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United Way of Northeast Missouri holds annual meeting and awards ceremony

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

The United Way of Northeast Missouri held their annual meeting and awards ceremony Thursday night, Feb. 23 at the Dukum Inn on South Elson Street in Kirksville. The United Way exceeded their goal of \$170,000 by bringing in \$184,049 or 108.3 percent of their goal for the last year.

2022 President Ted Frushour shared with attendees the successes of the past year including their Trivia Night fundraiser, which raised \$4,350 and another \$500 when the winning team from ATSU donated back the \$500 first place prize. Trivia Night will be held on April 1 at the Moose Lodge in Kirksville this year.

The organization raised \$3,861 at their Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments held at the Dukum Inn during both April and October.

In June, the organization announced their campaign chairs for 2023, Ramey Weichelt and Amanda Selby, who led the charge to oversee the success of their goal, exceeding it by \$14,000.



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Other fundraisers included the annual pie and ice cream auction, the Wooden Nickel Golf Tournament, and a virtual talent show. The annual campaign kickoff was held at the White Oaks Wedding Barn in September and partnering with Sodexo at Truman State University, \$2,419.66 was raised from student donations. Teaming with the Kirksville Daily Express, the organization held their first ever annual holiday light contest.

At the dinner, United Way officials recognized their community partners:

ADAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL: Diane McGinnis who is a club leader and council member and her son Wesley who is council president.

ADAIR COUNTY FAMI-LY YMCA: Executive Kristen Rouner and YMCA Board President, Carolyn Cox.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA/ GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL: Rob Townsend and Bill Lovegreen who is District Chairman for the Black Diamond District and the most recent recipient of the Great Rivers Council Silver Beaver Award for his years of ser-



Zac Burden of Truman State Residential Life with Ramey Weichelt (left), United Way of Northeast Missouri drive chair and Amanda Selby, assistant drive chair.

vice to the Boy Scouts.

COMMUNITY OPPORTU-NITIES/SHELTERED WORK-SHOP: Arthye Curtis, Manager and President Doug Nichting

GIRL SCOUTS OF EAST-ERN MISSOURI: A Representative could not make it.

HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST MISSOURI: Linnette Baker, Executive Director, Heidi Templeton, Hospice Development Coordinator and Don Cosby Hospice Advisory Board President.

MACON DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES: Bill Darnell, **Executive Director**





United Way Board Member Stephanie Mills (left) was honored for her contributions from Kirksville R-III School District.



Ted Frushour, 2022 United Way of Northeast Missouri President accepts his Past President Plaque from incoming 2023 United Way President, Chade Shorten.

NEMO SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES, INC.: Bridget Morton, Executive Director and Mary Playle President.,

RSVP/Senior Adult Services: Pat Selby and her assistant Debbie Reece. Cindy Thompson, Jackie Settlelage, RSVP Board President Vern Playle, and Board Members, Bill Lovegreen, and Kevin Butner.

Salvation Army: Brian Horscheit and their Board President John Grossnickle.

And our Newest Agency Community Child Development Center in Macon: Tonya Ryherd, Center Director and Kathy Foley, Board Member.

"Each of our partner agencies work hard every day to provide essential programs to help people in our community," said United Way Executive Director Bill Castles, who then recognized the agencies who



United Way campaign coordinator Annette Sweet of Ameran, with Ramey Weichelt (left), United Way of Northeast Missouri drive chair and Amanda Selby, assistant drive chair.

United Way campaign coordi-

nator Don Crosby of the city of Kirksville with Ramey Weichelt (left), United Way of Northeast Missouri drive chair and Amanda Selby, assistant drive chair.

From left: Former marketing head at Truman State University and a campaign chair Keaton Wagner, Ramey Weichelt, United Way of Northeast Missouri drive chair, Co-Chairman Truman Communications Professor Wendy Miner and 2023 assistant drive chair Amanda Selby.

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'The Mousetrap'

Truman State University Theatre to perform Agatha Christie classic

By Truman State University

The Agatha Christie thriller "The Mousetrap" will run at Truman State University, March 1-4.

"The Mousetrap" is a record-breaking murder mystery that features a brilliant surprise finish from Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time. It tells the story about how the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm after a local woman is murdered. It becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects - the newlyweds running the house, a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate.

Truman's Theatre Department will perform "The Mousetrap" at 7:30 p.m. March 1-3 and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 4 in the Black Box Theatre in Ophelia Parrish. Tickets are \$8 and can be pur-



chased at boxoffice.truman. edu. This production is appropriate for ages 10 and older.

For more information, contact the Truman Theatre Box Office at (660) 785-4515 between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The cast of The Mousetrap prepares for opening night, March 1.

Kirksville School District announces new Ray Miller Elementary principal

By Kirksville R-III School District

The Kirksville R-III School District has announced Nicole Marshall as the principal of Ray Miller Elementary School starting the 2023-2024 school year. She replaces Kristin VanRie who will retire at the end of this school year after 33 years in public education.

Marshall is currently in her 22nd year teaching 4th-grade at Ray Miller Elementary. She has served in the leadership roles across the district including being the grade level leader.



Nicole Marshall

Marshall graduated from Truman State University with a Masters of Elementary Education in 2001. She is currently working on her Education Specialists degree in Educational Leadership from William Woods and is set to graduate from that program in 2024. Marshall and her husband Greg have three children, all who have grown up in the Kirksville R-III School District.

"I am excited to continue working with others to build the Ray Miller Elementary community," Marshall said. "I've spent my entire teaching career in this building, and I've grown to love the faculty, staff, students, and families. Throughout my time here, I've been surrounded by people who were willing to help me grow and learn. Going forward, I want to pass on that knowledge and support that was given to me - fostering a safe and positive environment where everyone can learn."

Ray Miller Elementary Principal Kristin VanRie stated, "Nicole Marshall is passionate about her job and has mentored so many of our teachers along the way. She is committed to building relationships with staff, students, and families. She will continue to increase academic achievements of our students and our staff. Ray Miller Elementary is excited to welcome Mrs. Marshall into her new role next year."



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Kirksville R-III School District honors support staff

By Kirksville R-III

Kirksville R-III School District and Superintendent Robert Webb, honored the district's support staff for the month of February 2023.



Cari Kottwitz is from Trenton, Mo. and has worked at Kirksville Primary School as a secretary for five years. "I love serving the students and staff at KPS!," she said.



Heather McKim, originally from Des Moines, Iowa, has worked in food service at Kirksville High School for 21 years.



Originally from Atlanta, Ga., Christopher Baker has been employed at Ray Miller Elementary School for three years as a special education paraprofessional.



Janet Reed is from Kirksville and has worked for Kirksville R-III for 36 years, nine in the main office of William Matthews Middle School. "Thank you for this recognition," she said."I love working with our fabulous students and staff at WMMS!"



Robert Bray has worked at the Early **Childhood Learning Center for 16** years. "My favorite part of the job is seeing the kids smile when you teach them something new," he said.



Carla Hansen is from Novinger and has been employed at the Kirksville R-III Central Office for 15 years as the transportation secretary. She has worked in Missouri schools for 19 years total. "My greatest joy is serving our district parents and children with safe and reliable bus service," she said.

LUKE CALLAGHAN SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE



The speaker at the Feb. 22 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Luke Callaghan of the city of Kirksville Department of Parks and Recreation. Callaghan, a native of Liverpool, England, came to the U.S. to coach soccer camps in 2012 and 2013, met and married a Brashear girl in 2013 and didn't return to England. He became the city of Kirksville's recreational director on Feb. 24, 2020. Callaghan outlined a number of programs instituted, including Tiny Tykes Soccer and Kids Mini Mud Mile, which grew from 350 participants in 2020 to 460 in 2022. The speaker is pictured with Club President Marie Murphree. BY ROTARY CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: FEB. 15-18, 2023

ARREST REPORTS

Feb. 15-16

Burglary 1st (Force) Residential (FB), Christopher Scott Peterson, Kirksville

Peace Disturbance (M B), Steven Jared, Kirksville

Feb. 16-17

No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), Christena J. Anders, Kirksville No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Charles E. Hendricks III, Glenwood

Stealing of Any Firearm in Building (F), Camryn Blake Rouse, Kirksville

Warrant, Jill Lynn Brown, Kirksville

Feb. 17-21

Stealing From Shoplifting (M), Joann Hurley, Kirksville Driving While Revoked/Sus-

pended 1st Offense (MD), Khristen A. Sneed, Kirksville Driving While Suspended/

Revoked-2nd or 3rd (M A) Tyler Jordan Compton, Kirksville

Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Driver's License, Isaiah Lee Estes, Kirksville

Warrant, Kandie Lynn Shade, Kirksville

Warrant-Adair County, Johnathon D. Gerber, Kirksville

Warrant-Domestic Assault, Joshua Davie Barrow, Kirksville

Feb. 21-22

Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D), Sierra B. Martin, Kirksville

Driving While Suspended/ Revoked-2nd or 3rd Offense (M A), Kirksville

Protective Custody 12 Hours, Terry Eugene Mason, Kirksville Warrant, Brandy Morgan, Kirksville

INCIDENT REPORTS Feb. 15

12:27 p.m., Traffic Stop, Resisting Arrest/Detention/Stop by Fleeing-Create Substantial Risk-Serious Injury/Death (F), Exceeded Posted Speed Limit by 20 MPH or More (M

6:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Baltimore Street, Tristan Bar, 27 7:08 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Mar-

ion Street, Sequoia Clemmons, 23 7:35 p.m., MVA, MInor, Info Ex-

change, 2310 E. Illinois Street 7:46 p.m., Animal/Trap, 101 W.

Northtown Road, 7:51 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing-Catalytic Converter

(FE), 216 N. New Street 8:18 p.m., Animal/Loose-Running

at Large, 2119 N. Baltimore Street 8:39 p.m., Assisting Other

Agency, 8 Drake Drive Feb. 16

1:14 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), 202 E. Illinois Street

2:23 a.m., Burglary/In Progress, Stealing of Any Firearm Building (F), Stealing From Building (M), 1307 Castle Drive, Arrestee: Camryn Rouse, 24

9:01 a.m., Field Contact, Traffic Stop, No Valid License-2nd Offense (M), 1700 N. Centennial Avenue, Arrestee: Christena Anders, 34

5:56 p.m., MVA/Minor, 1610 N. **Baltimore Street**

5:45 p.m., MVA/Injury, Careless and Imprudent Driving/Accident (M A), Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/ Trailer, North Baltimore Street, Ar-

restee: Charles Hendricks, 57 6:06 p.m., Peace Disturbance, 615 Windsong Drive

6;24 p.m., MVA/Minor, 3607 N. Baltimore Street

7:33 p.m., MVA/No Report, North Lincoln Street

> 9:49 p.m, Check the Well Being, 710 N. Elson Street Feb. 17

7:28 a.m., Domestic Disturbance, 2105 S. Franklin Street 10:31 a.m., Animal/

> Loose-Running at Large, 2310 N. Baltimore Street 9:33 a.m., Fraud, 201 N. Elson

4:14 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), 500 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Joann Hurley, 40

4:48 p.m., Warrant-Adair County X6, Drugs Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (MD), 214 S. Franklin Street, Arrestee: Michael Adams, 21

5:38 p.m., Narcotics Offense, Drugs/Possession (F) of Controlled Substance (FD), 214 S. Franklin Street, Arrestee: Tonia Daniels, 35

6:22 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Osteopathy Street, Arrestee: Jeffrey Ratliff, 42

