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## Independence man charged with multiple felonies after stealing vehicle and kidnapping owner

#### **By Marty Bachman** Kirksville Daily Express

An Independence man is facing numerous felony charges after stealing a car and leading police on a high-speed chase on the streets of Kirksville.

According to a report by Kirksville Police Officer Bill Puryear, at about 1;24 a.m. on March 12, he was dispatched to Casey's General Store at 503 S. Franklin on a report of someone stealing alcohol. Puryear wrote that the suspect, later identified as Derek L. Ayers, 33, had left in a small white car with black around the gas tank and a very loud

#### exhaust.

He arrived at Casey's to speak with the clerk, noting that another Kirksville officer had advised that he had located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on it but the vehicle fled.

Puryear spoke with the clerk at Casey's who told him that Ayers had come into the store and took two packages of Fireball brand whiskey party packs before walking out without paying for them. Lang said Ayers got into the vehicle with another man and left the area. The Fireball party packs were valued at \$9.99 retail each for a total of \$19.98. Security camera footage confirmed the clerk's story.

Kirksville Officer Jacob Hubbard wrote in a report that he was advised of the location of the vehicle traveling eastbound on Potter Avenue towards Baltimore Street and that it matched the description of a reported stolen car The victim of the vehicle theft reported that it had been stolen from him at knife point by Ayers. The stolen vehicle was the same car identified by the clerk at Caseys'

Hubbard wrote that he responded to the area and located the vehicle traveling northbound on Baltimore Street from Potter Ave. Hubbard pulled up behind the vehicle, confirmed it was the stolen vehicle and attempted to pull it over as they approached Baltimore Street and Northtown Road.

According to the report, Ayers turned east onto Northtown Road and began to flee at a high rate of speed. Ayers continued eastbound on Northtown Road and proceeded northbound on Lincoln Street. As the vehicle turned onto Lincoln Street, it again crossed the double yellow line

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## Council approves amendment to ordinance updating city codes



## **Kirksville City Council candidates share their relationships with city staff**

#### **By Marty Bachman** Kirksville Daily Express

The Kirksville Chamber of Commerce held a candidate's forum 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.

In last Saturday's paper, The Express posted the candidates' answers to the question of controlling rising crime in Kirksville. In Wednesday's paper, the candidates answered the question, "What will you do as a city council member to ensure business development and keep wealth circulating in the community?" In today's paper, the candidates answer the question, "What has been your past experience with city staff and how do you see yourself using your experience to better our community?"

The candidates participating in the forum were Zac Burden, Wes Gerber, Kevin A. Alm, Jennifer Walston, Dana "Danny" Mc-Dowell, Stephanie Deren, Kabir Bansal and Jessica of respect for how they are all specialists in their respective fields and she appreciates their knowledge in presenting information to the council. She said that no one person could do the many jobs there are in the city so staff members need to know their departments, their specialties and the regulations that govern their practice and be able to disperse professional advice.

She said that she feels that it is just as important though, to engage voices outside of city hall on those same topics.

"Commission members and just common citizens also have really important insight," she said. "I have put a lot of effort into engaging people outside of city hall into conversations so I know how to ask the right questions on all of the issues we're presented with."

**Danny McDowell** said that he's had real good luck with employees that repair streets and water lines. Department heads though, "not so good," he said.

McDowell said he was

#### **By Marty Bachman** Kirksville Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council amended several chapters of city code in an ordinance it passed at its March 21 meeting. The amendment included chapters such as who can can place items on the city council meeting agenda, building code requirements, mechanical code updates, one and two family dwelling code, fire prevention code and property maintenance code.

Kirksville City Manag-

er Mari Macomber said that due to the International Building Code standards the city abides by that are changed every three years, the city was now updating many codes to meet its 2022 policy. The codes were discussed at a study session held by the council on March 14. She said that she has asked city staff to provide quarterly previews of the city codes, which will be updated accordingly.

The amendments also addressed the lodging tax code and the Tourism Advisory Board that advises the council on how lodging tax monies should be spent.

Macomber told the council that with the announcement of Tourism Director Debi Boughton's retirement as well as changes in Missouri law, the city was moving ahead and assuming responsibility for tourism and to do that, they made changes to the lodging tax text.

In response to a question from council, Macomber said that the city would add a council rep-

resentative to the tourism board. Councilmember Jennifer Walston said that she would like to see continuity on the board with its relationship to the chamber of commerce.

"I think it would be appropriate to have them have a designee as a member, just like we have a lodging representative and we have a university representatives," she said. "I think the chamber of commerce is also just a natural partner in that."

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Parks. The forum was moderated by Sherie Eklof.

Jennifer Walston said that her first experience with city staff was when she was starting her small business and had to make presentations to city planning and the council.

"That really got me interested in the work city council does," she said.

She said that she has served on the city council for 10 months and feels she has gotten to know staff in all of the city departments, saying it's "been a privilege." She said she has a lot told by one unidentified city staff member that "as long as we have the council we have, you'll never get nothing" and that he found it to be a real harsh statement. He said that there are times when the way city staff talks to the public while involved in projects was not very good.

"I think we need to refrain and put a little more professionalism in the department heads," he said. "I think we have a lot of improvement that we can make."

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## Kirksville City Council approves appointments to new tourism board

#### **By Marty Bachman** Kirksville Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council approved the appointment of members from the former tourism board to the new Convention and Tourism Advisory Board at their March 21 city council meeting. All of the appointed members served on the previous tourism board prior to the city's takeover.

"All members of the Convention and Tourism Advisory Board of the Chamber are willing to continue to serve on the board as it transitions under the city's oversight," a staff report reads.

On April 1, the city will oversee the tourism board, which will operate under the city council's board and commission reappointment process where members are appointed for two full terms before having to join the applicant pool for additional appointments.

All past board members agreed to remain on the board under the city and the current terms are being carried over, which will allow for consistency and to retain a staggered reappointment schedule. Those appointed are: Kim Baker and Wally Trosen, whose terms run June 2019-2022, Mari Macomber, Whitney Reese and Kristy Rowles (hotel representative), whose terms run June 2020-2023, Craig Shorten and Robin Kolb, whose terms run June 2021-2024, city council representative - annually appointed by others are Winston Vanderhoof, whose term runs June 2020 - June 2023 (Truman State University); and Virginia Halterman, whose term runs June 2019 -June 2022 (A.T. Still University).

According to Kirksville City Manag-

er Mari Macomber, reappointments will begin in June 2022 and each June thereafter. The first meeting of new board will be the first Wednesday in April and the future times and dates will be discussed and settled at that meeting. Earlier in the meeting, the city council approved another position that will be held by a Kirksville Chamber of Commerce representative.

"I just want to express how excited I am and thankful to the current members of the board who are willing to serve again and to be a part of this transition," said Mayor Zac Burden. "It says a lot about their commitment to this commu-



nity, specifically to tourism and it's very kind of them to do that."

The vote was unanimous to approve the appointments.



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### **KIRKSVILLE CALENDAR AND NEWS BRIEFTS**

#### United Way to host Charity Trivia Night

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) will sponsor a Charity Trivia Night on April 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Kirksville. Besides Trivia, the United Way will also hold a 50/50 raffle, Heads/Tails and High Low games. Tickets are \$150 per 8-person team. \$500 is the first place prize. All monies will go to the 11 local agencies who are funded by the United Way of Northeast Missouri. Agencies of the United Way include Adair County 4H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/Great Rivers Council, Community Opportunities/ Sheltered Workshop, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, KIRK-TRAN, Macon **Diversified Industries, NEMO** Senior Citizens Services, Inc., RSVP/Senior Adult Services, and the Salvation Army.

#### 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 29. Pediatric clinics are scheduled from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 31. Call the Health Department at 660-665-8491 to schedule a vaccine appointment.

