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## 18th Annual Red, White & Blue Festival will feature four days of holiday events

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The 18th Annual Red, White and Blue Festival will be held July 1-4 in Kirksville. Themed “Living the American Dream”, the festival kicks off on Friday, July 1, with the Summer on the Square concert. Playing at 5 p.m. will be the Kirksville Community Band followed by Springfield-based The Aaron Russell Band at 7 p.m. The concerts are sponsored by Chariton Valley Association.

On Saturday, July 2, the Kiwanis Farmer’s Market will open at 7 a.m. in the 100 block of North Elson Street and a joint service clubs pancake breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Washington Street. At 8 a.m., the All American Red, White & Blue Classic Car Show will open in the downtown Cinema 8 parking lot and in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, The United Way of Northeast Missouri will be holding a pie sale and silent auction in the Bank Midwest parking lot at 201 N. Elson Street. At 10 a.m., the Red, White & Blue Parade will be held downtown.

On Sunday, July 3, the Cemetery Theatre will hold performances at the Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery at 5 p.m.

On Monday, July 4, the 6th Annual FLATS Uncle Sam 5k run/1.2-mile walk will be held at the DuKum Inn at 9 a.m.

As the evening arrives, the events will conclude with a fireworks show at North Park. (July 5 if it rains).

“This is an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends in your own backyard,” said Kirksville Tourism Director Sharon Swehla. “It’s not just one day but a weekend of events bringing the community together again. There’s something for everyone.”



Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden leads a tour of the Brashear Park neighborhood.

## Kirksville mayor gives tour of Brashear Park neighborhood

By Marty Bachman  
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Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden led a walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding Brashear Park early Wednesday evening. The event was attended by some 40 or so people who were educated on the park’s history as well as neighboring homes.

Burden, who said he was passionate about Kirksville’s neighborhoods and its history, began his talk explaining the history of the park and the man who donated the park land to the city of Kirksville, Richard Brashear. Brashear is also whom the city of Brashear is named after. Burden said that Brashear’s property in Kirksville ran from Normal to Jefferson Street between Cottage Grove and Baltimore.

“It’s a pretty good chunk of land here,” Burden said. Burden said that the city had just finished celebrating Historic Preservation month and that posts about events the city had been promoting were often tagged with “This place really matters!”



The Atterbery House at 1301 E. Normal Avenue.



The Bailey House 1213 E. Normal Avenue.

“That means so many different things for a community like ours, but when we’re talking about historic properties or historic neighborhoods or historic districts, this place matters really speaks to what it is that we’re trying to do,” he said. “We’re trying to recognize that we are tied to our history, that it gives us a sense of pride and connection to what it is that we’re doing.” Burden said that

the city has been focused on developing a sense of community in Kirksville and that the city was tackling that issue from many different directions. “Part of it is about learning more about who we are and developing some tribes,” he said. “But part of that goes on to how we build a neighborhood watch program in a modern sense.”

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## You spoke and we listened!

Dear Reader,

You spoke and we listened!

Over the course of the past few months, we have conducted a survey of Daily Express readers and have held multiple reader focus group meetings to ask you what you wanted most in your local newspaper. You responded that local news, local sports, larger print type for ease of reading, commentary and features were important to you.

You spoke and we listened!



Marty Bachman,  
Managing Editor

Beginning in today’s Kirksville Daily Express, you’re going to find not only an abundance of local news and sports, but we’ve brought back many features you once enjoyed in your newspaper as well

as added new features that we think you’re going to be pleased with as well.

In this issue, we’ve added a full-color weather report with a seven-day forecast localized to the Kirksville area. Dear Abby’s popular column returns to the pages of The Express as well as the police blotter. There’s now a weekly local history column and “Turning the Page” returns, a local This Day in History exclusive to the Kirksville area.

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## ‘Thank You For Your Service’ exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

By Press Release

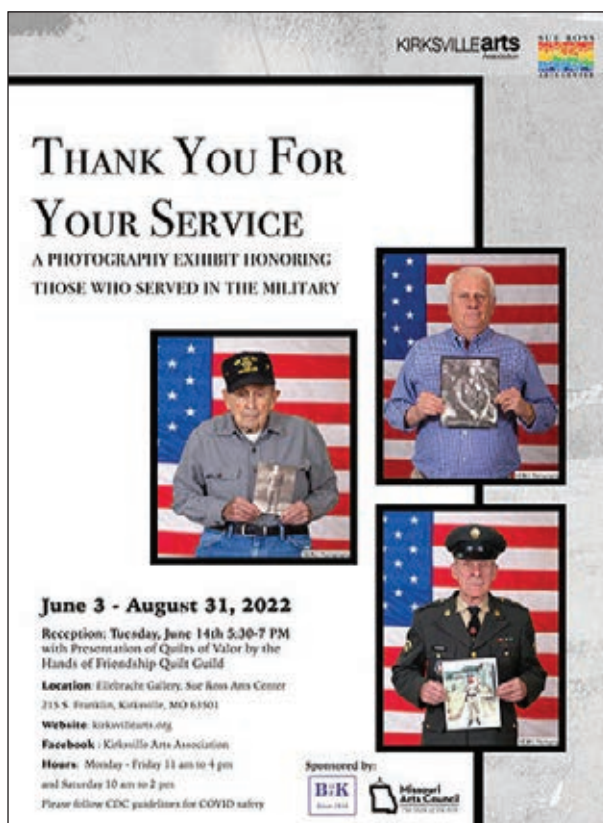
The Kirksville Arts Association is currently honoring 63 former military members from Kirksville and the surrounding area with an exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center. Photographs of the men and women will be on display in the Ellebracht Gallery from June 3 through Aug. 31. The exhibit includes local World War II veterans as well as veterans who served in Vietnam and around the world.

A reception will be held on Tuesday, June 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. At 6 p.m., the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild will present four veter-

ans with quilts to thank them for their service. Those quilts will be on display at the Sue Ross Arts Center until the evening of the reception.

The project began in February with the photographs being taken in April. Kirksville Arts wanted to recognize and thank the men and women for their service and increase community awareness of who has served in the military. Funding for this exhibit was provided by the Bank of Kirksville and the Missouri Arts Council. After the exhibit closes, the photographs will be given to the individuals who participated.

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Photographs of the men and women will be on display in the Ellebracht Gallery at the Sue Ross Arts Center from June 3 through Aug. 31.

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Olivia Coy



Chance McKim

# Mizzou Alumni Association awards scholarships

By Mizzou Alumni

The Adair Co. Chapter-Mizzou Alumni Association awarded scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year to the following students from Adair County:

Anna Eitel — 2022 Kirksville High School graduate — Mizzou Alumni Association Scholarship

Chance McKim — 2022

KHS graduate — Adair Co. Scholarship

Olivia Coy — 2022 La Plata High School graduate — Vera Faurot Burk Adair Co. Scholarship (very first recipient of this endowed scholarship)

Emma Ledford — Mizzou Sinclair School of Nursing junior (2020 KHS graduate) — Jack and Lesa McCartney Scholarship



Emma Ledford



Anna Eitel

## KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Kirksville City Council meeting

The Kirksville City Council will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 6, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

### Kirksville Planning & Zoning meeting

The city of Kirksville's Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

### Summer 'off' the Square opening concert

The Kirksville Art Association's annual Summer "off" the Square concert series continues on June 10 at 7 p.m. on the north side of the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville. Macon-based Blue Velvet will bring their big band era sound to the stage on Friday. The show is sponsored by Sparklight.

### Parks department offers free movies, dollar swims

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department is holding "Saturday's Under the Stars" Free Movies in the Park and Dollar Swim Nights beginning June 4. The movies include Encanto on June 4, Sing 2 on June 18, Spirit Untamed on July 9 and Spider-Man, No Way Home on July 23. The Dollar Swim Nights will be June 11, June 25, July 16 and July 30, all from 6-9 p.m. The movies will be at the Rotary Park amphitheater and the swims will be at the park's Aquatic Center.

### Community Learning Center to hold two June events

The Adair County SB40 Community Learning Center (CLC), 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville, will have two special fun events in June.

- Saturday, June 18 is National Picnic Day. Join them for a Picnic Carry-in and Yard Games. The CLC will provide the main dish and drinks. They ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP by Friday, June 17 at 5 p.m. to let them know that you will be coming.
- Monday, June 27, the CLC will have a special Sensory Fun Time. They have lots of fun sensory items that will be out for you to explore. Join them and try out different auditory, tactile, visual, olfactory, and vestibular items. Everyone is welcome!

### First Friday Art Gallery Reception — Gallery 104

Every first Friday of the month, Gallery 104 hosts a free public reception

in the early evening (usually 5-6:30 PM). Come by for a drink, a bite to eat, and a chat with local artists and art lovers. 104 N. Franklin Street, Kirksville.

### Chamber ribbon cutting at Lawson Hill Antique Mall

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at Lawson Hill Antique Mall Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 9 at 10 a.m. 4414 N Baltimore St Hwy 63, Kirksville.

### Nemo Shopping Extravaganza

Monthly vendor, crafters, artists and homemade goods fair. June 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street.

### Fresh Apple Pie with Ice Cream — United Way of NEMO Fundraiser

The Fresh Apple Pie with Ice Cream — United Way of NEMO Fundraiser will be held on July 2 from 8 a.m. until noon in the Bank Midwest parking lot in Kirksville. \$2 a slice, \$2 ice cream, \$3 slice and ice cream. Apple pie slices are donated by Colton's and ice cream is donated by Mark Whitney, Century 21 Lifetime Realty.

### Adair County SB40 June schedule of activities

Here are the many activities going on through Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board and throughout the community in June.

Coffee & Cards — Join your friends at the Community Learning Center (CLC) 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville, each Tuesday at 9 a.m. to play cards (or a game of your choice) and enjoy a favorite drink. They will have coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water available. If you would prefer, feel free to bring your own drink to enjoy.

Guided Art — Join Angela on Tuesday the 14th and 28th at 1 p.m. to try out new types of art and create some pieces that could be submitted in the annual art show. These are projects that have more steps and use different mediums that used during crafts.

Tuesday Fun — Come enjoy participating in game time and yard games with your friends on Tuesday the 7th and 21st at 1 p.m. They have a cabinet full of games to play or bring your favorite game to share. They love learning new ones.

Employment 101 — This class will introduce you to tools that can be used in achieving your goal of getting your dream job or improving in your

current one. They will be exploring the Charting the LifeCourse tools during this class in addition to topics such as how to interview, filling out applications, work appropriate social skills and more. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. during the month and registration is required.

Breathe Clean — Join Libbi each Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. to learn the dangers of tobacco use along with how to avoid social pressure to begin or continue using tobacco products and build self-efficacy. Registration for this class is required.

Crafts — Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., the CLC offers a fun and relaxed craft time where you can make many things while enjoying music and visiting with your friends. You never know what we will come up with and each week is a new craft!

Get Fit — Come get healthy with your friends at the CLC on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Each week the group will choose the type of fitness activity they would like to do such as going for a walk, dancing, stretching, chair exercises, yoga, and more. All of the activities, with the exception of going for walks, can be done from a seated position so don't let that stop you from coming and having fun while getting fit.

Feel Better Now — Come join trainers from the MU Extension Office on Wednesdays at 2:30-5 p.m. beginning June 15 to learn how to care for yourself in a healthy way and keep chronic pain, disease and fatigue under control by setting goals and living a healthy, active life. Registration for this class is required. This class has a limited number of seats so hurry before they are gone.

BINGO — Join them at the CLC each Friday at 10 a.m. for BINGO and win BINGO Bucks to spend in their BINGO Store. Every player will earn at least one BINGO Buck a week that they can spend immediately or save for other items. If you aren't able to join them in person, they offer a Zoom link so you can play from home. Give them a call or send an email and they will get it to you.

Lunch & Learn — Bring you lunch (and a friend ) on Fridays and join them at 11:30 a.m. to learn about ways to keep yourself and your home healthy and safe. Each week they will have a new topic to share with you!

