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Caring for those less fortunate

Community Mission Thrift Store profits finance its charitable work caring for those less fortunate

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

Helping people comes with its ups and downs emotionally. Sometimes it leads to ecstatic joy while other times, profound sadness and despair. Sometimes providing a person or family with a little bit of help can make a difference enough that their entire life changes. Other times, you can provide help for years to someone and their circumstances never seem to transform.

For Ron and Debbie Fischer, who have overseen the charitable work of the Community Mission Thrift Store and food bank on North Elson Street for the last six years, all of these feelings are familiar. Looking out for the less fortunate in the Kirksville community is their passion and whether a family is truly in need or they're taking advantage of the Fischer's generosity, food and clothing is denied to no one.

"There's a joy when you see someone that really is in need and they're desperate, and when you see them, like relieved or just just happy, it makes you feel joyful," Debbie said. "It makes you happy and it's not about us or what we do for them, but it's like, 'Oh, thank you God.'"

Neither of the Fischers is paid for the long hours they put in running the operation, they do it all for free, which oftentimes means sacrificing time with their own family and friends. The work is hard and the rewards minimal, but ev-



Ron and Debbie Fischer of the Community Mission.

eryday they show up and tend to the needs of the not-for-profit while offering kindness to their less-fortunate neighbors.

Like most businesses, Community Mission, a non-denominational Christian organization, has struggled to survive in the aftermath of covid and an era of economic hardship for many. Prior to the covid pandemic, the Mission served a daily hot meal to as many as 50 or 60 poor and destitute residents in the area and provided boxes of food to ensure families and children ate. There were also once plenty of volunteers to feed the hungry and many benefited from their efforts.

But things had somehow changed as they began to re-open and the hungry didn't return in the same numbers as prior to the pandemic. As time went on, fewer and fewer people came by to enjoy a free, home-cooked meal and volunteers became lesser as well, which made it difficult to ensure the safety of everyone that came to enjoy the food and fellowship.

"We had a dramatic fall off in volunteers," Ron said, noting that it was not just in serving meals where the lack of volunteers impacted operations, but it made it difficult at times to pick up donations of furniture and other sizable things that could be sold in the thrift store.

The Fischers, in response to the lower demand, at first began to limit the days meals were served. Then they began offering take-home meals, and when those giveaways slowed as well, they began to offer food boxes, which they give out on the second Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m.

Knowing that people aren't hungry just once a month though, if you knock on the door of Community Mission at any other time and are in need, the Fischers will see to it that you and your family leave with a box of food. They can't help themselves because it bothers them to see a family hungry, especially children.

In the winter, in coordination with "The Clothes Closet", they maintain a free winter coat rack outside the doors of the thrift store, where anyone in need of a winter coat or winter clothing can pick from the rack. Again, it bothers them to see people unable to afford the basic necessities to stay warm in the winter.



The Community Mission at 402 N. Elson Street

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Kirksville R-III School District celebrates start of new school year

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

School opened for the Kirksville R-III School District on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Christopher Gastelum walked his six-year-old son, Ezkiel, to the bus stop on East LaHarpe Street, where he caught a ride to Kirksville Primary School and began first grade.

Kirksville City Council approves tax levy, applications for grants at regular meeting

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council held three public hearings at their Aug. 21 regular meeting at City Hall. The first concerned the 2023 proposed tax levy that was presented by Finance Director Lacy King, the second concerned a MoDOT TAP application for improvements to school crosswalks presented by Public Works Director Adam Dorrell, and the third, concerned a MoDOT TAP application for acquisition of a portion of former railroad property and construction of a trail, also presented by Dorrell.

King told the council that every year they hold a public hearing to set the tax levy, a process guided by the Missouri State Auditor in conjunction with the Adair County Clerk, where they provide information to the city in order for them to estimate what

the proposed tax levy will be.

"So we go back a year and based on what the tax books were for the end of last year, we recalculate taxes as they should have been," King told the council. "This allows us to move forward and let us know what our baseline for 2023 is and based on the information that we have from the County Clerk's office, it appears that our tax increased by 1.9 percent."

She said the city had a 4,021,588 increase of their aggregate assessed value for 2023 that would bring the total aggregate assessed value in the city limit to \$219,295,123.

"Based on this information, we see how much in new construction that we've had for the year and then there's a formula that the state office has for us to use in calculating our proposed tax levy and based on that information, our tax levy should be

.6817," she said, noting that last year's levy was .6816.

Giving an example of the cost to residents, she said that based on a property having a market value of \$250,000, the assessed value would be \$47,500.

"I talked with our county assessor just to make sure that my numbers were on track, and he said that they would have paid \$323.76 in 2022, based on that amount," King told the council. "With the proposed tax levy, the amount will increase five cents to \$323.81."

The council, later in the meeting, unanimously approved an ordinance establishing the tax levy.

Dorrell told the council that the first MoDOT TAP grant application is for two years at a maximum of \$500,000 and then with a 20 percent match on top of that totaling \$625,000 for this year.

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Driving hands-free law takes effect on Monday

By MoDOT

JEFFERSON CITY — After two years in a row of more than 1,000 fatalities on Missouri's roadways, Gov. Mike Parson signed the Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law, prohibiting all drivers from using a handheld electronic communication device while driving, effective Monday, Aug. 28.

Distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes in Missouri. Between 2012 and 2021, there were

nearly 200,000 distracted driving-related crashes in Missouri, resulting in at least 801 fatalities. Cell phone use is responsible for far more distracted driving crashes than are being reported, according to a recent report from the National Safety Council.

"We've seen a troubling and unacceptable trend of distracted driving crashes in recent years, and sadly, more times than not, someone other than the distracted driver was killed," said Mo-

DOT State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. "We're thankful the General Assembly and Gov. Parson recognized the need for a hands-free law in Missouri. We're hopeful this law will change the safety culture around phone use while driving and save lives."

When the law takes effect Aug. 28, drivers are prohibited from physically holding or supporting a cell phone with any part of their body; manually typing, writing,

sending, or reading text-based messages; recording, posting, sending or broadcasting video, including video calls and social media posts; and watching a video or movie.

"The Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law is an important step towards reducing the number and severity of cell phone related distracted driving crashes," said Captain John Hotz, Director of Public Information and Education for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "The passage of the law



provides law enforcement officers with an additional tool to help stop motorists from being distracted by their cell phones. The Missouri State Highway Patrol will continue to focus on educating the public about the dangers of distracted driving to prevent traffic crashes from occurring."

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Ribbon-cutting to be held for new Truman State University Innovation Lab

By Truman State University

A unique campus resource will make its debut with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Aug. 30 in Pickler Memorial Library.

The Doug and Diane Villhard Innovation Lab is a dedicated space created to help all members of campus reach their academic goals, explore creative pursuits and work on passion projects.

Located in the northeast corner on the first floor of the library, this newly renovated space features: flexible furniture that can be reconfigured for groups of various sizes; collaborative writing surfaces; and networked computers with creative software. A design lab in the space will provide hands-on experiences in problem solving and critical thinking, which current and prospective students will find essential for class projects and in future work environments. The design lab will include a Lego wall and offer materials that can be easily disassembled, altered, expanded or even recycled with minimal expense and effort.

Another section of the lab will house a multimedia studio. This space will provide assistance and resources for students who want to take innovative

projects to the next level. It will also be used for training to equip students to use a variety of advanced technologies and digital resources. The ability to produce podcasts will be a feature of the lab, and video conferencing equipment will allow students an opportunity to connect and collaborate with remote partners.

The naming of this lab was funded through a generous six-figure gift from alumni Doug ('94) and Diane ('95) Villhard. The Villhards have a long history of supporting entrepreneurship and innovation at Truman. For the past eight years they have supported a variety of efforts, including the annual Bulldog B.I.T.E. Pitch competition.

As a campus-wide resource the space will allow the University to successfully facilitate collaboration and cross-disciplinary learning. It also will create a pathway for instructors, from all disciplines, to direct class efforts to these spaces and conduct information/exploration sessions.

All members of the Truman community are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be followed by a reception and opportunity for attendees to visit interactive stations in the lab.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

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, Kirkville. 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.

Kirkville Cars & Coffee

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization will be holding their Kirkville Cars & Coffee program on Aug. 26 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street in Kirkville. 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.

Kirkville Bike Night

Kirkville 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.

Kirkville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament

The Kirkville Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament will be held on Aug. 26 from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., at the Kirkville Middle School gym, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirkville. Spectators are free! Kirkville Taekwon-Do invites all affiliated schools and students to the annual tournament. Registration is \$40. This year, all spectators not already enrolled in Kirkville Taekwon-Do

can receive a voucher for four free classes. Just approach the registration table or speak with a Kirkville black belt. For more information, call 660-341-9655 or visit kirkvilletaekwondo.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, Kirkville. For more information, contact Luke Lamb at lamb@somp.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.

'Thank You for Your Service Exhibit' final day

Aug. 26 is the last day of the Kirkville Arts Association photography exhibit honoring area men and women who have served in the military. The exhibit is at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 S. Franklin in Kirkville. The exhibit includes 40 former military members from Adair, Macon, Schuyler, Sullivan and Putnam counties, holding a photograph of when they were in the service. 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 Kirkville Arts Association should call 660-665-0500 or email kirkvilleart@gmail.com.

Bands for Baring Benefit Concert

A Bands for Baring Benefit Concert will be held at Hurland City Park in the city of Hurland 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 Hurland City Park Eat Shack. For more information, Call Sue at (660) 346-0372 or Tom at (660) 216-0103.

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, Kirkville.

Kirkville City Council open working session

The Kirkville City Council will meet in an open working session with representatives from area recreation service providers on Monday, Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kirkville Aquatics Center Conference Room, 801 E. Mill Street, Kirkville. On the agenda will be items of mutual interest for city and recreation services and programs.

People First of Northeast Missouri meeting

People First of Northeast Missouri will hold a meeting at the Community Learning Center, 1107 Country Club Drive, Kirkville, on Aug. 29 from 5-6 p.m. People First is a self-advocacy organization that was formed by, is run by, and exists for people with developmental disabilities in the state of Missouri. Are you interested in helping to build a new People First chapter in Northeast Missouri? Join them as they continue working on identifying priorities and begin building by-laws. For more information and to register, email clc@sb40life.org or call 660-665-9400, ext. 4.

