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## City transitioning to new utility billing system

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville wants to make all of its utility customers aware of upcoming changes that impact the city's utility billing system. The city is implementing new computer software that requires the creation of new account numbers for all of its utility customers. This new computer software will allow improved payment options and other enhancements for customer service improvements.

New account numbers will be established for all customers, which will have minimal impact on the city's customers who pay by cash or check, through mail or in person. For customers whose method of payment is through electronic means, each customer will need to create a new online

account. Information regarding when and how will be sent out in October with the September statement. Utility customers will receive the September utility statement a little later than usual, in early October. In that statement, there will be instructions on how to set up an online account. Until that time, nothing needs to be done.

New customers to the city's service beginning Sept. 13, and during this computer software transition will need to register for city utilities in person at City Hall.

The city's current online payment system will close at 11 p.m. on Sept. 20, and this includes the pay-by-phone service. The city will not be able to take online payments from that time until the new site is expected to launch

during the first week of October. Payments can still be made in person at City Hall and Hy-Vee, or placed in the drop box outside of City Hall or across the street in the payment receptacle.

Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks ahead of any change. Once the changes are in place, the city's website will be updated and the online service reinstated. Stay tuned to official city communications so you are informed about this process.

"We appreciate the patience of our customers as we work through this transition," city officials said in a press release. "This is an exciting change that will enable improved online payment functionality for the city of Kirksville services."



## 'Party Down for Down Syndrome' set to kick off Down Syndrome Month

By Project HAPPIE

Project HAPPIE, a Kirksville organization dedicated to spreading joy and Down syndrome awareness, announces the 2nd annual "Party Down for Down Syndrome," a "heartwarming and fun" event set to take place at the Rotary Park Amphitheater in Kirksville on Sept. 30 from 1-3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The event is a kick-off for World Down Syndrome Month (October) and a celebration of the gifts people with Down syndrome contribute to the world. Party Down for Down Syndrome promises to be filled with joy, music, and special moments.

### Event Highlights:

**A DJ and Dance Party:** Local DJ Nicholas Naioti will keep the crowd dancing with fun music for all ages.

**Dance Competition:** Individuals or groups who pay the entry fee can compete for multiple prizes determined by audience vote.

**Fun for all:** There will be an array of activities, such as balloons and temporary tattoos, designed to appeal to individuals of all ages and abilities.

**Guest Speakers and Inspirational Stories:** Listen to touching stories emphasizing the importance of inclusion.

**Refreshments:** Enjoy delicious treats generously donated by local businesses.

"We are excited to host the 2nd annual Party Down for Down Syndrome to celebrate the abilities of people with Down syndrome," said Sarah Maddox, founder and executive director of Project HAPPIE. "This event aims to bring together area residents to create a community where everyone feels welcomed, supported, and celebrated."

The event is made possible through the generous support of local sponsors and volunteers who share Project HAPPIE's vision of a world where people with Down syndrome are encouraged to use their unique gifts to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

### About Project HAPPIE:

Project HAPPIE is dedicated to improving perceptions about Down syndrome and disability. Through education, events, outreach, and community-building, Project HAPPIE aims to serve as a resource and catalyst for greater inclusion of people with Down syndrome and other disabilities. Recognizing that children are eager to learn about their world, we focus our charitable efforts primarily on preschool and lower elementary audiences. We believe that true change depends on collective effort; therefore, we also strive to educate people of all ages. For more information about Project HAPPIE, please visit [www.projecthappie.org](http://www.projecthappie.org) or contact us at [sarah@projecthappie.org](mailto:sarah@projecthappie.org).

## A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY HOSTS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



A.T. Still University hosted a 9/11 Day of Remembrance ceremony at Rieger Armory in Kirksville on Sept. 11. Less than a dozen people attended the event, which featured a color guard and speeches by dignitaries. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



## Community to celebrate Bolognafest Oct. 21

By Truman State University

In preparation for National Bologna Day, the city of Kirksville will celebrate Bolognafest from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 21 downtown.

Coinciding with Truman Homecoming activities, this family friendly event is hosted in conjunction with Kirksville's Kraft Heinz facility. The Kirksville plant produces all of the Oscar Mayer

bologna packaged and sold in the world.

As part of the festivities, the vintage Oscar Mayer Frankmobile will make an appearance in the Truman Homecoming parade, which begins at 9 a.m. Oct. 21 in downtown Kirksville and runs south on Franklin Street through campus. The Frankmobile will also be on display when Bolognafest kicks off at 3 p.m. in downtown Kirksville. In addition to free bologna and fried bologna sandwiches,

there will be booths featuring games, prizes, balloons and face painting.

Kirksville's Oscar Mayer plant has been part of the community for nearly 40 years. A \$250 million expansion of the facility was completed in 2017, and the plant now employs more than 1,000 people in northeast Missouri.

Kirksville's Bolognafest will precede National Bologna Day, which is recognized Oct. 24.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirkville Area Calendar of Events

#### 48th Annual Red Barn Festival

The 48th Annual Red Barn Festival will be held on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Courthouse Square in downtown Kirkville. Food, fun and fantastic art from across the Midwest. Sponsored by the Kirkville Arts Association and the Missouri Arts Council. For exhibitor information, visit [kirkvillearts.org/](http://kirkvillearts.org/)

#### Truman State University Family Day

Truman State University Family Day will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. There will be a welcome tent set up on the campus quad where families can receive a free gift. Younger siblings can get free Future Bulldog t-shirts and tie-dye them at a booth from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the quad. From 12-2 p.m. temporary tattoos and face painting will be available. Football will face Saginaw Valley State at 2 p.m. at Stokes Stadium. Tickets are required and can be purchased at the gate or online.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Learn 2 Aim

Thousand Hills State Park Learn 2 Aim will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Begin your archer journey by attending a hands-on workshop this summer! Prior Registration is required. REGISTER AT: [mostateparks.com/learn2](http://mostateparks.com/learn2). Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

#### Kirkville Firefighters Local 2952 3rd Annual Ranch Rodeo & Barrel Race

The Kirkville Firefighters Local 2952 3rd Annual Ranch Rodeo & Barrel Race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Barrel races start at 3 p.m. Start follows exhibitions. 70 percent payback. Registration starts at noon and closes when first horse runs in open. Exhibition Barrels: 1-3 p.m. \$5 each, 60 second time limit. Open 4D (1/2 second split), \$30, buckle to IDW winner. Youth 3d (1 second split), \$20, 17 and up. Adult 3D (1 second split), \$20-18 and up. Carry over must be declared before you run. Agee as of 1/1/23. Ranch Rodeo — Start no before 6 p.m. Start follows Nut-ton Busting. 60 percent payback, \$250 added. Registration will be open until the first team runs. 4 Man Team, \$300. Team Doctoring, Team Sorting, Muggin, Team

Penning. The fastest time in each event will get a payout. Buckle to overall winner. Negative Coggins required for all horses. Stalls will be available first come, first served with a \$30 deposit. Deposits will be refunded to those with cleaned stalls at the end of the event. Supper will be available on site. Full RV hookups available upon request. Contact 660-665-8800 for more information. All money will be donated to: Kirkville Firefighters Community Outreach Fund/The Adam Bruner Memorial Scholarship.

#### Drink Coffee, Feed Kids in Need on Sept. 20

Join Scooter's Coffee for a Day of Giving on Sept. 20. If you make a purchase at a participating Kirkville location, 25 percent of the proceeds will help support The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri's local Children's Programs. Children's Programs include School Pantries and Buddy Packs, both of which help improve food security in the area by providing meals and snacks to more than 7,000 kids each weekend of the academic year.

#### 'Hardy But Hardly' will perform at Silver Rails Vineyards & Winery

Acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter "Hardy But Hardly" will appear at Silver Rails Vineyards & Winery, 100 E. Benton Street in La Plata, on Saturday Sept. 16 from 5-8 p.m., Join them and bring your friends.

#### Hark in the Park music concert

Hearken Hearing & Audiology will hold "Hark in the Park" music and fun on Sept. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Rotary Park in Kirkville. The event will feature the Aaron Russell Band. There will be a raffle giveaway with a charcoal patio bistro as the grand prize. Second prize will be a corn hole game and third prize will be a date night basket.

#### Thousand Hills State Park presents 'Snake Survival'

Thousand Hills State Park presents "Snake Survival" on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Snakes have a variety of different ways that they defend themselves. Join park staff to discover these survival techniques. There may be a chance to meet a live animal. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

#### Kirkville Cars & Coffee

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization will hold its Kirkville Cars & Coffee event on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30-11 a.m., at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson

Street, Kirkville. All are welcome. Bring your car, truck, bike, hot rod, daily or clunker. Check out all the cars, enjoy a free doughnut, some coffee and some great conversation with some good people. Free raffle prizes.

#### Ribs for Kids Cook-off

The NEMO Fair Association will hold a Ribs for Kids Cook-off on Sept. 23 from 3-7 p.m., at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Free admission activities included: Morton DJ & Sound, Kids games, Food trucks and silent auction. \$10 entry to Cook-Off Pit to sample entries. Only 100 tickets available. Cook-Off awards for: Best Ribs, Best Sauce and People's Choice. Judging at 5 p.m. To purchase tickets, stop by Foster-AdoptConnect, 117 Potter Avenue, Kirkville, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To enter as a contestant, a registration fee of \$30 must be paid when the contestant form is picked up at FosterAdoptConnect.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Archeology Day

Thousand Hills State Park Archeology Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m. Join park staff, archeologists, and volunteers for a fun day of archeology. Check out a variety of fun and interactive archeology activities. Meet at the beach parking lot. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

#### YMCA Paint Party Run

The YMCA Paint Party Run will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. Come paint your way to the finish line. No times, no one to beart, have fun. You can choose to run, walk, bike or pull your kiddos in a wagon. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$20 and included the run and a shirt. Run only is just a \$10 donation. 13 and under are free. Call (660) 665-1922. 1708 S. Jamison Street, Kirkville.

#### Kirkville Bike Night

Kirkville Bike Night, sponsored by the 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 5-8 p.m., at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 S. Baltimore Street.

#### NEMO United Way Campaign Kickoff & Cork Pull

The NEMO United Way will hold their Campaign Kickoff & Cork Pull on Sept. 27 at the White Oak Barn from 6-8 p.m. Learn about their agencies, enter their cork pull, grab a drink from Live Laugh Lotus and enjoy dessert from Shiver'n Shark Bites Ice Cream Truck while they kick of the 2024 campaign. Sponsored by Elizabeth Gregory of eXp realty.



Checking out the car show at the Knox County Corn Fest.

# Knox County holds its annual Corn Festival

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Knox County Corn Festival was held the weekend of Sept. 8-10 at the courthouse in Edina. The weekend event included local bands and entertainment,

food trucks, a courthouse lawn full of vendors of all types and a carnival for children. There was a car show on the west side of the courthouse and a tractor show on the east end. The event was filled with visitors from throughout the area and beyond.



A family visiting the Knox County Corn Fest.



Kids got to visit with an exotic snake at the Knox County Corn Fest.