Autism Advisory Board Meeting — If you are autistic or have a family member who is, you are invited to attend the Autism Advisory Board Meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. This group meets at the CLC.





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# Local scouts honor veterans on Memorial Day

By Troop 404

Troop 404 Senior Patrol Leader Conner King hoisted a flag at Park View Cemetery on Memorial Day. Scouts from Troop 404 raise and lower flags across Park View and Maple Hills cemeteries on

Saturday, Sunday and Memorial Day every year, as well as on other holidays to show honor and respect toward the nation's veterans and their families. Many of the flags raised are dedicated in honor and remembrance of specific veterans.



# United Way to sponsor July 2 Silent Pie Auction

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri will be sponsoring their annual Apple Pie and Ice Cream sales and Silent Pie Auction on July 2 in the Bank Midwest parking lot.

“Our United Way is pleased to announce that we will again be selling apple pie slices and ice cream and holding a Silent Pie Auction from a booth set up in Bank Midwest parking lot from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, July 2,” United Way President Ted Fushour announced. The apple pie



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is donated by Colton's and the ice cream is donated by Mark Whitney of Century 21 Lifetime Realty. “We will also be conducting a Silent Pie Auction of donated berry pies in the booth,” he said. Berry pies may be bid upon from 9 a.m. to 12 noon when the winners will be able to pick up their

pies. “Anyone who donates \$50 or more will get their pie right away without having to go through the silent bidding process,” he added. Monies raised from the event will go to the 11 agencies the United Way provides funding for each year. Those agencies include the Adair County 4H Council, Adair County Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, Community Opportunities/Sheltered Workshop, Girl Scouts, Hospice of Eastern Missouri, KIRK-TRAN, Macon Diversified Industries, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, RSVP/Senior Adult Services, and the Salvation Army.

# KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

## City still accepting applications for two citizen advisory commissions

Officials from the city of Kirksville realizes success emanates from citizen involvement. They said they are fortunate to have a diverse community, full of skilled, intelligent citizens that broaden viewpoints and approaches in various areas of local government. The city is eager to involve community-minded citizens in the process of local government through two of their many citizen advisory commissions. The city council is still accepting citizen applications for the following two positions:

- Watershed Management Commission: one position on the commission for a partial term ending in March 2023. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 3, at 5 p.m.
- Airport and Transportation Commission: one position on the commission for a full, three-year term. The new deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 10, at 5 p.m.

Visit [www.kirksvillecity.com/citizensserve](http://www.kirksvillecity.com/citizensserve) and submit your application to be considered for the opportunity to serve on these commissions. For more information, contact Wanda Cagle, city clerk, at 660-627-1225.

## Work to begin on West Fillmore and South Sixth Street intersection

The contractor for the city of Kirksville, Stanton Contracting, LLC, began work on the reconstruction of the intersection at West Fillmore and South Sixth Streets on Thursday, June 2. This project will result in the temporary closure of the intersection until approximately June 9. Traffic control will be in effect. The traveling public is strongly encouraged to use caution, drive slowly through work areas, and utilize alternate routes. For more information, please contact the Engineering Department at 660-627-1272.

## Work to begin on intersection of First and West Jefferson

The contractor for the city of Kirksville, Stanton Contracting, LLC, will begin work on the reconstruction of the intersection at West Jefferson and First streets this coming Monday, June 6. This project will result in the temporary closure of this intersection until approximately Monday, June 13. Traffic control will be in effect. The traveling

public is strongly encouraged to use caution, drive slowly through work areas, and utilize alternate routes. For more information, please contact the Engineering Department at 660-627-1272.

## Starting a Business 101 – KVYP Lunch & Learn

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## Summer 'off' the Square

The Kirksville Art Association's annual Summer on the Square concert series will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. on the north side of the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin Street in Kirksville.

Following is a list of concerts for the summer series:

June 10 — Blue Velvet, sponsored by Sparklight. Big Band Era Standards. June 17 — Keota, sponsored by Sparklight. Americana, Bluegrass, Country, Classic Rock. June 24 — No Apology, Sponsored by Sparklight. Outlaw Honky-tonk. July 1 — Aaron Russell Band, sponsored by Chariton Valley Association, Inc. & Spar-

klight. Country from 60's – 90's, Classic Rock, Gospel. July 8 — Mercy's Bridge, Sponsored by Sparklight. Uplifting Country Gospel. July 15 — Kirksville Community Band, Sponsored by Sparklight. Concert Band Music. July 22 — No Performance (NEMO Fair Week). July 29 — Pump-town Family Band, Sponsored by Sparklight. High Energy; Eclectic mix of new and old with a beat. August 5 — Bootcut, Sponsored by Lovegreen Ford & Sparklight. Southern Rock. August 12 — StoneHouse, Sponsored by Sparklight. High Energy Rock & Roll; Classic Rock. August 19 — Demi Michelle, Sponsored by Sparklight. Acoustic Country and Pop. August 26 — Deadwood, Sponsored by Sparklight. Rockin' Blues.

## Summer Candidate Forum

Join the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce and event moderator Sheri Eklof, KITE Bott Radio Network, for a Q&A session with contested candidates running for Adair County offices and District #3 state representative. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a meet and greet with candidates. The forum will begin at 6 p.m., with plans to post the recording on social media platforms the following day. This forum will be held for contested candidates of the same party whose race will be determined during the August Primary.

## Kirksville Parks & Recreation Master Plan community meetings announced

The city of Kirksville has formally kicked off the Kirksville Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2032 that will guide city-wide

parks and recreation improvements for the next 10 years. This master plan will include recommendations for advancing and maintaining the parks and recreation system that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and creates a joyful environment for all ages, abilities and backgrounds. This process

will last approximately seven months and offers multiple ways of getting involved with the project. Community open houses are planned for the public to attend and provide thoughts, ideas, and feedback. The schedule is as follows:

- Community Open House 1: June 9, 5-8 p.m. at the Kirks-

ville Aquatic Center meeting room

- Community Open House 2: Aug.17, 5-8 p.m. at the Rotary Park Ray Klingensmith Amphitheater.

For more information, contact Rodney Sadler with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

# POLICE BLOTTER: MAY 20-JUNE 1

## May 31-June 1

Assault Domestic 2nd degree, Christopher Todd Lewis, Kirksville

Leaving scene of an accident, Amber D. Johnson, Kirksville

Warrant, failure to appear, nuisance violation, Tony Alan Miller, Jr. Kirksville

## May 27-May 31

Animals running at large, Kelli Jean Simpson, Kirksville

Operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, James L. Burton-Walker, Kirksville

Receiving stolen property, (M D) Tiffany Lynelle Hodges, Kirksville

Stealing from all other (M) Luke James Lusher, Kirksville

Stealing from shoplifting, (M) Brian Christopher Fry, Kirksville

Stealing from MV, shoplifting from building, coin machine, Sanie Imeri, Kirksville,

## May 26-May 27

Driving while revoked/suspended (F D) Matthew Ricky Rice, Kirksville

Receiving stolen property, (M D) Tiffany Lynelle Hodges, Kirksville

## May 23-May 24

Stealing \$750 or more all other (F), Sharon Marie Shoop, Kirksville

Warrant-probation violation, Christopher M. Pack, Kirksville

## May 20-May 23

Driving while revoked/suspended, (F D) Matthew Ricky Rice, Kirksville

Driving while revoked/suspended 1st offense (M D), Diego Christian Cazares, Milan

Driving while revoked/suspended 1st offense, (M D), Brandon Ray Sizemore, Kirksville



Driving while revoked/suspended 1st offense, (M D), Timothy Tucker, Mexico

Driving while revoked/suspended 1st offense, (M D), Charles R. Knight, Kirksville

Driving while revoked/suspended 2nd or 3rd (M A) Corey James Casey, Keota

Driving while revoked/suspended 2nd or 3rd (M A) Nathan Alan Helm, Kirksville

No valid license, 1st offense (M), Dillon P.W. Modaff, Kirksville

Operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Pochane Anam Munkweme, Kirksville

Protective custody, David Aaron Sharrock, Kirksville,

Stealing \$750 or more all other, (F) Sharon Marie Shoop, Kirksville

Stealing from all other (M), Catherine Middleton, homeless

Warrant, Jill Lynn Brown, Kirksville

Warrant-Des Moines County, Iowa, Bethany Lee Timmerman, Kirksville

Warrant-Probation violation, Christopher M. Pack, Kirksville

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## Barefoot Weather

All through winter, we dreamed of the day we could go barefoot again. We wedged double-socked feet into rigid snow boots; our toes wriggled like worms on fishhooks. Scrunched together, covered with layers of protection, they grew soft and white. Tender.

Then spring came. Every day after school we'd beg to go outside barefoot. "Not yet!" we'd hear. We watched the thermometer, reporting the temperature like crazed weathermen: "MOM! IT'S 70 DEGREES OUT THERE!"

"The ground is still cold," she'd say. "Not yet." We grumbled and groaned and waited.

The days grew longer and brighter. The sun pulled new grass from the dirt in the yard. Sweaters were left behind on afternoon buses. Socks crept down sweaty legs.

Finally, summer came. And just when we thought out feet would spontaneously combust from the heat in our shoes, we got the go-ahead.

"Okay. Take 'em off." We were as excited as new converts at the riverbank. Our shoes were abandoned right where we stood; jumbled laces and tangled tongues littered the porch in a panting pile.

Like paroled inmates, we stumbled into the light of summer, feeling a freedom only the newly barefoot understand.

We tried to act tough—stepping onto sharp gravel with tender soles and solemn faces. It hurt, but we wouldn't show it. We knew there would be foot-related injuries in those early barefoot days. Cuts from unseen glass. Stubbed toes from uneven concrete. Stone bruises and splinters.

With each injury, we limped inside; Mom speckled our scraped skin with stinging Merthiolate and peppered our ears with warnings. But we



ROBIN LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

also knew, as sure as we knew anything, that by the end of the summer the bottoms of our feet would rival the strength and endurance of any shoe sole.

We would be able to run on rocks, climb jutting hills, and tromp through jungles of weeds without a flinch.

We gave our bare feet a chance to touch all the textures of outside: feathery blades of brilliant grass, sticky globs of highway tar, powdery clods of dried-up mud puddles.

Bees raided the clover we walked through and ants scurried for their lives as we passed.

Nothing felt better than to tunnel into cool mud with defiant toes, pushing deeply into the murky brown and hitting the solid underneath and scraping hieroglyphics across slimy slicks of dirt with digits never intended for penmanship.

The mud dried on our feet all crumbly and warm; homegrown socks we wore with pride as we ran for our bikes or the tire swing.

When it was time to come in for the night, we knew what Mom would say: "Don't you DARE come in this house with those filthy feet! Only animals run around barefoot!"

Her smile would always give her away, though. We looked down to see her thick, sturdy toes waving at us from feet that had wished for Barefoot Weather, too.

Take off your shoes this summer and remember how wonderful Barefoot Weather used to feel.

Contact Robin at  
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COLUMNIST

## An honorary diploma

Before we begin our regular commencement tonight," said combined elementary/high school principal Jim Albertson, "we have a special award to present. Will Windy Wilson please come up here on the stage with us?"

Windy looked up at the stage in the gymnasium and all he saw were black choir robes and smiles. He looked at his fellow spectators and all he saw were grins and people sitting down.

"Windy?" said Jim. Windy walked up to the stage and shook hands with the principal. "Put this on."

Windy draped a black robe around himself and put the mortarboard on his head.

Albertson pulled a piece of paper from his shirt pocket.



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"Alphonse Wilson, it is the judgment of your community and friends that no one has ever worked harder for an honorary doctor's degree. Am I right on that?"

The young graduates clapped and hooted, and so did the audience. Windy looked at the floor and blushed right through his grey beard.

"We can't give you an honorary doctorate here because

we don't have one. But your neighbors discovered that you only lacked one class to graduate from high school, and we can do something about that."

"Alphonse Wilson ... known to all as Windy ... this school ... these young graduates ... and all your friends and neighbors are proud to bestow upon you an honorary high school diploma."

