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Kirksville City Council candidate filing continues through Dec. 26

By City of Kirksville

Filing for city council candidates begins Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8 a.m. and continues through Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 5 p.m.. You may file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, during regular business hours. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.,

except for designated holidays and Anyone who has been found guilty of, on Dec. 7 and 8.

The Municipal Election for city council will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. There is one three-year term available in the election. To qualify, you must be 21 years of age prior to taking office; a US citizen; a resident of Kirksville for one year preceding the election; and a registered voter.

or pled to, a felony does not qualify.

Prior to filing, each person must complete an "Affidavit" with the Missouri Department of Revenue affirming that all state income, personal property, and real property taxes on their place of residence have been paid. For more information, contact City Clerk Wanda Cagle at 660-627-1225.



Candidate Filing Period



Visitors to the Missouri Livestock Symposium enjoy a free lunch.



Livestock Symposium, held over the weekend in Kirksville.

Missouri Livestock **Symposium** held in Kirksville

By Marty Bachman

The Missouri Livestock Symposium was held on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville. Hundreds of

people from throughout the state and nearby Iowa attended the event.

The symposium featured sessions on beef, horses, sheep, market goats, forages, stock dogs, and farm succession planning. The



Vendors meet with potential customers at the Missouri Livestock Symposium, held over the weekend in Kirksville.

keynote speaker was Corbitt Wall, Livestock Market Analyst for DV Auction.

Attendees received a complimentary beef dinner on Friday and a complimentary lunch on Saturday. Meals were sponsored by Missouri commodity groups. A volunteer symposium committee that organizes the event.

Go to kirksvilledailyexpress.com to see a slideshow of the exhibition and Saturday lunch.

Fundraiser for Hope's Kitchen continues through Dec. 16

Staff Reports

The Kirksville Daily Express's fund-raising drive for Kirksville's Hope's Kitchen, which is in its 24th year of operation, will continue through Dec. 16. Money raised is used by ATSU students to feed locals in need of food during the school year on two Saturdays a month (call the number below to check dates). This is the primary fundraiser for the program.

The kitchen began in 1999 when Kirksville High School students Rachel Higgins and Megan Lesczynski started the volunteer effort. Today, more than 100 ATSU students volun-



teer to cook, man the phones taking orders and delivering the meals.

The Daily Express began organizing the fundraiser in 2001, and since then it has raised more than \$132,576 for the kitchen. Last year's fundraiser raised more than \$5,675. That money goes directly into feeding folks who need it. Approximately 150 meals are made each time and they are available for pickup or delivery. To donate, people can bring a check to the Daily Express office, located at 705 E. LaHarpe Street, Suite F. Money can also be mailed to "The Kirksville Daily Express," PO Box 809, Kirksville, MO 63501 or ATSU (800 W. Jefferson Street), with "ATSU/ Hope's Kitchen" in the address line. And there is also a Paypal link on the kitchen's website (hopes-kitchen. com). Donations are tax deductible.

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Fourth Annual Holiday Marketplace at **Sue Ross Arts Center**

Staff Reports

Kirksville Arts Association is hosting area artists and makers in the Fourth Annual Holiday Marketplace in the Ellebracht Gallery at the Sue Ross Arts Center, located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville. The Marketplace will run through Friday, Dec. 15. The art center is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year the Marketplace includes some of the most popular Red Barn exhibitors. New this year will be: Cindy Lou Glass Studio from Columbia with jewelry and fused glass, Diedrich Candle Company from Norborne, Carol's Creations with handmade mesh and burlap wreaths from Kirksville, Lucas Remley Hollow Hill Designs with metal garden art from Memphis and Mary Beth St. Clair with hand crafted jewelry from Wyaconda. Returning will be: Maureen McHale Photography from Kirksville, David

Walker with cork, antler and woodworking items from Macon, Robin White from Designs by Robin with holiday décor from Kirksville, Gary Gibson Woodworking with segmented bowls from Edina, John and Andrea O'Brien with the Splintered Spool with woodworking and quilted items from Kirksville, Jeanne Scott with Gone to Pot Studios with ceramics from Green City, Barb Fitzgerald of Love Grammy with quilted and sewn items from Kirksville and Mike Killen from Scrollsaw Creations with his hand crafted wooden holiday décor items from Brashear.

A fine art sale will be held in the Gaber Gallery during the Holiday Marketplace. The sale will include paintings and other unique items that have been donated to Kirksville Arts and will now be made available for purchase.

The Holiday Marketplace provides an opportunity to purchase unique, one of a kind, hand crafted gifts.







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Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

Truman State Jazz Combos Concert

A Jazz Combos Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Zhaoyang Cui Graduate Saxophone Recital

The Zhaoyang Cui Graduate Saxophone Recital will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Theatre Student Showcase

Theatre Student Showcase will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Black Box Theatre on the Truman State University campus.

Adair County PAC fundraiser — Trivia Night

Pantry For Adair County will be holding their annual Adair County PAC fundraiser — Trivia Night on Friday, Dec. 8 at The Crossing Church., 810 E Shepherd Avenue,

Kirksville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Trivia begins at 6 p.m. \$150 suggested donation per table (10 person max). Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and best table (decorated, creative, etc...). Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Mulligans (free answers) available for purchase. Click here to register. All proceeds go to the Pantry for Adair County

Truman State Closing Reception for Student Exhibition

A Closing Reception for Student Exhibition will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the University Art Gallery on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Theatre Student Showcase

Theatre Student Showcase will be held 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Black Box Theatre on the Truman State University campus.

Prairie Song Academy's Cookies and Crafts

Prairie Song Academy's Cookies and Crafts will be held on Dec. 9 from 2-5 p.m. at 26078 Eagle Lane in Kirksville. Free Crafts and Hot Cocoa for kids. Come build a box of homemade cookies for \$10 and learn more about Prairie Song Academy.

Truman State Piano Student Recital

A Piano Student Recital will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Truman State Orchestra Concert II

Orchestra Concert II will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall on the Truman State University campus.

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music in Novinger

Celebrating Christmas Thru Music will be Heldon Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the former Novinger Methodist Church, 606 Davis Street in Novinger. Join them for vocals, instrumentals, community singing and tours of the historic building. Free admission and refreshments, handicap accessible thru north door. Coordinated by Novinger Renewal.

Winter Ball at the **Moose Lodge**

The Winter Ball will be held on Dec. 14 from 5-8 p.m. at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street, Kirksville.

A meal will be served from 5-6 p.m. Semi-formal attire is encouraged. Musicx, photo booth and games.

11th Annual **Kirksville Community Christmas Dinner**

The 11th Annual Kirksville Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the Kirksville Moose Lodge, 2405 E. Illinois Street. Drive-Thru only. Enter the line via the circle drive on the east side of the building. Do not get out or your car, they will come to you. They will quit serving when they run out of food.

Thousand Hills State Park new year hike

Ring in 2024 with a guided hike! Join park staff for a leisurely hike of the Redbud Trail. The hike will be approximately two miles long on rugged terrain. They will meet at the Redbud Trailhead by the lake at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2024. Make sure to wear weather appropriate clothing and comfortable hiking shoes. Bringing a water bottle is recommended. Thousand Hills State Park is located two miles west of Kirksville on Hwv. 157. Ouestions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for restored mural

Staff Reports

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restored mural on South Franklin Street, north of Jefferson.

According to Kirksville Arts Association President Linda Treasure, in May 1986 Gerald David Walker was commissioned by the Red Barn Arts League (now known as Kirksville Arts Association), Kirksville Community Betterment Council and the Adair County Commissioners to create a mural depicting scenes from Adair County. The 4 X 8 ft mural, titled "Facets of Adair County" was unveiled on Saturday, Sept. 11, 1986, in the main floor of the Adair County Court House during the 13th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival. The mural was on display throughout the day and was later moved to its permanent location on the third floor of the courthouse, where it remains today.

992 the first copy of the

mural was installed on the south wall of Sierens Palace on Franklin Street. The mural has been replaced twice, the first time was in 2005 and again in 2023. Terry Baker of Baker Sign Company did the installation of all three murals. The 2023 installation resulted from a cooperative agreement between the Princess Emporium, the city of Kirksville Tourism and the Kirksville Arts Association.

The mural includes images representing agriculture, education, medical facilities, industry, churches, and a red barn.

Gerald Walker was a 1969 graduate of Kirksville High School and a 1978 graduate of Northeast Missouri State University with a degree in art. He passed away in the spring of 2023. His family included many talented artists, including his father Merle, uncles James and Roy and his grandfather. Gerald was a popular portrait artist, Treasure said that in and his work can be found at ATSU and NMSU.

Kirksville students selected for the **Northeast Missouri District Band**

By Kirksville R-III

Kirksville R-III students were selected for the Northeast Missouri District Band, which performed on Nov. 11, at Truman State University. Members of the band from Kirksville R-III are, from left to right: Samuel Thatcher-french horn, Kayla Hetrick-clarinet, Xander Brownflute, Eric AuBuchon-trombone, Benjamin Platte-trumpet, Ethan Habel-percussion, and Daniel Sterup-trombone. The District Honor Band was conducted by Dr. Tim Oliver, Director of Bands at the University of Mississippi. He is an alumnus of Centralia High School and Truman State University. The District Honorable Mention Band was conducted by Mrs. Ann Goodwin-Clark. She is the retired Director of Bands from Cameron, Mo. and a Past President of the Missouri Bandmasters Association.



City Hall closed Dec. 7 and 8 as multiple departments change places

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville would like to remind residents that City Hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8, due to the relocation of multiple departments within the building The Community and Economic Development Department, which includes Codes and

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first floor, right across the hall from the Finance Department. The Administration Department and Human Resources Department are moving to the second floor.

"Codes, Planning and Finance are the most visited departments at City Hall, so having them right next to each other on the first

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Planning, is moving to the floor provides greater ease of use for residents and improved efficiency between the departments," city officials said in a press release. "Signs will be placed around City Hall to let visitors know of these changes and help direct people where they need to go."

If you need to make a utility payment during those days, do so online at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/kirksvillemo, by using the dropbox in front of City Hall or the one across the street, or by using the pay-by-

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phone system by calling 877-878-7405. The Finance Department will be available by phone during this time by calling 660.627.1251.

Due to this closure, no city council candidate filing will occur on those two days. Those interested in filing for the election who haven't yet done so can return on Monday, Dec. 11 when City Hall re-opens. City officials were apologetic for any inconvenience caused but noted their excitement for the improved service the move will create.

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City accepting applications for Citizen Advisory Commission

By City of Kirksville

The city of Kirksville realizes success emanates from citizen involvement. We are fortunate to have a diverse community, full of skilled, intelligent citizens that broaden our viewpoint and approach in various areas of our local government. The city is eager to involve community-minded citizens in the process of local government through one of our many Citizen Advisory Commissions.

The city council is currently accepting citizen applications for the following positions:

Kirksville Historic Pres-

ervation Commission: two positions on the commission for full, three-year terms. Residents with education and experience in the fields of history, archeology, architectural history, architecture, and historic architecture are encouraged to apply.

Visit https://www. kirksvillecity.com/p/ boards-commissions and submit your application before Friday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m., to be considered for the opportunity to serve on this commission.

For more information, please contact Wanda Cagle, City Clerk, at 660.627.1225.



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Dana Lewis Delaware

Mar 16, 1951 — Nov 25, 2023

Dana Lewis Delaware passed away peacefully at home early on Saturday, November 25,

2023, in West Lafayette, Indiana. He is survived by wife Sarah and children Ruth Delaware and Julien Templier of Boston, Massachusetts, Benjamin and Shannon Delaware of West Lafayette, Indiana, Mary Delaware of Boston, Massachusetts and



Becky Delaware and Matthew Avilla of Lincoln, California. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Sydney and Finn Delaware and Gabriel and Samuel Templier, and five siblings: Rosemary (Michael) Stauff, Beth (Michael) Boyle, Micki (Jonathan Gordon) Delaware, Lee (Rich) Hornor and Shawn (Sheri) as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was proceeded in death by his parents, Lewis and Bernadette Delaware.

Dana was born on March 16, 1951, in Gardiner, Maine. He graduated from our Lady of Lourdes High School and Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He received his PhD from Purdue University in 1978. While completing research at the University of Arizona, he met his future wife, Sarah Phelps. They married on November 24, 1979, in Norman, Oklahoma. After post-doctoral work at the University of Illinois, he and Sarah moved to Kirksville in 1980 to teach at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). He taught in the Chemistry department for more than 30 years and served several years as chairman of Faculty Senate and was associate Science Division head during the remodeling of Magruder Hall. One of his favorite jobs was teaching chemistry to junior high students at the Joseph Baldwin Academy for more than 20 summers at Truman.

As a life-long member of the American Chemical Society, he served as treasurer of the ACS Mark Twain Section for many years. Throughout his time in Kirksville, he was involved with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, was an active member in the Kirksville Noon Rotary Club and spent the last five years volunteering multiple times a week at the Pantry for Adair County (PAC). He was a faithful member of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church where he served as an usher, Eucharistic minister and a member of the Finance and Cemetery Boards.

Dana and Sarah moved to West Lafayette, Indiana in April of 2023. As members of the Westminster Village Community, both Sarah and Dana became active as volunteers, and Dana immediately joined the Rotary Club of Lafayette.

