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## Equity Bank will acquire Bank of Kirksville

Company also announces strategic bond portfolio repositioning to enhance earnings profile

By Equity Bank

WICHITA, Kan. — Equity Bancshares, Inc., the Wichita-based holding company of Equity Bank, announced its entry into a definitive merger agreement with Rockhold Bancorp (“Rockhold”), the parent company of the Bank

of Kirksville in Kirksville. Bank of Kirksville will merge into Equity Bank, adding eight locations to Equity Bank’s current network.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to add another strong community bank to our network and continue to serve our Missouri cus-



tomers base with additional locations, technology, and customized solutions for businesses and families,”

said Brad Elliott, Equity Chairman & Chief Executive Officer. “Our teams continue to work diligently to

add customers, colleagues, and market locations within our four-state footprint, and we’re pleased to enter

Kirksville and serve a vibrant customer base.”

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## Macon County’s Cathy Baker is devoted to farming and raising future farmers

By Missouri Farmers Care

“The results are not immediate, but it is well worth your time to invest in the youth of agriculture,” says Cathy Baker, a cattle and row crop farmer from #Agri-Ready Designated Macon County near Atlanta, Mo. Baker has been instrumental in building and advancing agricultural opportunities for 4-H and FFA members in Macon County. Her decades of dedication prove that there is power in mentorship.

Baker is the matriarch of Baker Family Farms near Atlanta. Since the unexpected passing of her husband, Bob, in May of 2020, Baker has been maintaining a herd of more than 100 commercial cattle, managing pastures, and growing hay and row crops that are a testament to the operation she and her husband began building in 1972. The Baker’s farm has been recognized by University Extension, Macon County Farm Bureau and the local Soil & Water District for their conservation practices and volunteer efforts.

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ATSU students work to fill orders for meals.

## Friday is the last day to donate to the Hope’s Kitchen fundraiser

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 Friday, 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 volunteer 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.

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: Ethella McKee; James and Sandra Przybylski, Eric Przybylski; Donna Davis, Dewayne Davis, Miranda, Vanassa, Zach, Maggie Davis, Greg Davis and Brett and Terisa; Robert and Jane Dager; Dan and Deb Slattery; In memory of Page and Mildred Crim, Pam (Crim) Still and husband Harold Still; Will and Sarah Stock; Brian Noe, Eva Jane Noe, In memory of Bill and Danny Noe; Damon and Paula Swisher, Case and Cole Swisher, Darin and Jourdan Swisher, Abel McAlister and Tinlee Swisher, Dayna Swisher and Rodney Snyder, Sydney and Karlie Snyder, Jack and Sam Snyder, Kayce Snyder; Mallory and Debby Jackson, Vallory Jackson; Heinz and Mary Lou Woehl; Roger and Terry Miller, Linda Seidel, John and Ronna Mihalovich. Total for this week is \$1,621.

## ATSU Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health celebrates its 10th birthday

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The ATSU Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health celebrated their 10th birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the dental school building on the ATSU Kirksville campus.

According to ATSU sources, the school was founded with the recognition that there was a shortage of dentists in Missouri and nationwide. In the past 10 years, the school has worked toward fulfilling their mission of educating and preparing future dentists to serve communities including rural areas and underserved neighborhoods.

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Jackie Miller, DDS, Missouri state dental director.



Craig Phelps, DO, president, ATSU.

## GoFundMe sites are raising funds for La Plata Elementary School, which was damaged by fire

By Special to The Express

La Plata Elementary School needs help recovering from a fire that destroyed their offices and caused smoke damage to the rest of the building on Friday, Dec. 1. A GoFundMe account has been set up for the school after the fire and can be accessed by clicking this link. The fundraiser has a goal of \$10,000 and, as of Tuesday, had reached just over \$1,350.

“Your donation would go to helping rebuild the elementary school and to provide for the offices that lost ALL of their supplies and informa-



La Plata Elementary School was damaged due to a fire on Friday, Dec. 1.

tion that they worked so hard to build,” the GoFundMe site states. “Any small amount helps and thank you so much for your consideration!” Additionally, Emma Whit-

tenburg, a Truman State student who has spent time at La Plata Elementary School for an education class, is looking to return the help by setting up an additional GoFundMe

for the school staff, hoping to help the students as they deal with the shift. Click here to access that link.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Kirksville Planning & Zoning Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street.

#### Hardy\_But\_Hardly to perform at Silver Rails

Acoustic Guitarist & Singer Hardy\_But\_Hardly will be performing on Wednesday Dec 13 and Saturday Dec 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Silver Rails Vineyards & Winery, 100 E Benton St, La Plata.

#### 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. Music, 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.

#### The Spirit of Christmas — An Interactive Play

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fun and interactive Christmas program where the audience has the opportunity to be a part of the action. Join them on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at the First Church of God and learn what the Spirit of Christmas is all about and sing Christmas carols.

#### 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 Hwy. 157. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995.

#### Cardboard boat races

You'll want to save your Christmas gift boxes and put them to good use next month. Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2-4 pm, and take part in the Kids Cardboard Boat Race. Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants must construct a boat structure using cardboard, duct tape and water-based paint, and attempt to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams will compete in age divisions based on the mean age of the team and can win in multiple categories, including Fastest Time and Best Design. This event is completely free for all participants and spectators. Register today at parks.kirksvillemo.org. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

### KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

#### United Way Holiday Light Contest

The United Way of Northeast Missouri is hosting their second annual Holiday Light Contest. The two contest categories are "Home" & "Business", registration can be made by clicking this link. The winner of the home decorating contest will receive a Ring Doorbell thanks to Home Depot. The business winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Mi Casa to take their employees out to lunch. Winners will be announced in the Daily Express and yard signs will be posted at the winning addresses. All entries into the contest will be highlighted on a map for others to enjoy a holiday light tour throughout town! The map will be published by the Kirksville Daily Express and posted on the United Way social media sites. Registration for homes is \$20 and for Businesses \$30. Registration deadline is Dec. 13, with judging to take place on Dec. 16. Contest guidelines include: decorations must be available and lit up from Dec. 13-25, decorations must be visible from the roadway and participants shall be residents of Kirksville

#### City Council candidate filing period open until Dec. 26

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 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. Anyone who has been found guilty of, 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.

#### Kirksville Arts Association Fourth Annual Holiday Marketplace

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. 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.

#### 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, "#selfiewithanelfekv" 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

Last chance to bring your family to visit Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to noon, 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 planning. 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 size. 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

## December activities at the Community Learning Center:

By Adair County SB40

#### Christmas Program Practice

The Community Learning Center will be presenting a Christmas Program in December. Join them on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. or Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and be a part of the tradition. If you do not want to be a part of the program, they encourage you to come be a part of the chorus. The chorus will lead Christmas carols at the end of the program. Family, friends and staff are welcome to participate. A dress rehearsal for the play will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 4:15 p.m. at First Church of God (2900 S. Halliburton Street, Kirksville)

**Coffee & Cards** — Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. join them for coffee and cards or board games. They also have tea and hot chocolate if you would prefer. You can also bring your own drink to enjoy and a game to share.

**Dance Aerobics** — Come dance with Angela and get your workout in at the same time!

**SmartTrust** — This class will help you learn the dangers associated with being "gullible" and strategies to promote "healthy skepticism" and resources you need to safely interact with others and avoid being taken advantage of.

**Nature Time** — Join Holly Whitacre, with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and vote for some of your favorite animals in nature on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

**Crafts** — Each Wednesday you are invited to join them for a fun and simple craft at 10 a.m. Come ready to explore your creativity!

**Get Fit** — Have fun while getting healthy! Angela will help you get moving with fun workout videos, walks in the community and more.

**CIRCLES® Relationships & Intimacy** — This class will focus on learning appropriate social and relationship boundaries, interpersonal skills and relationship-specific social skills for the different people you encounter in your life. \*Registration required by Friday, Sept. 15.

**Science Time** — Science can be a ton of fun! Join us to do some fun hands-on experiments on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**BINGO** — Join them each Friday at 10 a.m. to play BINGO and win BINGO Bucks to spend in the BINGO Store while having fun with your friends.

#### Other Activities and Information to Know:

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**Community Engagement Conference T-Shirt Contest** — CALLING



### December Calendar

ALL ARTISTS! In celebration of the 15th year of the Community Engagement Conference, the Conference Committee invites you to help design a T-Shirt! Submit your artwork showing how you live a "MAGICAL LIFE" or what living a magical life means to you. All entries should be submitted by Dec. 29, by emailing it to conference@sb40life.org or dropping it by to Melissa at the Community Learning Center.

**2024 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum** — The 2024 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum is now accepting applications for this summer. The forum is held each year at University of Missouri-Columbia (MIZZOU) for youth between the ages of 16-20 who are enrolled in a high school education program or plan to graduate in December 2023 or May 2024. For more information about this amazing, free five-day, overnight leadership program, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2024ylyf>. Applications are due by March 31, 2024.

#### SAVE THE DATE!!

The 15th Annual Community Engagement Conference will be Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Kirksville William Matthew Middle School. Watch for more details to follow!

# Christmas & New Years

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## OBITUARIES

### Bobby Lee Haggy

Feb 15, 1934 – Dec 9, 2023

Bobby Lee Haggy, 89 years old, of Graham, North Carolina, passed away Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Pruitt Health Skilled Nursing Home in Durham, NC.



Bobby was born February 15, 1934, in Sullivan County, Missouri to Othel and Edna (Nations) Haggy. On September 17, 1956, he married Barbara Glynn Galindo of Colorado Springs, CO.

Bobby was survived by: His children, Brenda Lee (Haggy) Stanton of Graham, North Carolina, Allen Othel Haggy and wife June-Ann (Applegate) Haggy of Cary, North Carolina, Lorie Ann (Haggy) Higgins and husband John Higgins of Graham, North Carolina, and Robert Daniel Haggy of Durham, North Carolina; 5 Grandchildren; 3 Great Grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Loran Johnson, Step Mother-In-Law, Irene Galindo of Rantoul, Illinois; Several in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services for Bobby will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Ruschmeier-Smith Funeral Home in Green City, Missouri. Burial will follow at Cheesman Cemetery, southeast of Green City. A visitation will be held Friday, December 15, 2023, 6 to 8pm, at the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Cheesman Cemetery Association, DAV Post 60, VFW Post 919, or American Legion Post 31 all of Trenton, MO.

### V. Rosalie Zugaj

Feb 6, 1929 – Dec 9, 2023

V. Rosalie Zugaj of Raytown, Mo passed away on December 9, 2023

### Sallie Ann Martin

Jan 18, 1946 – Dec 7, 2023

Sallie Ann Martin, 77, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the La Plata Nursing Home in La Plata, Missouri. Her body was cremated and a Celebration of Life is planned for a later date.



Sallie was born January 18, 1946, the daughter of Jesse Dean and Betty (Ogden) Leverett. On January 1, 1967, she was united in marriage to Robert "Mike" Martin in Bowling Green, Missouri, who survives.

Sallie is also survived by two sons, Jeffrey (Melanie) Martin of Kansas City, Missouri, and Philip Martin of Kirksville; two grandchildren, Daly and Luke Martin.

Sallie was born and raised in Middletown, Missouri, where she lived until her family moved to Bowling Green, Missouri in 1963. Following marriage, she and Mike lived in Washington D.C. for two years before moving to Kirksville, Missouri where she lived for 53 years. Sallie worked at Kirksville R-3 Schools for 29 years where she served as the secretary for the primary schools, finishing her career at Kirksville High School. Sallie enjoyed reading, taking drives and any activity with her family and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dennis Leverett and Edward "Ted" Leverett.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Tintity Hubbard Day and Justin Day of Jackson, Mo., announce the birth of their son, Colston Collins Day born Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 at 12:44 p.m. at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 21.5 inches long. Colston joins one brother, Brees Sullivan Day.

Grandparents are Alan and Sheila Hubbard of Jackson, Mo, Leighann Ludolph of Cape Girardeau, Mo, and DeWayne Goleman of Hinston, La.

Great grand-parents are Carole Morris Murphy of Kirksville, Zane Hubbard of Jackson, Mo. and Marlin Pender of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## City Council approves first reading of ordinance to approve 2024 budget

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their Dec. 4 regular meeting, unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance approving the budget for 2024.

During a public hearing at the meeting, Finance Director Lacy King told the council that Missouri law states that certain requirements must be met in the city budget, including a message, revenues and expenses for each department and each fund for the current year, and then, for the preceding two years, they need to show how much debt service the city has. In addition to those requirements, it must also contain a budget summary of everything in the budget that includes all of the funds.

King said that the budget must be adopted by Dec. 31 of each year because it is active Jan. 1.

"Currently the city maintains 28 different funds," King told the council. "Our biggest fund is the general fund and then we have special revenue funds and that's where that money is specific to those specific needs."

As an example, King said that the transportation sales tax would be a capital improvement fund, but special revenue would be Parks and Recreation where money is spent specifically on Parks and Recreation.

"As far as the citizen impact of our budget, the city does have a commitment to manage its expenditures," she told the council. "We want to meet our community needs and then we also want to continue to provide quality service to our citizens."



Kirksville Finance Director Lacy King.

King said that the 2024 budget includes the aggregate expenditures of \$55,976,574 and that does not include any transfers between funds.

Breaking it down per division, she said that utilities consist of 33 percent of the budget, emergency services is 16 percent, public works, streets, codes and engineering is 13 percent, recreation services is 5 percent, central garage and the city's self-funded insurance is 7 percent, while transportation services, which is the airport and Kirk-Tran, is 4 percent.

"Our community and economic development is 15 percent and then administrative services, information technology, which is a huge part of our budget because that supplies all the computers and the software we use, and tourism is 7 percent for 2024," King told the council. "We anticipate capital infrastructure and improvements in the amount of

\$21.208 million and that's roughly 30 percent of our total budget."

Moving from the public hearing back to the council meeting, King told the council that the overall increase from 2023 to the amended 2024 budget was 80.9 percent, which she said looked "terrifying."