Jim placed a ribbon with a medal hanging from it around Windy's neck and handed him a rolled-up certificate.

Not too many aging cowboy camp cooks and philosophers receive standing ovations, but then, there's nothing very ordinary about Windy Wilson and we all know that.

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LETTER

## Prayer at city council meetings

*Hello Dear City Councilors!*

I appreciate the work that you do for the city, and welcome the new city council members.

I am disappointed, though, that one of the first matters you are taking up as a council is debating whether or not to add prayer as part of the city's official business process, when:

The constitution is quite clear that there should be a separation of church and state. I quote as it seems to be being ignored or misinterpreted: "... make no law respecting an establishment of religion ...".

There are urgent issues that need attention which would, if addressed, actually improve the lives of Kirksville residents:

The lack of affordable housing (including provisions for transitional housing) despite a significant portion of the housing stock being unoccupied & deteriorating;

A vacuum in terms of development policy that fails to encourage sustainable, resilient economic development; for example, a lack of proactive engagement on the part of the city that has fostered the construction of three car washes (one of which is incorporated out of state and by a registered foreign corporation) rather than supporting a diverse array of businesses providing needed services & high paying jobs;

Supporting the police department's efforts to improve the security (and the perception of security) of our community.

Neither I nor any of my circle of Kirksville residents — practicing a range of faiths — have a problem with religion, nor with religious values; the Christian admonition to "love one another" is admirable, as is the Jewish belief in Tikkun olam — "to repair the world".

A founding principle of this country is that it is the Government's job to ensure all religious practices are protected and their practitioners afforded the same rights, regardless of belief. This means that the Government does not endorse, or, even worse, incorporate a particular religion into its laws, practices, or customs — even if it is a watered down christian "invocation".

Council members have plenty of opportunity to practice their faith before and after council proceedings (as do all residents — god knows we have plenty of churches in this town!). So the lack of prayer as an official Council activity is not suppressing anyone's expression of faith.

As an aside, let me note that I do understand that the US Constitution is not Kirksville City Council's founding document. And, as a thought ex-

periment, let us consider what would happen if the Council decided to pass a law violating another constitutionally protected right — to keep and bear arms!

Finally — please, dear Council members — we have much bigger fish to fry! We have increasing rates of housing and food insecurity. We have an ongoing public health crisis in terms of skyrocketing heart disease and Type II diabetes. We have an aging population increasingly at risk for economic displacement. We have kids that do not have enough to eat, secure places to live, or adequate health care. These are things that the Council should be addressing.

And, to circle back to matters of faith — not only are these matters worthy of the council's attention, putting some creative energy into addressing them would be to be taking concrete action in line with pretty much any religion's professed values of showing compassion and care for one-another. Rather than simply mouthing words.

So, please, let's focus on community well being, working to expand economic opportunity, building for resilience, rather than starting down the path towards creating a theocracy.

With kind regards,  
William Robb, Kirksville

LETTER

## Worried about the likely overturn of Roe vs.Wade

I am worried about the likely overturn of Roe vs. Wade. Without access to legal abortions, women will not only lack the ability to make a choice, but also to get the life-saving medical care many will need. Most of us not physicians: we are not in a position to determine in advance what care might be best for our neighbors (and, indeed, a good physician would also withhold judgment before examining the client).

Furthermore, if we criminalize abortion, as

Missouri's "trigger law" is set to do (should Roe be overturned), we risk subjecting all pregnant people to suspicion should they suffer any of the mishaps possible in pregnancy. If they miscarry, will they be investigated as possible secret abortionists?

When we vote in November, we should choose candidates who will help us protect our basic rights—and those of our sisters, daughters, and mothers.

Sincerely, Linda Seidel  
Kirksville

## Transit funding could finally be back on track

By Kimberly Cella

The Missouri State Legislative Session adjourned with a historic move in support of public transportation. For the first time in two decades, Missouri is set to invest \$8.7 million in transit – a sum that would be split amongst the 34 transit providers operating in the state.

This increase is critically needed – considering Missouri is ranked 45th in the nation for transit investment and had allocated only \$1.7 million each of the last four consecutive years – but it will go so much further when considering federal matches.

This funding will help provide the non-federal or local match required to enable transit providers to draw down some of the \$91 billion in federal funds earmarked for transit as part of the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Federal funding support requires a 50:50 match for transit operations and an 80:20 match for capital programming. Missouri transit providers have been working diligently to identify local funding sources through sales tax, private contracts and more, but the most significant missing link up to this point had been the lack of

state funding. This would be the case no more.

Missouri could finally be back on track. Funding would help expand transit accessibility and continue allowing transit providers to deliver millions of rides annually so Missourians can gain access to jobs, healthcare needs, education, goods and services.

Thank you to those who stood in support of transit. This will be a very big win if Governor Parson signs it into law.

Kimberly Cella, executive  
director of Citizens for Modern  
Transit and the Missouri Public  
Transit Association

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OBITUARIES

Gary Davis

July 16, 1940 – May 28, 2022

Gary David Davis, age 81 of Kirksville, MO passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Boone County Hospital in Columbia, MO with his family by his side.



Gary was born on July 16, 1940, in Fulton, MO the son of Elizabeth Jane Davis. He was raised in Callaway County and attended the local schools there. Gary was united in marriage to Connie McKeehan on December 4, 1987. The couple made their home in Plymouth, IL and later moved to the family farm near Green Castle, MO before retiring in 2005 and moving to Kirksville, MO. Gary was an over-the-road truck driver for many years and enjoyed working at Car Mart for the past 7 years. He also loved being in the outdoors; gardening and watching the squirrels and other animals. Gary enjoyed camping and attending the Missouri State Fair. He was a member of the Hamilton Street Baptist Church in Kirksville, MO.

Gary is survived by his wife, Connie Davis of Kirksville, his daughter Michelle (Shane) Weber of Kirksville, his son Matthew (Melissa) Davis of Puyallup, WA, his grandchildren; Mericoh and Reece Weber, Brayden, Gracen and Hadlie Davis, 1 brother, and his sister-in-law Cheryl Bragg along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers; Donnie, Mindred, Richard and his sister Virginia.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 5:00 pm at Casady-Luscan Funeral Solutions in Green Castle, MO with Pastor Virgil Jones officiating. The family will greet visitors from 4:00 pm until the service time. Memorials have been designated to the family's choice and can be left at or mailed to the funeral home. Casady-Luscan Funeral Solutions is honored to minister to and care for the Davis family at this time.

Christopher Taylor

Nov. 17, 1975 – May 27, 2022

Christopher Wesley Taylor, 46 years old, of Green City, Missouri, passed away Friday, May 27, 2022. He was born November 17, 1975 in Kirksville, Missouri to Wesley and Sara Taylor of Browning, Missouri.



Chris spent the first part of his life in Wilton, Iowa before moving to Milan, Missouri in 1978. He graduated from Milan C-2 high school with class of 1995. There he was a proud member of the 1993 Milan Wildcats state champion football team where he caught the first touchdown pass of the championship game. He went on to attend North Central Missouri College graduating in 1997.

On September 10, 2005 he married Charity Reid of Green City, Missouri. To this union four children were born. Cooper, born in 2009, and the Taylor Triplets, Carter, Clare and Chloe in 2016. Chris was a life-long farmer and enjoyed working alongside his brother and dad driving red tractors. He also had a passion for coaching youth sports including his kids' baseball, softball & basketball teams and was a mentor to anyone in a yellow shirt. Chris was a member of the First Baptist Church of Green City & The Green City Baseball/Softball Association. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Denver Broncos, St. Louis Cardinals but was the biggest fan of his children's Green City Gophers teams.

Chris is survived by his wife, Charity; two sons Cooper and Carter; two daughters Clare and Chloe. His parents Sara and Rick Gardner and Wesley and Julie Taylor. His brothers: Nick (Ashlee)Taylor, Matthew (Carrie) Taylor, his sisters: Fallon Gardner (Phill), Jessica (Robert) Vierhout and Danielle (Jason) Lutz. In-laws Barry and Elaine Reid; one sister-in-law Anna (Phillip) Nordmeyer. Nieces and nephew: Tori, Lancey, Maelyn, Everley, Taylor, Austin, Leah, Laney and Jonathan. As well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Surviving grandparents: Louise and Glenn Berner and Phyllis Riddle.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ronald and Carole Lantz, Wendell Riddle, Farrell Taylor, Robert Jipp and John and Virginia Fields.

Chris' most cherished times were spent with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He will be remembered for his big heart & willingness to help wherever he was needed. He will be missed and remembered by many.

A funeral service for Chris will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Ruschmeier Funeral Home in Green City. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, East of Green City. There is no scheduled visitation, but friends may come by the funeral home Wednesday, from 8:00 AM until the time of the service to sign the register.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Taylor children's education.

Frank 'Frankie' Williams

June 21, 1936 – May 31, 2022

Frank "Frankie" Williams, 85, of Kirksville, Mo. passed away peacefully on May 31, 2022, at Northeast Regional Hospital, Kirksville surrounded by his loving family. Born on June 21, 1936, in Adair, MO, he was son of the late Glen and Annabel (Higgins) Williams.



Frank graduated from Brashear High School, class of 1954 and went on to attend Kirksville State Teachers' College on a music scholarship. On August 20, 1955, he was united in marriage to his beloved wife Roberta Barbara (Eskra) Williams.

As a young man, Frank worked with his father Glen at Williams Construction and later retired from Truman State University, but he was best known as a talented country music piano player. His love of music was credited to his mother who taught him piano and began entering him in talent shows at the age of five. At the age of eight he learned the fiddle and played at local square dance events. He often shared that his mother was his greatest cheerleader and instilled the confidence required to perform on stage. During his early career as a musician, Frankie toured many states, recorded on several albums, performed in a variety of music venues from Nashville to Kansas City, and worked with numerous well-known country music entertainers. In later years, Frankie performed locally with the Iron Horse Band and for over thirty years with the Mystery Train Band. He recorded many piano albums that were distributed locally. After his retirement from performing, Frankie enjoyed spending his leisure time at the keyboard, recording music in his home studio and visiting and storytelling with his many family members and friends.

Above all, Frank was a beloved husband, dad, grandfather, and entertainer. In his final days he often mentioned the many blessings bestowed upon his life which included his wife of sixty-six years, Barbara, his six children and their families, and having the opportunity to spend a lifetime playing the piano and entertaining others. He will be deeply missed.

Survivors: He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Barbara; children, Patrick (Lisa) of Kirksville, Vickie (Rick Torres), of Kirksville, Danny (LaDonna) of Kirksville, John (Kelly) of Columbia, MO, Joe (Michael Jacobs) of Bethlehem Pa., and Tim (Maria) of Panama City, Fl. Thirteen grandchildren, Kelli (Jesse) Cash, Rachel (Brian) Roettger, Lindsey Williams, Joseph Williams, Anthony Sollars, Joseph Sollars, Katie (Luis) Mendez, Matt (Kristie) Williams, Chris (Tamisha) Williams, Nick Williams, Matt Williams, Luke Williams and Shane Williams; Fourteen great grandchildren; Brother-in-law Frank (Joann) Eskra, niece Patty (Jerry) Teague, and nephews John (Sally) Williams, Mark (Sandy) Eskra Todd (Muffet) Eskra and Mark (Lisa) Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents Glen and Annabel (Higgins) Williams, brother John Williams, sisters-in-law Barbara (Lipper) Williams and Helen (Eskra) Russell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 2 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2022, in Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Kirksville, MO. There will be no visitation. Msgr. Marion Makarewicz will officiate the services.

Entombment will be in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum in Park View Memorial Gardens in Kirksville, MO.

Casket bearers will be his grandsons. Honorary bearers will be his granddaughters.

Music will be provided by Jannell Stephens, Sherri Ray and Jolene Sparks.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be made to the Friends of St. Mary's Church in Adair, MO. Memorials may be left at or mailed to Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Edina, MO 63537.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, Edina, MO.

TOUR

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Burden explained that Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson has been encouraging neighbors to get to know one another better, putting together neighborhood watch programs that not only prevent crime, but connect people with one another.

