won an NCAA title, toppling Duke in 1990. For now, Gonzaga's sole focus is on Georgia State (18-10), a fellow mid-major from the Sun Belt Conference. The Panthers are making their fourth NCAA appearance in eight years.

Georgia State heads into the tournament on a 10-game winning streak, capped by an 80-71 win over Louisiana in the Sun Belt championship.

Only once has a No. 16 seed knocked off a No. 1 seed: UMBC's shocking take down of Virginia in 2018. Virginia was the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament that year, just as the Zags are this year.

WANTING MORE

The Broncos (27-7) won their first Mountain West regular-season title then claimed the team's first conference tournament title with a victory over San Diego State. Along the way, Boise State ran up a 14-game winning streak and collected the most wins in program history.

"We have confidence in ourselves. We made his-



tory but there's still more we want to accomplish," guard Emmanuel Akot said. "We're going in and taking it moment by moment."

They'll face Memphis (21-10), which is back in the tournament for the first time since 2014. Jalen Duren was the American freshman of the year, but the Tigers have been without Emoni Bates since late January due to a back injury. Bates did travel with the team to Portland but coach Penny Hardaway was noncommittal about whether he'd play.

TEDDY BUCKETS

UConn (23-9) is coming off a loss to Villanova in the Big East tournament. But the Huskies may have gotten lucky by landing in Buffalo — that's where they played first- and second-round games before winning national championships in 2004 and 2014. Overall, UConn has four national championships.

The Huskies face New Mexico State (26-6), which beat Abilene Christian for the WAC tournament title and the automatic berth marking the team's 23rd overall appearance in the Big Dance. New Mexico State went to the Final Four in 1970 but lost to UCLA.

UConn coach Dan Hurley complimented New Mexico State leading scorer Teddy Allen, calling him "a bucket."

"Teddy plays with a lot of pop and a lot of personality and intensity. I don't know if there's anyone in the Big East that we've played against that has that type of release, and you just have to stay down and be disciplined against him because he has so much stuff off the dribble. And he is so good with head fakes and shoulder fakes and you just got to stay down and be the second guy to leave the floor and not be overly aggressive against him because he is an unbelievable counter-puncher," Hurley said.



NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Dickies 500 auto race at the Texas Motor Speedway, Nov. 4, 2007, in Fort Worth, Texas. TIM SHARP — STRINGER, AP

Jimmie Johnson returns to Texas searching for some old NASCAR magic

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

A record seven wins, the most laps led in Texas Motor Speedway history and a resume so stout they renamed victory lane after him.

But as Jimmie Johnson prepares for his IndyCar debut at the track he dominated for a decade he has low expectations of earning a trip to "The Jimmie Johnson Winners Circle."

"I don't think that's realistic. Some people may have that expectation and that's fine. I would love that to be the case," Johnson said. "Whenever you enter a new series, you're with the regulars, they're so good at what they do. We have seen it when drivers try to cross over from various series.

"I certainly have higher expectations for myself, but I'm not thinking I'm going to show up, qualify on pole, lead the most laps and win the race."

Johnson will make his oval debut as an IndyCar driver on Sunday at Texas as he tackles the full schedule this season. He opted out of ovals as an IndyCar rookie last year even though he'd dominated the circuits for nearly two decades in NASCAR, winning seven Cup Series championships in an 11year span.

All but one of Johnson's 83 career Cup victories are on ovals. But it was a family decision regarding safety for Johnson not to race ovals when he moved to the open cockpit Indy car, which cannot handle the contact so familiar to the stock cars in NASCAR. He stuck to street and road courses, a personal decision that made sense to Johnson but seemed a peculiar choice considering ovals are his bread and butter.

He changed his mind as he attended the Indianapolis 500 as an NBC analyst, deciding that as his comfort in the car improved, IndyCar's cockpit-protecting aeroscreen also alleviated his safety concerns.

So 14 years after his first win at Texas, Johnson will now return to the 1.5-mile oval that was once his personal playground. He tested at the track last year with his Chip Ganassi Racing team to gauge his interest in running ovals, but a scheduled IndyCar test last week was scrubbed because of poor weather conditions.

It's a different track now after Speedway Motorsports overhauled the circuit in 2017, the year Johnson won his last race at Texas. His six previous wins were on the former layout and Johnson said "I still have plenty to learn coming to a track I know and love."



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Putnam County coach Blane Robinson holds the third-place trophy after the team beat Holcomb in the Class 2 state tournament. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

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The guys are still hungry. Last year, after that final game, they were like, 'Coach, that was awesome, but we're not done. Let's get back down there and show them what we can really do.'

"A lot of expectations and things that we haven't had to face before," Robinson said. "But the guys aren't going to back down. Like I said last year, we've got a lot of dogs here at Putnam. So they're ready to fight, it doesn't matter who we play. You could schedule the Cardinals right now and they'd be happy for it. They'll play against anybody."