7:08 p.m., Traffic Stop, Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered)-1st Offense (M), South First Street, Jacob Mills, 39 7:32 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2214 N. Baltimore Street, Leland Miller, 34 7:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, 503 S. Franklin Street, Owen Hamill, 19 7:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, Baltimore Street, Lynn Sweet, 37 8:11 p.m., Traffic Stop, 800 Greenway Drive, Curtis Deierling, 35

3:38 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 1501 N. Green Street 4:41 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2801 N. Bal-

timore Street, Ashley Gladbach, 34 4:55 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity,

Vehicle,, 149 Valley Forge Drive 8:46 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/

Physical, 1611 S. Orchard Street 9:03 a.m., Parking Complaint, Failed to Park Right Side Parallel to Curb, 119 E. McPherson Street

10:48 a.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Suspended/Revoked-2nd or 3rd (M A), Arrestee: Daniel Strong, 49

11:18 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), Yvonnie Hampton, 39

Daniel C. Strong II, Kirksville Matthew Gage Seward, Kirkville Drugs Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M D), Michael T. Adams, Kirksville

Drugs/Possession (F) of Controlled Substance (FD)

Tonia Daniels, Marshal Lance M. Pippin, Kirksville No Valid License-1st Offense (M) Antonio Q. Norwood, Kirksville Shane A. Martinson, Kirksville No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Jeffrey Scott Ratliff, Kirksville

B), Careless and Imprudent Driv-

N. Industrial Road 12:55 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Burglary 1st (Force) Residential (F B), 301 S.

pher Peterson, 29 1:09 p.m., Fraud, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), 201 N. Elson Street 3:31 p.m., Runaway, 38 Devlin

4:27 p.m., Service Rendered, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehi-

ing/No Accident (M B), State Hwy. 6 12:39 p.m., Animal/Trap, 2504

High Street, Arrestee: Christo-

Place

cle, 119 E. McPherson Street

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Kirksville Real **Estate Auction**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Directions: 715 South Halliburton Street, Kirksville, Missouri. From South Baltimore Street (Business Highway 63), turn West on East Normal Street then turn North/right on South Halliburton Street to the property. Watch for auction signs

REAL ESTATE: Conveniently located to shopping and schools, this three bedroom, one bath, Craftsman style home has a metal roof and one car attached garage. It features the original woodwork and hardwood floors. The home has a full, unfinished basement, gas heat with built in humidifier and window air conditioning. Please call Scotty at 573-356-4405 to schedule your personal showing

***TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE:** 10% down the day of the auction, balance due upon day of closing



9:36 a.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Exhibit Proof of Insurance, Osteopathy Street, Michael Cox, 28

12:17 p.m., Trespass, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 712 W. Elizabeth Street

1:14 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, 607 N. Franklin Street

1:53 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), Deceptive Business Practice, 3 Lakeview Lane

2:38 p.m., Warrant, 516 S. Main Street, Arrestee: Jill Brown, 52

3:22 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, Property Damage (M) 2nd Degree, 1003 W. Michigan Street

3:58 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism (M) 2nd Degree, 1606 S. Osteopathy Street

4:37 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing, 1007 E. Pierce Street

2:24 p.m., Sodomy (F), 201 S. Davis Street

Street

9:33 a.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 301 W. Washington Street

11:10 a.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Suspended/Revoked-2nd or 3rd (M A), Jefferson Street, Arrestee: Tyler Compton, 33

11:27 a.m., Civil Dispute, 710 W. George Street

11:27 a.m., Civil Dispute, Trespass, 710 W. George Street

1:10 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Shoplifting (M), 2206 N. Baltimore Street

1:24 p.m., MVA/Minor, 1101 E. Normal Avenue

2:58 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1916 N. Baltimore Street, Grace Morris, 22 3:15 p.m., Suicide/Attempted,

96 Hour, 822 E. Scott Street 4:30 p.m., Traffic Stop, 900 N. Green Street, Karrie Shoop, 49

4:18 p.m., MVA/Minor, North Baltimore Street

8:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Normal Avenue, Natalie Green, 28

8:24 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, 2115 N. Baltimore Street, Ashley Johnson, 26

8:38 p.m., Suspicious/Subject, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1103 Greenway Drive

9:18 p.,m., Offense Against Family, Assisting Other Agency, 315 S. Osteopathy Street

10:01 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From Building (M), 1312 S. Baltimore Street

10:27 p.m., Prowler, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 10 Cascade Drive

Feb. 18

12:07 a.m., Traffic Stop, La-Harpe Street, Kylee Keehn, 28 1:55 a.m., Traffic Stop, East Illi-

nois Street, Cheryl Moots, 33 3:26 a.m., Property/Damage

Vandalism, Property Damage (M) 2nd Degree, 919 W. Martha Street Possession (F) of Controlled Substance (FD), 1404 N. Baltimore

Street, Arrestee: Lance Pippin, 22 1:03 p.m., Animals Running at Large, Failure to Register Animal,

North Elson Street

1:28 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street, Didier Bile, 57

1:32 p.m., Services Rendered/ Check the Well Being, 119 E. **McPherson Street**

1:40 p.m., Lost/Stolen Property, Recovered, 2206 N. Baltimore Street

2:13 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Walnut Street, Juvenile

2:50 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Robert Lesko, 53

2:54 p.m., Traffic Stop, Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Driver's License, South Osteopathy Street, Arrestee: Isaiah Estes, 22

3:48 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/ Verbal, 301 W. Washington Street,

6:57 p.m., Traffic Stop, 500 S. Baltimore Street, Lindsey Lewis, 35 7:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteop-

athy Street, James Peterson, 36

8:29 p.m., Traffic Stop, No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Arrestee: Antonio Norwood, 37

9;32 p.m., Traffic Stop, South First Street, Mason Robertson, 25

10:12 p.m., Intoxicated Individuals, 2700 E. Illinois Street

11:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Baltimore Street, Samuel Russell, 41

11:51 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1200 S. Jamison Street, Keira Barker, 19

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Local student achievements

Staff Reports

Missouri S&T awards degrees during commencement

Over 700 students received degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology during commencement ceremonies held at Missouri S&T on Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17. Missouri S&T awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. Local students that received degrees include the following:

Tadym Mason, Edina, bachelor of science, education, summa cum laude.

• Kendrick Payne, La Plata, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering.

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who

made the honor list for the Fall 2022 semester. To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

• Tadym Mason, Edina, education, senior.

• Logan Bowdish, Greentop, civil engineering, senior.

Jacob Byers, New Boston, computer engineering, sophomore

Kirksville, Missouri

• Simon Chen, computer engineering, sophomore

• Owen Fraser, mechanical engineering, first-year student • Zane Roberts, chemical

engineering, senior • Clay Vice, computer engi-

neering, sophomore Lancaster

• Haley Eggers, English, first-year student

• Rachel Eggers, applied mathematics, senior Macon

• Michael Lukowski, chemical engineering, junior

• Ryan Rudkin, geology and geophysics, senior

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) is a STEM-focused research university of over 7,000 students.

Missouri State University graduates

Missouri State University awarded 1,538 degrees to students in fall 2022, including Maegan Holland of Kirksville, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Management, and Abbey Ranson of Kirksville, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Missouri State University is a public, comprehensive university system with

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a mission in public affairs. Our purpose is to develop fully educated persons with a focus on ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement.

Des Moines Area Community College President's List

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester President's List. To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average for that semester. Those recognized include: Brandon Stewart, Funeral Services, Kirksville

Nearly 1,000 students graduated from the Fall Semester from Des Moines Area Community College's (DMACC's) Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban and West Campuses. Those recognized include: Brandon Stewart, Funeral Services, Kirksville

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Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is one of America's top-rated two-year institutions of higher learning. DMACC is dedicated to changing lives by offering an accessible, affordable and outstanding educational experience to students from across Iowa and the nation.

KIRKSVILLE AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Olympics Missouri Polar Plunge

Special Olympics Missouri Polar Plunge will be held at Thousand Hills State Park—Forest Lake Swimming Beach in Kirksville, Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. This amazing event is a unique opportunity to show your bravery as you support local Special Olympics Missouri athletes by walking, running or crawling into the frigid winter waters. In 2022, the Kirksville Plunge had 100 plungers and raised more than \$26,380! This one-of-a-kind event promises a fun atmosphere complete with music, funny costumes and lasting memories for everyone. All participants must raise a minimum of \$75 by event day. Your \$10 registration fee will apply towards your \$75 minimum. For kids ages 9 and under: All participants must raise a minimum of \$25 by event day. There is no registration fee.

54th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival

The 54th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Alpha Jazz Festival evening concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Baldwin Hall Auditorium, 100 E. Normal Ave., Kirksville.

of Mathematics, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO 63501, or presented at check-in on contest day. Lunch will be provided for student participants, compliments of the Truman Department of Mathematics. The contest will take place on campus in Violette Hall starting at 8:45 a.m., Feb. 25. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tony Vazzana at tvazzana@truman.edu or visit mathleague.org.

State of the City Address scheduled

The city of Kirksville invites you to attend the State of the City Address, to be held Monday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rieger Armory and Community Center, 500 S. Elson Street. The State of the City Address will be delivered by Kirksville Mayor Zac Burden. Hear about key projects that will happen or begin this year, along with other priorities for the city in 2023. You can also view the event live, online, on the city's YouTube channel at http://www.youtube. com/kirksvillecity. It will also be recorded there and can be viewed after the fact. An annual event, the State of the City Address is part of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's "The Government in Focus - TGIF" series. For more information, contact the city of Kirksville at 660-627-1225.



for families, children and the hearing and speech impaired. (Examples: Quota bears for comfort, fire baskets and education, children's car seats, George Rea Cancer Center, extras, earplugs, hearing aid supplies, school needs, a KBSA team, local mission, police computer crime unit).

Spring Composers Recital

The Spring Composers Recital, a performance showcase of new music by Truman State University composers, will be held on March 3 at 8 p.m. at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Mousetrap performed at **Truman State University**

Mousetrap will be performed at Truman State University, March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m. and March 4 at 2 p.m. By Agatha Christie and directed by Randy Bame, the show will be held at the Black Box Theatre, Ophelia Parrish Building, 100 E. Normal Avenue in Kirksville. Appropriate for ages 10 and upAfter a local woman is murdered, the quests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm and it soon becomes clear that the killer is among them. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate.

ments, will be held on March 9 at the Cornerstone Church, 1702 N. Elson, Kirksville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and a meal will be provided by Colton's to be served at 6 p.m., followed by Awards presentations.

The following awards will be presented: Kid's Inclusion Spotlight Award, Youth Leadership Spotlight Award, Community Volunteer of the Year Spotlight Award and Employee of the Year Spotlight Award. They will also be recognizing a couple of SB40's Community Partnerships that assist with SB40's mission to advocate, promote inclusion and provide resources for people with developmental disabilities in NE Missouri. RSVP by March 1, to Tiffany Busch at 660-665-9400 or email sb40@sb40life.org

Black Diamond District Cub Scouts will host District Pinewood Derby

Black Diamond District Cub

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for NEMR

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for NEMR on Thursday, March 16, at 11a.m., 709 W. Northtown Road in Kirksville. Join the chamber in celebrating member NEMR and their expansion of fiber services in the Kirksville area. In 2022, NEMR began to bury and install fiber in areas of Kirksville, and their efforts have continued into 2023.

Kirksville R-3 School District baseball and softball fields ribbon cutting

Join the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the new softball and baseball fields for Kirksville R-3 School District, as well as recognizing the district's community partners for making them a reality. At the fields, Friday March 17, at 4 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day 5K Run

The St. Patrick's Day 5K Run will be held on March 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street, Kirksville, Call 660-665-9764 for details.