Dana loved his family, children, and grandchildren dearly. He looked forward to his summer trips to Maine and spent hours at the beach in Pemaguid Point. He enjoyed reading, gardening, solving crosswords, cooking, and traveling. He was a dedicated walker, making sure to get at least 10k steps a day. In cooler weather, he could be found "doing laps" at the local Menards store.

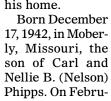
A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations are suggested to the Pantry for Adair County (PAC) or your local food pantry.

Raymond Lee Phipps

Dec 17, 1942 - Nov 28, 2023

Raymond Lee Phipps, age 80, of La Plata, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, Novem-

ber 28, 2023, at his home.



ary 7, 1970, in Kirksville, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Karen Waddle who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kimberly Phipps of Kirksville, Missouri, Tonya (John) Eimer of Cedar Hill, Missouri, and Cindy (Michael) Bond of La Plata, Missouri; one son, Dr. Alan Phipps of Charleston, South Carolina; seven grandchildren, Irieal, Sara, Augie, and Grace Eimer, Matthew, Lucy, and Emory Lindsey; friend, Noelle Livingston; three sisters-in-law, Glenda Phipps of Ft. Worth, Texas, Kathy Hurst, and Susie Waddle; two brothers-in-law, Jeff (Marilyn) Waddle and Mike (Laurie) Waddle; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Charlie.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Carl Lester Phipps; four sisters, Elsie Potucek, Lyda Jennings, Mary Davies, and Marthella Cupp; father and motherin-law, Junior and Norma Waddle; seven brothers-in-law, Larry Waddle, Jerry Waddle, Bruce Waddle, Richard Potucek, Stanley Jennings, George Davies, and Steve Hurst; and one sister-in-law, Janet Nihiser.

Raymond lived most of his life in Kirksville and La Plata. He served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1967. Raymond was owner/operator of Phipps' Sanitation for several years. He loved serving his customers. Raymond retired from Truman State University as supervisor of the broiler room in 2014. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking, making people laugh, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023, with visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. at Travis Funeral Chapel in La Plata, Missouri. Inurnment will be in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, Missouri at a later date. Honorary pallbearers will be Janet Magruder, John Eimer, Michael Bond, Augie Eimer, and Matthew Lindsey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in nemory of Raymond may be made to the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department. They may be sent to or left at Travis Funeral Chapel, 125 S. Church St., La Plata, MO 63549.

Last chance to have 'Breakfast with Santa'

By City of Kirksville

Tickets are available for the city of Kirksville's annual Breakfast with Santa program. This year's event will take place at Mi Casa Restaurant, 512 S. Baltimore Street.

An all-vou-can-eat breakfast buffet includes breakfast burritos, hash browns, breakfast nachos, donuts, muffins, and fresh fruit. The highlight of the morning will be a special visit from Santa.

Tickets are priced at \$15 per person for ages 5 and up, while children ages 4 and under get to enjoy their breakfast for free. There are two opportunities left for Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Seating is limited, and



all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Kirksville Parks and Recreation office located at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Kirksville Behavioral Health Crisis Center, held on Tuesday, Nov. 28. KIRKSVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Preferred Family Healthcare cuts ribbon on Adair County's first **Behavioral Health Crisis Center**

By Preferred Family Healthcare

Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH) and state and local leaders celebrated the opening of the Kirksville Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC) with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The BHCC is located at 902 E. LaHarpe Street.

PFH leadership and staff were joined by Melodie York, chief of Children's Community Operations, Eastern Region with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and numerous community partners, including members of the Northeast Missouri Crisis Intervention Team Council (CIT), which represents five counties in Northeast Missouri (Adair, Know, Macon, Schuyler, and Scotland Counties). Brief remarks were followed by a ceremonial ribbon cutting with the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce and tours of the BHCC.

"Today's ceremony highlights — and is a tangible reminder of — our mission to improve the lives of individuals and families that live in our communities," said Mike Schwend, president & CEO of Kirksville-based PFH. "Reaching a major milestone like this can only be achieved through incredible teamwork. We are honored to work alongside some of the most passionate and compassionate - partners and stakeholders in the business of improving and saving lives."

The Kirksville BHCC was funded through a Missouri budget New Decision Item (NDI) included in the Missouri 2022-2023 state budget for the expansion of behavioral health crisis centers, with joint support from DMH and the MBHC. The BHCC is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and



Kathy Hoppe introduces members of the NEMO Crisis Intervention Team Council at the ribbon-cutting ceremony held for the Kirksville Behavioral Health Crisis Center.

Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. health staff can provide behavioral health crisis with no appointment necessary.

The BHCC, which serves adults ages 18 and up, provides law enforcement and hospitals with options beyond the emergency room or jail by referring or directing individuals/families to proper assessment and treatment services in a safe place where mental

to serve those experiencing a the support needed to stabilize the current crisis.

Stabilization services at the Kirksville BHCC include screening, case management, peer support services, stop-gap medication, and assistance connecting individuals with other services they may need in the community.

For more information, visit www.pfh.org.

Liberty Utilities Kirksville customers will see 40 percent decrease in natural gas rates

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY— To reflect estimated changes in the wholesale cost of natural gas as well as a change in the company's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor, Liberty Utilities' customers will see natural gas rates decrease under a filing that takes effect on Dec. 3. The ACA factor is a mechanism which tracks any over-collection or under-collection of actual natural gas costs over a 12 month period. The net over- or under-collected balances are subsequently either refunded or collected the next year.

Kirksville District: Residential customers currently pay approximately \$0.92 per Ccf of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will decrease to approximately \$0.54 per Ccf. Liberty Utilities serves Kirksville District customers in the Missouri counties of Macon, Adair and Schuyler.

Northeast District: Residential customers currently pay approximately \$0.98 per Ccf (per hundred cubic feet) of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will decrease to approximately \$0.55 per Ccf. Liberty Utilities serves Northeast District customers in the Missouri counties of Clark, Lewis, Knox, Marion, Pike, Ralls and Scotland.

West District: Residential customers currently pay approximately \$1.28 per Ccf of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will decrease to approximately \$0.87 per Ccf. Liberty Utilities serves West District customers in the Missouri counties of Bates, Cass, Henry and St. Clair.

Southeast District: Residential customers currently pay approximately \$0.94 per Ccf of natural gas. Under this filing, the rate will decrease to approximately \$0.49 per Ccf. Liberty **Utilities serves Southeast** District customers in the Missouri counties of Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Iron, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard and Wayne.

The cost of natural gas

from wholesale suppliers generally makes up approximately 50 percent to 55 percent of a customer's total monthly natural gas bill. The wholesale cost of natural gas (the cost your local natural gas company must pay to its suppliers for natural gas) is not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The wellhead cost of natural gas is unregulated and is primarily driven by supply, demand and the weather. The Missouri Public Service Commission does conduct an annual regulatory review to ensure that regulated natural gas companies make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

Liberty Utilities serves approximately 52,460 natural gas customers in Mis-

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- Brucellosis calfhood vaccination. · Heifers will calve from late January to April. Many have been synchro-

For more info: Zac Erwin, SMS Regional Coordinator 660-665-9866

Check out the North Central Show-Me-Select facebook page for pictures and more information Check website for updated listings: www.kirksvillelivestock.com



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With a minimum donation of \$1, donors can have their names published in each week's Daily Express fundraising summary, as well as in a giant Christmas card that will appear in the Dec. 24 Daily Express, so include your name, business or organization when you donate and include at least \$1 for each name you would like to see published. The list for that card will be finalized on Dec. 16.

For more info about Hope's Kitchen and the dates they serve meals, contact them at 319-883-0123 or email them at hopeskitchen@atsu.edu.

Donors this week include: Jacob's Land & Cattle, INC. — \$20, James and Carroll Snyder; Mike and Sallie Martin; Gena and Karen Croarkin; Heidi and Scott Templeton; Lewis and Sam Fleak; Roger J. Johnson, Connie J. Johnson, Patrick Johnson, David Johnson, Drennan Johnson.

Total for this week is

Columns

ROBIN WRITES

Fruitcake time

hen Thanksgiving is over and the refrigerator is full of foil-wrapped food, my thoughts turn to what I've been craving all year. It's time to order my fruitcake.

Yes. I love fruitcake, that holiday treat that has been maligned and scorned for decades. I'm proud to say it, and happy to give it the praise it deserves.

In all the world, there is no cake better than a good fruitcake. And that's where the problem lies. For every single well-made fruitcake, there are dozens of dry, mass-produced bricks of dreck that should never be eaten by a living being.

A good fruitcake needs to be heavy. Heavy enough to make you just know it isn't good for you. When you pick it up, the tendons of your wrist should bulge. There is genuine bang for your buck with a quality fruitcake.

Next, your fruitcake should be dark brown all the way through. The color should remind you of a football. And if there is a slight dimpling to the surface of the cake, like that football, that just means it is filled with lots of goodies.

Now, you need to look at the decorations on the top of the fruitcake. Traditionally, there will be pecans laying around the edge like tiny, ribby tombstones. And between each tombstone, you should see a sticky cherry half in neon red or green.

When you purchase your fruitcake (making sure to double-bag it to account for its weight) and schlep it home, you can just plop it in the fridge or on the counter.

Like your favorite tipsy uncle, it has an armor that keeps it safe despite its precarious fragility. The best fruitcakes have enough alcohol cooked inside to render it immune to immediate spoilage.

You'll need a long, sharp knife to cut through a well-made fruitcake. There are obstacles inside there, mixed into the thick texture of the cake. Your knife will encounter bits of nuts and hunks of gummy cherries.

By the time you saw to the bottom of the loaf or ring, your mouth will be watering, your knife will be caked with brown globs, and your fruitcake will almost seem to swell to fill the empty place your cut made.

Looking at the slab on your plate will show you a topography of all the things that make it delicious as well as the challenge for your teeth. This will not be a heavenly, angel-food-fluffy, nibbling, experience.

Fruitcake is an adventure into the deepest depths of ingestion. It is a slog through dark, complicated land only a brave few dare



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH ROBIN WRITES

travel. And when you've finished your serving, you will know you are at the limit of your gastronomical endurance.

But you'll be back for more. The magic of a good fruitcake is how it can call to you, over and over, even when virtue tells you that you should repent for your gluttony. When your scale reflects the transfer of weight from the cake to your own heft.

I've read that fruitcake will last up to one month in a cool, dark pantry, six months in the refrigerator, and 12 months in a freezer. But who are they kidding? My fruitcake is never around that long.

I eat my fruitcake quickly, to get rid of it. It isn't good for me, and I don't need the temptation laying around. But since I only buy it once a year, I tell myself I deserve to have it. I will continue to love it and tell the world how wonderful

Find yourself a good fruitcake. Dig in with a sturdy fork.

Contact Robin at robinwrites@yahoo.com

HOME COUNTRY

'Love, and Other Fiction'

hen one of our neighbors is sly enough. or funny enough, or even ... cruel enough to pull one over on the whole neighborhood, that's something that should deserve a yee-haw or a "get 'em sis!"

Well, we've got one of them right here in Home Country. Sarah McKinley is a shy woman. No one knows much about her, even down at the hairdresser's. And that seems to be okey-doke with Sarah. She's like that.

Sarah owns the Read Me Now bookstore, the very finest bookstore in town. Well, the only bookstore, actually. The big question on readers' minds, however, is the sign she hung on one particular section that says, "Love, and Other Fiction."

This was the equivalent of slapping a literary glove across the moosh of every curious person in town, by which we mean all of us. It is a blessing when someone brings a new gossip subject into our consciousness and Sarah's contribution was



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a dandy.

"Sarah," said Windy Wilson, "now you take in there that there sign ..." "Yes, Windy."

"Well me and the boys was wonderin' kinda needle sharp like if you could use some fellers to hunt and guy down and move his nose around a bit on his face.'

"Not this week, Windy," she said, "but thanks for the offer.'

"Any time at all, Hon." Windy said. "We all know there ain't no heartbreakin' sitiation like unrequested love."

We have a lot of fun here.

You think you have problems finding a date? **Check this out. Parents** Without Papers. https://www.

POETRY CORNER

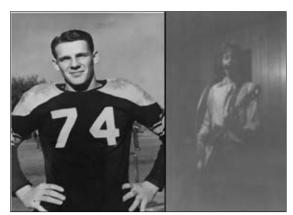
Dad and Me

Two men so different... yet they shared the same name,

Two men so different... and never in the same game.

One had strength... physical abilities... a natural in every way, The other was different... he liked to write...

his emotions had a lot to say. I have struggled for years... to understand... all the differences between Dad and me, But I finally realized... we each had our strengths... in different areas to see.



NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION

— Daniel D. Donovan

COLUMN

For Your Health – A simple, healthy boost to winter comfort foods

By Dr. Graham A. Colditz Siteman Cancer Center

It's the time of year when we're drawn to comfort foods. As the days get shorter and hats and coats take center stage in the closet, many of us seek out dishes that warm us up.

While comfort foods vary, they commonly include casseroles, soups, stews and noodle dishes, among others. They're often familiar foods we may have grown up with or been introduced to at pivotal times in our lives. During the colder months, they can feel as much a part of the season as spiced apple cider and hot chocolate.

At the same time, many comfort foods aren't the healthiest of choices. They can be high in unhealthy fats, calories and refined grains, and have few nutritious vegetables. That doesn't mean we shouldn't have them, but it may be healthiest to keep some dishes on the occasional list, rather than the regular menu.

