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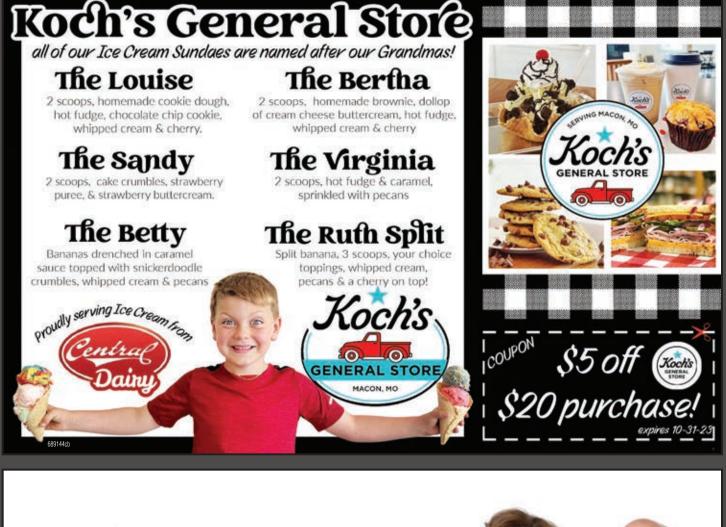


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Firefighters Local 2952 will al Ranch Rodeo & Barrel Race on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Ambulance District is providing la-NEMO Fairgrounds. Admission to the event is free.

Tyler Davis, the ranch rodeo is being held as a fundraiser for the Kirksville Firefighters Community Local wants to also develop their Outreach Fund, which is used for own scholarship fund for students community outreach as in providing at surrounding area schools. fire prevention materials to the public as well as other purchases such as battery exchanges for AED defibrillators used in local businesses and other public venues. Davis said that the Kirksville Fire Department is constantly receiving calls asking how to change the batteries after lar rodeo. their life span has expired.

Money will also be donated to and honors the former paramed- nify the branding.

he Kirksville Professional ic who passed away in 2021. The scholarship is to support students be holding their 3rd Annu- that want to go into EMT and paramedic programs. The Adair County bor and other assistance at the food stand this year, so a portion of the arship program.

"It will be focused around people or kids who are wanting to move into fire, EMS, public service, nursing or some sort of related field," he said.

Davis said that people often get confused about the differences be-

"We're not gonna have the bull the event. "Hopefully we can raise enough riding, the saddle bronc, or any money so that we can try to support of that kind of stuff," he said, notthat because they are used in life or ing that the team competitions are death situations and are very im- ranch-based in that they need to portant to have around," Davis said. capture the cows, head it, heel it and put it on the ground. Instead of acthe Adam Bruner Memorial Schol-tually branding the cow once under arship, which was founded by the control, they will mark it with baby Adair County Ambulance District powder or something similar to sig-

"So it's more like your ranch based or like real life event stuff, just kind of in a rodeo format," he

The rodeo will include exhibition barrels and barrel racing, prior to the start. The Ranch Rodeo follows According to Kirksville Fire Lt. food sales will go toward their schol- the barrel racing with four events consisting of four-man teams. The Davis said that the Firefighters events for this year's rodeo will be available soon. The events will be posted on a flyer on the Kirksville Firefighters Local 2952 Facebook page. A custom buckle is given to the overall winning team and the top barrel racer. The fastest time in each event will get a payout. The firefighters are hopeful to be able to provide a mutton busting for children under tween a ranch rodeo versus a regu- 65 pounds again and are working with sponsors to find livestock for

> A negative Coggins is required for all horses. Stalls are available on a first come and first serve basis.

> For questions, contact Derek Johnson at 660-342-7521, Chelsea Burkhiser at 660-341-2082 or Tyler Davis at 660-956-2565.

> Full RV hookups are available upon request. Call 660-665-8800 for more information.