Visitors check out the car show at the Knox County Corn Fest.



A young singer performs at the Knox County Corn Fest.



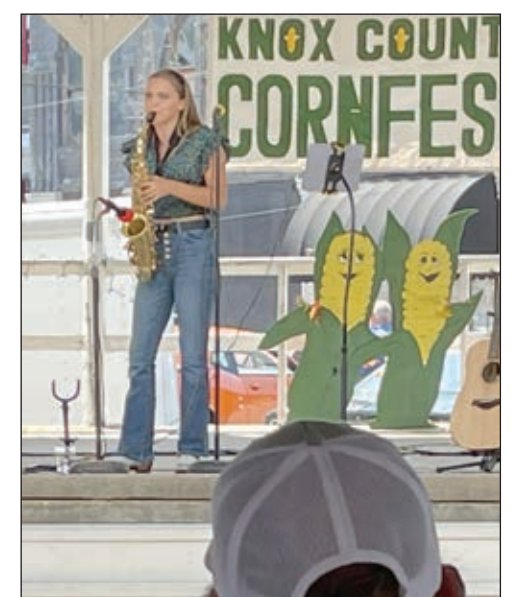
Visitors enjoying the shade at the Knox County Corn Fest.



Vendors at the Knox County Corn Fest.



Kids take a break at the Knox County Corn Fest.



A saxophonist jams at the Knox County Corn Fest.



A young child gets to ride the bull at the Knox County Corn Fest.

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## OBITUARIES

### Carmelita A. (Eagen) McVay

May 17, 1922 - Sep 13, 2023

Carmelita A. (Eagen) McVay, 101, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away peacefully September 13, 2023, at The Pines in Kirksville.



Born May 17, 1922, in Brashear, Missouri, Carmelita was the daughter of the late Bernard and Lela (Mitten) Eagen. She attended Oak Grove school and graduated from Brashear High School in 1940. On October 26, 1941, in Adair, Missouri she was united in marriage to Otis McVay who preceded her in death on March 4, 1986. She was also preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, five brothers, her son-in-law, Tommy Jones, a grandson Douglas Leon Jones, and great-grandson Clay Darr.

Carmelita is survived by her daughter Patricia A. &quot;Patsy&quot; Jones of Kirksville, MO, four grandchildren including Bruce (Robin) Darr of Kirksville, MO, Kevin (Brenda) Jones and Darrin (Karla) Jones of Green Castle, MO, and Justin (Susan) Jones of Kirksville, MO. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren

and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Carmelita spent her married life on the farm in Novinger prior to moving to Kirksville in 1981. She was a cook at Novinger Schools for five years and employed with McGraw Edison in Kirksville for twenty years. She was a devoted mother and grandmother-known for her homemade noodles and cream puffs. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Novinger, Young at Heart and the Friends of St. Mary's.

Public visitation will be held Sunday, September 17, 2023, with family receiving friends and family from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2023 at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Kirksville. Interment will follow at Park View Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations in memory of Carmelita may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery at Adair and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Dixie Lou (Rusk) Aldridge

Dec 3, 1932 - Sep 14, 2023

Dixie Lou (Rusk) Aldridge, 90, of Kirksville, Missouri passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023 at her home under Hospice care.



The daughter of the late William Rufus and Letha Irene (Foster) Rusk, she was born December 3, 1932. She was also preceded in death by one son Greg Wangelin; great-granddaughter, Isabella O'Neal; two sisters, Marjorie Henriks and Betty Spicer; one brother, Bill Rusk; one daughter-in-law, Sydney Wangelin; and one son-in-law, John Dickman.

Dixie is survived by four daughters, Cindy Dickman, Betty Head and husband Troy, Renea Willis and husband Tony, and Lorinda Acton and husband Tim; two sons, Larry Wangelin and Chip Scott and wife Unju; one daughter-in-law, Gloria Wangelin, two brothers, Donald Rusk and Carl Rusk; as well as fourteen grandchildren and twenty-four

great-grandchildren.

Dixie moved with her family to Rock Island, Illinois in 1942 and returned to Missouri in 1961. She worked jobs including Donaldson's, Welch's Grocery Store, and did babysitting several children in her home. She enjoyed spending time with friends and loved to dance. She was a meticulous seamstress and housekeeper. Dixie loved her flowers, going to auctions, and collecting antiques. She enjoyed making over the top, large meals for her family. More than anything, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Dixie will be greatly missed.

It was Dixie's wish to be cremated and no service be held. Arrangements were taken care of by Travis-Noe Funeral Home of Kirksville.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Hospice of Northeast Missouri and may be left at or mailed to Travis-Noe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 306, Kirksville, MO 63501.

### Murilyn G. Koutstaal

Murilyn G. Koutstaal passed peacefully in her sleep on September 12, 2023.



Murilyn was an educated pioneer and adventurer. In the mid 50's she left her hometown in Massachusetts to pursue a college degree. She graduated with a BA and MA from Oberlin College. After college she went to school, worked and traveled extensively; domestically and internationally. Her travels in Europe brought her to the Netherlands for a job. While singing in her church choir she met her husband of 44 years, Cornelis Koutstaal. They emigrated to the US for jobs. In communities from coast to coast she made a home for her family and invested herself into the culture of each.

Murilyn cherished family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Cornelis. She is survived by her sister Frostine (Victor) Beckmann, sons Robbart (Julie) and Stanley (Kelli) Koutstaal and three grandchildren Reid (Morgan), Casey (Angelica) and Skye and nieces Sandy, Miriam and Naomi. Her love of family spilled into

her love for travel. She took her family to places and events on 6 continents. An ardent Congregationalist, she considered exploring her direct relationship with God the greatest gift she received. She particularly enjoyed traveling to places (sub terranean temples in Ethiopia) and events (The Passion Play in Austria) involving faith. She explored other people's expression of faith without bias or judgement.

Murilyn was a model for young (and old) people to emulate. She was a feminist before it was fashionable. Always representing for her gender, she broke glass ceilings while navigating social norms of the day with hard work and in sincere partnership. Murilyn will be remembered in Kirksville through her ties to Rotary International, the Kirksville Arts Center, Community Opportunities and annual Sinter Klaas deliveries in her neighborhood.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Community Opportunities, LLC or the Kirksville Arts Center, both of Kirksville, MO.

Arrangements in the care of Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home; www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com.

### James Andrew Adams

James Andrew Adams, 87 years of age, died at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City on July 24, 2023.



The family invites Andy's many friends to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 16, at Trimble Funeral Homes beginning at 11 a.m. A military honors ceremony will conclude the gathering at 1 p.m.

Andy and May will be laid to rest together, beside other members of their family, at Highland Park Cemetery in Kirksville on Tuesday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the Mid-Missouri Amateur Radio Club or to Wonderland Camp at Lake of the Ozarks.

Services entrusted to Trimble Funeral Homes - Jefferson City. trimblefunerals.com

## KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: SEPT. 7-13, 2023

### ARREST REPORTS

#### SEPT. 7-8

Inhale/Smell (Intentionally) The Fumes of Any Solvents, Charles E. Veatch, Kirksville

#### WARRANT

Gerald J. Carter, La Plata

Keith Allen Murphy, Jr. Kirksville

Patient Biduaya Mbulu, Kirksville

#### SEPT. 8-11

Burglary 2nd (No Force) Non-Residential (F C), Daniel L. Funk, Kirksville

No Valid License-3rd and Subsequent Offense (F), Robert Allen Mason, Kirksville

Restricted Animal at Large, Austin B. Spencer, Kirksville

Stalking 1st Offense-1st Degree (F), Jake Michael Allensworth, Kirksville

Stealing/Theft of Any Controlled Substance (F), Daniel L. Funk, Kirksville

#### SEPT. 11-12

Driving While Suspended or Revoked-2nd or 3rd (M A) m Russell B. Matthew, Ewing

Warrant, Robert Lawrence Sample, Kirksville

#### SEPT. 12-13

Careless & Imprudent Driving/Accident (M A), Casey James Hurley, Kirksville

Warrant, Heather D. Morton, Lancaster



Stealing \$750 or More Building (F), 2510 N. Baltimore Street

9:35 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 500 Block of South Marion Street

10:01 a.m., Warrant, 2510 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Gerald Carter, 51

10:07 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Where Signs Prohibit, 700 Block of East Randolph Street

10:38 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Against the Flow of Traffic, 700 Block of South Sixth Street

1:31 p.m., Traffic Stop, South First Street

1:33 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 813 E. Jefferson Street

1:50 p.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 500 Block of South Marion Street

2:08 p.m., Missing Person, Check the Well Being, 602 S. Elson Street

3:01 p.m., Parking Complaint, Parking on Sidewalk, 300 Block of South Marion Street

3:47 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing/Theft of Any Controlled Substance (F), 2105 E. Normal Avenue

4:01 p.m., Warrant, 1006 E. Jefferson Street, Arrestee: Keith Murphy, 34

6:15 p.m., Inhale/

Smell (Intentionally) The Fumes of Any Solvents (F), 3309 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Charles Veatch, 42

7:42 p.m., Warrant, 701 N. Franklin Street, Arrestee: Patient Mbulu, 37

10:35 p.m., Traffic Stop, 1614 N. Green Street, Trevor Benda, 20

11:44 p.m., Property/Lost-Recovered, 1702 N. Osteopathy Street

#### SEPT. 8

7:23 a.m., Child/Custody Issues, Civil Dispute, 1204 S. Osteopathy Street

8:15 .m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), 404 E. Cottonwood Street

8:18 a.m., Special Assignment, Semi-Trailer Parking Project, 2504 N. Industrial Road

8:30 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2010 E. Normal Avenue, Betty McLane-Iles, 72

9:12 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant, 2200 Block of York Street

9:53 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked Against Flow of Traffic, 800 Block of South Lincoln Street

10:02 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 500 Block of South Marion Street

10:29 a.m., Fraud, Stealing \$750 or More All Other (F), 120 W. Har-

ison Street

10:54 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parking on Sidewalk, 800 Block of South Sixth Street

12:37 p.m., MVA/Minor, Distance From Other Vehicles, MVA/Road Blocked, 420 S. Baltimore Street

3:15 p.m., MVA/Hit and Run, MVA/Minor, Leaving Scene of Accident, 2700 N&gt; Baltimore Street

3:21 p.m., MVA/vs. Pedestrian, MVA Minor, 1407 S. Baltimore Street

6:57 p.m., Property/Recovered, 201 N. Elson Street

7 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 180 Concord Square, Arrestee: Unnamed, 42

7:08 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing/Theft of Any Controlled Substance (F), Harassment 1st Degree, Arrestee: Daniel Funk, 19

7:41 p.m., Traffic Stop, Scott Street

7:57 p.m., Traffic Stop, 500 N. Baltimore Street, Paul Hatfield, 49

8:28 p.m., Traffic Stop, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle/Trailer, Michigan Street, Tamara Woodward, 40

8:38 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Physical, Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (M A), 11 Devlin Place, Arrestee: Unnamed, 40

11:15 p.m., Fire/Investigation, Open Burning Without Permit, 1700 N. Centennial Avenue

11:40 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 813 E. Jefferson Street

11:45 p.m., MVA/Minor, East McPherson Street

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## HOME COUNTRY

## The best time of the year



**SLIM RANDLES**  
HOME COUNTRY

Fall is the polishing time. Why? Your guess is as good as mine. For some reason, the spirit that guides us made our experiences in fall the peak of the year's efforts.