Building Bankable Borrowers program

A Building Bankable Borrowers program, which will cover business financing, will be held on Aug. 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Kirkville's Economic Development building at 315 S. Franklin Street. Registration deadline is Aug. 29 at 8 a.m. There is no fee. Contact Anastasia Tiedemann at (660) 665-3348. Many rural businesses are unable to get funding because they are too new, too small, or too risky credit-wise for most banks to work with? Find out why and what you can do to get your business bankable, so it can grow. Whether you are a startup, or a seasoned business owner, learn about what bankers need to get you qualified for a business loan. You'll discover how SBA loans differ from other loans, and how you can work with your local SBDC to put together a successful loan package. Join them for this lunch and learn. Bring your lunch. Payment of seminar fees may be made by check, money order or credit card. Payment must be received to guarantee your space in an event.

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SNAP food replacement in tornado-hit area of Knox County

By USDA

DENVER, Colo.— The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that households impacted by power outages due to the Baring tornado in portions of Knox County, could be eligible for partial replacement of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This is one of many recent steps USDA has taken to respond to those in need following a disaster.

Rather than require SNAP households to report food losses individually, USDA has approved Missouri Department of Social Services to authorize automatic re-

placement of 50 percent of SNAP benefits issued in July or August 2023 to residents of zip code 63531. This will enable households to receive replacement benefits without having to appear in the local SNAP office to sign an affidavit attesting to food loss and will allow local DSS offices to operate the program in a more efficient and effective manner. These replacement benefits will automatically be issued to all regular SNAP households in the affected zip code, by means of an automated credit to their Electronic Benefits Transfer cards.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service works to end hunger

and improve food and nutrition security through a suite of more than 16 nutrition assistance programs, such as the school breakfast and lunch programs, WIC and SNAP. Together, these programs serve 1 in 4 Americans over the course of a year, promoting consistent and equitable access to healthy, safe, and affordable food essential to optimal health and well-being. FNS also provides science-based nutrition recommendations through the co-development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. FNS's report, "Leveraging the White House Conference to Promote and Elevate Nutrition Security: The Role of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service," highlights ways the agency will support the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy, released in conjunction with the historic White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in September 2022. To learn more about FNS, visit www.fns.usda.gov and follow @USDA-Nutrition.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Agnes Killday

Dec 15, 1931 — Aug 20, 2023

Dorothy Agnes Killday, age 91, of Edina, MO, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2023, in the Knox County Nursing Home in Edina, MO. She was born December 15, 1931, in Dutzow, MO the daughter of Wilfred Herman and Eleanor Mary Ruether Poepsel.



She was united in marriage to Raymond Peter Conoyer in 1957 and he preceded her in death in 1968. To this union four children were born.

She was united in marriage to John William "Bill" Killday, on January 22, 1972, in O'Fallon, MO and he preceded her in death on February 13, 2023. To this union one child was born.

Surviving are five children: Donna (Ray) Hudson of Hendersonville, TN; Barb Abernethy (Mark Bremdeier) of Lee's Summit, MO; Linda (Tim) Wurm of Wentzville, MO; Steve (JoAnne) Conoyer of Palmyra, MO; and Nancy (Scott) Goodwin of Knox City, MO; one brother Gene (Barb) Poepsel of Washington, MO; Seven grandchildren: Lauren Bristol, Elizabeth Hudson, Brian and Daniel Wurm, Jay and Trevor Conoyer, and Montana (Ty) Seibert; five great grandchildren, Eloise Bristol; Kess, Hope, Payson and Presley Seibert; two brothers-in-law: Danny Mike Killday of Holts Summit, MO and Dennis (Linda) Killday of Russellville, MO; three sisters-in-law: Betty (Jim) Bruegenhemke of O'Fallon, MO; Mary Carol (Mike) Early of Kirksville, MO and Carol Ann Killday of Winchester, IL and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, two grandchildren Ashley and Kelsey Abernethy, one great grandchild Barker Seibert, a grandson-in-law Spencer Bristol, two sisters, Bernita Aholt and Rosemary Feldmann, and two brothers, Wilfred Poepsel and Herman Poepsel.

Dorothy was raised in Dutzow, MO where she attended elementary school. She graduated from St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, MO. Dorothy and Bill owned and operated the Sears Catalog Store in Edina, and the Edina Dry Cleaners for several years. She worked for many years at Bank Midwest in Kirksville, MO. Her favorite job was working in Day Care in Edina taking care of the children. Dorothy enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, game shows and sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. She was a lifelong Catholic and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the St. Ann's Altar Society. She treasured her last months at the Knox County Nursing Home being so well taken care of after a lifetime of taking care of others.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Edina, MO.

Music will be provided by The Clark Family and Lisa Bowen. Carrsen Hayes will assist as server.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 26th from 9:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Edina, MO.

Interment will be held immediately following Mass at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Edina, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Knox County Nursing Home and /or Ashley Abernethy Purple Star Foundation or the Knox County Health Department.

Memorials may be left at or mailed to the Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Edina, MO 63537. You may access Ashley Abernethy's Purple Star Foundation at the following link: <https://gkccfonlinedonations.org/ashley/ashley.asp>.

KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Flooding assistance update after FEMA visit

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited Kirksville and Adair County on Friday, Aug. 18, to survey damage from the flooding on Aug. 4. Information from this survey will determine the eligibility of the community for a disaster declaration, and what, if any, federal assistance will be available. As of this time there has not been a disaster declaration, and even if there is, that does not guarantee individual assistance. Residents who experienced flooding in their homes or businesses are encouraged to visit www.disasterassistance.gov to check the status of available assistance resources and start the application process. Residents may also initiate the process by downloading the FEMA smartphone application, or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

Graves requests plan to reopen Baring Post Office after tornado

Congressman Sam Graves wrote Postmaster General Louis DeJoy requesting the United States Postal Service (USPS) develop a plan to reopen the Post Office in Baring, Missouri destroyed by the EF2 tornado that devastated the community earlier this month.

"There's been a United States Post Office in Baring for more than 130 years," Graves said. "In the wake of this tragedy, the people of Baring deserve a plan from USPS to reopen this post office and continue serving the community for generations to come."

"The community of Baring might be small, but it is strong. I ask that the United States Postal Service join in this rebuilding effort by finding a suitable location in Baring for the Post Office to reopen in a timely manner," the letter states.

NEMR to receive grant

Internet service provider NEMR will receive \$8.842 million from the USDA Rural Development ReConnect Grant to expand fiber in rural Downing. If you would like a quote, contact Michele Gillespie, CEO, 660-874-4111. This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high speed internet. This network will benefit 1,188 people, 15 businesses and 256 farms in Schuyler and Scotland counties in Missouri. Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program.

Truman State 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.

'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.

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 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.

Registration open for Tiny Tykes Soccer

The city of Kirksville's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Tiny Tykes Soccer program. Tiny Tykes Soccer is a four-week program, for children ages 3 through 5, that teaches soccer using play-based learning. Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 19. Registrants will choose either a 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. session, or a 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. session when registering online at parks.kirksvillecity.com or in person at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill St. Registration is \$30 per participant and each player will receive a Tiny Tykes Soccer t-shirt. All Tiny Tykes Soccer will be held at the Tiny Tykes Soccer Field located next to the Pee Wee Baseball Fields at the North Park Complex, 3000 Novinger St. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485

Hospice of Northeast Missouri facilitating ongoing support group around the grief of aging

Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement personnel are facilitating monthly meetings where participants 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 free 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 Street in Kirksville. Attendees are asked to enter through the south door. The next scheduled meetings will take place on Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. For more information call 660-627-9711.

COUNCIL

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"We're going to be looking at two separate projects and applying for those," he told the council, noting that the crosswalk project is the city's top priority project. He said that, working with consultants, they've identified approximately 16 or 17 locations and that they're still working out the budget. He said the city is looking at a total project costs of about "\$425,000-ish"

"We'll see how the numbers come in and where it balances between the two projects," he said. "Then we have a \$340,000 grant and about a \$70 to \$80,000 match along with that."

He said that the crosswalks will be primarily focused around Kirksville R-III and Truman State University, which he said were the biggest safety concerns. The city will also look at creating new crosswalks with an eye toward safety.

The council, later in the meeting, unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Supplemental Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the construction of crosswalk safety improvements to improve access in and around the community's various schools.

The final public hearing concerned another Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Supplemental Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the acquisition of a portion of former railroad property and construction of a trail.

According to a staff report by Dorrell, the city has an opportunity to apply for a grant to acquire land formally used by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad.

"This land is available for the construction of a trail that would connect the City's most popular park, Rotary Park and Aquatic Center, with the Adair County Library," Dorrell wrote in his report. "The City is interested in acquiring the land and constructing the trail to establish this connection increasing access to residents in both directions including the families that will occupy the recently constructed family housing facility that was made possible through support from the Missouri Housing Development Commission."

He wrote that the city completed

the construction of a TAP-funded multi-modal sidewalk along Baltimore from New Street to Hwy. 6 West in 2023 and was awarded a grant to construct sidewalks on the north and west sides of Rotary Park. According to his report, this sidewalk project will connect the multimodal sidewalk along Baltimore with the proposed railroad trail project.

He told the council that the cost would be near \$200,000 and that includes acquiring the property as well as design and construction of the trail. He said with a \$160,000 grant and \$40,000 match, the total cost is \$200,000.

Kirksville Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler said that the project is in the city's active mobility plan (KAMP) as well as the Parks and Recreation master plan that was recently completed.

"So for both of those plans, this matches up really well," Sadler said.

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CARING

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Having lived in the Kirksville community for 32 years, running a pantry and thrift store was never the plan for their retirement years. For years they were just two of many volunteers at Community Mission when one day, the landlord began changing the locks on the door of the twin buildings due to being owed substantial back rent. A director at Community Mission, Bruce Waddle, asked the Fischer's if they would be able to take over management of the business working alongside him.

They agreed and on Oct. 10, 2017, they began operating Community Mission with Waddle—but on Oct. 26, 16 days later, Waddle passed away, leaving the enterprise to his less-experienced teammates, Ron and Debbie. It was a tragedy beyond their belief but they determined to carry on and they hung his picture on the wall so it's visi-

ble to visitors as they walk through the front door.

"More than once I've walked past that picture and said, 'I miss you, bless you, I love you,'" Ron said.

"For the first five years I talked to his picture every morning," Debbie said. "Ok Bruce, I can do this!"

While Community Mission receives donations from the community, the primary support of their charitable endeavors comes from the thrift store they run. The store carries everything you would expect to find in a thrift store: books, clothing, purses, baskets, toys, electronics, baseball cards, furniture, tools, kitchenware, auto accessories, lamps and a huge stock of light bulbs that were donated to them by Ameren. They also have a woman who donates squash, zucchini and other vegetables and fruit from her garden for them to sell inside the store.