#### 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 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.

#### Tiny Tykes Soccer and Advanced Program registration is now open

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer and Tiny Tykes Advanced program. Tiny Tykes Soccer is an exciting and engaging four-week program, for children ages

3-6, that teaches soccer using play-based leaning. Introductory Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held for children ages 3-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 19. Registrants will choose either a 4:30-5:15 p.m. session, or a 5:30-6:15 p.m. session. Tiny Tykes Advanced will be held for children ages 5-6 on Wednesdays. Registrants will choose either a 4:30-5:30 p.m. session, or a 5:30-6:30 p.m. session, when registering online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Registration is \$40 per participant and each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt. All Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex, 3000 Novinger St. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

#### **Kirksville Diversity Festival**

The Kirksville Diversity Festival will take place on Saturday, April 30 at the Rieger Armory from 1-4 p.m. The entire community of Kirksville is invited and they hope to have interesting food, live entertainment, crafts for kids to do and education about diversity in the local community. Groups are invited to set up tables for free and corporate sponsorship is being sought.

#### County Commission looking for public feedback

The Adair County Commission is looking for public feedback to help guide the use of their State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support Adair County. These funds were provided to communities and counties to combat the negative effects from the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are a resident of Adair County please fill out the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/adairarpa

#### Menards to serve as drop-site for local food pantry

Menards Home Improvement Store, 3309 N. Baltimore, is serving as a drop site for a local food pantry through the month of March. Menards offers a wide variety of non-perishable food items that can be donated to the food pantries, from boxes of cereal to cans of soup that can be found in the grocery department for immediate donation.

#### Macon High School Thespian Troupe will produce Matilda the Musical

The Macon High School Thespian Troupe will produce Matilda the Musical on April 8-9 at 7 p.m. and April 10 at 2 p.m. in the newly renovated middle school auditorium. This theatre production is based off of Roald Dahl's classic story Matilda. This show is a guaranteed delight for all ages and even comes with Matilda's magic, live on stage. Tickets can be purchased at the door. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. For those who are hesitant to attend due to Covid-19 restrictions, alternative arrangements can be made by contacting Director Alison Robinson at arobinson@macon.k12.mo.us.

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## Scotland County Hospital visitor restrictions lifted

Scotland County Hospital visiting hours are 7:a.m. – 8: p.m. Relatives or guardians and clergy, if requested by the patient or family, shall be allowed to see critically-ill patients at any time in keeping with the orders of the physician. Visitors may be asked to leave or not allowed to enter the facility, at the discretion of the staff as warranted by the patient's condition.

## Resurfacing project on Route 149

A resurfacing project will begin soon on Missouri Route 149 in Adair and Putnam counties. which includes multiple other routes (see below). The contractor plans to begin Monday, March 28, with resurfacing on Route 149 between Route 6 in Novinger (Adair County) and Route AA (Putnam County). Work on Route 149 is expected to be complete by May 2. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone. Workers will be present during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. A 10-foot width restriction will be in place for the duration of the project. All work is weather permitting, and schedules are subject to change.







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## Local girl's fundraiser turns into non-profit business

Kiwanis Club guest speaker

By Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed fellow Kiwanian Sarah Maddox to speak at their March 17 meeting.

Inspired by their daughter Maddie, Maddox, along with her husband, Jonathan Vieker, organized a fundraiser to provide toys and books to area preschools to help children learn about Downs Syndrome for World Down Syndrome Day, Monday, March 21. The fundraiser has been overwhelmingly successful, enabling Sarah and her family to provide toys and books to 15 area preschools! What began as a fundraiser is now evolving into a non-profit organization in its own right, which they've named Project HAPPIE!

To learn more, visit www.projecthappie.org. Pictured are Maddox (left) and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, and Past Lieutenant Governor, Ashley Young (right), holding examples of the toys and books that will be distributed to area preschools.



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## **Obituaries**

### **OBITUARIES**

#### Kendall Sisson Oct. 19, 1938 – Mar. 13, 2022

Kendall Robert Sisson, 83, of Kirksville, Missouri, went home

to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Kendall was born on October 19, 1938, at his family home south of Cambridge, Ne-



braska. Growing up on a farm was something Kendall was very proud of.

On January 27, 1957, Kendall was united in marriage with Janet Rose McCollum of Culbertson, Nebraska. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Missouri where Kendall was hired to work at Mc-Donnell Douglas (Boeing). Later, he worked for the Missouri Highway Department and eventually was hired at the St. Louis County Water Company where he worked until he retired. Kendall was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO where he and his wife attended for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Rose Sisson of Kirksville, MO.; son Craig Alan Sisson and wife Lucy of Kirksville, MO.; daughter-in-law Debbie Sisson of Wentzville, MO.; 6 grandchildren: Keith Sisson and wife Katie of Troy, MO.; Robyn Sisson of Manchester, MO.; Amber Sisson of Kirksville, MO.; Aimee Smith and husband Ryan of Wright City, MO.; Angela Sisson of Kirksville, MO.; Alicia Sisson of Kirksville, MO.; 3 great grandchildren: Brayden Wood, Maggie Sisson, and Kendall Sisson. 2 Sisters: Carolyn Ellsworth and husband Lew of Sterling, CO.; Norma Paxton of Sterling, CO.; Sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and acquaintances.

Kendall was preceded in death by his eldest son Kevin Robert Sisson; 2 brothers: Gerald Sisson and Rodney Sisson; his mother and father; mother-in law; fathers-inlaw; and other family members.

Kendall enjoyed raising cattle; hunting and fishing with his family and friends on his farms; trips to Nebraska with family and friends for pheasant hunting; doing yard work and raising gardens.

Services for Kendall will be held on March 26, 2022, at Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville, MO. with visitation from 1p.m. -2p.m. and the funeral service at 2p.m. A

#### Donna Ellsworth Nov. 9, 1948 — Mar. 22, 2022

Donna Jolene (Sullivan) Combs Ellsworth, 73, of Novinger, Missouri, passed away

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at her home under the care of Hospice Compassus.

Born November 9, 1948 in Novinger, Missouri, Donna was the daughter of the late Virgil and Reta Mae (Hall) Sullivan. On June 4, 1967, Donna was



united in marriage to James B. Combs and to this union two children were born. James preceded her in death in 1992. She was also preceded in death by her step daughter-inlaw, Lisa Ellsworth. On October 3, 2008 in Kirksville, Missouri, Jolene was united in marriage to Floyd Ellsworth.

Jolene is survived by her husband Floyd of the home; one daughter, Angie Combs and wife Mary Ward of Columbia, MO; one son, Roger Combs and wife Melissa of Kennett, MO; three step-children, Paul Ellsworth and wife Leann of Festus, MO, Preston Ellsworth of Sparta, MO, and Angela Warkocz and husband, Michael of Columbia, MO, as well as sixteen grandchildren.

Jolene was a graduate of Novinger High School with the Class of 1966. She worked thirty-seven years for Florsheim Shoe Company, worked seventeen years for Truman State University and last worked at Wal-Mart twenty-three years until retiring in 2019.

Donna Jolene loved cooking for her friends and family, enjoyed camping, and loved time spent with her family and grandchildren. She was a active and devoted member of Union Temple Church and will be sadly missed by all.

Public visitation will be held from noon to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022 with a service following at 2:00. The service will be officiated by Pastor Alan Coonfield and interment will follow at Union Temple Cemetery, southwest of Novinger.

Pallbearers will be Ethan Combs, Roger Combs, Mike Warkocz, Todd Smith, Chris Coin, and Harold Harden. Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Ellsworth and Preston Ellsworth.

Memorial donations in memory of Jolene may be made to the Union Temple Church and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

#### Esther Kemp Dec. 23, 1925 – Mar. 18, 2022

Esther Ann Kemp, 96 of Kirksville passed away Friday, March 18, 2022 at The Bluffs in Columbia,

Missouri. The daughter of WD and Juanita Irene (Robinson) Tungate, she was born December 23, 1925 in Leonard, Missouri. On March 24, 1945 in Alexandria, Louisiana she was

united in marriage to James Elmo Kemp. Ann is survived by her three children,

Linda Snyder of Kirksville, MO, Brenda (Jim) McClelland of Columbia, MO and Kim (Maureen) Kemp of Columbia, MO; seven grandchildren, Stephania (Kevin) Bass, Shannon (Tonya) Snyder, Shelly (Rob) Spain, Jenny (Jeff) Maddox, Abby McClelland, Devin (Natalie Shocklee) Kemp, and Schuyler (Madisen) Kemp; ten great grandchildren, Breanne and Jared Dover, Paige Bass, Nikki (Taylor Brookheart) Snyder, Nicholas (Debra) Snyder, Zoey and Zaden Spain, Blake, Logan and Tanner Maddox; four great great grandchildren, Avery and Blakelynn Snyder, Ryker and Oona Brookheart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; two sisters, Ethel Vandiver and Sue Adam; one grandson, Stacy Snyder; and one great grandson, Skylar Maddox.