For animals, both wild and domestic, it is the rut, the breeding time. The bulls and bucks have never looked better. Their antlers and horns are hardened into weapons and sharpened against trees. Their bodies are lean and aggressive and they tend to lose all good sense.

I don't think for a minute that it is just a calendar coincidence that fall is when most festivals, fairs and exhibitions occur. Because by the time fall rolls around, we have jars of jelly ready for competition. The hunters have been practicing out at the range for weeks now and are ready to take the rifle or the bow into the woods to see how their skills measure up to those who they'd love to subdivide and put in the freezer.

The kids are all back in school now, where they can try out all the new crazy stunts on their friends that they learned from their uncles last summer. It is a holy, blessed time for that. Family tradition, you know.

The uncles have been polishing these stunts for decades now and have them down to a science. And the older folks may not be building cabins or climbing mountains after elk as much these days, but there is a lot to be said for just passing along stories to the youngsters. And it works out fairly well when we realize that 'most everyone who could challenge the truth of one of those stories has already graciously died on us.

Fall is just a wonderful time to be alive.

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## ROBIN WRITES

## Ice cream castles in the air



**ROBIN GARRISON LEACH**  
ROBIN WRITES

September is the best month for cloud-watching. The constant blue of summer gives way to changeable vistas overhead. The sky is filled with massive white sculptures.

When I gaze toward them on warm afternoons, I smile as if seeing an old friend.

Finding shapes in the clouds is not as fun all alone. It is more exciting to share your discoveries with someone else.

When I was a girl, Mom and I would lie on the spiky, late-summer grass and imagine another world in the billows overhead. We'd plop down like exhausted travelers, taking a break from the everydayness of school and housework.

Now was the time to leave the kaleidoscope of our colorful world and find ordinary shapes in extraordinary shades of white and gray.

At first, the clouds were just clouds. But in moments, our eyes stretched to understand the possibilities of whimsy.

In moments, I saw something. "Look! Do you see it? There!"

I poked toward the sky and nudged her shoulder. Then, I glanced at her face, watching as her eyes scanned the sky to find the right clump of white.

"It's a pig. See it?"

She saw it. She always saw what I saw. Even when she probably didn't.

And I did the same for her.

Animals were the easiest to see, because the clouds loved to stretch to include legs and snouts and ears. The gray edges of each billow gave our pig or puppy the possibility of depth; we trailed our fingers along as our creation lumbered past.

The wind was impatient with us; it shoved an elephant trunk upward and away in lazy seconds. We instantly wondered how we could have seen what we saw. But the parade continued, and other shapes joined the menagerie.

Sailing ships. Chicken drumsticks. Sea monkeys. Figures whose legs kicked toward tiny soccer balls of fluff. There was an alternate world of improbable, fanciful life of our own design, right there above our heads.

The best clouds for watching were the huge, thick blobs that looked big enough to cover our house like a quilt. We stared into the middle of each one, wondering what could be hiding within the folds and wrinkles there.

If we could flap our arms like angels and float up to it, could we climb inside and wriggle around, pushing so far in that only our toes would be sticking out in the air?

It would feel like heaven, we decided.

In a handful of seconds, a beaver with a flat-paddle tail morphed into a crab. Its craggy legs disintegrated as it floated past, becoming a shape that challenged my imagination to name.

The wispy clouds of changing weather in the months ahead were less exciting than the ones of those September, cloud-watching days. The stripes and dotted patterns forced us to think of less obvious shapes, and their fragility reminded us that, while autumn was still with us, winter was coming.

There would be clouds in winter. They would hover ominously, shards of sun-blocking slashes, pregnant with precipitation.

But those clouds, while bold in their icy austerity, didn't inspire the wonder of the fat pillow-clouds of September.

I grew older and seldom lie on the grass, looking upward. Mom isn't here to watch the clouds with me now. But I often sit, awestruck beneath a sky filled with blues (just enough blue for a Dutchman's breeches, she always said) and decorated with clouds.

I look for her, inside the wispy, hollow spaces within the biggest clouds, and hope to see her there—toes wiggling my way.

## POETRY CORNER

## The Farm

I slowly walked... through the very tall grass... I had played here when it was once the front yard,

A row of tall maples... stood so proud to the south... now they're gone and seeing what's lost is so hard.

But when I close my eyes... I can see what was... and feel the summer breeze blow softly on my face,

I've gone back in time... to my grandparent's farm... such a wonderful and special place.

I'd crawl over the fence... and run down to the pond... look for tadpoles and try to catch a frog, I'd run through the pasture... and climb up on the hay... making sure I stayed clear of the mean hog.

Summer was wonderful...



when I was a kid... the farm was everything to me,

I guess that's what makes it hard... when I look at it now... and what's gone is all that I see.

But what's important... and will always be... are the memories that are locked in my mind, It's my escape... from this fast paced world... I can relax, knowing peace I'll soon find.

- Daniel D. Donovan

## LETTER

## Free bird watching opportunity

During the pandemic's darkest times many of us were cut off from our friends and family. One response some people had was to seek solace in nature, and throughout the country lots became intrigued by birds. Birds are ubiquitous, often quite vocal, quite active, and quite attractive. Many newcomers became curious about what birds they encountered, how these creatures live their lives, and the like. Such curiosity enriched the lives of people during the trials the pandemic posed and lots became dedicated bird enthusiasts.

Curiosity about birds may have arisen in folks from Kirksville and surrounding areas. To satisfy that curiosity we are offering a free course to introduce birds and bird watching to anyone interested. The course will consist of an approximately hour-long evening session on the first Thursday of many, but not all, months. These will occur in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church at 124 North Mulanix Street in Kirks-

ville. Bird watching outings will follow the evening sessions and will occur on the most convenient weekend morning for the majority of people who want to attend. The hope is that we'll see many of the bird species we encountered in the evening.

The first evening event occurs on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. and the first outing during the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15. We'll arrange outing details during our evening session.

Incidentally, I'm a retired TSU biology prof, and on Oct. 5 I will describe how I became intrigued by birds during about three hours in the late 1960s. Three hours that pretty much set my subsequent life's course. If nothing else, that might make it worth coming to the evening event on Oct. 5. My colleague in this venture is Krista Tinney, and among many of her accomplishments she manages the Pantry for Adair County.

If you have any questions, please contact me at petegoldman@gmail.com.

— Pete Goldman

## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## Suicide is a growing crisis in U.S.

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 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health because September is National Suicide Prevention Month.

Suicide is a growing issue in the United States. According to the National Institutes of Health, The total age adjusted suicide rate in the U.S. increased by 35.2 percent from 10.4 per 100,000 people in 2000 to 14.2 per 100,000 in 2018. The CDC's provisional data for 2022 shows a record high of 49,369 suicide deaths. In the state of Missouri, suicide is the second leading cause of death for individuals ages 10-34. We have to come together as Americans to help reduce the loss of valuable life in our communities. The impacts of suicide greatly impact the lives of so many individuals. We have to be the change

and we have to better support individuals who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, mental illness and/or depression.

The National Institute of Health and the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline have five evidence-based action steps for communicating with someone who may be suicidal.

Ask: Asking the questions "Are you thinking about suicide?" communicates that you're open to speaking about suicide in a non-judgmental and supportive way. Asking in this direct, unbiased manner, can open the door for effective dialogue about their emotional pain and can allow everyone involves to see what next steps need to be taken. Ask them how they feel and how you can help. Don't ever promise to keep their thoughts of suicide a secret. The flip side of the "Ask" step is to actually "Listen" to the individual, help them focus on their reasons for living and avoid imposing your reasons for them to stay alive.

Be There: This could mean being physically present for someone. Speaking to them on the phone when you can, or any other way that shows support



of the person at risk. Make sure that you can follow through with the ways you say you'll support the person; don't commit to anything you aren't able to accomplish. Being there for someone with thoughts of suicide is life-saving. Increasing someone's connectedness to others and limiting their isolation (both in short and long term) has shown to be a protective factor against suicide.

Help Keep Them Safe: After the last two steps, it is important to find out a few things to establish immediate safety. Ask them questions such as if they have a plan or already attempted suicide. This can give you an idea about the imminence and severity of the danger the person is in to take the correct next step. Reducing their access to highly lethal means such as a chosen suicide method is an important part of suicide prevention.

Keep Them Connected: Helping some-

one with thoughts of suicide connect with ongoing supports (like the 988 Hotline) can help them establish a safety net for those moments they find themselves in a crisis. Connect them with supports and resources in their communities. Helping them put together a safety plan can also help them identify what they need to do in a crisis situation.

Follow Up: After your initial contact with a person experiencing thoughts of suicide, and after you connected them with the immediate support systems they need, make sure to follow up with them and see how they are doing. Leave a message, send a text, or call. This is a great time to check with them and see if there is more you are capable of helping with.

If you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts, call the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 for support and guidance.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 68

Life of William Henry  
Parcels Jr. — Chapter 1

By Blytha Ellis, President  
Adair County Historical  
Society and Museum



William Parcels Jr. (1815-1898), it may be remembered, was the son of William Sr. who was the cabinet maker in Part 54 of this history whose furniture ended up in the childhood home of Abraham Lincoln. Also, William Sr. was married to Catherine (Ferguson), one of the three Ferguson sisters who united on the west bank of the Chariton River in Part 56.

William Jr. was one of the two horseback riders who first came to pre-Adair County in the summer of 1838 at age 23 to check out the land on the west side of the Chariton where his uncle and aunt, the Millers, lived. He became enamored with one of his Miller cousins, 19-year-old Eliza Jane, and was anxious to make Missouri his home. (See Part 56 of this history.)

The Parcels family moved here in April 1839 and built a log cabin just south of what became Ringo Point. In May 1840, William Jr. married Eliza Jane, but two months later, his father, William Sr., died, and William Jr., as the oldest son, became responsible for his mother and younger siblings. (See Part 57 of this history.)

Also, in the year 1840, before Adair County was established, while this area was still a part of Macon County, William Jr. was elected as a Justice of the Peace. In this position, William told the story that he was once called upon to act as an associate justice to Judge Van (or Elvan) Allen against a man for hog stealing. It was his job to watch the prisoner.

At the end of the trial, some of the onlookers became dissatisfied with the judge's rulings. In this primitive setting, they came toward the judge and backed him into a corner of the room as they yelled protests. The judge pulled a big butcher knife and threatened them!

During this frightening disturbance, William squeezed through the crowd and hurried outside. When tempers finally calmed down, it was found that the prisoner had escaped! This ended the services of William Jr. as a judicial officer, and he never sought re-election to that position!

In the mid-1840s, William moved his own family, along with his mother and younger siblings, to Kirksville where he established a small mercantile store to support the family.