If there was one issue

with the school's basketball run, it's that so many guys are having a late start for baseball. Gage Pearson, Lance Fowler and Zach Heidenwith, their top three pitchers, only just started throwing this week.

So Robinson is going to lean on some younger guys to pitch early on. Vinny Jones and Carter Quint, outfielders with big arms, will be those guys for Robinson. But Robinson thinks he could have seven or eight arms at his disposal this season.

Combine that with a potent offense that scored 10 runs per game last year and the Midgets will be in good shape.

"We've got the tools and we know what to do with them, we've just got to keep improving. Improving every day," Pearson said.

Pearson, last year's Daily Express Player of the Year, went 10-1 on the mound with a 2.34 ERA and 118 strikeouts. He also hit .574 with 35 RBI. For him, he spent his offseason trying to improve his flexibility. That should give him some extra explosion when he swing and throws.

He's already felt that work pay off at practice. But there's something else he's noticed at practice.

No one is complacent with last year.

"Last year was a great year, it really was," Pearson said. "It was a dream come true to really see the team come together as a family. I could just tell (Monday), my first day back at practice, that we still have a lot of that energy."

Sports

D-II star Hawkins finishes with dream season at Creighton

By ERIC OLSON Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - Creighton's Ryan Hawkins is leading a charmed life as a basketball player, and he would be the first to tell you.

No school except tiny Wayne State in Nebraska recruited him out of high school, and he planned to go there until a coaching change gave him an out.

He landed at Division II powerhouse Northwest Missouri State, which took a chance on the awkward, skinny 6-foot-7 kid from Iowa and developed him into one of the top players in program history. The Bearcats won three national championships in his five years there.

Now look at him. He's finishing his sixth year as a collegian as the undisputed leader of a new-look Creighton team that overachieved after being picked eighth in the 11-team Big East. The Bluejays (22-11) finished fourth, reached the championship game of the conference tournament and earned the No. 9 seed in the NCAA Midwest Region.

"I've exceeded my wildest dreams," the 24-yearold Hawkins said.

Of nine Division II players who transferred to schools in the six major basketball conferences for 2021-22, none has made close to the impact Hawkins has at Creighton.

in scoring (13.9 ppg) and rebounding (7.8 rpg) and was voted to the All-Big East second team after recording a conference-best 11 double-doubles.

Among active NCAA players, Hawkins is second with 2,556 career points and first with 1,206 rebounds. In games he's played for the Bearcats and Bluejays, his teams are 146-18.

"You're talking about one of the greatest winners in all of college basketball," Northwest Missouri coach Ben McCollum said.

Hawkins' experience along with his upbeat demeanor made him a perfect fit for Creighton coach Greg McDermott's team, which has had four freshmen play major minutes and has had three start.

"I was just hoping to be able to bring a leadership piece to a team that essentially had a black hole in the leadership category because their whole starting five was gone," Hawkins said. "I thought I could insert my experience and my ability to stretch the floor into coach McDermott's offense."

Hawkins grew up about an hour east of Omaha, in Atlantic, Iowa, and played six sports in high school. He dabbled as a quarterback in football and was naturally gifted in track

He leads the Bluejays and cross country. He was a star midfielder in soccer and a hard-throwing pitcher in baseball.

> He was best at basketball, winning all-state first-team honors in his school's division after averaging 22 points and 13 rebounds per game as a senior. At Northwest Missouri, McCollum said Hawkins was a project, which is why he sat out his first season as a redshirt.

> "I remember the first time I watched him play against our guys, and I called my assistant at the time, Austin Meyer, and I said, 'Coach, I think we might have made a mistake on this one," McCollum said. "I compare it to a baby deer on ice. All over the map but super excited, super ready to go."

Hawkins' improvement was rapid. He shot 46% on 3-pointers over his last two seasons with the Bearcats and was Most Outstanding Player at the 2021 Division II Elite Eight. He had 31 points and 18 rebounds in the national title game against West Texas A&M and left Northwest Missouri as the program's second 2,000-point scorer.

Had it not been for the NCAA allowing players a sixth year of eligibility because of the pandemic, Hawkins said, he would have been looking for a 9-to-5 job after last season. With an extra year



Providence's Justin Minaya, right, protects the ball from Creighton's Ryan Hawkins (44) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the semifinals of the Big East men's tournament Friday, March 11, 2022, in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II — STAFF, AP

to play, he sought a new experience.

About 40 Division I schools called the first day his name was in the transfer portal. He wanted to stay close to home, so when McDermott contacted him, he knew Creighton probably would be where he landed. McDermott said he

never doubted Hawkins' shooting ability would carry over to Division I. What impressed him most was how Hawkins let his leadership take root organically rather than forcing it.

"Ryan took the time to really get to know these guys when they first met in June, even though he's five or six years older," McDermott said. "They were like in sixth grade when he was a senior in high school. And because of that, they really respect what he says and they respect his daily actions. And it's not just talk. He backs it all up with the way he is, with his positive attitude."