"I want to assure everyone that based on the adopted budget for 2023, the increase is 13 percent and that has to do with our capital projects," King said. "So when we amended the budget, there were some projects that we were waiting on the state to approve — some of our larger projects — they did not complete those earlier enough in the year for us to start on those, so those have all been moved from 23 to 24. So I want to assure the citizens we didn't just go crazy."

The ordinance will appear on the agenda of the city council's Dec. 18 meeting for the second reading.

## Middle school students selected as Adair County SB40 December Spotlight Award recipients

By Adair County SB40

Students of William Matthew Middle School Special Education instructor Jacinda Rhoads, who are working with Team Rhoadsters Café, have been selected as the Adair County SB40 December Spotlight Award recipients. This class of nine students has been nominated in recognition of their contribution to Kids Inclusion in the community. Rhoad's students were nominated for the award by middle school teacher and coach Laurie Waddle.

"Jacinda and her Team Rhoadsters have opened up and successfully run a Cafe' at WMMS for the staff and employees to purchase a beverage or snack from their unique menus," Waddle said, "This started last year and it continues this year as well. I am a faithful customer. I thoroughly enjoy the student's professionalism, the creative snacks and being served in my classroom. It truly is a pick me up experience at the end of the day, at the end of the week."

In November their menu included Blessing Trail mix, multiple flavors of hot coffee, hot tea, hot cocoa and hot apple cider. The Café is usually held on Fridays and typically comes with a seasonal theme. The program, which was developed by their teacher Jacinda Rhoads, also teaches the students how to run a business, improve math and money skills, provide quality customer service, and increase their general life skills necessary to succeed in the adult world of work.

"The opportunity created for these students to fully participate in their education and to provide a valued service to the staff of the middle school is what inclusion is all about," said Crystal Aminirad, executive director of Adair County SB40. "It's more than a job and it's more than learning life skills. These students are recognizing that they do provide meaningful contributions to their community. Their customers are supporting the development of lifelong connections which will assure inclusive employment

options as they transition into adulthood. We admire Mrs. Rhoads' innovative approach and the student's strong work ethic!"

In receiving this award, Rhoads said, "Team Rhoadsters students are honored to be recognized for the month of December! What a wonderful surprise. Tears of joy come to me as I think of how our cafe got started and how far we have come to be the 'famous Friday cafe' for our teachers and staff, not only at WMMS, but also the whole district. Thank so much for the recognition! It means the world to us all."

Kirksville School District Superintendent Robert Webb added, "These are the stories that we need to be sure to share. Well deserved!"

If you would like to nominate a great candidate for a monthly Spotlight Award, Adair County SB40 is accepting nominations. Anyone can make a nomination. Nominations can be made in any of the four following categories:

- Kids Inclusion Spot-

light Award for children in kindergarten — 8th grade

- Youth Leadership Spotlight Award for youth in grades 9-12
- Community Volunteer Spotlight Award (any age)
- Entrepreneur or Employee Spotlight Award (any age)

All Spotlight Award winners will be recognized at Adair County SB40's annual Spotlight Awards banquet scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2024.

Nominations can be made throughout the year by visiting the Adair County SB40 website or by contacting a SB40 staff member to assist you at (660) 665 — 9400. You can also find more information about the four nomination categories by visiting Adair County SB40's website, <https://www.sb40life.org/>.



  
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 morning presentation at 10:45 AM  
 or  
 the evening presentation at 5:00 PM.

For additional information contact  
 Pastor Ralph Wheeler, 660-626-3114.

## ROBIN WRITES

## Grinchy shopping

I took a deep breath and stepped into the chaos of Walmart determined to finally finish my Christmas shopping. Only a few carts were left; I grabbed one and braced for impact.

I was immediately swallowed by the massive swarm of people whose feet and wheels covered every floor tile of the store. To my eyes, they were all moving in slow motion.

Now, I need to say here; I like to PERUSE as much as the next guy. There is great satisfaction in strolling down aisles, eyeing baubles in dull deliberation. Playing the “I can decide if I need this by holding it for a while” game.

But not at Christmastime. ‘Tis the season to GET OUT OF THE WAY. Push that cart, Grandma. It’s not a walker. Mom, wedge your kid’s legs into those wire shackles on your cart and get her off the track. The lanes are too narrow for the “mommy-mommy-mommy” action of her light-up sneakers.

I dodged retirees callously, pretending I wasn’t one myself. I careened around crying kids and rolled my rickety cart along at breakneck pace. Time to get in and get out.

When I came to the Bedding section, I rounded the corner on two wheels...

And that’s when I met her. The human roadblock. I skidded to a stop, just inches from her cart. Yes, it was perfectly parked. Dead center of the aisle and weighed down with a chimney-clogging glut of Christmas cargo.

She was hugging a set of blue flannel sheets with one arm. Her other hand was reaching up and snagging a set of green ones. They landed atop the first; she cradled them like chubby little babies.

The woman inhaled deeply and huffed out indecision.

“I don’t know...” Thoughts came blipping from her mouth like the oil in a Christmas bubble light. She held a set in each hand, weighing her selection against a scale of criteria no one else would understand.

This shouldn’t take long, I thought. It wasn’t as if she had to decide between Kevorkian care or life support. The choice didn’t hold dire consequences. Would her son stomp away from the Christmas tree with a set of sheets that clashed with his bedroom color palette? Would their relationship suffer from her selection? I thought not.

I waited in a suspended state of obvious invisibility. After a minute or two, I cleared my throat. I tapped the front of her cart, ever so gently, with mine. I said “excuse me” with robotic anonymity and a feral grimace of fake friendliness behind my mask.



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

But she was locked in her sound-proof booth. Her eyes saw only Christmas Future. The moment was stretching into long, loopy strands of time-wasting taffy.

I thought up a plan and I thought it up quick.

I cleared my throat with a roar to get her attention, startling her. Her body vibrated like the buzz of a frayed extension cord against rusty guttering. She gazed up, pleadingly.

“Take the blue,” I cooed, my Grinchy lips curdling each vowel in clumpy syllables of calm. “They’re per-r-r-rect.”

Her shopping smile grew three sizes that day. The green sheets fell to the floor with a whump. She tossed the blue sheets into her sleigh of selections and rolled away.

My eyes filled with tinsel-y tears. I had the aisle all to myself, and I felt oh-so-jolly. Maybe my Christmas spirit isn’t what it should be. I’ll have to work on that.

Contact Robin at  
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## HOME COUNTRY

## A child’s smile

Mabel Adams was sitting in the day room at the Rest of Your Life retirement home when the children came in. She smiled and so did all the others in the room except for two who didn’t know what was going on.

The old-timers in the home knew the kids were coming and had put up Christmas decorations around in the day room and on the doors of their own small apartments and on themselves. Mabel had been reminded several times by the staff that morning that the kids were coming over, this being necessary as Mabel’s memory isn’t what it used to be. And she put a sprig of imitation holly in her hair and tied a red ribbon on the other side.

The little girl smiled and walked over to Mabel. “Are you a grandma?” she asked.

“Why, yes dear, I am.”

“I brought you a present, Grandma,” she said, handing a box to Mabel. Mabel opened it and was delighted at the sandalwood-scented hankies inside.



SLIM RANDES  
HOME COUNTRY

“Why thank you so much, Honey!” she said.

“And what is your name?”

“I’m Candice. I’m four.”

“Well, Candice, merry Christmas to you. Have you been here before?”

“Well ... no, I guess. Mom said this is where the grandmas are and we can have fun bringing presents to the grandmas.”

“I see,” Mabel said.

“Well, Candice, come over here, dear and let me give you a hug. There!”

Sometimes, it isn’t the cost of the hankies, or the fun wrapping them up. Sometimes it’s just a child’s smile and a small taste of love that makes us treasure Christmas.

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## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Limping into the holidays

It started with a limp. What we’d hoped was just a muscle sprain in the dog’s hind leg lingered for two months, landing us in the office of a veterinary orthopedic surgeon for x-rays.

Those black-and-white images brought bad news. Our 80-pound Goldendoodle, Mac, who never met a tennis ball he wouldn’t fetch or catch in mid-air, paid the price for his hobby when he tore his ACL. We paid the price, too, when we swallowed hard and handed over a credit card to cover the pricey surgery.

But like most animal lovers, there was never a question of what we’d do for this dog. We’d donate a kidney if he needed it. We’d dive in front of a bullet. He is family.

Thankfully, the surgery went well, but the doctor said dogs typically need up to 12 weeks to recover from this procedure, and the rules are strict. No playing. No jumping. No running. No stairs. Suddenly, our 3-year-old pup, who went everywhere as our daughter’s service dog, couldn’t go anywhere without our help.

We blocked the staircase with dining room chairs so he wouldn’t try to climb. We made a bed out of sleeping bags on the living room floor so our daughter could sleep beside him. She had to make sure he didn’t escape from the giant cone the vet put around his head to prevent him from pulling at his stitches. But after a week of sleeping on the floor, Kate’s back was in knots, and she wasn’t getting enough sleep.

A scene from a disaster movie titled “2012” shows an elephant suspended by ropes dangling from a helicopter, and that image gave me an idea. I bought a big sling designed to hoist up dogs with leg injuries, and now Tom and I use it each night to hoist Mac up enough so that his long, furry legs hover above the floor. Then we fly him up the stairs to sleep beside his favorite human.

We learned that aerial transport for big dogs is a young man’s game. It’s not recommended for middle-aged parents who sometimes wake up in pain in the morning because they “slept funny.” That dangling dog is heavy, and within days, my back was screaming in



GWEN ROCKWOOD  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

protest. A few days later, Tom’s back got angry, too. For the past two weeks, we’ve both been in and out of the chiropractor’s office trying to heal two bad backs triggered by one bad dog leg.

But perhaps the trickiest part of this process is trying to make sure the dog doesn’t hurt himself while he recovers from hurting himself. We’re supposed to keep him still and safe, but Mac wants to resume his daily dog business. While he was once sure-footed, he now tries to hop around the house, holding up one leg. The hardwood floors have become an ice-skating rink for this off-balance dog. He’s like a toddler who’s constantly careening toward disaster. We had to buy him rubber doggie socks to wear inside so he wouldn’t slip and fall on the way to his water dish.

All the changes around here have created stress — for the injured pup, the family, and especially the other dog — a short, bossy Corgi named Cooper. Like most dogs of his breed, Cooper thrives on consistency. Same schedule. Same people. Same food. Same setting. When anything or anyone is out of place, he notices and disapproves.

Dining room chairs blocking the staircase? That’s crazy. A bed of blankets in the middle of the living room floor? Unacceptable. Humans carrying a cone-headed 80-pound dog in rubber socks up the stairs each night? Chaos!

When Cooper feels anxious, he covertly pees on things to express his displeasure. We don’t know if it’s revenge or his way of trying to make this disorganized routine feel more familiar. Either way, it stinks.

As we try to keep our eyes glued to one dog recovering from surgery, we’re also cleaning up after the other dog, who is literally pissed about everything. He’s not alone. Could someone please pass me the egg-nog? And make it a double.

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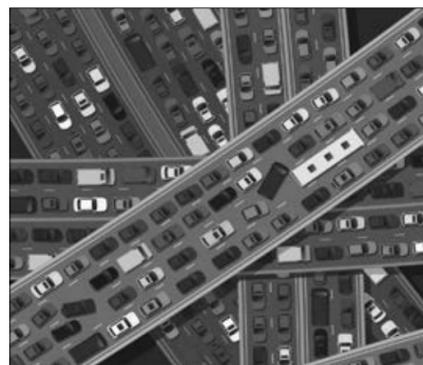
## POETRY CORNER

## The Highway of Life

As I merged onto the highway... there were three lanes... one was fast, then moderate, then slow, To my left... the cars quickly raced by... I wondered where are they going to go?

On my right... it was bumper... you could see frustration on every face, As I drove by... they looked at me... wondering why am I stuck in this place? I soon realized... as I saw a sign... this was the highway of life, For some... things seem to easily slide by... for others, it’s filled with strife.

— Daniel D. Donovan



## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## National Impaired Driving Awareness Month

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

Welcome to this edition of Public Health Corner, where we illuminate critical health issues, share community resources, and address topics profoundly affecting the well-being of our community. In recognition of National Impaired Driving Awareness Month, we focus on a matter of paramount importance — raising awareness about the consequences of impaired driving.

Impaired driving poses a significant threat to public safety, contributing to accidents, injuries, and fatalities. This awareness month provides an opportunity for us to join the nationwide effort in preventing impaired driving incidents and promoting responsible choices.

Understanding Impaired Driving: Impaired driving encompasses operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance that compromises an individual’s ability to drive safely. This reckless behavior endangers not only the driver but also passengers, pedestrians, and others on the road.

Consequences of Impaired Driving: The impact of impaired driving extends far beyond the immediate incident. It can result in severe injuries, loss of life, legal consequences, and lasting emotional trauma for individuals and families affected. Understanding the gravity of these consequences is crucial for fostering a sense of responsibility and promoting safer roads.

Prevention Strategies:

- Designate a Sober Driver: Before heading out, ensure that at least one person in your group remains sober to take on the role of the designated driver.
- Utilize Rideshare Services: Take advantage of rideshare apps or taxi services when alcohol or other impairing substances are involved.
- Educational Initiatives: Promote educational programs in schools and communities to increase awareness about the dangers of



impaired driving and its consequences.

- Community Engagement: Engage with local law enforcement and community organizations participating in awareness campaigns. Support their efforts to discourage impaired driving through education and outreach.

- Social Responsibility: Encourage responsible alcohol consumption and discourage driving under the influence among friends and family. Foster a culture of accountability and look out for one another.

- Resources for Support: If you or someone you know is struggling with substance abuse, seek assistance from local resources, support groups, or healthcare providers. Taking proactive steps to address substance use is vital for individual well-being and community safety.