Then, in 1848, there occurred one of the most significant events in American history — the discovery of gold in California. As word of this spread, thousands of prospective gold miners traveled to the West Coast from far and wide in hopes of becoming rich! Adair County, Mo. was not immune from this excitement. As false reports of easy money filtered to this area, many men temporarily left their homes and families in pursuit of wealth. Throughout 1849, people from around the world (mostly men) with gold

fever borrowed money, mortgaged their property or spent their life savings to make the arduous journey to California. Women were left behind to take on new responsibilities such as running farms or businesses and caring for their children alone. William Henry Parcels Jr. at age 34 was one of these 49ers (as they came to be called). And, Eliza Jane (Miller) Parcels was one of those wives left behind in Adair County. At this time, Eliza Jane had five children: John W. (age 8), Kattie (age 7), Wm. Emmet (age 5), Elizabeth (age 3), and Sally (age 1). Also in the Parcels home were Eliza's mother-in-law, Catherine (Ferguson) Parcels, and some of her husband's younger siblings.

Many of the 49ers were sorely disappointed with their lack of success in the gold fields of California. It was not only hard work, but for the number of miners, there was precious little gold to be found. Also, the gold rush was notorious for producing thieves and swindlers who preyed upon those who did find gold. Others were moderately successful but often drank or gambled away their findings.

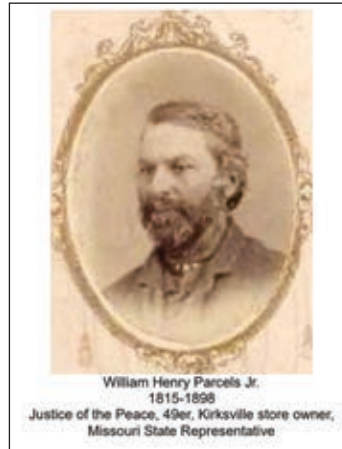
Still others were prudent with their reasonable amount of gold and got out safely. A very few were very successful in discovering gold and returned home to greatly better their lives. William Henry Parcels Jr. ranked somewhere in the last two categories. Although we do not know how much gold he found, it was apparent that he returned to Kirksville safely with enough gold to improve his lot in life.

Upon his return in the fall of 1850, William was able to open a general merchandise store in Kirksville much larger than the store he had left in 1849.

William also became interested in Missouri politics. In 1854, he was elected as a Missouri State Representative by a 100-vote majority. In 1856, he ran for Representative again as an Independent Democrat against the regular nominee of the Know Nothing Party. William was elected by an increased majority.

Again in 1860, William ran for Representative as the regular Democratic nominee and was again elected by a large majority. During this final term, he served with George Graham Vest, Benjamin Gratz Brown and other prominent Missourians.

History records that William Parcels Jr. was an excellent representative in the legislature. He was energetic and always concerned for the interests of his district. He was efficient in working through any measure he felt would benefit his constituents. In 1856, he secured a charter for a branch of the Bank



of St. Louis to be located in Kirksville.

In 1870, William was active in securing the location of a state normal school in Kirksville. William always had a great passion for education and was especially interested in the education of his siblings and his children.

After William returned from the gold fields and at some point during his political career, he built for his family an impressive home on a large, sprawling estate just east of Kirksville. It was commonly known as the Parcels mansion or the Parcels Plantation. In the 1860 census, this property was valued at \$125,000, and William's personal property at \$10,500. This was far exceeding any of his neighbors and most any local person in this census. Most other properties were valued at under \$5,000. Although the Parcels home is now gone, its location was at what is now 1603 E. Illinois St., a block behind the current Hy-Vee Store. It was a two-story frame colonial home with a large cupola and observation tower.

William and Eliza Jane added five more children to their family after his gold rush experience: Horatio in 1851, Florence Jane in 1852, Helen Amanda in 1855, Sophia in 1858 and Eliza Jane II in 1860. Then, tragedy struck! Eliza Jane, the mother, died on May 10, 1862, just two months before her namesake's 2nd birthday. It was a very troubled time in many ways. Civil War was devastating the country, and just two months after burying the mother of his seven daughters and three sons, William would wake to find soldiers camped on his estate.

It was on August 6, 1862, that William learned he was to play a role in the Battle of Kirksville. Union Col. John McNeil approached Kirksville from the northeast. Because the Parcels farm was in the path of their pursuit of the Confederate recruits at Kirksville under Col. Joseph C. Porter, the Union troops decided to set up what could be called a rear camp on this estate. They, of course, did not know, nor probably cared, that a man lived there with 10 children and his elderly mother, and that he was still grieving the loss of his wife, the woman who had drawn him to Adair County in the first place.

From the Parcels land, the Union troops advanced toward the center of town and set up a forward camp in what is now known as Memorial Park, northeast of the square. McNeil's forces engaged Porter's men on the town square where they had taken refuge in the Adair County Courthouse. Outnumbered and outgunned, the Confederates soon gave up their position and fled town to the west all the way across the Chariton River. Some of the many sick and dying were taken care of in downtown Kirksville buildings and in the Cumberland Academy, a Presbyterian School on the site of their forward camp (now Memorial Park). Some of the injured who were more ambulatory were taken back to the Parcels mansion where William's mother, Catherine (Ferguson) Parcels, now age 66, cared for their wounds and fed them. What neither Catherine nor William ever told Col. McNeil or his men was that the Parcels family were actually Southern sympathizers!

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## TURNING THE PAGE



## This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

## 110 Years Ago, September 10, 1913

Adair County Deputy Sheriff Haley took two Novinger girls, Annie and Edith Oswald, aged 16 and 17 respectively, to the State Industrial School for Girls in Chillicothe. The two were convicted of incorrigibility. Just a short time before three Davis girls from Novinger were also sentenced to the correctional facility in Chillicothe. The two younger Davis girls, ages 6 and 10, were being kept at the home of Presiding Judge Hopson of the County Court and the other by Mrs. Roberts at the county farm. An effort was underway to get them released to an orphanage in St. Louis and placed for adoption.

## 100 Years Ago, September 16, 1923

Sheriff Em Waddill, with the assistance of other officers, made two raids, arrested two women bootleggers, and dumped gallons of liquor. Also destroyed in the raids were liquor producing paraphernalia, bottles, and caps. The first raid took place at the Tipperary (Midland) residence of Mrs. Callie McClintock. The McClintock home was at the place where barn dances were held, and here officers found approximately 150 quarts of beer stored in a large, locked box. Officers poured the beer out and smashed the glass. Mrs. McClintock furnished a \$300 bond, and a court date was set. The second raid took place in Novinger at the residence of Pierimi Lonzini. The Lonzini residence had been raided several times previously. As in the earlier raids, officers poured out the beer and destroyed the equipment and bottles. The woman was placed under arrest, but as she had a young baby, she was not jailed. In addition to the baby, Mrs. Lonzini was the mother of an afflicted daughter. The case was a difficult one, and county aid was being sought for the daughter.

## 95 Years Ago, September 10, 1928

Most of the business houses on the west side of Main Street in Greentop were wiped out by a fire. Five business firms and a physician's office were burned, four other buildings were damaged in the business section, and a few nearby residences caught fire and were badly damaged. The business houses that burned were M. C. Martin's restaurant, J. E. Davis General Store, Greentop Lumber Yard, J. H. Colegrove's General Store, and A. C. Schneider's feed and poultry house. The office building of Dr. Nate Johnson on the east side of the street was also a total loss. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

## 70 Years Ago, September 14, 1953

Kehrer Brothers Excavating of Kirksville began moving dirt and preparing the site for construction of the R-I School building at Novinger. The previous building was destroyed by fire earlier that year. The hill selected for the location of the new building overlooked the Chariton River valley on the east side of present-day Highway 149. Schneider Brothers Construction of Kirksville was prepared to begin pouring concrete later that week.

## 70 Years Ago, September 14, 1953

Construction was underway for 1.3 miles of new road including a new bridge over the Chariton River at Novinger. The State Highway Commission had awarded a contract to Condon-Cunningham Company of Omaha, Nebraska. The new road and bridge completed the Chariton River drainage ditch project.

## 65 Years Ago, September 16, 1958

Selected Kirksville High School cheerleaders for the 1958-1959 school year were Janet Clark, Sharon Simmons, Judy Dana, and Julie Arnold all seniors; and Sara Faurt, junior.

## 65 Years Ago, September 12, 1958

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Kirksville City Council in February 1958, formal proceedings to annex 1,700 acres to the city of Kirksville, were filed in a petition to the Adair County Circuit Court by the City Attorney, Russell Roberts. The court action named 194 defendants who were landowners in the areas proposed for annexation. The areas named in the annexation petition would extend the city boundaries south to include the Ownbey Lake area and the country club and then north to include the tract of land on Cottage Grove Street where the new high school was to be built. The proposed area would then extend north and east almost to the county infirmary property and the northeast sewage disposal plant then north to include Shirley Heights, the fairgrounds (located on north highway 63 where Wal-Mart is now), and as far north as Peterson's Furniture (now Missouri Furniture). From there the proposed area went as far west as Hartsell's Supper Club and south to the junction of Highway 6 west and the C.B.&Q railroad tracks. Little area was included for expansion on the west side of Kirksville other than a narrow strip added to Boundary Street between Gardner and Missouri Streets and a strip on Boundary Street between Michigan and the area near Ownbey Lake. There had been no annexation of land by Kirksville since 1924.

## 45 Years Ago, September 11, 1978

Jack Shelton, presiding judge of the Adair County Court, announced that the Adair County Courthouse was entered on the National Register of Historic Places. He said that this meant that Adair County was eligible for federal matching funds for use in preservation of the courthouse. The letter that the county court received said that the courthouse was a "regionally important example of Romanesque-style architecture." Those responsible for getting the courthouse on the National Register were Dr. Leon Karel and Dr. David March of NMSU (Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University) as well as the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission.

## 25 Years Ago, September 13, 1998

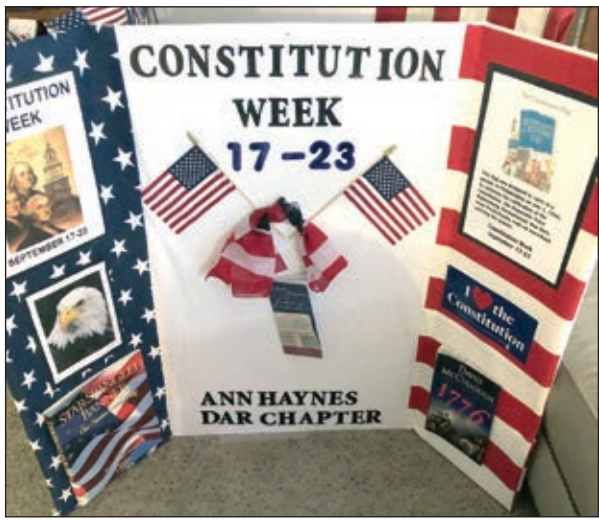
Superintendent of the Kirksville public schools, Dr. Kenneth Southard, prepared a proposal for the Kirksville R-III Board of Education that would require security checks on all future employees of the school system. The state legislature had recently passed, and the governor signed into law a measure authorizing the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist school districts in screening potential school district employees. In presenting the proposal to the board Dr. Southard stated: "In society today, it's very easy for someone with an undesirable background to slip through, even with references. If we make a mistake, we could be liable, and it could be a very unfortunate, even dangerous situation for the school district." Under the plan, the highway patrol would conduct criminal records checks on all potential employees, not just teachers. There would be no charge for the service to the school district.