Ann graduated from Leonard, Missouri High School. Jim and Ann farmed in the Leonard area in the late 40's and mid 50's. She was active in 4-H while living in Leonard. Ann worked in grocery stores in Shelbina and Kirksville, Missouri; also cooked at the Adair County jail in Kirksville. She loved dancing, gardening, crafting, and crocheting. Ann and Jim spent 14 memorable winters in Texas as "snow birds" at Bit of Heaven Campground.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022 with a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Park View Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are suggested to Central Missouri Food Bank.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

#### Melinda McEndarfer

Aug. 16, 1967 — Mar. 18, 2022

On Friday, March 18th, 2022, Melinda McEndarfer—loving daughter,

world-class sister, and beloved wife—passed away at age 54.

Melinda was born to Ann and Ed McEndarfer on August 16th, 1967, in Rochester, NY. She was raised in Kirks-



ville, MO, where she came to be known for her vivacity, creativity, and ability to safely pilot a 1973 Ford Econoline, filled to the brim with raucous revelers. She received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Truman State University in 1990, and a Master's in Library Science from Indiana University in 1998. As a member of the Peace Corps from 1991 to 1993, Melinda was in the first group to be stationed in Mongolia, where she taught English in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. After the Peace Corps, she continued her life of service working for the remarkable nonprofit institutions Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. University of Missouri St. Louis. and ultimately Washington University. On June 4th, 2005, she married Dan Krumm (who was thereafter considered the luckiest man on earth).

Melinda was an avid reader, world traveler, and true humanitarian. She worked as a student coordinator for Amnesty International and her genuine compassion was felt by all who had the pleasure to know her. She made jewelry, stage-managed theatrical productions, danced like no one was watching, and spoiled the daylights out of her husband and dog.

Melinda is survived by her parents Ann and Ed; her brother Eli and his wife Josi; sisters-in-law Beth, Brenda, and Jane; cousins; nieces; nephews; aunts; uncle; innumerable friends; and her husband Dan. Melinda's remains will be returned to the earth on Friday March 25th, 2022 on a quiet hill in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St Louis MO (38.696082,-90.228940). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Melinda's memory to Doctors Without Borders.

Danny Stewart, 65, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the University

Missouri Medical Center in Columbia.

Born April 17, 1956

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#### Danny Stewart Apr. 17, 1956 – Mar. 23, 2022

icothe, MO, Mary (Marc) Cameron of Davenport, IA, and Rebecca Penn of Kirksville, MO; two brothers, Terry (Marsha) Stewart, and Randy Stewart all of Kirksville, MO; four sisters, Andrea VanDyke of Kirksville, MO, Donna Steele of Novinger, MO, Mickey

and Chiefs. Because of his beard, Danny was often referred to as Santa Claus or Danny Claus by children and was known for giving them money. Danny was a member of the Kirksville Moose Lodge #1751 and attended First Liberty Full Gospel Church

burial service will follow at Concord Cemetery near Bethel, MO.

Pallbearers will be Keith Sisson, Ryan Smith, Mark Sharpe, John Hopkins, Link Maggart, and Billy Sutton. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Tubbs, and Gary Sharpe.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southside Baptist Church, and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501. in Kirksville, Missouri, Danny was the son of Andrew and Eliza Jean (Beall) Stewart. On September 26, 1987 in Daven-



port, Iowa, Danny was united in marriage to Denise Kay Collins.

Danny is survived by his wife Denise of the home; two sons, Danny Stewart of Kirksville, MO, and Darren Smith of Washington State; four daughters, Jennifer Magruder of Kirksville, MO, Shanon Stewart of Chill(Donnie) Watts of Milan, MO, and Prissy (Dave) Coy of Kirksville, MO; eighteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Stewart, and one sister, Joyce Stewart.

Danny was a graduate from Kirksville High School with the Class of 1975. He was employed for Kraft Foods in Kirksville a number of years.

Danny enjoyed following the Cardinals

of Kirksville.

A funeral service will take place 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2022 with family receiving friends from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorial donations in memory of Danny may be made to Travis-Noe Funeral Home for expenses and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

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Macomber said that all the current appointees to the tourism board beside Kim Baker and herself, had originally been appointed by the chamber of commerce. Walston said that going forward, she would like one of the board seats be designated a chamber seat.

"I think it is an important organization in the community that we want to be partnering with for tourism," she said.

Macomber said that in June there will be two positions opening on the board. The council moved to amend the ordinance amendment further by voting to add an additional seat to the tourism board that would belong to the chamber of commerce. The council approved it unanimously.

The council then voted unanimously to approve the original amendment updating the other city codes listed in the ordiThe second ordinance amendment the council heard involved budget items that needed to be carried over into the 2022 budget as well as the establishment of the tourism fund.

nance amendment.

Finance Director Lacy King told the council that the amendment to the existing budget ordinance were necessary to continue operations for the completion of capital infrastructure projects, including projects that weren't completed in 2021. She said that the budget for tourism office, which the city will take over on April 1, is included in the total amount.

The ordinance amendment passed unanimously.

The council also approved an ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a two-year agreement with Hydro-Kinetics, Corp. for maintenance services including the rebuild or purchases of pumps and motors for wastewater operations. Public Works Director

Glenn Balliew told the council that the city has about 30 pumps that cost between \$19 and \$30,000 each, and that when he came on board as director, the city was constantly replacing pumps. He said that the city had previously had an agreement with Hydro-Kinetic and that through it it had been able to catch up on pump replacements and that they were now only replacing

about two pumps a year. He said that Hydro-Kinetic has performed well for the city in the past and they were the low-bid this time around as well. The agreement is to rebuild and supply new pumps if the city needs them. Balliew said that the city has a rebuilt or new pump sitting on the shelf for every major pump they have in town.

"If one goes bad we replace it and we send it off to get it fixed," he told the council, noting that with the rebuilt treatment plant, the city now has indoor storage, which makes them last even longer.

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"I know this has been a long process to make work really well and this is such an essential service to make sure that wastewater operations are working well," Mayor Zac Burden told Balliew. "So I

just want to commend you and your team for your continued hard work on this, I know it has been a process for you all so thank you very much."

The council unanimously approved the ordinance.







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"Is that the bill for my credit card?"

#### **SUDOKU**

#### 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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Keep life simple, change what's necessary and strive to play fair. Don't look on the dark side or dwell on the past when the future depends on you embracing life with an open mind. Reassess your options and put your energy where it counts. Use your skills to turn what makes you happy into a fruitful endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- A tough situation has more to offer than you realize. Avoiding the inevitable won't help you get ahead. Take a chance and try something you've never done. Don't fear change or give up on your dreams.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Delve into research that reveals potential pitfalls that can hinder your progress. Don't let a change someone makes disrupt your plans. Work to master skills that encourage your success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep secrets to yourself. If you reveal too much information, it will damage your reputation. Put your energy into a physical outlet. Adjust your spending to reflect your income.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Someone will pull vou in a positive direction. Don't let your emotions get in the way of a good thing. Move forward with enthusiasm, and let your imagination and creativity lead you to success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Pick up information quickly. Take responsibility for your life, future and the changes necessary to reach your goal. Raise your profile using self-promotion. Education will be necessary to advance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Embrace change. You stand to make progress if you use your intelligence, money and originality to gain momentum and draw attention to what you have to offer. Honest communication will be crucial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Evaluate contracts and shared expenses. Show interest in others' contributions and do whatever it takes to maintain equality and avoid potential disruption of your current lifestyle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take the most inviting path. Put your heart into something purposeful. Share your thoughts and use intelligence and imagination to reach your target. Present your plans in a fun manner for best results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep busy; idle time will give others the chance to try your patience. An emotional issue will be difficult to resolve. Be a good listener and observer, and avoid conflict.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Observe the opposition, and you'll gain insight into how to handle the changes going on around you. A positive change at home will help eliminate a problem. Don't take a health or financial risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Embrace the positive aspect of a situation and find an outlet that suits you. Act and follow through with your plans. Be responsible for the outcome and unapologetic for doing what's right.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- It's up to you to fulfill your dreams. Think big, but stick to a budget you can afford. Balance and integrity will help you reach the finish line. You can get things done on your own.