When we do enjoy some of our favorites, though, one easy way to give them a health boost while also keeping their familiar flavors is to use whole-grain noodles in place of standard refined-grain noodles. This can work well in stroganoffs, many casseroles, macaroni and cheese, lasagna, noodle soups, stir-fries with noodles, and pasta dishes.

While Americans are eating slightly more whole grains than before, most of us still fall short of recommendations that at least half of the grains we eat each day be whole grains. Switching out the types of noodles we use can be a simple way to work toward that goal.

And there can be real benefits to doing so. Whole grains are filled with fiber and many other important nutrients that get removed to make refined grains such as white flour and white rice. Studies show that eating more whole grains can lower the risk of weight gain, diabetes, heart disease and cancer — and may even help us live longer.

You can usually find wholegrain noodles right in the pas-



Dr. Graham A. Colditz

ta aisle, and they come in an increasing number of varieties and shapes that fit perfectly into many traditional recipes. While these noodles are most commonly made from whole wheat, others are made from brown rice, quinoa and other grains.

Some whole-grain noodles can have a mild, nutty taste. So, experiment to see which you like best in which recipes, and you can start slowly. Try using half whole-grain noodles and half regular noodles at first. Then increase the amount of whole grain over time.

Winter can be very busy, between work, school, family and the holidays. However, it's important that we continue to look after our own health and well-being even as our schedules fill up. This can mean getting enough sleep, taking time to relax, getting out for regular walks or other exercise and trying to keep up with healthy eating. Adding whole grains to some of our recipes can be one quick and easy way to work toward that.

Enjoy the holidays – and have a healthy and happy New Year. It's your health. Take control.

Dr. Graham A. Colditz, associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, is an internationally recognized leader in cancer prevention, and the creator of the free prevention tool YourDiseaseRisk.com.

PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Influenza Vaccination Week

By Brandon Carlyle, **B.S., CHES®**

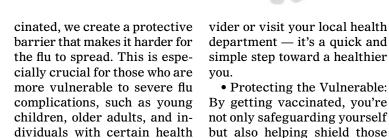
Health Educator, Adair County **Health Department**

Welcome to this week's edition of Public Health Corner, where we actively engage with critical health topics, community resources, and issues that significantly impact the well-being of our community. In recognition of National Influenza Vaccination Week, we turn our focus to a vital aspect of public health-getting vaccinated against the flu.

National Influenza Vaccination Week serves as a timely reminder of the importance of flu vaccination, especially as we approach the peak of the flu season. Influenza, or the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe illness and, in some cases, lead to hospitalization or even death. Vaccination is a key strategy in preventing the spread of the flu and protecting the health of individuals and communities.

Here are essential points to consider during National Influenza Vaccination Week:

- Why Get Vaccinated? The flu vaccine is not just a personal shield against the flu; it's a community-wide defense strategy. By choosing to get vaccinated, you're contributing to the creation of a robust shield that safeguards the health of
- everyone around you. • Community Immunity Matters: Getting the flu vaccine isn't just about "me"; it's about "we." When a significant portion of our community is vac-



• Early Action, Maximum Protection: National Influenza Vaccination Week serves as a timely reminder to act swiftly. The earlier you get vaccinated, the sooner you'll be protected. Don't wait for the flu to make its rounds - fortify your defenses now.

conditions.

- Busting Myths for Confidence: Let's debunk some common myths - the flu vaccine does not give you the flu. Instead, it empowers your immune system to recognize and combat the virus if you encounter it. The mild side effects, if any, are a small price to pay for the substantial protection it provides.
- Ease and Accessibility: Getting vaccinated is easier than ever. Many healthcare providers, pharmacies, and local health departments offer convenient flu vaccination services. Check in with your pro-

department — it's a quick and simple step toward a healthier

- Protecting the Vulnerable: By getting vaccinated, you're not only safeguarding yourself but also helping shield those who may be more susceptible to severe flu outcomes. It's an act of kindness and community responsibility.
- Healthy Habits Beyond Vaccination: While vaccination is a powerhouse defense, don't forget the importance of everyday preventive actions. Wash your hands, cover your coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you're feeling unwell — these habits complement the vaccine's protective effects.

Final Thoughts: Choosing to get vaccinated is a powerful declaration of commitment to your health, the health of your loved ones, and the health of our community. Take the step, get protected, and let's ensure a flu-free and healthier future for all. Call us at (660) 665-8491 for more information or to schedule an appointment for a Flu Vaccination.

Thank you for being a health champion in our community.

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News



Fiber internet company, **Socket, begins construction** of fiber network in Kirksville

Staff Reports

Fiber internet company, Socket, has begun construction of a fiber network in Kirksville, digging up a long portion of East LaHarpe Street beginning Thursday, Nov. 30, and with their sights set on expanding into neighborhoods throughout the

According to a card mailed to residents in the neighborhood, what's happening now is that the underground lines are being buried and the above-ground lines are being attached to existing power poles.

Residents, they said, will see contractor trucks, equipment, and personnel in the neighborhoods, planting location flags and spray painting

signs in the street marking utilities buried there

"Yard signs will be placed with contractor contact information if you have any questions," the mailer reads.

Socket said that after the mainline construction is complete, individual drop lines will be pulled and installed to each home that signs up for service. Service enters the home through a small utility box near other utilities, they wrote in their mailer.

"When construction is near completion, an appointment will be scheduled to have a Socket technician come to your home and get you connected," the mailer states.

Residents will be notified of the next step when it's time and for more information, call 800-SOCKET-3.

Ameren tariff revision request approved

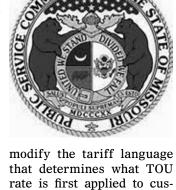
By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a tariff revision filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri involving the Time-Of-Use (TOU) default rate for residential customers.

Ameren Missouri sought Commission authority to continue to default residential customers to its low-differential Evening/Morning Savers rate plan, instead of the high-differential Smart Savers rate plan.

are free to change their choices at any time, including switching their TOU plan multiple times a year," said the commission. "Ameren Missouri's proposed tariff is merely seeking to modify the details as to which of the multiple TOU rate choices is the default in the TOU rate program in its tariffs."

"Ameren Missouri's application does not seek to change the price per kWh the commission established under the approved TOU rate implementation plan," said the commission. "What the application does request is to



tomers who do not choose a specific TOU rate-the default TOU rate. Ameren Missouri's application is not a collateral attack on prior rate cases' Reports and Orders, but simply requesting approval of a tariff filing to modify the default in TOU choices to customers." Ameren Missouri serves approximately 1.2 million electric customers in Missouri.



GoFundMe set up for Truman State students who lost home to fire

By Special to The Express

Four Truman State students and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority members lost their home and belongings in a fire over the Thanksgiving break. A GoFundMe has been set up to support the local students

following the fire. While no one was hurt, the students lost their clothes, school supplies, and furniture. The community has stepped up to help, raising more than \$4,000 for the students in less than 24 hours. To view the GoFundMe, visit: https://gf.me/v/c/ lmgs/37fub631e0

NSF grant puts Truman in the supercomputer game

By Truman State University

Truman State Universiputer, opening the door for new research opportunities on campus and providing students with in-demand workforce skills.

Through a recent National Science Foundation award of nearly \$700,000, Truman is one of four schools that will soon develop a high-performance computer (HPC), commonly referred to as a "supercomputer." The consortium, comprised of Missouri Western State University, Webster University and Southeast Missouri State University, are all primarily undergraduate institutions, which was by design. Although the majority of NSF funding tends to go to research universities, schools like those in the consortium have been estimated to produce approximately 40 percent of

STEM bachelor's degrees. "With computational resources becoming nearly ubiquitous in both academic research and a wide range of career sectors, we think it is important to provide students with the opportunity to work with HPCs as part of their education," said Colin De-Graf, assistant professor of physics and co-principal investigator for the NSF grant. "The experience and skills they can gain from this should help them with their next step after graduation — whether going to graduate school or entering the job market — and also make them more productive in any computational field they might enter."

Beyond career readiness, supercomputer access will expand potential research opportunities for Truman students and faculty members alike. That was a key factor in De-

Graf's involvement with the consortium. His current research examines ty is leading the way for how galaxies collide, which using a single node at the undergraduates to access can involve looking at data same time, depending on a high-performance com- from 15 to 20 million galaxies.

> "On a very personal level, my research is computational. All of the research that I work on are using what are called cosmological simulations," he said. "It's a simulation that attempts to model as much of the universe as possible. Running those really requires a national- or international-level supercomputer."

> To solve the type of computationally intensive problems involved with research such as DeGraf's requires a machine that can do a lot of calculations in a short amount of time. Central processing units have gotten faster over the years, but there are still limits in areas such as how many transistors can fit on a chip, or how to handle the heat they produce or transmission delays. Similarly, the number of cores a computer has will increase its speed. Modern home computers can have multiple cores, but it still is not enough to process the amount of data in some research. An HPC counters this speed problem by utilizing nodes, which are multiple servers networked together. Each node works almost like its own computer, but they can also work together to tackle bigger and harder problems. A single program can be run across multiple nodes resulting in more power and the ability to perform larger, more computationally expensive jobs. The current plan for the HPC

and 512 GB of RAM. "In addition to single jobs using multiple nodes,

in this project calls for 20

nodes, with each node hav-

ing 128 computing cores

each node can be used separately, and you can even have multiple people all how many resources each user requests, which gives a lot more flexibility," De-

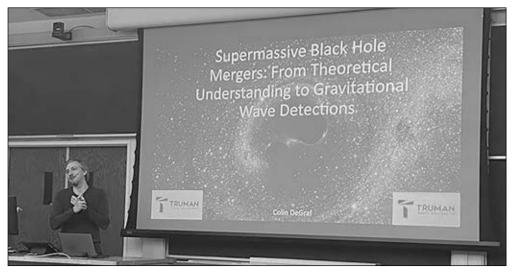
Having access to this kind of computing power will allow for more cutting-edge research at Truman and can enable projects which would otherwise not be feasible. While his own research will benefit immediately, DeGraf foresees students getting the most out of this project.

"The cluster is being designed to have several nodes which are prioritized for educational use," he said. "For example, if a professor wants to use the HPC for a computing lab, they can reserve nodes for their class time — whether for a single instance, or for an entire semester — so their students have guaranteed resources available to them."

The NSF grant includes some funding to send students to a summer workshop at the Linux Cluster Institute so they can then act as student leaders on campus to help others make the most of the supercomputer. This will also provide them with additional hands-on experience with HPC use, administration and construction.

Students and researchers who benefit from the HPC could come from almost any scientific discipline. In their NSF application, DeGraf and his fellow investigators included cases ranging from astrophysical simulations, computational chemistry, data science, cybersecurity and genet-

"We wanted to focus on how the HPC would improve research and educational opportunities at primarily undergraduate



Colin DeGraf, assistant professor of physics, presents at a recent meeting of the American Physical Society. DeGraf was a co-principal investigator for an NSF grant that will put Truman in a consortium of schools with access to supercomputer.

institutions in as wide a range of subjects as possible, rather than focus on a single research area,"

Truman and its partner schools on the HPC project will operate as the Computational Infusion for Missouri Undergraduate Science and Education (CIMUSE) consortium. Initially, that group will consist of only the four institutions listed in the grant, but eventually more will be invited to participate. All primarily undergraduate institutions across Missouri will be eligible to join, and the CIMUSE consortium will look to expand in order to maximize the use of the HPC and the impact it has on both faculty researchers and undergraduate students.

"The goal of this project is to bring more supercomputer access to students across Missouri." DeGraf said. "It will be used for faculty research, but also we want the best for all of our students, and the more experience we can give them, the better suited they will be."

The NSF grant will begin in December. The CIMUSE

has already begun planning meetings regarding hardware and software needs and purchases, as well as user policies. The HPC itself will be physically housed at the University of Missouri's HPC center, but it will be accessible from anywhere in the world.

Tentative plans are for Truman faculty and students to have HPC access as soon as the next academic year. To learn more about this project, listen to DeGraf's recent appearance on the Missourinet podcast "Show Me Today."

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News

Missouri State Highway Patrol reports four fatalities over 2023 Thanksgiving Holiday

By Missouri State Highway Patrol

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports four people died in traffic crashes during this year's Thanksgiving holiday counting period--from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26. There were no boating crashes or drownings.

During the Thanksgiving holiday counting period, troopers report the following traffic statistics for 2023 (preliminary):

Crashes - 431Injuries — 138 Fatalities — 4 DWI — 103 Drug Arrests — 10

[During the 2022 Thanksgiving holiday counting period, troopers investigated 414 traffic crashes, which included eight fatalities and 115 injuries. Statewide, nine people died, and 482 people were injured in 1,355 traffic crashes over last year's Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers arrested 113 people for driving while intoxicated during the 2022 Thanksgiving holiday counting period.]

Troopers investigated all four of the traffic crash fatalities in 2023. Two of the traffic fatalities occurred in the Troop A, Lee's Summit, Mo., area; and two traffic fatalities occurred in the Troop C, Weldon Spring,

There were no traffic fatalities on Nov. 22.

One traffic fatality occurred on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. Victor J. Hezel, 93, of St. Louis, died when he failed to stop at a stop light and the front of his vehicle struck the front of a vehicle making a left turn. Hezel's vehicle traveled off the right side of the road and struck a traffic signal post. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash occurred on Missouri 141, at the Interstate 64 intersection, in St. Louis County. Hezel was pronounced deceased by Dr. R. Sharma at St. Louis Mercy Hospital. The driver of the other vehicle sustained minor injuries; he was wearing a seat belt. The Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Team #2 investigated the crash.