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Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Gurkey Festival

The Downtown Kirksville Whiskey & Turkey Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Downtown Kirksville Square. The event features exhibits, activities, whiskey, axe throwing, beer, great food and great music. There are exhibitor booths honoring area contributors to local turkey hunting, a turkey calling contest, a Cornhole Tournament and a concert.







Maples Repertory Theatre celebrates its upcoming 20th Anniversary Fall Season

Mamma Mia! • July 19-Aug 6
The Church Basement Ladies • Sept 27-Oct 15
Barefoot in the Park • Nov 3-12
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Maples Repertory Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre company that produces a full mainstage season at the historic Royal Theatre in downtown Macon. For season tickets and information, call the box office, 660-385-2924 or visit www.maplesrep.com.



Bands performing at LD's Bar & Grill in Atlanta

Saturday, August 5th Chariton River Rally Poker Run Saturday, August 19th Band "Fully Loaded" 8 p.m-12 a.m. Friday, September 15th Band "Boot Cut" 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, September 30th Band "Keota" 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, October 21st Band "Shakey Ground" 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, October 27th Band "Stonehouse" 9 p.m.-12 a.m.















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Real Estate Sales

Riley Sue, who has a billboard on S. Baltimore Street, works at the local RE/MAX real estate office on N. Baltmore Street. Her job duties include greeting customers, performing perimeter checks and keeping everyone safe and happy in the office.

Hotel Management

Henry Marbles runs the Baymont Hotel on South Franklin Street. He knows how to use the motion detectors



BBQ Barn Blast 2023

he BBQ Barn Blast 2023 will be celebrating the 3rd year for this community event/fundraiser for Northeast Christian High School. The event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 5:30-9 p.m. at White Oaks Barn.

Tickets are purchased for \$20 at the door and that includes a meal of pulled pork or chicken (smoked by their own highly skilled NCHS teachers), baked beans, cole slaw and other fixin's, and dessert, as well as three bingo cards to play. The evening includes the BBQ meal, a live auction, and bingo, with amazing prizes donated from and sponsored by area businesses.

The 2023-24 school year will be Northeast Christian High School's third year in operation. This school year they will be adding a trap shooting team, cross country, track, and disc golf to their list of available student activities

Northeast Christian High School serves grades 9-12 with a rigorous curriculum taught by 14 experienced on-site faculty members from the Kirksville area. Students participate in online dual credit college courses as well. The have eight-hour school days, four days a week, with a service day every other Friday. They are a 501c3 entity located in the Cornerstone Church building.





Elsie's Medicinal Garden

he Museum of Osteopathic Medicine's Historic Medicinal Garden is named Elsie's Medicinal Garden due to a generous gift from Doctors Elsie and Ron Gaber. The garden integrates the university's and the osteopathic profession's emphasis on mind, body and spirit. Elsie is a master gardener and the medicinal garden was meant to provide a lasting endowment that will help fund and preserve in perpetuity, valuable osteopathic history through the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine. To learn more about supporting Elsie's Medicinal Garden, contact Brad Chambers at bradchambers@atsu.edu or 660-626-2494.















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Does your family crave entertainment that has high horsepower, is fast-paced and action-packed? Come out to the Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pull on Aug. 12, at the Macon Fairgournds. Gates open at 4 p.m., start time is 7 p.m. Outlaw guarantees to bring high horsepower, fast-paced and action-packed family entertainment with eight pulling classes. This event is a fundraiser for the Missouri Honor Flight and raises between \$25,000 and \$30,000 each year.



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he city of Kirksville's has a rich history as does Truman State University, the campus that is the heart of the comto learn about the town and the campus's past, the free guided tours put on an eye-opening experience. Burden's knowledge of the city he oversees and borhood, listening to their stories. the campus he has loved since freshman year in 1999 — and where he has been employed since graduation — is immense.

tours began a few years back when then-Tourism Director Debi Boughton Dunbar, a local architect of "some good fame" who oversaw the construction many buildings in the community.

"It was phenomenal," Burden said able to give it a second time."

