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From left: Kirksville Tourism Director Sharon Swehla, Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marie Murphree and Anastasia Tiedeman, executive director of Kirksville Regional Economic Development (K-REDI), Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center (MREIC) and the Small Business Development Center.

# **Joining forces**

Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's move to the city's Economic Development Alliance building, united forces for business development and growth

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

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce recently moved across the street to the city's Economic Development Alliance building (315 S. Franklin Street), joining the city's Tourism Department, Kirksville Regional Economic Development (K-REDI), Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center (MREIC) and the Small Business Development Center.

Chamber Executive Director Marie Murphree said that while

extremely busy, so she's still settling in — and having lost her only assistant a short time back, the workload has been staggering so time for conversation has been short. Murphree hopes she will have a new assistant helping her with chamber duties beginning this week.

"I kind of didn't do a lot of of anything other than get here and then immediately focus only on the golf tournament because it needed my attention," Murphree said. "So now I'm excited because there's a little bit of breathing room." Her focus now is on the chamber's new student welcome event on Sept. 10 at the Courthouse Square, for which she's accepting reservations. She said that it was a "great move" and that the three of them have had a few meetings about how they can work more efficiently and ways they can partner. Prior to the move she spent a considerable amount of time already at the location for meetings, so working with the other organizations is not at all foreign to her. While packing for the move was strenuous, some of the things she found tucked away in the former building, which the chamber was located in for 16 years, excited her, including chamber meeting minutes from the 1940s and a few boxes of the book, "Picturesque Kirksville" that was originally published in June 1900 and reprinted in 2007. The book was published by O.M Means, with photographs by "Thompson" and printed at the Journal Printing Company of Kirksville. A small stack of books are available to the public at the tourism office. Swehla said that the city took a hit when Covid began to spread and that they are just now beginning to recover from it and get their focus back on small business recruitment and the beginning training classes. Murphree said that one of the benefits of membership in the chamber is their ability to provide information and help to small businesses, but that's also something that the Small **Business Development Center**, overseen by Tiedeman, does.

# Lyceum Series provides cultural opportunities

#### By Truman State University

This year's Kohlenberg Lvceum Series will bring a full slate of free in-person events to campus.

One of the University's oldest traditions, the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series provides a unique opportunity to broaden the cultural experience for students and the community by bringing speakers, dance troupes, musicians and other performers from all parts of the world to the Truman campus.

Soul-inspired roots rock band The Mighty Pines will kick off the series, Sept. 9. The St. Louis-based group is known for creating vast musical landscapes with layered harmonies and thoughtfully crafted instrumentation. The performance will be a homecoming for alumni bandmembers Neil Salsich ('11), John Hussung ('11) and Gerard Erker ('09). Salsich was recently featured on season 23 of NBC's "The Voice."

Beatlemania will restallments of the poputurn to Baldwin Auditolar "Films and Finger rium Oct. 6 with a performance by Liverpool Foods" events incorporated into the series last Legends. Members of year. The classic Vinthis internationally accent Price horror film claimed Beatles tribute band were handpicked by "House on Haunted Hill" the St. Louis Ballet. will be screened Oct. 28 In partnership with the Louise Harrison, sister of the late George Harin the Del and Norma Robison Planetarium. rison. Liverpool Legends Price performed at have performed around the world playing sold Truman more than any and Roll Hall of Fame out shows in Mexico, In- other university in the recording artist Profes-



Dancers from the St. Louis Ballet will take to the stage Dec. 2 to perform selections from the holiday classic "The Nutcracker."

dia, Israel, Ecuador and England, and at historic venues including the Rose Bowl and Carnegie Hall. They have their own theater in Branson, Missouri, where they perform throughout the year. Spanning hits from the entire Beatles catalog, this performance will also include the return of alumnus David Tanner ('95) who portrays Paul McCartney.

This season's schedule includes two in-

country, and he established the Vincent Price **Theatrical Performance** Scholarship, a legacy that continues to support Truman students today. A second "Films and Finger Foods" event is scheduled May 4 for a movie to be announced. Dancers from the

St. Louis Ballet will take to the stage Dec. 2 to perform selections from the holiday classic "The Nutcracker." With choreography by Gen Horiuchi and music by Tchaikovsky, "The Nutcracker" features company dancers, professional character actors and students from the school of

Black History 101 Mobile Museum, the series will host a lecture by Rock

sor Griff in February at a date to be determined. As a co-founding member of the revolutionary hip hop group Public Enemy, Griff draws on his exemplary life of service and an impressive 20-plusyear musical career to captivate audiences with his universal call for social responsibility within both the hip hop community and larger culture.

The Grammy Award-winning Kansas City Chorale will perform March 5. For more than 40 years, the Chorale has provided audiences with a high caliber of choral artistry, performing a diverse repertoire of new and traditional music. Under the leadership of conductor Charles Bruffy, the choir has earned international recognition

the chamber is not a part of the city government, because it works hand in hand with the city in promoting business development, as does K-REDI (a private entity with tight ties to city government) and the MRE-IC, which is a city entity, the city wanted to create a one-stop shop for those looking to start, grow or move a business to Kirksville. While Tourism is an actual city department, it was located in the building as well seeing as its promotion of city functions and events are in alignment with the goals of bringing jobs and businesses to the local area.