One traffic fatality occurred on Nov. 24. Nakieta C. Sarzana, 36, of St. Charles, a pedestrian, died when she was struck by a vehicle on Interstate 70, west of Zumbehl Road, in St. Charles County. Sarzana was walking in the roadway when she was struck. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS personnel. The driver of the vehicle was not injured; she was wearing a seat belt. The Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Team #2 investigated the crash.

There were no traffic fatalities on Nov. 25.

Two traffic fatalities occurred on Nov. 26. Felicia S. Fitzgerald, 29, of Rich Hill, died when the vehicle she was driving traveled off the right side of the road and struck a vehicle parked on the shoulder. Her vehicle then overturned and struck a tree. Fitzgerald was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash and was ejected from the vehicle. Fitzgerald was pronounced deceased at the scene by Medical Examiner Lorelle Parker. The crash occurred on Interstate 49, at mile

marker 148, in Cass County. The driver of the other vehicle was not injured in the crash; she was not wearing a seat belt. The Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Team #1 investigated the crash. The Cass County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

Mark A Fields, 63, of Independence, died when the vehicle he was driving was struck on the passenger side by a vehicle that failed to yield the right-of-way. Fields' vehicle then struck the front of a third vehicle and then overturned. The crash occurred on Missouri 7, at the east junction of Missouri 150, in Jackson County. Fields was pronounced deceased at the scene by Jackson County Medical Examiner Dominic Bressi. He was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the vehicle that struck Fields' vehicle sustained serious injuries in the crash; she was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the third vehicle sustained serious injuries; she was wearing a seat belt. A male and female occupant of the third vehicle also sustained serious injuries; both were wearing seat



belts. The Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Team #1 investigated the crash. The Greenwood Police Department, Lake Lotawana Police Department, Lone Jack Police Department, and Pleasant Hill Police Department assisted at the scene.

There were zero boating crashes, zero boating fatalities, zero drownings, and zero boating while intoxicated arrests reported during the 2023 Thanksgiving holiday counting period.

NOTE: The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, or if other departments report fatal traffic crashes after this news release is sent out.



Bridge replacement completed on Scotland County Route T, Adair County Route B

By MoDOT

HANNIBAL -Scotland County Route T is now open to traffic upon completion of the K near Fegley. bridge replacement proiect located over South Fork Middle Fabius, four miles east of Route A near Bible Grove. Included in the contract were two additional bridge replacement projects completed earlier this year. Locations are as follows:

Scotland County, Route H — over North Fork Wyaconda River,

3.2 miles east of Missouri Route 15 near Brock.

Adair County, Route B — over Hazel Creek, 3.8 miles south of Route

Bleigh Construct Company was awarded the contract earlier this year in the amount of \$3,625,670. For more information on this and other projects in your area, please contact Mo-DOT's Customer Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636). You can also visit us online at www.modot.mo.gov/ northeast.



Chamber holds ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bare Beauty Aesthetics

By Marty Bachman

Daily Express

emony at Bare Beauty Aesthetics, and reparative facial for any skin $502\,S.$ Baltimore Street in Kirksville, type, HHydraFacial treatment, using last Friday, Dec. 1. The business $\mbox{ sophisticated HydraFacial}^{TM}$ technical $\mbox{ technical}$ The Kirksville Area Chamber of offers facials and peels, an Oxygen nology, Skin Pen Microneedling and Commerce held a ribbon-cutting cer- Facial RX, which is a nourishing

many other services.

Winners announced for Business Entrepreneurial Pitch Competitions

By Truman State University

More than 60 high school and college students participated in the Bulldog B.I.T.E. competition and Bulldog Pitch Day.

The top six pitches in each competition advanced to the finals that took place on campus, Nov. 16. Finalists pitched their concept or idea for a product or service to a panel of judges for the chance to win a portion of the \$7,000 in financial awards that were available. Pitches were limited to two minutes with a question-and-answer session of four minutes.



Bulldog B.I.T.E. was open to students from Truman and Moberly Area Community College. Out of

the 32 students who participated and 15 video pitches, six individuals/teams advanced to the finals.

Truman students Saron Gebremichael and Nahom Jember won first place in the Bulldog B.I.T.E. competition. As the winners they received the Amanda Gioia Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award and earned an award prize of \$3,000 for their pitch of "Value College Prep" that assists high school students in Ethiopia with college application/placement.

Students Krishna Chebolu, Habib Nasir and Mohammed Abdikebir placed second and received an award of \$2,000 for their "WhatNow" app to help people find campus/community events. Trenton Kiesling placed third and received an award of \$1,000 for the idea of "Dill-Lightful Pickleball,"

an entertainment venue

with Pickleball courts. Bulldog Pitch Day had six finalist positions that was made up of 10 students from Kirksville High School. Tonya Biston and Ellen McNeely won first place for a cosmetic tool with an app and received a \$500 award. Jersey Herbst and Adi Baumgartner placed second for their pitch of home delivered meals and received a \$300 award. Garret Williams and Lucas Reinsch placed third for their pitch of a GPS tracking device for archery arrows and received

a \$200 award. These competitions were made possible through the generosity of Doug ('94) and Diane ('95) Villhard, Amanda Gioia ('93) and the School of Business.

For more information about this year's competition visit bulldogbite.truman.edu/winners.



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Local History

TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

115 Years Ago, December 3, 1908

Residents of Kirksville were grumbling about the increased price of grocery items in the twomonth period from October to December. In this period the price of eggs had advanced from twenty cents a dozen to thirty-three cents—an increase of about forty per cent. Butter cost twenty-eight cents a pound; two months earlier it was twenty-five cents. The average price of vegetables and produce increased about 8 per cent in the twomonth period, and Kirksville grocers said an even greater advance in prices might occur in December.

95 Years Ago, December 9, 1928

A crowd of approximately 12,000 people attended the grand opening of the Montgomery Ward & Company's Kirksville store according to a statement by C. T. Goodwin, store manager. The opening of the store brought to Kirksville one of the biggest crowds ever seen, except for the circuses. Early in the morning crowds began to arrive in the city and by mid-afternoon parking spaces were unavailable and many cars were parked in residential areas blocks from the store. Not only did the store have a crowd but business was booming all over town. Shoppers spilled over to the other Kirksville businesses as the Christmas shopping season was in full swing. The Montgomery Wards store opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 9:30 that same night. One hundred and thirty clerks were on duty during the day and night assisting customers and guests on the three floors of the building. The store was in the Foster Building on East Washington Street. Roy B. Burns, state superintendent for Montgomery Wards, was present and stated that the Kirksville store was the eighth store opened in Missouri and that this was the thirty-second store opened in the Kansas City district. There were 217 stores in

the national chain. 90 Years Ago, December 3, 1933

One hundred Adair County men, who needed employment completed their first week's work on the civil works program administered under the National Relief Service program funded jointly by the state and a member of the Flying Fortress federal governments. The program was designed to provide immediate relief for the unemployed during the "Great Depression." The work program was viewed as a much better solution as opposed to an "outright dole" to those out of work. The men were working on street improvement projects in Kirksville, Novinger, and Brashear. In Kirksville over 30 men were working on a street reconditioning project in the business district. Local businesses were asked to contribute \$1 a foot for property abutting on the paved streets. Support by businessmen was almost unanimous as only one property owner refused to pay their share. Thirty workers in Novinger and twenty-seven in Brashear were also working on street improvement projects. Men living in Adair County who desired work on the street crews were to register at the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce office and 350 men had applied. At the end of the first week's work, Glen Novinger, who had been appointed paymaster, distributed payroll checks to the workers in the amount of \$934.02. The next week's payroll was expected to be higher as the weather was predicted to improve and the workers would be able to get in a full week of work.

90 Years Ago, December 4, 1933

Two young Kirksville men were arrested for being intoxicated and were given their choice of working out their \$10 fines by sawing wood and getting the regular fare at the jail or laying out the fines in jail but with limited rations. Officials hoped this new policy would put a stop to the increased number of drunks seen on the streets of Kirksville. The



two drunks opted to work out their fines at the municipal woodyard six hours a day for four days. Kirksville Mayor Ewing was present in police court when the two were sentenced. He told the two young men as well as other potential drunks: "We have been lenient with you fellows as the city does not like to pay the big board bills which pile up when we place a man in jail to lay out a fine. We're going to break up this getting drunk.... You can have your choice of working out this fine by sawing wood for six hours a day for four days with regular meals, or you can lay the fine out in jail, but I'll promise you that your rations will be mighty scant."

90 Years Ago, December 7, 1933

The "Great Depression" was in full swing and in December 1933 the winter was severe. There was an urgent need from Kirksville children for garments to protect them from the winter temperatures. A group of relief workers in Kirksville set the following Saturday as a day for a house-to-house canvass of the city for clothing items. The relief workers had facilities for mending and sewing clothing items and making them serviceable garments. They had numerous volunteer seamstresses. They just needed clothing to work on. To assist the relief workers in their efforts, the local Boy Scouts were enlisted to comb the residential areas of the city for discarded garments of any size. Remnants of cloth were being accepted as well. Kirksville residents with clothes to donate were asked to bundle them and place them on their porches for the Scouts to collect. The relief organization accepted as subjects for their service only school children whom teachers in the public schools sent to them to be clothed.

80 Years Ago, December 9, 1943

Two Kirksville servicemen serving in the European Theater in World War II, became victims of the war. Staff Sgt. James Edwin Baker, who was reported missing after a raid over Munster, German on October 10, was confirmed to be a German prisoner of war according to a telegram from the War Department that was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker of Kirksville. Staff Sgt. Baker was crew on which he served as a gunner-bombardier. All ten members of the crew were reported as prisoners of war. Baker's three brothers Harold, Kenneth, and Eugene were also serving in the armed forces either in the United States or overseas. The second Kirksville soldier was Private Alden Gregory, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gregory of Kirksville. The Gregorys received a telegram from the Secretary of War stating that their son had been missing in action in Italy since November 13. Private Gregory had been in the service a year before he went missing in action. He first served in North Africa and then fought through the invasion of Sicily. The last letter the Gregorys had from their son two months before he went missing indicated he was in Italy.

35 Years Ago, December 9, 1988

Bud Reese, Kirksville singer, became the fifth man inducted into the Missouri Pure Country and Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. Reese, who entertained crowds for more than 30 years, received the honor in a ceremony at the Salt River Opry building north of Cannon Dam on Mark Twain Lake. Also appearing at the presentation were: Yesterday's Wine Band, Don Brown, Sally Mountain Show, Goofer of Lee Mace's Show, and Urel Albert of Winona. Only one person was chosen each year for induction into the Music Hall of Fame which was established to preserve and promote pure country and bluegrass music heritage and to give recognition to the entertainers of Missouri and surrounding states who promoted this genre of music.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

The Ownbey Family – From Bat Cave to Missouri

By Blytha Ellis, President Adair County Historical Society and Museum

In Lincolnshire, England, there is a small hamlet named OWM-BY. In the Middle Ages, it was common to refer to someone by the name of their hometown. It is likely that the originator of the Ownbey families in America came from this village. A man named Arthur Ownbey is recorded as having emigrated from Lincolnshire, England, to Virginia, USA, bringing his son, John, with him. When John was grown, he resided in Bat Cave, North Carolina. Yes, there really is a place named Bat Cave. But, you won't find Batman there, only a real cave with real bats and a regular town where one can travel down Bat Cave Drive, stay at Bat Cave Cottages, visit the Bat Cave Cider Mill and attend Bat Cave Baptist Church.

John Ownbey and his wife Nancy Ann (Porter) were residents of Bat Cave when they died, and they are buried in Old Broad River Cemetery in nearby Black Mountain, NC, where several other Ownbey family members are also buried. For a video of a descendant searching for John's grave marker, and finding it, in this overgrown, abandoned cemetery, see youtube.com/watch?v=LZ13cqPrjx8 entitled "Old Broad River Cemetery, Black Mountain North Carolina."

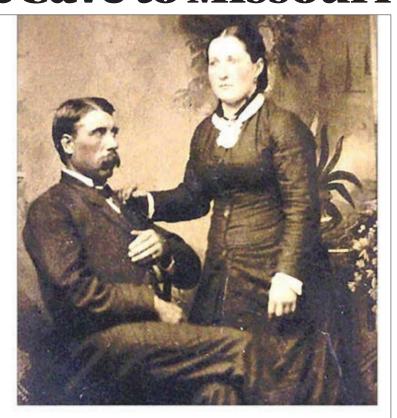
One of John and Nancy's sons was named Joseph Porter Ownbey. He is the man who took the family west into Missouri by way of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Joseph Porter Ownbey (1788-1875) married Hannah Wright (1790-1847), the daughter of a Southern Methodist minister. When they first ventured into Missouri with five children in 1820, they settled at the mouth of the Grand River where it empties into the Missouri River. At one time, there was a fort there named Fort D'Orleans, erected by a French explorer. It may possibly have still been standing when the Ownbeys came there. This was near present-day Brunswick, Mo. However, within a few years of the Ownbeys establishing their home in this location, they discovered that the area was experiencing an epidemic of deadly fever and chills.