They receive donations of food with close expiration dates from Hy-Vee that they pass along to those without

and Walmart also makes substantial donations of items to the organization. Local churches provide them with small monthly donations that add up over the course of a year and can maybe help someone with a heating or other utility bill. In the past, Ron has purchased or found donations of cars to help people that need them. Their compassion goes far beyond just offering people food and clothing to their clients.

While there are a number of thrift stores in Kirksville competing with them, the Fischer's wish is for all of them to prosper and cater to those on a budget. Still, they feel the advantages of shopping at their business is it is of overall benefit to the entire community in that there will always be a need to feed and clothe the people that struggle to afford even thrift store prices, and at Community Mission, the Fischer's are always willing to work with someone to assist them with what they need

— even if it means giving it to them for free.

"If somebody's on a budget or not; if they're swimming in money or if they hardly got any money, their dollar is going to go farther in this thrift store than anywhere in Kirksville, period," Ron said, noting again that neither he nor Debbie take a salary and that the profits, beyond rent and utilities, all goes into feeding and clothing those less fortunate.

"We're not trying to pay ourselves a wage, we're not trying to make a certain dollar figure so we can line our own pockets," Ron said. "Whether somebody is on a limited budget or they're throwing \$100 bills in the air, they're gonna go further here."

But lately customers are as hard to find as volunteers and they worry there may be a day when the operation is no longer viable and will have to be shut down. Utilities are high and they have four freezers they need to keep running

in order to store food. He said that while they need to take in money to keep serving others, money isn't what's important to them—but the bills must be paid to keep operating.

"There's a reason to come here, plus I really do think in my heart that we're doing the Lord's work and if if somebody wants to help Kirksville, come and help us," Ron said. "You

can shop anywhere but who's giving back to the community? Who's doing their best to stand in the gap? You know, we don't need a medal, we're not really needing a write up in the paper, we just need support and people to come and maybe get a glimpse and see what they think."

The Community Mission is located at 402 N. Elson Street in Kirksville.



La Plata R-11 Schools

SURPLUS PROPERTY BIDS

The La Plata R-II School District has declared a 2008 Bluebird Bus as surplus property and will be taking sealed bids for this property **until noon on September 15, 2023**. Sealed bids may be mailed or dropped off at the office of the **Superintendent at 201 W. Moore Street, La Plata, Mo 63549**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Rick Roberts at 660-332-7001**.

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ROBIN WRITES

Cicada Symphony

Step outside on a late August/early September afternoon and you will hear the sounds of a million voices singing about life. It is at once raucous and soothing; rhythmic and staccato. Close your eyes and feel the electricity that surges through the air in a music as primal as any noise on earth.

The music starts gently; a burring sound that tickles the ears...then, low and guttural, like a groan from deep inside.

It comes from everywhere—the trees, the grass, the fenceposts and the weedy ditches. Spin around and you will hear it at every turn. Metered crackles jitter along the balmy, thick air. Which is the original vibration and which is the echo?

Your ears take in the song of the cicadas and the notes thrum though your body like the rings made from a rock skipping over water. The melody they choose for their chorus is a see-saw of complementary tones that are both urgent and lazy.

Some are constant. Some

undulate and sway through the air in every-changing timbre.

Feel the progression as you listen. It begins softly; a gnawing whisper that hints at its intent. The noise builds, grows, scratch upon scratch, until you feel as if the only sounds in the world are right here. Right now.

In this sultry afternoon, you are surrounded by cicada voices, all eager to announce their brief existence before they disappear once again.

Their calls are sensuous. Solitary, yet reaching for a connection with other life. A growing plea that rises like a wave along calm, muggy skies. Louder and louder.

The volume becomes uneasy—urgent—as its cacophony wafts a movement and flow that pleads for an audience and demands attention.

It undulates and grows toward a peak of thunderous screaming...

Then, like the aftermath of life's best moments, the sound begins to fall away. Slowly, shimmery, solemnly. The rhythm remains intact throughout; a buzzing that



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH
ROBIN WRITES

is as familiar as a deep breath and freeing exhalation. The volume and tempo dim. Sated.

The message has been sent. The moment has passed. The song melts into the weeds and trees and grasses of summertime, leaving behind a quiet made more beautiful by its sheer depth.

But only for a blink of life. It begins again and you feel a stirring of connection to memories of every September of your life.

Listen to the cicadas. Their voices will fill your soul with the pattern of nature's unending cycles. In arcs of soft whispers and fierce calling, they sing their needs into the summer air and signal the coming of a new season.

My favorite sound.

Contact Robin at
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HOME COUNTRY

The invisible fish

Oh, we could always just go ask Delbert Chin why he did it, but that would take all the fun out of it. You know. So we sat and sipped at the world dilemma think tank meeting of Everything Important down at the Mule

Barn truck stop and talked it over.

It was probably inspired by Jasper Blankenship bringing cookies down from the diggin's and passing them out, along with a compliment for each recipient. Others in town did likewise, including Delbert Chin, whose immaculate Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant is a favorite for special times. Delbert got in the spirit of cookies and passed out fortune cookies on the street to all concerned, wishing each of us a good fortune. He lit up when he did it, you could see. Maybe that's what happened.

It was less than a week later. Delbert brought out a large glass jar full of water and punched small holes in the lid. He set it on a small table just inside the front door to the Gates and put a sign on it: "World Famous Invisible



SLIM RANGLES
HOME COUNTRY

Golden Trout." Problem was no one could see the fish. When he was asked about it, he said he caught it in Owens Lake, which is dry. He also added he caught it on a dry fly, naturally.

He had a kind of smirk about his mouth when he answered these questions, but it didn't

stop every kid and half the adults in town from coming in and looking in that glass jar to see if they could spot the fish.

It was a tourist lady who finally did it, though. She confronted Delbert directly.

"Sir," she proclaimed, "there's no fish in that jar over there. That's a lie!"

"Oh no!" said Delbert and ran to the jar. "Whew!" he said with relief. "For a while I thought he was gone, you know."

"There's no fish in there!" she said.

"Ma'am," Delbert said. "He's more than eight inches long. You see those little-bitty holes? How you think he's gonna get out?"

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LETTER

Community Opportunities Inc. still open and accepting donations

In late May 2023 Community Opportunities, Inc. (COI) reached out to you, our community and friends asking for your assistance and support. We, the board members, explained the financial struggles the Sheltered Workshop was facing trying to keep the door open. These struggles are still ongoing and are due to a drastic reduction in market prices for recyclable goods, rising operating/utility expenses and unexpected funding shortfalls. We also expressed our fears that without immediate funding intervention and assistance the workshop was in danger of closing.

The goal of COI is to provide meaningful employment to individuals with disabilities while providing valuable services to you, our community. The people of Kirksville, Adair County and surrounding areas responded with expressions of concern and support and with monetary assistance provided by individuals, businesses and organizations.

With your support and assistance the Sheltered Workshop doors are still open and we continue to strive to meet each new financial challenge head on. And while each day brings new struggles, our staff is so proud of the work they do and services they are able to offer. Each new customer is valued, each new face is a new friend.

We appreciate that you, our community, recognize the value of the recycling services we offer and that you care about the employment of individuals with disabili-

ties in our community who might otherwise be marginalized.

Kirksville's city motto is "Kirksville, Where People Make the Difference." You have helped to make a difference with your compassion, donations and support. Our employees make a difference every day with their work ethic, pride and happy smiles. With your continued help and involvement COI will make a difference for our employees and this community for years to come.

Please continue bringing your recyclables to the Workshop site or to the COI designated drop-off locations. Schedule a car detailing appointment or inquire about our janitorial services. We offer paper shredding services and continue to collect E-waste. Follow us on Facebook and in the media and please continue with your monetary individual and group donations to the Community Opportunities, Inc. Sheltered Workshop. COI is a non-profit 501(c)3 and donation receipts are available for tax purposes.

The Board Members of COI thank you,

Harold Osborn, President; Rudy Riley, Vice President; Kelley Snipes, Secretary; Vern Playle, Treasurer; Norman Belitz, John Wichmann, Keith Peck, Larry Whitney, Linda Hudnall, Karen Gardner, Dick Roberts, Mary Hodges, Nancy Findling, Katy Fine, Doug Nichting, Bill Jecusco, Al Barnes, Barb Adams, Dale West

POETRY CORNER

The Beach

The waves rolled in... they were slapping my feet... as I slowly walked along, It created a rhythm... with each step I took... like a soothing and relaxing song.

The wind... it blew through my hair... and the stars were out this night,

Not a single cloud... just twinkling beauty... was heaven now in my sight?

I could do this forever... walk along a beach... and breath in the fresh, salt air,

Without a worry... without a concern... without a single care.

— Daniel D. Donovan



PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

Advantages of breastfeeding for your baby:

By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®
Health Educator,
Adair County Health Department

Welcome to this week's Public Health Corner, where we raise awareness for healthy living, community resources and pressing issues that may affect the health of our community. This week we are going to discuss the benefits of breastfeeding because August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

Breastfeeding promotes the growth and development of children. It provides not only the best nutrition possible, but also protects children against diseases and assures their care. Exclusive breastfeeding without other foods or fluids for the first 4-6 months of life is the best start for all babies.

Advantages of breastfeeding for your baby:

- Provides all nutrients needed for physical and mental development.
- Builds the babies immune system by anti-infective constituents in colostrum and breastmilk.
- Prevents infections caused by



germs that contaminate artificial feeding bottles and teats.

- Reduces the risk of developing obesity and allergies.

Advantages for breastfeeding mothers:

- Speeds up the recovery from childbirth.
- Reduces fertility by delaying returned ovulation after birth resulting in wider child spacing and safer childbearing.
- Reduces the risk of ovarian and breast cancer, type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and cardiovascular disease.
- Releases two beneficial hormones: Prolactin that allows you to relax by producing a sensation of peace and nurturing; and Oxytocin that enhances the sense of love and attachment that you feel when you and your baby are connected

through breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding can also save new mothers a lot of money. Breastmilk is free; it is estimated that the cost of formula during the first year of your baby's life could cost upwards of \$3,000. This cost does not include the bottle, nipples and fuel needed to go to and from the store. Breastfed babies and mothers who breastfeed are healthier and end up saving families time and money spent on doctor's appointments and medications.

The Adair County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program offers a wide array of breastfeeding education and support to eligible mothers. Call (660) 785-3237 for eligibility information, to apply, or find out more information about their breastfeeding support services.