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#### **THAT A BABY**





"I left the circus 17 years ago and I think I still miss it!"

#### **SUDOKU**

#### 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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#### **ASTROGRAPH** BY EUGENIA LAST

Establish your position. Consider what is meaningful and how you can make a difference. Allocate more time to finish what you start. Learn to love who you are, and present yourself with dignity, grace and respect. Let go of what's behind you and choose to make a fresh start.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Do what you do best. Use your skills and energy to get things done and make a difference. Recognize what you are up against, and don't share your intentions. There is no room for error.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Choose self-improvement over trying to change someone. Listen to what others have to say, and you'll learn something about yourself and how you can use your skills to bring about change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't alter your opinion for someone else's sake; fight for your beliefs and honor your promises. Being informed will lead to better decisions. Spend time with someone who lifts your spirits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be innovative, invest time and energy into updating your skills, and use your resources to establish how you want to proceed. A conversation with an expert will prove helpful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take in what's going on around you. Be attentive, listen and ponder the information and ideas that come your way. Consider how you can raise awareness about something meaningful to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Gravitate toward unique individuals and see what they have to offer. A change of pace, lifestyle or direction will broaden your outlook and revive enthusiasm. A hobby or pastime will lead to new friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take care of responsibilities before moving on to something enjoyable. A physical change doesn't have to cost a lot to boost your confidence. A positive attitude will make a difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotions will flare up if you get into a debate. Do your own thing and avoid anyone trying to pick a fight or make you feel inadequate. Focus on making your space more efficient

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be aware of the changes that others make. Prepare to counter anything that infringes on your rights or ability to follow through with your plans. Take pride in your accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Put what makes you happy first. Work to eliminate stress and stay focused on what's best for you. Take the unique path, and the outcome will please you and impress onlookers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Learn from the experiences that have made you who you are, and you'll have the strength to overcome anyone who interferes in your life or tries to push you in a bad direction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Touch base with people who motivate you. Don't let fear deter you from pursuing your goals. Ask questions that will help turn an idea into a reality. Offer as much in return as you ask others to contribute.

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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.

Commonly known as: 716 North Florence, Kirksville, MO 63501

The names of all parties to this action are: TAUNJI J. WATER-MAN A/K/A TAUNJI JILL WATERMAN, if Living, or if Deceased, her Unknown Heirs, Successors and Grantees; DARRELL W. WATERMAN A/K/A DARRELL WALLACE WATERMAN, if Living, or if Deceased, his Unknown Heirs, Successors and Grantees; and ALL OTHER INDIVID-UALS AND/OR ENTITIES CLAIMING ANY LIEN, RIGHT, TITLE, OR IN-TEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS PETITION AND COMMONLY KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 716 NORTH FLORENCE, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501

The names and address of the attorneys for Plaintiff are as follows:

Stewart A. Schneider Bradley M. Mitchell Hein Schneider & Bond P.C. 2244 S. Brentwood Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63144

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, or such longer time as the Court may fix by order, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Linda Decker

Circuit Clerk

By: Deputy Clerk

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Date of first publication March 12, 2022.
Clerk of the Probate Division
Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri
Linda Decker
Adair County Circuit Clerk
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the Probate Division of the Circuit Court.

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

All creditors of said disabled person are notified to file their claims in

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF: ) ROBBY LEE KING, ) Deceased. )

Missouri 63501.

Estate No.: 22AR-PR00031

#### NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO THE HEIRS OF ROBBY LEE KING: Robin L. King, Sabrina M. King, Crystal D. King

You are hereby notified that an estate has been opened in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, Probate Division, the object and general nature of which is an application for letters testamentary for Robby Lee King, deceased. The address of the attorney for estate is:

> Mark Williams 1003 E. Jefferson Street Kirksville, MO 63501 (660) 665-7777 – Telephone

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after the date of first publication or March 26, 2022, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION FIL FD 3/8/2022 IN THE ESTATE OF ESTATE NO: 22AR-PR00013 KENDALL SISSON NOTICE OF LETTERS GRANTED

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KENDALL SISSON, A DISABLED PERSON.

On the 8th day of March 2022, Lucy Sisson was appointed conservator of the estate of Kendall Sisson, a person adjudicated disabled under the laws of Missouri by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

The address of the conservator is 26217 State Hwy 3, Kirksville, Missouri 63501 and the attorney is Jessica Rooks, 2424 S. Franklin, Suite A, Kirksville, MO 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.

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

in the 2nd judicial circuit court, adair county, missouri
Judge or Division: Case Number: 22AR-PR00037 PROBATE
In the Estate of JANE ANN DANIELS, Deceased. (Date File Stamp)
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JANE ANN DANIELS, Decedent:
On March 18, 2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the state of JANE ANN DANIELS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is: Tamara Wells, 677 Glencoc Church Loop, Summerfield, NC 27358 The personal representative's atomety's name, business address, and phone number is: Wallace Trosen, One Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-4070. The personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is: Wallace Trosen, One Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-4070. All creditors of aid 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 externel permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the 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 573.021, RSMo.
Date of decedent's death: February 10, 2022 Linda Decker Date of first publication: March 26, 2022 Adair County Circuit Clerk Dates of Publication: 3-26-2022, 4-3-2022, 4-16-2022 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.
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Judge or Division: Case Number: 22AR-PR00024 KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM Filed
In the Estate of MARY JEFFERY BARNES, Deceased. 3/7/2022 Linda Decke
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARY JEFFERY BARNES, Decedent:
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



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 **CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Judge or Division: PROBATE

Case Number: 22AR-PR00030 (Date File Stamp)

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

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: February 27, 2021 Date of first publication is March 5, 2022. Linda Decker Adair County Circuit Clerk PUBLICATION DATES: March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2022

#### Miscellaneous

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## News

## **Chamber holds ribbon-cutting for Flat Branch Home Loans**

By Press Release

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce recently participated in a ribbon cutting at Flat Branch Home Loans at 110 S. Franklin St. in Kirksville.

Senior Mortgage Broker Heather Martin opened the branch in Kirksville last summer after she realized she was gaining more and more clients in the area. She and her assistant. Tatiana Dixon. served refreshments to guests and co-workers from the Columbia office. Following the ribbon

cutting, Chamber Ambassador Angie Sullivan presented Martin with a First Dollar plaque and welcomed them to Kirksville. Flat Branch Home Loans joined the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce shortly after opening their Kirksville office.

Flat Branch Mortgage started in Columbia and has grown to 700 employees in 70 offices located in five states. Scott Batt from the Columbia office shared that their company has seen success due in part to their motto of, "Go Local, Be Local and Support Local".



Pictured left to right in the photo are: Kristy Rowles (Holiday Inn Express), Mike LaBeth (Heritage House Realty), Trent Barnes (Heritage House Realty), Susie Snow (Pickell Abstract), Scott Batt (Flat Branch-Columbia), Miranda Creason, Barbara Clark & Caleb Ruether (MO Farm Bureau-Clark Agency), Zoe Beasley (Flat Branch-Columbia), Shelley McClelland (Adair Co Health Dept), Heather Martin (Flat Branch Senior Mortgage Broker), Jessica Robertson (Flat Branch-Columbia), Tatiana Dixon (Flat Branch), Pat McClelland (Foundation Recovery Systems), Angie Sullivan (Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice), Deanna Devolld (Pickell Abstract), Leah Vincent (Heritage House Realty), Roy Noe (Farmers Ins), Emily Jones (Pickell Abstract), Michelle Lawrence (American Title & Abstract), Scott Bowen (Farmers Ins-Roy Noe), Kelly Jones (Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce).

### FELONIES

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and began traveling in the opposite lane of traffic.

"I continued to follow the vehicle and noted the rear passenger wheel was shaking excessively and appeared to be becoming unsecure," Hubbard wrote in his report. "The vehicle came to a stop just west of the intersection of State Highway P and U.S. Highway 63."

Hubbard wrote that the driver of the vehicle opened the driver's side door and began exiting. Hubbard unholstered his Glock 22 and aimed it at Ayers, who raised his hands in the air. Hubbard then handcuffed him.