2023 Community **Engagement Conference**

It is time to begin signing up for the 14th Annual Community Engagement Conference. This year the conference has a new location and date which means they are able to bring you more breakout sessions, more exhibitors, and some exciting new outdoor exhibits. This year's conference theme is DREAM BIG! Planning for a Great Life! The Conference will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kirksville's William Matthew Middle School. This free one-day conference will bring individuals with disabilities and their families, provider agencies, and community members together to focus on learning how to DREAM BIG and Plan for a Great Life. 2023's Keynote Speakers, David Forbes and Susan Parker, will lead discussions on how you can use the many resources in your daily life to plan for and live the life you want. David and Susan will also offer a Round Table Session after the free lunch. In addition, the conference will offer five Breakout Session Tracks with 15 different Breakout Sessions for vou to choose from. **Registration by March 1** includes: Free retirements and entertainment during registration; Free lunch – with registration; Admission to the keynote presentation, breakout sessions, roundtable and conference materials; Access to the exhibitors area; Personal development through networking and making connections; Door prizes including a Grand Prize 40" Smart TV.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series: Vanguard Jazz Orchestra

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series is bringing the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra to the Truman State University campus. This 16-piece jazz orchestra has won 11 "Best Big Band" awards in the Down-Beat magazine Readers and Critics Polls. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Baldwin Auditorium, 100 E. Norman Ave., Kirksville. All Lyceum Series events are open to the general public. Tickets are free. For additional information, visit lyceum. truman.edu or call 660-785-4133.

Truman State University Elementary and Middle School Math Contest

Truman State University's **Elementary and Middle School** Math Contest will be held on Feb. 25 beginning at 8:30 a.m. To register for the contest, complete the mathleague.org membership form for the student's school at mathleague.org/membership. php. Once completed, registration for the Truman event can be done at tvazzana.sites.truman. edu/mctm-qualifying-contest.

There is a \$10 per student registration fee. Payment can be made via credit or PayPal as part of the registrations process. Alternatively, payments can be made by check, made out to MCTM, and can either be mailed to Tony Vazzana, Department

Uncommon Practice Spring Concert

Truman State University's contemporary music ensemble performs new acoustic music on a variety of instruments, March 2 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 2, at the White Oaks Barn, 23255 State Hwy. 11, Kirksville. Among the evenings activities will be the Kirksville Young Professionals "5 Under 40" Awards.

Quarters for Quota

Ouarters for Quota, featuring items from local stores, restaurants and onsite vendors, will be held on March 3 at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bryant Western Family. Doors open at 5 p.m. Quarters Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Big paddles \$2 each or three for \$5. Bring quarters or get them at the door. Food will be available. Money raised supports local programs

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series – Take3 Trio

The Take3 Trio will perform, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baldwin Auditorium at 100 E. Normal Avenue in Kirksville. Their show consists of top pop hits, Americana, oldies and everything in between. Admission for Lyceum events is free but tickets are required and can be reserved approximately two weeks before the performance at the Sue Ross Arts Center in downtown Kirksville, the Advancement Office in McClain Hall 205 and the SAB window in the Student Union Building. For additional information, visit lyceum.truman. edu, call 660-785-4133 or email lyceumseries@truman.edu.

2023 Adair SB40 Spotlight Awards Banquet

The 2023 Adair SB40 Spotlight Awards Banquet recognizing individuals in the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities for their great achieveScouts will host District Pinewood Derby at 9 a.m., March 11, at Lovegreen Ford, The Black **Diamond District invites Cub** Scouts from all over the area to come compete. Lovegreen Ford has been a long time sponsor of the District Pinewood Derby and Scouting in general.

Shopping Expo

A Shopping Expo will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street in Kirksville.

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Midwest Gold & Silver

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for Midwest Gold & Silver, 111 E Washington St, Kirksville, on Thursday, March 9, at noon. Join them in celebrating Midwest Gold & Silver's two year anniversary. Beginning Monday, March 13, Midwest Gold & Silver will be expanding their business hours: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays 11 a.m. -3 p.m. In honor of their two year anniversary and to say thank you to their loyal customers, Midwest Gold & Silver will be having a customer appreciation celebration on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18. Refreshments will be served, all gold and silver jewelry will be on sale, and a drawing for a free ounce of silver will be held.

28th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show

The 28th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be held on March 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove.

Ribbon cutting for A.T. Still University Museum of Osteopathic Medicine

Join the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating A.T. Still University and their recent Museum of Osteopathic Medicine accreditation. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place during Business After Hours, hosted by A.T.S.U., on Thursday, March 23. Business After Hours will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 5:45 p.m. More Business After Hours event details to follow.

For assistance with registration, call 660-665-9400.

A Night of Stargazing at **Thousand Hills State Park**

Telescopes are coming back out for the season! Join Thousand Hills State Park personnel for stargazing at the Point Pavilion at the park, March 25 from 7-9 p.m., 20431 Hwy. 157, Kirksville.



Sports fans know the power of a good team. Find out how having Shelter on your team can help keep you in the game. Proud to support Kirksville High School.





COLUMN

Special Sleepover

y granddaughter, Bree, was spending the night with Papa John and me. It was an adventure and a memory in the making.

We did all the things she had printed on her list in 6-yearold block letters. Hamburgers grilled by Papa John. Campfire and smores. Pillow fight in pajamas. One by one, Bree's wishes were crossed off her paper.

We played board games and watched a little TV when Grandma Nanaw needed a "rest time" from the unending energy Bree brought to every activity. Papa John and I sacrificed our aged fingernails to her; she painted each one in glaring colors of the rainbow.

We even had ice cream cones for a bedtime snack.

It wasn't just Bree's special night. It was also mine. I soaked up the love we shared throughout the afternoon and evening, knowing that even if Bree eventually forgot this day in the thousands of days she had yet to live, I never would.

Bedtime came a bit later than usual for Bree that night; by the time we giggled and hugged and said goodnight to Papa John, it was long past 10 p.m. We were both tired an excited tired that comes after hours spent just being happy.

After clicking off the bedside lamp, I pointed to the nightlight in the bathroom across the hall and we negotiated how wide to keep the bedroom door open to let that light in. Bree wriggled beneath the quilts, punched her pillow (suitably flat—the way she liked it), and turned toward me on the opposite side of the bed.

Her body lay higher than mine; that side of my bed was usually empty and had not been compressed into a grandma-shape. Bree giggled as she looked down at me and I could smell her little-girl, toothpaste-y breath.

We stared at each other in the nightlight dark, trying to discern eyeballs and scrunching our bodies together like two sides of a clothespin. Bree's tiny teeth gleamed in sparkly glints as we whispered and laughed and wiggled this way and that to find a comfortable spot to settle.

And we talked. Bree's voice varied in pitch and emotion as she discussed a myriad of childlike concerns and everyday thoughts with me. I listened and soothed and assured and cradled each word as if holding a precious gift.

Nothing we discussed was that important, but the words we shared were vital to my soul. I like to think Bree cherished our conversation, too, in a part of her heart where trust is synonymous with love.

Finally, we were ready to sleep. We hugged, whispered our goodnights, and flopped onto our backs against the mattress.

This moment would never come again—not exactly like this. Time moves and children grow and love is expressed in other ways as life goes on. I knew Bree would someday find sleepovers at Grandma's



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

less exciting.

I understood that her interests would grow and her devotion, while still loving, would not be as fierce as it was now, at six-years-old.

And I knew this was as it should be. But I mourned the loss already, and lay quietly, staring at the ceiling and listening to her soft breathing. I memorized the feel of her form next to me. I leaned a bit closer to her, letting her cornsilk-yellow hair tickle my cheek.

Then, I felt a slight movement from Bree's side of the bed. A tiny, child-chubby hand slid down my forearm and wriggled its fingers against my open palm. Bree's fingers filled the spaces between mine with the gentle pressure of granddaughter who knows Grandma Nanaw's hands may sometimes hurt, but always know how to hold on.

Between those palms—one older and etched with lifelines half-lived, one doughy-soft and full of undetermined pathways—nestled a purely perfect embrace as powerful as any I'd ever felt.

We lay quietly, hand in hand, and drifted off to sleep. Grandmother and granddaughter. Now and forever.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

Columns

COLUMN

Will work for food!

rest has always been a compulsive feeder. Before she retired, she was cooking for the Mule Barn truck stop's customers, and is singularly responsible for about three flabby tons of avoirdupois on this nation's truck drivers, and may have been marginally responsible, third-hand, for a cardiac event or two.

But now she's retired, and a widow, and her kids all have kids and are scattered like a covey of quail. Local bachelors of a certain age know if they should just happen to be chatting with Mrs. Forrest on her front lawn along about supper time, there's a dang-near dead certainty they'll get a meal out of it.

And, through the magic of telepathic communication and the synchronistic wave lengths of humanity, the message about Mrs. Forrest's unstoppable feeding compulsion had somehow reached the psyches of the homeless.

At any rate, two of the aforementioned drifters had knocked on Mrs. Forrest's door and asked if there were any chores she needed done in exchange for some food. Well, you should've seen her eyes light up at that question. She said she



SLIM RANDLES

had a bunch of firewood that needed to be split into kindling and if they didn't mind doing that, she'd fix them a chicken dinner with cream gravy. Mrs. Forrest puts cream gravy on everything.

So she busied herself in the kitchen, and then went out to see how these fellows were doing. And there, leaning on an axe handle, was one of them, and the other was doing gymnastics in and around the woodpile. It was amazing. He'd come out of a round-off flip flop and then gracefully go into a full layout Sukuhara with a right-hand twist. She watched in awe for a few minutes before whispering to this gymnast's partner.

"I had no idea your friend was an acrobat," she whispered.

He looked at her and whispered back, "Neither did I 'til I cracked him on the shin with this axe."

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LETTER

Get a horse!

here's a funny story about a man from Texas who liked to officer that my brake lights do work but only when the headlights are off. As I tell these stories



Missouri Senate comes for birth control access



people of color. "By targeting **Planned Parenthood** these bills target an expert health care provider," said Vanessa Wellbery, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy at Advocates of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri. "By targeting **Planned Parenthood** these bills threaten to further fray an already over-extended safety net. That's the point — target people with low incomes, women, and people of color and their most trusted health care provider." In June 2022 after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, reproductive rights advocates argued that Missouri Republicans would only dial up their efforts to take control over reproductive health care, even after enacting the first abortion ban in the country. They were right: with SB 160 and SJR 8, Missouri Republicans are coming after birth control and all preventive care.

brag about how huge his ranch is. He told his friend that if he set off in his truck at sunrise, the sun would be setting by the time he got to the other side. His friend replied, "I had a truck like that once."

We've all had a truck or a car like that. It sure seemed like that was just about every car I owned. At the Jones farm we figured out pretty quickly when Detroit gives you lemons, its best to just pucker up and figure out how to fix it.

I spent many a day (and night), wrench in hand, on the side of the road learning the finer points of repairing my "cursed" combustion engine. I learned how to think on my feet when I drove home using a fishing line connected to the carburetor because of a broken throttle cable in my GTO. I am positive my negotiation skills were refined having to explain to a police

to my son, Max, I'm beginning to wonder what he is going to do when he starts driving in a decade and his electric vehicle breaks down. Will he get out the diagnostic computer and make the electrons flow again?

If Max is anything like his dad, he is going to find some way to put a little more pep in his electric ride for bragging rights on the neighborhood quarter mile. I bet my favorite catalog from JC Whitney will even make a comeback, supplying chips, gadgets and floor mats emblazoned with lightning bolts.