"A well-connected neighborhood is a safer neighborhood," Burden said. "A neighborhood where you know your neighbors and are looking out for everybody is the kind of connected, warm and safe place that we all want to be a part of.

He said that the Brashear Park neighborhood, which sits just a mile or more from downtown, was once considered to be out in the countryside.

"This was way out in the boonies," Burden said about the location.

Originally, Brashear Park was the home of the Columbian School of Osteopathy Medicine and Surgery, which stood in what is now the northwest corner of the park. Burden said that while most people are familiar with A.T. Still and the osteopathic school he founded in the city, in 1897, Dr. M.L. Ward, who graduated in the first class of A.T. Still's American School of Osteopathy, founded the competing school, which was built by Brashear on land donated to the new school.

The Columbian school was a three-story building with a large dome on top and the land surrounding it was called "Mt. Brashear. The school was short-lived, graduating only three classes and closing its doors in 1900. Burden said that after the school closed, all of those students transferred to the American Osteopathic school where they completed their degrees.

Burden said that after a lengthy court



The Brashear Home at 1318 E. Normal Avenue.

battle, the property was returned to Brashear and he later donated the land to the city of Kirksville, which made it Brashear Park. The building, for a time, served as a clubhouse for a couple of organizations but it eventually burned down.

"This was our first true purpose dedicated park," Burden said.

He said that there was a time when the park became a "travelers" park where people from out of town would camp and that at one time, they petitioned the city leaders to build fireplaces so big bonfires could warm the people camped in the park.

"Our town has always been a welcoming place that brings people in through its different industries," Burden said. "Osteopathic medicine brought people here by the thousands. We have an organization called the Sojourners Club that was originally founded to support those who sojourn here."

He said that eventually the park began to transition into a true park in a traditional sense with a croquet court and a pool installed featuring a statue and fountain in the middle.

"You have to think about what a park symbolizes for everybody," Burden said. "A chance to meet up with somebody, a chance for kids to roam and play and have a good time, a chance for families to get together and reconnect."

Burden then led the gathered crowd a block down from the park to the Attebery House at 1301 E. Normal Avenue, which was built around 1941 by renowned architect

Irwin Dunbar, whose architecture is prevalent in Kirksville neighborhoods. He said that at the time it was built, there was only one other home in the neighborhood, the Brashear home a block up the road. The home has dormer windows, a bay window and black walnut wood interior features including a curving stairway, paneling with built-in shelves around the fireplace and corner cabinets in the utility room.

A second home visited was the Bailey house at 1213 E. Normal Avenue, which was also built in 1941. Floyd B. Bailey and his brother, opened the airport in Millard that is now the Kirksville Airport. The home is mostly red brick on a large lot.

"This gorgeous building has a whole lot of architectural details that you won't find anywhere else," Burden said.

The final stop was across from the Brashear house that was built in 1882 and now, a bed and breakfast, looks almost like the original home. He said that the Brashear family lived in the home through 1963 and that the last Brashear to live there was Dr. Minnie Brashear, who was born in 1874, the oldest daughter of Richard and Margaret.

As the audience stood outside the entrance to Brashear Park, across from the Brashear home, Burden ended the tour by making note of the park's entrance arch, which was originally erected in 1954, and the landscaping around the arch that was done by the Master Gardeners.

LISTENED

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We've added a Saturday Editorial page with opinions and letters from local readers and expanded calendar and news brief sections. We've also brought on the national news favorite, "News of the Weird," which provides head-shaking news stories from throughout the world.

On Saturdays we've added an Outdoors page and an Agricultural page. On Wednesday we're publishing a Business page and Health page, sections that our readers felt were important.

You spoke and we listened! Stories about local people, places and events will continue to be our primary mission giving you the information and news as it happens that you want and need. By standardizing which days and where in the paper you can find specific sections and features, we

SERVICE

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The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville. The hours that the exhibit can be viewed is Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday evenings 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The

art center is closed on major holidays.

There is no charge to visit the exhibit and children are welcome. Due to the popularity of this exhibit, plans are being made to honor additional former military members next year. For more information on this exhibit or to sign up for a future exhibit, contact Candace Riedel at 660 665-0500.

Marty Bachman  
Managing Editor

History of Adair County,  
Part 1 – The Beginning

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical Society  
and Museum

Did you know Missouri was once owned by Napoleon Bonaparte? That North Missouri was once inhabited by the Missouria and Ioway Native American tribes, among others? That Missouri started out with only five big counties? That where we live was once a part of Howard County?

In order to tell the history of Adair County, we have to go way back to the Native Americans who originally occupied this territory, commonly and mistakenly called Indians.

Even the State of Missouri and the Missouri River take their names from a Native American Tribe called THE MISSOURIA. The name means “Big Canoe People.”

The Missouria Tribe also called themselves “People of the River Mouth” as they traditionally settled at the mouth of where two rivers came together. And, this was true when they lived along the Missouri River. They were once a proud and powerful tribe who controlled traffic and trade along much of the Missouri River and its tributaries.

In fact, Missouri was inhabited by several Native American tribes from which other states also took their names, such as the Ioway and Illini tribes.

You might wonder what happened to the Missouria Tribe. War with other tribes and a smallpox outbreak caused the Missouria Tribe to be diminished to fewer than 100 by the early 1800s. They formed an alliance with another tribe called the Otoe in order to survive. They became the Otoe-Missouria tribe.

Eventually, the Missouria were talked into ceding all their land in Missouri to the US government who put them on a reservation in Nebraska where they were treated poorly. They were not allowed to hunt, their land was sold off, the government did not provide for them as promised, and their children starved. They finally moved to Oklahoma where a remnant of the Missouria Tribe still exists. They are officially the Otoe-Missouria Tribe based in Red Rock, Oklahoma.

Before Missouri became a state, it was alternately owned by both the French and the Spanish, and we had different names. At



times, we were called New France, then Northern Louisiana and then the Missouri Territory. In 1800, we were actually under the rule of Napoleon, but hardly anyone noticed, not even Napoleon himself, because he had enough problems ruling his empire in Europe to worry about the land he owned in the New World.

A map of the United States looked very small at that time as it only extended from the east coast to the Mississippi River.

When Napoleon needed money to fight the British, he decided to sell his land holdings in America (all of which he called Louisiana) to the United States. So, in 1803, the transaction was made with President Thomas Jefferson for \$15 million US dollars, and it was called the Louisiana Purchase. This purchase was very desirable to Thomas Jefferson because it gave the US control of the Mississippi River and the Port of New Orleans which was very significant in those days. So, now, the land that would become Missouri was a part of the United States, but we were not a state yet, just a territory.

While Missouri was still a territory, many explorers came through the area, particularly the French and Spanish. They searched for good hunting grounds, the best places to make settlements, and for mapping purposes. Of course, the best places always centered around the waterways. And, there were many tributaries of the Missouri River to explore.

One of these tributaries was significant to what would become Adair County. It is a river in the center of north Missouri, 218 miles long, which begins south of Des Moines, Iowa; passes through Adair County about eight miles west of Kirksville, and empties into the Missouri River near Keytesville, Mo. There are different stories or legends as to how that river got its name. Perhaps it was

named by French explorers who found the river confusing and called it a “charlatan.” But, today, we call it the Chariton River.

While Missouri was still a Territory, aspiring to be a state, its center was St. Louis, and the whole territory was divided into only 5 counties:

- 1. Cape Girardeau County
- 2. St. Charles County
- 3. St. Louis County
- 4. St. Genevieve County
- 5. New Madrid County

Of course, these five counties covered very large areas, much of which was unsettled. As pioneers came into the Missouri Territory, more counties were created to make it easier to govern.

In 1816, Howard County was formed out of parts of St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, and where Adair County is now became a part of Howard County. Howard County extended from where it is today, north to the Iowa line. A land office was established in Howard County’s seat which was Fayette. People who wanted to buy land anywhere in this northeast section of the Missouri Territory had to go to Fayette. All of the initial land purchases for Adair County came out of Fayette.

On August 10, 1821, Missouri became the 24th State in the Union, and we were no longer a territory. BUT, the formation of Adair County was still 20 years away.

The Missouri government encouraged the settlement of north Missouri because the more people and businesses, the better the commerce for the state.

But, the government found there was one big problem standing in the way of the settlement of the northern part of the state – the Native Americans! The white settlers feared for their safety in territory mostly occupied by Native Americans. So, the natives had to go!

(Next time: How did the government get the Native Americans to leave northern Missouri? Surely not with bribery!)

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

100 Years Ago, May 31, 1922

Production output at Kirksville’s International Shoe Factory reached a record high of 4,000 pair of shoes per day. After a request came from company headquarters, Superintendent Derby and factory workers were determined they could surpass the 4,000 pair per day. The superintendent attributed the outstanding output to the company’s policy of retaining skilled employees and training new hires. Nearly all factory employees were paid on the piece scale and found they were making more money than ever before.

90 Years Ago, May 30, 1932

Memorial Day services were held in Kirksville’s Forest Cemetery under the auspices of the American Legion Post assisted by the Boy Scouts. These two groups along with a firing squad from Company K formed on the east side of the Adair County Courthouse and marched to the cemetery. The event was attended by four of Adair County’s thirteen living Civil War Veterans.

80 Years Ago, June 4, 1942

In the midst of World War II, seventeen young men who were students at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery (A.T. Still University) and Kirksville State Teachers College (Truman State University) were sworn in to the Army’s Air Force Enlisted Reserve.

60 Years Ago, June 4, 1962

Local volunteers continued their search of the rain swollen Chariton River at Youngstown for the body of Dennis Eugene “Smokey” Pearson, 29, of Greentop. Pearson and his seven-year-old son, Dwight, were fishing on the east bank of the Chariton the previous day. Pearson’s line became snagged, and as



he stood up to release it, the rain slippery bank on which Pearson was standing gave way, and he slid into the river. His son and other witnesses, Bill Findling, John Tomich, and Hal Holloway, said that Pearson made his way downriver about 150 yards before disappearing in the muddy, foaming water. His body was found the next day by local farmer, Ted Sevits, about an eighth of a mile downstream from where he disappeared. Pearson left a wife and four children.

60 Years Ago, May 31, 1962

An FBI investigation was launched into the May 22, 1962, crash of Continental Airlines, flight 22 north of Unionville, MO, that killed all 45 passengers and crew members. The FBI learned that Thomas M. Doty, 34, an unemployed Kansas City cosmetic company employee, purchased three life insurance policies totaling \$275,000 before boarding flight 22. It was also learned that Doty was scheduled to appear in a Kansas City court three days after the crash on a robbery charge. The jet airliner that was bound from Chicago to Los Angeles with a stop in Kansas City exploded in midair around 9:30 p.m. The Civil Aeronautics Board had concluded its portion of the crash investigation and determined that a bomb like device exploded in the rear washroom of the Boing 707 aircraft ripping the tail portion from the fuselage.

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June Dairy Month: Ninety and on the MOOVE!

By Special to The Express

It is one of our favorite times of the year! June Dairy Month honors hardworking farmers who produce wholesome dairy foods. While dairy’s great taste is reason enough to celebrate, 2022 marks a milestone anniversary for St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC), the organization charged with promoting dairy on behalf of farmers in Missouri and Illinois. Our “Ninety and on the MOOVE,” campaign designed to celebrate the 90-year milestone, reflects how the dairy industry and promotion efforts continue to move forward.

Dairy Farmers Moving Forward

1923 was a game-changer for many farmers with the debut of the first milking machine, the Surge Milker. Farmers were filling milk cans (which could weigh 110 pounds each) and lugging them to storage, then loading them onto a truck once it was time for delivery. The “bulk milk tank” invention around 1948, freed farmers from the time consuming and backbreaking work of hauling milk cans. In the late 1990s, cows began to milk themselves (sort of) with the development of automatic milking parlors or robotic milkers. It’s fascinating to see the industry’s progress over the years and to be able to share these practices with students who may never step foot on a dairy farm.