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## DAR to celebrate Constitution Week

By Ann Haynes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

The Ann Haynes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will celebrate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, the 236th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, with two constitutional displays to be located at the Adair County Public Library and downtown at Sieren's Palace. Local members of the DAR ask that all citizens study and review the Constitution and the Amendments.



## Rotary Club of Kirksville hosts Thousand Hills State Park superintendent

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the Sept. 13 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was Thousand Hills State Park Superintendent Ryan Persinger. Persinger spoke about improvements since 2018, when he became superintendent. He also spoke about future plans for the park including a

change coming in 2024. The Kolb family did not bid on the new 10-year concessions contract. Starting in 2024, a hospitality management company called ExplorUS will add our state park concessions to its several other concessions. The speaker is pictured with Rotarian Ramey Weichelt (left) who introduced him.

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# Suicide Awareness Month

Scotland County Hospital Senior Life Solutions program provides Suicide Awareness Month information

By Senior Life Solutions

MEMPHIS — September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness month and Scotland County Hospital's Senior Life Solutions (SLS) is working to raise awareness and educate the community on the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. If you, or someone you know, are thinking of suicide call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Senior Life Solutions is an intensive outpatient group teletherapy program designed to meet the unique needs of senior adults living with symptoms of age-related depression or anxiety, dealing with difficult life transitions, a recent health diagnosis, or the loss of a loved one.

Rachel Peavler, RN, BSN, program Director for Senior Life Solutions, said, "Talk of suicide should never be dismissed. It is important to reach people early. We know it can be difficult to ask for help. It's important to raise awareness this month and always."

According to the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, risk factors are characteristics that make it more likely that someone will consider, attempt, or die by suicide and they are important to be aware of.

Several risk factors may include:

- A preexisting mental disorder
- Alcohol or substance use disorder
- Impulsive and/or aggressive tendencies

- Major physical illness
- Job or financial loss
- Loss of relationship(s)
- Access to lethal means
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation

Peavler added, "The stigma associated with asking for help, coupled with unrecognized depression in elderly, and lack of mental healthcare resources, can all pose as risk factors to an individual. We work to lessen the stigma and increase access to behavioral healthcare."

Peavler and her staff are raising awareness around the hospital facilities this month. There are yard signs lining the driveways of the hospital and clinic and an educational table display in the ER/Main Lobby of the hospital.



Rachel Peavler, RN, BSN (left), SLS Program Director and Kaci Cantril (right), CNA, SLS Office & Patient Coordinator have posted yard signs around the Hospital campus to bring awareness to Suicide Prevention this month.

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline also states that knowing these warning signs may help determine if a loved one is at risk for suicide:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Extreme mood swings

For more information, or if an older loved one is in need of help, call Senior Life Solutions program at 660-465-7595.

If you would like to know more about the services of Scotland County Hospital's Senior Life Solutions, plan to come to the Open House this month on Sept.

26. A free lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.. At 12:30 p.m., SLS officials will discuss their services. The Open House will be held in the SLS office, which is located in the Annex Building at Scotland County Hospital (former Health Department Office). You will also find the staff from their Senior Life Solutions at the Scotland County Senior Nutrition Site (301 W Monroe, Memphis) at lunchtime on Thursday, Sept. 28. They will be on site, talking about their services and answering questions.

### ABOUT SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS

Founded in 2003, Senior Life Solutions is managed by Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC), a leading behavioral healthcare management company. Focused on addressing the needs of rural and underserved communities, PMC manages inpatient behavioral health units, intensive outpatient programs, and telehealth services in more than 25 states. The company's services provide evaluation and treatment for patients suffering from depression, anxiety, mood disorders, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other behavioral health problems. For more information, visit [www.seniorlifesolutions.com](http://www.seniorlifesolutions.com)

## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Fall Brush and Limb Pick Up happening week of Oct. 2

Save the date for the city's fall brush and limb pick up next month, scheduled for Oct. 2 to 6. This is the perfect time to remove dead branches and smaller dead trees from your yard. City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush on Monday, Oct. 2. Although the work is expected to take the entire week, to guarantee pickup, your brush must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday. This includes limbs that are no longer than 10 feet in length, and/or no wider than 18 inches in diameter. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

### GoFundMe for Glenwood man crushed by tree branch

A Glenwood man is hospitalized after a tree branch fell on him, causing severe injuries to his spine. Kierstin Conner, the fundraiser organizer, shared that her father, Aaron, was injured while cutting timber. The tree branch from a dead tree caught wind and fell on Aaron, causing injuries to his skull, clavicle and ankle. Conner

said her father will need multiple surgeries plus months of rehab to regain his independence. Nearly \$7,000 has been raised to help the family. You can reach Kierstin at (319) 310-6377. You can also find more information on Aaron's CaringBridge website: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/aaronkimber>. To view the GoFundMe, please visit: <https://gf.me/v/c/ymkx/ssy94m-aarons-journey>

### Quilt Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

The current exhibit by the Kirksville Arts Association at the Sue Ross Arts Center is a collection of quilts by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The show runs through Oct. 21st. Twenty-one members of the quilt guild have on display in the Ellebracht and Gaber Galleries over 60 quilts, including vintage quilts from the 1920s-'30s. A reception, that is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th from 5:30-7 p.m. providing an opportunity to meet the quilters whose work is on display. The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville and 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 visit the exhibit.

### City seeking applicants for Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission

The city of Kirksville is eager to involve citizens in the process of local government through their many citizens advisory commissions. The city is now seeking applications for an opening on the Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission. This commission meets the first Tuesday of the month at noon. This appointment will be for a full term ending January 2027. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 22. To fill out an application and see instructions for submission, visit [www.kirksvillecity.com/p/boards-commissions](http://www.kirksvillecity.com/p/boards-commissions).

### Hospice of Northeast Missouri to offer six-week grief support group

Hospice of Northeast Missouri will again offer a six-week grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Topics include: understanding the grief process; personal loss history and its impact on the grief process; distinguishing between grief and mourning; dealing with insensitive people; grief's impact on a family system; self-care and observing special occasions and the holidays. Carrol Davenport, Spiritual Care and Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice of Northeast Missouri, will facilitate the six-week support group. Two sessions will be offered. Participants can sign up for either the 12:30 -1:30 p.m. session or the 5:30-6:30 p.m. session. This six-week support group will take on Mondays Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23. The support group will be held at the Hospice of Northeast Missouri office located at 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. There is no charge for the six-week support group, but

advance registration is required. To register for the group, contact Carrol Davenport at 660-627-9711.

### Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

The exhibition features Sam Cohen's Working America and Madeline Brice's Learning not to hurt others, and will be on display through Oct. 11. Sam Cohen will present a virtual artist's talk on Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. Check gallery.artruman.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.artruman.com](http://gallery.artruman.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.

### 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.

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## Kirksville softball looking to escape recent rough patch

By Adam Tumino

After a 7-2 start to the season, the Kirksville softball team has hit a bit of a rough patch. A 6-2 loss at home against Highland on Thursday marked the Tigers' fourth loss in a row, dropping them to 7-6 on the season.

Kirksville went ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the third against Highland, but the Cougars responded with three runs in the fourth, two more in the fifth and another insurance run in the sixth. They improved to 11-2 on the season with the win.

Paislee Clark got the start for the Tigers, and head coach Derek Allen said he thought she did a good job against a strong offensive team. But he said there were some key opportunities that slipped away and allowed the Cougars to take control.

"I think it starts with Paislee," Allen said. "We've really challenged her. She's a sophomore and she's thrown a lot of innings for us in big spots, and she's competed her tail off. One thing we talked to her about is being in the zone. We kind of have a tendency to walk people sometimes. Today she was in the zone. Those two innings where they got three and two, looks like the fourth and the fifth, we had chances to get out of the innings and didn't make plays. Any time you give a good team, a good offensive team, more outs, it's going to lead to trouble on the scoreboard and it did tonight."

These missed opportunities mixed with offensive struggles put the Tigers in a hole that they were unable to climb out of.

"Offensively we scratched out two hits and I think we had five or six baserunners all night," Allen said. "Credit to their pitcher. She's good, but if that's all the pressure you're putting on your opponent, you're going to have a hard time winning."

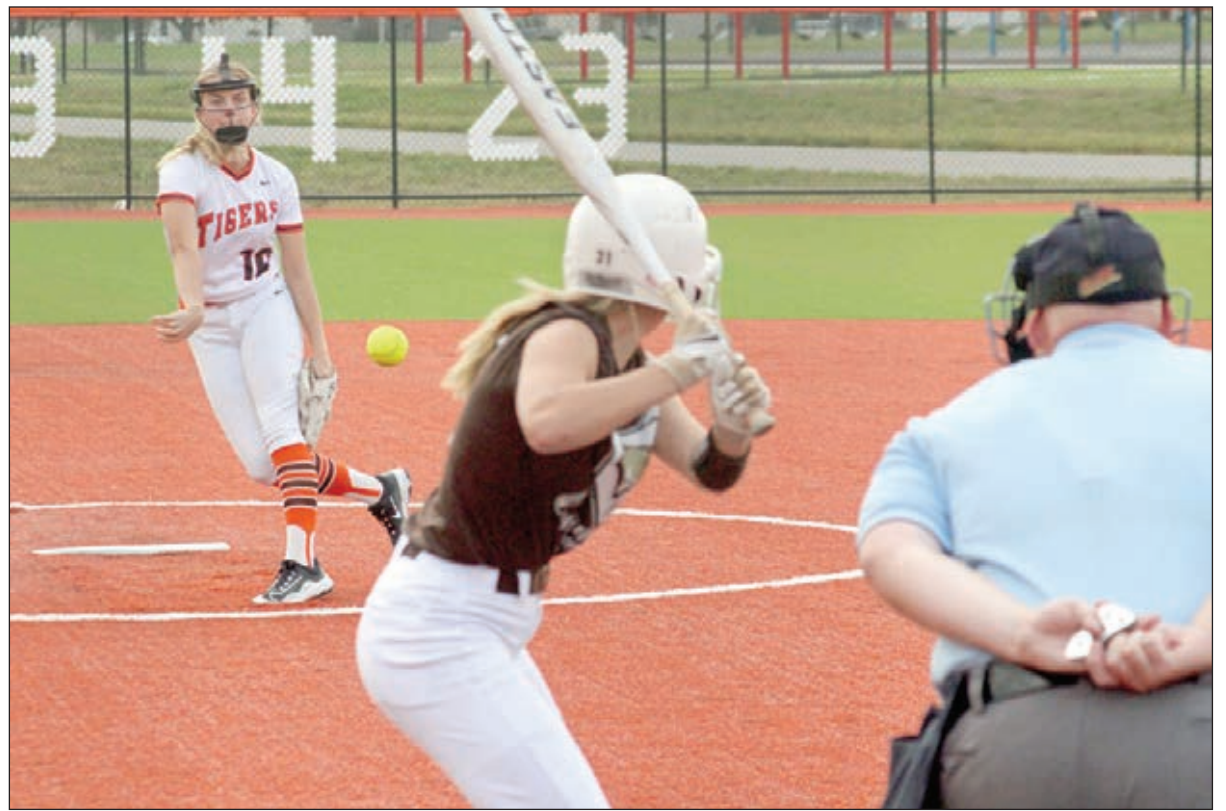
Highland sophomore Abby Lay was strong for the first two innings before Kirksville took the lead in the third. Senior Amber Dierling started the inning by taking a leadoff walk after falling behind in the count 0-2. Brianna Elsea got down a sacrifice bunt to advance courtesy runner Mya Harris into scoring position, allowing her to cross home easily on a double from Adi Baumgartner.