This caused the Ownbeys to soon move in a northwesterly direction away from the waterways and into the plains. Joseph Ownbey, along with another pioneer named Clemons Hutchison, decided to locate near a village called Moccasinville, founded by William Blackwell in about 1832. This was in the future Macon County,

Mo., which was organized in 1837. Moccasinville was so named by its founder because the settlers had no leather with which to make shoes, so they wore moccasins on their feet. The Joseph Ownbey family soon consisted of eight children, and the older ones were reaching adulthood. Also in Moccasinville was the family of John Walker who had been among the first to settle there. Canada Ownbey (1811-1894), the oldest son of Joseph and Hannah Ownbey, married one of the Walker daughters

named Lucinda (1812-1878) in 1834. Another resident of this settlement was a name familiar to Adair County historians, and that is Nathan Richardson. He had been one of the small group of settlers who ventured north up the Chariton River in the spring of 1828 and established The Cabins settlement in the future Adair County. He, like the rest, had been scared away by the Big Neck War (as discussed in earlier episodes of this history).



Joseph Porter Ownbey Jr. and wife Nancy Garrett. They were issued the first marriage license in Macon County, MO, on May 4, 1837.



Sometimes Moccasinville was referred to as the Ownbey Settlement because of the Joseph Ownbey family. But, it also had another name and that was Box Ankle. No one seems to know where that name originated. People came from miles around to trade here as it was the nearest place for settlers in the northern wilderness parts of Missouri at that time. It had the first mill in the county and was the first post office, but it also became a place of unruliness, excessive drinking and chaos.

When Macon County was established in 1837, this place with its three unofficial names, and despite its bad reputation, was chosen by the first commissioners as the county seat. They wanted to name it Bloomfield, but there was another Missouri town by this name, so the name was officially modified to Bloomington in June 1838 by order of the court. Joseph Ownbey supervised the building of the first courthouse at Bloomington, which was a small frame structure.

The first church built in Bloomington was a log structure 18 feet square in which Rev. Dr. Abraham Still (father of Dr. A. T. Still, founder of Osteopathy) did the first preaching.

Joseph Ownbey was one of the first three presiding justices of Macon County in 1837 for a term of two years. His son, Canada Ownbey, was elected one of three justices of the peace in the first county election. Canada's name also appears on the roster of the first grand jury.

The first marriage license issued in Macon County was on May 4, 1837, to the second son of Joseph Ownbey named Joseph Porter Ownbey Jr. when he married Nancy Garrett.

Bloomington remained the county seat of Macon County until 1863 when Union factions during the Civil War burned the town and moved the seat of government to Macon City. The railroad also went through Macon City instead of Bloomington, so this sealed the demise of Bloomington. But, the Ownbeys had left the Bloomington area before this happened.

In 1855, the Ownbey family appears in the history of La Plata, Mo. Joseph Porter Ownbey and wife, Hannah, moved to land north of the current La Plata Cemetery. At that time, their property included what is now the cemetery.

The town of La Plata started out as a trading post established by Drury Davis. This was later platted as a town by Louis Gex, Theodore Sanders and Dr. W. W. Moore. They platted three streets running north and south and three streets east and west surrounding a park. Looking at the plat map, Mr. Gex took a pencil and wrote his name on the street west of the park. Sanders then chose the street south of the park to bear his name, and Moore, the one on the north. They also gave a street to Mr. Clark who had surveyed the plat. The stagecoach road which was, at that time, the last street on the west side of town, was named for Joseph Ownbey. (On maps, this

street is now spelled Owensby). As yet, the town did not have a name, but Dr. Moore, who was a Frenchman, suggested the name of La Plata, "the city of the silver river" since "plata" in Spanish means silver. He claimed that the rolling prairies in the area resembled a silver river. Mr. Sanders wanted to name the town Charlottesville after his sister. But, Mr. Gex agreed with Dr. Moore on the name La Plata, so that's what it became. That's one story. Another is that the name was simply taken from the city of La Plata in Argentina, which is the capital of Buenos Aires Province.

Some say it was 1845 and others say it was 1847 when Joseph Ownbey's wife, Hannah, died, and he buried her in the southern part of his property. (Her belated stone says 1847, and the cemetery sign says 1845.) Hannah was approximately 57 years old. In honor of her memory, Joseph decided to give a portion of his land as a public burying ground for the town of La Plata. This is today the La Plata Cemetery located at the west end of Sanders Street in La Plata, Mo. Joseph Porter Ownbey died in 1875 and was buried beside Hannah.

Of the nine children of Joseph and Hannah Ownbey, Canada was the oldest, born in 1811. He and his wife, Lucinda (Walker), were the parents of 11 children. In the spring of 1838, Canada moved his family to a large farm in pre-Adair County. There, Canada became a well-known citizen of the community. See his story next time.

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News

Missouri students invited to participate in No MOre Trash!

Trash-can-decorating contest runs through March 15

By Missouri Department of Transportation

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Transportation invites Missouri students in grades K-12 to help fight litter in Missouri — and to have creative and educational fun — by participating in the 2024 "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter-Free" trash-can-decorating contest. The contest is part of MoDOT's annual "No MOre Trash!" statewide litter campaign, which is held



The contest encourages school-aged kids to join in the fight against litter by decorating a large trash can with the "No MOre Trash!" logo and a litter prevention message using a variety of creative materials. Schools, or home school programs, may submit one trash can entry in each competition category: grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 – and new this year is grades 9-12. Entries are judged based on creativity, adherence to the contest rules and effective use of the theme and logo.

First-place winners from each competition category receive \$200 awarded to the sponsoring schools. All first-place winners are then eligible for a grand prize of \$600 and a trophy awarded to the sponsoring school.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Participating school groups must submit a completed entry form online with up to three photos and a release form by March 15. Contest rules, entry forms, release forms, logos, past winners and educational information can be found at modot.org/trashcan-contest.

KIRKSVILLE AREA **NEWS BRIEFS**

Find the 'Elf on the Shelf" and win prizes

In an effort to encourage residents to "Shop Local" during the holidays, participating stores will have an elf doll placed somewhere in the store so when shoppers see the elf, they can take a "selfie" of themselves and the elf, put it on their Facebook page tagging the store and using the hashtag, "#selfiewithanelfiekv" and they will automatically be entered into one of five drawings the chamber will be holding every Friday at noon in December (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29). Each winner will receive \$50 in Kirksville Cash as well as a gift certificate for the restaurant "Bonzai" and a combination of other gift certificates.

Visit with Santa Claus

Bring you family to visit Santa Claus on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 9 and 16 on the main floor of the Adair County Courthouse. Use the south or west entrances. Elevator access via west entrance. Sponsored by Main Street Kirksville.

Community Engagement Conference for 2024

The Community Engagement Conference for 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024. Organizers are requesting the following:

Sponsorships – As a sponsor, you will be promoted on all conference promotion, recognized at the conference and share in the conference

Exhibitors – Thanks to Kirksville Public Schools, they have a lot more room for exhibitors since moving to the middle school. This is a great opportunity to share information about your group or organization with hundreds of Northeast Missouri citizens.

Prizes – A huge part of assisting with the planning of the conference is securing prizes, which they will draw for at the end of the day. This is one of the most exciting parts of the conference for the attendees and encourages them to stay through the conference and participate all day.

Volunteer – support the planning committee in advance and on the day of the conference. It takes a village to put on a conference of this

Breakout Session provider. They have 15 sessions to plan. If you are interested in presenting a session, email your inquiries to Melissa Cline at melissacline@sb40life.org

Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's **Buddy Pack program aims** to fill that gap by providing Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You can help fed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org/ give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

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

Missouri sees changes in updated plant hardiness zone map

By University of Missouri Extension

KANSAS CITY - Missouri gardeners will find new guidelines in the updated USDA plant hardiness zone map. The map helps growers zero in on which vegetables and flowers will do best in different parts of the state, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall.

Perennial flowers and bushes can a big investment, Reall says. The map helps reduce the risk of choosing plants that might not survive local temperature extremes, she says.

USDA Agricultural Research Service's map is based on annual extreme minimum winter temperatures, says MU Extension climatologist Zack Leasor. The minimums are an average of the lower recorded temperature each year from 1991 to 2020.

The zone map is a standard for gardeners and growers to determine the right plant to grow in the right place at the

right time of year. The map divides the U.S. into 13 zones based on extreme minimum winter temperature increments of 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Each zone is further divided into 5-degree half zones. Most seed packets and shrub or plant labels will indicate hardiness zone.

The new map breaks Missouri down into five hardiness zones: 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a and 7b. Most of the state falls into zones 6a (minus 10 F to minus 5 F) and 6b (minus 5 F to zero F).

The 2023 map incorporates data from 13,412 weather stations, up from 7,983 stations for the 2012 map, Leasor says. Compared to the 2012 map, Missouri shows considerable warming and a change in the hardiness zones, particularly in the northern and central parts of the state.

"Some of these changes reflect an observed trend of warming minimum temperatures in Missouri, but the inclusion of new station observations also influences



the map by illustrating more localized patterns with better confidence," he says.

"When buying an expensive or sentimental plant, err on the side of caution and lean toward more cold-hardy options," Reall says. This means that if you live in an area that is zoned 6b, look for plants rated zone 5a or 5b, which can better tolerate extreme cold snaps, she says. ers who grow and breed plants.

The map is available at https://planthardiness.ars. usda.gov. In addition to the national map, users can view and download maps for individual regions and states/territories.

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map website now includes a "Tips for Growers" section, which has information about USDA research programs of interest to gardeners and oth-

Missouri counties want to freeze seniors' property assessments, but aren't sure they can

By Meg Cunningham Missouri Independent

The freezing of property tax assessments for Missourians 62 and older looks, at best, fuzzy. The state adopted a law this year that lets counties give that property tax assessment freeze when homeowners become eligible for Social Security. And

But counties don't yet fully understand the new rules. Local leaders have called the

it allowed counties to throw

in a yearly tax credit to give

older residents even more

tax relief.

language "poorly designed" and "very ill-written." So far, five counties including Jackson have decided to freeze property assessments under the new law. Commissioners in other counties say they'll follow suit — when they better understand what they can or can't do.

Meanwhile, various taxing districts wonder about the cost to their budgets. Capping property assessments for older taxpayers means running schools, libraries, police forces and other public services with less money, or leaning more

ty owners to make up the difference. Lawmakers lobbied by confused local officials - say some clarification could come when they meet again next year.

Losing tax revenue

Jackson, Greene and St. Charles counties — three of the biggest in the state — have passed versions of the assessment freeze. Lawmakers in St. Louis County refined a proposal last week and will take a final vote this week. But freezing property assessments comes with a cost: a loss of future tax revenue. St. Louis County Councilwoman Lisa Clancy said that worries her.

"I am concerned about the impact, mostly to public education and libraries," she said, "but also to other public safety functions like fire."

The St. Louis County measure mimics what Jackson County did by limiting the tax break to homes valued at \$550,000 or less. But Clancy worries a home-value cap could make the measure more inequitable. Areas with lower property values already have smaller tax bases to pay for things like schools and fire departments. And she said younger residents shouldn't be overburdened to spare retirees.

"You're pitting grandparents against their grandchildren and schools that have been financially struggling for years," she said.

At the same time, counties worry that giving older homeowners a tax break could make local governments more reliant on younger taxpayers whose

heavily on younger proper- property tax burdens will

continue to get bigger.

Dennis Ganahl, the managing director of MO Tax Relief Now, which advocates for tax breaks for seniors, said that clarity about the new law could come in revisions from the General Assembly in the spring. Ganahl said he is in talks with 26 counties about passing an assessment freeze. Another three counties, including Boone and Franklin counties, may put the question to voters. Instead of automatically freezing a property assessment, he argues that homeowners should submit applications for the tax break.

"If somebody feels they're too wealthy to apply for the tax-free, they don't have to," he said. "But if somebody feels that they do need the tax (break), there will be an application."

In Jackson County, seniors who want the freeze will need to submit an application heading into the 2024 tax year. In Greene County, the first in the state to pass a freeze, 90 percent of the library's funding comes from property taxes. Regina Greer Cooper, the executive director of the Springfield-Greene County Library District, wants local leaders to wait for legislative revisions.

"There is no way for us to make an educated projection of how much this will affect us," she said. "It is very vague and unclear as to who is eligible and what kind of credit it may be."

Who's eligible for a property tax assessment freeze?

The law lays out a number of tweaks to Missouri tax code intended to provide relief for older homeowners who may be on fixed incomes. It lets counties freeze assessments for a person's primary residence if they are eligible for Social Security. But countv leaders are unsure who exactly qualifies.

Some counties, like Clay County, say that tying eligibility for the tax break to Social Security eligibility could leave out people on some pensions, like retired teachers or railroad workers. Clay County formed a task force to figure out how they could pass a measure. In Platte County, county lawmakers are discussing a version of their own.

"We definitely want to make sure that all seniors get the opportunity to be able to take advantage of this," said Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte. "That's a huge deal to us."

In the meantime, Clancy said, county commissions that haven't frozen assessments under the new law feel pressure to act. And older voters traditionally have higher voter turnout.

"We're getting criticized because we are spending time on it, but the state legislature didn't," she said. "There's so many things about this policy that have left us all across the state interpreting it in different ways."

But Ganahl, speaking for the group lobbying for property tax breaks for older homeowners, said counties can act now.