The Dairy Case Moving Forward

The dairy industry continues to evolve and deliver new and improved products that address the shifting needs and priorities of consumers. Basic dairy options, such as low-fat milk, vanilla yogurt, and sliced cheddar cheese, have been on the shelves for decades and continue to provide 13 essential nu-



trients. High protein yogurt, ultra-pasteurized milk with an extended shelf life and fermented dairy (packed full of healthy bacteria), are all examples of innovative products that consumers are asking for. Families can choose from a variety of dairy products to meet their taste and nutritional goals.

St. Louis Dairy Council Moving Forward

Since 1932, SLDDC has brought the story of dairy foods and farmers to life through local education programs. During its nine decades, Dairy Council programs have included milking demonstrations, butter churning, signage on public transportation vehicles, and even celebrity cow milking contests. Though the milking demonstrations of the early 1940s have given way to virtual classroom presentations and interactive displays, the organization remains committed to dairy promotion that is real, relevant and responsive. Today we promote the healthfulness of dairy in an engaging and personal way by sharing the latest research, partnering with schools and community organizations and connecting with consumers via traditional and social media.

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How agricultural technology can help improve sustainability

By Special to The Express

Sustainable agriculture is an approach to farming that will allow modern farmers to meet the needs of a growing population while enhancing environmental quality. That can benefit both current and future generations, and technology will play a vital role in realizing the goals of sustainable agriculture.

According to the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, sustainable agriculture is designed to meet the needs of the present without compromising future generations’ ability to meet their own needs. That’s a worthy goal, especially in the face of a growing global population that the United Nations estimates will increase by two billion persons by 2050.

There are numerous benefits to utilizing sustainable agriculture technology, which can be especially advantageous to modern farmers.

Efficient land management

Modeling technologies can be utilized to make more efficient use of land. According to Sustainable Brands, a global community of brand innovators, modeling technologies can be employed in a host of ways, including to identify tillage practices and the status of tile drainage. Certain agricultural technologies have been designed to predict the performance of cropland, which can allow farmers to more effectively and efficiently use their land. Farmers also can employ modeling technologies to determine soil health and water needs and usage, which can benefit the land and ensure resources aren’t wasted. Utilization of such technologies ensures farmers can meet the needs of modern consumers without affecting future farmers’ ability to do the same.

Reduce runoff

The United States Environmental Protection Agency notes that runoff

poses a significant threat to the environment. When runoff occurs, fertilizer, bacteria and other pollutants find their way into streams, rivers, lakes, and the ocean. Sustainable Brands notes that nanotechnology is an efficient way to deliver nutrients to crops that can improve both the efficacy of the nutrients and reduce runoff.

Protect crops

Sustainable Brands notes that agricultural biologicals are inputs derived from natural materials that have low toxicity. That low toxicity reduces their environmental impact. Agricultural biologicals utilize the properties of such things as bacteria, fungi and even insects to support healthy crops, potentially improving yield without adversely affecting the environment.

Sustainable agriculture technologies can help modern farmers and their successors meet the needs of a rapidly growing global population.

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# National Forecast Saturday

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Shows	S-torms	Rain	Flurries	Snow	Ice	Cold Front	Warm Front	Stationary Front					
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Sunrise/Sunset	
Sunrise today .....	5:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight .....	8:35 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday .....	5:42 a.m.
Sunset Sunday .....	8:36 p.m.

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<b>Full</b> Jun 14	
<b>Last</b> Jun 20	
<b>New</b> Jun 28	

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Burlington, IA	81/62/c	78/64/t	Albuquerque	89/63/s	89/64/s		
Cape Girardeau	83/58/pc	84/67/pc	Anchorage	78/57/s	74/51/s		
Carbondale	83/57/pc	83/65/pc	Atlanta	86/67/s	85/68/pc		
Cedar Rapids	76/58/sh	75/59/t	Baltimore	83/60/s	80/60/pc		
Champaign	83/60/s	84/63/pc	Billings	71/54/c	70/50/sh		
Chicago	71/59/c	79/62/t	Birmingham	87/68/s	86/71/s		
Columbia	81/61/c	80/64/t	Boise	65/55/sh	70/51/sh		
Danville	81/60/s	85/64/pc	Boston	73/56/pc	73/57/pc		
Davenport	78/61/c	79/62/t	Buffalo	66/50/s	69/58/c		
Decatur	82/60/pc	81/64/c	Charleston, SC	83/68/t	82/69/t		
Des Moines	79/62/t	74/62/sh	Charleston, WV	80/52/s	84/61/pc		
Evansville	83/58/s	85/67/pc	Charlotte	84/62/pc	83/61/s		
Galesburg	80/61/c	79/63/t	Cleveland	70/54/pc	79/63/c		
Green Bay	70/53/pc	67/55/c	Columbia	83/65/c	84/66/s		
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Rockford	71/57/c	78/63/c	Little Rock	84/63/c	85/70/t		
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**DEAR ABBY:** My dad, who is nearing 80, has been married to my stepmom, "Ruth," for nearly 35 years. She has always been temperamental and controlling to a degree, but during the last few years it has become abundantly clear that she's emotionally abusive to my dad.

Twenty years ago, I moved to another coast, and although Dad wanted to visit, the decision was always up to Ruth, so they never did. However, when it comes to her immediate family, Dad is required to attend every event. During COVID I moved just a few states away, and that's when I got the full picture. Ruth took away Dad's cellphone and sold his car, so he is virtually stuck. She will not even let him mention purchasing a vehicle. He's an artist, and she never "allowed" him to get a studio.

The list is long, sad and frustrating. He forbids me to confront her, but it is giving me daily stress because I love my dad and I fear her control is something he has grown accustomed to. Any advice? -- *DISTRESSED DAUGHTER IN THE SOUTH*

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** As repugnant as the situation may be to you, I do not think you should try to reduce your stress by creating more for your father. He has forbidden



you from confronting his wife about her hypercontrolling behavior, and you should respect his wishes. I don't have to like it; you don't have to like it. But this is what your father has been willing to accept for the last 35 years. He and only he could have put a stop to it or left her if he had really wanted to.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a college student who broke up with my long-term high school boyfriend a few months ago. He was a cheating dirtbag, so I moved on quickly. I have been enjoying the single life, but now find myself in a bit of a love triangle.

"Derek" is blond and short, and loves to go to the gym. He's kind and attentive, and he seems to care very much for me. He invited me to his formal dance, but I turned him down because I didn't know him very well. He didn't take anyone else even though he had plenty of time to find a date. My friend at the dance said he didn't even talk to another girl, so I know he's very loyal already.

The other contender, "Shay," is taller and has dark hair. He has kind, blue eyes and a shy personality, although with me he really opens up and talks. He always checks in to see how I'm doing when I've had a rough day. In the simplest terms, he puts up with my nonsense. He has seen me at some of my worst moments and still showed compassion.

I'm genuinely torn between these two and don't know how to choose because I don't want to lose either of them. What do I do? -- **BOY CRAZY IN IOWA**

**DEAR BOY CRAZY:** I have good news. Because nowhere in your letter did you mention that either of these young men have asked you for an exclusive relationship, you do not "have" to make a difficult choice. Some people like both chocolate AND vanilla ice cream. I suggest you be honest with them and enjoy seeing them both until the answer to your question becomes obvious. (Feel free to write me again if you meet a handsome redhead.)

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More than 800 New Yorkers aged 75 and older are going to get a new friend, *The Verge* reported. The New York State Office for the Aging is distributing robot companions named ElliQ, built by Israeli company Intuition Robotics, to help with social isolation -- for example, engaging in small talk and helping contact loved ones. "It focuses on what matters to individuals: memories, life validation, interactions with friends and families," said NYSOA director Greg Olsen. Intuition Robotics said ElliQ can project empathy and form bonds with users, even cracking jokes for users who tend to laugh a lot.

A man in Japan identified as Toko has spent almost \$16,000 to make himself look like a collie, fulfilling his dream and depleting his savings in one fell swoop, Wionews reported. Toko contracted with a professional company called Zeppet, which makes sculptures and costumes for movies and amusement facilities, to create a costume that is extremely realistic. It took 40 days to build. "I made it a collie because it looks real when I put on," Toko said. "Long-haired dogs can mislead the human figure. I met such a condition and made collie, my favorite breed of dog."

According to the Conrad Public School District in Conrad, Montana, there's an old law on the books that stipulates that a school principal is responsible for feeding and tending a horse if a student rides it to school. On May 23, WTHR-TV reported, 12 students at Conrad High School put the statute to the test, riding their steeds up to the school and leaving them in the care of Principal Raymond DeBruycker throughout the school day. Apparently DeBruycker had no time to comment while he kept his charges watered and fed and (presumably) mucked the parking lot.

In South Sudan, inmates at a military camp have a new jailbird to get to know -- or maybe that should be "jailsheep." NBC Montana reported that the ram was arrested and convicted in May of murdering an African woman "by hitting her in the ribs and the old woman died immediately," said police chief Major Elijah Mabor. "The owner is innocent, and the ram is the one who perpetrated the crime, so it deserves to be arrested." However, the owner has also been ordered to pay five cows to the victim's family.

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# Putnam’s Gage Pearson selected as 2022 Daily Express Baseball Player of the Year

By Austin Miller  
Daily Express

Gage Pearson felt the expectations this spring. “I’m not gonna lie to you, I was stressed coming in this year,” Pearson said.

After his huge individual season and as Putnam County made the Final Four last year, there was plenty of weight on his shoulders. The Midgets just missed a trip back to the Final Four, but there was no drop-off for Pearson and the Midgets. Putnam went 18-3, made the state quarterfinals, but lost a 3-2 game to eventual Class 2 champion Russellville. That was a team the Midgets beat earlier in the season.

Pearson proved he was no one-hit-wonder. His offensive stats this year were nearly identical to his from last year. He hit .571 with 10 doubles, six homers, 32 RBI and 26 runs scored.

And on the mound, Pearson found a way to be even better. He dropped his ERA down nearly two points, finishing at 0.682 through 51.1 innings. He struck 107 batters out and walked just seven. Though there was plenty of stiff competition, those numbers set up Pearson to be the 2022 Daily Express Baseball Player of the Year.

“He gets a lot of attention for the things he does pitching — and rightfully so — but I really think he’s probably a better hitter than he is a pitcher,” said Putnam coach Blane Robinson. “He commands the strike zone well. If people are pitching him outside, he knows to shoot the ball that way. ... He’s



Daily Express file photos of Putnam County’s Gage Pearson. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

just a complete hitter. He hits over .500 for two years in a row. Numbers don’t lie.

“There’s nobody more fun to watch hit,” Robinson said. “When he goes to take swings in the cage, everybody stops and watches — whether they’re supposed to be taking cuts off the tee on their own or whatever. When he’s up in the cage, people listen. It’s must-see action when he’s swinging the bat.”

His biggest focus for pitching this year was better command and more velocity. He added a few miles an hour to his fastball this spring, topping out at 90 mph. His max last spring was 87 mph. A stronger fastball made his other pitches better.

Locating them more efficiently was also huge. Pearson wanted to throw any pitch — fastball, curveball, or cutter — for a strike in a 3-2 count. He felt like he reached that point, which made him so tough to hit.

“(Catcher) Zach (Heidenwith) would set up somewhere and I felt like I could hit a spot with any pitch I had,” said Pearson, who will play at Southeastern Commu-

nity College. “That was a good feeling.”

“He never struggled commanding the strike zone, but last year (he threw) predominantly fastball. He never really could get a feel for his off-speed stuff,” Robinson said. “This year, he really did command everything. You fall behind in the count, the hitter starts looking fastball in areas they can hit. He was still able to keep them off-balance and pitch backward.”

Pearson said his velocity increase didn’t come from more time in the weight room. With Putnam’s basketball team going on the run it did, he didn’t have much extra time to lift. Instead, basketball season conditioned him more. That’s what he attributes his pitching improvements to.

“Playing catch and long toss were great, but I think I was in the best shape, cardio-wise, coming out of basketball. I was in tip-top running shape because we ran all the time,” Pearson said. “I was in great shape and I feel like that really contributed to the way I pitched.”

