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Kirksville City Council approves 2024 budget

By Marty Bachman
Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council passed an ordinance approving the city's 2024 budget at their Dec. 18 regular meeting. According to Finance Director Lacy A. King, the budget covers all municipal operations and services provided by the city.

"Currently we have aggregate expenditures for 24 of \$55,976,574," King told the council, noting that even though it's an overall increase of 80.9 percent from last year's amended budget, a lot of that has to do with capital.

"It's not that we are having a huge amount of operational costs and expenditures," King told the council. "Actually 38 percent of our budget has to do with capital and a lot of that is carried over from 2023."

Percentages for each department in the staff report breaks down at utilities, 33 percent; emergency services, 16 percent; public works, streets, codes and engineering is 13



Kirksville Finance Director Lacy A. King

percent; recreational services is 5 percent; central garage operations and insurance is 7 percent; transportation services, which would be Kirk-Tran and the airport is 4 percent; community and economic development is 15 percent; and administrative services, information technology and tourism is 7 percent.

The council unanimously passed the ordinance.



Local kids visit with Santa Claus

By NEMO Photography

Local children were able to visit with Santa Claus at the Adair County Courthouse for several weekends since the city's Christmas parade was held in November. Santa listened while they explained to him what they wanted for Christmas.



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Shovels of dirt were symbolically lifted to mark the start of construction of Preferred Family Healthcare's new Behavioral Health Clinic. NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

Preferred Family Healthcare holds groundbreaking ceremony for new Behavioral Health Clinic

Staff Reports

Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Behavioral Health Clinic at 900 E. LaHarpe Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Members of the Kirksville Area Chamber

of Commerce, Preferred Family Healthcare staff and management as well as local Kirksville city representatives were on hand to help celebrate the groundbreaking for the new PFH Behavioral Health Clinic.

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La Plata woman leads high school FFA to new heights

By Missouri Farmers Care

Jeana Curtis was born and raised in La Plata in #Agri-Ready Designated Macon County without an agriculture background. She joined the La Plata FFA Chapter when it was chartered in 2012. Thanks to agriculture leadership opportunities through FFA, she fell in love with agriculture her sophomore year. The agriculture industry is not often known for its pomp and circumstance, but the POWER of pageantry has been a part of Curtis's unique agriculture journey.

As a young student growing up in the La Plata community, Jeana was a self-proclaimed tomboy. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, and racing go carts. In an interesting turn of events, she was invited to participate in her hometown pageant program.

"I was the youngest participant at that contest, and I had no experience. I just went to have fun and somehow, I won," Curtis recalled.

She soaked up the skill-building interview process and the challenge of public speaking. She loved meeting new people, making connections, and building relationships through a series of pageants over the years that fol-



La Plata FFA led by Jeana Curtis

lowed her first local pageant. Curtis didn't realize that everything she was learning would prepare her for her life experiences.

Curtis thought her pageant days were behind her when she embarked on her collegiate journey to find the agriculture career that best suited her. She thought that she would pursue a career in animal reproduction. In fact, some of Curtis's well-earned pageantry winnings helped her purchase a semen tank when she became AI (Artificial Insemination) certified. Curtis completed an Animal Science Degree with

a minor in Agriculture Business at Northwest Missouri State University and entered the agriculture industry with a vision in the back of her mind to someday teach agriculture education.

"I had a very finite list of wishes and goals that I wanted to meet if I were to become an agriculture teacher," she said. "As I contemplated that career change, all of them became attainable and I took that as a sign that agriculture education was the way I should go. I applied for and was accepted into a Master of Agriculture Education program."



Jeana, Kaylee and Colton Curtis.

Curtis is serving in her third year as the agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at La Plata R-2 High School. She said she is thrilled to be planting the seeds of agricultural education in the hearts of students in her hometown. Curtis's passion in her agriculture classroom is to prepare her students with a superior foundation of agriculture basics.

"I will never forget sitting in a college classroom and hearing 'there are 56 pounds in each bushel of corn' and I thought to myself, 'what's a bushel?'" she said. "I want my students to



Mrs. U.S. Agriculture, Jeana Curtis.

know enough about agriculture that they are prepared to have a conversation with an agriculturist anywhere. I want them to know at least a little about a lot of different things, so that they can go anywhere and be successful. I also love to help them experience leadership and to try things outside of their comfort zone."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirksville Area Calendar of Events and News Briefs

Kirksville city offices to close for New Year's Day

Kirksville city offices will be closed on Jan. 1, 2024, for New Year's Day. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be open that day, but will open at noon instead of 6 a.m.