While plans to move the chamber to the new location across the street was decided in March, one month before Murphree became director, an office had to be built inside to host them. When it was complete a few weeks back, the chamber moved in.

"The biggest reason for that change was to to have a cohesive synergy for economic development to occur," said Kirksville Tourism Director Sharon Swehla. "I think when that happened, I think then there was a bigger push to have the chamber come over here because it just made sense."

"All of our entities bring people to town," said Anastasia Tiedeman, director of both K-REDI and MREIC.

Murphree said that with the three of them now working together in the same building, she hopes there will be more occasions to hold discussions and collaborate on ideas to grow the city and the area's economy. The move coincided with the chamber's annual golf tournament last week, which kept her

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## 'Keota' performs at the Summer on the Square Concert Series

#### By NEMO Photography

"Keota" performed as part of the Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirksville on Friday night, Aug. 18.





# **Kirksville** Police Dept. welcomes new officer

By Kirksville Police Department

The Kirksville Police Department announced the hiring of a new police officer. Officer Dylon Ferrara was sworn in and began his duties with the patrol division of KPD on Aug. 21. Ferrara is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Training Institute (University of Missouri) and brings with him law enforcement experience from the Canton Police Department. Ferrara was sworn in by Kirksville City Clerk Wanda Cagle.



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# Community

## **Bought out by Good Day Farms**, **CODES holds a street party**

**By Marty Bachman** Daily Express

The former Heya Dispensary on South Main Street in Kirksville, now renamed "CODES" after having been purchased by Good Day Farms, held a celebration at their store on Monday, Aug. 21, with fresh donuts and coffee in the morning and a food truck in the afternoon. There was a DJ playing music outside on the sidewalk and if you spent \$150 on CODES products, they would buy you lunch at the food truck parked on



the side of the building. They held raffles and were giving away CODES shirts, swag, stash boxes

and more, including prerolls for a penny. Most CODES products were 20 percent off for the day.



## DR. WAYNE JOHNSON SPEAKS **TO KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB**

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Dr. Wayne Johnson to speak at their Aug. 17 meeting. Johnson is an Assistant Professor of Statistics and Data Science at Truman State University. He presented on the program. Pictured are Kirksville **Kiwanis Club Vice President Ted** Frushour (left) and Johnson. KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

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## **Kirksville** Area Calendar of Events

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive** in Macon

A blood drive will be held at the Loch Haven Senior Living Facility in the North Activities Room, 702 Sunset Hills Drive in Macon, on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 2-6 p.m. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Enter LochHaven to schedule an appointment. Come give in August for a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of your choice. Put it toward a summer blockbuster of your choice on the Red Cross. Terms apply, see rcblood.org/movie

#### **'Thank You for Your Service** Exhibit' closing reception

A closing reception will be held Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 -7 p.m., for the Kirksville Arts Association's "Thank You For Your Service" photo exhibit honoring local area men and women who have served in the military. The reception will include a presentation of five quilts by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The guilts will be on display at the arts center until the evening of the reception. The Sue Ross Arts Center (215 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville) is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge to view the exhibit. Any former military member who is interested in participating in a future exhibit by the Kirksville Arts Association should call 660-665-0500 or email kirksvilleart@gmail.com. The exhibit will run through Aug. 26. The exhibit includes 40 former military members from Adair, Macon, Schuyler, Sullivan and Putnam counties. The exhibit includes photographs of the veterans holding a photograph of when they were in the service.

#### Summer on the Square **Concert Series with** 'Mercy's Bridge'

"Mercy's Bridge" will perform the last concert of the season on Friday night, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m., as part of the Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series on the lawn of the Adair County Courthouse Square in downtown Kirksville. The concert is free to the public. The rain venue will be Club One at 301 W. McPherson Street.

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### Dance Night at Moose Lodge

A Dance Night will be held at the Moose Lodge on Friday, Aug. 25. Partner and Line Dances taught 7-8 p.m., Dance Music from 8-11 p.m. The Moose Lodge is located at 2405 E Illinois St, Kirksville.

#### **Thousand Hills State Park** presents 'Celebrating Bats'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Celebrating Bats" on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Join park staff and volunteers to learn all about bats. This program will be an early celebration of international bat night. Meet at the Campground 1 Amphitheater.

#### Adair County SB40 **Legislative Coffee Chat**

The annual Adair County SB40 Legislative Coffee Chat will be held on Monday, Aug. 28, from 9-11 a.m., at the Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirksville.

#### **Royal Oak Sunrise Trail Race**

The Royal Oak Sunrise Trail Race will be held on Aug. 26 from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Royal Oaks Trail Head, 23016-23012 Royal Oak Rd, Kirksville. This is a fundraiser for the Forest Lake Area Trail System. There will be no refunds under any circumstances. If entrants can no longer run, they have the opportunity to transfer their entry to another runner. All transfers must be processed through your ultrasignup.com by Aug. 25. There is not a packet pick-up for this race. Runners check-in on race day at the start/finish line between 5:30-6:15 am to get a race bib. The race starts at 6:30 a.m.