A search of Ayers located a red pocket knife in his pocket and a Missouri non-driver ID. An inventory search of the vehicle revealed multiple empty bottles of Fireball Whiskey as well as an unopened "party pack." Also discovered was a bright green pocket knife under the front driver's seat.

The vehicle was towed from the scene and Avers was taken to the Adair County Detention Center where he was placed on a 24-hour investigative hold.

A review of Ayers criminal history showed prior convictions for forgery in March 2013 and a conviction for possession of a controlled substance from October 2017, both out of Adair County. Ayers had served six years on the forgery and four years for

the possession charge. He also had arrests for a parole violation in 2016 and a failure to appear in February 2022, which stems from a pending burglary charge that is being handled in Macon County.

Kirksville Police Sgt. Juan Chairez wrote in a report that while Kirksville police were trying to locate Ayer's and the stolen vehicle, Adiar County Deputy Jeremiah Treece observed a man walking on State Highway H just north of Trov Mills. Treece asked Kirksville officers to contact the man while he searched for the vehicle. Chairez made contact with the man on State Highwav H just south of Matador, who admitted the vehicle was his and told Chairez he was homeless and met Ayers at the

apartments across from the police department.

The man said he took Ayers to Casey's and that he was sitting outside the store when he saw Ayers running out of the store with an employee running out behind him. Hawkins-Cross said Avers jumped in the vehicle and pulled a knife and put it close to his throat, telling him to drive. He said he drove the car a few blocks and parked. There the man said Ayers threw him in the passenger street while Ayers jumped into the driver's seat and started driving.

"He kind of threw me into the passenger seat," the victim told police, stating Ayers jumped into the driver seat of the vehicle and started driving. He said Ayers told him that he was not stopping when police attempted to pull the car over and that at Troy Mills he was able to get out of the vehicle. He said that he wished to pursue charges against Ayers.

Ayers has been charged with stealing a vehicle, a class D felony, kidnapping, 2nd degree, a class D felony, armed criminal action, a felony, unlawful use of a weapon, a class E felony, assault 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor, resisting arrest, a class A misdemeanor, stealing less than \$150, a class D misdemeanor, tampering with a motor vehicle, a class D felony, resisting arrest creating a substantial risk, a class E felony, and operating a motor vehicle in a careless manner, a class B misdemeanor.

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He said that if any resident wants to message him or talk to him on the street, he's willing to take the time to speak with them to improve communication.

"The workers are hard workers but we need to improve communications with some of the department heads and the other heads we have in city government," he said. "That could make a big help and I would be there to promote for that improvement."

Stephanie Deren said that she appreciated city staff and the friendliness she's received in the city.

"They work hard in keeping our city running," she said. "It takes lots of people to know a bunch of different information because one person does not know it all - so I am very grateful for that."

She said that its been a polarizing time and its time for communities to heal and work toward a common goal even if people don't agree on everything.

"If I'm elected, I look forward to being a voice of the people," she said.

Kabir Bansal said that his direct experience with city staff has been professional and that they work to the best of their ability. He said that community engagement could be improved on and that more so than hearing the opinions of the department heads, it was important to hear from on-the-ground workers that are the ones bearing the brunt of the problem.

He said that he wants to have "lunch-and-learns" collaboratively with other councilmembers and with local constituents. He said that the short time council meetings are held meant that there was little time to listen in. He said they need to hold informal sessions where they ask, "What's going on? What can we do that you're not seeing being done? Or What are things that are going great?" He said that they need to get the community more involved and find ways to leverage their ways as councilmembers in the jurisdiction they have to make those things a reality. Jessica Parks said that she has had a good relationship with city staff even prior to joining the city council, having owned a business in the community and as someone that has built a house in Kirksville. "My personal experiences have always been good," she said. "However, I realize that is not always the case. I don't think it's necessarily because we have inadequate city staff or

department heads."

She said that oftentimes when residents have to deal with the city it's because there's an issue where a mistake may have been made or something got messed up. She said that due to residents having to, at times, deal with city hall in stressful situations, citizens might not have the best experience with city staff. What she has learned, she said, is that city staff is hard working and they have the best interests at heart in terms of improving the community and helping citizens.

She used the example of an aged tree that was cut down in a local cul-de-sac without any communication to the local residents that loved the tree. She said that the city was able to reconcile and apologize and plant a new tree, though the old one could never be replaced.

"Things like that I think it's important to work with our citizens, with our community and learn from mistakes and continue to get better," she said.

er, on the city council, to perform oversight and to be critical of that work. That's our role and I think we do that effectively. That's something I want to continue to bring in the work that we do."

He said that prior to joining the city council, he hadn't had much interaction with city staff before but that they continue to impress him with the work they do. He said that they were knowledgeable whether they were longtime employees with experience and expertise, or new employees who are growing their knowledge base. He said they are caring people and that he has seen staff work on city matters but also matters that aren't city related at all.

"They just want to take care of people in our community and help them out the best they can," he said. "These are folks that can stretch a tax dollar further than anybody I've ever met," he said, noting that city workers chase grant money, do effective bidding to keep prices low and utilize professional relationships. "These are folks that want to do right by Kirksville all the time and I'm impressed with their work," Burden said. "They're not perfect but I like when city staff admits mistakes and tries to find ways to correct those... that's an important thing to do." He said that he's hoping to see city staff working to improve communication, which includes hiring a communications director to support city departments and make that a priority as well as helping the city to be more proactive than reactive in how things are communicated to citizens.

can to recruit and retain employees in a lot of different ways through that," he said.

Wes Gerber said that he has never had an issue with anyone on the city council or anyone that works for the city. He said that he has only spoke with a couple of people on the city council, one being Zac Burden, and he said that Burden was an amazing guy. He said that they've shared a couple of conversations about mental health issues and how they could be resolved.

He said that he would use his experience to "reciprocate" that back to the community. He said that he would actively engage with people because he's always believed that what makes a good first impression was communication with people trying to talk to you.

Kevin Alm said that he has had problems with code enforcement while working on his house and that they kept trespassing on his property

She said that it was important to remember that it wasn't about her personal experience with city staff, but rather the experience her constituents have had with the city and that she was here to represent those people. She said the common theme on her campaign trail was that citizen voices were not being heard and they have been kept quiet for having a differing opinion. She said that she would use her experience of working with the army community to keep an open line of communication by going out into the community to hear from people.

"I know that's very time consuming but just being able to be available really shows a lot and shows that you have a good work ethic just being able to put that out there," she said.

Parks said that in the last few years the city has added a planner, which is helping to move toward the future, and currently the city is looking for a communications director to have better communication with citizens.

"I think we continue to improve and I'm very excited to be a part of this community..." Parks said.

Zac Burden said that when he thinks of city staff, its part of his general philosophy of life that people are motivated from a place of really good intentions. They don't work from a place of malice, they want to do right for people.

"I've been really impressed with city staff's ability to do that," he said. "It's still our job, howev-

"I like seeing people make a career in public service and I hope we're doing the work we

"I've been constantly harassed by city code enforcement for years," he said, noting that they would "harass him for anything.'

He said that most of the city's staff were great people to talk to. He said there were times when he was running for city council, his house was broken into 15 times and not once did the Kirksville Police Department ever show up.

"Not one of them," he said.

He said that he wanted to get things turned around and make it better for the community and get things cleared up for everyone, not just himself.

"Everybody deserves a better life in this town," he said. "I'd really like to see a big change if possible."



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Green City's Meranda Lewis competes during the 100m dash Monday at the Snowshoe Classic at Kirksville. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

## One isn't enough: Green City's Meranda Lewis sets high goals after last year's state title

#### **By Austin Miller** Daily Express

Her reactions said it all last year.

After a third-place finish in the girls 100m dash at state last spring, Green City's Meranda Lewis was so surprised at the result that her hands went straight to her head in disbelief. She blew her own mind quite a bit. And when she won the 200m title, she was just as stunned.

With that success behind her, Lewis enters her junior season with increased goals and expectations. She isn't going to surprise anyone this year. Lewis knows what she can do and she wants to be better.

She wants to defend her 200m title and claim the 100m crown. But she's also gunning for gold in the long jump and triple jump.