As we observe National Impaired Driving Awareness Month, let’s unite in our commitment to creating safer roads and preventing the devastating consequences of impaired driving. By spreading awareness, fostering responsible choices, and supporting one another, we can contribute to a community where every journey is a safe one.

Thank you for your dedication to the safety and well-being of our community.

## Kirksville City Council meeting notes: Dec. 4 regular meeting

By Marty Bachman  
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their Dec. 4 regular meeting, unanimously approved an ordinance to withdraw as a member of the Missouri Clean Energy District, which was created pursuant to the Property Assessment Clean Energy Act.

According to Assistant City Manager Ashley Young, in the state of Missouri you can make energy efficient or renewable energy improvements to your property and then pay for those improvements over time through a special assessment to your property tax bill through legislation that was passed in 2010 called "PACE", which stands for the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. He said that the act also authorized the creation of districts that facilitated those financing programs.

"So one such district that the city joined about a decade ago is the Missouri Clean Energy District," Young told the council. "As part of that PACE Act, or that authorizing legislation, the state of Missouri was also charged with essentially examining or auditing these districts that are created through that legislation — and so the state Division of Finance did an audit of the MCEA, Missouri Clean Energy District, and it came back with a rating of poor, which is a four on their rating scale of one to four, four is the worst rating that you can receive."

Young said that there were a number of different reasons why they received that rating, from overcharging on interest to overcharging on administrative fees. Young told the council that based on the state's report, city staff recommend that the city withdraw from Missouri Clean Energy District.

"With that said," Young told the council, "residents, businesses, etc., still have the opportunity, theoretically, to participate in a PACE program here in the city of Kirksville through our membership in "Show Me PACE", which is a separate clean energy district authorized by the PACE Act."



Young said joining though, is contingent upon participation by the Adair County Collector, which up to this point has not occurred. He said the city would still be a member of "Show Me PACE" and, theoretically, that option would still exist for residents and businesses in Kirksville if the council approved it. He said that in the 10 years of the program's existence, no residents have participated.

In other city council action, a resolution authorizing a reimbursement payment to the developer Kirksville Mall, LLC from the South 63 Quarter Tax Increment Financing District for improvements made to the project area was approved.

Young told the council that the city was upholding their end of an agreement with who is now the previous developer of the Kirksville Renaissance Shopping Center on South Baltimore Street that includes Bucheits home improvement store, UScellular and the restaurant, La Pa. Young said that the funds reimburse the developer for expenses as per an agreement made a decade or so ago with the city for improvements that included the parking lot, building façades, landscaping, and lighting improvements, along with the new construction of an additional retail building.

The council unanimously approved the resolution.

A second resolution related to the project was then considered by the council. Young said that the Community Improvement District (CID) portion of that payment was for the same purpose — to reimburse the developer for those expenses already incurred.

The council unanimously approved that resolution as well.

The council then discussed a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with David E. Ross Construction Company for the Kirksville Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project for UV disinfection in the amount of \$2,494,800.

Public Works Director Adam Dorrell told the council that the contract was for the wastewater project they've been waiting on with the primary purpose of UV disinfection. He said that they opened bids on Nov. 16 and had only one bidder whose bid was significantly less than the estimate from the city's engineering consultant.

Dorrell said that the total bid was \$2,494,800 and that the city's engineering consultant, HDR, Inc. had reviewed the bid and considered the construction company to be a responsive and responsible contractor.

"They've worked with them on several projects," Dorrell told the council, noting that he has also worked with them on several projects with them as well. "They are good contractors — so only getting one bid makes you a little nervous, but in this case, we've got a good contractor."

Mayor Zac Burden said that this has been a long time coming with the city waiting for permitting to come through.

"I'm really glad to see this moving forward," Burden said. "This is that less sexy side of city governance but this is really important stuff and I'm glad to see we're able to get that project going along, so thank you."

The council unanimously approved the resolution.



## Kirksville City Manager speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

The speaker at the Nov. 29 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting was City Manager Mari Macomber. She spoke about the budget put together for 2024 and the plan for how to spend the \$3.5 million (\$3.2M plus funds from other areas) received under the federal

American Rescue Plan of 2021. Public input was sought and the six project categories receiving the most votes were North Park soccer fields, housing demolition, trail funding, sidewalk improvements, Rieger Armory purchase/updates and housing restoration. Mari Macomber (right) is pictured with Rotary Club President Melissa Stuart.



## Kirksville Kiwanis Club hosts YMCA director of Membership and Wellness

By Kirksville Kiwanis Club

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club welcomed Misti Hollenbeck-Harris to speak at their Nov. 30 meeting. Hollenbeck-Harris is the director of Membership and Wellness for the Adair County Family YMCA. She presented on their child nutrition program,

which prepares and delivers healthy and satisfying meals to children in the community during the school year and the summer. These meals are provided at no cost to the child or their family. To learn more, visit [adairymca.org](http://adairymca.org)! Pictured are Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Dan McGurk (left) and Hollenbeck-Harris.

## BANK

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"We are proud of our newest chapter, joining Equity Bank," said Bank of Kirksville Chief Executive Officer Norman Belitz. "Each bank has roots in community values, and dedication to Missouri customers. Equity is committed to our region and serves customers like ours with sophisticated loan, deposit, and online banking products."

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Equity will pay approximately \$44.3 million in cash to acquire Rockhold and Bank of Kirksville. Following completion of the merger in the first quarter of 2024, Bank of Kirksville will merge with and into Equity Bank.

The actual aggregate transaction value may be subject to adjustment based on the adjusted equity capital of Rockhold as of the closing, as further set forth in the definitive merger agreement. The closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approval. Rock-

hold's sole shareholder has approved the transaction.

Equity expects the merger to be \$0.36, or 12 percent accretive, to diluted earnings per share in 2024, and \$0.45, or 14.3 percent accretive, to earnings per share in 2025 and expects the tangible book value earn back to be approximately 1.3 years.

Established in 1914, Bank of Kirksville currently operates eight locations in North Central Missouri, including three in Kirksville and one each in La Plata, Downing, Memphis, Macon, and Moberly. Bank of Kirksville had \$406 million in consolidated total assets, \$344 million in total deposits, including \$311 million in core deposits, and \$122 million in loans as of Sept. 30.

Equity reported \$4.9 billion in consolidated total assets, deposits of \$4.1 billion and gross loans of \$3.3 billion as of Sept. 30. A pro forma Equity, including eight Bank of Kirksville locations, will comprise a network of 74 bank locations, including 23 offices in Missouri, and \$5.4 billion in total assets. Following the closing of

the transaction, Norman Belitz, Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Kirksville, will join Equity Bank as Regional Market President.

Since 2002, Equity Bank has completed 22 combined whole-bank, deposit, or branch acquisitions, including 10 whole-bank acquisitions since the Company's IPO in 2015.

"Stable, strong community markets, including regional hubs for education, industry, agriculture and manufacturing, are key to our success as a bank," Elliott said. "We are eager to serve our new customers in North Central Missouri, and we're pleased to partner with Bank of Kirksville."

### Bond Portfolio Repositioning

Equity also announced the sale of approximately \$442.0 million of available-for-sale investment securities, generating an after-tax loss of approximately \$38.2 million. The transaction will be neutral to tangible common equity while improving balance sheet efficiency. The assets sold are comprised primarily of treasury, agen-

cy, and mortgage-backed securities with a weighted average yield of 1.33 percent. The proceeds from the transaction will be re-deployed in cash, investment, and loan assets with an expected yield in excess of 5.00%. Equity anticipates the repositioning will contribute additional, annual interest income of approximately \$16.2 million, producing estimated earnings per share accretion of \$0.81 in 2024.

"We're pleased to be able to reposition our bond portfolio, which we anticipate will provide significant earnings benefit in 2024," Elliott said. "Our bankers have worked hard to build a strong capital base allowing the company to optimize our balance sheet, driving improved earnings while maintaining capital

strength and enhancing liquidity.

"The impact of each of these transactions will help drive earnings in 2024 and highlight our ability to maintain a strong balance sheet while integrating community banks," continued Elliott. "Our proactive approach will yield future shareholder value and is within our strategy of maintaining strong capital while reviewing opportunities to enhance our banking franchise."

### About Equity Bancshares, Inc.

Equity Bancshares, Inc. is the holding company for Equity Bank, offering a full range of financial solutions, including commercial loans, consumer banking, mortgage loans, trust and wealth management services and treasury man-

agement services, while delivering the high-quality, relationship-based customer service of a community bank. Equity's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EQBK." Learn more at [www.equitybank.com](http://www.equitybank.com).

### About Rockhold Bancorp

Rockhold Bancorp is the parent company of the Bank of Kirksville, serving customers in Adair County, Missouri since 1914, when it became the fifth bank operating in Kirksville. Currently, Bank of Kirksville operates eight locations in North Central Missouri. It offers financial services and resources to customers in Kirksville, LaPlata, Downing, Memphis, Macon, and Moberly, Missouri.

## LA PLATA

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"No one was injured, but the elementary students are now attending classes

out of the local church," Whittenburg said. "Not only is the school in need of supplies, but the church is also requesting toilet paper and paper towels as well as other hygiene products to accommodate

this shift."

As of Tuesday, \$45 of a \$250 goal was raised.

LaPlata has only one elementary and one combined middle/high school.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new Genoa Healthcare pharmacy.

## New pharmacy open to help serve community through hands-on care

On-site pharmacy to help improve medication adherence and health outcomes for individuals

By Genoa Healthcare

Mark Twain Behavioral Health and Genoa Healthcare hosted their grand opening of a new on-site pharmacy to serve the center's clients on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The new Genoa Healthcare pharmacy will help people receiving care from Mark Twain Behavioral Health stay on their medications through specialized offerings, including pre-filled pill organizers, proactive outreach calls and prior authorization assistance.

The grand opening included a ribbon cutting followed by remarks from Michael Cantrell, CEO, Mark Twain Behavioral Health; Angela Caraway, VP of Clinical Operations, Mark Twain Behavioral Health; Celia Hagan, VP of Human Resources, Mark Twain Behavioral Health; Brian Zellers, Director of Operations, Genoa Healthcare; and Callie Christison, Associate Director of Community Pharmacy, Genoa Healthcare

Genoa Healthcare is located within

Mark Twain Behavioral Health at 105 Pfeiffer Avenue in Kirksville.

Mark Twain Behavioral Health (MTBH) is a private not-for-profit Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic serving Northeast Missouri since 1975 with a wide variety of behavioral health services. Mark Twain Behavioral Health strives to treat the whole person by promoting wellness as individuals work towards their personal goals of achieving a satisfying, productive and healthy lifestyle. Mark Twain Behavioral Health is seen as the leader in community behavioral health and community-based crisis services, serving individuals and families from three years old through end of life. Their organizational mission is to Enhance The Overall Health and Wellbeing Of Those We Serve.

Genoa Healthcare is a leading provider of pharmacy and clinical services for individuals with behavioral health and other complex, chronic health conditions. With more than 20 years of experience, Genoa serves nearly one million people annually across its more than 700 pharmacies located within community mental health centers in the United States. Genoa is part of Optum Rx, a pharmacy care services company.

## PSC sets intervention deadline in Ameren Missouri Electric Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Charge cases

By Ameren Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY— Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission to adjust the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on the bills of its electric customers.

Ameren Missouri made two filings. In its first filing (Case No. ER-2024-0183), Ameren Missouri proposes to adjust the FAC to reflect changes in its fuel and purchased power costs, net off system sales revenues and associated transportation experienced during the four month period of June through September 2023. The second case is Ameren Missouri's true-up filing (Case No. EO-2024-0185).

According to the Ameren Missouri filing, as a result of these two filings, the FAC for a residential customer using 1,021 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month will decrease from approximately \$3.15 a month to approximately \$2.60 a month. The proposed change would take effect on Feb. 1, 2024.

Applications to intervene and participate in these cases must be filed no later than Dec. 22, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and In-

formation System (EFIS) at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov).

Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 1-866-922-2959, e-mail [opcservice@opc.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@opc.mo.gov)) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov)). The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency that represents the general public in matters before the Commission.

In other action, Ameren Missouri has filed an application seeking to adjust the Energy Efficiency Investment Charge (EEIC) that appears on the monthly bills of its electric customers.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than Dec. 22, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov)

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For an average residential customer, Ameren Missouri's filing states the EEIC will drop from approximately \$3.74 a month to approximately \$3.65 a month, effective February 1, 2024. The EEIC is a charge which encourages utility companies to implement demand-side and energy efficiency programs and was part of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA). The mechanism is reflected as a separate line item on customer bills.



The Baker family.



Cathy Baker in front of a combine.

## FARMERS

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Cathy and Bob helped start the Atlanta FFA Chapter, the Scholarship Banquet of the Macon County Cattlemen's Association and Missouri's first County Junior Cattlemen's Association. Baker's volunteer endeavors have been instrumental in building and advancing agricultural opportunities for 4-H and FFA members for decades. She is a long-time volunteer of the Macon County Fair where she has served as Beef Superintendent.

"Go ahead and mentor the youth," Baker urges other vol-



The Baker Family Farms sign.

unteers. "The results are not immediate, but it is well worth your time to invest in the youth of agriculture."

Baker is a project leader and sponsor for the Home Pioneer 4-H Club in Atlanta, which has more than 105 members. In 2020, Baker was among the first 4-H leaders who innovated to host project meetings through videos posted on the 4-H club Facebook page. When Baker was a 4-H member herself, she could knit anything, but she currently stays so busy that she says knitting will have to wait.

Baker's passion for mentorship is evident at home, too. One of Baker's granddaughters was the Missouri FFA Forage Proficiency Award winner in 2023 and another granddaughter is an avid prepared public speaker.

"My nine grandchildren, ages 26 to 6, keep me busy," Baker said with a smile in her voice.