Driver examination stations to close statewide for New Year's Day

The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to remind the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

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.

Kids Cardboard Boat Race

Join the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2-4 p.m., 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.kirksvillecity.com. For more information, contact Luke Callaghan with the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

2024 NEMO Bridal Expo

The 2024 NEMO Bridal Expo will be held on Jan. 28 from 1-4 p.m. at the NEMO Fairgrounds Multi-purpose building. Cost is \$2 at the door. Fashion, vendors, food and prizes. Hire your venue and wedding professionals at this event. Brides: Go to NEMO Bridal Expo Facebook page and message to pre-register for early prizes. Contact Donna Brown by email: nemobridalexpo@gmail.com or call/text: 660-341-9992. Check the NEMO Bridal Expo Facebook page for updates.

NEWS BRIEFS

Last chance to find the 'Elf on the Shelf' and win prizes

In an effort to encourage residents to "Shop Local" during the holidays, participating stores will have an elf doll placed somewhere in the store so when shoppers see the elf, they can take a "selfie" of themselves and the elf, put it on their Facebook page tagging the store and using the hashtag, "#selfiewithanelfiekv" and they will automatically be entered into one of five drawings the chamber will be holding Fridays at noon on Dec. 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. Selfies may also be emailed to the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce at

info@kirkvillechamber.com for those with private pages or without social media accounts.

Truman State Art Gallery Show begins

Truman State Art Gallery will present Mobility: African-American Artists Abroad, work from the Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African-American Art, from Jan. 23 – March 1. There will be an opening reception and talk on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 5-6 p.m. University Art Gallery Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday Noon to 4:30 p.m. Art Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. Please note, the University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. Additional information at gallery.arttruman.com. The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center, at the corner of Normal and Mulanix Streets – entrance on the west side of the building.

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 at-

tendees 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

2024 Indoor Triathlon Challenge

Join Kirksville Parks and Recreation and the Adair County Family YMCA for the 2024 Indoor Triathlon Challenge. The challenge will be held Jan. 8 through March 10. During this nine-week challenge, participants will complete either a half triathlon, full triathlon, or ULTRA triathlon. Participants will have full access to the YMCA and the Kirksville Aquatic Center, as well as all classes offered at those facilities.

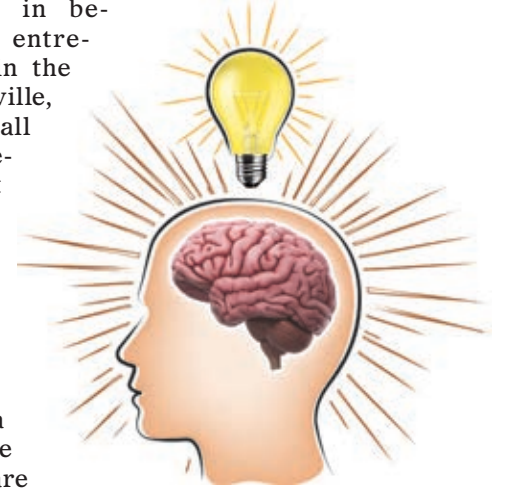
Biking mileage can be earned through the use of a rowing machine, recumbent or spin bike, outdoor cycling, or participation in group aerobic classes. Swim distance can be accumulated by lap swimming, water walking, or water aerobics classes. Running mileage can be tallied while on the treadmill, elliptical machine, running outside, or participating in group aerobic classes.

Those who complete their goal will receive the 2024 Indoor Triathlon sweatshirt. Registration is \$40 for members of either facility, or \$80 for non-members. If you have an active membership at the YMCA or the Aquatic Center, register at that facility. Non-members may register at either facility or online at parks.kirksvillecity.com. For more information about this program contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

Idea Lab workshop to be held in January

By Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

Interested in becoming an entrepreneur? Join the city of Kirksville, Missouri Small Business Development Center, Truman State University and Missouri Rural Enterprise & Innovation Center for a session where they will share ideas and explore how to take the leap into entrepreneurship. Whether you have an idea already or just want to learn more, they will help you refine your concept and get ready to take the next steps. Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street, Monday, Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at <https://missouri.ecenterdirect.com/events/24970> or contact Anastasia Tiedemann at 660-665-3348. A light breakfast will be provided.



The Missouri SBDC is funded in part through a Co-operative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the event organizer listed above to discuss.

City accepting applications for Citizen Advisory Commissions

By City of Kirksville

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

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

Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission: two

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

Planning and Zoning Commission: one position on the commission.