Baumgartner then stole third base and scored when the throw found its way into left field. But Lay was able to get the final two outs and then retake control en route to a complete game win for the Cougars.

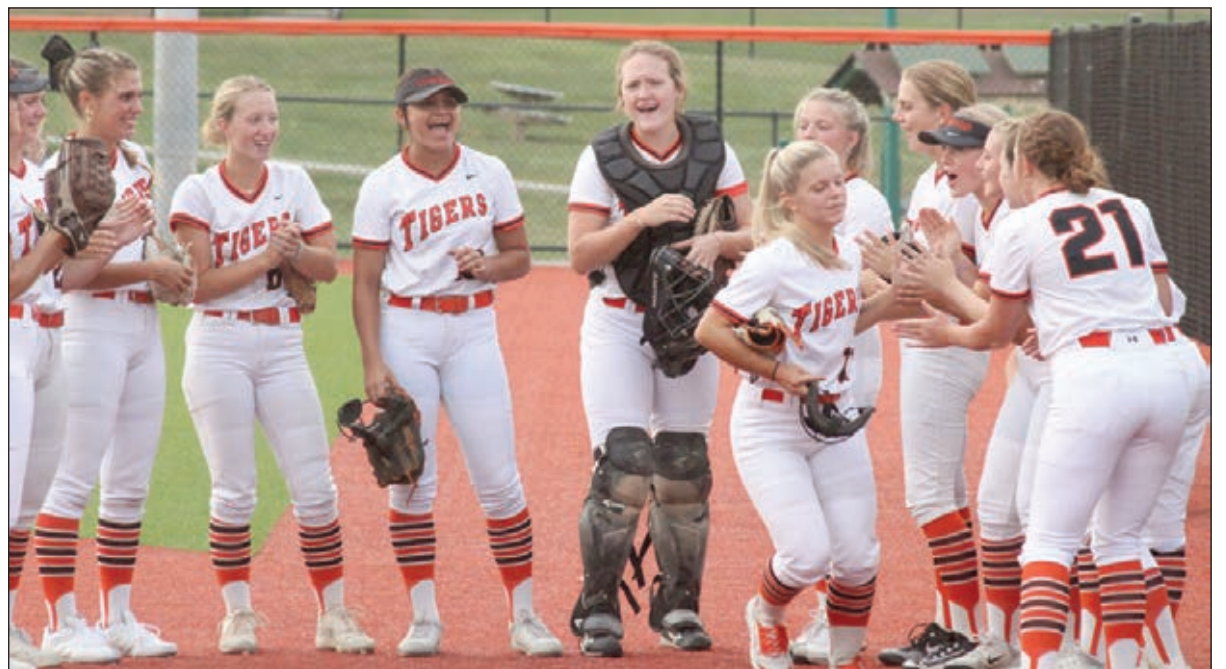
She retired the side in order in the fourth and allowed just a walk in the fifth before once again pitching a 1-2-3 inning in the sixth. The Tigers threatened to rally in the bottom of the seventh with a one-out walk and two-out single but Lay did not allow any more damage.

Allen said that the loss on Thursday encapsulated the recent struggles for the Tigers, in which they have not really put everything together in a game.

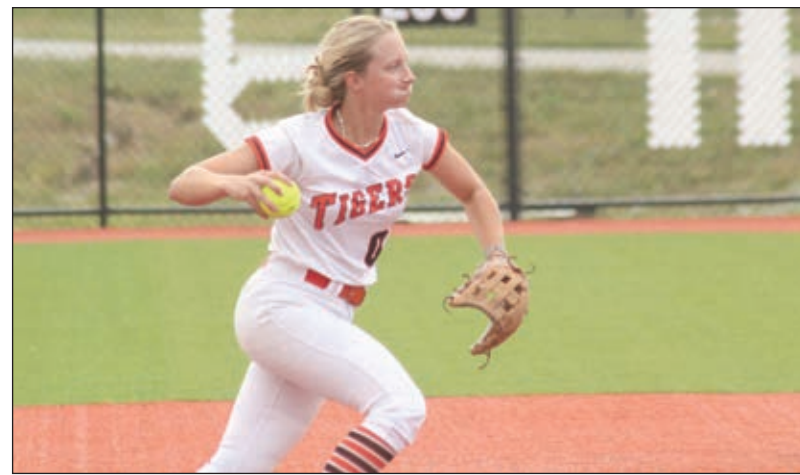
"From our standpoint, we're struggling to put three phases of the game together right now," he said. "Sometimes we pitch it and don't play defense. Sometimes we play great defense but we're



Kirksville sophomore Paislee Clark delivers a pitch in the game against Highland on Sept. 14.



Kirksville senior Adi Baumgartner high fives teammates as lineups are announced before the game against Highland on Sept. 14. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville shortstop Gracelyn Johnson prepares to throw to first base for an out after fielding a grounder against Highland on Sept. 14.

not pitching it well. Here of late offensively, we just haven't had great at bats in general. When you're facing good opponents you've got to play all three phases and you've got to play well, and that's what we're going to go back to work on tomorrow in practice."

The Tigers will have a little practice time before heading into a weekend tournament in Cairo, where they will look to snap their longest losing streak since the 2018 season. That year, they lost four-straight games from Sept. 24 to Sept. 28. Kirksville has not had a five-game losing streak since they lost the first nine games of the 2016 season. They rebounded a bit that year and went 7-7 the rest of the way.

This year's group is experienced, with seven seniors on the roster, and has done a lot of winning during their time with the Tigers. Allen said it will be up to this group to right the ship while the coaches do their best to help the players achieve what is needed.

"It's a group that's had a lot of success throughout their careers, so this is probably a little bit of a new avenue for them," Allen said. "They're all going to have to dig deep, and figure out for each one of them individually and together as a team, what it's going to take to push through it. I think it starts with hard work in practice. We've got to grind a little more. We've got to work a little harder. That starts with me as a coach,

holding them accountable and making sure we're getting the work in that we need to get in. To win those tough games, those competitive games, you've got to do things right and do things before the games to earn it."

Allen said that the team would certainly prefer to be playing better lately, but what matters is how they respond to this adversity for the final three weeks of the regular season heading into districts.

"The best teams are the ones that can overcome it and make the most of it," he said. "That's our challenge now: how can we overcome the adversity we're facing and give ourselves a chance to win going forward."

## Early look at GLVC football results from opening 2 weeks of season

By Adam Tumino

Heading into week three of the 2023 season, the football teams of the GLVC have limited time left to prepare for the start of conference play. As the non-conference schedule continues, let's look at each team and see where they find themselves in the early stages.

### Indianapolis

The 2022 conference champion Greyhounds are off to a strong start in 2023, a season in which they were picked to repeat as GLVC champs. They are the only team in the conference to play just one game in the first two weeks, but they made the most of it.

Indianapolis beat Hillsdale 39-20 in a week one game that was close for most of the afternoon before the Greyhounds pulled away late in the second half. They outscored the Chargers 24-6 after halftime.

Despite being idle for week two, Indianapolis moved up to No. 18 in the AFCA Coaches Poll after being ranked 19th the week before. They have a week three matchup at home against Wayne State.

### McKendree

Life without quarterback Turner Pullen, the unanimous 2022 GLVC Offensive Player of the Year and the best quarterback in school history, is looking very different for the Bearcats. They boasted the second-best offense in the conference last season, scoring more than 30 points in all but two games last season. This year, they are 0-2 with losses of 79-14 to Tiffin and 35-3 against West Florida.

The level of opponents so far has been very high, as Tiffin received 13 votes in the AFCA Coaches Poll to rank 35th while West Florida is the No. 4 team in the nation. Things will get a bit easier for McKendree in week three when they play Minnesota State University Moorhead on the road.

### Missouri S&T

The Miners join McKendree as the only other winless GLVC team so far. They lost the opener to No. 8 ranked Delta State 48-20 and then lost 31-24 to Wayne State on the road. They rank seventh in the conference in scoring offense and defense, ahead of only McKendree in both categories.

Despite the lack of scoring, their offense has been able to rack up yards at a decent rate. They rank fifth with 879 yards this season, just 20 behind fourth place and 199 ahead of sixth.

Missouri S&T will be on the road to play Upper Iowa, now a GLVC member, in a previously scheduled matchup that will not count as a conference game for either team.

### Quincy

The Hawks are off to a 1-1 start to the season, falling to Chadron State 35-34 in the opener and then demolishing NAIA opponent Madonna University 89-0. Both games were at home for Quincy, who will play its first five games at home this season.

The win over Madonna saw the Hawks jump ahead 35-0 in the first quarter and 40-0 at halftime before taking their foot off the gas in the second half. The



The Truman State football team takes the field prior to the home opener against South Dakota Mines on Sept. 9. ADAM TUMINO

Hawks lead all of Division II in points this season thanks to this outburst, although it is still obviously early in the year.

Quincy will not be back to facing an NCAA opponent in week three when they host Fort Lauderdale University. The Eagles are members of the National Christian College Athletics Association and are 2-2 on the season so far thanks to an additional pair of forfeit wins.

### Southwest Baptist

The Bearcats are off to a 1-1 start to the season as well. They beat NAIA member Oklahoma Panhandle State 65-7 in the season opener and then lost their home opener to Black Hills State 39-33. The score was tied 23-23 at halftime and 30-30 after the third quarter before the Yellow Jackets pulled away late.

Their 49 points per game rank second in the conference. They

are one of three GLVC teams to play two games and score more than 30 points both times.

The Bearcats will stay at home for week three. And host Texas Permian Basin. The Falcons are 1-1 on the season.

### Truman State

The Bulldogs are one of three GLVC teams to play two Division II teams in the first two games, joining William Jewell and McKendree. Truman is the only one of these three to win both games.

The Bulldogs came back from an early deficit to beat Findlay 20-10 in week one and then battled with South Dakota Mines at home in week two, taking a late lead and holding on for a 28-24 win. They have the best scoring defense in the conference so far, allowing just 17 points per game.