These fancy electric vehicles get a bad rap with most of my gearhead friends. They don't like the idea of anything being forced on them, not until you can drive to Kansas City and back without having to recharge. They also don't cotton to the idea that electric vehicles are going to save the planet — they won't. What I can tell you is electric cooperatives see EVs as a good thing because, charged at night, they help level the peaks and valleys that make delivering electricity to your home inefficient. As electric vehicles become more common I can see incentives for charging during off-peak hours.

While my buddy, Rusty, gets his share of grief for driving a "space car," sometimes even from me, he is helping his fellow co-op members of Boone Electric Cooperative keep their lights on. Electric cars aren't for everyone today, but they may be for our kids or grandkids. That's not a bad thing.

Remember this: those brave early adopters in their tin lizzies and jalopies had to suffer the cruel taunts of farmers driving by in their horsedrawn buggies, saying, "Get a horse!"

- By Caleb Jones

Caleb is the executive vice president and CEO of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives and a member of Boone Electric Cooperative. vanced two bills attacking access to birth control and other essential preventive care, taking the next extremist step in the battle against Missourians' reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy: SB 160 and SJR 8.

SB 160 and SJR 8 would both ban patients who rely on Medicaid from seeking health care of any kind at Planned Parenthood.

"Let's call it what it is: extremism," said Kelli Kee, Communications Director at Progress MO. "Republican Senators weren't satisfied with one of the most radical abortion bans in the United States — and now they're trying to away our most basic rights to health care like birth control and cancer screenings."

In testimony on the bill, advocates argued that these bills were deliberate attacks on the reproductive rights and health care of low-income people and

- By Progress MO

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Ethan Shahan

Memorial Services for Ethan Shahan, 31, of Edina, Missouri, will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2023, at the Doss Funeral Home in Edina, Missouri.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Ethan Shahan passed away Friday, February 17, 2023, at the University of Missouri Hospital surrounded by family.

Ethan is survived by his parents, Richard and Bev Shahan of Edina, Missouri; a brother, Denis Shahan of Hurdland, Missouri; a sister, April and Kent Franke of Novelty, Missouri; nieces and nephews, Gabrial, Meranda and Donavan, Mercades, Blake, Issac, Aiden, Serenity, Haylee, Robert, Samuel, Katalina and Jasimen; along with a host of cousins and friends.

Delta Dental celebrates 25 years of its Original Tooth Fairy Poll®

Tooth Fairy giving continues record pace

By Delta Dental

OAK BROOK, Ill. -Even the Tooth Fairy can't escape inflation.

According to new Delta Dental findings from its 2023 Original Tooth Fairy Poll®, the average value of a single lost tooth during the past year increased 16 percent from \$5.36 to \$6.23. The new value not only has children beaming

with gap-toothed smiles but also represents a record high in the 25-year history of the poll.

Since the poll's inception, the average cash gift left by the Tooth Fairy has surged 379 percent from \$1.30 to \$6.23 per tooth. At this rate, in 2048, the Tooth Fairy would be leaving a whopping \$30 under the pillow for a single tooth.

"Delta Dental has been analyzing the Tooth Fairy's U.S. annual giving trends for a quarter century, highlighting the role of good oral health care habits for children." said Gabriella Ferroni, Senior Director, Strategic Communications, Delta Dental Plans Association. "We know this time-honored tradition will continue to bring great joy to homes across the country, and we look forward to seeing how the Tooth



Fairy's giving changes over the next 25 years. Given the projection, it would be in the Tooth Fairy's best interest to invest in a larger purse."

UNITED

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by their agreement with United Way, held special events and/or made a major donation to help raise monies during the 2020 Campaign, listed as follows:

Adair County 4-H: Chicken Bingo and individual Club donations: Adair County Family YMCA: Annual Reindeer Romp; Community Opportunities/Sheltered Workshop: Hunting for Bucks at HvVee and Garage Sale; Hospice of Northeast Missouri: NEMO Senior Citizens Services and RSVP/Senior Adult Services: A Bake less Bake Sale; Macon Diversified Industries Donation; Salvation Army Chili Cookoff Donation; Boy Scouts Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship, which raised \$8,488.

Members of the 2020 campaign were then recognized: Stephanie Mills Kirksville RIII Schools; Kyla Wright Northeast Regional Medical Center; Devon Williams and Samantha McCabe Preferred Family Health Care; Keaton Wagner and Wendy Miner Truman State University; John Steward of Sodexo and Zach Burden of TSU Residential Services; Trish Sexton ATSU; Candice Harrington and Kelli Kimse Hollister; Annette Sweet Amerun UE -; Don Crosby City of Kirksville; Kirksville Daily Express Scott Jarvis and Marty Bachman; KIRX/KRXL/KTUF Charles Summer who alias is Chuck Knight who is Host of Area Scene.; KTVO-TV Daniel Magruder of KTVO Community Calendar

Special awards were given to: Jen Vogt Wooden Nickel Golf Tournament; Luke Callaghan Texas Hold'em and Trivia Night; Retail Employee Giving Award: Lovegreens 80% Employee Giving; Outstanding In Kind Donation Award: Bank Midwest (Donated Office Space and Utilities); United Way Generosity Award (highest per capita giving) Ameren UE \$340 per employee



Kirksville Daily Express editor Marty Bachman and account executive Scott Jarvis with Ramey Weichelt (left), United Way of Northeast Missouri drive chair and Amanda Selby, assistant drive chair.



Luke Callaghan of Kirksville Parks and Recreation and a UW Board member is recognized for his fundraising leadership of the UWNEMO Texas Hold'em Tournaments and annual Trivia Contest. Pictured with Callaghan is United Way Executive Director Bill Castles.



Bill and Courtney Lovegreen of Lovegreen Motors were recognized for the most successful Retail Employee Giving Award with 80% of their employees giving to the UW Annual Campaign. With the Lovegreens is United Way **Executive Director Bill Castles.**





Annette Sweet, Regional Accounts Executive for Ameren Missouri accepts the Generosity Award (highest per capita giving by employees). Pictured with Sweet is United Way Executive Director Bill Castles.



Campaign Chairpersons Award went to Ramey Weichelt and Amanda Selby and Board Member Recognition went to outgoing President Ted Frashour, and outgoing board members: Luke Callaghan; Ryan Halstead; Elizabeth Gregory; Kevin Butner.

Chade Shorten was named 2023 President and gave the Past President Plaque to Ted Frushour, Past President from ATSU; Keaton Wagner, Marketing Professional' Kylee Wright, Treasurer CFO Northeast Regional Medical Center; Trish Sexton, Secretary from ATSU; Tim Mills Truman State University; Polly Matteson TSU; Lori AlJundi Pepsi Memphis Bottling: Stephanie Mills Kirksville Public SchoolsPublic Relations; Robin Dawson Area Health Education Center; Pam Ryan Retired; Valerie Hamlin ATSU; Ramey Weichelt ATSU; Amanda Selby ATSU; and Bertha Thomas Retired.

Finally, the Hall of Fame Inductee award, which is presented to the individual who exemplifies the word, "Live United", was Pam Ryan, who has served on the board for seven years as vice president, president and past president.

Ted Frushour, 2022 United Way President presents Crystal Campaign Awards to Ramey Weichelt, 2023 Campaign Chairperson and Co-Chair Amanda Selby.

Dr. Pam Ryan, a long time United Way Board Member who has served as Past Vice President and President of the organization is pictured with United Way Board Members Ted Frushour and Luke Callaghan accepting the Hall of Fame Award.

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Local History

EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY — PART 39

Celebrating Kirksville's First Founder's Day

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

When the Adair County Court Justices/Judges, Joseph Ringo, John Morrow and Samuel Easton, met on Wednesday, May 18, 1842, they voted to officially give the county seat the name of KIRKS-VILLE after the Jesse Kirk family. Of course, the Kirks felt very honored by this selection and decided that some type of celebration was in order. They planned what was described as a "Grand Frontier Reception" to be held at the Kirk Tavern to celebrate the naming! Of course, the County Court Judges were the honored guests. The County Clerk also came, as well as all the boarders at the Kirk hotel, family and friends.

Jesse's wife, Fannie Kirk, prepared the meal which consisted of roasted venison, wild turkey, corn bread, cakes, rye biscuits and honey, all the best foods of a pioneer life in the early days of northeast Missouri! This was the first Kirksville Founder's Day.

Later, the Kirks' daughter-inlaw, Minerva (Sloan) Kirk, would write, "I know from those that were there that it was a pleasant affair, and all were made to feel at home by the hostess, Jesse Kirk's wife, Aunt Fannie Kirk, as she was commonly called."

The first election held in Adair County was in August 1842. It is believed that this was held to reaffirm the positions of the county court judges who were first appointed by Missouri Governor Thomas Reynolds when the county was first organized. It may have also added a few new positions to the county government, but these were not specified.

From these election results which were sent to the Secretary of State, we learn one important fact. In those returns, the County Clerk, David James, asked that all communications to the Adair County Court be sent to the nearest post office in Bloomington, Missouri, which was in Macon County. Mail was then brought to Kirksville by stagecoach. Therefore, we know that the first post office in Kirksville was not estab-

A man who has been described only as "a traveler" died in Kirksville in that year. He was probably staying at Jesse's hotel as he passed through this area when death overtook him. If his name was even known at the time, it has now been lost to history.

Apparently, no one knew any relatives of the man to contact, so they needed a place to bury him. Although David Sloan had died in 1842, his farm burial was not yet considered a cemetery for others, and it seems there was no official grave yard yet established close to Kirksville where the traveler could be buried.

But, the town of Kirksville owned land outside the perimeters of what was laid out as the original town. The west boundary of Kirksville at that time was just behind David Sloan's house (which later became an alleyway). Officials offered land which is now just one block behind the location of David Sloan's house on which the traveler could be interred. This was only what is now counted as five blocks south of the location of Jesse's Tavern and would have adjoined David Sloan's property. This burial location was on the first hill south of the present gates to Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. With the burial of this traveler, the future Forest Llewellyn Cemetery was created. At first, it was simply called the city cemetery. This land probably adjoined both David Sloan and Jesse Kirk's farms. Sadly, it would not be long before Jesse Kirk himself would be buried near this traveler. And, 10 years later, Jesse's 3-year-old grandson, John T. Kirk, whom he never met, would be buried between his grandfather and the traveler.

JESSE KIRK MEMORIALIZED:

After Kirksville was named and declared the county set of Adair County, the next item for discussion seems to have been the future building of a county courthouse. Most towns which were county seats had built a courthouse in a central location where it could easily be accessed by all citizens. Those towns which were not a county seat, usually had a park in the middle of town called the town square. Jesse Kirk's descendants say that it was he who donated a block of his land for the establishment of a town square on which he expected a courthouse to eventually be built.





tombstone in Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery on Kirksville Founder's Day. Left to right: Mayor Glen Moritz and County Commissioner Carson Adams (Photo by B.

ters of the American Revolution and the George Hull Chapter of Daughters of the American Colonists due to the fact that Jesse's father had served in the Revolutionary War. However, neither of these stones stated the important fact that he was the eponym of Kirksville, the person after whom Kirksville was named in 1842.

In the summer of 2010, a photo was taken of Jesse Kirk's two tombstones which were next to one another. During the following summer of 2011, another photo showed that the narrow, upright slab, the original stone for Jesse Kirk, had been broken in several pieces. It then became the goal of this writer who is also a member of the "Friends of Forest Llewellyn Cemetery" to help facilitate a new stone for him, and particularly one which clearly stated his significance to the history of Kirksville.