When Boughton retired, talks began about doing other tours and so Burden versity archives and reading some of ing tours.

started by giving a tour of Brashear Park and the surrounding neighborhood, highlighting some of the archimunity. While there are many places tecture of the more stately homes situated nearby. Burden's storyline was based on notes provided by Boughton by Kirksville's Mayor Zac Burden, are and Kirksville City Planner Mary Turner and visiting with people in the neigh-

a big reason why these tours have become so successful. Not only does he have a solid grasp of the subjects According to Burden, the city that he speaks on, he has accumulated stories from around the neighborhood that adds color to the context and put together a walking tour about Irwin background of his tours. It's Burden's character and personality that make the tours a must-do for locals and visitors alike.

"I love history and have always enpeople showed up for it that she was wanted to know more about Truman and Kirksville so I started just learning history and spending time in the uni-

the books and just asking questions of people who have had their own history at the institution. And as a student, I started giving tours of campus back in 2001, and I've been doing tours for anybody who needs a good historical tour of campus every year since."

With the success of the two city walking tours, Burden, alongside fel-Burden's skills as a storyteller are low members of the Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission, decided that as part of Historic Preservation Month, they would start a third tour of the city's designated historic landmarks, which Burden gave this past June. On the same day, Burden gave a tour of the Truman State campus, touching on only a handful of the artistically designed structures that make up the campus but enough to fill up an afternoon.

"We should be really proud of the about the success of the tour. "So many joyed it," Burden said. "And I really history here," Burden said in a recent interview.

> Check the Kirksville Daily Express calendar for dates of Burden's upcom-



15th Annual Macon Fork & Cork Artisan Festival

The 15th annual Macon Fork & Cork Artisan Festival in historic downtown Macon is scheduled for August 19th at Vine and Rollins Street. Bakery on Vine at 9 a.m.; Arts/ Crafts/Antiques at 10 a.m. Food, wine and beer and wine toss at 11 a.m. Music begins at 1 p.m. Music lineup includes: Just Friends, Adam Powell, Lakehouse Band, Blue Velvet, Keota and John Bates. Vendors close at 5 p.m., and Happy Hour begins at the Wine & Beer Garden. The festival closes at 9 p.m.



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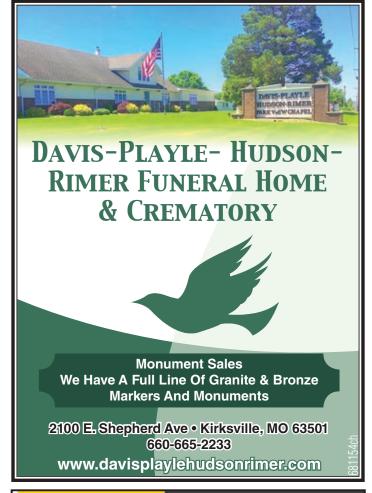
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Adair County Library Events

AUGUST

Throughout the month of August — Tiny Art Sign up

Sign-up for the Tiny Art show is all month in August. come in and grab your kit to make tiny art and the library will display it for the month of September. This is a fun program to show off your artistic talent and just have some fun!

Aug. 1 10-11a.m. Lobby Bingo

Bingo at the Library in which everyone of all ages can come and play and win prizes! Their weekly bingo always starts at 10 a.m.

Aug. 8 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

4-5 p.m. Aug. 9 **Outside Water Wars**

At the beginning of August they will be taking advantage of the hot weather and have a bunch of water games outside! So make sure you wear a swimsuit or something you don't mind getting wet in and come to the water war! Brace yourselves for fun!

10-11 a.m. Aug. 15 Lobby Bingo

Aug. 22 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

4-5 p.m. **Aug. 23 Lobby Craftastic with** Sandie and Bre

Every fourth Wednesday of the month will be Craftastic with Sandie and Bre! Fun for the entire family, all ages welcome! They do fun crafts that everyone is able to participate in and enjoy each

other's company!