"We think the bill is very clear. It says you're eligi-

ble when you're old enough to apply for Social Security benefits — today that age is 62," he said. "It does not say that you have to be receiving Social Security. It doesn't say that only Social Security

recipients can receive it." But some county officials see a far murkier law that could trigger lawsuits.

"We risk the provisions that are compromises being thrown out and then having to revert back to just the bare-bones, across-theboard tax cut," Clancy said.

Critics of the law change say it was rushed through the legislature. In Gasconade County in June, the county collector described the law as "kind of rammed through" the General Assembly and "very ill-written." In Cape Girardeau County in September, the presiding commissioner said the language was "poorly-designed and poorly-executed." Even the anti-tax Show-Me Institute has criticisms of the law and the way it was rolled out.

David Stokes, the group's director of municipal policy, wrote in testimony against a proposal in Camden County.

"This bill is every bit as much of a tax increase on non-senior citizens as it is tax relief for some senior citizens," Stokes said.

"Giving one sector of the population — senior citizens (and the wealthiest sector at that) — a special tax deal is a terrible idea," Stokes wrote in another post.

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Sports

Truman men's basketball cruises to 97-85 win in conference opener

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State men's basketball got off to a hot start on Saturday in their conference opener against Upper Iowa, going ahead 10-0 early and maintaining that double-digit for nearly the entire rest of the game. The Bulldogs went on to win 97-85, setting a new season high in points and opening conference play 1-0.

Truman has now won their conference opener in five of the last six seasons, with last season being the lone loss. In the previous four seasons in which they won a conference opener, the Bulldogs finished .500 or better in conference play.

Truman opened the game by keeping Upper Iowa, who entered the game as the conference's highest-scoring team, off the scoreboard for nearly five minutes. In that time, Truman had built up a 10-point lead that never again got lower than six points. Once the a three-pointer from Kobi Williams put the Bulldogs up 19-7 with 10:12 left in the first half, the lead stayed in double figures through the final buzzer.

Upper Iowa shot just 8-of-25 from the field in the first half. Truman made twice as many shots, shooting 16-of-33 in the half while making seven three pointers to Upper Iowa's three. The Bulldogs led 45-30 at halftime.

The Peacocks offense did get back on track in the second half, where they shot 24-of-36 and put up 55 points. But this effort was in vain as Truman managed to shoot a hefty 60% on 18-of-30 shooting while



Truman guard Trey Shearer looks to get position on a defender in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.

also going 9-of-12 from the free throw. Upper Iowa was just 2-of-2 from the line in the second half.

The shooting numbers were relatively close by the end of the game, with Truman shooting 34-of-63 from the field and Upper Iowa shooting 32-of-61. Both teams were also within two of each other in both free throw attempts and makes, but Truman had a sizable edge in three-point shooting. The Bulldogs were 14-of-23 from deep while Upper Iowa was 8-of-21.

Junior guard Trey Shearer led the way for the Bulldogs with a career-high 28 points. He shot 9-of-13 from the field, 4-of-6 from three, 6-of-6 on free throws and had six rebounds and three assists. Freshman Kobi Williams had 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting while also going 4-of-6 from three. Sophomore Xavier Hall had 14 points and had a game-high eight assists in the game while sophomore Landon Eliand had 11 points and a game-high nine rebounds.



Truman freshman Kobi Williams looks to get around a defender in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.



Truman senior CE Talton drives toward the basket in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.

Upper Iowa was led by Noah King with 22 points on 10-of-15 shooting. Jake Hilmer had 19 points and led the Peacocks with four assists.

These two teams will face off again on Saturday, Dec. 9, in the second half of a home-and-home series. The game is set to tip off at 3 p.m.



Truman sophomore Xavier Hall drives along the baseline in the game against Upper lowa on Dec. 2. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

Late turnovers doom Truman women's basketball in OT loss to Upper Iowa

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State women's basketball team looked to be in solid shape to pick up its first conference win of the season against Upper Iowa on Saturday. With just 6:30 left in the game, the Bulldogs held on 16-point lead and had not trailed since early in the first quarter. But Upper Iowa closed out the game on a 31-13 run, forcing overtime and then beating Truman 88-86.

The loss dropped Truman to 0-3 in conference play, with the losses coming by an average of just 3.7 points per game. Upper Iowa moved to 1-2 in GLVC play with the win.

Perhaps the biggest key in Upper Iowa's comeback was turnovers from the Bulldogs. Truman entered the game averaging 19 turnovers per game, but had just 13 through three quarters. Rather than continuing on that pace and having their fourth-fewest turnovers in a game this season, they turned it over 12 times in the fourth quarter and set a new season high in turnovers with 25. Upper Iowa turned those turnovers into 24 points.

Truman head coach Theo Dean said the loss was particularly disappointing given how well the team played for most of the game.

"I thought I saw 35 minutes of perfect basketball," he said. "We did our job, we made adjustments as a team. We were able to stop certain runs and extend the lead out to 16, and really give ourselves a chance to put them away and we just came up short."

Throughout the first half, the teams posted similar shooting numbers.



Truman guard Claire Rake looks to get around a defender in the game against Upper lowa on Dec. 2. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

Truman shot 9-of-16 from the field in the first quarter while Upper Iowa was 8-of-16. Both teams went 4-of-9 from three in the opening quarter, in which the Bulldogs outscored the Peacocks 24-20.

Truman cooled off in the second quarter, shooting 4-of-15 while Upper Iowa was 7-of-16, but Truman went 8-of-8 from the free throw line to hold onto a three-point lead entering halftime.

The third quarter saw Truman outscore the Peacocks 25-17. Through three quarters, Truman was shooting around 45% from the field while Upper Iowa was at nearly 48%, but Truman managed to pull ahead thanks to free throws. The Bulldogs were 16-of-16 from the line in the first three quarters while Upper Iowa was just 1-of-4. But Upper Iowa would go 9-of-10 from the line for the rest of the game while Truman was

just 3-of-6.

The Peacocks outscored the Bulldogs 23-12 in the fourth quarter and with 32 seconds left, a pair of Peacock free throws tied the score and sent the game to overtime. Upper Iowa had the edge in overtime by a score of 10-8.

Dean said that the wave of late turnovers was truly what decided the outcome.

"That was the game," he said. "It was either a missed shot or a turnover for the better part of those last seven minutes unfortunately."

Despite the loss, the 86 points scored by Truman set a new season high, narrowly beating out the 85 points they scored on Nov. 11 against Cederaville. Forward Ellie Weltha led the team with 19 points in the game while also collecting seven rebounds. Claire Rake added 15 points while Bailey Kliewer had 11 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Ainsley Tolson came off the bench and scored 18 points, going with five rebounds and a team-high

four assists.

Upper Iowa was led by Katie Tornstrom with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Kayla Bohr added 15 off the bench while Mia Huberty had 14 points and 10 assists.

These two teams will face off again this Saturday, Dec. 9, as part of a home-and-home series. In order for the Bulldogs to be successful in that game and pick up their first conference win, Dean said they need to focus on playing through to the end of the game.

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"We need to play a complete game for 40 minutes," he said. "We did it for almost 70% of the game, and we just need to complete the game. We have a week to regroup, and the things that worked really well for us, continue to do them."

Saturday's game will tip off at 1 p.m. in Fayette, Iowa.



Truman forward Ellie Weltha battles under the basket in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.



Truman guard Ainsley Tolson dribbles around the top of the key in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.



Truman guard Molly Joyce attempts a layup in the game against Upper Iowa on Dec. 2.

Sports

Kirksville's Dierling signs with Westminster College for softball, track and field

By Adam Tumino

With a group of family, friends, classmates and teammates gathered in the Kirksville High School library on Nov. 29, Kirksville senior Amber Dierling signed on to attend Westminster College next year. Dierling will be a member of both the softball and track and field teams at Westminster, which is located in Fulton.

Dierling said that there were several factors that made her want to continue her athletic and academic careers at Westminster.

"They have a 98% placement rate, which helps a lot whenever it comes to jobs in the future," she said. "It felt like home whenever I visited and I really liked the coaches, and I think I'd be a good asset to their team."

Dierling is coming off a 2023 softball season where she helped lead the Tigers to a 16-12 record as the

team's starting catcher. after going 15-18 the year Kirksville softball coach Derek Allen said that Westminster will be getting a dedicated new addition to their team.

"She has a passion for the sport of softball, and she was going to do anything she could to reach her goals of playing at the next level," he said. "This year she was able to take that step for us and become a big part of what we did on the softball field. She did a very nice job and it paid off for her with a chance to go play at the college level. I'm super excited for her and her future. Westminster is getting a great kid who's going to come in, work hard and have a passion for the game."

Westminster competes at the NCAA DIII level, where they are a member of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The softball team posted a 4-36 record last season before. The women's track team placed fourth in the SLIAC Outdoor Championship in April.

Dierling said her time in high school, athletically and academically, helped her decide what she wanted to do going forward.

"I think learning how to be a teammate and how to be helpful to people really helped me figure out what I wanted to do," she said.

While not decided on a major quite yet, Dierling said she had interest in studying biology, pre-med and exercise science.

Looking back on her time at Kirksville, Dierling said she had plenty of fond memories but was also looking forward to taking the next step in the fall

"I really enjoyed the team that we had," she said. "I really enjoyed my time at Kirksville. It was great, and I'm excited to move on and see what's next.'



Kirksville senior Amber Dierling signs her commitment to attend Westminster College in a ceremony in the Kirksville High School Library on Nov. 29. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Amber Dierling (seated) poses with teammates after signing on to attende Westminster College on Nov. 29.



Kirksville senior Amber Dierling (center in white) poses with friends and classmates in the high school library on Nov. 29.



The Kirksville dugout looks on as senior Amber Dierling steps in for an at bat against Clark County on Aug. 29.

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Sports

Kirksville boys beat Macon 73-29 for 3rd-straight win

Ry Adam Tumino

An explosive start for the Kirksville boys basketball team against Macon on Thursday night propelled them to their third-straight win. Kirksville led 24-1 after the first quarter and extended the lead to 32-1 before a modest Macon run saw them cut into the deficit a bit. Still, Kirksville won the game 73-29 and is now 3-0 on the year. Macon dropped to 1-3.

Kirksville was led by junior Cole Kelly with 28 points and senior Justin McKim with 26, as the pir combined to score nearly twice as many points as Macon. Kelly made six three pointers while McKim had four. Macon was led in scoring by senior John Bray with 12 points.

Kirksville head coach Tyler Martin said he thought the team did a good job jumping out to such a large lead, although there were moments throughout the game where they perhaps were not operating as well as they could be.

"I think the guys came out ready to shoot it," he said. "Justin was the hot hand there early on, and Cole kind of followed suit. I thought defensively, especially in that first quarter, it obviously helped us build that lead. We had some moments throughout the game where we kind of got a little undisciplined, but we had built up enough that maybe it wasn't really noticeable, but stuff we don't want to get into the habit of doing."

On the Macon side, head coach Dale Devenport said that his team made mistakes early on that helped Kirksville build that insurmountable lead.

"I just think that with our experience and youth, and maybe being a step or two slow, Kirksville was really able to exploit our inability to really handle the ball, and they shot it really well when we were slow on rotation," he said. "When you turn the ball over and are giving up open shots, and when they miss it they're getting offensive



Kirksville junior Jace Kent drives along the baseline in the game against Macon on Nov. 30. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

rebounds, it's really tough to be competitive. We've just got a lot to work on."

McKim led Kirksville first-quarter surge with 11 of the team's 24 points, with Kelly adding nine. McKim added seven more in the second quarter, which was equalled by Macon's Bray. Kirksville outscored Macon 17-15 in the second quarter, with Macon putting a 12-3 run together after trailing 32-1.

Kirksville's 41-16 half-time lead grew with a third-quarter that nearly matched their strong first. They tallied 23 more points in the quarter, with Kelly scoring 11 and McKim scoring eight. With the clock running throughout the fourth, Kirksville outscored Macon 9-3.

Martin said that McKim and Kelly, while both being valuable players, are able to influence the game in different ways.

"Justin is calm," he said. "He just has a calming presence about him. That's kind of who he is and he doesn't get too riled up, too fired up. Cole is more of the rah-rah guy. He's a little bit louder, a little bit more vocal. They balance each other out, they balance our team out I think, for the most part. You've got to have that, that balance on a team that you think is going to make a run and be productive. Those guys will each have their moment when we need those different leadership styles."

The pair are the two returners from last year's team who saw the most time in the 2022-23 season, and are joined by several new-



Macon sophomore Kace Holman looks to pass the ball from the corner in the game against Kirksville on Nov. 30.



Macon senior Jonathan Bray prepares to shoot a free throw in the game against Kirksville on Nov. 30.

comers to the varsity level. Macon also has a limited number of returning players, and the inexperience throughout the roster has presented some challenges early on, Davenport said.

"There's a lot of kids who hadn't really played a lot of basketball growing up, so we're trying to teach that as fast as they can," he said. "But they're trying and they

listen, and they're trying to do what we ask, it's just understanding and execution is something that takes time."

Macon will be back in action at the Centralia Invitational from Dec. 4-9, and then will be at home on Dec. 12 to host Chillicothe. Kirksville will be on the road against Clark County on Dec. 5 and will host Mexico on Dec. 12.



Kirksville senior Cole Kelly battles under the basket in the game against Macon on Nov. 30.