Visit <https://www.kirksvillecity.com/p/boards-commissions> and submit your application before Friday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m., to be considered for the opportunity to serve on these commissions.

For more information, contact Wanda Cagle, city clerk, at 660-627-1225.

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Moberly Area Community College names new president

By Moberly Area Community College

MOBERLY — The Moberly Area Community College Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Todd Martin has been selected to serve as MACC's next president. Martin has served as MACC's vice president for Instruction and chief academic officer for the past five years and will assume the role of president on July 1, 2024. Martin will succeed MACC's current president, Dr. Jeff Lashley, who recently announced his retirement after 28 years of service to the college.

Board President Judge James Cooksey states, "With Dr. Martin's background in higher education and civic involvement, he brings a long history of experience at all levels to the position of president of MACC. The board is excited to be able to work with him as he leads the administration, faculty and staff in continuing to provide a first-class educational experience for all MACC students."

Prior to coming to MACC, Martin served in a variety of capacities at Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City. Those roles included



Dr. Todd Martin

many years as a full-time faculty member teaching biology, service as a division chair, and administrative responsibilities as the Dean of Instruction for one of MCC's campuses. Martin holds a Ph.D. in Microbiology which he earned at the University of Minnesota. His family includes his wife Donna and two adult children, Clara and Jacob.

Martin said he is excited about this opportunity to serve MACC and the community.

"MACC is a strong institution and has dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to student success," he said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this team as we build upon the strong legacy that MACC has established throughout our service region and the communities we serve."

Kirksville City Council passes four ordinances

By Marty Bachman Daily Express

The Kirksville City Council, at their regular meeting on Dec. 18, passed four ordinances after approving the city's 2024 budget.

The first was an ordinance that granted a variance of 10 feet on the side yard setback requirements along the northern property line adjacent to an existing guest house at 1509 S. Halliburton Street.

According to Assistant City Manager Ashley Young, the property owners requested the variance as the property is home to a guest house, which currently operates as a temporary rental with a special use permit that was recommended by the planning and zoning commission and approved by the council.

"The property owners are looking to add a small addition on the north side of this guest house and specifically a laundry room," Young told the council, noting that the guest house is already four feet within the required side yard setback. "So with that, they are looking to add this addition and that additional six feet would then equal 10 feet into that side yard setback along the northern side of the property."

Young said that the neighbors had submitted letters recommending the council approve the ordinance.

"We would recommend it to you all for approval, as did the planning and zoning commission unanimously when they met last week," Young told the council.

The council then approved the ordinance with no dissension.

The council then discussed an ordinance granting a special use permit to operate a temporary rental at 615 W. Hildreth Street.

Young told the council that the owners of that home have applied to be allowed to have a temporary rental and that planning and zoning considered their request and unanimously recommended it to be approved by the council.

"I will mention that we currently have 21 temporary rentals in the city and this would make 22, assuming that the existing ones continue to operate," Young said. "We have one that is currently in arrears in paying their lodging taxes, and

their deadline that I gave them is tomorrow — so we'll see how that shakes out. But regardless, this would make 22 if approved."

The council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

A fourth ordinance in front of the council concerned approving the preliminary plat for Kirksville Renaissance Center, a major subdivision located in Kirksville. Young told the council that the request was "a little unique."

"Usually when we bring preliminary plats to you all, it is for undeveloped land," Young said. "This is land that has already been developed and so in a way it's really a re-plat of existing property"

Young said the property, the Kirksville Renaissance Center, was home to Buchheit and La Pa Mexican Bar and Grill and that the ordinance provided for a new sewer running north and south to the side of the property that will replace an existing private main that's not built to city standards.

"Assuming that this new sewer main is built to our standard and of course with the engineering departments inspection and your-alls approval, that would ultimately, after it's constructed, be added to the city's inventory and then it creates plats for additional development in this in this part of town, which I think is exciting and sorely needed," Young said.

Young said that the re-plat conforms with the Municipal Code whereas the existing subdivision, the way it is currently divided, does not, and that the re-plat would prime the property for in-fill development and street frontage for all businesses within the development.

Young said that the re-plat had been recommended by the city's planning and zoning commission and that by adding the public sewer, it would be a "real benefit" to all of the tenants and conform with city code when it comes to street frontage.

Mayor Zac Burden said that this was a project he has been supportive of for quite a while, the reason being the ability to have the outlots come in and for redevelopment on the south end of Kirksville.

"I'm glad to see that the steps are continuing to move forward and I look forward to voting for this," he said.