To strengthen them-



er innings and his pitch count’s getting up there, if I go out there and have a mound visit, he says, ‘No, I’m good.’ He wants that darn thing. He wants to compete. He wants that pressure and he wants his teammates to feel like they can depend on him. He was that all four of his years for me, but especially his junior and senior years.”

He tossed a complete-game shutout to beat St. Joseph Christian for a conference title, allowing two hits and striking out 17 along the way. He hit a mammoth home run in that game that Robinson thinks is still in orbit somewhere. Pearson had to be nearly perfect to beat Scotland County for district gold, going the distance in another shutout with 14 strikeouts and three runners allowed.

He was still solid in the state quarterfinals against Russellville. He allowed four hits, one walk and two earned runs in 6.2 innings. He fanned 14 batters. He gave up a homer in the third inning, which Robinson thinks might’ve been the only one he gave up in his career.

So it still eats at Pearson and the Midgets that they couldn’t get back to the Final Four. Pearson followed the Class 2 tournament as it unfolded earlier this week. He wasn’t surprised that Russellville won the whole thing.

With some time now separating that loss, Pearson’s able to look back at the legacy left by him and his teammates.

“My career, it was what I dreamed of,” Pearson said. “Obviously I wanted to try and make an impact on the community and on Putnam County. We were just a spot on the map before, but now our name’s kind of out there. Putnam County, we’ve made a good name for ourselves. I hope they continue that tradition with the future kids coming up.”

After the state semifinal loss to Marionville last year, Pearson talked to the players afterward before Robinson could join them. He helped reset everyone for the third-place game the next day.

There was no next game following the Russellville loss this year, but Pearson, tears and all, spoke to his guys, thanked them for the ride, and offered encouragement for the Midgets who will return in 2023. That leadership is what Robinson hopes can remain with the program, taken on in a new vessel.

“Just how much heart he put into this program and his teammates, he treated them all like brothers — that’s the stuff that will stick with me more than anything,” Robinson said.

## Miller: Farewell after four great years of sports

By Austin Miller  
Daily Express

I never wanted to write a column.

When I first started in Kirksville in the spring of 2018, former Daily Express Editor Jason Hunsicker asked me a handful of times to consider a column. But I’ve never been interested in opinion writing. My preference was always to have the athletes and coaches be the focal point of my stories — not me.

So that’s one of the weird parts about my upcoming departure from the Daily Express. Seeing news stories from local outlets — including a Daily Express front page last week — about my move to the city feels strange.

But with four years at the Daily Express coming to a close this week for me, I have so many fond memories to look back on. So that’s what I’d prefer to highlight in this farewell column.

Looking back over the years, I covered 16 state track champions, four Final Four teams in baseball and basketball, three softball Final Fours, two state wrestling champions, an Elite Eight men’s basketball team, a ton of district titles and so many great people.

I can’t overstate how fortunate I was to be there. I had the best seat in the house for so many important moments. Hopefully, I did them justice with stories and photos.

I had only been on the job for a few weeks when Green City hosted La Plata in a state quarterfinal baseball game in 2018. Seeing those communities fill every inch of space to watch that game was a strong view of how passionate people are here.

Green City won that game and advanced to the first Final Four in program history. I got to tag along for the ride. I was there the following year when

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## The 2022 All-Express Baseball Team

By Austin Miller  
Daily Express

**Alex Alton, Macon, senior, OF/P:** Alton made a major splash in his only season at Macon. He hit .524 and had a .600 on-base percentage. Alton had nine doubles, three triples, 15 RBI and 25 runs scored. He moved his way up the Tigers’ lineup as he proved how good he was. And Alton was a reliable relief arm, picking up two saves. Alton will play collegiately at Moberly Area Community College.

**Vince Dale, Scotland County, freshman, SS/P:** Based on his first season in Memphis, Tiger fans should have fun watching Dale for years to come. He stepped in this spring and hit .373 with a .500 on-base and .644 slugging percentage. He had 13 RBI and 11 runs scored out of the Tigers’ No. 3 spot in the lineup.

**Robert Dooley, Knox County, sophomore, 3B/2B:** Doolley had a monster season en route to being the Lewis & Clark Conference’s MVP. He



Daily Express file photo of Scotland County’s Vince Dale. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

hit .431 and had a .810 slugging percentage. Dooley had seven doubles, five homers and 31 RBI for the Eagles. He hopes for a repeat effort as the Eagles look to get over the district hump next year.

**Laydon Fields, Green City, senior, P/SS/3B:** A major leader for Green City’s success over the last few years, Fields hit .592 with three home runs and 27 RBI in his last season.

Fields also scored 37 runs and stole 26 bases. On the bump, Fields went 6-0 with 38 strikeouts and a 1.62 ERA. Fields didn’t take a loss in his second straight season.

**Lance Fowler, Putnam County, senior, P/SS/3B:** Fowler made a big jump forward at the plate this spring, hitting .419 with nine doubles,

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‘Some weirdness’ at Big 12 with future and soon former teams

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — There are representatives from the Big 12’s four future members attending the conference’s spring meetings, along with the lingering presence of Texas and Oklahoma, the league’s only football national champions who still are three years away from their scheduled departures to the SEC.

Outgoing commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who announced his retirement earlier this year with plans to stay on until his

replacement is found, figures he is down to 30-90 days left on the job.

“This meeting has got some weirdness to it,” Bowlsby said. “It would be less than forthright to not admit that there’s some strangeness to it, and perhaps even some periods when there’s a little bit of tension. But, you know, people are working together in good faith. And we get along and work together because we have to.”

A time of membership transition in the Big 12 comes when it, like schools and leagues across the

country, are dealing with transfer rules and how student-athletes are getting compensated for use of their names, images and likenesses, and just who is involved with that process.

“I don’t know that the change in membership is causing us any particular scrambling,” Bowlsby said. “The members going out, the continuing members, we all share the same challenges. ... It’s not like they’re coming in to a uniquely different environment with a different set of challenges.”

BYU will officially join the Big 12 next summer. The growing anticipation is that current American Athletic Conference schools Cincinnati, Houston and UCF will as well, instead of having to wait until July 1, 2024.

The Big 12, a 10-team league since 2011 and that way for another year, could have 14 schools for two years after that. Texas and Oklahoma will move to the SEC no later than July 1, 2025.

“I think the tenor’s good. I mean, honestly, you move on from some of the decisions. We know the two

schools, Oklahoma and Texas, are leaving. But at the same time, they’re league members for the next two years,” West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons said. “And with the four new schools coming in ... they start having a voice in the process. You’re looking at the league as a whole to say what’s best for the league.”

Athletic directors had their joint meeting Thursday with the Big 12 board comprised of the president or chancellor from each member school. The board’s executive session Friday, which is expect-

ed to include an update on the search for a new commissioner, will wrap up the meetings.

Texas AD Chris Del Conte said there is “nothing that’s contentious.” He described the meetings business as usual while including discussions about the reshaping of the league.

“It’s a little different, but we’re all participating and making decisions that are going to best serve the institutions, for us for a shorter period of time than the others,” Oklahoma AD Joe Castiglione said.

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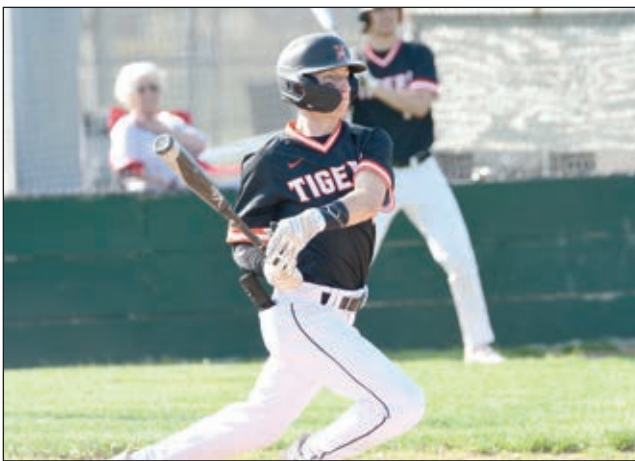
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two home runs, 17 RBI and 35 runs scored, along with 20 walks. Defensively, Fowler had just one error and it came in Putnam’s last game. Fowler went a perfect 10-0 on the mound with a 0.772 ERA and 88 strikeouts across 45.1 innings. Opponents hit just .105 off Fowler this spring.

**Landon Gilliland, Atlanta, junior OF/P:** As good of a defensive outfielder as there is in the area, Gilliland added a mega season at the dish this spring. Gilliland hit .559 with a .824 slugging and .659 on-base percentage. He batted eight runs in, scored 20 runs for the Hornets and stole nine bases.

**Zach Heidenwith, Putnam County, senior, C/P:** Heidenwith was exceptional again behind the plate as he called two terrific arms, and had one error all season. Offensively, Heidenwith hit .364 with eight doubles and 26 RBI. Heidenwith also pitched 13.1 innings, striking out 27 and surrendering just two earned runs.

**Jalen Kent, Kirksville, junior, SS/2B/OF:** There was a spot on the field



Daily Express photo of Kirksville’s Jalen Kent.

just about anywhere for Kent this season. He spent time at both middle infield spots as well as in the outfield. And his offensive numbers were better than just a utility player. He hit .393 with 14 RBI, 27 runs scored and 21 stolen bases.

**Tanner Malusky, Atlanta, senior, P/IF:** Malusky handled most of the pitching load for the Hornets this spring in their undefeated regular season, going 6-1 with 34.2 innings pitched. He had a 2.6 ERA and struck 48 batters out. Offensively, Malusky hit .370 with 11 RBI and 14 runs scored. He had a .575 on-base percentage and a .556 slugging percentage.

**Reese Mesecher, La Plata, junior: P/3B/OF:** Mesecher followed his

debut last year by hitting .346 with 14 runs and 10 RBI this spring. He was also dominant on the mound, going 4-0 with 67 strikeouts and a 0.91 ERA in 38.2 innings of work. That’s a good springboard into taking over as the Bulldogs’ ace next year.

**Grant O’Haver, Green City, junior, C:** O’Haver erupted for the Gophers this year, hitting .508 with three home runs and 34 RBI. Behind the plate, O’Haver worked a strong Gophers pitching staff for a successful year. He threw out 60 percent of runners who tried to steal on him this spring.

**Tanner Pipes, La Plata, senior, P/3B:** Pipes concluded his career with another great individual season. At the plate, he hit .500 with 17 runs, 30 RBI, nine doubles and three homers. Pipes then went 7-3 on the mound with a 1.45 ERA and 97 strikeouts. He heads off to a collegiate career at Moberly Area Community College.

**Chrisjen Riekeberg, Macon, senior, P/OF:** With as good as Riekeberg has been, he took another leap in his last season at Macon. The



Daily Express file photo of Macon’s Jakeb Swallow. PHOTOS BY AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

Clarence Cannon Conference MVP increased his batting average, hitting .468 this year. He had six doubles, three homers and 18 RBI after hitting in the leadoff spot most of the year. He also drew 28 walks and scored 36 runs. And Riekeberg was dominant on the mound, going 6-1 with a 0.39 ERA and 66 strikeouts.

**Jakeb Swallow, Macon, senior. P/OF/UTL:** Another effective Macon arm, Swallow went 6-1 on the mound with a 1.54 ERA and 80 strikeouts in 45.1

innings. His delivery and velocity proved tough for opposing batters to handle. And on offense, Swallow hit .354 with 17 RBI, 20 runs and 16 walks. Swallow will play college ball at Northwestern College in Iowa.

**Keaton Weter, Milan, freshman, SS/P:** Weter raked in his first season, hitting .509 with a .581 on-base percentage and .774 slugging percentage. Weter had five doubles, three homers and 20 RBI for the Wildcats. Weter is also a burgeoning ace for

the Wildcats after striking out 55 batters in 29.1 innings of work.