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week
in Local
History

By Larry Evans



120 Years Ago, August 26, 1903

"The Great Cole Younger and Frank James Historical Wild West Show" appeared in Kirksville for two performances on August 26. The show was billed as "The World's Greatest Exhibition Embracing as it does Heroic Horsemen of all Nations thus Exemplifying all that there is in Bold Dashing Heroic Manhood." The show was to feature the Russian Cossacks, Bedouin Arabs, American Cow Boys, Roosevelt Rough Riders, Indians, Mexicans, Broncos, Overland Stage Coach, all led by Cole Younger and Frank James. Reports the day after the show indicated that the show did not draw a very big crowd and there were complaints of gambling in the sideshows.

115 Years Ago, August 20, 1908

A work crew of about thirty men began construction of Kirksville's new Wabash Depot that was being built on the site of the previous depot which was destroyed by fire in December 1907. The new depot was larger than the previous one and was being constructed of concrete and brick. Local labor was being used to construct the depot, and it was expected to be operational in the near future.

110 Years Ago, August 23, 1913

The city of Kirksville's water supply was falling dangerously low. The source of the city's water was the Chariton River, and its level was falling each day with continued dry weather. According to City Engineer, Chester Cassiday, the water level had dwindled so much that the city's intake pipe was out of the water. The water in the river was lower than it had been since 1892 or 1893. Cassiday reported that he could extend the intake pipe to reach into the deepest part of the water pool. The city reservoir that held the water when it was pumped from the river was extremely low since the pumps were running full time just to supply the city's current water usage. There was no time to pump to the reservoir. The engineer estimated that there might be a two-month water supply left if no additional rain was received.

100 Years Ago, August 26, 1923

An announcement was made in Kirksville that the city was to have a new hotel. The announcement stated that a new four-story, \$200,000, brick building was going to be construction in the half-block on the south side of Washington Street near the Wabash Depot. E. C. Brott formed a corporation and was to manage both the construction phase of the business and would be the hotel manager when it was completed. He indicated that work would begin soon and be completed by the summer of 1924 in time for the convention of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) that was scheduled to be held in Kirksville. Associated with Brott in the organization of the company were H. M. Still, M. D. Campbell, S. H. Ellison, M. C. Shyrack, C. C. Givens, B. L. Bonfoey, and George England. The hotel was to be constructed of steel, brick, and concrete and would have hot and cold running water at all times and an electric elevator. The full-length basement level would contain a boiler room, laundry room, sample rooms, and a barber shop. The first floor was to feature a large lobby, restaurant, coffee shop, kitchen, drug store, and a large ballroom. The second, third, and fourth floors would house guests in the one hundred rooms. Half of the rooms were to have bathrooms, and the others would have a toilet and lavatory.

100 Years Ago, August 26, 1923

Kirksville physician, Dr. R. R. Ellis, announced that he purchased the C. A. Robinson resi-

dence at 819 East Illinois Street for the purpose of opening a general hospital. Dr. Ellis said the brick residence would be remodeled and converted into a fifteen-bed hospital that would be modern in every aspect. He planned to have the Ellis Hospital open by September 10. The building had long been regarded as one of the finer residences of the city. Dr. Ellis said that because of his growing patient base, he needed more room to perform surgeries and provide staff adequate floor space to accommodate his expanded practice. The lower level of the building would house a reception room, general offices, X-ray room, sterilization room, and operating room. The second floor included the private rooms and a ward, while the third floor was to house the nurse's dormitory. The hospital's equipment was to be the most modern. The X-ray machine was the latest type available and one of the most powerful in the city.

95 Years Ago, August 24, 1928

The last citadel in Kirksville to hold out on buying an automobile fell with a crash when Jim Bowcock (1867-1940) bought a Ford. For over twenty years Bowcock, although able to buy an automobile, had stuck to his horse and wagon. All around him, friends and neighbors turned to cars. He remained the last holdout and the only driver of a horse in town. He finally purchased a Ford touring car and hired a man to teach him to drive. Bowcock, his horse, and dog, Rover, were an institution in Kirksville. Bowcock purchased a 40-acre tract of land in the northwest part of Kirksville around 1900 where he dug a pond and established an icehouse. He was known as the "Ice King" because he could be seen every day delivering ice to homes and businesses in a horse-drawn wagon pulled by an aged nag. In 1931 he published a 24-page book, "History of Kirksville," which consisted of many phases of Kirksville facts. He died in 1940 and was buried in Kirksville's Llewellyn Cemetery.

90 Years Ago, August 22, 1933

Under an amended city ordinance any person who became intoxicated in a public place or in public view within the city of Kirksville could be given a jail sentence or a fine, or both. Under the old ordinance only a fine was given for becoming intoxicated in a public place. After prohibition ended, public drunkenness increased, and city officials decided to revise the ordinance to provide for a jail sentence for appearing drunk in a public place. In addition to the jail sentence, the guilty party could also be fined up to \$100.

70 Years Ago, August 26, 1953

The Board of the Novinger R-I School District announced that they had accepted the \$331,677 bid from the Schneider Brothers Construction Company of Kirksville to erect a new school building for the district. Construction was scheduled to get under way by September 1. Money to construct the new facility was to come from a bond issue approved by the district, state building aid, and funds from the insurance company that insured the previous school building that was destroyed by fire in January 1953. In the meantime, registration for Novinger students was underway. The Novinger District would continue to operate three rural schools, Morelock, West Center, and Golden Rule. These were kept in operation to provide a place for rural elementary school students to attend school. The district was already hard-pressed for places to hold school in Novinger in the absence of a school building.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 65

Three Linder Brothers and
the Civil War – Chapter IBy Blytha Ellis, President
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Some things in history it seems should have been left to just the adults. But, war is cruel, and it takes our finest young people. The Civil War was no exception. It preyed upon the young men of its era, often still teenagers, and often claimed their lives. As we learned in our previous episode,

Andrew Hynes Linder Sr. was a prominent and civic minded citizen of Adair County, and when the Civil War erupted in the early 1860s, he did not shy away from what he believed was his responsibility to help preserve the Union. At President Lincoln's earliest call for troops in April 1861, Andrew immediately answered the call by becoming a Captain over 105 Union men in his neighborhood on the west side of the Chariton River in Adair County.

This company is referred to in Missouri military records as "A. H. Linder's Independent Company, Washington Home Guards, Adair Co." These were men who lived around Goose Creek Prairie, also known as Simler's Bluff. Simler was a small community located near the point where Highway 11 now crosses the Chariton River. This prairie was a large grassy bottomland in Walnut Township in southwestern Adair County and home to the Linders.

Fortunately or unfortunately, Captain Linder had three sturdy, capable sons in 1861 who were just the right ages for war service and idealistic enough to believe they could take on any challenge and win. These were just the kind of young men the Union Army wanted.

These three sons were from Captain Linder's first marriage to Sarah (Morris) Linder. She had died at age 28 in 1846, less than one month after giving birth to the youngest son. William Parcels Linder II was the oldest son, born in 1834 and was now age 22. Jacob George "Jake" Linder was born in 1844 and was 17. Andrew Hynes "Bud" Linder Jr. was born in 1846 and was 15 in 1861. Having a sense of duty like their father, all three boys wanted to serve in the Army.

William, Jake and their father, Captain Linder, enlisted on August 1, 1861, in Com-

pany A of the newly formed 22nd Missouri Infantry Mounted Volunteers. It is presumed that all or most of the Home Guard company also joined this unit. Since Bud Linder was only 15, he had to wait a while before enlisting.

Young William and Jake actually mustered into the 22nd at Macon, Mo., October 15, 1861. On this same date, their father, Captain Andrew Hynes Linder, was appointed Major of Companies A and B of the 22nd. Therefore, these two sons were now under their father's command. Bud remained at home anxiously awaiting his opportunity to join.

On December 21, 1861, Major Linder and his two older sons, along with the rest of the regiment, were in a skirmish with Major General Sterling Price's Confederate Army near Sturgeon, Mo., as described in our previous episode.

On February 25, 1862, Companies A and B of the 22nd Missouri Mounted Infantry were ordered transferred to the newly formed 7th Missouri Cavalry Volunteers as Companies H and I, respectively. Command of the 7th was given to Col. Daniel Huston Jr., a career soldier and West Point graduate. Andrew Sr. retained his rank as Major.

In June and July of 1862, William, Jake and their father were stationed with the 7th at Harrisonville, Mo., county seat of Cass County. This was a hostile county on the Kansas border and was the site of very active Confederate recruiting. There was bitter guerrilla warfare there and in the region around it.

On August 1, 1862, Bud Linder, the youngest of the three brothers, enlisted in the 7th at Marshall, Mo. However, because of his young age, he was not actually mustered in until November 1863.

It should also be noted here that Bud Linder, at this time, probably had a great sense of duty to his stepmother and younger half-siblings at home, as well as duty to his father and brothers at war. The oldest boy in this Linder family was John Ferguson Linder (born in 1834). He had gone to Oregon Territory before 1860 and lived the rest of his life in the Northwest, so he was not there to help. Bud's two full sisters had died young, and now his father and two



Jacob George "Jake" Linder
Son of Major Andrew Hynes Linder
Civil War Soldier from Adair County, MO



brothers were at war. His stepmother, Nancy, was left on the farm with several young children. In the fall of 1862, Bud was most assuredly needed at home for harvest time.

Also, Bud probably felt the need to protect the family home. Many atrocities were being committed against private homes and families during this war. It should be noted that on August 6, 1862, the Battle of Kirksville occurred, and as the Confederates escaped the town, they crossed to the west side of the Chariton River, fleeing from the Union troops who followed. Some of these retreating Confederates caused damage at one of the Linder farms, and to neighboring farms as they passed through.

On August 11, 1862, a combined Confederate force under leaders which included the guerrilla William Quantrill defeated the Union Army at Independence, Mo. This success was partly due to reconnaissance of the town the previous day by 18-year-old Cole Younger who was later notorious for criminal activities with Jesse James. Major Linder and his companies had been ordered to reinforce the Union garrison, but the town of Independence fell to the Confederates while he was en route. For-

tunately, Major Linder seems to have gotten word of this defeat in time to avoid a deadly ambush for his troops. On the weekend of August 15-16, 1862, William and Jake took part in the hard-fought Battle of Lone Jack in Jackson County, Mo. William was wounded in the arm by one of the many rebels concealed in a cornfield. William Quantrill and Cole Younger were again present for this Confederate victory.

On September 15, 1862, Jake Linder is recorded as having "deserted" his Army service with the 7th. He even dared to stay AWOL for six months! His teenage heart may have gotten the better of him as he had been courting a girl named Elizabeth Ranson. Like many other soldiers of the day, he did not want her to marry someone else while he was away. Jake and Elizabeth were married December 14, 1862, in Adair County while he was on this unauthorized "leave."