"(There was) hard work (last year), and I need to work even harder this year if I'm going to get all four Monday night after winning the 100m dash at the Snowshoe Classic with a time of 13.11 seconds.

explosive when breaks out of the blocks and when she does her jumping events.

"I've been in the weight room every day since last year," Lewis said. "Usually, I never really do that. This year I decided to do that and it's paying off."

Green City girls track coach Angela Fields has seen a different Lewis in practices this spring. There's more confidence and assurance in what she's doing. Sure, she was victorious last year, but Lewis desires more than just that first taste.

She has flipped that switch, going from a sophomore who might make the podium but exceeded those expectations, to a junior who expects to win every event she enters.

"Confidence last year, she didn't have a lot of it," Fields said. "She was young, and after her performance at state and doing so well, it was exactly that. 'Oh, OK, well I can events to state," Lewis said do this again and I can do better.' That confidence in that has driven her so far." She should be right back in the thick of a gold medal chase for the 100m and 200m dashes come state since she's steadily improving. But she has work to do if she also wants to jump in

Jefferson City.

Lewis did the long and triple jumps during the regular season last year. She won the district triple jump event and took second in long jump, then decided to focus on her running events at sectionals. So she feels like succeeding in triple and long jump isn't far fetched.

North Shelby's Caroline Linberger, who finished ahead of Lewis at districts, won the Class 1 long jump last year with 4.95 meters. Atlanta's Kyley Magers took second at 4.83 meters.

Lewis jumped 5.05 meters on Monday, breaking her own school record.

Silex's Rita Thoroughman won triple jump last year at 10.36 meters. Atlanta's Kyley Magers took second with 10.35 meters. Lewis cleared 9.9 meters on Monday night.

Those jumps from came as the Gophers have had little work on those events over the last few weeks. Inconsistent weather has prevented Green City from doing many of the jump workouts the athletes would like. So getting solid results with that in mind shows maybe Lewis' goals are right where they should be. "That just shows me

she's got the right mindset

this year to go in," Fields said. "She set her goals very high, and they're very attainable goals for her, as well."

There are many meets and practices between now and state, so Lewis has plenty of opportunities to keep improving. And she's no stranger to it.

"She doesn't show a lot of emotion, but you can tell in some of the sprints and stuff we do. You can see that grimace on her face, so I know she's giving everything at practice,' Fields said.

Lewis' own drive powers most of her effort, but she has some additional internal motivation at school. After seeing what classmate Asher Buggs-Tipton did at state last with four gold medals, that's the company she wants to be a part of.

"I saw how much my school appreciated how well he did, and I just kind of want a piece of that, too," Lewis said. That's not to say she didn't feel the

## **5 area athletes make** 2021-22 all-state basketball teams

#### **By Austin Miller** Daily Express

Five local athletes recognized were Wednesday for their stellar efforts on the basketball court this season.

The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association released its all-state teams for the 2021-22 season, with the bulk of this area's honorees receiving those honors for a consecutive year.

Starting in Class 1, Green City guard Laydon Fields earned allstate honors for his second straight season. Fields averaged 15.4 points, 5.7 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game for the Gophers this season, guiding them to the state quarterfinals once again.

Scotland County senior point guard Hannah Feeney also joins the two-time all-state club. In Class 2 for the Tigers this year, Feeney averaged 12.8 points, 6 assists, 4.8 rebounds and 4.4 steals per game. Also in Class 2 is Putnam County senior forward Landon Wood. In leading the Midgets to their first Final Four appearance, Wood averaged 15.3 points and 7.3 rebounds this season, all while shooting 50 percent from the field.

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Milan's Cady Pauley found her way back to the Class 3 team after being the Class 3 Player of the Year last season. In her senior year, Pauley averaged 33 points and 9.6 rebounds per game. The future Missouri State Lady Bear shot 46 percent from the field.

And Macon's Lexi Miller wraps up her career with a third all-state appearance. She made the team in Class 3 as a sophomore after the Tigerettes' run to the Final Four. She's been selected for the Class 4 team now the last two seasons. Miller, a Columbia College commit, averaged 21 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists per game this year. She also became the Tigerettes' all-time leading scorer.



Green City's Aaron Peavler pitches during last spring Class 1 state semifinal game against Oran. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Green City baseball adds many freshmen to the mix after Final Four run

After last season ended. Lewis was pretty quick to get back to work. One area of focus was getting stronger. Now she's feeling more

love from her school when she won her title, but she's starting to believe in her own talent and wants to max out. "Everyone was really excited that he got four firsts, so I'm trying to do the same."

## KC sends Tyreek Hill to Miami for picks; WR gets record deal

#### **By DAVE SKRETTA** Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -The Kansas City Chiefs traded Tyreek Hill to Miami for a package of draft picks Wednesday, and the Dolphins are giving the three-time All-Pro wide receiver a \$120 million, four-year contract extension that makes Hill the highest-paid player at his position in NFL history.

The Chiefs will get the Dolphins' first- and second-round picks and their fourth-rounder in this year and fourth- and sixth-round picks next year, along with some much-needed salary cap relief in the latest major NFL trade.

"It's hard to put into words what Tyreek has meant to Chiefs Kingdom," Chiefs general manager Brett Veach said. "He's a special player, one of the best in franchise history. He's been a large part of our success, including our Super Bowl championship run. This decision was incredibly difficult, but we felt it was a necessary move in the best interest of the team, and also for Tyreek.

We wish him the best as he continues his career."

Hill's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said the extension from Miami includes \$72.2 million guaranteed. The value of the deal surpasses the five-year contract that Davante Adams signed after he was traded from Green Bay to Las Vegas last week, which averages \$28.5 million and includes \$67.5 million guaranteed.

"I'm very excited to be joining the Miami Dolphins and get to work," Hill said in a statement. "However it's hard thinking about the memories, people and fans that made my time in Kansas City so great.

"I'll never forget getting the call in 2016 that my dream to play in the NFL was coming true. I worked hard every day to show my appreciation for you taking a chance on me," Hill continued. "To the fans, thank you for your support. Playing for you has been one of the greatest things I've done in my life."

The Chiefs had been in discussions with Hill on a contract extension in part because they sought relief from a tight salary cap



makes a catch over Cleveland Browns cornerback Denzel Ward (21) during the second half of an NFL divisional round football game, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, in Kansas City. CHARLIE RIEDEL — STAFF, AP

situation. But talks had stalled over the past few days, and Hill's representatives requested permission to seek a trade, which came together quickly with multiple teams expressing interest in him.

The deal clears more than \$18 million in salary cap space for Kansas City.

Hill appeared to indicate his time with the Chiefs was over more than a week ago, when the six-time Pro Bowl selection tweeted: "we came a long way thank you chiefs kingdom I'm forever indebted." He also was keenly aware of the market for top wide receivers, retweeting a post about the Jaguars signing Christian Kirk to a four-vear. \$84 million deal. It has been a wild NFL

offseason when it comes to big names, even though the new league year is just a week old.

The Seahawks traded Russell Wilson to the Broncos, Deshaun Watson ended up in Cleveland, the Falcons sent Matt Ryan to the Colts and Carson Wentz landed with the Commanders - and that's just quarterbacks. Adams and Kirk found new homes along with fellow wide receiver Amari Cooper, who went from Dallas to Cleveland.

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#### **By Austin Miller** Daily Express

Not quite a full rebuild, maybe more of a remodel.

That's where Green City baseball finds itself following last spring's run to a third-place finish in Class 1. The Gophers bring back their top two pitchers and most of its top half of the batting order, but there are several openings across the field that coach Dale Whitacre looks to fill.

"We lost some big pieces with a good senior class last year. Five starters, four hit in the lineup, so we have some holes to fill and some new leadership," Whitacre said. "But we had some freshmen this fall step in and fill those holes right away. I think a sophomore or freshman filled every one of those spots. They had some growing pains in the fall, but they got better all season and I expect big things out of those guys this spring."

Those spots come at first and second base, along with the whole outfield. Some familiar faces will move around to make new spots work. Brody Lunsford spent most of last season at third but did play quite a bit of first, so he'll be full-time at first this year. Kaden Hatcher, a reliable DH last spring, will be in the outfield.