All three of Baker's children have college agriculture degrees. Her daughter, Sharon Pennington, works for the Farm Service Agency in Macon County. Her son, Daron, farms full-time with his own operation parallel to Baker Family Farms. Her youngest, Aaron, is the local 4-H club leader and works in public policy.

If Baker isn't farming or mentoring local youth in agriculture, she spends time speaking to farm families about preparing for loss. Baker shared her story of the family's farm transition in a June

2021 article in the Missouri Soybean Farmer magazine.

"In business, you are either growing or you're not," said Baker. "For my entire life, I have always chosen to surround myself by things that are growing. That's how I am going to continue Bob's legacy."

One of Baker's favorite weekly activities is Bible Study with the Wives' Group at the Crossroads Christian Church. She remains active in the Macon County Cattlemen's Group. Baker is a member of Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Soybean Association, and the Missouri Farm Bureau, all partners of Missouri Farmers Care.

## DENTISTRY

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Students attend classes in Kirksville for two years before attending the ATSU St. Louis Dental Center, a partnership between ATSU and Affinia Healthcare, where they begin to actually work on patients. After two years in St. Louis, they graduate in Kirksville with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

Speakers at the event included Dwight McLeod, DDS, dean of ATSU-MOSDOH; Craig Phelps, DO, president, ATSU; Jackie Miller, DDS, Missouri state dental director; and Dr. Jack Magruder, the former president of ATSU on whose watch the dental school was founded.

The Kirksville location wasn't a given for the new school, in fact, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger had tried to have the school built in California but was upstaged by then Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, who drove up to Kirksville and stated that Missouri wanted ATSU's dental school in Missouri.

With a large turnout of community support and an effort that raised \$1.1 million, ATSU was able to construct the dental school building and begin classes.



Dwight McLeod, DDS, dean of ATSU-MOSDOH, with Lisa Bosch, DMD, ATSU-MOSDOH alumna.



Visitors celebrate the 10th anniversary of ATSU's dental school.

## TURNING THE PAGE

## This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans



## 110 Years Ago, December 12, 1913

The Kirksville High School was preparing for the publication of its first high school yearbook. The book was to be known as the Mimir and would come out in April 1914. The yearbook was being produced by the senior class, and it was to be printed by the Journal Printing Company in Kirksville. A publication staff had been selected and the advertising staff were already hard at work lining up advertisers. The editor was Emmett Rogers, and the assistant editor was Everett Ownbey.

## 110 Years Ago, December 13, 1913

After a battle between the operators of Kirksville's movie theaters and the Kirksville Minister's Alliance, the former decided to cease showing movies on Sundays. In a letter to Kirksville's mayor, C.E. Still, from the Kirksville theater operators, they stated: "In reply to your recent request we have decided to consent to not give any more shows on Sundays in the future. It is our desire and intentions to work in harmony at all times with your wishes so long as they are reasonable, fair and just." The letter came as a surprise to Kirksville residents who had been following the battle of words published in local newspapers between the theater operators and the Minister's Alliance. Five clergymen representing the Baptist, Christian, two Methodist, and Presbyterian churches announced they would take the topic to the pulpit and preach on Sunday picture shows at their upcoming Sunday evening services. The letter ended what might have been a bitter battle over whether Kirksville should have motion pictures on Sundays.

## 100 Years Ago, December 10, 1923

A large number of vehicles from Kirksville and the surrounding area drove toward Novinger to travel over Adair County's first hard surface road (concrete). The weather was nice and gave people owning vehicles the opportunity to try the new road since its recent opening. Work continued on the road as workers were placing riprap along the sides of the concrete to prevent wash out. Signs at both ends of the road warned that the road was still under construction and that people drove on it at their own risk. The approach at the east end of the concrete road was in poor condition as the fill dirt was soft and the track was deeply rutted out. A new bridge was to be built across the Chariton River at Novinger in the near future, and it was expected to be built of steel and concrete. It would be wide enough for cars to meet.

## 80 Years Ago, December 10, 1943

Two Adair County men were among the half dozen members of the Jehovah Witnesses sect who were tried in Federal Court at Hannibal on charges of draft evasion. Both evaders received five-year prison sentences. One of the men claimed that he was a member of Jehovah Witness and had made a covenant with God by which he could not under any circumstances violate the sacred commitment by taking part in war. The other man who was convicted claimed that his draft classification status should have been changed because he was an ordained minister of the Jehovah Witness sect.

## 80 Years Ago, December 15, 1943

An extreme cold spell gripped parts of the Midwest, especially hitting the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Record low temperatures were reported in all three states. The entire state of Missouri, most of Kansas, and part of Oklahoma, all reported snow and low temperatures. In Missouri, Kirksville reported the lowest overnight temperature with an official reading of -15 at the Kirksville Airport, the official reporting station. Train service was disrupted due to the cold, and the coal supply was running dangerously low. Coal was the primary source of heat in the areas affected by the cold blast. Coal mine operators and the War Department representatives met to evaluate the situation and determine a plan to provide more coal. In areas where gas was the source of heat, gas companies throughout the area were forced to cut service. The War Department gave priority to war production centers leaving homes and businesses with a shortage of gas.

## 75 Years Ago, December 10, 1948

The City of Kirksville installed parking meters "for the benefit and convenience of the shoppers of Kirksville." According to the city's statement: "They (parking meters) should help control traffic and make parking conditions easier for you. We ask your cooperation and believe you will appreciate handy parking space where you want it, when you want it, and for the time you need it." There was some opposition to the installation of parking meters by both Kirksville shoppers and businesses. The meters and respective vehicles were monitored to ensure compliance with the regulations which were in effect 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. week days and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; Sundays and holidays were excluded. The meters accepted pennies and nickels for a period of up to two hours. After the expiration of that period additional coins had to be inserted. Expired time on the meter meant a parking ticket might be written and the vehicle owner would be subject to a fine. As the city began to build city parking lots, the parking meters were removed.

## 75 Years Ago, December 10, 1948

G. E. "Shag" Grossnickle, sheriff elect of Adair County, was sworn in as deputy sheriff to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Deputy George Scrivens. Sheriff Brown offered the position to Grossnickle so that he could become familiar with the office before becoming Adair County Sheriff on January 1, 1949. Scrivens planned to devote all his time to the Dixie Cream Donut Shop at 110 S. Main Street which he had recently purchased.

## 50 Years Ago, December 12, 1973

What was probably the last passenger train to pass through Kirksville made its way across town on the old Wabash line, later the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The Presidential Special was a passenger train specifically used by the president of the railroad, J.P. Fishwick of Roanoke, Virginia, and other railroad officials. The railroad group was conducting an inspection tour of the railroad in the area. This was the first time since 1952 that a passenger train passed through Kirksville on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Bonus Column

## Getting to know the Adair County Historical Society and Museum

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical Society and Museum

For those readers who like local history and don't already know, the Adair County Historical Society and Museum also publishes a quarterly magazine called "The Adair Historian." It is 36 pages filled with local history stories of people and places written by local writers. It is published in January, April, July and October for a yearly membership or subscription fee. If you would like to subscribe, contact the Historical Society at 211 S. Elson in Kirksville, MO, 63501, phone 660-665-6502. We are open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1-4 p.m. A subscription also makes a good gift.

We have published this magazine for the past eight years, since 2015, so we have covered many people and places. All of our back issues are still kept in stock because history never goes out of date. So, all our past issues are still available to readers.

We have writers who are adept at authoring biographies. Some of the local people they have interviewed and/or written histories on are Clara Straight, teacher and artist; Harvey Young, banker; Lanier Strong White, teacher; Marietta Jayne, civic leader; Glenn Briddle, coal miner; Bill Matthew, educator; Geraldine Prather, country school teacher; Dr. Stanley Bohon, dentist; the Coy brothers, military; Barb and Frank Eskra and their Croatia roots; Irwin Dunbar, architect; Fred "Killer" Burke, gangster; Maggie (Weber) Mudd, teacher; Ringo family, banker; Mabel (Montgomery) Hill, farmer; Leo Boyd Funk, Postmaster; Nancy Jane Glasgow, teenage pioneer; Hettie Danielson, Swedish immigrant; ROLLIE SMITH, trucker; Meredith Willcox, quilter; Gary Cunningham, TV personality; Doris Akers, singer; Dr. James Gardner, physician; Bob Barrickman, service station owner; P. C. Mills, banker; and more.

We have also completed many stories on the history of local well-known and popular places such as the Kennedy Theater, Silver Star Drive-in Theater, Pete's Candyland, Rainbow Basin Ski Resort, Kirksville Municipal Swimming Pool, Elaine's Dining Room, and Leo's Roller Rink.

We have featured the history of towns and other places, such as Brashear, Sperry, the Imbler Orchard, Bullion Church, Bear Creek Church, Grim-Smith Hospital, Thousand Hills State Park, Kirksville Community Sale Barn, graves of two Revolutionary War soldiers in Adair County, Spring Creek Ranch, Orphan Trains, and the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. We have covered pioneers, old settlers, immigrants and soldiers. We have chronicled great victories and heartbreaking tragedies.

In addition, we feature news from our museum, new artifacts, displays, events, community activities, gift-shop items, improvements, needs, donations and small grants.

We produce a yearly calendar which is totally locally made with historic pictures of Adair County and their explanations. We search old



Adair County Historical Society Museum, 211 S. Elson St., Kirksville, Mo.



newspapers each year to find interesting events of the past and mark these on the individual days in our historic calendar. These calendars for 2024 are now available at the museum or through the mail for a donation.

It should be known that the Historical Society is totally staffed by volunteers. It does not receive support from any local, state or federal agency. We rely upon the yearly fees paid by our members to survive. Purchases of our magazine and our calendar also help support the museum. We apply for as many grants as possible, but these are all small in nature and specified for particular projects.

In addition, we have a small gift shop in the museum where we have items such as books, pamphlets, postcards, CDs, and DVDs which are offered for a suggested donation. All of these items are about people, places and things in Adair County. As far as we know, we are the only place that has postcards of Kirksville and Adair County, and they are photographed and produced by our own staff.

So, if you are shopping this Christmas for a history buff, be sure to visit our museum and check out the gift shop items, a membership, magazines or calendars. They all make good gifts.

We also invite the public to visit our three floors of artifacts in the museum during our open hours of Wednesday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. (except holidays). We can schedule tours for small groups of adults or children, and we often host class reunion receptions for people returning to their school-day memories.

Here are examples of some of the displays you will find in our museum: Military displays, a full-size buggy complete with foot warmers and a horse-hair coat, desk of Dr. Edward Grim, collection of arrowheads, photo board of the 80 rural schools once in Adair County, antique dining room, sewing center, shoe shine stand, woman's fashion area, first church of Adair County, courthouse artifacts,

Porter School items, music corner, complete Gibbs Post Office, large sign from the Kennedy Theater, church memorabilia, railroad station display, old Kirksville Tiger scoreboard, barber chair, farm room, review of former businesses in Adair County, replica of the Sojourners' Children's Library, historic paintings, and cornice from the Dockery Hotel, just to name a few.

Each year, we try to complete a project to improve and preserve the museum. We often ask for the public's help in providing donations to accomplish our preservation efforts. Our building was constructed in 1916 as the clubhouse of the Sojourners Club, a literary and civic club unique to Kirksville which still exists today. The building was designed in the Prairie style of architecture by local architect Irwin Dunbar. This building was sold to the Historical Society in 1999 and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014. Some of the past projects which we have accomplished are a new roof, new thermal windows and blinds, tuck pointing, new basement door, a refurbished conference table, new water heater, microfilm scanner, lighting upgrades, filing cabinets, computer and printer, office flooring and insulation, painting, woodworking, and refinishing of some of the hardwood floors.

The Historical Society itself has existed in Adair County since 1916 when the Missouri State Historical Society began planning ahead for the 1921 celebration of our State's 100th anniversary of statehood. They requested that all counties in Missouri establish a Historical Society, and many of them did. However, the outbreak of World War I in 1917 caused attentions to focus in a different direction. Some county societies which had already formed did survive, and Adair County was one of these.

Future projects planned for the preservation of our historic museum building are revitalization of our antique kitchen area, new gutters, flooring upgrades, and a commercial flagpole. To help with any of these projects, or if you have questions, please contact us.

Next time, back to our story of the Ownbey family as started last week.

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## 3rd Annual 'Celebrating Christmas Thru Music' program held in Novinger

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Celebrating Christmas Thru Music was held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the former Novinger Methodist

Church. Attendees were able to enjoy vocal performances, instrumentals, community singing and tours of the historic building. The event was coordinated by Novinger Renewal.



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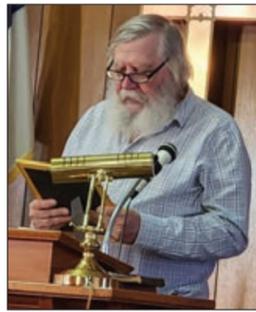
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## AGENT AFIELD: Hunters are having great success this season

**I**s hunter orange required while archery hunting during the Alternative methods

portion of deer season? Read more to find out.

November was an incredibly busy month. Hunters and outdoor enthusiasts activities peak during this amazing time to be enjoying Missouri resources. The November portion (rifle season) was very successful for hunters. The harvesting of a trophy animal is a bonus, but returning home with great memories of a safe hunt is top priority. I am not aware of any hunting accidents that occurred in Adair County. A

new Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) portion was added this year. It functioned as an extension of the previous portion. This additional time served to increase opportunity, harvest, and disease management. Prevalence rates continue to be low and management efforts remain in place for the early months of 2024.

Deer hunters in Missouri harvested 193,669 deer during the November portion of firearms deer season, Nov. 11-21. Of the 193,669 deer



Kevin Powell, Conservation Agent

harvested, 105,614 were antlered bucks, 16,081 were button bucks, and 71,974 were does. The surrounding county harvests were as follows Adair 1,623, Knox 1,430, Macon 2,530, Putnam 1,280, and Schuyler 991.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows that hunters harvested 11,705 deer during the state's new chronic wasting disease (CWD) portion of the firearms deer-hunting season, Nov. 22-26, in CWD Management Zone counties. Of the 11,705 deer harvested, 4,707 were antlered bucks, 1,074 were button bucks, and 5,924 were does.