Find out what happened to these three brothers in our next episode.

(Much of the information for this article was taken from the writings of Marvin Dean Linder, descendant of the Linder family in Adair County. His writings are available at the Adair Co. Historical Society Museum.)

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 Trespass (M) 1st Degree, Colten J. Raymo, Brookfield
 Warrant, Vanessa L. Santel, Kirksville

AUG. 18-21
 Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D)
 Kyle Alan Wood, Brashear
 Jameka Lasandra Johnson, Kirksville
 Ryan Easley, Edina
 Driving While Suspended/Revoked 2nd or 3rd (M A), Harry F. Coles, 5th, Callao
 DWI-Alcohol (M B), Allen W. Replogle, Kirksville
 Hindering Prosecution, Chris Ann Clark-Parrish, Kirksville
 No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Leanna Pearly Youngman, Kirksville
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 Warrant-Macon County, John M. Moseley, Kirksville

AUG. 21-22
 No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Tanner Joe Jesus Valle, Kirksville

AUG. 22-23
 No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Casseus Stevenson. Kirksville
 12 Hour, Jeremy K. Aldridge, Kirksville

INCIDENT REPORT

AUG. 16
 8:13 a.m., Dead Body, 1807 S. Boundary Street
 8:23 a.m., Animal/Trap, 2205 N. East Street
 8:31 a.m., Animal/Trap, 211 N. Baltimore Street
 8:58 a.m., Parking Complaint, Violation-Warning, 200 E. McPherson Street
 9:20 a.m., Stalking, Harassment 1st Degree, 119 E. McPherson Street
 10:10 a.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (M A), 508 W. Hickory Street
 10:18 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing From All Other (M), 1708 S. Jamison Street



10:23 a.m., Theft/ Not in Progress, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F); Stealing All Other Property Under 570-030.5 (3) (F), 100 Valley Forge Drive
 11:53 a.m., Sex Offense 119 E. McPherson Street
 12:47 p.m., Suspicious Activity, Forgery (F D); Starling From All Other (M); Trespass, 500 N. Baltimore Street
 1:39 p.m., Check the Well Being, 1417 S. Florence Street
 2:47 p.m., Parking Complaint, East McPherson Street
 2:54 p.m., Fraud, Forgery (F D); Receiving Stolen Property (F D); Stealing From All Other (M), 301 W. Washington Street
 3:31 p.m., Animal/Bite-Attack, Centennial Avenue
 4:25 p.m., Assist Other Agency, 119 E. McPherson Street
 4:27 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Main Street, Jeremy Wilson, 39
 6:34 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, Minor, 210 E. Porter Street
 7 p.m., Traffic Stop, North Franklin Street, Taylor Smith, 23
 7:05 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 2400 S. Baltimore Street
 7:26 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street, Shawn Tarpein, 41
 8:18 p.m., Harassment, 24 Devlin Place
 8:19 p.m., Traffic Stop, West Shepherd Street, Juvenile
 8:29 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Harrison Street, Savannah Hargett, 21

AUG. 17
 12:14 a.m., Loud Noise, Party, 406 E. Jefferson Street
 12:28 a.m., Loud Noise/Party, 401 S. Florence Street
 12:54 a.m., Warrant Attempt, 2521 S. Franklin Street
 1:20 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 2nd Degree (F), 2521 S. Franklin Street
 1:39 a.m., Peace Disturbance, 311 S. Baltimore Street
 2:25 a.m., Peace Disturbance, 1501 S. Jamison Street
 4:19 a.m., Traffic Stop, Woodwind Court, Christina Harden, 42
 7:19 a.m., Traffic Stop, Crown Drive, David Baker, 56
 7:40 a.m., Animal/trap, 2205 N. East Street
 7:40 a.m., Safety Hazard Violation, Owner Operating Motor Vehicle Without Maintaining Financial Responsibility (Motor Vehicle Required to be Registered) 1st Offense (M)
 8:49 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parking Within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant, 700 Block of North Franklin Street
 10:5 a.m., Traffic Stop, East Illinois Street, Gaberiele Adrian, 21
 10:24 a.m., Animal/Trap, 702 W. Patterson Street
 10:42 p.m., Property Recovered, 119 E. McPherson Street
 10:53 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 512 E. Scott Street
 11:51 a.m., Property Damage 1st Degree (F) Vandalism, 301 Hillcrest Drive
 1:16 p.m., Investigation, 504 E. Washington Street
 1:25 p.m., MVA/Injury, Minor, 101 S. Baltimore Street
 4:42 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, 2214 N. Baltimore Street
 6:08 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Swat Patel, 32
 6:17 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Annette Freisburger, 56
 6:31 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Matthew Cha, 23
 6:40 p.m., Traffic Stop, Osteopathy Street, Desmond Trieu Nguyen, 22
 6:57 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing Motor Fuel (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street
 7:08 p.m., Suspicious Activity, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 21 Overbook Drive
 8:51 p.m., Harassment, 710 W. Elizabeth Street
 9:18 p.m., Traffic Stop, Jefferson Street, Arrestee: Vanessa Santel, 36
 9:33 p.m., Runaway, 513 E. Mill Street
 10:25 p.m., Violation of Ex Parte/Full Order of Protection (M), 1403 E. Jefferson Street
 11:15 p.m. Traffic Stop, 2302 S. Baltimore Street, Rebecca Ackerman, 35

Kirksville Regional Economic Development awarded \$500,000 grant for downtown revitalization

By Department of Economic Development



The Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. has been awarded \$500,000 for downtown revitalization from the Department of Economic Development (DED).
 The DED announced that it has awarded a total of more than \$3.7 million through the second round of the Community Revitalization Grant Program for six projects in northern Missouri. The program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is focused on investing in communities of all sizes to support local priorities, encourage economic recovery, and build resilience for the future.
 “We’re proud to invest in the future of our state’s north region through the second round of the Community Revitalization Grant Program,” said Governor Mike Parson. “As we continue to deliver on our commitment to a stronger economy for all Missourians, we look forward to the benefits this program will provide. Projects funded through these grant awards will result in improved lives, stronger

communities, and brighter futures in our state.”
 The second round of the Community Revitalization Grant Program was launched in May 2023 to ensure an equitable distribution of funds for Missouri’s north region, which did not exhaust the \$10 million available during the first round. The program’s second round awarded competitive grants to applicants, including municipalities and nonprofit organizations, to benefit communities affected by the pandemic. Grant awards will fund a variety of projects, such as downtown property renovations, historic district redevelopment, and community facilities.
 “These grants are helping Missourians prosper by strengthening communities and our entire economy,” said Michelle Hataway, Acting Director of the Department of

Economic Development. “Following the economic challenges of recent years, we’re glad to help Missouri’s northern communities. In every region of our state, projects funded through the Community Revitalization Grant Program are building a better, more resilient future.”
 “Our team is excited to see the results of the Community Revitalization Grant Program as it improves lives statewide,” said Kim Froemdsdorf, Director of Federal Initiatives for the Department of Economic Development. “Communities of all sizes have experienced significant hardships in recent years, and those in northern Missouri are no exception. We’re glad to provide assistance through this program while creating new opportunities in both rural and urban areas alike.”

Turn up the flavor and nutrition by planting turnips

By University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA — You may not be able to squeeze blood from a turnip, but you can easily grow this tasty and nutritious vegetable.
 “Turnip is an underappreciated and underused fall vegetable crop,” said David Trinklein, horticulture state specialist for University of Missouri Extension.
Plant turnip seed in late summer
 It’s best to plant this versatile vegetable in the late summer so plants will mature during the cool fall weather, Trinklein said. It takes about two months for turnips to mature, depending on the variety. Fall turnips are usually sweeter and more tender than those planted in the spring.
 Choose a site that gets full sun and has well-drained soil, Trinklein said. Use a garden fork or tiller to loosen the soil down 12-15 inches. Broadcast turnip seed over your well-tilled bed and rake lightly to cover the seeds.
 Give turnips about an inch of water a week to keep the roots from becoming

tough and bitter. Mulch heavily. Turnips don’t like to share space, so keep the weeds away.
 Both the root and the leaves are edible. Trinklein says some people grow turnip varieties specifically for their leaves, but it’s possible to enjoy both the leaves and the root.
 “Just take some of the outer leaves off while it’s growing,” he said. “It might result in a root that’s a little smaller, but you’re still going to have a root at harvest.”
 If you grow turnips just for their greens, you don’t need to thin out the seedlings. If you want the root, thin the seedlings 2-4 inches apart after they’ve grown 4 inches high, Trinklein said.

Harvest and store after light frost
 This plant loves cool weather. In fact, turnips will taste sweeter if you harvest them after a light frost.
 “You can harvest turnips until the ground freezes,” Trinklein said. “The later you wait, and the cooler the temperature surrounding them, the milder and more flavorful they’ll be.”
 Turnips can be stored for three or four months in your refrigerator, if you have enough room. Or you can build a simple and inexpensive root cellar to store all your root vegetables.
 “Nearly bury a plastic trash can at a 45-degree angle so it can shed water,” Trinklein said. “Place the produce into the can, put on the lid and then cover with a cushy layer of some mulching material such as straw. It’s a root cellar without the cellar.”
Root, leaves are nutritious
 Both the root and the leaves are a nutritious addition to any diet.
 “Turnip greens are an excellent source of calcium, folic acid and vitamins A, C, E and B6,” said Tammy Roberts, nutrition specialist for University of Missouri Extension. “The root is only 34 calories and a great source of dietary fiber.”
 Today, turnips are more of a staple in the European diet. Why not find out what Americans have been missing by adding this nutritious and versatile vegetable to your home garden this season?

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Fall sports seasons officially underway for local high school teams

By Adam Tumino

The 2023 high school fall sports season is here. The football, girls golf, girls tennis, boys soccer, girls volleyball, softball and cross country seasons have either already gotten underway or are about to. Let's take a look at upcoming events from each local school across the first few weeks of competition.

Atlanta

The Hornets have upcoming action featuring their softball team and boys and girls cross country teams. The softball team, coming off a 12-12 record and fourth-straight district title, open up the 2023 season with a game against Marion County on Aug. 31. They then have home games on Sept. 5 and Sept. 7 against Scotland County and Northeast (Cairo). The cross country team opens up competition with the Palmyra Cross Country Invite on Sept. 9.

Brashear

The Brashear softball team already began its season, hosting Scotland County and Milan for the Brashear Softball Cluster on Friday. They then continue things with a home game against North Shelby on Aug. 31 and a road matchup with Linn County on Sept. 1. The boys and girls cross country teams will join Atlanta as participants in the Palmyra Cross Country Invite on Sept. 9.