Through the cooperation of the Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery, the Adair County Historical Society and the City of Kirksville, a new and larger stone was placed on the grave of Jesse Kirk. The front side reads:

JESSE KIRK

Born Sept 20, 1793 Marion County Kentucky Died Aug 21, 1846 Kirksville MO The City of Kirksville was

named after Jesse Kirk in 1842 Hotel owner businessman

TURNING THE PAGE This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

110 Years Ago*,* February 24, 1913

A human skull was found in a hog pen at the stock yards near the intersection of Jefferson Street and the Wabash railroad tracks. Sheriff Willis was informed of the matter, and he thought he had a clue that would aid him in finding the person(s) who discarded the skull there. It was soon discovered that the skull was missing from the anatomy department at the American School of Osteopathy, and speculation was that it was taken by a student and thrown in the pig pen. A closer examination of the skull revealed that it had been dissected in the last few months. The pig pens were not in use when the skull was placed there. Sheriff Willis intended to investigate the inhumane act to determine if the skull was stolen, and if it were he would pursue filing charges of theft.

110 Years Ago, February 26, 1913

Attendance records for a theater performance in Kirksville were broken as residents of Kirksville and the surrounding area took to the grand opera. The opera "The Bohemian Girl" was presented at the Harrington Theater by the Aborn Opera Company. The theater's 1,100 seats were sold, and every seat was taken. According to theater manager, Swaney, he turned away between 500 to 600 persons who sought seats. He said he was greatly encouraged to bring such high-class productions to Kirksville.



and educating himself. The Civil War was in progress, and it was a challenging task to preserve the family farm and resources. In 1871 and 1872 the Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City Railroad (Q.O.&K.C.) was being built across Adair County from east to west. Brashear spent a lot of his time and resources in an effort to get the railroad located on his property. He was successful in that endeavor, and the village that grew up along the railroad was named Brashear in his honor. In 1882 Brashear sold his Brashear property and purchased a 200acre farm on the east side of Kirksville where he built several houses and the Ward Infirmary. With an interest in real estate, he had his land surveyed and added three Brashear additions to Kirksville where he sold lots for residential construction. After he had the Ward Infirmary building removed, he donated the land to the city of Kirksville for Brashear park.

85 Years Ago, February 23, 1938

State Highway Patrolmen Kanan and Wood went on a three-hour exhausting chase that turned out to be a case of chasing the wrong person. As the two were driving along the country club grounds Sunday afternoon, they spotted a youth carrying a guitar in a sack. They stopped their car, and as they did the vouth crawled through the fence and took off across the field. The patrolmen were certain the youth was the one who was wanted for taking a guitar from a local firm. Officers Kanan and Wood pulled their weapons and began firing in the air. This hastened the youth to start running. After chasing him for three hours through fields, timber, and brush, the youth was apprehended. Upon returning him to Kirksville, it was learned that the guitar belonged to the youth as it had been given to him by a relative.

lished until after August 1842.

Of course, there was no home mail delivery nor postage stamps at that time. One had to simply come to the post office to check and see if they had mail and pay to receive it. The most logical place to have a post office at that time was in Jesse Kirk's tavern since that was the stagecoach stop, and it may have been the only business building in town. After the establishment of the post office at the tavern, it followed that Jesse Kirk was appointed as the first Postmaster.

Besides being Kirksville's first Postmaster, Jesse Kirk was also chosen to be the Treasurer of Adair County. Some records say he was the first Treasurer and others say he was the second. Not enough records exist to determine which is correct.

Not many details are known about Jesse Kirk's life other than what has already been mentioned. However, one memorable event did happen in 1845 and is believed to have occurred at Jesse's inn. Jesse's son stated in a newspaper article that his father donated this piece of land with the stipulation that a courthouse be built upon it, and if this did not occur, the land would revert back to the Kirk family.

Jesse Kirk was somewhat like David Sloan in that he died at a relatively young age. He died August 21, 1846, at the age of 52. He lived only 4 years and 3 months after the town of Kirksville was named for him. His cause of death is also unknown. Jesse was buried on the same hill close to the deceased traveler. A small narrow slab was placed at Jesse's grave showing only his name and dates.

In October 1962, another stone was added to Jesse's grave by the Ann Haynes Chapter of DaughTreasurer of Adair County & First Postmaster Donated land for the Adair County Courthouse The back of Jesse Kirk's stone reads:

JESSE KIRK

Married Frances Gray in 1819 (Buried in Oregon) Children: James Travis, Susan Ann, John Gray, George Madison & Charles Sylvester

Several of Jesse's descendants were in attendance at the dedication of this new stone on Founder's Day in May 2014. Kirksville Mayor Glen Moritz and County Commissioner Carson Adams unveiled the new stone. Jesse Kirk's old stone was donated to the Adair County Historical Society Museum, 211 S. Elson in Kirksville, and it is on display there. Jesse Kirk's DAR stone was moved to the foot of his grave.

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90 Years Ago, February 24, 1933

Richard M. Brashear, donor of the park in east Kirksville that bears his name and the man for whom the town of Brashear was named, died in a Kirksville hospital. He was 87. Brashear had been battling health issues since he was injured in an automobile accident three years earlier on his 1,500 acre farm in Pike County. Brashear was born in 1846 on a farm near the present site of Brashear. When he was 16 his father died, and as the oldest son living at home, he assumed the responsibility of keeping the family together

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Family information wanted

By Special to The Express

Dan was a 22 year old farm boy from Scotland County, Mo., when he, along with his brother named "Bird," enlisted in the US Army six months after America entered World War I. Now it's 1918 and having advanced training in demolition, he's deep in muddy trench warfare in the Battle of Saint Mihiel near the borders of Belgium, France, and Germany under the command of General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing. Dan knew he was a long way from home.

As a demolition specialist, he would use dynamite to destroy enemy positions, ammunition, and buildings; but primarily he was an infantryman. Several tank divisions, led by Colonel George S. Patton, supported the infantry in this battle. Dan would see his share of death and gruesome attacks by the enemy. He would also have to do some killing. He returns home to the family farm a much different man than he was before the war. Like all soldiers he would want to forget the sights and sounds of battle but his private nightmares were constant companions. Today it would be called PTSD. Dan marries, but the marriage doesn't last long. He marries again 14 years later, moves to Memphis, Mo., and fathers seven children. The nightmares continue and ultimately his children are removed from their home.

His parents were Willis Jones Cline and Sally Sarah (Powers) Cline. There were family hardships and times of going without. But not much more is known about Daniel Albert Cline, Sr. His children are trying to locate any relatives or acquaintances



of the Cline family who might know some of the missing details. If you have any recollections of him or stories or photos you could share, please contact Karen Sue (Cline) Bailey at 316-734-4815 or send her an email to: karensue4815@gmail.com.

Agriculture

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA - Several antibiotics used in cattle and other livestock will require a veterinary prescription in the coming months. This change represents the final phase of the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to bring all medically important antibiotics approved for use in animals under veterinary oversight by June 11.

"This will end overthe-counter (OTC) sales of antibiotics and livestock owners will need a prescription from a veterinarian if they want to continue to have access," said University of Missouri Extension veterinarian Craig Pavne. He said antibiotics won't necessarily need to be purchased from a veterinarian, but a prescription will be required regardless of where they are purchased.

Many antibiotics went through a similar transition in 2017. Feed antibiotics that had once been available OTC began to require a veterinary feed directive (VFD), and OTC antibiotics delivered in the water required a prescription.

"However, some antibiotics remained available OTC in the form of injectables, intramammary tubes, boluses, etc.," said Payne.

FDA's Guidance for Industry #263 (GFI 263) specifically addressed these antibiotics with the expectation that by June 11,

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2023, these remaining OTC antibiotics must display the following language on the label: "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."

Once antibiotics with the revised labeling reach retail locations in the coming months, they will require a prescription, Payne said.

Considering the impact of these changes, producers may have questions. These are the questions Payne encounters most often:

Which antibiotics will be affected? See the table below for examples of antibiotics affected.

After June 11, will I need a prescription to use antibiotics purchased before the label change? FDA intends to allow existing stocks of OTC antibiotics to be depleted and a prescription will not be required for use. However, if the antibiotic is being used extra-label (in a manner that is not in accordance with the approved label directions), a veterinary prescription is required.

I don't own cattle but I do use some of the antibiotics affected by GFI 263 in other species. Will I still need a prescription?

Yes. A prescription will be required regardless of the species you intend to use it in. I don't use a veter-

inarian. How do I ensure I have access to antibiotics once the changes occur?

You will need to work with a veterinarian to ensure continued access. For a veterinarian to issue a prescription, a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) must be established. In Missouri, this means a veterinarian is acquainted with the keeping and care of your animals either by examination or timely visits to the operation where the animals are kept. You will need to contact a local veterinarian for further details about the requirements for establishing and maintaining a VCPR.

Will these changes lead to additional expenses?

It is not known if the changes will affect antibiotic prices. However, there are expenses associated with establishing and maintaining a VCPR. Someone who already has a VCPR established

should expect little to no additional expenses associated with these changes.

My local farm store currently sells some of the antibiotics affected by GFI 263. Will they be able to sell these antibiotics once they require a prescription?

In Missouri, any business that sells, dispenses or fills orders for animal prescription drugs is required to have a state pharmacy permit and must comply with the rules and statutes associated with holding that permit. Because of this, farm stores in Missouri may choose not to sell antibiotics once they require a prescription. Please contact your local store for more information. It is important to

note that veterinarians dispensing drugs to their own clients are exempt from these regulations and that pharmacy regulations vary from state to state.

Will I be able purchase these antibiotics from online vendors that are not located in Missouri, provided I have a prescription?

Online pharmacies that conduct interstate business must follow federal and state requirements when distributing, dispensing or delivering prescription drugs. Many of the popular online vendors currently sell prescription drugs and are already in compliance with these requirements. Contact the vendor with any additional questions you may have.



How labor shortages are affecting agriculture

By MetroCreative

The agricultural workforce is shrinking, and has been for some time. The American Farm Bureau Federation estimates there are roughly 2.4 million farm jobs that need to be filled annually, but there has been a drastic decline in workers each year.

There are a number of reasons for the shortages. The AFBF says more than 73 percent of farm workers are immigrants from South America and Mexico. While the United States' H2-A visa program, which allows employers who meet specific requirements to bring foreign laborers in for temporary work, has increased the number of accepted applications for immigrants to 250,000, this number is still just a drop in the bucket in terms of labor needs.

Another factor is a career in agriculture isn't always easy or lucrative. According to the U.S Department of Agriculture, for every dollar spent on food, a farmer receives only 7.6 cents. Farmers were predicted to lose 9.7 percent of total net income in 2021.

Declining interest in the field has also affected the number of farm workers. As more farm operators reach retirement age, fewer young farmers are replacing them due to volatile pricing, high real estate and land costs, steep initial machinery investment costs, and other factors. The physical demand of the industry also takes its toll. So what does this mean for the agricultural industry?

Many with knowledge of the industry indicate sweeping changes are warranted. Ellen Poeschi, the project director for the National Association of Agricultural Educators Teach Ag campaign, has said that a lack of agricultural education is contributing to the problem. Increasing availability of ag education courses across the country could build interest in the industry. Connecting students to internships or mentors may help, too.

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Another option is to rally for greater economic opportunities in agriculture. The ag industry in general needs to find ways to make the economic benefits more competitive to other industries, and improve the working conditions and job flexibility. Agricultural industries currently average only 60 percent of what other industries offer in salaries. Farm wages have been rising due to the H-2A program, which requires farm worker pay to be higher than the state/federal minimum wage. More change is needed, but this may have to come at the federal level or be sparked by efforts on the part of agricultural advocacy groups.