#### Kirksville Cars & Coffee

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization will be holding their Kirksville Cars & Coffee program on Aug. 26 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirksville. Come on out and have a good time. All are welcome. Bring your car, truck, bike, hot rod, daily or clunker. It's all about good company and a good time. Check out all the cars and everything else. Enjoy a free doughnut, some coffee and some great conversation with some good people. Free raffle prizes. Call for info: 660-665-9764.

#### **Kirksville Bike Night**

Kirksville Bike Night, sponsored by the 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 5-8 p.m., at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 S. Baltimore Street.

#### **Kirksville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament**

The Kirksville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament will be held on Aug. 26 from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., at the Kirksville Middle School gym, 1515 S, Cottage Grove, Kirksville. Spectators are free! Kirksville Taekwon-Do invites all affiliated schools and students to the annual tournament. Registration is \$40. This year, all spectators not already enrolled in Kirksville Taekwon-Do can receive a voucher for four free classes. Just approach the registration table or speak with a Kirksville black belt. For more information, call 660-341-9655 or visit kirksvilletaekwondo. com. The tournament is a United States Taekwon-Do Federation (USTF) sanctioned event so the competition will be in accordance with USTF rules/for USTF practitioners. The competition will have three events for both color belt and black belt divisions: patterns, sparring, and breaking. Competitors must be 12 years of age or older to participate in breaking. Registration begins at 9 a.m., events begin at 10 a.m.

#### **Special Olympics Missouri North Softball Regional**

Special Olympics Missouri North Softball Regional will be held on Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Park Softball Complex 3000 Novinger Street, Kirksville. For more information, contact Luke Lamb at lamb@ somo.org or 573-469-7827.

#### **Thousand Hills State Park** presents 'Learn 2 Paddle'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Learn 2 Paddle" on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m.noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to 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. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

#### **Jamesport 'Play Music** on the Porch Day'

Music enthusiasts from the Jamesport area will be coming together once again on Saturday, Aug. 26, to Play Music on the Porch Day, an international day of music held every year on the last Saturday in August, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the front porch of the Spillman Event Center in Jamesport, Mo. Last year, local musicians celebrated with an exciting collection of instruments, including four guitars, two mandolins, two hammered dulcimers, one banjo, a musical washboard, a Cajun wooden drum, wooden spoons, kazoos, egg shakers, squeaky chickens, a nose flute and a train whistle. Bring your acoustic instrument or use one of theirs. For more information about this free and very informal event, call Peter and Debbie Allen of Jamesport at (660) 684-6825. If you can't make it to Jamesport, take time to play music on your own front porch, or your neighbors, or anywhere! For more information, go to www.playmusicontheporchday.com.

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#### **Bands for Baring B** enefit Concert

A Bands for Baring Benefit Concert will be held at Hurdland City Park in the city of Hurdland on Aug. 27 beginning at noon. Lacey Mihalevich will perform as will the bands Mercy Bridge, Shakey Ground, No Apology and Stone House. Live music, great food, corn hole tournament, 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Proceeds to benefit Baring residents who had their community torn apart by a tornado the evening of Aug. 4. Donations of hamburger meat are being sought. You may drop off donations from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Hurdland City Park Eat Shack. For more information, Call Sue at (660) 346-0372 or Tom at (660) 216-0103.

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# **Obituaries**

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Steven Allen Stutler**

Steven Allen Stutler, 71, of Kirksville, MO, passed away in his home with his wife by his side.

He was born September 30, 1951 in Ft. Rucker, AL. Steve was the son of the late Fred and Eldrith (McLean) Stutler. He was united in marriage to Veronica Marie Munn on August 11, 1984.



He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Veronica Marie Stutler of Kirksville, MO: Daughter and spouse Stephanie and Mitchell Stafford of Kansas City, MO; Son and spouse Timothy and Jennifer Stutler of St. Petersburg" FL, and his brother and spouse Larry and Ann Stutler of Milan, MO.

Also surviving are 5 grandchildren-Wade, Tyson, and Vanessa Stafford; and Ariel and Luke Stutler. Three nephews and one niece along with their spouses and children- Alan and Rachel Stutler with children Julia and Andrew of San Marcos, CA: Laura and Scott Goessling with son Gravson of Kansas City, MO: Ben and Megan Stutler with son Kale

of Kansas City, MO; and Eric Stutler of Milan, Mo. Steve attended and graduated from Milan High School and continued his education at the University of Missouri.

He grew up working on the family farm but was also employed as a painter and other miscellaneous jobs in his life until he became disabled in the early 90's. Steve enjoyed traveling, photography, the outdoors, and lots of adventure. He also loved spending time with his family, especially giving chocolate to his grandchildren. Steve enjoyed reminiscing with his brother and his friends.

Steve dedicated his life and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on October 14, 1974 where he enjoyed engaging in the fulltime ministry and remained a member until his death.