Green City

The Gophers' softball team is the only Green City team playing its regular season in the fall, and they will get things going on Aug. 29 with a road game against Meadville. Their home opener will be Sept. 1 against Brunswick and another home game is set for Sept. 5 against Novinger. The Gophers wrapped last season at 11-10, their first winning season in three years.

Kirksville

Kirksville has the most teams in action this fall, and the football team is the only one to get things underway so far with Friday's opener against Macon. The boys soccer team and girls tennis team were also originally scheduled to play on Friday, but both have had the starts pushed forward.

The girls tennis team will now begin its season on Aug. 28 against Chillicothe at home. They will then host Hannibal the very next day. The boys soccer team will begin a few days later, visiting Hannibal on Aug. 31. They then have home matches on Sept. 7 and Sept. 9 against Moberly and Marshall respectively.

The softball team will have a busy start to the 2023 season, starting Saturday with the Lady Pirate Leadoff Classic in Boonville. They then visit Chillicothe on Aug. 28 and host Clark County on Aug. 29 for the home opener. There is still more action in August, as they visit Moberly on the 31st.

Aug. 29 will see the start of girls volleyball, girls golf and boys and girls cross country seasons. The volleyball team visits Marshall to open the season and will then host Mexico on Aug. 31. The girls golf team will open things up at home with a quad with Battle, Moberly and Palmyra. The cross country teams will be in Salisbury for the Salisbury 3500. They will then go to the Chillicothe Invitational on Sept. 5.

Knox County

The Knox County football team got things started Friday at home against Schuyler County as they look to post a bounceback season. Two other Eagle teams are about to begin as well. The boys cross country team has its first

competition coming on Sept. 5 against Highland. By then, the softball team will be off and running. They begin things with home games against North Shelby on Aug. 29 and Canton on Aug. 31. They then will play in the 26th Annual Monroe City Varsity Softball Tournament on Sept. 2.

La Plata

Four different Bulldogs teams will have their seasons underway soon. The softball team will be the first to begin, coming off its third-straight district championship. They have four-straight road games to start the season, against New Franklin on Aug. 28, Schuyler County on Aug. 29, Higbee on Aug. 31 and Palmyra on Sept. 5. The home opener will be Sept. 7 against Marceline.

The girls golf team is up next on Aug. 29, hosting a quad with Putnam County, Macon and Northeast (Cairo). They will then compete in the Marceline quad on Aug. 31. The boys and girls cross country teams start with the Mexico Invitational on Sept. 1.

Macon

The Macon football team began its season Friday against Kirksville. The softball team also got underway Friday in the 16th Annual Leadoff Classic in Troy, which will continue into Saturday. The softball team then has three-straight home games, starting with a game against Centralia on Aug. 28. They then host Hallsville on Aug. 29 and Monroe City on Aug. 31.

The boys and girls cross country teams start on Aug. 29 at the Salisbury 3500 and then the Mexico Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 1. The girls golf team plays the quad in La Plata along with Putnam County and Northeast (Cairo). Next up is the Marceline Quad.

Milan

Two of Milan's teams will be competing this fall. The football team already has begun, playing its season opener on the road against South Shelby on Friday. The Wildcats will look for their fourth-straight winning season in 2023. They went 6-5 each of the last two seasons.

The softball team starts Saturday in the Brashear softball tournament. They then have road games against



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Gallatin on Aug. 29, Novinger on Aug. 31 and Polo on Sept. 5 before starting their home schedule with the Milan Tournament on Sept. 9.

Novinger

The Wildcats have just one team playing its regular season this fall. The Novinger softball team already began its season on Friday, playing Madison at home. They have a road game against Scotland County on Aug. 28 before back-to-back home games against Marion County on Aug. 29 and Milan on Aug. 31. They then have some time off before the Milan Tournament on Sept. 9. The Wildcats went 3-17 last year, their highest win total since 2017. They will look to make strides this season toward their first winning season since 2013.

Putnam County

The Putnam County football team began the season Friday with a home game against Highland. The girls golf team and softball team are soon to follow. On Aug. 29, the girls golf team will play in a quad in La Plata along with the hosts, Macon and Northeast (Cairo). They then will play Trenton and Chillicothe in Trenton on Aug. 31.

The softball team opens the season with three-straight home games. First up is Mercer on Aug. 28, followed by Trenton on Aug. 29 and Schuyler County on Aug. 31. A road game against

Gallatin is set for Sept. 5 with another home game, this time against South Harrison, is set for Sept. 7.

Schuyler County

The Rams football team began the season against Knox County on Friday. They were the first of four Schuyler County teams to begin the fall season. The softball team is up next, playing three games in four days starting with a road game against Princeton on Aug. 28. They will host La Plata on Aug. 29 and then visit Putnam County on Aug. 31. Their second home game will follow on Sept. 5 against Harrisburg.

The boys and girls cross country teams will compete at the Mexico Invitational on Sept. 1, the Cougar Charge on Sept. 5 and the Palmyra Cross Country Invite on Sept. 9.

Scotland County

Two Scotland County teams will have begun their fall seasons by the end of the day Saturday, with the football team hosting Clark County on Friday and the softball team playing in the Brashear Softball Cluster on Saturday.

The softball team will then play three-straight home games. The first will be against Novinger on Aug. 28 followed by Fayette on Aug. 30 and Clark County on Aug. 31. Road games against Atlanta on Sept. 5 and Westran on Sept. 7 will be up next for the Tigers.



COLUMN

Angels' failure disappointing in multiple ways

In this era of tanking in sports, where teams constantly try to strategically lose in order to improve their future prospects, it is a very good thing when teams do everything they can to win. Whether it is spending money in free agency or making trades to increase chances of winning in the short term, teams should be applauded for going for it.

So while the Oakland A's are tanking their way to the worst season in modern baseball history, a team in their same division tried to go all in. They, unfortunately, were not rewarded for it.

The Los Angeles Angels were at a crossroads at this season's trade deadline. They were 56-51, on the outside of the playoff picture but still had a realistic shot at a wild card spot. Superstar outfielder Mike Trout was out with a hand injury. Shohei Ohtani, however, was continuing to play like one of the best hitters and pitchers in the game.

Ohtani will be a free agent this offseason. Had the Angels decided to trade him away at the deadline, they could have secured a massive haul in return and fully reset their organization, which has been consistently disappointing for the last decade.

But they decided to go for it. Not only did they hold onto Ohtani, but they added starting pitcher Lucas Giolito, first baseman CJ Cron and outfielder Randal Grichuk. The hope was to bolster the roster, make a push at the playoffs and hopefully convince Ohtani to re-sign this offseason.

Instead, the team completely collapsed. They went 5-16 in the next 21 games following the deadline and their already slim playoff odds are now completely gone. They recently got Trout back, but he only played one game before going back on the IL. It's just as well, because his return was too little too late.

More bad news came to the Angels Wednesday with the announcement that Ohtani had a torn UCL in his pitching elbow, leaving him unable to pitch for the rest of this season. If a second career Tommy John surgery is needed, Ohtani will probably not pitch next season either.

This injury may affect Ohtani's contract in the offseason, which is unfortunate. It probably will not reduce his value by too much and he will still almost certainly command the richest contract in baseball history by a large margin.

But even if his value plummets, I doubt he will be back with the Angels. This disastrous turn of events following the deadline are an appropriately depressing end to this era of Angels baseball. For the past six seasons, the Angels have had two of the best players in the history of the league and have not made the postseason a single time. Now they will lose Ohtani in the offseason and have received nothing in return. They received no prospects at the deadline and did not even get an entertaining playoff push out of it. They will finish this season as a complete afterthought with an injured Ohtani winning his second career MVP award before heading off to a team that actually has a chance of playing meaningful baseball over the next 10 to 12 years.

The failure of the Angels is a major disappointment for multiple reasons. Teams should be rewarded for going all in at the trade deadline, but the complete bottoming out the Angels have seen may give other teams a reason to be cautious going forward. It is also extremely disappointing that we will never get to see Ohtani and Trout playing playoff baseball together, unless they both wind up on the same team should the Angels decide to mercifully trade Trout. The two best players of their generation may never get to play truly meaningful baseball together. Their best moment came when they faced off against each other in the championship game of the 2023 WBC when Ohtani struck out Trout to end the game and give Japan the title. That could have been the preview to a great season for the Angels, but instead it was as good as it got.



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GLVC coaches polls for cross country, soccer and volleyball released

By Adam Tumino

The GLVC recently released its preseason coaches polls for volleyball, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's cross country. For Truman, both cross country teams will begin competition on Sept. 1 at the Hawkeye Invitational at the University of Iowa.

The women's soccer team will also begin regular season play on Sept. 1 against Saginaw Valley State. The volleyball team will also begin on Sept. 1 in the Blossom Classic Invitational. The men's soccer team will start on Sept. 3 against Columbia College.

The volleyball poll selected Missouri-St. Lou-



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is as the favorites to win the GLVC after claiming a share of the regular season conference title last season and earning the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. Last season's tournament champion was

Lewis, who was picked to finish second this season. Truman was picked to finish last in the poll, earning 17 points overall.

The men's soccer poll selected reigning champions Maryville to repeat

as champions. They won the conference last season before advancing to the NCAA Quarterfinals. Truman received 59 points and was picked to finish 10th.

For women's soccer, Maryville was also selected

as the favorites to win the conference. They won the conference tournament last season as the third seed and won in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Truman's 67 points has them picked to finish

10th. They were one point behind Quincy in the poll.

The men's cross country poll selected Lewis as the favorites to win the conference this season after placing second last year. Reigning champions Illinois-Springfield were picked to finish second. Truman received 69 points in the poll, putting them in eighth place in the poll.

Lewis was also selected as the favorites in the women's cross country poll as they look to repeat as conference champions. Southwest Baptist, last season's runner up, was picked to finish second again. Truman received 120 points in the women's poll and was picked to finish fifth.