Aug. 26 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

Aug. 29 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

9/8/2023 6-7:30 p.m. **Lobby Read S'more** around the Campfire

Come to this special event Every Tuesday they have for families! We will have a campout indoors! Paired with a delicious S'more dip, we will have amazing stories perfect for around the campfire and games! This is the ultimate camping trip! No bugs, tons of books, and maybe even some boos!!!! You won't want to miss the Oct. 17 fun!

> 10-11 a.m. Sept. 12 Lobby Bingo

Sept. 13 7:30-9:30 p.m. Star Gazers

Sept. 16 1:3-2:30 p.m. Crafternoon

Sept. 19 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

10-11 a.m. Sept. 26 Lobby Bingo

Sept. 27 4-5 p.m. **Lobby Craftastic with** Sandie and Bre

Sept. 30 1:30-2:30 p.m. Lobby Bingo

OCTOBER Oct. 3 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

10-11 a.m. Oct. 10 Lobby Bingo

Oct. 13 6:30 p.m. **Lobby Friday the 13th** Halloween Movie Night

Adair County Public Library will be hosting a movie event for Friday the 13th! They will pick out a family friendly Halloween movie and show it inside the li- Oct. 31 brary. They may even have Lobby Bingo some snacks available so make sure you come celebrate Halloween with us!

Oct. 14 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Star Gazers, more information closer to event

Oct. 14 Lobby Truman Herpetarium Reptile Program (more info closer to event)

10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

Oct. 20 4-5 p.m. Lobby Pumpkin Painting/ **Costume Contest**

Come to this special costume contest and paint a pumpkin while you're here! They will do a small contest to judge all the amazing Halloween costumes and while you are here you can grab an adorable little pumpkin August 12: and paint it to look however you'd like! You could do anything you put your mind

10/21/2023 1-2 p.m. **Lobby Caves**

On the 21st of October the library is hosting a program in which a special guest will be coming to talk about caves. This event is family friendly and will be an educational discussion about the caves around Missouri.

Oct. 21 2:30-3:30 p.m. Lobby Bingo

Oct. 24 10-11 a.m. Lobby Bingo

Oct. 25 4-5 p.m. **Lobby Craftastic with** Sandie and Bre

10-11 a.m.

Oct. 31 3-5 p.m. **Children's Section** HALLOWEEN PAR-**TY!!!!!!!!!**

Don't forget to come to the library on Halloween to have a special Halloween Party with your librarians! Dress in your best costume and come get some treats and dance to some spooky favorites! This is going to be a howling good time so make sure you don't miss it!

Regional Events Macon

August 1 - 6: Maples Repertory Theatre-last few days to see Mamma Mia!

August 4-5

Motorcycle Rally-Fairgrounds

August 12:

Shine for Shoes 5K

Honor Flight Tractor Pull-Macon Fairgrounds

August 19:

15th Annual Fork & Cork Artisan Festival

August 26:

Crossroads Cruisers Car Show

August 26:

Macon Demo Derby

Fairgrounds **Sept. 30 – Oct. 1:** North-

east Mo Fall Pickers Market

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CALENDAR OF EVEN

LaPlata Sept. 2-4: Soybean Festival

Edina Sept. 8 -10: **Knox County Cornfest**

Rutledge **September- November:** Rutledge Flea Market 2nd Saturday of the month

Thousand Hills State Park Programs (Weather Permitting)

Friday, August 18 7 p.m. Petroglyph Tour

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a collection of petroglyphs or rock carvings made by ancestors of today's American Indians. Join park staff for a slideshow presentation to get a close up look and learn more about this unique piece of history. Meet at the petroglyph shelter next to the beach.

Saturday, August 19 2 p.m. Native Reptiles

Join park staff to learn about some of Thousand Hills native reptiles. From snakes, to lizards, to turtles, there is always something fascinating to discover. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

Friday, August 25 7 p.m. Celebrating Bats

Join park staff and volunteers to learn all about bats. This program will be an early celebration of internation- 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. al bat night. More details to Learn 2 Aim come.