A Memorial Service will be held via WWW.ZOOM.COM on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Meeting ID 83464656893 and Passcode 311100. Talk will be presided by John Conley followed by a brief slideshow. Flowers and cards may be sent to 1807

S. Boundary St, Kirksville, MO 63501. Arrangements in the care of Da-

vis-Plavle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home: www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

### **KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER:** AUG. 14-15, 2023

#### **INCIDENT REPORTS**

#### AUG. 14

9:18 a.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street, Angelica Roland, 35

9:20 a.m., Civil Process/Summons Service-Negative Contact, 808 E. Harrison Street

9:21 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 412 W. Harrison Street

9:27a.m., Traffic Stop, North Eugene Street, Cody Laws, 33

9:40 a.m., Assault/Simple, Civil Dispute, 147 Valley Forge Drive

9:56 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1700 N. Baltimore Street, Janet Hawkins, 76

11:30 a.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, 2nd (No Force) Residential (FC), 515 N. Ely Street

12 p.m., Stalking, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 501 S. Osteopathy Street

12:23 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle,

501 S. Osteopathy Street

1:31 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1915 N. Osteopathy Street 2:04 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (M A), 603 S. First Street

2:30 p.m., Traffic Stop, Overbook Drive 4:02 p.m., Traffic Stop, Florence Street 4:38 p.m., Traffic Stop, 100 Block of West

McPherson Street, Mackenzie McAlester, 24

10:30 a.m., Traffic Stop, 1000 N. Centennial Avenue, Michelle Johnson, 50

11:09 a.m., Animal/Trap, 211 N. Baltimore Street 1:19 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Brewington Avenue, Shailyn Anders, 21

1:20 p.m, Warrant-Adair County, 823 E. Scott, Arrestee: Robert Goldenstien, 44

1:38 p.m., Traffic Stop, 2206 N. Baltimore Street, Elijah Platte, 19

1:48 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Industrial Road, Juvenile

1:54 p.m., Traffic Stop, Missouri Street, Billie Queen, 81

1:55 p.m., Civil Dispute, 502 E. Filmore Street 3 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Osteopathy Street, Douglas Worth, 62

3:13 p.m., 600 Block of East Pierce Street, Carmen Marquez Laboy, 57

3:28 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1400 S. Lewis Street

## **KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit**

The exhibition features Sam Cohen's Working America and Madeline Brice's Learning not to hurt others, and will be on display from Aug. 29-Oct. 11. The opening reception for the exhibition will be Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the University Art Gallery. All are welcome to attend. Art Gallery events are free and open to the public. Madeline Brice will present an artist's talk on Aug. 29 at 4 pm. Sam Cohen will present a virtual artist's talk on Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. Check gallery.arttruman.com for the link to the presentation. University Art Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday noon to 4:30 p.m.

Art Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. The University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. Additional information at gallery. arttruman.com. The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center, at the corner of Normal and Mulanix Streets – entrance on the west side of the building.

#### **Missouri High School** and Junior High Rodeo at NEMO Fairgrounds

The NEMO Fair Association will be hosting the Missouri High School and Junior High Rodeo on Aug. 26 and 27. Start time on Aug. 26 is 10 a.m. for high school students. After a 30 minute break, junior high contestants start. On Aug. 27, Start time is 9 a.m. for junior high school contestants and after a 30 minute break, high school contestants start. Gate fees per day: Adults \$10, kids 12 and under, not competing, \$5. Cash only. Concessions: Breakfast and lunch on site at NEMO Concessions on the west side of the the grandstands. Questions? Contact Deqayne Davis at 660-216-3767 or Missouri High School & Junior High School Rodeo at 573-230-6259.

#### **'Thank You for Your Service** Exhibit' final day

For a second year the Kirksville Arts Association is honoring area men and women, who have served in the military with a photography exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center, located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville. The exhibit will run through Aug. 26. The exhibit includes 40 former military members from Adair, Macon, Schuyler, Sullivan and Putna counties. The exhibit includes photographs of the veterans holding a photograph of when they were in the service. A closing reception will be held Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 -7 p.m. and will include a presentation of five quilts by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The quilts will be on display at the arts center until the evening of the reception. The Sue Ross Arts Center is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no charge to view the exhibit. Any former military member who is interested in participating in a future exhibit by the Kirksville Arts Association should call 660-665-0500 or email kirksvilleart@gmail.com.

#### 'The Marvelous Wonderettes: Caps and **Gowns' dinner theater**

Tickets are now on sale for the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department's dinner theatre production of "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Caps and Gowns." Set against the backdrop of the 1958 Springfield High School graduation, "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Caps and Gowns" follows the journey of four best friends - Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy - as they navigate the challenges of growing up and transitioning from high school to adulthood. The Wonderettes are back in town for just three performances, held on Sept. 7, 8 and 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the show starting promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at parks. kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center located at 801 E. Mill St. for \$30 per person. Choose between a vegetarian lasagna, roast beef, or Hawaiian chicken entree, salad, sides and dessert. Limited "show only" tickets may be available at the door for \$15 per person. For more information, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

#### **OATS Transit closed** for Labor Day

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Call the local OATS Transit office at 660-415-0901 or 800-654-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can also visit our website at oatstransit.org to view local schedules under "Bus Schedules", then click on the county you live in. Our offices will be closed, and regular routes will not be running on Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. Please keep this in mind as you schedule trips near these holidays. OATS Transit is hiring drivers statewide in case you know of someone who would make a great driver, so we can continue serving our riders. All our openings are listed on our website.

any time during that time period. They ask that you sign in. There is no charge and you may come any or all days. If the schools are closed, they are not open because of weather. As of April 1, the Crossing will only be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. It will be rain free, wind free, and cool on hot days. Citizens above 55 years of age.