Truman joins Indianapolis as the only other GLVC team to make an appearance on the

AFCA Coaches Poll, although coming outside the top 25. The Bulldogs received 12 votes and came in at No. 36. They will have a tough test in week three, hosting Saginaw Valley State. The Cardinals received 22 votes and came in at 31st in the poll.

### Upper Iowa

The Peacocks are off to a 1-1 start in their first season as a GLVC member. They opened the season with a 43-20 road loss to Concordia University and then picked up a win at home against NAIA opponent St. Ambrose, taking down the Bees 45-26.

Upper Iowa will have their first shot at a new conference foe in week three, although in a previously scheduled matchup that will not count for conference standings. The Peacocks will host Missouri S&T for their second-straight home game and second of three games in a row on their home field.

### William Jewell

The Cardinals are halfway to their 2022 win total with a 1-1 start this season. They began the season with a 42-6 win over Fort Lewis College. Although William Jewell has struggled in recent years, Fort Lewis has not won a game since the 2019 season, and following a week two loss, has now lost 30 games in a row.

William Jewell dropped their week two game 41-34 to Kentucky Wesleyan. A tough matchup awaits the Cardinals in week three when they hit the road to play Davenport. The Panthers are ranked 24th in the AFCA Coaches Poll.

# Truman State soccer teams about to begin conference play

By Adam Tumino

Conference season is about to begin for the Truman State soccer teams. On Sunday, the men's team will host conference newcomer Upper Iowa at noon with the women's teams for both schools to follow at 2:30 p.m.

The men's team has a 1-1 record and has played the fewest games in the conference so far. Upper Iowa is 3-0-1, matching reigning GLVC champion Maryville for the best record in the conference. The Peacocks have already surpassed their win total from 2022, when they went 2-12-2 overall and 1-10-1 in GLIAC play.

The Bulldogs opened the season with a 2-0 loss at

home against Columbia before hitting the road and beating St. Cloud State 2-1. In that game, Truman got a goal late in the first half from freshman Daniel Rizazi. St. Cloud State tied it up before Luke Payne gave Truman a game-winning goal.

The women's team is 1-2-2 so far this season. They excelled at preventing goals last season, but allowed five goals in the first two games this season, losing 3-0 to Saginaw Valley State and 2-0 to Davenport. They allowed multiple goals in just a single game last season.

They have returned to form in the three games since the 0-2 start, allowing just one goal in the last three games. They 1-1 tie

against Missouri Southern and then tied Winona State 0-0 in the home opener. The Bulldogs followed that up with a 2-0 win over Graceland, also at home. It was the first time the Bulldogs scored multiple goals since Sept. 16 last season.

They have gotten their three goals from three different players. Juniors Emma Thompson and Jessica Kozol and freshman Lia Quintero have all found the back of the net. Thompson has an assist while junior Olivia Morris has two.

Both the men's and women's teams will play their first three conference games at home, with Quincy coming to town on Sept. 22 and Illinois-Springfield visiting Sept. 24.



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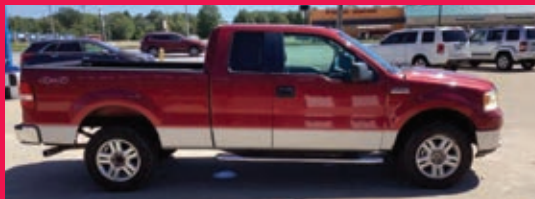
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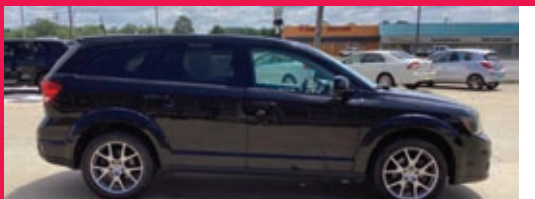
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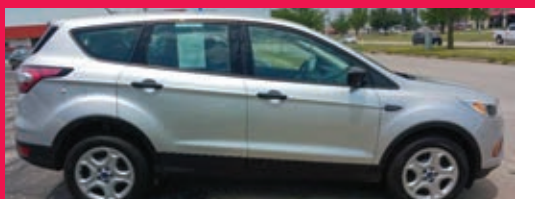
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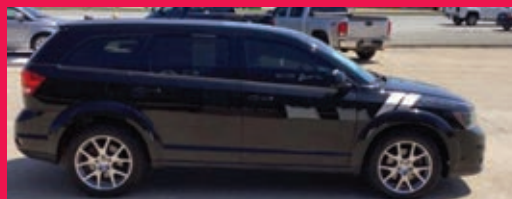
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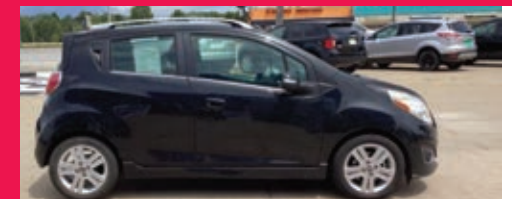
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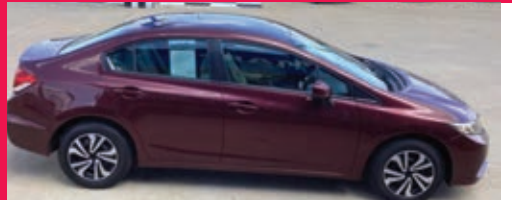
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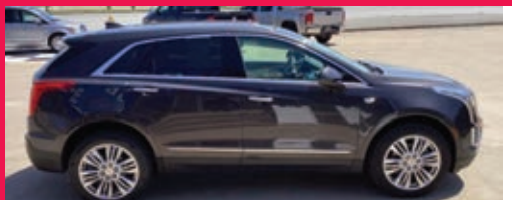
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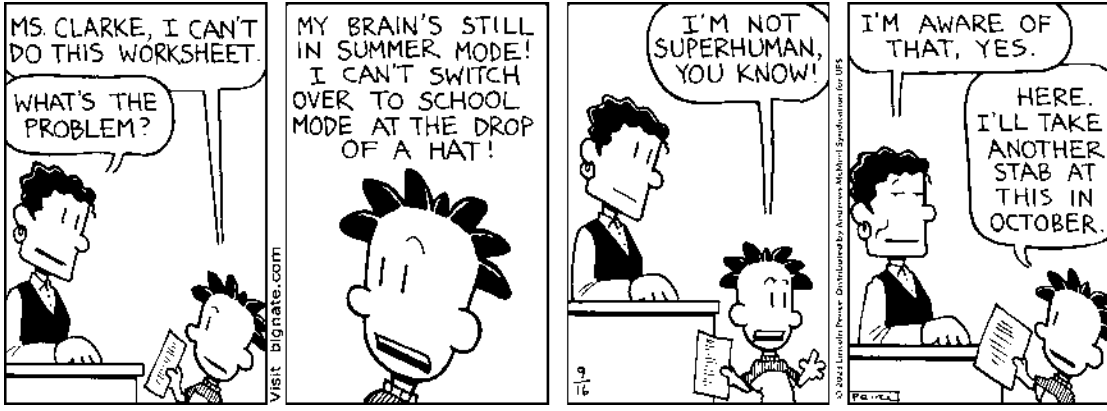
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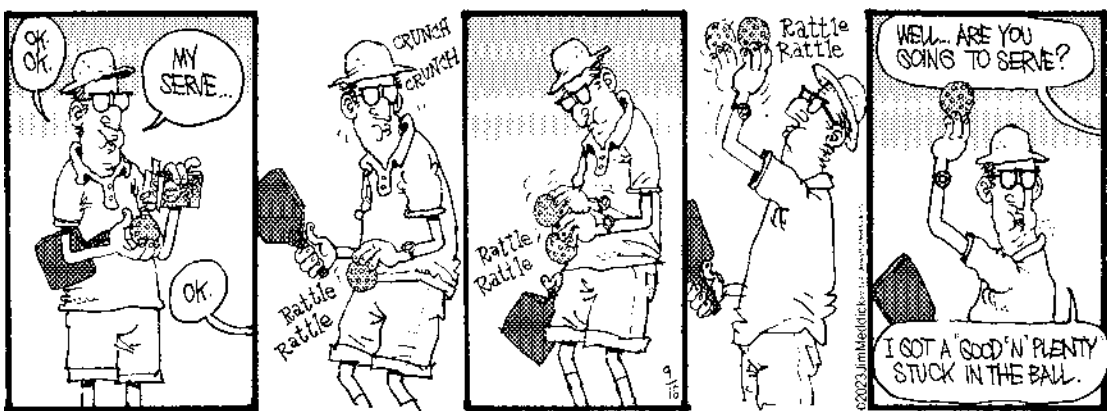
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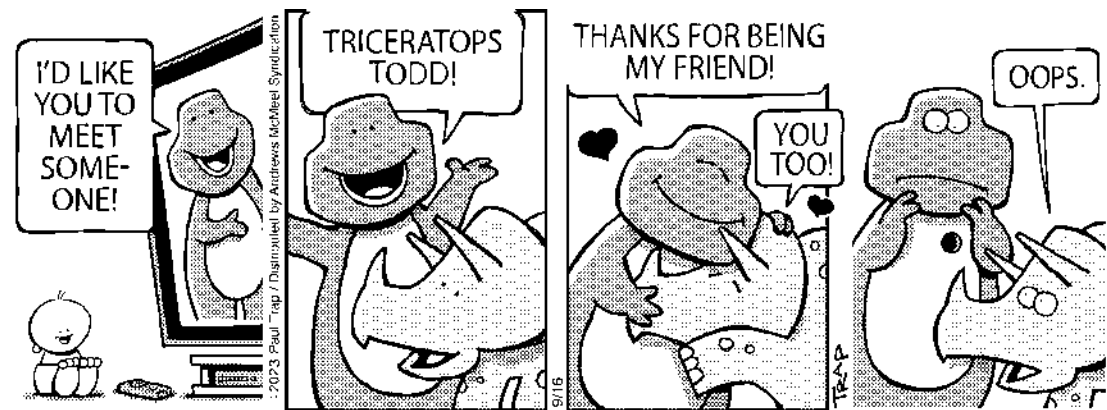
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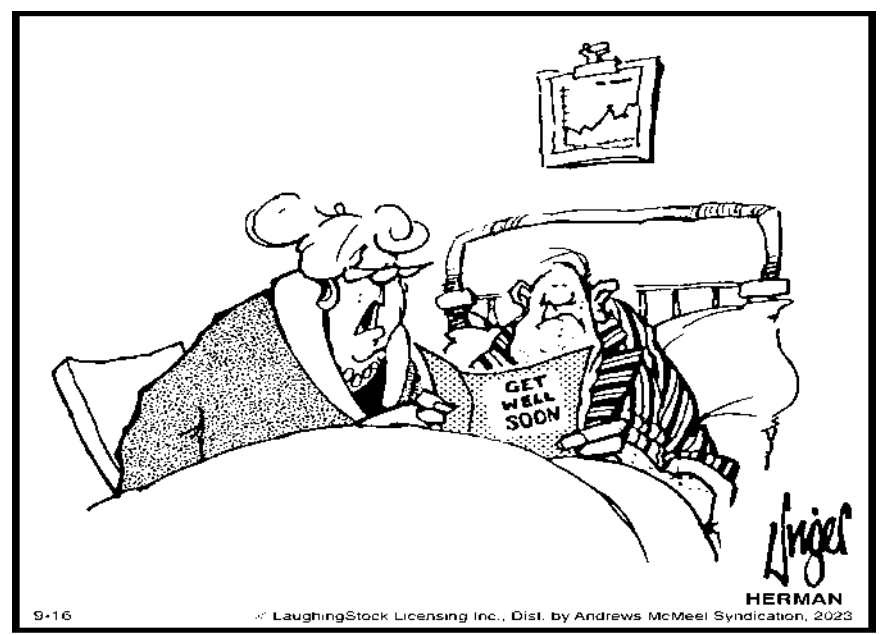
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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Put more thought into money management. Do the leg-work and negotiations needed to get what you