Archery deer hunting continues through Jan. 15, 2024. The alternative methods portion will occur Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2024. Yes, hunter orange is required during the overlap of these two seasons?

A great way to carry and purchase permits is the MOHunting app available on any mobile device. The app is a great reference for shooting times, season dates, and daily limits. For more information, you may contact the Kirksville Regional Office at 660-785-2420 Conservation Agent Kevin Powell at 665-216-1389.

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## Football players from Milan, Schuyler County, Scotland County earn All-State honors

By Adam Tumino

The Missouri Football Coaches Association released its All-State on Friday, and 11 players from three local schools were among the All-State honorees. Schuyler County had four players honored on the eight-man team, Milan had six honorees on the Class 1 team and Scotland County had a player named to the Class 1 team as well.

Schuyler County senior wide receiver Mayson Humphrey was named first team All-State, making him the lone Ram to earn first-team honors. Running back Elliott Sevits and offensive lineman Ace Akers, both juniors, were both named to the second-team offense while junior linebacker Isaiah Cullers was named to the third-team defense.

These players helped lead a Schuyler County team that was winless just two seasons ago to a miraculous turnaround. The Rams finished the season 9-3, won a district title and advanced to the state quarterfinal before their season came to an end.

Milan had six players collect a total of seven All-State honors on the Class 1 team. Senior Carlos Cotto was named to the first team

as both a running back and kick returner. Senior Ahmet Niasse was named to the first-team defense as a linebacker and senior kicker Jared Gonzalez also earned first-team honors. Milan had sophomore offensive lineman Troy Aldridge, senior defensive end Jose Garcia and senior defensive back Don-Divin Ngombo all receive second-team honors.

These players helped the Wildcats win a district title and make a run into the final four of the state tournament before they fell to eventual state runner-up North Platte. Milan went 11-2 on the season, losing their first game of the season to South Shelby before winning 11 games in a row leading into their state semifinal game. The 11 wins on the season were the most for the Wildcats since 2014.

Scotland County had the last All-State representative among local schools. Senior offensive lineman Hugh Baker earned second-team honors. The Tigers went 3-8 on the season, marking an improvement over their 1-9 season in 2022. Baker helped anchor an offense that saw its scoring average improve by 8.6 points per game from 2022 to 2023.



Milan senior Carlos Cotto runs through contact from a Marceline defender in the game on Nov. 10.



Schuyler County junior Elliott Sevits runs upfield in the game against Bishop LeBlond on Sept. 2.



Milan senior Ahmet Niasse looks to stiff arm a defender in the game against Penney on Nov. 17.



Schuyler County senior Mayson Humphrey looks to evade a defender in the game against Knox County on Nov. 3.



Schuyler County junior Isaiah Cullers (right) celebrates a fumble recovery in the game against Bishop LeBlond on Sept. 2. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

## COLUMN

### Ohtani's free agency proved entertaining, chaotic and monumental

The most substantial contract in the history of professional sports was just signed by MLB superstar Shohei Ohtani. The two-way star and reigning AL MVP agreed to a 10 year contract with the Dodgers worth a staggering \$700 million, keeping the face of the sport in the city of Los Angeles but turning the already formidable Dodgers into a team with the potential to be historically good.



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Ohtani joins stars and fellow former MVPs Mookie Betts and Freddie Freeman in the Dodgers lineup, and once his elbow heals from offseason surgery, will join all-time great Clayton Kershaw and a stable of reliable arms in the starting rotation.

Many MLB fans found Ohtani's decision to join the Dodgers rather boring and predictable, although preferable to him going to the Yankees. While the destination may not have been surprising, the money certainly was.

Ohtani was basically guaranteed to sign for a record in annual value, total value, or both, but \$700 million is a mindblowing number. The average value of \$70 million is also incredible, and will see him earn more this season than the entire projected 2024 opening day rosters of several teams.

While fans of several teams wanted Ohtani to come aboard, few teams were seemingly in contention for his services. The day before Ohtani signed with the Dodgers, there was an absolutely chaotic several hours where he was reported to be flying to Toronto to sign with the Blue Jays. The report was revealed to be total nonsense and caused reporter Jon Morosi to issue an apology to fans and torpedo his credibility in the process.

But aside from harming some reputations and devastating Blue Jays fans, the faulty report did not indicate much else. Did the Blue Jays, Rangers or Cubs ever have a shot at Ohtani? Were the Angels ever a threat to re-sign him? We will probably never really know.

What we do know is that the Dodgers are desperate to win another World Series before their veteran core declines. They have been one of the best regular season teams in the league over the past several years, the Dodgers have won just a single World Series in that span. That title came in the Covid-shortened 2020 season, which some fans wrongfully discount as illegitimate.

The Dodgers now seem fully geared toward winning another ring in the next few years. Betts and Freeman were perhaps the best offensive duo in the league last season, and the downfall of the Padres and Giants last season leaves the reigning Diamondbacks as the only viable threat to the Dodgers in the NL West.

Ohtani moving to the Dodgers is a move that will change the balance of the league and the free agent market for years to come. The wild saga that followed his free agency also provided some much-needed off-season entertainment for baseball fans.

## Local high school football teams have 46 players earn All-District honors for 2023 season

By Adam Tumino

The release of the All-District football teams on Friday saw 46 local players combine to earn 52 honors. Milan had 11 players honored while Schuyler County had nine. Putnam County, Scotland County and Kirksville each had six players honored while Knox County and Macon each had four honorees.

At eight-man District 8, Schuyler County had defensive end Gus Williams, linebackers Brody Weaver and Isaiah Cullers, offensive linemen Ace Akers and Caden Veatch, quarterback Connor Smith, running backs Elliot Sevits and Mason Windy, and wide receivers Kale Windy and Mayson Humphrey receive honors. Humphrey, Sevits, Akers and Cullers also were named to the All-State team.

Knox County had four players named to the eight-man District 8 team. Defensive back Collin Hayes, linebacker Terry Ogden and returner Reice Miller were honored. Senior Robert Dooley was the only local player named to an All-District team three times. He was honored as a running back, punter and defensive end.

There were 23 local players honored on the Class 1 District 4 team, 11 of which were from Milan. On defense, defensive back Don-Divin Ngombo, defensive ends Cheppe Ayala and Jose Garcia and linebackers Ahmet Niasse and Kamden DeRyke were honored. Offensively, running

back Carlos Cotto, receiver Keaton Weter and offensive linemen Santiago Osorio and Troy Aldridge were honored. Cotto was also named to the team as a returner. Jared Gonzalez made the team as a kicker and Tony Linehart did as a specialist. Aldridge, Cotto, Garcia, Gonzalez, Ngombo and Niasse were also named All-State players, with Cotto making it as a running back and returner.

Putnam County had six players pick up All-District honors. Trace Riediger picked up honors at both quarterback and punter. Defensive back Jude Wyatt, linebacker Tristen Hendee, offensive lineman Reed Valentine and linebackers Gideon Jones and Kollin Huse rounded out the honorees for the Midgets.

Scotland County also had six players combine for seven honors. Owen Brown made the team as a defensive lineman and kicker while defensive end Payton Frederick, linebacker Beau Triplett, offensive lineman High Baker, running back Elias Hatfield and tight end Vince Dale also made the team. Baker was additionally named to the All-State team for Class 1.

Macon had four players earn four honors on the Class 3 team. Defensive end Kace Holman and linebacker Isaac Kauffman were named to the defensive team, receiver Jonathan Bray was named to the offensive team and Jace Terry made it as a specialist.

Kirksville was the third school to have six players earn sev-



Knox County senior Robert Dooley runs toward the sideline in the game against Paris on Sept. 29.



Putnam County quarterback Trace Riediger scrambles upfield in the game against Milan on Sept. 8.

en All-District honors. Michael Corbett made the team as both an offensive and defensive lineman, while defensive back Carter Pinkerton and linebacker Sean Payton and Jack Thomas joined him on the defensive team. Andrew Williams joined Corbett on the list of offensive line honorees while kicker Beckett Lyons made the team as a specialist.



Kirksville junior Carter Pinkerton runs through contact during the Macon Jamboree on Aug. 18. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville senior Michael Corbett drags down the ballcarrier in the game against Excelsior Springs on Oct. 27.



Macon senior John Bray (4) celebrates a fumble recovery in the game against Monroe City on Oct. 13.

# More bests for Bulldogs in final meets before break

By Truman State University Athletics

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — The Truman State Track & Field teams competed on Saturday with the majority of the squads heading to the Central (Iowa) Dutch Holiday Preview and three Bulldog women facing top competition in Iowa City at the Jimmy Grant Invitational hosted by the University of Iowa.

At the Central Dutch Holiday Preview, Addison Walker, Jacob Morris and Destiny Zimdars were double winners for the Bulldogs. Walker swept the long and triple jumps, and Morris and Zimdars claimed both the shot put and weight throws.

Walker flew 10.83 to beat teammate Audrey Gilmore's mark of 9.70. In the long jump, Walker posted a 5.24 meter distance and Hailey Derboven was third at 4.82 meters. Both of those marks for Walker were personal bests.

Zimdars won the weight throw with a mark of 13.80 meters and the shot put with a distance of 9.47 meters.

Cooper Doolin and Esme AuBuchon were also winners for the Bulldogs at the meet. Doolin ran the fastest time in the 60 meter dash of 7.06 with Alex Long third at 7.36. AuBuchon was the only competitor to clear 1.57 to win the women's high jump.

Raina Baker and Kendall Dasher ran in the 600

meter run in Iowa City and both finished second in their respective heats. Baker ran a PR time of 1:37.38 to finish sixth overall and Dasher nearly eclipsed her PR running 1:42.76 to place eighth. Her best in the event is 1:42.70.

Addie Mathis ran in the women's mile and finish sixth with a PR time of 5:07.04, her previous best was 5:22.42 in the mile.

### Meet Highlights:

-The Bulldog men went first through fourth in both throwing events. Morris won the Shot Put at 15.89 and the Weight Throw with 19.32. Tyler Davis was second in the shot (15.36), followed by Alex Long (14.05)

and Leithym Messer (12.91).

-In the Weight Throw, Messer was second (15.18) with Jackson Figo third (12.22) and Davis fourth (12.02).

-Audrey Gilmore placed second in the triple jump and was third in the 300 meter dash.

-Max McMullen and Zach Dodson tied for second in the men's high jump with both clearing 1.87 meters.

-Kelly Hoskins was second in the pole vault (4.05m) and third in the long jump (6.13m).

-Nolan Henslee won the silver in the men's 600 meter run (1:27.36).

-Nick Fuess was second in the men's triple jump (11.85).



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4WD, 8 Cyl., White



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## Taking an early look at GLVC basketball conference standings, statistics

By Adam Tumino

With conference play on a pause until after the new year for the basketball teams of the GLVC, it is a good time to take a look at some of the results and stats from the first few games of conference play this season.

### Men's Basketball

On the men's side, teams have played anywhere from two to four conference games so far. Indianapolis grabbed an early conference lead with a 3-0 start to GLVC play. The Greyhounds are the only team in the conference without a conference loss in the early stages and have won four in a row overall after a 2-4 start to the season.

Illinois-Springfield and Missouri-St. Louis are both sitting at 3-1, with Illinois-Springfield getting the edge in the standings thanks to a 7-4 overall record. Missouri-St. Louis is at 5-5. Two more GLVC teams are currently above .500 play so far, and they are Missouri S&T and Lewis. Both teams are 2-1 in conference play, but Missouri S&T is 6-2 overall and Lewis is 3-4.

McKendree and Quincy are both 2-2, with McKendree beating Quincy in both teams' previous game to make them both 2-2. McKendree is 5-3 overall and Quincy is 5-5. Upper Iowa

and Truman State are the only teams to play just two conference games, and have played each other both games in a home-and-home. Each team won its home game, both of which were high-scoring affairs. Upper Iowa is still over .500 overall at 5-4 while Truman is 3-5.

William Jewell, Rockhurst and Southwest Baptist are all 1-2 so far, although William Jewell boasts the best overall record among the teams at 6-3. Rockhurst is 4-5 and Southwest Baptist is 4-6. Still searching for their first conference wins are Drury and Maryville. Both teams are 0-3 in conference play, but Drury is 6-4 overall while Maryville is 3-4.

Statistically, Upper Iowa is the conference's highest-scoring team with an average of 89.4 points per game. Missouri S&T ranks second with an average of 83.3 points per game. Upper Iowa's defense is the inverse of its offense, ranking last in the conference and allowing 85.4 points per game. Indianapolis leads the conference defensively, allowing 65.3 points per game. Southwest Baptist is barely behind at 65.5 points per game.

Upper Iowa's Jake Hilmmer is the conference's leading scorer with an average of 25 points per game. McKendree's Milos Vicentic is just behind him

at 24.8 points per game. Lewis' Ryan Renfro leads the conference with nine rebounds per game while Truman's Xavier Hall and Missouri S&T's Lovell Williams are tied for the conference lead with 5.3 assists per game.

### Women's Basketball

On the women's side, a pair of teams have gotten off to an unbeaten start to conference play. McKendree currently leads the conference at 6-0 while Lewis is behind them at 2-0. McKendree is tied for the best overall record in the conference at 8-2 while Lewis, the preseason favorite to win the GLVC, is 6-3 overall.

Missouri S&T is in third place with a 4-2 conference record and 6-3 overall record, putting them ahead of a trio of teams with 3-2 conference records. Those teams are Drury, Rockhurst and Indianapolis, with Drury's 8-2 overall record giving them the edge and tying them with McKendree for the best in the conference. Rockhurst is 3-3 overall and Indianapolis is 5-5.