Hawkins is among the few players who have thrived after transferring from a lower division. Duncan Robinson went from Division III Williams College to Michigan and on to the NBA. Max Strus went from Di-

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vision II Lewis University to DePaul and to the NBA. Matt Mooney went from Division II South Dakota to Texas Tech and now plays overseas.

"There are a lot of guys at the Division II level who can play, and I was fortunate enough to play at probably the highest level of D2 basketball in history," Hawkins said. "But the speed of the game and athleticism is completely different here. Everything is bigger, faster stronger at this level, and that's been the biggest difference and biggest adjustment for me.'

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Rejuvenated Mitch Trubisky hoping for restart in Pittsburgh

By WILL GRAVES Associated Press

PITTSBURGH --- Looking back, Mitch Trubisky needed a year to watch from the sideline.

To hit reset. To catch a glimpse of what a healthy relationship between a quarterback and coach looked like.

To get a feel for the

Trubisky declined to get into specifics about his time with the Bears, describing it as a "learning experience."

"All you can do is continue to work for your future but draw on your past experiences to make sure the future goes better," he said. "So that's what I'm hoping to do."

Trubisky spent 2021 serving as the primary backup behind Josh Allen in Buffalo, which he called "a blessing in disguise," and his description of his time with the Bills is telling of how things disintegrated in Chicago. "I think I learned a lot," he said. "I was in a great organization and the first thing that I really learned when (I got) to Buffalo is what a great culture feels like and I already feel like that here" Trubisky steps into the first true open quarterback competition in Pittsburgh in a generation after Roethlisberger retired in January following an 18-year career that included a pair of Super Bowl titles, an appearance in another and a bust in the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, all but assured. Mason Rudolph is the most experienced incumbent, and outgoing general manager Kevin Colbert who is stepping down after the draft — has made it a point to repeatedly stress the team is comfortable with Rudolph serving as the full-time starter. Whether that happens likely depends on how quickly or how well Trubisky gets a grasp of Matt Canada's offense. The Steelers were average at best during Canada's first season as offensive coordinator in 2021. They are bringing him back for a second look and Trubisky's mobility could give Canada the kind of flexibility the offense lacked with the stationary Roethlisberger. "I'm looking forward to utilizing my dual-threat abilities ... using my legs running to buying more time or running for first downs," Trubisky said.

He will do it behind an offensive line that will have a decidedly different look than the one that allowed 38 sacks and finished 29th in yards rushing last season. The Steelers signed interior offensive linemen Mason Cole and James Daniels in free agency. Daniels spent

"What Ben did here, it was special," he said. "We want to continue the legacy he started."



vibe permeating through a building for an organization trying to win at the highest level.

When he hit the open market earlier this week, Trubisky had two simple requests: find a place where he'll have a chance to start, preferably a team where "culture" isn't an empty catchphrase but an entrenched part of the club's firmament.

Enter Pittsburgh, which rushed to sign the former second overall pick in the NFL draft to a two-year contract this week, giving the 27-year-old a shot at replacing Ben Roethlisberger in the process.

There was no selling. Trubisky didn't have to be sold.

"My goal throughout free agency was to find a way to get back on the field," Trubisky said Thursday, just minutes after his deal with the Steelers became official. "When an opportunity arose to play for coach (Mike) Tomlin and wear a Pittsburgh Steelers uniform, I was so excited. Now I'm ready to roll and get to it."

More like, get back to it. Trubisky arrived in Chicago five years ago with the burden of massive expectations he struggled to shoulder during four wildly uneven seasons.

The Bears won games with him under center his career record is a respectable 29-21 — but it was difficult to decipher at times whether Chicago succeeded because of him or in spite of him. A seemingly turbulent relationship with then-head coach Matt Nagy didn't help.

three seasons blocking for Trubisky in Chicago. The two reconnected in person on Thursday, ready for the real work to begin.

"We've got a bunch of great guys up front," Trubisky said. "They're going to set the tone for this team."

Maybe, but they'll do it largely in anonymity. Trubisky won't have that luxury either way. The length of his contract makes this season an extended tryout of sorts. He understands he's betting on himself in a way and he's well aware of the skepticism his signing engendered among a fan base that hasn't endured a losing season in nearly two decades.

"Hopefully I just win them over by the way I play on the field," he said.

A level of play he believes will be elevated from what he showed in Chicago. Watching Allen and Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll (now the head coach with the New York Giants) collaborate while helping Buffalo come within seconds of a second consecutive appearance in the AFC title game helped restore his confidence that he can thrive if given the right situation.

Asked what he learned with the Bills, Trubisky didn't hesitate.

"(The importance of) communication between QB and play-caller, just the trust," he said. "When you have great trust and communication between QB and play-caller, you're able to play free."

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