Kirksville girls pull away from Macon late in 41-34 win

By Adam Tumino

Although it may not have looked like it early on, the Kirksville and Macon basketball teams played a close game in Kirksville on Thursday night. Kirksville opened the game on a 12-0 run in the first four minutes, but Macon then began climbing back into the game.

Macon managed to tie the score at 34-34 with 3:38 to go in the fourth quarter, but Kirksville buckled down to score the final seven points of the game and win 41-34. Kirksville improved to 2-1 with the win while Macon dropped to 1-3.

Kirksville head coach Nick Totta said that the hot start was nice, but made sure the team was prepared for a Macon comeback attempt.

"I think we were executing and were making the plays necessary to put us in that position," he said. "I told the girls at halftime that when you play basketball and you go up early, chances are a team is going to come back, you're not going to continue to stay on a run, and basketball is a game of runs"

That 12-0 run certainly put Kirksville in a good spot. They led 14-4 by the end of the first, but Macon made three pointers on three-straight possessions in the second quarter and managed to cut the deficit to 25-18 by the half. The third quarter was mostly even, with Macon outscoring Kirksville 8-7 in the period.

Macon then scored the first six points of the fourth quarter, with a three pointer from Reece Barnett tying the score 34-34 with just under four minutes left. But Kirksville managed to hold on, getting three points on the ensuing possession when Paishynce Fouts went 1-of-2 from the free throw line, with the second shot being rebounded by Aliyah Puckett who promptly layed it in to



Kirksville junior Paishynce Fouts pushes the ball down the floor in the game against Macon on Nov. 30.

extend Kirksville's lead to 37-34. Key rebounds by Kirksville and solid-enough free throw shooting

sealed the game.

Totta said he was pleased with how his team managed to pull away in the final minutes, especially given the relative inexperience of the team.

"I'm really proud of them, the way they battled," he said. "We're not what you'd call a veteran team, and for us to make some heady plays, some savvy plays at our age and inexperience, I was really pleased."

Macon head coach Thomas Kirkland said he liked how his team fought throughout the game, although there were stretches where they allowed Kirksville to pull away.

"We just have stretches where they're just a little sluggish, maybe a step slow understanding what I want from them," he said. "We were out of position and not where we needed to be at times, but at other times I can't question the hustle and effort these girls



Macon sophomore Reece Barnett pushes the ball on offense in the game against Kirksville on Nov. 30.



Kirksville senior Jersey Herbst handles the ball along the sideline in the game against Macon on Nov. 30. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Macon senior Emily Dawson drives toward the basket in the game against Kirksville on Nov. 30.

are putting out."

Macon was led in scoring by Barnett, who had 14 points including her game-tying three pointer. Kirksville was led by Fouts and Megan Kinney with 10 points each. They combined to make all five of the team's threes.

Kirkland is in his first season as Macon's head coach, and said that the team is working to make some early-season adjustments.

"This being my first year at Macon, my style of play and how I've taught things in the past are different than here," he said.

"We've really had to make adjustments. We talk about buying into defense first, and the kids are getting there, but we've talked about how you have to play really hard for four quarters. We've played really well for three quarters, and we need to figure out that extra seven of eight minutes that might get you a victory."

On the Kirksville side, Totta said that he can see his team starting to mesh better in the early stages.

"We've got a lot to clean up, but you can still see them learning and doing things," he said. "It's starting to click and we're getting better at execution. I think this group is going to be better in January and February than they are right now, and I think they believe that. But in the meantime, they're trying to do whatever they can do at this point."

Kirksville's next game will be on the road against Clark County on Dec. 5. They will be back at home on Dec. 12 against Mexico. Macon will compete in the Centralia Invitational on Dec. 4-9 and then host Chillicothe on Dec. 12.

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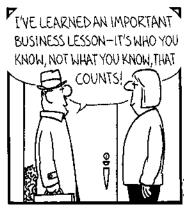








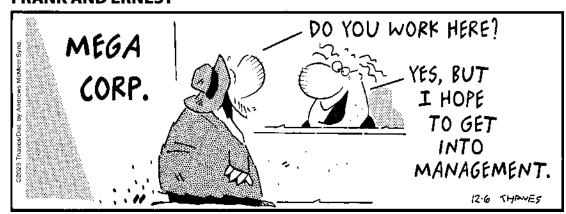
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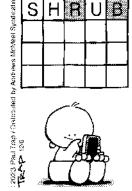
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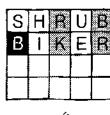




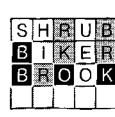


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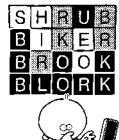














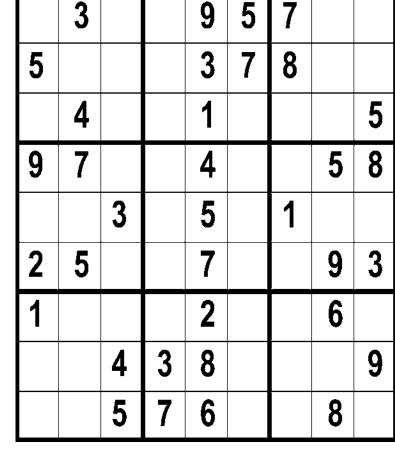
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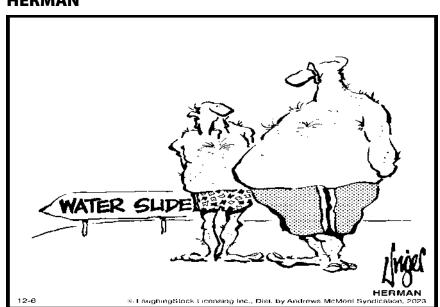
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"You go ahead of me. I think you're faster."

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Stick to the facts and be honest about how you feel and what you want to pursue this year. A direct approach to life and love will give you the necessary advantage to turn your dreams into a reality. Opportunity is apparent, but intelligence, passion and hard work will be mandatory. Use your imagination and choose innovative ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Skip the drama and go directly to the source of problems. Clearing up any issues will put your mind at ease and show others your capabilities. Hard work will ensure success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Check your bank balance before you spend money. Live within your means instead of trying to impress someone with a lavish gift. Kindness and small favors will be appreciated. Romance is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep your eye on what you want to achieve and your energy focused on finishing what you start. Simplicity, moderation and self-control will lead to peace

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take the initiative to make things right. Educate yourself so you can figure out the best way to make your dreams come true. A lifestyle change or savings plan will

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Go over your investments, contracts or health concerns. Don't let your emotions complicate a professional situation. Maintaining a solid reputation will be

necessary to advance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- An opportunity to learn will lead to something gratifying. Increas-

ing your qualifications will get you a step closer to your objective. An open mind will help you see the possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take the initiative to gather the facts and explore your options. Question anything that sounds misleading or unlikely. Rely on yourself before you trust someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep an open mind. If you let your emotions take the reins, vou'll overreact or misread the situation. Concentrate on what you can achieve and get along with those you need on your side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Get the lowdown before moving. If you act on your emotions, you'll regret it. Too much of anything will result in stress. Use intelligence to outmaneuver anyone trying to take charge or lead you astray.

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Melissa Rodman, Board Secretary

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification submittals for Mitigation Activities on Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Chariton County, Missouri, for the East Locust Creek Reservoir (Roy Blunt Reservoir) Project will be received by the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (Commission or NCMRWC) at the offices of Allstate consultants LLC, 3312 LeMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia Missouri, 65201 until 4:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at which time the qualifications received will be evaluated. There will not be a public opening of the qualification submittals. This project consists of:

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The North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (Commission) as the project's local sponsor, in Milan, Missouri, is soliciting qualifications from companies or teams to perform tasks in pursuit of construction of mitigation projects at Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in Chariton County, Missouri, in association with the East Locust Creek (Roy Blunt) Reservoir project. An estimated \$21,500,000 in potential projects, or tasks, will be allocated over the next 10 years. The goal will be to establish a Master Contract with qualified Contractors with unit prices or hourly rates for operation of equipment and labor necessary to perform a variety of tasks for mitigation activities. This solicitation is intended to conform with the Commission's procurement policies and all State and Federal procurement requirements. Procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that promotes fair and open competition from an adequate number of qualified sources. Contractual selection shall comply with the competitive Procurement Standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.317 - 2 CFR 200.327. The Commission reserves the right to amend procurement policies to meet any additional State or Federal procurement

The activities include pre-construction clearing, general construction, concrete structures, earthwork, waterline installation, forestry services, and planting of vegetation including seed and tree seedlings. Forestry services must be overseen by a forester certified by either the Society of American Foresters or the Association of Consulting Foresters. For a list of consulting foresters in Missouri see: https://www. missouriforesters.com/. Contractors applying herbicides will need to be commercial applicators certified by the State of Missouri. The contract will be for a project duration of five years but may be extended. All contracts are dependent on final approval of the East Locust Creek (Roy Blunt) Reservoir permits.

The "On-Call" or Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) contract (as it is known in federal contracting) will be to address stream and wetland mitigation projects. The team or company selected will be "On-Call" to perform tasks during appropriate construction conditions. ID/IQ's are utilized when work to be scheduled is fluid based upon uncontrollable factors and the quantity, timing, sequencing, and scope of work is dynamic based upon changing conditions. Each job will be based upon a Task Order that is based upon the schedule of bid and costs negotiated with the selected contractor or team. The Commission will have assorted tasks that represent a significant amount of work for a contractor or team. Subcontracting is allowed, but the subcontractor must be either included in the response to this solicitation or be subject to future review and approval. A Master Contract will be signed with one or more "On-Call" and ID/IQ contractors and then Task Orders issued against that Master Contract, as needed.

Information packets and submittal requirements can be obtained from:

Allstate Consultants LLC 3312 LeMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia MO, 65201 Contact: Stephen Lin, P.E. Phone: (573) 875-8799

E-Mail: slin@allstateconsultants.net

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at 1:30 P.M. local time on December 14, 2023, at the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge HQ, 16194 Swan Lake Ave., Sumner, MO 64681. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. The company or team awarded the contract will provide adequate proof of bonding and/or insurance to satisfy requirements for a public infrastructure

This project is financed by the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (local sponsor), United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS, federal sponsor). United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD), and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Commission is the owner and administrator of the East Locust Creek (Roy Blunt) Reservoir.

The NCMRWC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites Women Owned and Disadvantaged Businesses to submit qualifications for evaluation.

Owner: North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission By: Brad Scott, General Manager Date: November 24, 2023

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In the Estate of THOMAS R. LASSWELL, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors

(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of THOMAS R. LASSWELL. Decedent.

On November 22, 2023 a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. All creditors of Decedent, who died on July 16, 2023, are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of Decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. Date of first publication is December 6, 2023.

Martha Cole

Adair County Circuit Clerk

Publication Dates: 12-6-2023 and 12-13-2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Adoption of: ELI CONSTANTINE MCCRACKEN

Case No. 23AR-II I00101

JACOB FRAZIER, and **CHRISTY FRAZIÉR**

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Adoption.

The State of Missouri to: John Suiter, address unknown

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is Jacob Frazier, Frazier Law Firm, LLC, 601 N. Main, Kirksville, MO, 63501.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after November 29, 2023, judgment by default will be entered against you.

> 11-16-2023 Date

/s/Martha Cole Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION Judge Matt Wilson

In the Interest of K. R. R. C. Female Child DOB: 1/08/2021

Case Number: 23AR-JU00096

Notice Upon Order for Service by Publication The State of Missouri to: Brandi N. Arey

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to terminate your parental rights in and to K. R. R. C., a minor child born January 8, 2021. The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the Juvenile Office attorney is:

> C. David Rouner ROUNER LAW OFFICE LLC 400 N. Franklin Street Kirksville MO 63501 (P) 660.665.7515 (F) 660.665.7514

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after NOVEMBER 22, 2023, judgment will be entered against you.

Dates of Publication: NOVEMBER 22, 2023, NOVEMBER 29, 2023, DECEMBER 6, 2023, DECEMBER 13, 2023

NOTICE **CANDIDATE FILING FOR** ADAIR COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the County of Adair, State of Missouri, that an election will be held at the prescribed polling places within the county on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to vote on the following Adair County Ambulance District Board of Director

Director, District 1-three year term Director, District 4-three year term

QUALIFICATIONS: A candidate for director of the ambulance district shall, at the time of filing, be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the election district, a resident of the election district for two years next preceding the election, and shall be at least twenty-four (24) years of age.

Any qualified person may file a declaration for candidacy in the office of the County Clerk, Adair County Courthouse, 106 W. Washington Street, Kirksville, Missouri, between the hours of eight o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, December 05, 2023, at eight o'clock a.m. and closing on Tuesday, December 26,2023, at five o'clock p.m., excluding legal holidays.

ADAIR COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT William R. Crnic, Board Chair

November 16, 2023

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: **PROBATE**

Case Number: 23AR-PR00119

In the Estate of LLOYD E KINNEY, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LLOYD E KINNEY, Decedent: On November 3, 2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of LLOYD E KINNEY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The name and business address of the personal representative is:

Katie L. Kinney, PO Box 142, Trenton, Missouri 64683

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone

Kenton T. Kinney. 406 W. 34th Street. Suite 816. Kansas City. MO 64112. 816-281-5470

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: May 31, 2023

Date of first publication: November 15, 2023

Adair County Circuit Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court

PUBLICATION DATES: 11-15-2023, 11-22-2023, 11-29-2023, 12-6-2023

all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

emailing rsadler@kirksvillecity.com.