Illinois-Springfield and Quincy are both 3-3 so far, although Illinois-Springfield is above .500 overall at 5-4 while Quincy is 3-7. Upper Iowa is also at .500 in conference play at 2-2, and are 4-3 overall.

Southwest Baptist is 2-3 in conference play and 5-5 overall, but their three-game winning streak overall is the second-longest active streak in the conference. Maryville and William Jewell are both 1-4 in conference play so far, with Maryville sitting at 3-7 overall and William Jewell sitting at 2-8.

Truman State and Missouri S&T are both still searching for their first conference wins. Truman is 0-4 in conference and 3-7 overall while Missouri S&T is 0-5 in conference and 1-9 overall. Missouri S&T has lost seven games in a row overall, the longest active losing streak in the conference by four games.

Statistically, Drury is leading the conference in scoring with an average of 78.1 points per game. Ranking second with an average of 76.3 points per game is Illinois-Springfield. Missouri-St. Louis has the top defense in the conference by a solid margin so far, allowing 55.8 points per game. Southwest Baptist ranks second allowing 62.8 points per game. Illinois-Springfield's high-scoring offense has been undone a bit by its defense, which is allowing a conference-high 78.1 points per game.

Truman's Ellie Weltha is the conference's leading scorer, averaging 18.9



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



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

points per game. Jalyssa Stokes from Missouri-St. Louis ranks just behind Weltha with her average of 18.7 points per game. Quincy's Acheampomaa Danso

leads the conference with 9.6 rebounds per game with Weltha ranking second with 9.2. Drury's Caitlynn Daniels leads the conference with 5.8 assists per game.

## Truman Men's Basketball signs four players

By Truman State University Athletics

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Truman State Men's Basketball signed four players to the 2024 class. Trevan Krumrei (Marion, Iowa), Titus Miller (Owasso, Okla.), Quientan McCafferty (Omaha, Neb.) and Troy Anderson (Warrenton, Mo) all signed a National Letter of Intent.

### Trevan Krumrei (Robins, Iowa/Kennedy High School)

Krumrei played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Linn-Mar High School before transferring to Kennedy High School where he will play his final two years. He is a two-time varsity letter winner and helped Kennedy go 26-1 in the 2022-23 season. Trevan led the team in free throw percentage (85.7%), and scored a season-high 31 points. Krumrei also has two academic letters, volunteers for two weeks every summer at YMCA Camp Wapsie in the kitchen, and worked the Junior Cougar Camp at Kennedy High School.

**Coach Jeff Horner on Krumrei:** Trevan is a tireless worker! He can really shoot it from outside and is a big time offensive rebounder. His high IQ is something we always look for in a Bulldog! He comes from a winning program and that cannot be taught.

### Titus Miller (Owasso, Okla./Catoosa High School)

Miller started out at Epic Charter School from 2020-21 before moving on to Catoosa High School. At Catoosa, he has built an impressive resume which includes two district championships. In 2022-23, Miller was named Verdigris Valley Conference MVP, Alva Invitational MVP, Skiatook Invitational All-Tournament, Port City Classic All-Tournament, and a District 7 All-Star. His 2021-22 season was also successful, being named All-Conference, Port City Classic All-Tournament, and Commerce Invitational All-Tournament. In Miller's 2022-23 season, he averaged

20 points and eight rebounds per game. He also reached the 1,000-point club. Miller is the 2024 Senior Class President, FCA member, and volunteers at firework and concession stands.

**Coach Jeff Horner on Miller:** Titus is a guy who can play and defend multiple positions. He is extremely athletic and Bulldog fans will appreciate some highlight dunks! He is a big time 3-point shooter and we are pumped he is a Bulldog!

### Quientan McCafferty (Omaha, Neb./Concordia High School)

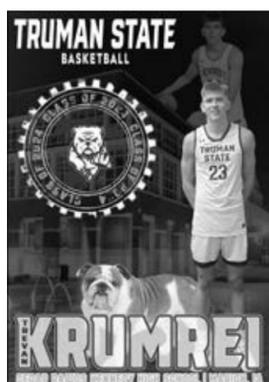
Having spent all four years at Concordia High School in Omaha, Nebraska, McCafferty has been an impact player on the court and on the gridiron. His basketball teams have finished third (2020-21), qualified for state (2021-22), and finished fourth (2022-23). McCafferty is a two-time letter winner in football and a three-time winner in basketball. His 2022-23 season found him being named first team All-Conference, All-Tournament, and C-1 All-State. The same season he set a school season record in points (474), field goals (185), rebounds (303), and blocks (84). He averaged 16.4 points, 10.1 rebounds, 2.8 blocks, and 1.2 steals per game in 2022-23.

**Coach Jeff Horner on McCafferty:** Quientan is an extremely skilled big man who can score in the post and shoot the three. He is an excellent passer and someone who will draw lots of attention in the post. We are excited to get another big man who can do a little of everything.

### Troy Anderson (Warrenton, Mo./Warrenton High School)

Anderson plays at Warrenton High School where he averaged 17.9 points in 27 games. He shot 44.9% from the field while grabbing 5.1 rebounds and giving 3.04 assists per game in 2022-23.

**Coach Jeff Horner on Anderson:** Troy is a sneaky athletic combo guard who



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is an everyday guy. To go along with his high basketball IQ, Troy can really shoot it, whether it be from three or creating a shot off the bounce! He is only going to get better and we are excited!

## Truman's 2023-24 Women's Basketball Signing Class

By Truman State University Athletics

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Truman State Women's Basketball has added three players following the start of the signing period. Sophia Hope (Waukee, Iowa), Katelyn Odem (Mequon, Wis.) and Braylee Rogers (Olathe, Kan.) will join the team starting next season.

"We are thrilled to add these three players to our women's basketball family," said Head Coach Theo Dean. "They all fit who we are as a basketball program, have the work ethic to excel academically at Truman and will help us compete at a high level in the GLVC. I would like to thank former Associate Head Coach Amy Briggs, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator Dajae Black, and Graduate Assistant Coach Alex Fanning, who were all instrumental in helping to complete another strong recruiting class."

### Sophia Hope (Waukee, Iowa/Waukee HS)

Hope played her first two years at West Des Moines Valley and starting her junior year at Waukee High School. At West Des Moines Valley, earned honorable mention Central Iowa Metro league honors each season. As a freshman, averaged nearly 10 points per game with 5.6 rebounds and a team-high 24 blocks as the team finished 10-7 overall. Valley went 19-6 her sophomore season with Hope scoring eight point per outing with 29 blocked shots. Moving to Waukee as a junior, Hope averaged 11 points and led the team in rebounding and blocked shots with 133 and 24 respectively. She again made the all-conference and was placed on the third team and earned IBCA 5A All-Region honors.

**Coach Dean on Hope:** "Sophia is a player that we're very excited about! She's a do-it-all forward with a very versatile skillset. She can score with the best of them in the paint and can also stretch the floor to the 3-point line. She will bring us much needed length and athleticism on both sides of the court and is someone who has continued to improve her game year after year. Sophia will be a great addition to our Bulldog Family!"

### Katelyn Odem (Mequon, Wis./Homestead HS)

Odem's Homestead team has won two straight North Shore Conference titles and the guard was a third team all-conference selection last season after dishing out 75 assists, making 47 steals and averaging 9.1 points per game as a junior. Through her first three years, Odem has over 200 career assists and 150 career steals.



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She was named to the WBCA Academy All-State team and is a member of the National Honor Society.

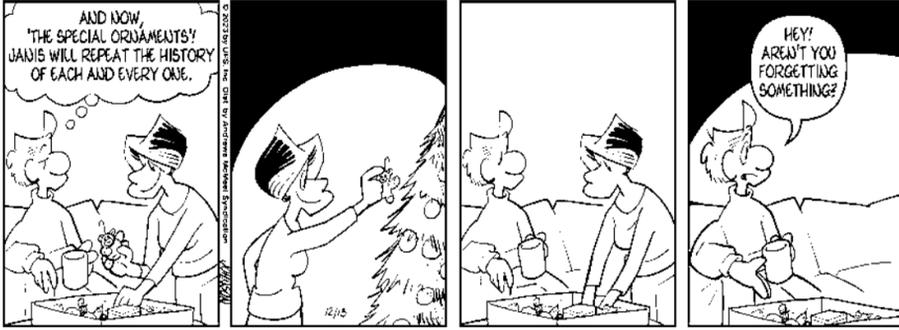
**Coach Dean on Odem:** "Katelyn is someone that we can't wait to get on campus! She's a defense-first guard who really takes on the challenge of defending the best player on every team she faces. She has a very high motor and has really developed herself into a 3-level scorer over the past few summers. With her ability to affect the game on both sides of the court, Katelyn will be a great addition to our Bulldog Family!"

### Braylee Rogers (Olathe, Kan./Olathe East HS)

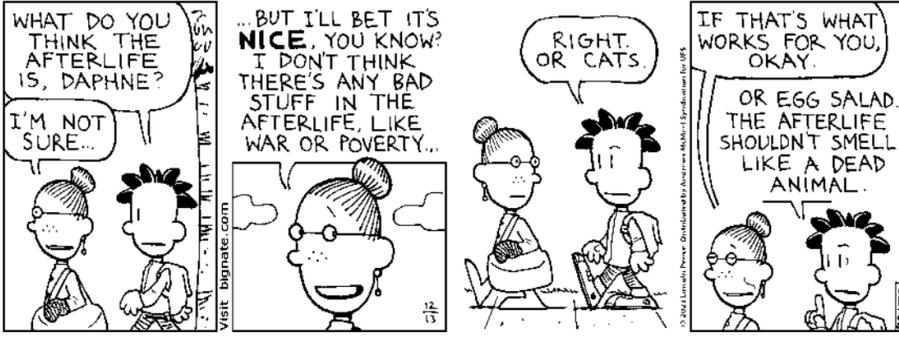
Rogers earned Sunflower League third team and Kansas all-State honorable mention following her junior year and was an honorable mention all-conference selection as a sophomore. She has averaged eight points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals per game. Rogers was also an all-league third team pick as a member of the Olathe East soccer team.

**Coach Dean on Rogers:** "We feel very fortunate to add Braylee to our program! She's a very athletic off-guard who will add to how quickly we're able to play in transition and add to the pressure we want to apply on defense. She's someone who will be able to use her athleticism to create extra possessions every game with the relentless effort she gives on both sides of the court. Braylee is an extremely hard worker and will be a great addition to our Bulldog Family!"

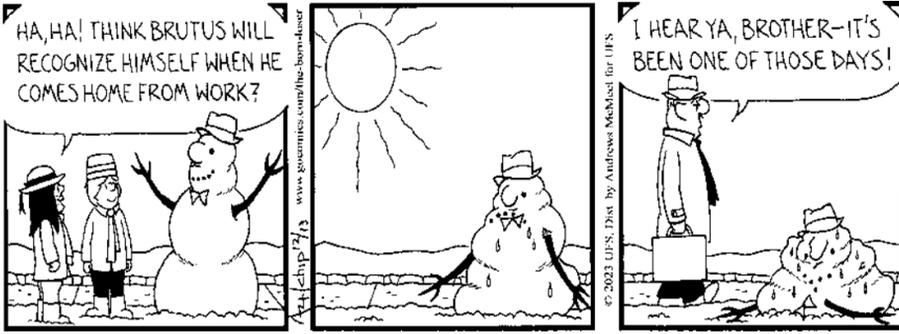
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**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 E.U. country
  - 4 Engage in self praise
  - 8 War god
  - 12 Caustic solution
  - 13 Puerto —
  - 14 Ignoble
  - 15 Supply with weaponry
  - 16 Big hair style
  - 17 Venue
  - 18 Fiasco
  - 20 Dry ink for printers
  - 21 — of passage
  - 22 Render imperfect
  - 23 Term in contract
  - 25 Shortcomings
  - 29 Quite a while
  - 30 Beauty parlor
  - 32 Past
  - 33 "Spare the — ..."
  - 34 Motionless
  - 35 Thickness measure
  - 36 Dish relative
  - 38 Sagacious
  - 39 "— Station Zebra"
  - 40 Horse's color
  - 42 Social blunder
  - 45 Green with plant life
  - 48 Arabic letter
  - 49 Anti-fur grp. on a hill
  - 50 Rock pile
  - 51 Achy
  - 52 Somewhat sour
  - 53 "All About —"
  - 54 Command for a pet
  - 55 Gin flavoring
  - 56 "Die Another —"
- DOWN**
- 1 Cheerful
  - 2 Bronte's "Jane —"
  - 3 Great Dutch artist
  - 4 Leaflike plant part
  - 5 Gun
  - 6 Field measure
  - 7 Sticky stuff
  - 8 Take in
  - 9 Come down in buckets
  - 10 Punta del —
  - 11 Prophet
  - 19 Prepare to fire
  - 20 Pollute
  - 22 Anchor
  - 23 Watery fluids
  - 24 Diving bird
  - 25 Insect
  - 26 Composed of layers
  - 27 Sponsorship (var.)
  - 28 Shoe part
  - 30 Seeing that
  - 31 English queen
  - 37 Famed tower in Europe
  - 38 Mass of bills
  - 40 Old-fashioned
  - 41 Speak
  - 42 Deep cut
  - 43 Sunscreen ingredient
  - 44 Sack
  - 45 Meat for stew
  - 46 Star that flares
  - 47 Deuce top
  - 49 Qt. fractions

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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Stick to the basics, tell the truth and maintain realistic expectations this year. If you exaggerate, it will complicate matters and make it difficult for you to keep up or deliver. Pay attention to your health and well-being. Staying fit through exercise and healthy eating will help you stay strong. Time is on your side, and honesty will ward off trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Don't veer off track. Keep your facts straight, your debt reasonable and your plans doable. Expect pressure from outside parties. Focus on getting things done on time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Take advantage of opportunities that bring you closer to your loved ones. Focus on festive events, sharing memories, attending family reunions or calling those who live too far away to visit.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Listen, observe and size up situations before you agree to anything that may jeopardize your situation. Be wary of engaging in something that can easily get blown out of proportion.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Focus on what you can accomplish instead of trying to achieve the impossible. A financial gain is possible if you change the way you handle your investments or earn your living.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Don't overthink things. Physically making a difference or taking care of business will bring the highest returns. An emotional situation is best left alone until you clearly understand the problem.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Don't jump into

something prematurely. Take your time, plan your actions and leave nothing to chance. Preparation will put your mind at ease and encourage the best results.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Note what everyone else is doing and head in a direction that offers the least interference. Focus on getting things done while bypassing trivial matters.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Your intuition will help you navigate the obstacles between you and your goal. Teaming up with someone who shares your vision will help you get things done faster.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Sign up for a challenge that excites you. Reach out to friends and family you rarely see. Don't make promises you can't keep; put budget restrictions in place to avoid overspending.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Search for financial opportunities or changes you can implement to make your life more cost-efficient. Upgrades to your home will make a difference. Self-improvement projects will pay off.