Then it's all underclassmen to fill the remaining positions. Freshman Ty Hall slides in at second base and freshman Xander Salas will

be in center field. And third base has been a bit of a revolving door with Jaden O'Haver, Thaydon Forest and Noah Tipton all freshman vying for the hot corner.

With the benefit of their fall season, Whitacre saw early action from those young guys. Green Citv went 9-1 in the fall with wins over Brashear, La Plata and Atlanta.

"They're pretty hard workers. They want to play and start and do good, so that's nice," said junior shortstop/ pitcher Aaron Peavler.

"They all have the work ethic," said junior catcher Grant O'Haver.

Peavler and Laydon Fields return as the Gophers' top two arms, so that's one position Whitacre is happy he doesn't need to restock. Fields went 7-0 with a 1.52 ERA. Peavler, who brings plenty of gas and solid breaking balls, only threw once during the fall season. He had some elbow discomfort in their first game and didn't throw again. After that shut down, Peavler is ready for the spring.

But the Gophers need more than two arms, so developing another batch has been crucial. Many of those freshman battling for spots in the field will end up pitching, too. Thaydon Forest was their No. 2 for most of the fall with Peavler out.

"The Final Four team in 2018 lost pretty much all of its pitching, or a good chunk of it, (after that season). So we're

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## LOCAL ROUNDUP

#### **MARCH 21**

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL** 

Jefferson City 10, Kirksville 4 Kirksville — Dominic Cahalan, 3B, 2B, RBI; Grant McHenry, 2B, RBI; Kendrick Hartman, 2B.

Scotland Co. 6, Highland 2 Scotland — Payton Frederick, 2 hits, 2 RBI.

Macon 10, Salisbury 2 Macon — Jakeb Swallow, WP, 7 Ks, 2 RBI; Drew Meisner, 2B, RBI; Tanner Nelson, 2B, 3 RBI.

La Plata 3, Westran 2 F/9 La Plata — Reese Mesecher, WP, 7 Ks; Drew Wheeler, 2B, 2 RBI, save.

Clark Co. 5, Schuyler Co. 1

No stats by deadline. Marion Co. 2, Knox Co. 0 No stats by deadline.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER**

Chillicothe 2, Kirksville 0

#### **MARCH 19**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

North Callaway 18, Kirksville 8 F/5

Kirksville — Dominic Cahalan, 2B, 3 RBI; Grant McHenry, 2B, 2 RBI.

South Callaway 6, Kirksville 5 F/8

Kirksville — Keaton Anderson, HR: Kendrick Hartman, 2B, RBI; Randon Baumgartner, 2 hits, RBI.

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And top-tier pass rushers Khalil Mack (Chargers) and Yannick Ngakoue (Colts) also have landed with new teams.

Hill was a controversial pick by the Chiefs in the fifth round of the 2016 draft, a year after he was accused of punching his girlfriend and got kicked off the team at Oklahoma State. Then, three years ago, prosecutors in suburban Kansas City declined to charge Hill after an alleged domestic violence incident involving his fiancee and their 3-year-old child.

On the field, though, Hill has surpassed every expectation, giving coach Andy Reid an outlet for his offensive creativity while teaming with Pro Bowl quarterback Patrick Mahomes to form one of the league's elite pass-catch duos.

Hill helped the Chiefs win back-to-back AFC titles along with their first Super Bowl in 50 years after the 2019 season. He also helped them get back to the conference championship game in January before losing to the Bengals, capping arguably the best year of his career: He had a club-record 111 catches to go with 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns. In just six seasons, Hill already has 479

catches for 6,630 yards and 56 scores.

## **Missouri turns to Cleveland State's Gates as coach**

#### **By DAVE SKRETTA** AP Basketball Writer

Dennis Gates was a young standout at Chicago's Whitney Young High School and mulling college scholarship opportunities when Norm Stewart, late in his coaching career, tried to persuade him to play point guard for Missouri.

Gates was impressed by Stewart's pitch that day but ultimately signed with California.

More than two decades later, Gates will be the one soon sitting across from Missouri recruits in living rooms.

The 42-year-old Gates was hired to replace the fired Cuonzo Martin on Tuesday, tasked with rebuilding a lfloundering program that has churned through seven head and interim coaches since Stewart prowled the sideline in Columbia.

Gates is coming off a wildly successful rebuild at Cleveland State, where he inherited a program that won just 11 games in 2019 and engineered one of the biggest turnarounds in Division I basketball. The Vikings went 19-8 and reached the NCAA Tournament last season, then went 20-11 and lost in the first round of the NIT this season.

"I left a special place for a special place," Gates said during an introductory news conference, where he praised mentors such as George Raveling and Leonard Hamilton. "An unbelievable institution from an academic standpoint, but also being a flagship Power Five

only us - that means some-

One of the up-and-coming coaches in college hoops, Gates signed a revised contract in May 2021 that paid him \$550,000 a year and made him the highest-earning coach in the Horizon League. Gates will be paid far more handsomely by Missouri, though, which gave Martin a seven-year contract that guaranteed him \$21 million total.

With boundless energy and natural charisma, Gates vowed that "one day we will cut down nets. Hold up trophies. We will raise banners. I will one day sit in the green room with a firstround draft pick."

"How do we do that?" Gates asked. "We do that together."

Gates is the first significant hire by athletic director Desiree Reed-Francois, who arrived at Missouri in August. She replaced Jim Sterk, who fired Kim Anderson in 2017 and hired Martin as his replacement.

"After a comprehensive and efficient national search, during which we had the privilege of speaking with an impressive group of coaches, it became clear Coach Gates was what we needed in the next leader of our basketball program," Reed-Francois said. "He's smart, driven and focused on winning. He's a proven recruiter, a strong evaluator of talent, an innovative teacher of the game and has a unique enthusiasm and passion for his work and for his student-athletes."

The pressure is on for Reed-Francois's move to

work out. Her decision to fire Martin, who was 78-77 with the Tigers but had helped the basketball program — and the athletic department - navigate several years of social unrest on campus, was met with almost universal scorn from those within the close-knit college basketball coaching

> fraternity. "Desiree Reed-Francois is focused on a results-driven, championship culture that supports our student-athletes," Missouri president Mun Choi said. "We all agree Coach Gates fits into that vision and will take Mizzou basketball to new heights."

Missouri has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 2010, a period of ineptitude that cost not only Martin and Anderson but also Frank Haith their jobs. The Tigers also went through years of scandal tied to Quin Snyder, and famously have never appeared in the Final Four, despite regular NCAA tourney trips during Stewart's long Hall of Fame tenure.

"I know the business and profession I'm in. I realize that," Gates said. "I'm not running from it."

Gates was a three-year captain for Cal before embarking on his coaching career, first as an intern for the Los Angeles Clippers. He spent time at Florida State and Marquette as a graduate assistant before stints on the bench at Cal, Northern Illinois, Nevada and alongside Hamilton at Florida State.

He helped to recruit lottery pick Jonathan Isaac and stars such as M.J. Walker and Terance Mann to Tallahassee.

"My mentors have prepared me for this moment," Gates said. "Leonard Hamilton often moved to he side and allowed me to lead in moments that prepared me to be here, from the scouting to the responsibilities daily, to the interactions in our community. He allowed me to do that on his watch. That's why I thank him."

Gates' wife, Jocelyn, was hired as a senior associate athletic director at Ohio State last summer. It's unclear whether she will remain there or if a job will be become available within the Missouri athletic department.



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#### **By JAKE SEINER AP Baseball Writer**

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Carlos Correa has declared October "his time." It certainly hasn't been Minnesota's.

The Twins hope Correa can fix that, even if his stay in Minneapolis is short.

"I want to build a championship culture in this organization," Correa said.

The former Houston Astros star tugged on a Twins' No. 4 jersey and was formally introduced Wednesday, five days after agreeing to a \$105.3 million, three-year contract that includes opt-outs after the first and second seasons.

The Twins have famouslv lost 18 straight postseason games since their last October victory in 2004 — their most recent loss was in the 2020 wild-card round when Correa hit a go-ahead homer at Target Field to complete Houston's sweep.