Additional strategies farm operators can employ to combat shortages are: scaling back farm operations; integrating ag technology to reduce labor burdens; pivoting to crops that require fewer laborers; leasing portions of land to have extra money; employing temporary guest workers; and moving operations abroad.

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80 Years Ago, Feb. 19, 1943

Under an order of the War Department a special request was made for people to turn in their 12-gauge shotguns for use in the World War II war effort. According to Stanley Hayden, the local American Legion was conducting a special drive in Adair County to encourage residents who wanted to sell guns to bring them to Clark Hardware in Kirksville. Government specifications stated that shotguns should be a hammerless 12-gauge double barrel. The price being paid was from \$30 to \$45. Once the shotguns were collected, they would be shipped to the Browning Arms Company in St. Louis. Hayden said that "it is not only a patriotic gesture but a practical one as it is becoming increasingly difficult to purchase ammunition."

75 Years Ago, Feb. 26, 1948

G.E. "Shag" Grossnickle (1915-2016) announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Adair County. Grossnickle was born and raised on an Iowa farm and attended school in Carlisle, Iowa. He came to Kirksville in 1936 and later attended the Teachers College (Truman State University) where he was an outstanding athlete. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy as a boatswain's

mate in recruit training and when discharged was an adjutant in charge of 5,000 naval trainees at the Great Lakes. After the war he was a coach at the Kirksville High School and then entered business as a proprietor of the Snappy Service lunchroom. He married a Kirksville girl, Sarah Rose Maize, and they were the parents of a three-year-old son. Grossnickle won the Republican nomination and went on to win election as Adair County Sheriff in the fall of 1948. He served as sheriff from 1949-1957.

65 Years Ago, Feb. 25, 1958

Mardi Gras began at the Kirksville High School as students checked out hats and novelties from the principal's office. At noon the junior class served lunch in the library. All activities were to be held "in school" and there were to be no outside activities such as car washes or similar activities as had been the case in the past. Each class had their own projects. Activities for the three-day event included a supper in the high school gym, a basketball game with the girls playing the boys using the girls' rules, another basketball game with faculty versus parents, and a talent show in the school auditorium. Other activities sponsored by each class included a game night with movies at Washington School gym, a backwards party,

and numerous lunches and dinners sponsored by each class. The total receipts of each class figured on a percentage basis was to determine the winning class. The climax on Mardi Gras was reached with the dance Saturday night at which time the Mardi Gras king and queen were crowned. The candidates of the winning class became the king and queen. Theme of the dance that was at Greenwood gym was "Basin Street Blues," that featured Irv Neff and his band. The dance was under the supervision of the art department. Decorations featured a two toned blue false ceiling and posters of the blues era. Hats, masks, blow outs, and confetti were provided each attendee. Candidates of the senior class, Jonean Ratliff and Stacy Howell, were crowned Mardi Gras

king and queen. Junior attendants were Carol Aeschliman and Ronnie Miller, and sophomore attendants were Linda Bartlett and Ken Winter. Dee Roberts, president of the KHS Student Council, crowned the king and queen.

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Weather



Abuser tries to turn over a new leaf to save family

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for five years, with two children. I have been putting my hands on her in such a bad way that she's saving we are no longer a family and she wants a divorce. I need my wife and children back. It hurts me to stay away. I'm currently going to church and Sunday school and Bible study. I have been praying many hours these past few weeks, and it is helping me. I will do anything and everything I can to get my family back because I don't want to lose them. What can I do to get them back? --



because you have a substance abuse problem? A course in anger management could help you break this destructive pattern. Search online for a program near you. After that, if your wife sees you are making a sincere effort, she may trust you enough to risk reuniting. A warning, however: Do not pressure her. This will have to be HER decision. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www. DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



JEANNE PHILLIPS DEAR ABBY

LEARNING A LESSON IN NEVADA

DEAR LEARNING: A good first step would be for you to gain some insight about what triggers you to act out violently. Was physical abuse an example that was set by your parents? Does it happen

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Unconventional Weaponry

Christopher Gaddis, 41, was holding a cat in his arms when he was approached by Metro Nashville Police officers on Feb. 8, WS-MV-TV reported. Gaddis had two outstanding warrants, and officers were trying to arrest him when he shoved the cat into the face of one of them, leaving several cuts on the officer's hands. Gaddis also kicked the officer. After being treated for his own injuries from the cat, Gaddis was charged with resisting arrest and assaulting an officer.

It's Come to This

In what prosecutor Owen Beale called an "organized criminal matter," Joby Pool, 32, pleaded guilty to theft and criminal damage in Kidderminster, England, magistrates court, The Guardian reported. His crime? Pool broke into a warehouse on Feb. 11 and towed away a trailer with about 200,000 Cadbury Creme Eggs, valued at about \$37,000. He didn't get very far; when police stopped him, he "walked toward (them) with his hands up." "This clearly wasn't spur-of-the-moment offending," Beale said. "You don't just happen to learn about a trailer with that kind of value being available." The "Easter bunny," as police dubbed him, will be sentenced in March to about two years in jail.

Bright Ideas

-- In the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia, one gas station is employing a dramatic tactic to try to keep people experiencing homelessness away: blasting opera music over its outdoor speakers. WPVI-TV reported that neighbors aren't fans: "I heard all this music, I couldn't tell where it was coming from. Loud, it was unbelievable that time of night," said Clinton Barnes, who lives close by. "I don't think it's a deterrent," said Karen Clark. "They have to find something else." One neighbor said it was as loud as if someone had "cranked the volume all the way up" on the TV inside their home. Gas station employees refused to comment.

-- Austin Bristoe, 26, of Bloomington, Indiana, was sick and tired of people breaking into his 1998 Buick and stealing stuff, Fox59-TV reported. On Feb. 12, when police responded to a car fire, they found Bristoe just standing next to his burning vehicle, and he told them he set it on fire to stop the thefts. "If there was nothing left of the vehicle, then there would be nothing left to steal," Bristoe's logic went. As it burned, the fire caused a small explosion, and Bristoe commented, "I hoped the explosions would be bigger." After arresting him for arson, they searched him, finding several packed syringes and benzodiazepine.

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Sports

Kirksville wrestlers have strong showing at state

By Adam Tumino Daily Express

Kirksville was well represented at the State Wrestling Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, with two girls and six boys having of these eight wrestlers made it to the second day of the tournament and placed.

Madisynn Crawford and Destynee Small both qualified for the Class 1 girls tournament, with

qualified for state. Five Crawford placing fifth at 170.

Austyn Hunter, Justin Schutter, Lane Patterson, Dominic Cahalan, Benjamin Amerman and Ninove Omehele qualified for the boys in Class 2. Hunter placed third

at 120, Schutter placed fourth at 113, Patterson placed 4th at 138 and Cahalan placed sixth at 157.

More coverage of the State Wrestling Tournament will be in the March 1 issue of the Daily Express.

Atlanta comes back to beat Novinger in semifinal thriller

By Adam Tumino Daily Express

The Novinger and Atlanta girls basketball teams played a thrilling semifinal game in the Class 1 District 11 Tournament on Thursday, with Atlanta going on a late run to down Novinger by a score of 37-34.

Atlanta is the No. 2 seed in the tournament and will face top seed North Shelby for the district title on Saturday. Novinger, which was the No. 3 seed, sees its season end with a 16-12 record. The Wildcats had won four of their last five games heading in the semis, including a win over Marion County in the opening round.

Atlanta head coach Jason White said that the team was able to do what it needed to do in the fourth quarter, despite trailing by eight points at the end of the third, to pull off the comeback win.

"Our goal was just to run for the first three quarters, make (Novinger) run up and down the floor and then knowing that we were in striking distance there, just putting the press on them really

was the difference in the fourth quarter," he said. "Our girls kept gaining energy throughout the game and that was the big difference, just putting that pressure on them to start the fourth.

It truly was a game of runs on Thursday, with both teams having multiple scoring runs throughout the contest. Atlanta opened the game on a 6-0 run before Novinger responded by scoring the next 13 points, 11 of which came in the first quarter and the final two came to open the second. Atlanta put a stop to that run by scoring the next seven points to tie the score at 13-13 before Novinger pulled back ahead with a 6-0 run. The Wildcats held a 20-15 lead at halftime.

Novinger extended its lead early in the third quarter and grabbed a game-high nine point lead at 26-17. Atlanta kept it from getting out of hand, cutting the deficit to 26-22 before Novinger once again pulled further ahead to go up 30-22 by the end of the third.

Then Atlanta went on the most monumental scoring run of the game,



Atlanta senior Kyley Magers drives toward the basket against Novinger in the game on Feb. 23.



Novinger freshman Avery Carter drives on a pair of Atlanta defenders in the game on Feb. 23. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

scoring four quick points to open the fourth quarter and forcing a timeout from Novinger. Atlanta kept up its pace after that, at one point forcing Novinger turnovers on four of five possessions, with the final turnover of that span leading to a Atlanta basket that tied the score at 30-30. The Hornets then took their first lead since the first quarter, going up 33-30. The lead was shortlived, with Novinger's Kelsey Frederick stopping Atlanta's 11-0 run with a clutch three pointer to tie the score once again. An Atlanta free throw gave the Hornets a onepoint lead until the ensuing Novinger possession, where a Wildcat free throw tied the score once

again, this time at 34-34 with 24 seconds left. After the Novinger free throw, Atlanta's Kyley Magers drove the length of the court and converted a tough lavup, giving the Hornets a late lead. Novinger failed to score

COLUMN

There may be no saving the NBA All-Star Game

he NBA provides an unparalleled level of excitement and drama on a nightly basis, with enough on-court heroics and off-court nonsense to keep the

daily news cycle full of fresh material. But there is one day a year where the NBA really and truly disappoints, and it is unfortunately a night that should be a showcase for the best players in the sport.



ADAM TUMINO DAILY EXPRESS SPORTS

The NBA All-Star Game was held last weekend, and yet again proved to be the one sporting event on the calendar with the most wasted potential. The idea of watching the best basketball players on earth compete, even in a meaningless exhibition, looks good on paper. Seeing Joel Embiid of the 76ers and Nikola Jokic of the Nuggets, two of the most talented centers in NBA history, playing on the same team for a night should be great fun. Watching the best shooters in the game exchange three pointers of increasingly-ridiculous range should feel more exciting than it does in the All-Star Game.

All of the amazing talent and freakish athleticism display is unfortunately overshadowed by the glaring fact that the players in the game simply do not care. Even the players and coaches involved in this season's game admitted as much.

Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown said that the game was not real basketball and called it a "glorified layup line." Nuggets head coach Mike Malone, who coached one of the teams in the game, called it "the worst basketball game ever played." Malone then said that he does not know if the game can be fixed.

I think it is unfair to expect the player in the All-Star Game to compete at their highest level or to truly attempt to play defense. It is supposed to be a break in the season after all, and the last thing anyone wants is for a star player to get hurt in a meaningless game and miss important games in the second half of the season, or even the playoffs.

But there needs to be something done to make the game more entertaining. The activities that take place the day before



Novinger freshman Kastacia Baird looks to make a pass around an Atlanta defender in the game on Feb. 23.

on the next possession, and Magers was sent to the line where she made one of two free throws to put Atlanta up 37-34. A defensive stop then sent Atlanta to the finals, and ended Novinger's season.

Novinger head coach Jason Daniels said that, in a game that featured so many momentum-shifting runs, getting the players to remain level-headed was key.