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The elected Director shall serve from January 1, 2025 for a term of three years.

Candidates for Director shall meet the following qualifications:

- Shall be a citizen of the United States.
- Shall be a resident taxpayer of Election District No. 5, residing within the state for one year next preceding the election.
- Shall be at least 24 years of age.
- Shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Adair County Clerk between December 5, 2023 8:00 a.m. and December 26, 2023 5:00 p.m. except for December 25, 2023 when they will be closed for holiday.

Boundaries for Election District No. 5 are as follows:

District No. 5 includes all of Adair County West of Highway 63 from the Schuyler County line to the Macon County line; excluding inside the city of Kirksville.

December 4, 2023

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK MERGER**

Notice is hereby given that Equity Bank, Andover, Kansas has made application to the State Bank Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas for written consent to merge with Bank of Kirksville, Kirksville, Missouri.

It is contemplated that all the offices of the above named institutions will continue to be operated.

This notice is published pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated 9-1724.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the State Bank Commissioner located at 700 Jackson, Suite 300, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3796. Comments will be considered if received on or before January 8, 2024.

Public comments may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act; K.S.A 45-201 et seq. For information about submitting a request for records, please refer to: https://www.osbckansas.org/consumers/open-records-requests/

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Location: Andover, Kansas  
Target Bank: Bank of Kirksville  
Location: Kirksville, Missouri

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY JUVENILE DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF** Case No. ORIGINAL NOTICE  
T.R.R. Case No. ORIGINAL NOTICE

**TO MARTIN ROBBINS**

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a petition in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is attached hereto, which prays for an appointment of guardian of the above-named child pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter § 232D. Petitioner Brenda Rotermich is represented in this matter by Kolby P. Warren of McCormally & Cosgrove, P.L.L.C., 4508 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, (515-218-9878), Fax: (515)-218- 9879.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. General rules and information on electronic filing are contained in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. Information regarding requirements related to the protection of personal information in court filings is contained in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI.

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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 23AR-PR00126 (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, 660-627-3369

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 carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

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

Date of first publication: December 6, 2023

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

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

**KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

| Governmental Fund Types   | Special Revenue           |                          |                     |                        | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | General (Incidental) Fund | Revenue (Teachers') Fund | Debt Service Fund   | Capital Projects Funds |                          |
| <b>REVENUES COLLECTED:</b>  |                           |                          |                     |                        |                          |
| Local   | \$ 8,173,785              | \$ 7,511,462             | \$ 2,507,375        | \$ 1,013,830           | \$ 19,206,452            |
| County  | 675,027                   | 748,070                  | 221,849             | 48,740                 | 1,693,686                |
| State   | 3,571,513                 | 7,873,191                | -                   | 907,395                | 12,352,099               |
| Federal   | 3,854,564                 | 1,590,023                | -                   | 15,187                 | 5,459,774                |
| Received from other districts   | 225,124                   | -                        | -                   | -                      | 225,124                  |
| <b>Total Revenues Collected</b>   | <b>16,500,013</b>         | <b>17,722,746</b>        | <b>2,729,224</b>    | <b>1,985,152</b>       | <b>38,937,135</b>        |
| <b>EXPENDITURES PAID:</b>   |                           |                          |                     |                        |                          |
| Regular instruction   | 1,671,604                 | 8,985,420                | -                   | 9,978                  | 10,667,002               |
| Special instruction   | 2,156,096                 | 4,120,275                | -                   | 29,849                 | 6,306,220                |
| Vocational instruction  | 137,329                   | 711,238                  | -                   | 111,657                | 960,224                  |
| Student activities  | 526,394                   | 325,372                  | -                   | -                      | 851,766                  |
| Student support services  | 803,028                   | 941,465                  | -                   | -                      | 1,744,493                |
| Instructional support services  | 598,667                   | 320,219                  | -                   | -                      | 918,886                  |
| Board of Education services   | 80,032                    | -                        | -                   | -                      | 80,032                   |
| Executive administration  | 679,965                   | 660,343                  | -                   | 159,354                | 1,499,662                |
| Building level administration   | 526,197                   | 814,147                  | -                   | -                      | 1,340,344                |
| Business/central services   | 234,542                   | -                        | -                   | -                      | 234,542                  |
| Operation of plant  | 2,603,625                 | 13,345                   | -                   | 5,375,189              | 7,992,159                |
| Pupil transportation  | 1,705,969                 | -                        | -                   | -                      | 1,705,969                |
| Food services   | 1,359,596                 | 58,688                   | -                   | 20,722                 | 1,439,006                |
| Adult education and community services  | 499,421                   | 411,194                  | -                   | 7,260                  | 917,875                  |
| Principal retirement  | -                         | -                        | 1,950,000           | -                      | 1,950,000                |
| Interest and fees   | -                         | -                        | 160,950             | -                      | 160,950                  |
| <b>Total Expenditures Paid</b>  | <b>13,582,465</b>         | <b>17,361,706</b>        | <b>2,110,950</b>    | <b>5,714,009</b>       | <b>38,769,130</b>        |
| <b>EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID</b>  | <b>2,917,548</b>          | <b>361,040</b>           | <b>618,274</b>      | <b>(3,728,857)</b>     | <b>168,005</b>           |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):</b>  |                           |                          |                     |                        |                          |
| Transfers   | (985,000)                 | -                        | -                   | 985,000                | -                        |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>   | <b>(985,000)</b>          | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>            | <b>985,000</b>         | <b>-</b>                 |
| <b>EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES PAID AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b> | <b>1,932,548</b>          | <b>361,040</b>           | <b>618,274</b>      | <b>(2,743,857)</b>     | <b>\$ 168,005</b>        |
| <b>FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>   | <b>17,736,705</b>         | <b>-</b>                 | <b>1,684,601</b>    | <b>4,895,343</b>       |                          |
| <b>FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR</b>   | <b>\$ 19,669,253</b>      | <b>\$ 361,040</b>        | <b>\$ 2,302,875</b> | <b>\$ 2,151,486</b>    |                          |

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Kirksville R-III School District, Kirksville, Missouri (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

December 5, 2023 Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, P.C.  
Boonville, Missouri

Complete copies of the audit report are available for inspection at the Superintendent's office.

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 23AR-PR00133

Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of NANCY MARLENE JONES, Deceased.

**Notice to Creditors**  
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of NANCY MARLENE JONES, Decedent.

On November 30, 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 November 28, 2022, 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 13, 2023.

Martha Cole  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

Publication Dates: 12-13-2023 and 12-20-2023

**The Kirksville Area Technical Center is accepting bids for the following:**

- Equipment and Installation of HVAC System

to be completed in the new Construction Trades Facility on campus at 1103 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, MO 63501. Prospective bidders can view the building and plans by contacting the school or visiting our worksite. Bids must be submitted to Kirksville Area Technical Center, 1103 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, MO 63501 or emailed to jwolf@kirksville.k12.mo.us prior to 12:01 PM, December 25, 2023. For further information, please call Jesse Wolf or Vince McQueen at (660) 665-2865. The Kirksville R-III School District and Kirksville Area Technical Center reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI** Case Number: 23AR-PR00125

Judge or Division: PROBATE

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

**Wood & Accessories**

Cut up saw mill firewood, \$20.00 pickup load. No Sunday business. 10 miles NE of Canton, MO. Ely S. Eicher, 26750 State Hwy E, Canton, MO 63435

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**Automobiles**

2000 white Ford F250, 2 wheel drive, 150,000 miles. 4 new tires, single cab. 6 6 0 - 3 4 1 - 5 0 4 8 o r 660-956-2481.

**Trucks, 4x4's, SUV's**

2014 Chevy 2500 HD 4x4 WT regular cab. 6.0 V8, gas, automatic, trailer package, new 10 ply tires, original window sticker, 142,000 miles, area trade, rebuilt title. Bed has scratches and dents, serviced and inspected. Runs good, \$12,700.00. Accelerators since "1974", Kahoka, Mo. 660-727-3455, 217-257-1385 anytime.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BANK MERGER**

Equity Bank, 345 N. Andover Road, Andover, Kansas 67002 intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to merge with Bank of Kirksville, located at 214 South Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, and establish branches at the locations of Bank of Kirksville, Kirksville, Missouri. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City electronically to [KCApplicationComments@kc.frb.org](mailto:KCApplicationComments@kc.frb.org) or in hard copy to: Jeff Imgarten, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198. The comment period will not end before January 16, 2024. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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

In the Matter of the Adoption of: ELI CONSTANTINE MCCrackEN

JACOB FRAZIER, and CHRISTY FRAZIER Petitioners,

Case No. 23AR-JU00101

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**The State of Missouri to: John Suiter, address unknown**

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 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 ) Case Number: 23AR-JU00096  
DOB: 1/08/2021 )

**Notice Upon Order for Service by Publication**

**The State of Missouri to: Brandl 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

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Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Adair, Case No. 23AR-CV00793 made entered on the record on November 30, 2023, the name of John Lawrence Martin was changed to Rosemary Garlic Martin.

**NOTICE OF THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW Former Kirksville Air Force Station Kirksville, Missouri**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as the lead agency, is initiating the Third Five-Year Review at the former Kirksville Air Force Station (KAFS). The Five-Year Review Team includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other local agencies. Components of the selected remedy include enhanced biodegradation with monitoring and alternative water supply. The selected remedy addresses groundwater plumes contaminated with trichloroethene (TCE), cis-1-2-dichloroethene (cDCE) and vinyl chloride (VC) as identified in the September 2009 Decision Document. A vapor intrusion monitoring program was added to the remedy via an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) amended to the Decision Document in 2022. A review of the selected remedy with regard to protection of human health and the environment will be included in the Five-Year Report. This Five-Year Review is being conducted as a matter of policy. The selected remedy will take more than five years to achieve the remedial action objective, but will, upon completion, result in unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The report for this Five-Year Review will be made available to the public after finalization in December 2024. Questions or requests for information can be submitted to:

**Claudia Fletcher**  
Environmental Program Manager  
Claudia.S.Fletcher@usace.army.mil  
(816) 718-0895  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District (KCD)  
601 E 12th St. Kansas City, MO 64106

December 13, 2023

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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

For 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 between 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

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE / UCC SALE / NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL**

By authority granted by Bhaktel LLC ("Debtor") to Celtic Bank Corporation ("Secured Party"), for default in the payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by (a) that certain Deed of Trust executed by Debtor, dated December 30, 2015, recorded on January 8, 2016 as Document No. 20160000059 in Book No. 1024, Page 865, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adair County, Missouri (the "Deed of Trust"), and (b) that certain Commercial Security Agreement executed by Debtor, dated December 30, 2015 (the "Security Agreement"), the undersigned will on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 01:00 PM at the South Front Door of the Adair County Courthouse, 106 West Washington Street, in Kirksville, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash (subject to the terms of sale stated below), the following property situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, as described below and in said Deed of Trust, to wit:

A part of Lot 1, Block 2, of COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA, a subdivision filed for record in Plat Book 7, Page 6 of the Adair County Records; situated in Section 15, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, City of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod found at the Southwest corner of Surveyors Record Book 4, Page 228; thence along said Survey as follows: North 00 degrees 04 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 369.81 feet to an iron rod found; thence South 82 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 151.71 feet to an iron rod found; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 350.72 feet to an iron rod found; thence 22.59 feet along an arc to the left with a radius of 530.00 feet and a chord that bears North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 22.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 127.52 feet to the point of beginning.

As set forth on Survey by Cleaver and Associates, L.L.C., dated December 12, 2015; revised December 17, 2015 by Order No. 10846 (hereinafter described as the "Real Property")

and the following personal property described below and in said Security Agreement, to wit:

All Inventory, Chattel Paper, Accounts, Equipment, General Intangibles and Fixtures. In addition, all of the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, whether now existing or hereafter arising, and wherever located:

All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and any additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later;

All products and produce of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement;

All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement;

All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement, and the sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process; and,

All records and data relating to any of the property described in the Collateral section of the Security Agreement, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Debtor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media.

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Personal Property"). (The Real Property and the Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property") to satisfy said debt and costs.

The terms of the sale are that the highest bidder for the Property must deposit at least 10% of the winning bid with the party conducting the sale immediately after the conclusion of the sale in the form of cashier's check, payable to AT, Inc. The balance of the bid price will be due in the form of wire transfer by 5:00 p.m. Kirksville, Missouri time on January 5, 2024, at the offices of AT, Inc., 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800, St. Louis, Missouri 63105, (314) 621-5070. No Property, trustee's deed, or bill of sale will be delivered until all funds have cleared and are available for use. The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for the payment of applicable sales taxes, if any.

Debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Property that Secured Party intends to sell. Debtor may request an accounting by contacting AT, Inc., Attn: Gregory D. Todd, at 314-620-5070.