Bids will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Franklin St., Kirksville, Missouri, 63501-3508, until 3:00 pm CST on December 21, 2023. Regardless of the method of delivery, bids must be plainly marked in the lower left corner of the envelope: Sealed Bid Spur Pond & Patryla Park Restrooms (PA-22-002).

Any bids received after the designated time of the announced bid opening shall be refused and returned unopened to the Bidder. All bids shall be F.O.B. Kirksville, Missouri. The City of Kirksville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any bid and to award the bid in the best interest of

The City of Kirksville hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of age, ancestry, color, disability, creed, gender, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or on any other basis that would be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law in consideration for an award. Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds are being used in this project, and all relevant federal, state, and local requirements apply.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Adair, Case No. 23AR-CV00778 made entered on the record on November 9, 2023, the name of Lola Elizabeth Bunchwas changed to Tobias Asher Bunch.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Brian A. Jones, a single man Trustee's Sale:

or default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Brian A. Jones, a single man dated July 15, 2020 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adair County, Missouri in Book 1096, Page 734 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 petween the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 3:30 PM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Kirksville, County of Adair, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Adair County, State of Missouri, to wit:

ALL OF LOT 2, IN BLOCK 3, IN PORTER'S HIGHLAND ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF KIRKSVILLE, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI.

to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No: 216675.121923.436173 FC

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLISH ON: November 22, 2023 11/29/2023, 12/06/2023, 12/13/2023

IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL Case Number: 23AR-PR00126 CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI (Date File Stamp) Judge or Division: PROBATE In the Estate of ROBERT L. HENSELMAN, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT L HENSELMAN, Decedent:

On November 27, 2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of ROBERT L HENSELMAN, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of ADAIR COUNTY, Missouri. The name, business address, and phone number of the personal representative is:

Tyler Henselman, 105 N. Kimberling Drive, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, 573-864-6282

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

Jessica Rooks, 2211 E. Normal Avenue, Kirksville, Missouri 63501,

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrie pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: June 19, 2023

Date of first publication: December 6, 2023

Adair County Circuit Clerk

PUBLICATION DATES: 12-6-2023, 12-13-2023, 12-20-2023, 12-27-2023

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Kirksville will accept sealed bids for the supply, delivery

and placement of:

SPUR POND & PATRYLA PARK RESTROOMS

(SITE PREPARATION & INSTALLATION)

The bids will be opened and publicly read at 3:00 pm CST on Thurs-

day, December 21, 2023. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.

on Tuesday. December 5, 2023, in the 2nd-floor conference room of

City Hall, 201 South Franklin Street, Kirksville, MO 63501. All bids

must be submitted on blank forms furnished by the City of Kirksville.

Responses that contain any omission, erasures, or alterations, or

responses that contain any irregularities of any kind may be reject-

ed as unresponsive. No proposal will be considered unless properly

signed by the bidder, or a legally authorized agent or representative.

As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), P.L.

117-58, on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of Federal financial assistance program for

infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron,

steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an ap-

proved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in

Copies of the bid specifications may be obtained from Rodney

Sadler, Parks & Recreation Director, by calling 660.627.1485 or

Estate of Murilyn G. Koutstaal

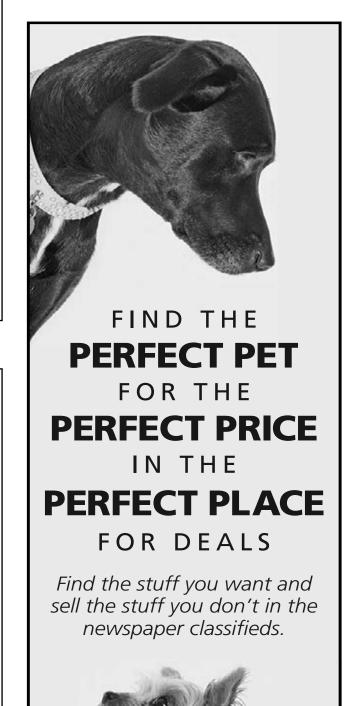
To all persons interested in the estate of Murilyn G. Koutstaal, decedent, whose last known address was 21495 Lake Wood Trail, Kirksville, MO 63501.

The undersigned, Robbart W. Koutstaal, is acting as Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 1808 South Prairie Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever

Date of first publication is [November 15, 2023].

Robbart W. Koutstaal, Trustee





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Dr. Mesbah joins Medical Staff at Scotland County Hospital

By Scotland County Hospital

Scotland County Hospital in Memphis announced that Hossain Mesbah, M.D., joined the Medical Staff. Mesbah is the hospitalist for inpatients and he is also working in the Emergency Room. Hospitalists are physicians typically trained in internal medicine or family practice who specialize in the care of hospitalized patients. A hospitalist manages a patient from the moment they are admitted to the hospital and all throughout the hospital stay. Hospitalists are familiar with the hospital's systems, facilities and staff members, and maintain close relationships with specialty physicians such as cardiologists and surgeons. Hospitalists provide patients with continuity of care, allowing them to see the same physician for much of their hospital stay.

Mesbah grew up in Springfield. Ill., and finished his residency this year from the Southern Illinois University (SIU) Residency program at Blessing Health System in Quincy, Ill.. He said, "I chose Scotland County Hospital, because I feel like it is somewhere I can grow, with a supportive team of doctors and administration. I am looking forward to getting to know and care for the community."

Mesbah completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and studied molecular and cellular biology. He attended medical school at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He completed the SIU-Quincy Residency Program under the direction of Dr. William Dixon, director of SIU Family Medicine Residency Program.

"Dr. Mesbah is fitting in very well" said Dr. Meagan Weber, CEO, Scotland County Hospital. "Dr. Dixon assured me that we would fit him, and that he would fit us. A relationship is a two-way street, and we are so excited that he chose us."

Mesbah is the youngest of five children. He has four older sisters and his parents are retired and live in Springfield. Mesbah has many hobbies. He enjoys woodworking, golfing and recording music. When asked to give a 'fun fact' about himself, this was his answer, "I'm a big sneaker head and have a growing collection of probably around 60-70 pairs of sneakers."

To learn more about Scotland County Hospital go to www.ScotlandCountyHospital.com or find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Hossain Mesbah, M.D., is the new hospitalist at Scotland County Hospital in Memphis. A hospitalist manages a patient from the moment they are admitted to the hospital and all throughout the hospital stay.

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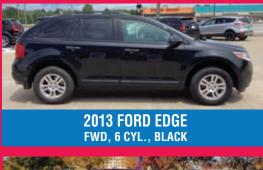




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KYLE JENNINGS GENERAL MANAGER

November is National Diabetes Month

By Scotland County Hospital

November is National Diabetes Month and here's why we all need to pay attention to this:

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), approximately 37 million people of all ages in the United States have diabetes. This is more than 10 percent of the population and about 96 million adults are prediabetic.

Scotland County Hospital's Registered Dietitian, Andrea Graham, RD,LD, offers these tips for individuals with diabetes:

- 1. Meet with a Registered Dietitian to learn how many carbohydrates, per day, you actually need. Medicare will pay for diabetic medical nutrition therapy with a registered dietitian.
- 2. Do not try to completely eliminate all carbohydrates. Carbohydrates are your brain's preferred fuel source.

- 3. Focus on fiber. Fiber is a type of carbohydrate that will help keep you full longer, regulate blood glucose and reduce LDL cholesterol.
- 4. Drink water. Beverages with calories such as juice and soda typically contain large amounts of sugar, which will increase blood glucose quickly.
- 5. Balance your meals. The diabetic plate method recommends that a lunch and supper plate be composed of 1/2 non-starchy vegetables, 1/4 proteins and 1/4 carbohydrates.
- 6. Understand your medications and how they work. It is important to know if your medication will continue to bring down your blood glucose even if you do not eat.
- 7. Keep a food and blood glucose log. This will help you and your health care team better understand how different foods

increase or decrease your blood glucose and it will also assist in fine tuning your medications.

8. Read nutrition labels. Not all food brands are created equal. It is important to understand nutrition labels so you can make educated food choices.

9. Stay active. Aerobic exercise such as going for a brisk walk has a large impact of lowering blood glucose.

10. Learn the Rule of 15. It could save your life! The Rule of 15 is used if you have a hypoglycemic episode. This is when your blood glucose drops below 70mg/dL. If that happens you should eat 15g of quick acting carbohydrates such as 1/2 cup of juice, wait 15 minutes and then recheck your blood glucose. If your glucose is still below 70 you should repeat the process. If it is above 70 you should eat a snack that contains fiber and protein.



Andrea Graham, RD, LD, is the Registered Dietitian at Scotland County Hospital & Clinics in Memphis.

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KIRKSVILLE AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services. The Church Listings below are provided at NO CHARGE to our area churches in Kirksville. If your Church is not listed, please call us at 660-665-2808.

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,

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.faithkirksville.org

Hamilton Street Baptist Church 802 W. Hamilton

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

Kirksville Church of Christ
110 Pfeiffer Ave.
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green,
Dean Hansen

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

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Preaching 6.30 p.m. Evening Service First Church of God 2900 S. Halliburton Chad Earhart

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com Central Church of Christ

2010 S. Halliburton 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 am. Worship Service Faith Baptist Church

502 N. Florence Pastor: Brandon Rhea 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. Noon Lunch

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 Jorden, Pastor Affiliated with the Evangelical Fre

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Church of America
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660.665.1615
First United Methodist Church
300 E. Washington
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard &
Rev. Jennifer Finley

9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online

12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups

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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., Kirksville
Larry Gibson, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
fbck@sbcglobal.net
www.fellowshipbc.org • 660-665-0633

Yarrow Methodist Church Highway N., Yarrow Guest Pastors 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wed.& Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30

p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Catholic Newman Center

11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. Monday 9:00 p.m. Wednesday Union Temple Church

Southwest of Kirksville
Alan Coonfield, Pastor
Every Sunday Evening
5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service
Sugar Creek Baptist Church
5 mi South on Hwy 3

Pastor, Virgil K. Jones
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church
2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2
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Elder Dillion Thurman, minister
Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10:30 a.m. Song Service
11:00 a.m. Preaching
Meadow Brook

Christian Church
602 E. Washington
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Novinger, Mo.

Novinger, Mo.
7:30 a.m. Sunday
Life Church of Kirksville
112 W. Potter
Jeremy Pingle, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

Community Presbyterian Church 210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo Pastor Rev Jeff Carter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Service

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

Ministry Night
www.cornerstonechurch.faith
Countryside Christian Church
S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills
Preacher, Harold R. Engel
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

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.

Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship New Hope Evangelical Church

620 Steer Creek Way
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Darrell Draper, Pastor
660-341-0000
Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183
First Assembly of God

2401 S. High St., Kirksville Shawn Meintz, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Family Night www.kirksvillefirst.org info@kirksvillefirst.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

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

9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services Trinity Episcopal Church 124 N. Mulanix Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Seventh Day
Adventist Church
1301 N. Elson
Curtis Denney, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

United Methodist Church
Brashear Charge, Brashear
Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday

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7:00 p.m. Singspiration - 1st Sunday
Willow Bend Association East
Center Community Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

Illinois Bend Community Church Highway 3 Pastor Terry Hunsaker 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 660-349-0052 Baring Community Church

11:00 a.m. Worship.

Downing Christian Church
430 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

Willow Bend Church Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule New Hope Methodist

Reformed Church - Millard 9:15 a.m. Bible Stud 10:00 a.m. Worship Greentop Community Church Highway K. Greentop. Mo.

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, Kirksville John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing

6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

Bethel Community Church
12 miles NE of Kirksville 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

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

Grace Bible

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Fairview Baptist Church 53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock Sam Burkholder, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Bible Missionary Church 508 S. Main St. Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship LaPlata Christian Church Scott McNay, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Queen City Christian Church Queen City, Mo. Justin Briney, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Bible School 10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour United Pentecostal Church 1502 E. Northtown Road David E. Brown, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Brashear Community Bible Church Donny Powell, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

660-323-5305

First Baptist Church of LaPlata
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship
6:00 pm Monday – AWANA
http://laplatafbc.org/
Email: laplatafbc@gmail.com
Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B.

8 mi. N.W. of Kirksville on Rt. B. Tim Hodges, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning worship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

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

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

that Washington St.
Sam Burkholder, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA

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North of Queen City go East on Rt. O
Pastor, Bill lammatteo-Code
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Hurdland First Baptist Church
Robert Shobe, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study Colony Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship Cornerstone Community Church

Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404N. Elson 9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults Locust Hill

Community Church
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo
William Gaines, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

New Harmony Free Will Baptist 3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Word Alive!
Family Church
Hwy 63, Greentop
Pastors: Robert Gange
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship,
Adult service, Childrens Church
Schuyler County Church

of Faith
Highway 136 East, Lancaster
Sonny Smyser, Pastor
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon
Gospel Outreach Church
209 W. Washington

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Norman Keller, Pastor
Gonda Manning, Co pastor
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services
7:00 p.m. Sunday Services

7:00 p.m. Sunday Services
Victory Baptist Church
Of Greentop
-Meets at the Willmathsville
Community

Church on Hwy A.
Pastor Joshua Wesley
10:30 a.m. Worship
Union Temple
Pastor Alan Coonfield

Pastor Alan Coonfield Sunday evening worship 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Worship