"This will at least create an avenue where there's going to be a greater potential so we can successfully come in and build on those two plots," said Council member Kabir Bansal. "So this is great. Thank you."

The council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

The council next discussed an ordinance authorizing the transfer of city-owned property at Hazel Creek Lake that includes the bridge, bridge base, and applicable right-of-way to the County of Adair.

City Manager Mari Macomber told the council that several years ago, there was a deterioration of the causeway, the strip of land that connected Hungry Hollow Road and traversed over Hazel Creek Lake.

"It had two pipes that allowed the water to flow back and forth on either side and one of those pipes undermined and as a result, there were concerns about the condition of that," Macomber told the council.

She said that in the early 1980s when the city was constructing Hazel Creek Lake, there were some changes and impacts to the roadways that were in that area and as a result, the city worked with a special road district at the time, and the county, to put in the roads to the standards of which the county expected.

She said that over time, the road district was dissolved and that the county felt that the city owned and was responsible for the causeway and the city felt vice versa. "After much discussion, there was an agreement where both parties agreed to contribute to the cost of a bridge," Macomber said. "That bridge has been constructed and so what we're asking this evening is for a document to be prepared to transfer that land so that it's clearly understood and recorded with the county recorder so that there is no question."

She said by taking this action, it "closes the loop", completes the project and it's clear who owns the road. The council unanimously approved the ordinance.

Completion of new bridge opens U.S. Route 136 in Schuyler County

By MoDOT

The new bridge on U.S. Route 136 in Schuyler County, over North Fork Middle Fabius River, 1.1 miles east of Route C near Lancaster, opened to traffic on Dec. 20. Bleigh Construction Company of Palmyra was awarded the contract last year

in the amount of \$2,263,616.

This contract also includes an additional bridge replacement project located on Missouri Route 15 in Scotland County, over North Fork Wyaconda River, 0.4 miles south of Route EE near Memphis. This bridge was completed earlier this summer.

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The new Kirksville Behavioral Clinic is being funded by a 50-50 partnership between PFH and the Missouri Department of Mental Health, with the public portion of funds allocated as part of the 2022-23 Missouri state budget. The new clinic will consist of 11,500 square feet and will provide the same services currently available at their existing Behavioral Health Clinic, and will add new services/space for TMS therapy (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation), an Esketamine observation area, behavioral health group therapy space, and a space to host community meetings that support and enhance behavioral health activities in the community.



Left: Preferred Family Healthcare's planned Behavioral Health Clinic.



Below: Preferred Family Healthcare President Michael Schwend speaks to the audience that attended the groundbreaking ceremony held on Wednesday, Dec. 20. PHOTOS BY NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY



Andrew Schwend speaks to visitors at the groundbreaking for Preferred Family Healthcare's Behavioral Health Clinic.

FFA

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The La Plata FFA Chapter recently celebrated its 10-year milestone. Even after a decade, the chapter still sees numerous opportunities for growth.

"Some members of the La Plata community are still learning that our school has an agriculture program," she said. "I work hard so that all members of our community can know the valuable role agriculture education has for our community. Agriculture education and FFA is not just for farm kids, so we reach out and implement activities outside the classroom. It is important that every member of our rural community gets the opportunity to understand and appreciate agriculture."

Curtis's pageant experiences have come full circle in the confidence she hopes to instill in each of her graduating students.

"My only regret as an FFA member was backing

out of a public speaking contest," she said. "I used to think that the leadership, networking, and speaking opportunities of the pageant programs were silly. Now I can see how much those experiences helped me gain knowledge and understanding that have made me successful in all my endeavors. I want each of my students to never turn down

an interview, to always try something new, to always be preparing themselves for a future opportunity."

Curtis has returned to the pageant circuit and has held Miss United States Agriculture titles at the county, state, Midwest, and national levels. As Miss United States Agriculture in 2020, she created opportunities to advocate about

the diversity of Missouri agriculture. Curtis most recently served as Mrs. United States Agriculture and is currently Missouri Mrs. Advocate USA.

Curtis's husband, Colton, is a full-time row crop and cattle farmer. They have a daughter, Kaylee, who is 10 months old. Curtis is building on her experiences to pursue long-term goals

that include education outside of the classroom and agriculture policy. Curtis is a member of Missouri Farmers Care partner Missouri Vocational Agricultural

Teachers Association and serves on the board of the Adair/Schuyler County Farm Bureau board of directors, a part of Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

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2023 is ending. Already. I took a few breaths, worked and slept and laughed and cried...and the year rolled past. They seem to do that more quickly each year; I'm always amazed at the way life flies.