#### **Dance classes begin** on Sunday, Sept. 10

Dance classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Mary Immaculate Catholic School gym — 716 E. Washington Street in Kirksville. If you miss the first Sunday. begin Sunday, Sept. 17. Five-Week Dance Class Sessions: \$25 per person, payable at the door on first class night.

Line Dance at 4:30 p.m. is for everyone (No dance partner required). Learn a variety of steps. Basic Partner at 5:30 p.m. (A dance partner is required for this class.)

Learn two-step, waltz, swing, triple-step. Intermediate Partner at 6:30 p.m. (Have dance experience? This class is for you!) Learn turns, techniques and pattern dances (A dance partner is required.) Please wear soft sole shoes to protect the gym floor.

Five Weeks of Classes in Basic Partner, Intermediate Partner and/ or Line Dance Classes, payable at the door on the first night of class. After completing a five-week session of classes, classes are only \$2.

Classes are open to all ages, starting at 12 years (12 to 15 years must be accompanied by an adult), Dance Classes are set up so that you can continue to take classes, learning new dances in partner and line, for as long as you wish. Celebrating 17 years of providing dance classes in the Northeast Missouri area. Whether you already know how to dance, or have never danced, we have a class for you! Questions? Call Mary at 660-341-0070, or Vickie at 660-342-6825.

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10:02 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Against Flow of Traffic, 1005 Kings Road

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8:23 p.m., Animal/Bite-Attack, Complaint, 802 W. Hamilton Street

8:39 p.m., Property/Recovered, 114 E. McPherson Street

9:12 p.m., Peace Disturbance, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1501 S. Orchard Street

11:28 p.m., Juvenile Problem, Check the Well Being, 716 E. Dear Street

11:52 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, Baltimore Street

#### Indoor walking activity for seniors at the **Crossing Church**

The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Persons) office sponsors a walking activity five days a week during winter months for seniors to walk inside the Crossing Church location on Shepard Street from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. This is only for senior citizens — 55 or older. They have volunteers "manning" the location and seniors are welcome

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# News



## **Missouri Prairie** Foundation to offer three, free guided hikes in September

Explore tallgrass savanna within the Union Ridge **Conservation Area** and Natural Area near Kirksville

By Missouri Prairie Foundation

JOPLIN-Make plans to see the fall splendor of blooming native plants around the state while learning from an expert at one of three guided hikes in September, organized by Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF) in partnership with colleagues from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Forest Park. The hikes are free, but registration is required.

Sept. 1: Register here for a prairie ecology walk at MPF's Carver Prairie near Joplin with MDC educator and MPF Technical Advisor Jeff Cantrell. This 163-acre Newton County property includes 65 acres of original, unplowed prairie adjacent to the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC's) Diamond Grove Prairie. The original prairie at Carver is dominated by prairie dropseed (Sporobolus heterolepis), which is characteristic of many of the surviv- program, and adminising prairies in the area.

and MDC Ecologist Mike Leahy of the tallgrass savanna within the Union **Ridge Conservation Area** and Natural Area near Kirksville. Union Ridge Conservation Area consists of 8,263 acres located in Sullivan, Adair, and Putnam counties, and can be found just 30 minutes northwest of Kirksville. It is the largest savanna landscape of its type in Missouri.

Sept. 18: Register here for a guided hike, led by Forest Park Ecologist Amy Witt, of Deer Lake Savanna in Forest Park, St. Louis. Deer Lake Savanna is a 24acre complex of reconstructed natural communities. Prior to the native plantings, this area consisted only of mowed grass and a scattering of planted landscape trees. Today the area consists of prairie, savanna, woodland and wetland plantings and is one of the most biologically diverse habitats in Forest Park, harboring hundreds of native plant and wildlife species.

The Missouri Prairie Foundation is a 57-yearold prairie conservation organization and land trust. In addition to its prairie conservation work, the Missouri Prairie Foundation also runs Grow Native!, a 23-yearold native plant marketing and education ters the Missouri Invasive Plant Council. To learn more, visit www. moprairie.org or www. grownative.org, or call 636-303-7418.

## **Co-owner of Kansas newspaper**, who died amid stress from police raid, honored in funeral service

**By Rachel Mipro** Missouri Independent

MARION, Kansas Joan Meyer, surrounded by flowers and escorted to her gravesite by the same police force that may have had a hand in her death, was honored by the community in a Saturday service.

"Joan was the epitome of knowing 'small town' does not have to mean 'small mind," said the Rev. Ron DeVore. "She knew everybody in the community of the county."