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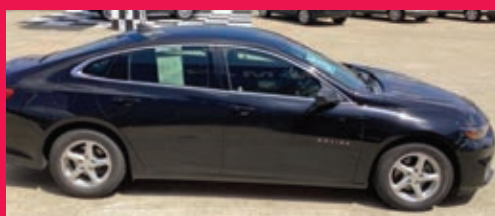
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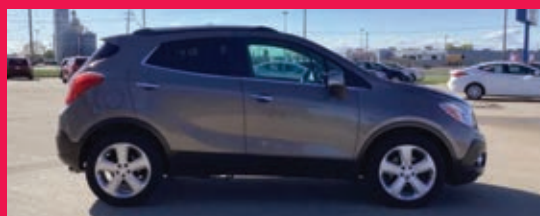
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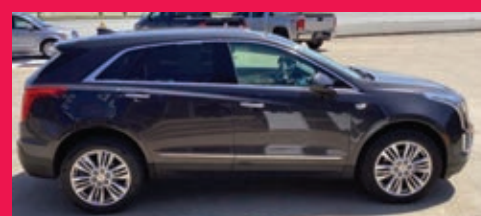
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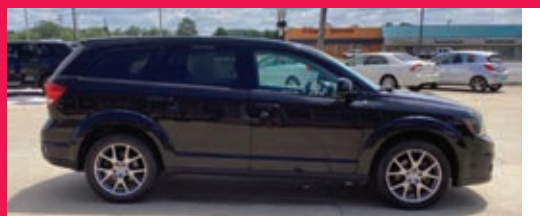
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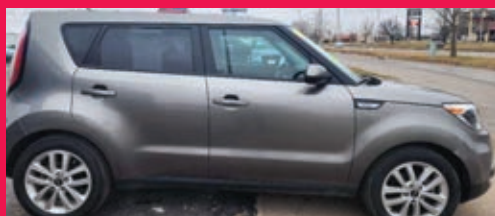
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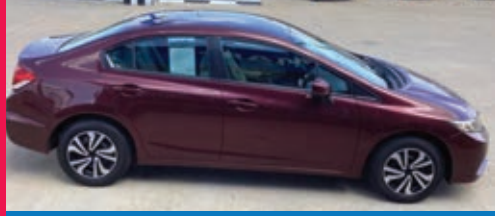
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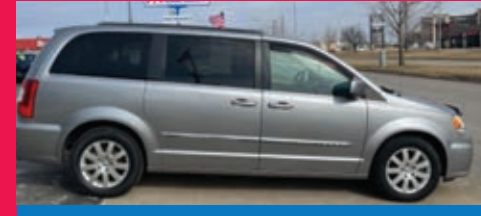
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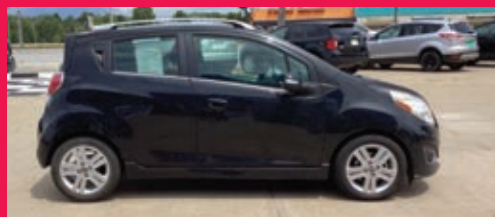
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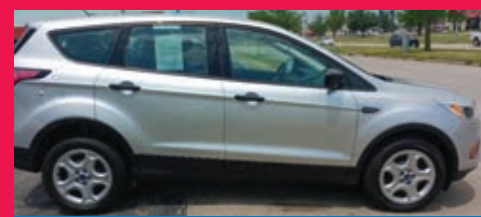
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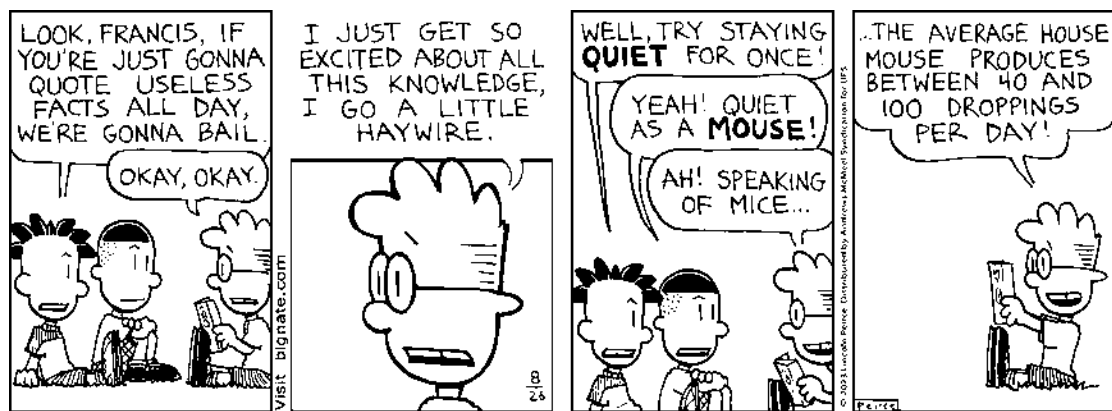


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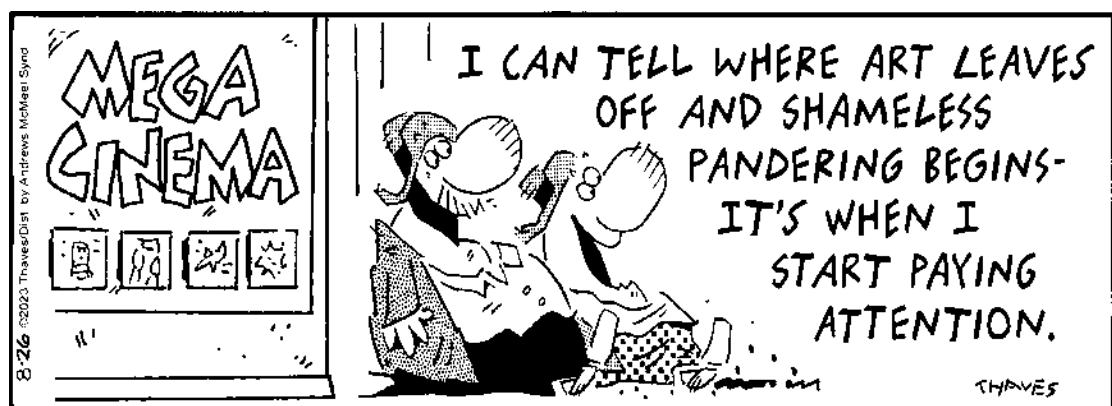
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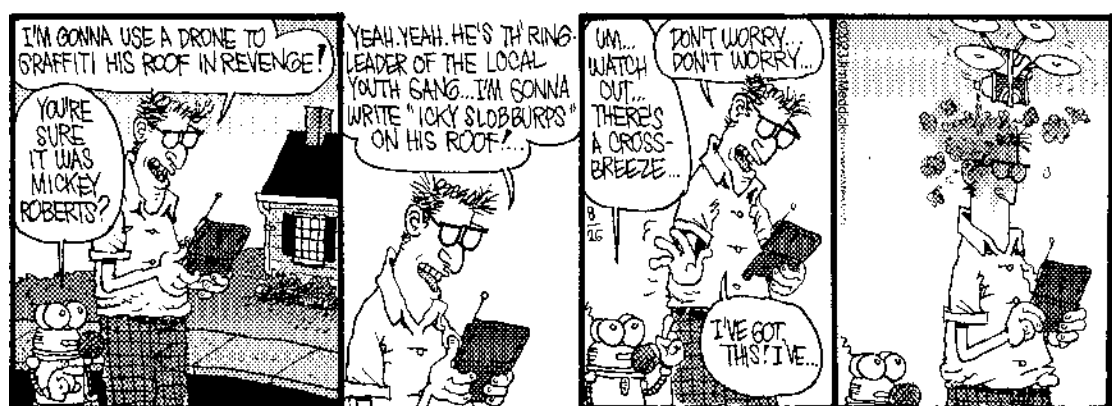
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 - 33 Drive away
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6 "Certainly!"

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Pay more attention to the people you love. If you recognize what others expect from you, you'll decide what you want. Maintaining equilibrium in all aspects of life will encourage peace of mind. Love yourself first, and everything else will fall into place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't offer false hope. Honesty is the best policy when dealing with friends and family. Ask questions and offer solutions, but don't let your temper take control. Keep a positive attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Anger won't solve anything, but a step in a positive direction will alleviate any problem. Establish what you want and make it happen. Do what makes you look and feel good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Know your limitations, set boundaries and don't take risks that can affect your health or well-being. Pay attention to detail when dealing with investments, legalities or medical issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep busy; movement will help ease stress and encourage fitness. Don't give up hope because someone is misleading or discouraging you from doing what brings you joy. Accentuate your finer qualities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Save money, get your affairs in order, and enjoy life more. A social gathering, trip or seminar will change how you think, feel and respond to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't change anything prematurely. Refuse to let anyone pressure you or make you feel inadequate or insecure. Rise above controversy and pour your energy into life, love and happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Set high standards and goals, then get moving. Refuse to let money and jealousy be the driving forces in your life. Strive for peace and happiness, and help people in need.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Rethink your plan and consider what you want to achieve. Trust your instincts and carry on without making a fuss. You'll hit your objective and get to celebrate your victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You don't stand alone. Speak on behalf of the voiceless. Lead the way and make a difference. Think big, pinpoint problems, adjust what's not working and enjoy your accomplishments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Research will pay off. Don't expect others to do things to your specifications or give an honest assessment of a situation. Anger won't solve a problem, but kindness might.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do your part and enjoy family and friends. Take on a new challenge that stimulates your mind and encourages you to follow your heart. Don't fear being unique or taking the road less traveled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Social events will lead to temptation. Have an open mind, but don't let anyone lead you down a path you shouldn't take. Overindulgence, overspending and unverified information will cost you.

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To:
All unknown heirs of the decedent and all persons known or believed to claim any interest in the property outlined below as an heir or through an heir of the decedent.

You are hereby notified that you are entitled to appear and be heard at a hearing to be held on September 19, 2023, at 09:00 AM in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, 106 W WASHINGTON, KIRKSVILLE, MO 63501, on a petition to determine the heirs of the above-named decedent, who died on January 3, 2022, and their respective interests as heirs in the following described property.