THERE SHALL BE NO WARRANTY RELATING TO TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT, OR THE LIKE IN THIS DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW. FURTHER, THERE SHALL BE NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW. ANY CONVEYANCE BY SECURED PARTY SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, COVENANT, OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND (WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) BY SECURED PARTY OR ANY PARTY CONDUCTING THE SALE. AS A MATERIAL PART OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR DELIVERY OF ANY TRUSTEE'S DEED OR BILL OF SALE, ANY PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY SHALL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" BASIS WITHOUT RECOURSE OF ANY KIND, WITH ALL FAULTS, AND WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WHATSOEVER. ANY PURCHASER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH PURCHASER IS A SOPHISTICATED PURCHASER AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROPERTY AND THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROPERTY FOR SUCH PURCHASER'S INTENDED USE.

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

## Moberly Correctional Center donates crocheted stocking caps and scarves to Kirksville Salvation Army

By Salvation Army of Kirksville

The Salvation Army of Kirksville, an agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO), recently received 350 crocheted stocking caps and 38 scarves which were made by inmates at the Moberly Correction Center (MCC). Beth Prentzler, Institutional Chief of Mental Health Services at MCC stated that the inmates at MCC work on these crocheted projects throughout the year, doing their part to give back to the community.

“We are appreciative of the United Way directing us to one of their agencies, The Salvation Army in Kirksville,” said Prentzler.

Chade Shorten, UWNEMO Board President said that an important part of the United Way’s work is connecting those in need to its 11 agencies. “With the cold weather season beginning, we knew that the Salvation Army could use these to distribute to needy families as they conduct their winter coat drive,” said Shorten.

Pictured are (left to right), Chade Shorten, UWNEMO President, Beth Prentzler of Moberly Correctional Center and Lieutenant Chris Rutledge-Clark of the Kirksville Salvation Army.



Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four to compete in the Cardboard Boat Races. FILE PHOTO

## Kids Cardboard Boat Race returns January 21

By Kirksville Parks and Recreation

You’ll want to save your Christmas gift boxes and put them to good use next month! Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2-4 pm, and take part in the Kids Cardboard Boat Race.

Children ages 5 to 16 can sign up as an individual or as a team of up to four people and put their building skills to the test. Participants must construct a boat structure using cardboard, duct

tape and water-based paint, and attempt to make it across the pool in the fastest time. Teams will compete in age divisions based on the mean age of the team and can win in multiple categories, including Fastest Time and Best Design!

This event is completely free for all participants and spectators. Register today at parks.kirksvillemo.org. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.



From left to right: AJ Adwell (freshman), Ben Cook (freshman), Fred Garvey (junior) and Donal Ryan (junior).

## Truman State quiz bowl team qualifies for championship tournament

By Truman State Quiz Bowl

The quiz bowl team at Truman State University qualified for the upcoming Undergraduate Quiz Bowl Championship Tournament, organized by International Quiz Bowl Tournaments, LLC. Truman State’s team qualified by finishing in the top 40 out of the 100 teams that competed in the qualifier event that was held online Nov. 1-6.

Quiz bowl is an academic competition where teams compete to answer questions on various academic subjects, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, philosophy, mythology and more.

The Truman State team consisted of AJ Adwell, Ben Cook, Fred Garvey, and Donal Ryan.

The top 40 scoring teams are invited to the Undergraduate Championship on March 2-3,

2024 at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

The University of Chicago won the 2023 Undergraduate Championship over 28 other teams, with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign finishing second and Cornell University finishing third.

Donal Ryan is the contact for the quiz bowl team at Truman State and can be contacted at Donalishere@gmail.com.



## New member Sullivan speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Dec. 6 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, newer member Angie Sullivan (right) spoke about her background. Sullivan, pictured with club president Melissa Stuart, is the special proj-

ects coordinator at CAPNEMO, a non-profit organization that helps individuals in the community. She is also involved in many other organizations and holds a spot on many boards. She and her supportive husband, Jeremy, have three children.

## Sullivan County Memorial Hospital celebrates 70 years serving community

By Sullivan County Memorial Hospital

Sullivan County Memorial Hospital (SCMH) is celebrating 70 years serving the community. The hospital opened as a 48-bed facility on May 1, 1953.

As World War II ended, Milan was a booming county seat in northern Missouri with soldiers returning home and families thriving. A group of residents came together with a major concern in their bustling community: the need for a hospital. In 1952 the first Board of Trustees included P.M. Marr as the Chairman and Lawrence Borron, W.A. Couch, Joe J. McCarty and J.A. Shatto as members.

Residents of Sullivan County and surrounding counties quickly realized the importance of the hospital to the community. Babies were delivered, lives of those injured in farm, home, and vehicle accidents were saved in the Emergency Department, and quality medical care was provided to surgical and a variety of other patients. All who came through the doors found a caring, nurturing, healing environment and many jobs and careers were created with the opening of SCMh. The hospital continues to be one of Sullivan county’s top employers.

Through the decades, the hospital stood strong and kept pace with changes in the world of medicine. An addition was built in 1984, adding more patient rooms, expanding the Emergency Department, and increasing ancillary services. In 1996, the former Intensive Care Unit became the Physician’s Clinic, with a full-time staff providing such services as sports, school and employment exams, well-patient care, pain management and immunizations and chronic disease management. The professional medical staff at SCMh has always served as a valuable community resource, providing information and quality care.

The new millennium found revolutionary changes in place at SCMh, which by then had become a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital with an ever-widening array of services related to inpatient acute and skilled care as well as outpatient, diagnostic and therapeutic services. In the 1990s, a Long-Term Care Medicaid Unit utilized one wing of the hospital, where those reaching the sunset of life continue to be “cared for like family.”

SCMH has demonstrated outstanding ability to stay current in the ever-changing medical space. In 2001-2002 the hospital expanded to community

outreach clinics in Green City and Newtown. Patient records have long been maintained electronically. A Health Care Career Day for high school students was implemented as well as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) program as part of SCMh’s “grow your own” philosophy and proactive approach.

Community support has remained strong throughout SCMh’s seven decades of service. Grateful citizens recently voted overwhelmingly to continue a sales tax supporting the hospital and the SCMh Foundation offers residents of Sullivan and surrounding counties an opportunity to provide financial support to the facility via tax-deductible donations. The SCMh Foundation sponsors an ongoing fund-raising campaign to maintain, repair, and when needed, replace the facility so that current and future citizens are assured quality medical help will always be there when needed.

Beginning its 8th decade of service, the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital employees and current board members, Chairperson Melba Fordyce, Bill Lewis, Angie Curtis, Gary Drummond and Jim Heaton, are as dedicated now to providing quality health care to the community as when the doors opened in 1953.

## Capital – Horner & Shifrin selected to complete Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build project to replace 31 bridges in Northwest Missouri

By MoDOT



ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved the recommendation of the Capital – Horner & Shifrin team on Wednesday, Dec. 6, for the design-build contract to replace or rehabilitate 31 poor-condition bridges in north central Missouri through the Northwest Bridge Bundle project.

Design-Build is a project delivery method in which one contracting team is selected to design and build the highway improvement under one contract. MoDOT provides the project goals, budget and schedule and the contractor completes the work. This technique has been known to significantly save time and provide cost savings.

As part of their proposal, the Capital – Horner & Shifrin team has developed a plan to replace or rehabilitate the 13 priority, required bridges along with 18 alternate bridges in Carroll, Chariton,

Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam and Sullivan counties. The next steps in the design-build project include executing a contract, developing a schedule of work, and beginning final design plans.

“We are expecting construction to begin on the first bridge in the summer of 2024” said Missouri Department of Transportation Project Manager Michael Marriott. “We will work closely with Capital – Horner & Shifrin to develop the schedule and communicate all bridge closures and timelines in advance.”

Work on all bridges is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

To keep up-to-date with the project, and learn more about which bridges will be replaced or rehabilitated, visit: www.modot.org/northwest-missouri-design-build-bridge-bundle.

## Dealing with grief during the holidays

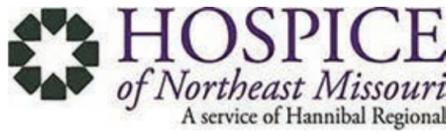
By Hospice of Northeast Missouri,

It's the most wonderful time of the year, unless you are mourning the loss of someone you love. The loss of someone we love is always hard, but the expectation of joyful celebrations at the holidays can magnify grief and sadness.

So, what do we do to move through a season of holiday celebrations that often focuses on gathering with family and friends?

It can help to acknowledge to yourself and others that this season will be different and difficult. It's ok to change the way you celebrate. Traditions can change, and sometimes celebrating in a different way or place can soften the sadness. Give yourself permission to skip any holiday gathering that feels too hard. Try to let go of any guilt surrounding not doing what you have always done. If you have lost a loved one, life is forever changed and you will likely need to make some changes to adjust to the loss.

If you are supporting someone who has had a loss, be present to them in way that gives them permission to be sad rather than trying to cheer



them up. Let yourself be comfortable with whatever emotions come. Let them know it's ok to talk about their loved one. If you are hosting a gathering with many family and friends, invite everyone to bring a photo of a loved one no longer with them. Provide a small table with a lighted candle for everyone to display their photo.

Whether you are mourning a loss or supporting someone, remember pain and joy can coexist, and it's ok to feel and express both.

Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, is a 5 Star rated non-profit hospice that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan counties. Hospice of Northeast also provides grief support programs that are open to everyone and information about those grief programs are announced on our website at [hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org](http://hospiceofnortheastmissouri.org).

For more information call 660-627-9711.

## Missouri realtor organizations provide over \$40,000 to tornado and flood victims

By Northeast Central Association of Realtors NECAR

In collaboration with the National Association of Realtors® Relief Fund, Missouri Realtors®, Northeast Central Association of Realtors®, and Southeast Missouri Realtors® have provided \$40,696 in relief to 44 families impacted by the tornados and flooding that occurred in August 2023 in Knox, Adair and Bollinger counties.

"The devastation to our community was heartbreaking. As realtors, we know the importance of having a safe and secure place to live and are honored to have been able to provide mortgage or rental payment assistance for those whose homes were impacted by the tornado," said Keasha Drury, 2023 President of Southeast Missouri Realtors®.

Residents who were displaced from or dealt with severe damage to their primary residence were eligible for grants to assist with one month's mortgage or temporary rental or

hotel expenses. The funds were provided by the National Association of Realtors® Relief Foundation and administered by the Missouri Realtors® Relief Foundation.

"The Realtors® Relief Foundation was established in 2001 by then-President Richard Mendenhall, from Columbia, to respond to disasters like the tornado in Bollinger County. Since then, Realtors® have contributed more than \$35 million to communities across the country, including those impacted by the Joplin tornadoes in 2011 and the floods in St. Louis in 2022," said Andrea Sheridan, 2023 President of Missouri Realtors®.

To ensure people knew about this most recent grant program, Drury noted that, "Realtors across the region connected with their friends, families, and client networks to let everyone know these funds were available to hopefully help ease some of the financial burden created by this terrible disaster."

### THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH Gifford Christian Church



# 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, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
[www.faithkirksville.org](http://www.faithkirksville.org)

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.  
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages  
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

**Kirksville Church of Christ**  
110 Pfeiffer Ave.  
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship  
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study  
[www.kvccoc.org](http://www.kvccoc.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](http://firstbaptistkirksville.com)

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
**Southside Baptist Church**  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Preaching  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**First Church of God**  
2900 S. Halliburton  
Chad Earhart  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
[www.kirksvillechurchofgod.com](http://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](http://www.thecrossing.net)  
**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jorden, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free

**Church of America**  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups  
[KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com](mailto:KirksvilleGCBC@gmail.com)  
[www.KirksvilleGCBC.com](http://www.KirksvilleGCBC.com) • 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  
[kvumc.org](http://kvumc.org)

**Pure Air Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
TBA Bible Study  
**Church of God of Prophecy**  
807 Benton Way  
Pastor: Rob Linhart  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirksville  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
[fbck@sbcglobal.net](http://fbck@sbcglobal.net) • 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 mi. S.  
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.  
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](http://www.cornerstonechurch.faith)

**Countryside Christian Church**  
S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills  
Preacher, Harold R. Engel  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet  
[www.countrysidekv.com](http://www.countrysidekv.com)

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

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**New Hope Evangelical Church**  
620 Steer Creek Way  
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class  
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Darrell Draper, Pastor  
660-341-0000

Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor  
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183  
**First Assembly of God**  
2401 S. High St., 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](http://www.kirksvillefirst.org)  
[info@kirksvillefirst.org](mailto: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 Ison  
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
124 N. Mulanix  
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

**United Methodist Church**  
Brashear Charge, Brashear Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Singpiration - 1st Sunday  
**Willow Bend Association East Center Community Church**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship

**Illinois Bend Community Church**  
Highway 3  
Pastor Terry Hunsaker  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
660-349-0052  
Baring Community Church  
11:00 a.m. Worship.

**Downing Christian Church**  
430 E. Prime Street  
Minister Walker Franke  
Associate Minister Larry Smith  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
660-379-2329

**Willow Bend Church**  
Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule  
**New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard**  
9:15 a.m. Bible Stud  
10:00 a.m. Worship

**Green Top Community Church**  
Highway K, Greentop, Mo.  
Pastor: Lynae McFarland  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**Trinity United Fellowship Church**  
Pastor: Josh Botello  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

**Lancaster United Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
**Shekinah Mennonite Church**  
15981 Blueberry Way, 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  
**Grace Bible Baptist Church**  
Greencastle, Mo.  
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. Evening Service  
Winigan Christian Church  
Ryan Crist, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**First Baptist Church**  
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 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

**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://laplatafbcc.org/>  
Email: [laplatafbcc@gmail.com](mailto:laplatafbcc@gmail.com)

**Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
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**  
6th at Washington St.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA**  
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O  
Pastor, Bill Iammatteo-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  
Norman Keller, Pastor  
Gonda Manning, Co pastor  
7:00 p.m. Thursday 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  
Sunday evening worship  
5:00 pm Bible Study  
5:30 pm Worship

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