Meyer, the 98-year-old co-owner of the local newspaper, died a day after law enforcement raided her home, where she lived with her son, Marion County Record publisher Eric Meyer.

Her son believes the stress of the unprecedented Aug. 11 raid on her home and the newsroom was a contributing factor in her death. Marion police seized computers, cellphones and materials from the newspaper office and Meyer's home as part of an investigation into alleged identity theft of a restaurant operator, Kari Newell.

"She just sat most of the evening, you know, 'Where are all the good people? Where are all the good people and how come they haven't done something about this. Why are they allowed to do this?"" Eric Meyer said in an interview with PBS. "So the last 24 hours of a 98-year-old woman's life was devoted to pain and anguish, and a feeling that all her life didn't matter."

She couldn't eat or sleep after the raid. A day later, she died in the home she had lived in since 1953, the day before Eric Meyer was born.

Eric Meyer said the first police officers arriving at their house during the raid were nice, but when seven of them made their way through the house, his mother became concerned. They took pictures of her son's personal bank records and other documents.



Joan Meyer, co-owner of the Marion Record, was honored in a Saturday funeral service. **RACHEL MIPRO/KANSAS REFLECTOR** 

"She was so distraught," Eric Meyer said in the PBS interview. "You know, when you're 98 years old, your world shrinks a bit. She lived in that house for almost 70 years. It was her castle. It was her safe place."

Rowena Plett, a 28-year veteran of the paper, came Saturday to show her respect to Joan, who she said had been an ever-vigilant speller and editor.

Plett said the paper's situation was still uncertain. "We're kind of up in the air, nothing finalized," Plett said. "It's brought a lot of attention to our little town and our newspaper."

But Saturday was a celebration of Joan Meyer's life, not just her harrowing last few hours. A lifelong Marion resident, she spent her life in community engagement.

She began her 50 years of working at the newspaper in the 1960s, joining her husband, Bill, after Eric was old enough to attend school. Bill, who she married in 1949, had joined the then-called Marion Record-Review in 1948.

She spent almost four decades as the community news editor. When Bill retired in 2005, Joan kept working, although she took a step back after Bill died in 2006. Even after she retired, she listened to a police scanner in her house.

After her retirement, she published a weekly column called "Memories" and still was active in newspaper functions.

"That's what Joan said newspapers should do, is not tell you what to think but give you the grist for the mill and urge you to think, to consume," DeVore said to the 60 or so people gathered at the Valley United Methodist Church.

The congregation sang hymns such as "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," during the almost-hourlong service.

Eric Meyer said in a Kansas Reflector interview earlier in the week that his mother would have appreciated the outpouring of international support for the newspaper in the days after the raid.

to go pretty soon. I'd rather go as part of a cause than something else,'" Meyer said.

As people filtered outside of the church to head to the gravesite, the Record's newspaper van pulled up, ready to lead the funeral escort.

Just a little down the street, a Marion County police car parked opposite Kari's Kitchen — which is just steps away from the church - waited to start the procession. The police officer inside stared straight ahead, not looking at the little group of reporters filming the church.

Then everyone got into their cars, the police car set off, and the procession pulled away.

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locally referred to as dropseed prairies.

Sept. 16: Register here for a guided hike with MPF Technical Advisor

"I think she'd think, 'Well, I knew I was going

## CHAMBER

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"Our ability to to pull resources and have some really good trainings for small business owners or somebody who might be thinking about going into business, that's

something the chamber is interested in — helping people start businesses just like the Small Business Development Center is," Murphree said. "K-REDI has a bit of a different focus but still we are in a predominantly rural area trying to bring in industry that creates jobs."

#### "It all kind of works together." Swehla said.

They all agreed that the Kirksville city government is open to coordinating activities and cooperating on things using the benefits of the chamber, MREIC, K-REDI, the Small Business Development Center and tourism as a foundation for economic development. "I think it makes us all

stronger," Murphree said. "It benefits Kirksville as a whole by us working together," Swehla said.

## LYCEUM

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for artistic merit and been praised for its refined sound, phrasing and flawless intonation. Alumni Frank Fleschner ('05) and Daniel Hansen ('13, '15) are current members of the Chorale and slated to return for the performance.

All performances will take place at 7 p.m. in Baldwin Hall Auditorium unless otherwise speci-

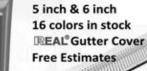
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This season all Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, the Friends of the Lyceum program and the Truman State University Foundation. Friends of the Lyceum receive exclusive benefits including reserved seating, special parking and a commemorative gift of the season based on the level of their donation.