Saturday, August 26 Learn 2 Paddle 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to com/learn2 try kayaking or strengthen your kayak skills? Register for one of our Learn 2 Paddle events. Registration is \$5. Participants must be at least 10 years in age. Register at mostateparks.com/ learn2

Friday, September 1 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Eves on the Sky**

Hills State Park to take a look at the night sky. Learn about the importance of unteers for a fun day of arnight sky to us and wildlife. There will be telescopes but everybody is welcome to bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet lot. at the Point Shelter.

Saturday, September 2 10 a.m. Guided Hike of the **Redbud Trail**

Hills is a never-ending story where every plant, animal, and even person has a part to play. Join park staff to uncover more of this story. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring water and bug spray. Meet at the Redbud Trailhead on Big Loop Trail Rd., across from the playground.

Sunday, September 3 10 a.m. Petroglyph Tour

Friday, September 15 7 p.m. Petroglyph Tour

Saturday, September 16

Begin your archery journey by attending a hands-on workshop this summer! Prior Registration is required. Register at: mostateparks. but everybody is welcome to

Friday, September 22 7 p.m Snake Survival

Snakes have a variety of Friday, October 20 different ways that they defend themselves. Join park staff to discover these sur- Saturday, October 21 vival techniques. There may be a chance to meet a live a Snake animal. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Come out to Thousand Saturday, September 23 1-4 p.m. Archeology Day

Join park staff, and volchaeology! From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., check out a variety of archaeological activities. Meet at the beach parking

Friday, September 29 7 p.m. We're Going On A Bug Hunt

Join park staff and volun-The forest of Thousand teers to go on a bug hunt! We light or headlamp. Campwill observe bugs and see if any of them will stay long enough to catch them and identify them. All bugs will be released and none will be harmed in the process. Meet at the Special Use Area.

Saturday, September 30

Art is a wonderful way to connect ourselves to nature. Learn how to paint fall trees with staff and volunteers. Sunday, October 29 More details to come.

Friday, October 6 7-9 p.m. **Constellation Stories**

Celebrate the night sky at Thousand Hills State Park. Explore the night sky and learn about the stories that go sky. There will be telescopes

bring their own telescopes, chairs, and binoculars. Meet at the Beach Parking Lot

6 p.m. Petroglyph Tour

10 a.m. Something About

Something about a snake make them sssuper important. Join park staff to learn what that reason is and why snakes are unique. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.

Friday, October 27 6 p.m. Spotlight on Spiders

Shine a spotlight on the lives of spiders. Join park staff to learn about spiders, discover just how important they are, and even go looking to see if any spiders are nearby. Please bring a flashground 1 Amphitheater

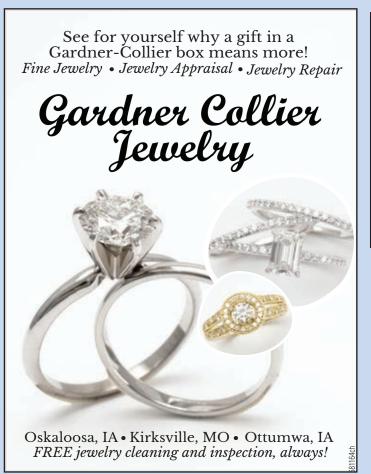
Saturday, October 28 6-8 p.m.

Spooktacular Stargazing

Come out to Thousand Hills State Park for a night of spooktacular stargazing. Learn about constellation 1-3 p.m. Fall Tree Painting myths and explore the stars in the night sky. Meet at the Point Shelter

10 a.m. Wonderful World of Owls

Thousand Hills State Park is home to a variety of owls. Join park staff to uncover the world of owls. Learn about Owls in Missouri, what characteristics make them unique, and how to try and with the constellations in the find them. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater.









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