Correa is a World Series champion who cemented his playoff stardom last

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blessed this year that our pitching is back," Whitacre said. "Defensively is where we have to kind of figure some things out, but the guys did a nice job in the fall. I didn't see a big fall off. What we lose in experience, we maybe gain a little bit of athleticism, defensively. But getting our baseball knowledge, our IQ up is a work in progress."

For some of the players back from last year, one of their major takeaways

fall by celebrating a goahead homer against Boston by pointing to his wrist, looking into the home dugout and affirming "it's my time."

"He elevates the confidence because this person has simply done this before," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

It's part of why small-market Minnesota went for such an unusual deal. Correa's \$35.1 million average salary trails only Mike Trout's \$36 million with the Angels, a total in the same range as entire projected opening day payrolls in Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

The financial commitment from Twins ownership a year after finishing last in the AL Central stands out in a sport where so-called tanking fueled acrimony from players that led to a 99-day work stoppage.

"When I called (Twins Chairman) Jim Pohlad as we were getting closer to this on Friday, immediate support," president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said. "I mean, there's no other way to describe it."

Correa will be baseball's highest-paid infielder this season - and he'll have a chance to seek more after.

The 27-year-old switched agents during the lockout from William Morris Endeavor to Scott Boras. Correa said Wednesday that Boras pitched him on a shorter deal that could get him back to the market soon. Together, they set sights on a ballpark where Correa could thrive.

They hit a bull's-eye at Target Field. Correa is a career .413 hitter with a 1.205 OPS in 15 games in Minnesota.

"When a player is that comfortable in a ballpark, we knew that there was a joint fit," Boras said.

If he opts out after 2022, Correa would join a free agent market that could also include shortstops Trea Turner of the Dodgers, Xander Bogaerts from Boston and Tim Anderson from the White Sox. Correa is younger than all of them.

from the Final Four was how good the pitching is at that stage. The Gophers averaged 10 runs per game, then Oran held them to three in the state semifinals. Green City fared a bit better than St. Elizabeth, who was shutout 3-0 by Oran in the state title game, but runs are extra important that far into the state tournament.

So players have spent a lot of time at "The Hut," Green City's hitting space. With a lot of work on their swings, Green City hopes to have just as potent of an offense.

The Gophers have been

on such a great run over the last few years. After a third-place finish in 2018, the Gophers won another district title in 2019 the first time the program won consecutive district titles. Though no 2020 season, Green City came back with its big run in 2021.

Will there be more magic this spring?

"We know what to expect, what our expectations are. We've talked about goals - hopefully we'll start working to achieve those along the way and have some success in the postseason," Whitacre said.

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201 S. High at McPherson Communion 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. 11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages 5:30 p.m. College Fellowship **Kirksville Church of Christ** 

110 Pfeiffer Ave. Elders/Pastors: Dan Green. Dean Hansen 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study www.kvcoc.org **First Baptist Church** 

207 E. Washington Jason Marlin, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages

10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship firstbaptistkirksville.com Faith United Methodist Church

1602 E. Illinois Pastor: H.R. Rogers 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship

Southside Baptist Church

1010 W. Burton Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

**First Church of God** 2900 S. Halliburton Chad Earhart

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship www.kirksvillechurchofaod.com

**Kirksville Nazarene Church** 2302 N. Lincoln Road Mark Czanderna, Lead Pastor 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

www.kvnazarene.org≠≠ **Central Church of Christ** 2010 S. Halliburton

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service Faith Baptist Church 502 N. Florence

Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

l inhthouse of Love Brashear, Mo Pastor, John Bower 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Meadow Brook **Christian Church** 602 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Life Church of Kirksville 112 W. Potter Jeremy Pingle, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service Community Presbyterian Church 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Rev. John Becker, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Grace Fellowship Church** 1501 S. Baird St., Kirk Pastor Brian Carter

> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship **Countryside Christian Church** S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills Preacher, Harold R. Engel 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet www.countrysidekv.com

**Gifford Christian Church** Minister: Darren Potter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Lake Road Chapel 22963 Potter Trail Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson David Kellv 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

Service www.lakeroadchapel.org Church of God (Holiness)

1601 N. Elsor Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler .Ir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

New Hope **Evangelical Church** 620 Steer Creek Way

9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Darrell Draper, Pastor 660-341-0000 Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor

660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183 **First Assembly of God** 2401 S. High

Jeff Arp, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship Communion First Sunday of the Month) 6:30 p.m. Evening Praise www.KirksvilleFirst.com

First Liberty Full Gospel 1302 E. Filmore Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Novinger Baptist Church** Highway 6 & 149 Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship First Christian Church

**Bethel Community Church** 12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. Marvin Cross, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday Schoo 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship. Lancaster Baptist Church Southeast Side of Square, Lancaste Lonnie Johnson Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Grace Bible Baptist Church** Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Service Winigan Christian Church Ryan Crist, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **First Baptist Church** Winigan, Winigan, Mo. Sam Burkholder, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Fairview Baptist Church** 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock Sam Burkholder, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening **Bible Missionary Church** 508 S. Main St. Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Full Gospel Church 404 North Flson Ola York, Pastor 2:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study **2:00 p.m.** Saturday Afternoon Service LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Christ's Family Church** 531 N. Baltimore

Glenn Berry, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service www.cfckvmo.com • cfckvmo@gmail com

Queen City Christian Church

Queen City, Mo Bud Cornwell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour **United Pentecostal Church** 1502 E. Northtown Road David F. Brown, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship **Brashear Community Bible** Church Donny Powell, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 660-323-5305 First Baptist Church of LaPlata B. J. McAlpin. Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 6:00 nm Evening Worshin 6:00 pm Monday - AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church 8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.



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**"Jesus** answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the **Father except** through me." **John 14:16** 



12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch 1:30 p.m. Worship The Crossing Church 810 E. Shepherd Ave. 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service www.thecrossing.net Grace Community Bible

Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Benjamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615 First United Methodist Church

300 E. Washington Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley 9:45 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kyumc.org Pure Air Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

#### TBA Bible Study **Church of God of Prophecy** 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Fellowship Baptist Church 1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville Larry Gibson, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study fbck@sbcglobal.net www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633 Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Guest Pastors 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed.& Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Catholic Newman Center 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. Monday 9:00 p.m. Wednesday Union Temple Church Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study

5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church

2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, minister Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching

(Disciples of Christ) High & Harrison 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2000 E. Norma Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Ison 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor **10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1301 N. Elson Curtis Denney, Pastor **9:30 a.m.** Sabbath School (Saturday) **11:00 a.m.** Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

**United Methodist Church** Brashear Charge, Brashea

Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church

10:00 a.m. Sunday Sch 10:45 a.m. Worship Illinois Bend Community

Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Bible Study 660-349-0052 **Baring Community Church** 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Downing Christian Church** 430 F. Prime Street Minister Walker Franke Associate Minister Larry Smith 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service 660-379-2329

Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule New Hope Methodist

Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship

**Greentop Community Church** Highway K, Greentop, Mo Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Trinity United Fellowship Church Pastor: Lorne Arber 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Lancaster United Methodist Church Pastor: H. R. Rogers

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Shekinah Mennonite Church

15981 Blueberry Way, Kirksville John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing 6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Worthington Baptist Church

Tim Hodges, Pastor

Worthington, Mo. Roger Busnell, Pastor 9.30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

The Salvation Army 1004 W. Gardner Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

#### **Queen City First Baptist** Church

6th at Washington St. Robert Smith, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA

North of Queen City go East on Rt. O Pastor, Bill lammatteo-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Robert Shobe, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/

**Colony Baptist Church** 

**Cornerstone Community** 

Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404

Rt. I, Novelty, Mo William Gaines, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

New Harmony Free Will Baptist

3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Word Alive! Family Church

Hwy 63, Greentop Pastors: Robert Gange 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service. Childrens Church Schuyler County Church

of Faith

Highway 136 East, Lancaster Sonny Smyser, Pastor 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class 3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon

**Gospel Outreach Church** 

209 W. Washington Norman Keller, Pastor Gonda Manning, Co pastor 7:00 p.m. Thursday Services 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services **Victory Baptist Church** 

Of Greentop -Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A. Pastor Joshua Wesley

10:30 a.m. Worship





"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."





## Hurdland First Baptist Church

10:30 a.m. Worship Service or Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

Church

N. Elson 9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible

Locust Hill Community Church

Study designed for adults