**Honorable mentions**

Atlanta: Jason Viers, Prestyn Peavler; Brashear: Carson Erwin, Lane Stutsman, Brandon Jochimsen; Green City: Aaron Peavler, Brody Lunsford, Xander Salas; La Plata: Drew Wheeler; Macon: Tanner Nelson; Milan: Deric Doporto, Zach Banner; Novinger: Eli Carter, Jace Brownell; Kirksville: Hunter Tarr, Keaton Anderson, Dominic Cahalan; Knox: Rylan Roberts; Schuyler: Trevyn Small, Kale Windy, Connor Smith; Scotland: Corbyn Spurgeon, Xavier Lucas, Ian Wilson.

Selections are made by Daily Express Editor Austin Miller. Nominations for the All-Express teams are requested from coaches at: Atlanta, Brashear, Green City, Kirksville, Knox County, La Plata, Macon, Milan, Novinger, Putnam County, Schuyler County and Scotland County.



Daily Express file photo of La Plata’s Tanner Pipes.

MILLER

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it was La Plata’s turn. The Bulldogs played in two of the best and closest games I’ve seen at the Final Four, coming inches away from a big hit and state title.

I got to see Caden Phillips win Macon’s first wrestling title. I saw Milan overcome a huge deficit in the state quarterfinals against Eugene, where the Wildcats made their first Final Four trip in boys basketball. I saw Putnam County’s first Final Fours in baseball and boys basketball.

Kirksville’s first (and second and third) volleyball district titles. There was KHS’ best boys soccer run in the fall of 2019. KHS boys cross country also had one of the most successful runs in its history during my tenure.

I covered some of the best basketball, football and softball teams Truman has had, and several incredible, all-time athletes for the university.

Those memories and relationships are worth more than any monetary value.

That’s without mentioning how much things changed in 2020 and 2021 during a global pandemic.

And I got to voyage across this great state to see all these events, with a flat tire on my way to state track last weekend as one last reminder of the open road.

This was my fourth year on the job, so I got to see student-athletes in high school and at Truman grow from freshman to senior. There were freshmen I interviewed who could hardly get a sentence out, who then became articulate seniors. Though a few still never said much, regardless of how old they were.

I now see what coaches deal with in that line of work. There’s getting to know someone as an underclassman, maybe having some struggles along the way, then blossoming as an upperclassman and advancing to the next stage of life.

That last part is the hardest one because you

grow so fond of seeing the same people. You know X person will have a good game, or that Y person will have a funny quote or story after it’s over. So I look forward to seeing what’s next for this year’s graduates. Many strong, smart kids are heading into the world, ready to take on their next challenge.

That’s how I look at my next step. A chance to try something new.

This region left a mark on me. I mean that somewhat literally as I still have a scrape on one of my car doors after nicking a pole leaving a La Plata basketball game. But the people left an even larger mark, giving me so many great memories.

I hope I left a positive mark on the scene. And I hope my successor can continue the quality work this paper offers.

So thank you all for reading over the years. It has been the greatest joy to do this work.

But now I’ll have to pay to attend any future games. Maybe I’ll join you all in the stands next time.



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# Gladden a late-summer garden with gladiolas

By David Trinklein  
State Horticulture Specialist

COLUMBIA – Few flowers bring more late-summer gladness than gladiolas, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

Their colorful flowers are known botanically as spikes. Individual flowers on the spike are called florets. “Glads are somewhat unique in that the florets on the spikes all point in the same direction,” Trinklein says.

In Missouri, glads grow as annuals, but some species grow as perennials in warmer climates, he says.

Glads vary in height, flower form and size. Popular types include grandiflora hybrids with large individual florets and tall spikes; dwarf grandiflora hybrids, which are about half the size of grandiflora hybrids; and gladiolus nana hybrids, which are smaller yet than the dwarf hybrids.

## Corm selection

The food-storage structures of glads are swollen underground stems called corms. Each year a new corm forms on top of the old one, which shrivels and dies.

Healthy corms are essential to produce vigorous plants with flowers of maximum size. A healthy corm should be firm, smooth, undamaged and without discoloration.

The size of the plant and flowering spike produced is directly related to the size of the planted corm. Corms are graded into sizes such as Jumbo (2 inches or more in diameter), Number One (1½ to 2 inches in diameter) and Number Two (1¼ to 1½ inches in diameter).

## Site selection

Glads grow well in sunny exposures. They do well in many soil types but prefer loam or sandy loam with a pH of 6.0-6.5. Soils that produce good potatoes, corn or other garden vegetables will produce good glads.

## Planting

Glads may be planted a month before the average last frost date and at two-week intervals thereafter for a succession of blooms. The last planting should be no later than early July so that the corms have time to develop and mature before frost.

Plant large corms 4-6 inches deep, medium-sized corms 3-4 inches deep and small corms 2-3 inches deep. Cover only 2 inches in the beginning and pull soil to the plants with each cultivation.

## Staking

Staking is often necessary to ensure tall, straight flower spikes, es-



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pecially on the taller types. You can use 1-by-1-inch stakes made from any suitable lumber. Tie the spikes to the stakes with soft twine or cloth strips at about 10-inch intervals.

## Fertilizer side-dressing

A side-dressing of fertilizer after the plants are well established will increase vigor. Apply a 5-10-5 fertilizer to each row. This can be applied in a band on one side of the row, keeping 4 to 6 inches away from the stems.

## Cutting flowers

Glads look best in the garden when mature flowers are harvested. Spikes should be cut in their prime for maximum life indoors. Cut the spike when the first floret is showing color. To cut the spike, insert a sharp knife above the second to fourth leaf and make a slanting cut up the stem. Immediately immerse the cut spike in water.

## Digging and storing corms

“At our latitude, corms are not winter-hardy and must be dug if they are to be used the following year,” Trinklein says. Be ready to dig four to six weeks after blooms are finished or when the tops die off.

After digging, wash soil off the corm and roots. Cut the tops to within a half inch of the corm. Corms can be left outdoors in the sun for a day or two if temperatures are mild and then spread out in a light, airy place to cure. They should be stored during the winter at a temperature of 35-45 F in a well-ventilated area.

Learn more about this summer delight in David Trinklein’s article “Glads: As American as Apple Pie” at [ipm.missouri.edu/MEG/2022/5/glads-DT](http://ipm.missouri.edu/MEG/2022/5/glads-DT).

Portions of this article were adapted from an article by the National Garden Bureau.



Soil health is critical to good landscaping. The MU Extension Soil and Plant Testing Lab can help homeowners determine what their lawns need. Photo courtesy of MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

# Great landscapes begin with quality topsoil

By Press Release

COLUMBIA – Quality landscapes begin with quality topsoil.

Topsoil is the top 3-10 inches of the soil. Most surface soils have higher organic matter content than subsoil, but not all surface soil is ideal for gardens or lawns, says Manjula Nathan, director of the University of Missouri Extension Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory.

The need to improve topsoil usually comes about in one of two ways: Either the existing lawn has poor soil or builders remove the topsoil when leveling ground for construction projects.

In either case, topsoil needs to be replaced or amended. Topsoil sells in bags or in bulk. Bagged topsoil has added lime, fertilizer and organic matter and usually sells in 40- to 50-pound quantities at local garden centers. Bulk topsoil generally is native soil taken from the surface and sold by the truckload. Check print or online sources to find bulk topsoil suppliers.

Homeowners often face confusion because they do not know the characteristics of good topsoil, Nathan says. “While plants will grow in a wide range of materials, you should

ensure that the topsoil you are buying has suitable physical and chemical properties for your purpose,” she says.

## Topsoil quality guidelines

The American Society of Landscape Architects gives guidelines for topsoil commonly used in contracts for landscape projects. Choose topsoil free of weeds, plant disease pathogens and stones under a certain diameter.

Topsoil should meet specific standards for pH (a measure of soil acidity), texture and organic matter content. If soil falls outside of acceptable ranges for any one of the properties, reject the material. Otherwise, you will likely spend a lot of money and time improving soil conditions for plants to do well.

## Soil pH

Soil pH indicates the acidity or alkalinity of soil. Paper test strips do not accurately measure soil pH, says Nathan. Soil pH must be measured with an electrode for accuracy. A pH of 7 is neutral, while values below 7 are acidic and values above 7 are alkaline or basic. Ideal pH is between 5.5 to 7.5. Many plants grow well in this range. However, some acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, blue-

berries and raspberries prefer pH below 5.5.

## Texture

Soil texture refers to the proportion of sand, silt and clay-sized particles in soil. Texture influences the soil’s water-holding capacity, aeration, drainage, tilth, compaction and nutrient-holding capacity. Ideal soil texture is loam and silt loam, says Nathan.

## Organic matter

Soil organic matter is essential in the formation of soil structure, reducing compaction and retaining plant nutrients. It helps to improve water-holding capacity, aeration and tilth. Ideal organic matter content is 3% or greater.

## Evaluating topsoil quality

A soil test is the most reliable way to determine the quality of topsoil. Nathan recommends having topsoil tested when buying a large quantity.

The Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory on the MU campus offers soil testing for textural analysis and to determine soil fertility status (pH, buffer pH, organic matter, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and CEC).

For more information, contact the lab at 573-882-0623 or [soiltesting-services@missouri.edu](mailto:soiltesting-services@missouri.edu), or visit [muext.us/SoilPlantLab](http://muext.us/SoilPlantLab).

# Summer fun for active seniors

By Special to The Express

Seniors may have more time for leisure and recreation than working adults, and the summer months provide ample opportunities to get active. After months of chilly temperatures, seniors in various parts of the country may be eager to get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults age 65 and older get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. There are plenty of ways for active seniors to meet this exercise goal and have some fun along the way. The following are some good starting points.

- Join or start a walking club. Walking is a great way to stay in shape and work the mind as well. View new sights along the way by changing the route each time you go. Walking with friends can pass the time and provide the motivation to keep going.
- Catch a sporting event. Attending a sporting event can be an entertaining way to spend several hours, and that in-

- cludes amateur and recreational sports. Catch a grandchild’s swim meet or a baseball game for an action-packed way to connect with loved ones and get out.
- Take a fishing charter. Casting a rod from a dock or pier is perfectly acceptable, but securing a spot on a fishing charter is a great way to spend hours out on the water enjoying the scenery and the sport of



fishing. Plus, there’s the added benefit of enjoying the fruits of your labors by cooking the day’s catch for dinner once you arrive home.

- Be a tourist. Many cities and towns have their own tourism boards and showcase interesting spots that have historical significance or appeal to other interests. Be a tourist for the day – even in an area with which you are familiar. Hop on a trolley or sightseeing bus to view the town as an outsider.
- Spend time swimming. Swimming is a low-impact activity that can work the body in many different ways. Devote time to doing a few laps in the pool. Or make a day of going to a lake or another body of water to wade out and enjoy some strokes in nature. Stick to swimming areas that are monitored by lifeguards for optimal safety.

- Tend to a garden. Gardening is a great form of light exercise that can produce rewarding results. If you don’t have a garden or enough space for one at home, many neighborhoods have community gardens in which you can secure a plot.
- Visit a fair or farmer’s market. The warm weather months are a peak time for outdoor activities, including various community fairs and farmer’s markets. Chances are you can find a farmer’s market nearby most days of the week, but especially on the weekend. A town market or state fair is a great way to get out and walk, play games of chance or enjoy some live entertainment. Check your community calendar for local events.
- Active seniors can embrace long, warm summer days to enjoy plenty of time away from home.