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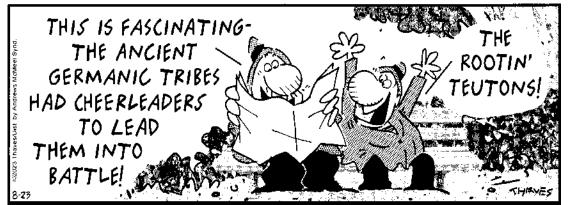
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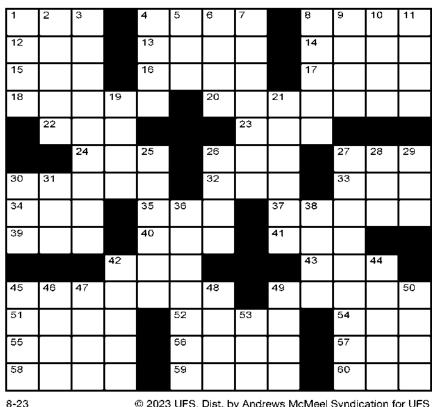
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#### **ASTROGRAPH** BY EUGENIA LAST

Slow down, think matters through and build a solid foundation this year. Refuse to let emotions step in and take charge when dealing with sensitive issues that can affect your personal or professional life. Make every word and action count. Plan everything out and get moving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't share secrets or offer unnecessary information. You must decide what's in your best interest. Trips and educational pursuits will stress your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- The connections you make through networking will provide helpful suggestions for the future. The gestures you make will determine what kind of support you receive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A partnership looks better than anticipated. Do your due diligence, and you'll clear your mind of any anxiety. Your dedication will not go unnoticed. An invitation or offer looks promising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Consider how you present yourself to the world, and think about sporting a trendy new look. Fitting in will help you get the support you require to get things done on time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take advantage of whatever comes your way; your efficiency will lead to victory. Your instincts are on target, and your ability to manipulate situations to suit your needs is extraordinary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep moving forward, regardless of what others do or say. Don't venture down a path to avoid friction. It's up to you to make decisions that help you instead of helping someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A detailed plan will help you get what you want. Stay focused on the end game and remain intent on strategically putting everything in place. Don't let temptation bring you down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be careful whom you trust with personal information. Adopt a healthy lifestyle and a minimalist attitude to avoid overindulgence. Honesty will be necessary in tricky situations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Think and act, and you'll make headway. Mix business with pleasure to make valuable connections. Refuse to give in to temptation. Someone may be searching for an opportunity to make you look bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Get the facts; don't act on hearsay. Your reputation will be at risk if you are too quick to judge. Evaluate your lifestyle and adjust anything slowing you down or causing you grief.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Honor your promises. The help you give others will assure that you'll receive the same kind of treatment in return. An offer will tempt you, but don't take on more than you can handle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep tabs on what's happening around you. Don't overplay a situation or act hastily. Time is on your side, and patience will pay off. Work on self-improvement instead of trying to convince others to change.

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# **Sports**

# **Kirksville, Macon tune up with jamboree 1 week ahead of season opener**

#### By Adam Tumino

On Aug. 18, Kirksville and Macon football teams got a little preview of their impending season opener. One week before Kirksville is set to host Macon for real, Hugh Dunn Field in Macon was the site of jamboree scrimmages featuring the two teams, as well as Brookfield and Marceline.

The teams put the final touches on their offseasons there, cycling through brief scrimmages with each other. But now it is game week, and Kirksville head coach Kevin Krietemeyer said he was happy with what he saw out of the team, especially on the defensive side.

"I really thought we flew around and were physical and got after teams," he said. "I really thought our kids owned the front, the line of scrimmage. I thought we did a good job with that, and I'm really excited about that group. We're really deep up there and I thought they did a good job. Our linebackers fly and get to spots and make plays. We were in the right spots."

The Kirksville defense is of course featuring some players stepping into starting roles for the first time. Last season, the Kirksville



Macon quarterback Jace Terry hands the ball to Mickey Martie during the jamboree on Aug. 18.

defense allowed an average of 27.2 points per game.

They will be tasked with facing a Macon offense that is also featuring some new players. Macon was led in its 9-2 season last year by a sizable senior class. Those 18 seniors are gone, and head coach Van Vanatta said that he has liked what he has seen from his new crop of seniors.

"Like I told the team, 'guys, every year we graduate seniors, so it's nothing new on my plate but now it's time for you to step up," he said. "Mickey Martie's doing a great job for us. He's playing, flying around and he's being a leader. John Bray, same thing. He's doing a good job. We moved Jace Terry to quarterback, and he's doing some good things but



Macon senior Jace Terry releases a pass downfield during the jamboree on Aug. 18.

he's still very raw in what he's doing. Guys are filling, but we've got to match intensity, we've got to play football. Unfortunately I miss all those 18 seniors but we're going to war with what we've got. I think if we can put stuff together, I think we'll be alright." Installing a new quarterback is also something that Kirksville will have on its plate this season. But unlike Macon, Kirksville had yet to name a starter by the jamboree. Juniors Hayden Davis and Ryder Lyons split reps during the scrimmages, and Krietemeyer said



Members of the Kirksville defense celebrate after an interception during the jamboree on Aug. 18.



Kirksville junior Carter Pinkerton runs through contact from a Marceline defender during the jamboree on Aug. 18. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville junior Hayden Davis throws a pass toward the sideline during the jamboree on Aug. 18.

he wanted to be sure each player had an equal chance to earn the spot.