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The Novinger cheering section celebrates after the Wildcats score in the game against Atlanta on Feb. 23.



Atlanta senior Aislynn Baker attempts to make a pass along the baseline against Novinger on Feb. 23.

the game, like the three-point shootout and dunk contest, are at least marginally more exciting.

The shootout routinely draws some of the biggest names in the NBA and has overtaken the dunk contest as far as star players are concerned. Long gone are the days of players like Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins participating in the dunk contest.

For some reason, the dunk contest does not interest star players. Instead, the last several years have seen players that are exceptional athletes, sure, but have little to no name recognition to a national audience. KJ Martin of the Houston Rockets, Trey Murphy III of the New Orleans Pelicans, Jericho Sims of the New York Knicks and Mac McClung of the Philadelphia 76ers were this year's participants, and most NBA fans would be forgiven for not considering these players among the league's best.

McClung is barely an NBA player, having spent a large majority of the last two seasons in the G-League. Incidentally, McClung put on an absolute show, easily winning the dunk contest and providing some of the best dunks in years. His performance saved the contest from once again slipping into obscurity.

But Mac McClung cannot be relied upon to save the dunk contest every year, and will likely never get close enough to the All-Star Game to make an impact there.

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"You just keep reminding them that we just came back, let's do it again, or they just came back on us so be ready, you've got to take care of things," he said. "You've just got to keep focused, and I thought they did. We had a couple key turnovers that really hurt us in (Atlanta's) last run offensively. The ball didn't bounce our way."

Daniels also added that, although the final loss of the season is always tough, the way things unfolded Thursday made the loss a bit harder to swallow, especially for the team's seniors.

"It's hard to take games like that," Daniels said. "I said, 'you girls have nothing to hang your head about because you put yourself in a position to get to that championship game.' I've got some seniors there that were bawling their eyes out. They wanted to keep playing, there's just a lot of things that didn't go our way."

On the other end of the emotional spectrum, cheering could be heard from the Atlanta locker room after the game. But once that celebration subsided, White said that the team has to get ready for a tough matchup in Saturday's championship game against North Shelby.

"They're a great team, a great coached team," he said. "They have great players on their team, and just looking forward to coming out and giving them a good game from the start."

North Shelby beat tournament host La Plata in the first semifinal game on Thursday by a score of 64-35. The win moved the Raiders to 24-3 on the season and was their 11th victory in a row. North Shelby's last loss came on Jan. 19 when they fell to Northeast (Cairo) by a score of 69-37. Atlanta also played Northeast this season, losing 59-49 on Jan. 26.



The Atlanta cheering section celebrates a basket during the fourth guarter of Atlanta's game against Novinger on Feb. 23. ADAM TUMINO



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Sports

Several local teams see seasons end in district tournaments

By Adam Tumino Daily Express

While district tournaments bring plenty of thrilling games and exciting moments, they also unfortunately bring an end to the seasons of all but the top teams in each tournament. While some local teams are still alive in their districts, many others are now looking ahead to next season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Schuyler County ,Milan and Green City advanced to the title games of their district tournaments. Atlanta and Brashear advanced to face each other in the championship game in the Class 1 District 11 Tournament, but local teams Novinger and La Plata were not as lucky in the same tournament.

La Plata was the No. 6 seed, falling to Brashear 57-49 in the opening round. The Bulldogs got off to a strong start this season, winning five of their first eight games. They then hit a roadblock, going just 1-16 the rest of the way including a 12-game losing streak to end the season. They came close to breaking that streak multiple times, including in a 64-60 loss to close out the regular season and the tournament game against Brashear.

Unlike La Plata, Novinger had a slow start before evening out for the rest of the season. The Wildcats started

1-7 and then went 10-10 the rest of the way. They had lost three in a row heading into the tournament before bouncing back with an opening-round win over Marion County. They came up short trying to turn that into a winning streak, falling by 12 points to Atlanta in the semis.

Putnam County earned the No. 4 seed in the Class 2 District 6 Tournament, which featured three other local teams. The Midgets won five of six to close out the regular season, with one of those wins coming against eventual No. 1 seed Canton. Putnam County won in the first round over Princeton before a rematch with Canton in the semis, this time losing 63-44, ending the season at 17-11.

Knox County and Scotland County faced off in the opening round of the Class 2 District 6 Tournament in a matchup of local teams. Knox County had the three seed, and beat six seed Scotland County 59-40. Knox County then fell to Schuyler County in the semis.

Knox County went 9-4 over its last 13 games to end the season just over .500 at 14-13. Scotland County had a tough season, with 10 of its last 12 games coming against teams with winning records. The Tigers ended the season with a 5-20 record.

Macon and Kirksville will be the final local teams to play in a district tournament when

they play on March 1. Macon is the No. 1 seed and Kirksville is seeded second, giving both teams a bye until the semis.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Atlanta, Green City and Schuyler County will all be playing for district titles on Saturday, and with Macon and Kirksville playing in their tournaments next week, that means that seven local teams have had their seasons come to an end.

Novinger fell to Atlanta in the semis of the Class 1 District 11 Tournament, putting an end to their season at 16-12. They had won four of five games prior to the semifinal matchup, but a late comeback from Atlanta made sure it was not five wins in six games.

La Plata also lost in the Class 1 District 11 Tournament, falling to top-seeded North Shelby in the semifinals. The Bulldogs were the tournament hosts, and picked up an opening-round win against Brashear in front of a home crowd. La Plata ended the season at 13-16.

Brashear nearly took down La Plata in the tournament, but came up short in what was their fifth loss in a row. Three of those losses were by single digits, and came after a threegame winning streak. Still, Brashear ended the season at 9-18.

Milan came up a bit short in



La Plata freshman Ashlynn Lewis advances the ball up court in the game against North Shelby on Feb. 23. ADAM TUMINO

the opening round of the Class 3 District 16 tournament, falling to Carrollton 49-41. Milan had won three in a row before the loss and ended the season with a 12-15 record.

Putnam County was also unable to escape the opening round of the Class 2 District 6 Tournament, a district littered with local teams. The Midgets fell to No. 4 seed Princeton and lost six of seven games to close

out the season after a six-game winning streak in January.

Much like in the boys tournament, Knox County and Scotland county met in the opening round., although with the seeds reversed. Three seed Scotland County beat six seed Knox County 59-48 before losing to Canton in the semifinals. Scotland County ended the season at 11-16 while Scotland County finished at 2-20.

La Plata girls basketball team falls in semis against North Shelby

By Adam Tumino Daily Express

The La Plata girls basketball team saw high-scoring outcome it had in the first quarter, scoring seven points in the third and eight in

ly unable to attain the eight of which came in the first half. Junior Claire Coy also scored in double figures with 10. Freshman Ashlynn Lewis added six points, as did senior Audrey Belfield in her final career game. Freshman Mylie Morse added a point off the bench to close out the Bulldogs' scoring, meaning that a majority of La Plata's points came from freshmen players.



its season come to an end on Thursday with a loss to North Shelby in the semifinals of the Class 1 District 11 Tournament. The Bulldogs were coming off a tournament win against Brashear on Tuesday, but were unable to overcome top-seeded North Shelby, falling behind early and losing by a score of 64-35. La Plata ended the season with a 13-16 record.

The Bulldogs, playing on their home court as tournament hosts. fell behind 9-0 in the first quarter, but were able to push back and outscore North Shelby 15-14 for the rest of the quarter and cut the deficit to 23-15 entering the second. The Raiders quickly pulled further ahead in the second quarter, outscoring La Plata 20-5 in the period and claiming a 43-20 lead by the half.

North Shelby's offense slowed quite a bit in the second half, scoring a total of 21 points to keep the halftime lead from growing much larger. La Plata was unfortunatethe fourth and eventually losing by 29.

La Plata head coach Nathan Simler said that the team knew it had a tough matchup, and given their relative inexperience and the challenges they faced throughout the season, the loss can help the team grow heading into next season.

"My team is really young," he said. "They faced a lot of adversity this season with injuries and sickness, things like that. I return 98% of these girls next year, and I think they're going to be a lot tougher, a lot more experienced. We'll be ready to go next year. They're eager for next year I think."

With just three seniors listed on the roster this season, compared to seven freshmen, a sophomore and three juniors, the Wildcats will have young players next season that have already seen plenty of playing time.

Freshman Layne Mack was the team's leading scorer Thursday with 12 points,

With the win, North Shelby has now won 11 in a row and will play Atlanta on Saturday for the district championship.

La Plata freshman Layne Mack handles the ball on offense in the game against North Shelby on Feb. 23. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



La Plata head coach Nathan Simler addresses the team during a timeout in the fourth quarter against North Shelby on Feb. 23.

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So how do you get NBA players to actually care about the game? I generally reject the notion that NBA players are spoiled by their increasing salaries, which is a common argument. I doubt that the amount of money players make truly impacts how they feel about the All-Star Game.

I think that players just value their rest more now than at any other time in NBA history. Star players also rest frequently during the regular season, with load management becoming a hot-button issue among fans and media.

This is partly a result of the pace of play being much higher than ever before, and although the game is less physical than in the past, the increased pace still takes a

drastic toll on players' bodies. Expanded postseasons and desire of players to stay healthy through the finals likely plays into the lack of interest in a mid-season exhibition.

I do not think that the All-Star Game can be saved at this point. The NBA should

probably put more focus on things like the dunk contest or even the celebrity game, maybe finding ways to integrate star players into events other than the game. It seems increasingly unlikely that NBA stars will ever take a real interest in the All-Star Game again.

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"I'm just going over to the bowling alley to get a candy bar."

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Keep your life simple, your plans reasonable and your debt controlled. Look for novel ideas, but refuse to let anyone railroad you into something that will eat up your time and take away from what you want to achieve this year. Be authentic and good to yourself, and you'll find the happiness missing from your life. Don't wait for things to happen; be the initiator.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Make it clear who is in control. Don't share your intentions until you are ready to launch your plans. Sort out any differences you have with those you live with or near.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Spur-of-the-moment decisions will set you back. Check out the implications of getting involved in something that requires your time, energy or money. Make sure your documents are updated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Temptation to get involved in something questionable will be overwhelming. Take a step back, consider the consequences and adjust your plans to ensure you don't jeopardize your reputation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You'll have plenty to think about before making a decision that can affect your direction. Leave nothing to chance; speak up, offer suggestions and work alongside people you respect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Give back to those who have been so gracious and kind to you. A small gesture will make a difference. Explore how you can use your skills differently, and make necessary updates.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Throwing money around to impress people will backfire and add to

your stress. Offer hands-on help and a kind word or gesture, and you will make a statement. Do for others what you expect in return.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Embrace a challenge, take a leadership position and impress someone who makes you stretch your imagination and explore the unknown. Mix business with pleasure and socialize with like-minded people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Stimulate your mind and participate in events or activities that promise to make you more informed and confident. Attend a reunion or reach out to someone you miss. Avoid impulsive purchases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Recollection will help you resolve issues. Be honest and own up to mistakes or mishaps. Unite with old friends or supporters to receive some needed inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Being an excellent listener will promote better choices. Refuse to let anyone meddle or come between you and a loved one. Make plans that will encourage you to look on the bright side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be explicit and express any concerns about money or shared expenses. You'll find a way to improve assets and diminish liabilities. Work toward making your life less stressful and complicated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Brighten up your life by doing something that gives you a positive lift, and you'll gain enough confidence to strut your stuff and make things happen. A change of scenery will bring back memories.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Business license renewals due February 28

If you own or manage a Kirksville business, it's time to complete your business license renewal for 2023. Business license renewals were mailed on Jan. 6, on yellow paper, to valid business license holders. Business license renewals are due back to the city on or before Feb. 28. Return the completed renewal form, along with all required documents and fees, to the Finance Department at City Hall. If you have not received your renewal notice, please contact the Finance Department at 660-627-1251. For licensed contractors, plumbers, and electricians: renewals received after the Feb. 28, deadline will be considered late and will require the applicant to pay a penalty and complete the process over again, including the contractor testing/waiver process.

Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville

The city of Kirksville Parks & Recreation Department hosts Paint the Ville on Feb. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. March 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and April 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, located at 801 E. Mill St. Register your first through eighth grade artist for one or all of the monthly Kid's Club events. Artists will create a masterpiece under the direction of Paint the Ville instructor, Rachel Messer. All participants must pre-register, and class size is very limited. To register, visit the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Office at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at https://parks.kirksvillecity.com/. Each class is \$20 and all supplies are included. For more information, please contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Truman State University affiliated organization offers free help with tax preparation

Beta Alpha Psi will host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 25 in Violette Hall 1424. Clients who come to VITA

should bring: social security cards for spouses and dependents; bank routing numbers and bank account numbers for direct deposit; wage and earnings statements such as W-2, 1098T and 1099; and a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns if available. VITA services will be completed by IRS-certified volunteers and will also offer free electronic filing to receive a faster return. Appointments are required. Call 660.785.6064 to schedule. For more information, visit bap.truman.edu/vita.

Truman State Art Gallery Exhibits — Through March 3 exhibitions

Exercises in Letting Go - Nirmal RajaExercises in Letting Go explores loss through Nirmal Raja's expansive practice, including painting, fibers, ceramics, photography, installation, and video. In part, Raja instrumentalizes objects and clothing left behind by loved ones to make work about burden, grieving, caregiving, memory, and the mystery of death and other types of loss. Raja is an interdisciplinary artist and curator based in Milwaukee.

Home/Body - Madeleine Le-Mieux - in the Charlyn Gallery-Home/Body is a series of works that combine fibers, sculpture, and painting to explore the relationship between embodied experiences and the domestic environment that often contain them. Madeleine LeMieux is Art on the Move Coordinator and Instructor at the

The University Art Gallery is in the renovated gymnasium in Ophelia Parrish Hall located on Truman State University's campus near the intersection of East Normal Street and South Mulanix Street. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday Noon - 4:30 p.m. The University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks.

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children

in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You can help fed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org/give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young **Professionals Committee**

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and their employees (ages 21-40) to become involved in the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee, which focuses on retaining and engaging young professionals in the area through lunch & learn opportunities, professional development, and other various events. KVYP is here to help them connect with the community. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Hampton Inn Truman Room or via zoom. Feel free to reach out to KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

2023 Indoor Triathlon **Challenge continues**

Join Kirksville Parks and Recreation and the Adair County Family YMCA for the 2023 Indoor Triathlon Challenge. The event will run through March 15, 2023. During this eight-week challenge, participants

half triathlon, or ultra triathlon. Participants will have full access to the YMCA and the Aquatic Center, as well as all classes offered at those facilities. Those who complete the mileage goals will receive the 2023 Indoor Triathlon sweatshirt. Biking mileage can be earned through the use of a rowing machine, recumbent or spin bike, outdoor cycling, or participation in group aerobic classes. Swim distance can be accumulated by lap swimming, water walking, or water aerobics classes. Running mileage can be tallied while on the treadmill, elliptical machine, running outside, or participating in group aerobic classes. Registration is \$40 for members of either facility, or \$80 for non-members. If you have an active membership at the YMCA or the Aquatic Center, register at that facility. Non-members may register at either facility or online at parks. kirksvillecity.com. For more information about this program contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

will complete either a full triathlon,

Hospice of Northeast Missouri to facilitate ongoing support group around the grief of aging

An ongoing support group around the grief of aging will explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point." All are welcome to attend this monthly support group that will meet from 1–2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each

month at the First United Methodist Church on 300 E. Washington St. in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the south door. The ongoing support group is sponsored by Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri. For more information, call 660-627-9711.

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Adair County Public Library **Book Club is Back**

Join the Adair County Public Library for their 2022-23 Friends of the Library Book Discussion group. Meetings will be held in the Special Collections Room at 5:30 p.m. Talk to the front desk staff if you would like to purchase these books through the library. Cost for an entire set of the books is \$72. March 14: Booth by Karen Joy Fowler; April 11: Tied Up in Knotts: My Dad and Me by Karen Knotts.

Catch-and-keep trout season begins at Spur Pond

Catch-and-keep trout season at Spur Pond in Kirksville until Oct. 31. Anglers can keep trout and remove the artificial bait only restriction. The Kirksville Police Department would like to remind citizens that even though there are ice-covered portions of Spur Pond, it may not be safe to venture out on the ice. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, only ice that is four inches thick or more is safe to walk and fish on. For more information on ice safety and fishing regulations, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation webpage at https:// mdc.mo.gov/.

Missouri statewide average slides, several metros under \$3 per gallon

By AAA

The statewide gas price

are paying the least at Demand for fuel has been expensive summer-blend \$2.97 per gallon. The na- lower, which is normal gasoline takes place, it tional average price for a during winter months would not be surprising when fewer people drive. Retail gas prices will likely continue to fluctuate and could increase as the weather warms and more people takeoff on spring break road trips in the coming weeks. "Missouri drivers are seeing some relief at the pump this week as the statewide average nears \$3 per gallon," said AAA spokesperson Nick Chabarria. "As spring nears and the switchover to the more

AA	02/23	02/23/2023					
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National	\$3.39	\$3.42	4.03	\$3.53	-0.14	05/14/22	\$5.02
Missouri	\$3,04	\$3.07	-0.04	\$3.20	-0.17	06/16/22	\$4.68
Cape Girardeau	\$3.04	\$3.07	-0.04	\$3.19	-0.15	06/16/22	\$4.53
Columbia	\$2.96	\$3.03	-0.07	\$3.25	-0.29	08/14/22	\$4.87
Jefferson City	\$3.15	\$3.18	4.02	\$3.25	-0.10	05/15/22	\$4.67
Joplin	\$2.97	\$3.62	-0.05	\$3,11	-0,54	06/16/22	\$4.52
Kansas City (MO only)	\$3.04	\$3.09	-0.05	\$3.20	-0.16	06/12/22	\$4.59
Kansas City (KS only)	\$3.06	\$3.11	-0.05	\$3.21	-0.15	06/11/22	\$4.69
Springfield	\$3.01	\$3.06	-0.05	\$3.20	-0.18	06/21/22	\$4.58
St. Joseph	\$2.99	\$3.04	2.04	\$3.48	.5.19	56/17/22	54.50



average in Missouri is \$3.04 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Missouri Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents less compared to this day last week and is 17 cents less per gallon compared to this day last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Missouri, drivers in Jefferson City are paying the most on average at \$3.15 while drivers in Joplin gallon of regular unleaded is \$3.39, which is three cents less compared to this day last week and 14 cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year, according to AAA Gas Prices.

U.S. crude oil supplies continue to build sending oil prices lower. This is good news for drivers looking to save at the pump as crude accounts for up to 60% of the cost of each gallon of gasoline.

to see prices continue to fluctuate or increase."

Drivers in Missouri are paying the 4th lowest gas price average in the country, according to gasprices.aaa.com. Meanwhile, drivers in California are the paying the most at \$4.75 on average for a gallon of regular unleaded.

Prices up to date at press time using market prices posted at 3:41 a.m. Motorists can find current gas prices along

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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 /ww.hamiltonstreet.org **Rehoboth Baptist Church** 100 Pfeiffer Rd. Curtis Ferguson, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

First Presbyterian Church (USA) 201 S. High at McPherson Communion 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. 11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages 5:30 p.m. College Fellowship **Kirksville Church of Christ** 110 Pfeiffer Ave. Elders/Pastors: Dan Green

Dean Hansen 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study www.kvcoc.org

First Baptist Church 207 E. Washin 207 E. Washington Jason Marlin, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages 10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship firsthantistkirksville com

Faith United Methodist Church 1602 E. Illinois Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Southside Baptist Church

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

First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburton Chad Earhart 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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

www.kvnazarene.org≠= **Central Church of Christ** 2010 S. Halliburton 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service Faith Baptist Church

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

12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch 1:30 p.m. Worship The Crossing Church 810 F. Shepherd 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

www.thecrossing.net Grace Community Bible Church 1501 E. Northtown Rd. Beniamin Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups KirksvilleGCBC@omail.com www.KirksvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615 First United Methodist Church 300 E. Washington Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley 9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online kvumc.org Pure Air Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship TBA Bible Study Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 n.m. Evening Service Fellowship Baptist Church 1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville Larry Gibson, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study fbck@sbcglobal.net www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633 Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Guest Pastors 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed.& Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m **Catholic Newman Center** 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. Monday 9:00 p.m. Wednesday **Union Temple Church** Southwest of Kirksville Alan Coonfield, Pastor Every Sunday Evening 5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service Sugar Creek Baptist Church 5 mi South on Hwy 3 Pastor, Virgil K. Jones 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church 2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S. Elder Dillion Thurman, minister Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching **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. Sundav 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

Cornerstone Church 1702 N Elson St Kirksville, MO Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night

www.cornerstonechurch.faith **Countryside Christian Church**

S. Boundary St. Rt. H. Trov Mills Preacher, Harold R. Engel 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet

www.countrysidekv.com **Gifford Christian Church** Minister: Darren Potter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Lake Road Chapel

22963 Potter Trail Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kellv 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

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

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

New Hope **Evangelical Church** 620 Steer Creek Way 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Darrell Draper, Pastor 660-341-0000

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor 660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183 **First Assembly of God**

2401 S. High Jeff Arp, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship (Communion First Sunday of the Month) 6:30 p.m. Evening Praise www.KirksvilleFirst.com

First Liberty Full Gospel 1302 E. Filmore Rev. Fred Baker, Pasto

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 F. Normal Kirksville First Ward Bishop John Grider 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services Kirksville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Isor

Bethel Community Church 12 miles NE of Kirksville on Rt. 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, Lancaste Lonnie Johnson, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Grace Bible Baptist Church** Greencastle, Mo. Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Service Winigan Christian Church Ryan Crist, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **First Baptist Church** Winigan, Winigan, Mo Sam Burkholder, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship **Fairview Baptist Church** 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock Sam Burkholder, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening **Bible Missionary Church** 508 S. Main St. Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service **Christ's Family Church**

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

Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Bud Cornwell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour United Pentecostal Church 1502 E. Northtown Road David 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 660-323-5305

First Baptist Church of LaPlata B. J. McAlpin, Pastor 9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship 6:00 pm Monday – AWANA http://laplatafbc.org/ Fmail: laplatafbc@gmail.com

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 Worshig



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9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Seventh Day Adventist Church 1301 N. Elson Curtis Denney, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday) Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday. United Methodist Church Brashear Charge, 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 F. Prime Street Minister Walker Franke Associate Minister Larry Smith 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service

660-379-2329 Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule

New Hope Methodist Reformed **Church - Millard** 9:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Greentop Community Church

Highway K. Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Trinity United Fellowship

Church Pastor: Lorne Arber 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Lancaster United **Methodist Church**

Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

Worthington Baptist Church

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

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

Queen City First Baptist Church

6th at Washington St. Robert Smith, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA North of Queen City go East on Rt. O Pastor, Bill lammatteo-Code 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service **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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