Should you fail to appear, judgment and decree may be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Description of Property	Value
Total Value of Real Property	\$80,000.00
Personal Property	
2008 Chrysler 2C3KA33G28H268401	4,400.00
2012 Chrysler 2C3CAGC3CH166522	11,425.00
US Bank IRA Account 010184967 (Joseph W. Rhoads, Deceased Spouse)	65,260.66
US Bank IRA Account 0101072638	36,530.30
US Bank Certificate of Deposit No. 352396456696	13,413.59
Missouri Local Government Retirement Check #	330.42
Lincoln Financial Group Check #A19962235	1,000.00
Macon Electric Cooperative Check #1073	56.90
US Savings Bond Series EE, 06 1995, L535962484EE	1,036.80
US Savings Bond Series EE, 01 1992, D32975803EE	1,036.80
US Savings Bond Series EE, 02 1992, D33227473EE	1,036.80
US Savings Bond Series EE, 03 1992, D35264327EE	1,036.80
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US Savings Bond Series EE, 05 1992, D34368027EE	1,036.80
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US Savings Bond Series EE, 11 1992, M55139951EE	1,036.80
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US Savings Bond Series I, 11 2003, M0047931091	2,046.40
US Savings Bond Series I, 11 2003, M0047921101	2,046.40
US Savings Bond Series I, 11 2003, M0048020041	2,046.40
US Savings Bond Series I, 11 2003, M004820051	2,046.40
US Savings Bond Series I, 04 2008, V0030459761	8,636.00
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Two-door, Fourteen-Drawer Dresser	10.00
Bookshelf	15.00
Seven-drawer Chest of Drawers	20.00
Oriental Lamp	30.00
Samsung TV	15.00
Kerosene Lamp	15.00
Total Value of Personal Property	\$217,199.23

Petitioner's attorney is John M. Wilcox, whose business address is 401 West Elm Street, PO BOX 408, Shelbina, MO 63468. Phone Number, 573-588-4111

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Road trip retrospective

28 hours, and everyone survived

My family of five (plus one large dog) made it home last week after a 14-hour road trip to the coast of beautiful South Carolina. Fourteen hours (each way) is a long time, and sane people might question why we'd do such a thing when planes exist. We would've loved to fly, but we couldn't agree on which one of us would have to sell an organ on the black market to afford summer airfare for five people. So instead, we rented a big minivan so there'd be room for one high school senior, one 19-year-old college kid measuring six-foot-two, one 21-year-old college senior, two middle-aged parents, and one 80-pound Goldendoodle. We planned this trip at the beginning of the summer and booked our stay for the week after our three kids finished their summer jobs. We wanted to go somewhere where none of us had ever been before, and an island off the coast of South Carolina looked perfect. (Plus, the dog had never seen the ocean.)

In most families, there are two kinds of travelers. You've got people who get in the minivan with nothing but a smile and a backpack stuffed full of things they gathered in the last 10 minutes. And then you've got the person who spent weeks compiling a detailed packing checklist and thoroughly researched the destination. I bet you can guess which one I am. But I'm not complaining because I love research. One of my previous bosses used to say, "Prepare for the worst, and it'll probably never happen." And that's why I studied tips on how to avoid alligators in the marshlands of South Carolina. It's also why I packed a bottle of vinegar and a pair of tweezers — supplies you might need if you get stung by a jellyfish at the beach (especially if you happen to visit in August, which is peak jellyfish mating season.) The alligators worried me the most. On Hilton Head Island, there are signs everywhere reminding tourists not to get close to alligators, not to walk along the water's edge, not to feed them, or, God forbid, take a selfie with one. That's how tragic headlines happen. When we walked our dog, I constantly scanned the surroundings in case a gator tried to ambush

us. (Did you know gators can run 35 miles per hour on land? These are the kinds of terrifying facts paranoid mothers learn before a vacation. It's super relaxing.) Thankfully, I didn't see a single gator the entire time we were there. That week, it was a stifling 95 degrees, so I assume the gators hopped a plane to northern Minnesota. We also managed to dodge the jellyfish and never cracked the seal on that bottle of vinegar. We did, however, see the most gorgeous trees I've ever seen. South Carolina's Lowcountry and nearby Savannah, Georgia, should win a prize for incredible scenery. Their giant live oaks have massive trunks and sprawling limbs that reach out to form a shady canopy stretching three or four times wider than the tree's height. In downtown Savannah, I saw a tree with a branch that swooped down low over the sidewalk as if whispering ancient secrets to the people below and then twisted back skyward toward the sun. These majestic oaks practically drip with Spanish moss. This airy, lacy plant drapes and dangles over branches in the dreamiest way. It's a scene straight out of a storybook. This is a must-see part of the



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country for my fellow tree lovers. Four days on the coast gave us a chance to explore, eat new foods, parasail over the ocean, ride a jet ski, and watch the sunset over the bay as dolphins swam nearby the boat. The dog also saw the ocean for the first time and decided he loves to dig in the sand but is suspicious of the waves crashing into the shore and against his favorite humans' legs. Anyone who has survived a long car trip knows the ride back home is the toughest part. By the 28th hour of being stuck in a car, the only person with a good attitude was the dog. And trying to get five people to agree on where to stop for food was only slightly less treacherous than an alligator fight. But eventually, we made it, and I'm so glad we did. Our hearts, minds, and bellies are full, and who knows where next summer's adventure might take us.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

Americans Abroad

Sigh. Security guards at the Eiffel Tower in Paris discovered two American tourists sleeping near the top of the structure on Aug. 14 as they prepared to open to visitors, Yahoo! News reported. Paris prosecutors said the two dodged security the night before and "appear to have got stuck because of how drunk they were." Firefighters were dispatched to collect the men, who were questioned by police; Eiffel Tower management company Sete said it would file a criminal complaint, although the pair didn't "pose any apparent threat."

Police Report

In more news from Paris, an "experienced climber" got to the top of the Eiffel Tower early on Aug. 17 and parachuted off before guards could stop him, The Guardian reported. The unnamed man landed safely after the leap from about 1,100 feet and was promptly arrested for endangering the lives of others. "This kind of irresponsible action puts people working at or near the tower in danger," scolded Sete, the tower's management company.

Least Competent Criminal

Sure, Mountain Dew has been compared to battery acid, but one suspect thought a can of the stuff could save her from being fingered as a killer. Fox35-TV reported that on Aug. 5, Nichole Maks, 35, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of her 79-year-old roommate, Michael Cerasoli. Cerasoli was discovered beaten and stabbed in the home they shared in Daytona Beach, Florida, on July 1. Officers tracked down Maks around 3:30 the next morning at a Krystal's restaurant, where she had blood on the side of her leg and part of her shirt had been torn or cut away. As they approached, she dropped a knife and hammer she'd been carrying; she told officers she often carried such items. Police said that as they questioned her about her roommate, she became "agitated" and asked for a drink; they gave her a can of Diet Mountain Dew, which she poured over her body and hair, hoping to eliminate any evidence on her person. Unsurprisingly, that stunt didn't work, and her DNA was found on the knife used to kill Cerasoli. She currently resides at the Volusia County Jail.

The Weirdo-American Community

TikTokker Michaela Witter was on Day 20 of a series she was posting about "100 solo dates" -- activities like reading in the park or buying herself flowers. On Aug. 7, as she browsed in Barnes & Noble in Burbank, California, Witter inadvertently captured a stalker on video as he followed her, knelt behind her and sniffed her (and another woman) repeatedly. Fox News reported that Witter's post unleashed a torrent of similar experiences -- even with the same stalker. "Bro that same man was crouching behind me and following me thru Marshalls today," one commenter posted. "The same thing happened to me at Ralph's in Burbank," another said. One TikTokker had the same experience in the same bookstore. Glendale police arrested Calese Carron Crowder, 37, on Aug. 11, but a judge placed him on probation and released him on Aug. 15. Los Angeles County Jail records show Crowder has been booked there 41 times.

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Cousin's thirst for beer puts passengers at risk

DEAR ABBY: A cousin I hardly know (he's 20 years older than I am and has lived hundreds of miles away my entire life) was visiting. He offered to drive me to his brother's house out in the country, about 30 miles from here, for dinner. The last 15 miles were on narrow country roads. Five miles from our destination, he stopped to buy beer. As we drove off, he asked his girlfriend to pop one open for him and he drank it while he was driving. It never occurred to me that he, a well-off professional, would do something so



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

stupid. If this were to happen again, I think I would politely ask, "Would you please wait until you're not behind the wheel?" If he were unreceptive, I would add (truthfully), "I lost a friend to someone who drank and drove, so

I would really prefer that you don't." However, had he refused, I would have been in a bind. I don't want to be in a car with a drinker, and I wasn't in a position to get out of the car. As noted, we were in the middle of nowhere, and I don't have a smartphone, so I couldn't have ordered an Uber or searched for nearby taxi service. Now I know never to accept a ride unless I've been clear (in a cordial way) with the driver ahead of time -- but in that situation, what could I have done? -- UNHAPPY PASSENGER IN MARYLAND

DEAR PASSENGER: You have learned an important lesson. Other than to voice your discomfort, there was nothing you could have done. The best way to get out of a jam is not to get into one in the first place. In the future, if this person offers you a ride, take your own car and follow. P.S. PLEASE consider getting a smartphone -- for safety purposes.

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
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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
Kirkville 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.kvccc.org

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

Central Church of Christ
2010 S. Halliburton
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Faith Baptist Church
502 N. Florence
Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Worship
The Crossing Church
810 E. Shepherd Ave.
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service
www.thecrossing.net

Grace Community Bible Church
1501 E. Northtown Rd.
Benjamin Jordan, 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
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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 p.m. Evening Service
Fellowship Baptist Church
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirkville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbck@sbcglobal.net
www.fellowshipbcc.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 Kirkville
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 Dillon 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. Sunday
Life Church of Kirkville
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 Kirkville, 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, Troy Mills
Preacher, Harold R. Engel
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet
www.countrysidekirkville.com

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

Church of God (Holiness)
1601 N. Elson
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
New Hope Evangelical Church
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 St., Kirkville
Shawn Meintz, Pastor
Sundays:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:
6:30 p.m. Family Night
www.kirkvillefirst.org
info@kirkvillefirst.org

First Liberty Full Gospel
1302 E. Filmore
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Novinger Baptist Church
Highway 6 & 149
Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
High & Harrison
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
2000 E. Normal
Kirkville First Ward Bishop John Grider
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services
Kirkville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Isom
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. Singpiration - 1st Sunday
Willow Bend Association East
Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
Illinois Bend Community Church
Highway 3
Pastor Terry Hunsaker
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
660-349-0052
Baring Community Church
11:00 a.m. Worship.
Downing Christian Church
430 E. Prime Street
Minister Walker Franke
Associate Minister Larry Smith
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
660-379-2329
Willow Bend Church
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New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard
9:15 a.m. Bible Stud
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: Josh Botello
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, Kirkville
John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church
12 miles NE of Kirkville on Rt. T Marvin Cross, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.
Lancaster Baptist Church
Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster
Lonnie Johnson, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Grace Bible Baptist Church
Greencastle, Mo.
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Evening Service
Winigan Christian Church
Ryan Crist, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
First Baptist Church
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Fairview Baptist Church
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
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
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
6:00-3:23-5:30
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://laplatafbcb.org/
Email: laplatafbcb@gmail.com
Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirkville on Rt. B. Tim Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Worthington Baptist Church
Worthington, Mo.
Roger 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.
Sam Burkholder, 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 Iammateo-Code
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
7:00 p.m. Thursdays Services
7:00 p.m. Sunday Services
Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop
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Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Psalm 37:3

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