"We wanted to make sure, whoever we decided to go with, got the same amount of reps as each other with the first team offensive line and skills," he said. "We're going to make sure we're fair with both of them, because both of them have worked extremely, extremely hard. It's going to be a tough decision for us to make."

The main goal of the jamboree for all teams was to sharpen some things up and be ready to kickoff the regular season with a healthy and well-prepared team. Vanatta said that he was keeping the play calls basic throughout the night, particularly with the week one opponent being present, but was trying to see how his team responded in what will be the closest thing to game action prior to the opener.

"One of the things that we were looking for was some intensity and some effort," he said. "I think we saw that at times, and then we saw some things that weren't where they needed to be at times. Again, it's just about getting better. That's the key thing. It's just about getting better for us right now. I'm happy with where we're at but I can tell you this, we've got a lot of work to do."

Kirksville and Macon will put their new teams to the test on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. from Spainhower Field in Kirksville. It will be the sixth-straight season opener between the two teams, with Macon winning four of the previous five openers, including the last two.



Macon sophomore Ryder Lewis celebrates after making a catch during the jamboree on Aug. 18.

# Annual Taekwon-Do tournament

### Kirksville Taekwon-Do hosting annual tournament Aug. 26 at Kirksville Middle School

#### By Adam Tumino

Kirksville Taekwon-Do will be putting on its annual Kirksville Invitational Tournament this upcoming Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Kirksville Middle School Gym. The tournament will be free to spectators. It will begin at 10 a.m. and last until around 3 or 4 p.m.

The tournament is sanctioned by the United State Taekwon-Do Federation. Competitors will include several black belts, as well as additional color belts, and they will compete in patterns, sparring and breaking events. Registration is \$40 and begins at 9 a.m.

Additionally, any spectators not already enrolled in Kirksville Taekwon-Do can receive vouchers for four free classes, available at the registration table or by talking to a Kirksville black belt.



## Truman softball team announces 2024 transfer class, adds 6 players

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State softball team announced its 2023 transfer class on Aug. 18. Madie Anderson, Caragan Baker, Sammy Fatka, Kaylyn Jones, Ryleigh Jones and Brianna McPoland will be joining the Bulldogs. Head coach Ron Ferrill, who is coming off his first year with Truman, gave his thoughts on each player in a release announcing the additions.

#### **Ferrill on Madie Anderson**

"Madie was the final piece to our roster rebuild. She is an experienced pitcher coming off of a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament with Indian Hills CC. Last year she won 20 games in the circle, was named first team all-region, and she was the ICCAC conference pitcher of the year. I have been following Madie since high school and she has continued to grow as a pitcher throughout each of her first two years of college. She is a gamer that wants the ball and knows how to win. I am excited to add Madie's experience and attitude to our staff. "

#### **Ferrill on Caragan Baker**

"Caragan is an exciting addition for us. She gives us much needed depth and experience at third base but has the athletic ability and athleticism to potentially help us out up the middle as well. Caragan also has a very strong and aggressive bat that we hope translates to middle of the lineup help in our batting order. Last year Caragan hit close to .350 with 18 extra base hits. We are very excited to have Caragan join-



#### ing the program."

#### **Ferrill on Sammy Fatka**

"Sammy is transferring into us from Hesston College in Kansas. Sammy was a starting outfielder for Hesston and adds great speed to our outfield as well as the basepaths. Sammy was able to swipe over 30 bases in her time at Hesston and our hope is that she can do the same for Truman State. Sammy's dynamic speed adds to the style of ball I like to play and fits well on our roster. We are excited to get Sammy on the field and see how her athleticism and personality can affect our program."

#### **Ferrill on Kaylyn Jones**

"Kaylyn is a very exciting addition for us at pitcher. She is transferring from the University of Northern Iowa. Kaylyn is a former Missouri 1st team All State Pitcher at Park Hill in Kansas City. One of Kaylyn's biggest strengths is her control. She can pinpoint multiple pitches which gives us much needed depth in our pitching rotation. The last couple years one of our staff's biggest struggles has been with pitch control. Kaylyn immediately changes that for us and gives us a strong option to use either as a starter or in relief."

#### **Ferrill on Ryleigh Jones**

"Ryleigh is an extremely dynamic athlete. She has power and speed at the plate as well as the ability to play both the infield and the outfield. Her athleticism makes her very hard to defend on offense as well as extremely versatile on defense. Ryleigh hit close to .400 last spring with 29 extra base hits, 14 of those being homeruns. At the same time

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she brought that power, she also had the speed to steal 43 bases. I plan to look at Ryleigh both on the infield and the outfield. It will be fun to see just how her athleticism can affect a game and our program."

#### **Ferrill on Briana McPoland**

"Bri is a left-handed hitting catcher with the ability to go to the outfield when needed. Last spring while playing for NI-ACC Bri was named first team all-region at catcher. Bri has very quick hands hitting from the left side. Being a great contact hitter with very fast hands she is extremely difficult to get the ball past. She also has some power potential, having 13 of her hits last year going for extra bases while hitting .393 at the plate. Bri helps us immediately on both sides of the ball and is a great addition to Truman State Softball."