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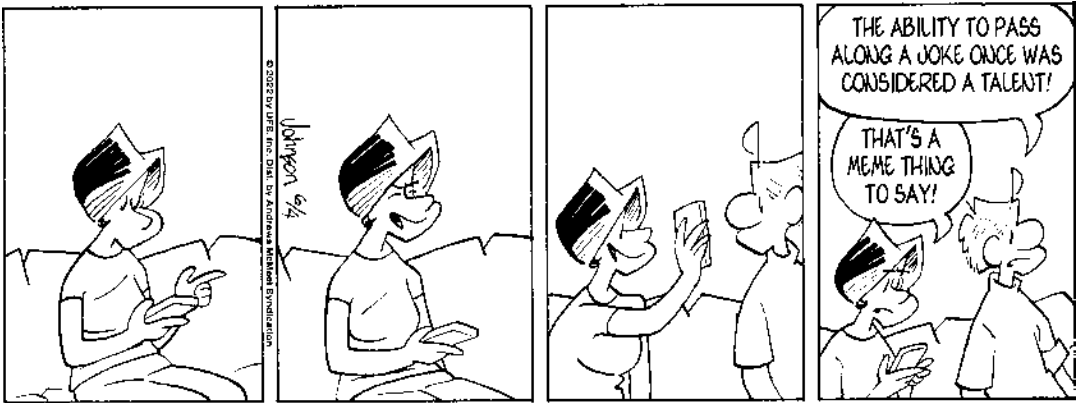
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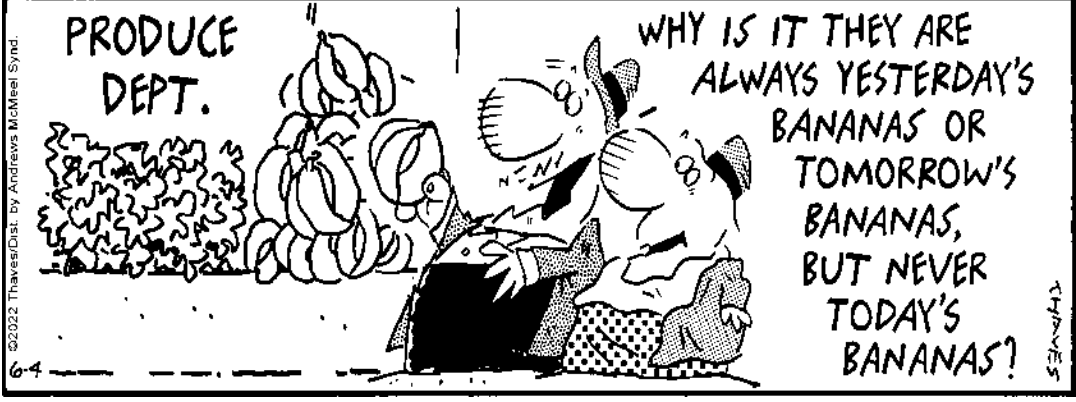
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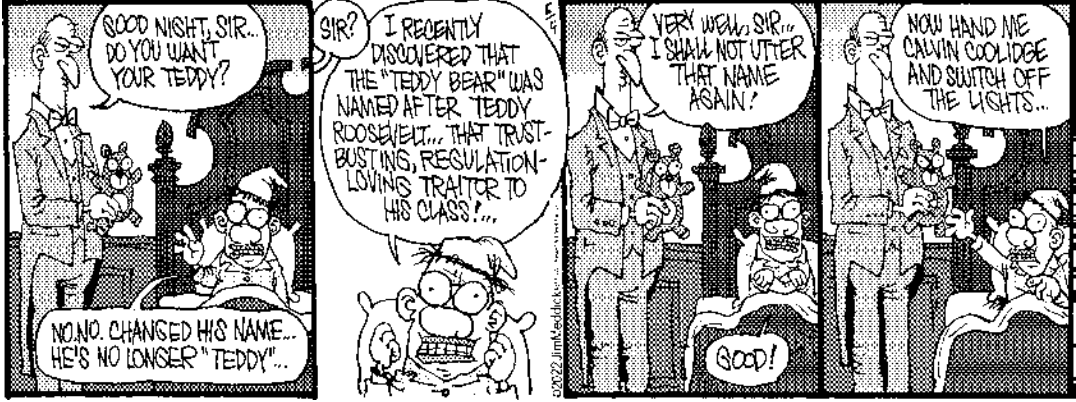
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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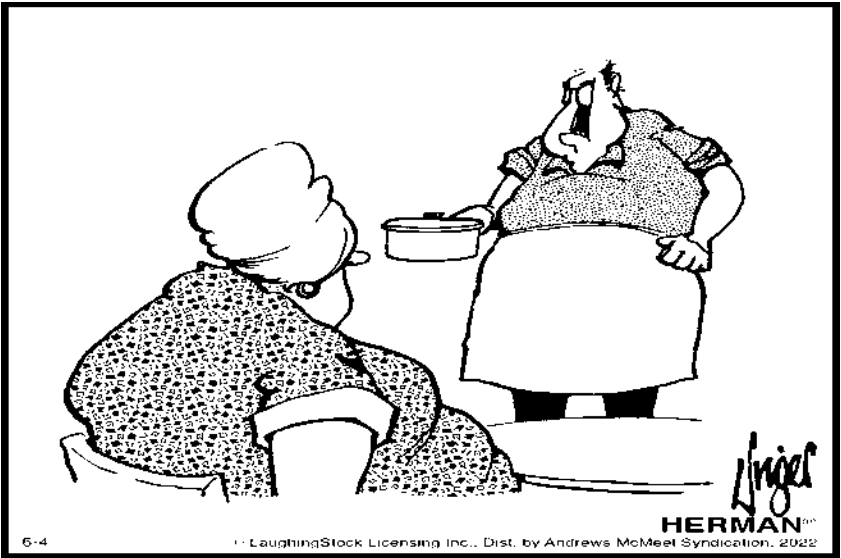
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“You weighed 100 pounds on our wedding day, so I'm not even married to three-quarters of you!”

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Reevaluate your motives and whether you are still on the right path. Put a strategy in place that promises high returns and helps secure your position and long-term gains. Consider your physical, mental and emotional health, and implement routines that keep you upbeat and ready to conquer the world. Practice safety first; you'll avoid loss and defeat stress.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Don't budge unless you are taken care of fairly. Letting someone get away with something will lead to more of the same. Make your position clear and refuse to let anyone take advantage of you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- You'll receive more help if you are open to suggestions. Put emotional differences aside, and get things done on time. Look for a unique way to enforce your ideas without going over budget.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Take better care of yourself and focus on what matters to you. Gather information and determine what others think and how they feel before deciding who gets to do what. Be organized.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Divvy up responsibilities and press on until you are happy with the results. Your diligence will set the stage for success. Someone will admire your efforts and will help give you a platform.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Work with people who share your sentiments. You'll make headway by being open to suggestions and learning as you go. A relationship with someone you care about will flourish.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Deal with and adjust to others' changes. Go about your business and do what's important to you instead of worry-

ing about how others are doing. Distance yourself from anyone who stands in your way.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Put your energy where it will bring the highest return. Focus on home and family, and live within your means. Keeping your costs down will help you lower stress and make you feel comfortable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Keep your life moderate, friends close and enemies in sight. Spend time at home rearranging your space to ensure it encourages a good rapport with someone special. Romance is encouraged.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Rethink your strategy before sharing your intentions with others. By letting your experience overrule your emotions, you will avoid a compromising situation. Play fair.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Put your energy where it can do some good. Don't reveal your plans until you feel confident you have everything under control. A personal change will add to your appeal. Love is in the stars.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Participate in activities that make you think and encourage you to broaden your skills and knowledge. A professional change will entice you, but you must assess your motives carefully.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Take care of domestic matters swiftly. Letting your emotions fester will not help resolve issues. Look for solutions that make everyone happy. Keep the peace and have a positive attitude.

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Garage Sale

113 N Cottage Grove Ave, Friday June 3, 7-?, Saturday June 4, 7-?; Oak bookcase, elliptical, clothes, kitchen items, organic fertilizer, books, toys, blankets, dresser, yarn, baby items, and other misc odds-and-ends.

2001 N Florence right across from Wal-Mart back drive. Saturday, June 4, 7-11. Baby things, clothes, miscellaneous. Little of everything for everyone. Must go!

2706 Weatherbrook Drive June 3rd 8-8; June 4th 8-2: RV 50 amp Generator, cords, waste pump, grill, tools, ladders, hardware, sewing supplies, material, clothes, glassware, books, games, picture framing equipment.

Garage Sale

824 East Randolph, June 4th: dog house, tea cart, a lot of women's clothes, picture frames, drapes, taking Mickey and Minnie Mouse and Misc.

2004 E McPherson, June 3rd-4th, 8pm-3pm. fishing equipment oil lamps, old jewelry, gas weed eater, two antique garden plows, tomato plants, new 4 1/2"x6' area rug, baskets, antique tools, lawn mower, old saws.

11254 State Highway B, Greentop, Friday June 3, 8-5, Saturday June 4, 8-2. Multi Families. Boy and girl baby items, hunting and fishing equipment, holiday decor, nursing scrubs, some antiques.

2409 College Park Drive, Friday June 3, 10-6 and Saturday June 4, 8-noon. Baby items, toys, girls newborn through 3T clothes, miscellaneous household, men's and women's clothing.

3302 Broadlawn Drive, June 4, 8-noon. Children, science fiction and teacher books, games, toys, DVD players, tote bags, suitcase, full size air mattresses, puzzles, miscellaneous.

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1406 Knights Court, Friday 1pm-?, Saturday 8am-?. Multi family, toys, kids and adult clothing, collectibles, antiques, lots of miscellaneous.

2407 Beverly Lane, June 4 8a-1p, dishes, cookware, roaster, hardback books, 18-speed bike, bike carrier, baseball bag, clay targets, pictures, puzzles, collectibles, coats, knitted head-gear.

201 North Main Greentop, multi family garage sale June 3rd from 3-5 & 4th from 8-12. Men, women, teen, toddler, and baby clothes. Home decor, kitchen items, gas cooktop, kitchen sink, and free box! And much more!

1407 E Harrison, Friday, June 3, 8 to 5, Saturday, June 4, 8 to 3. House and vegetable plants, antiques, girls bike, novels, jewelry, jars.

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**Notice to Creditors**  
(Small Estate)

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT K SUTHERLAND, Decedent.** On May 18, 2022 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. All creditors of the decedent, who died on March 22, 2022, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration. Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri.

Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Alexis Allen, dated July 3, 2019, and recorded on July 3, 2019, Document No. 201900001430, in Book No. 1077, at Page 189 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 17, 2022, at 2:30 PM, at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, Kirksville, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

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subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirksville.org

**Hamilton Street Baptist Church**  
802 W. Hamilton  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
www.hamiltonstreet.org

**Rehoboth Baptist Church**  
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Curtis Ferguson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
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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.kvcc.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  
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**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  
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**Kirksville Nazarene Church**  
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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  
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**  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley  
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**Pure Air Baptist Church**  
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TBA Bible Study

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
807 Benton Way  
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
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**Yarrow Methodist Church**  
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9:00 p.m. Wednesday

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

**Sugar Creek Baptist Church**  
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Pastor, Virgil K. Jones  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church**  
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10:30 a.m. Song Service  
11:00 a.m. Preaching

**Lighthouse of Love**  
Brashear, Mo  
Pastor, John Bowen  
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., Kirksville  
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 Kelly  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service  
www.lakeroadchapel.org

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**New Hope Evangelical Church**  
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Darrell Draper, Pastor  
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**First Assembly of God**  
2401 S. High  
Jeffi Arp, Pastor  
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10:40 a.m. Morning Worship (Communion First Sunday of the Month)  
6:30 p.m. Evening Praise  
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**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**  
(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. Normal  
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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)  
United Methodist Church  
Brashear Charge, Brashear  
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 School  
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 E. Prime Street  
Minister Walker Franke  
Associate Minister Larry Smith  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
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**Willow Bend Church**  
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**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  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

**Shekinah Mennonite Church**  
15961 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

**Bethel Community Church**  
12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. T  
Marvin Cross, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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, Lancaster  
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 Elson  
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  
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**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 E. 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  
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**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 pm Evening Worship  
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA  
http://laplatabc.org/  
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**Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.  
Tim Hodges, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening worship

**Worthington Baptist Church**  
Worthington, Mo.  
Roger Bunsell, 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 Iammattao-Code  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Hurdland First Baptist Church**  
Robert Shobe, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study

**Colony Baptist Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship

**Cornerstone Community Church**  
Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404 N. Elson  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults

**Locust Hill Community Church**  
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

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