want. Make unique plans with a loved one and look forward to an awesome evening.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- If you have to go overboard to impress a certain party, perhaps you are trying to attract the wrong person. Recognize when someone is taking advantage of you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Get into the swing of things and enjoy the moment. A social event or personal challenge will get your juices flowing. Don't take anything for granted; see matters through from beginning to end.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- If you spend time planning, you'll avoid having to redo things. Time is on your side, and overseeing everything you want to see happen will ensure your success.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Work on some improvement projects. Don't let temptation prevent you from completing your responsibilities. The less time you spend talking, the quicker you will finish what you set out to achieve.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Think before you act. Refuse to let trivial matters dominate you. Emotions will be difficult to control and can cost you if you get into an argument. Use common sense.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Keep an open mind, gather facts and say no to indulgence. Monitor your money and what things cost before you agree to participate in something time-consuming. Discuss your plans with loved ones.

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## Channel surfing in the desert

Rerun options everywhere but not a drop to drink

I miss the writers. The Writers Guild of America went on strike in early May, and it has been a creative wasteland on television ever since. Most of the shows Tom and I used to watch won't be back with new episodes this fall. Lately, we've been flipping through over 100 channels, amazed that there are so many options yet so little we want to see.

If I see one more rerun of House Hunters, I'll go nuts. I want to hunt down that annoying suburban couple who wouldn't stop whining about a powder room painted a color they don't like. Just paint the tiny room, people! You can learn how on YouTube.

I should turn off the TV and do something useful — read a book, do some chores, or start flossing daily like I promised my dental hygienist. But old habits die hard. I grew up on TV, and I still like it.

When my brother and I were kids, we watched Three's Company, Gilligan's Island, and The Beverly Hillbillies after

school. We heated Chef Boyardee ravioli in the microwave and ate it in the living room using fold-out TV trays.

After dinner, we watched shows our parents liked since there was only one TV in the house. If Dad had the remote, we watched The Rockford Files, MASH, The A-Team, or MacGyver. When Mom chose the channel, we watched The Love Boat, Dallas, or Dynasty. And sometimes my older brother talked Dad into watching Knight Rider.

But on Saturday mornings, the TV was all mine. I pulled my beanbag up close so I could be front and center when it was time for Looney Tunes.

The characters and stories in those old shows feel like part of my childhood. I learned as much as I'll ever know about physics and consequences from Wile E. Coyote. Daffy Duck taught me sarcasm, and Bugs Bunny showed me it's cool to be smart and funny. But none of those characters — cartoon or human — would've had anything to say or do without their writers.

I don't know the details of the current writers' strike. But I know

writers deserve a fair wage and to share in the success when they help create a hit show. According to news coverage about the strike, most studios have increased their production budgets. Yet, the average pay for writers has decreased by as much as 23 percent in the last decade. Good writers are smart enough to leave the writing industry entirely if they can't support themselves or their families. And if that happens, we all lose the great characters and shows we would've fallen in love with.

Artificial intelligence is one of the big sticking points in the negotiation. Writers don't want robots to take their jobs, but that's not the whole story. Artificial intelligence learns to create scripts by reading and mimicking the work of human writers. But those human writers aren't paid for teaching computer programs how to write. It's like having a robot cheat off your English exam so it can win an Oscar for best screenplay. Writers want new ground rules to be put in place because artificial intelligence continues to change the game so drastically.

As someone who loves



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characters, stories, and the new worlds in which they happen, I hope the writers and studios find common ground — soon. I miss the stories that come alive in my living room. I miss laughing at the late-night show monologues (written by a team of writers) before I shuffle off to bed.

I don't want to watch a "Golden Bachelor" give out roses. I don't want to see people eat bugs on Survivor or celebrities spin the wheel for Pat Sajak. I want what only good writing and acting can deliver — the magic of the human imagination.

So, to our number-crunching friends at the Hollywood studios, could you pay the humans, please? And regulate the robots?

Because we have plenty of popcorn and hundreds of channels but nothing fun to watch.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD...

### Walk of Shame

"It's just a biohazard issue," the pilot told air traffic control. And indeed, the Delta Airlines Airbus A350 was forced to return to Atlanta after two hours in the air on Sept. 1 after a passenger suffered an "onboard medical emergency": uncontrollable diarrhea that left the entire length of the aisle covered in fecal matter. The Guardian reported that passengers said the flight crew did everything they could to clean up the mess, including spraying it with scented disinfectant. But that merely made the cabin "smell of vanilla s--t," one traveler said. Back in Atlanta, passengers, including the afflicted traveler, waited eight hours for the plane to be cleaned up and the aisle carpet to be replaced, then reboarded and were on their way to Barcelona -- again.

### Bright Idea

A 38-year-old man and a 55-year-old woman have been arrested in the central Shanxi province of China, China Daily reported, for digging a shortcut through the Great Wall of China. Local police were alerted to the damage on Aug. 24 and followed tracks from an excavator back to the suspects, who explained that they needed the shortcut to get back and forth to their construction jobs. The Great Wall is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which has reportedly been "damaged beyond repair." The two were charged with destroying a cultural relic.

### Awesome!

Tennessean Tami Manis is going to see her name in the 2024 edition of the "Guinness World Records" book after 34 years of hard work ... not getting haircuts. United Press International reported on Aug. 31 that Manis' mullet, measured at 5 feet, 8 inches long, earned her the prize in the female competitive mullet category. She had not cut the "party in the back" section of her hair since Feb. 9, 1990. "I've had people recognize me from 20 years ago because I've kept the same hairstyle," she said. "This is amazing."

### What Could Go Wrong?

Frick and Riverview Parks in Pittsburgh have a problem: The deer population has grown to the point that the animals are dangerous to themselves and humans, Fox News reported. "With no natural predators, we are seeing an increase in car-deer collisions, relentless damage to our ecosystem and unnatural aggression toward pets and people," the city's website reads. What to do? The city is going to randomly pick 30 archers to participate in "a pilot program with archery-controlled hunts ... during the 2023-2024 deer archery season," the city announced. Hopeful hunters will be part of a lottery system, and final participants must have a clean background check and a deer permit. In addition, "the selected archers will be required to attend an accuracy test" and will be confined to a specific area of the park to hunt. Those who kill more than two deer in their area will be given preference for subsequent seasons, according to the city. Keep that orange vest handy.

### Least Competent Criminal

Nicholas Coffey, 23, couldn't resist bragging on social media about his "new" Mercedes-Benz on Sept. 2, which made it easier for cops to track him down, Fox News reported. Coffey and an accomplice used the stolen car to break into other vehicles on Deltona, Florida, residential streets during the early morning hours, then stopped at a gas station, where Coffey was captured on surveillance video. Volusia County detectives caught up with him the following morning and arrested him on multiple charges.

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## Sister keeps new romance a secret for some reason

DEAR ABBY: My sister likes a childhood friend of ours and is hiding the fact that they are together, even though everyone in the family already knows they are living together. She clearly doesn't want me to know, and always finds a way to not be truthful with me.

This guy and I were friends, but whatever my sister said to him made him cut our friendship off. I'm hurt that she needs to lie to me about their relationship, because it doesn't matter to me. I'm happy she has found someone who makes her happy. She even has our mom covering for her. Should I say something, or just let it be? -- HURTFUL AND SAD SISTER

DEAR HURTFUL: Did you and your sister's boyfriend ever have a romantic relationship? If the answer is yes, it may explain your sister's strange behavior and your mother's willingness to cover for her. Because the cat is out of the bag and "everyone" knows the truth, I see no reason why you shouldn't talk to your sister and clear the air. When you do, wish them well.

DEAR ABBY: My stepson, who is 24, has Asperger's syndrome. He is high functioning, very intelligent and has a great work ethic. He still lives at home, and I have noticed that he "must" touch his mother every day. There are times he stands behind her and

strokes her hair and rubs her neck and shoulders. I think it's odd and, to be honest, it kind of bothers me. It's not a jealousy thing, it just strikes me as creepy.

I don't think a 24-year-old should be caressing his mother that way. She doesn't think it's wrong, and when I mentioned it to her, she became offended. I know I may be wrong, and I try to understand that it may be part of his Asperger's. Am I off base? Help me understand. -- CREEPED OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR CREEPED OUT: What you are describing isn't scandalous. It could simply be gestures of affection. Because your wife isn't bothered by it, I suggest you calm down and stop reading more into it than there may be.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful, generous man for 33 years. Everything is great except for one thing. I have COPD. He's sympathetic, but it goes only so far. An example: Today I was having a terrible coughing spell. I was in the bedroom. He was

in the den, one room away. The spell lasted at least 30 minutes. Not once did he come in to check on me, ask if I needed anything, etc. It was as if we weren't in the same house. After about half an hour, he did come in and said: "What do you wanna do this afternoon?" It really irked me. Am I making too much of this? -- IRKED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR IRKED: Your husband may be "wonderful," but he also appears to be a tad INSENSITIVE. He may have thought that as long as you were coughing, you were still breathing and didn't need his help. Because his failure to grasp the seriousness of your predicament irked you, take the precaution of telling him -- BEFORE your next coughing fit -- how you would like him to respond, and why.

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**Faith United Methodist Church**



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe  
David Lukefahr, Pastor  
7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE  
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirkville.org

**Hamilton Street Baptist Church**  
802 W. Hamilton  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
www.hamiltonstreet.org

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

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.  
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages  
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship  
**Kirkville Church of Christ**  
110 Pfeiffer Ave.  
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship  
Weds 6:30 p.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  
kvmc.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  
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www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

**Yarrow Methodist Church**  
Highway N., Yarrow  
Guest Pastors  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**Mary Immaculate Catholic Church**  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
**Catholic Newman Center**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday  
**Union Temple Church**  
**Southwest of 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. V. 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 Steaman, 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.countrysidekv.com

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

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**New Hope Evangelical Church**  
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  
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**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  
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**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. Morning Worship  
**First Baptist Church**  
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Fairview Baptist Church**  
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**LaPlata Christian Church**  
Scott McNay, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship  
**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  
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