This is the time I look back and realize what a wonderful thing it is to have lived another year; 365 days to enjoy life and family.

In the last year, no major worries have visited our circle of family. The problems in our country and the tragedies worldwide, while troubling, stay just beyond my front door. I close and lock them out when I go to bed at night, praying that God will help us all to trust Him more.

My car runs. We can pay our bills. Our health, while requiring some attention now and then, is good. My waistline attests to a steady supply of food, and I have the safety and shelter of a warm home.

Yes, I'm a year older, but the face I see in the mirror looks more and more like my mother's, and when I see her there it makes me smile. Growing old is a small price to pay for the richness of my life and the realization of just how blessed I am.

Friends, those I've had for decades and the new ones I've met this past year, are a source of happiness. Thank you to all who have contacted me through my columns. It's always wonderful to hear from you, and your kind words make me feel as if I'm a tiny part of your lives.

After more than 30 years of writing this column in many different publications, it is sometimes difficult to come up with new things to write about. But knowing that you are out there gives me inspiration each week. I wouldn't trade the time I spend at my computer, telling my stories, for anything.

The end of a year reminds us all that life rushes on, and we need to remember to take stock of all we have and all we have to look forward to. The longer I breathe, the more I understand and appreciate the joy in the journey.

As the new year grows closer — 2024, (a year I could never imagine when I was young), I am eager to see what lies in store for me. Whatever the year ahead brings, I pray for the strength and confidence to meet each day with a grateful heart.

Next year, I vow to allow kindness to shine from me, hope to keep me grounded, and increased Optimism to help me through cloudy days and worried thoughts.

As for the usual resolutions? As always, I will be vowing to eat more vegetables, spend less on books, and stop using profanity in traffic. When the end of 2024 rolls around, I'll let you know if I've managed any of these.

Happy New Year! May you all enjoy the next 365 days ahead.

HOME COUNTRY

Dressing up like Santa

Now before you can sneak away, here comes that pharaoh of the feed-store, that baron of the bunkhouse, that titan of the tack room ...Windy Wilson.

Well, t'other day I meandered around town until I crept in to Sarah's bookstore. You know the one. Has that sign on them bookshelves says "Love and other Fiction." Been meanin' to ask her 'bout that one a these days. Oh, Alphonse Wilson here 'course.

Well, Miz Sarah shore is a sweetie and I like droppin' on in there ever now and then. Wellsir, this day, I was huntin' a Farmer's Almanac for the new year. You know how it is ... hate to do somethin' stoo-pid like plant cabbages in the wrong bowels of somethin' like that.

Wellsir, Sarah kinda looks me up and down, and I got glad as could be about bein' a upright fine-lookin' beast, and then she rears back and asks me to put on this yere Santa suit and talk to the kiddies later that day. She said she'd even give me that almanac for doin' it.

Well, hot dingles, campers! I got the suit and them fakeroo whiskers slapped 'em on and took up my perch right there next to them history shelves.

I didn't notice anything strange 'til I was 'bout three

kids in, you know. Then I noticed ol' Sarah had got the Santa elf fever her ownself!

Yep, she come over and stationed herself right next to good ol' Santa. That's me, you know. Wellsir, the very next tike that come up was this cute little girl and she hopped up in ol' Santa's lap. So I nacherly sent seasonings greetings across to 'er.

I said, "Hello there, young lady. Do you wish to convey an appurtenance of Christmas time wishes to all of us at this conflagration?"

And she says "Huh?" kinda like she didn't understand. Then Sarah whispers to her "Say Merry Christmas."

And she says Merry Christmas, Santa.

"Tell Santa what you want for Christmas," said Sarah. And the kidlet says, "Oh ... I want a doggie!"

"I see! Says I. You desire to bask in the unabashed afflictions of our four-legged companeros."

"No" she says, "... I want a doggie."

"Well a-course you do., says I. I looked at her mama and she gives me the nod.

You know how it's a adult duty to appertain responsibility, so's I look down and says, "Now you realize, a-course, that havin' a dog means providin' it with amputatory nourishment and care. And there may be some ... excretatory sur-



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prises to be remediated."

The girl looked up at her mother. And her mama says she'll hafta feed it and clean up after it.

And that little angel says, "I will, Santa!"

So as to put the Santa visit into terminatin' remembrances, I said and a felicious cerebellum of the sanctified parturitionatin' occurrence to you, my dear."

And she looked up at me and says "Merry Christmas!"

I musta done a good job of it, too, 'cuz when the guys come in from the Mule Barn, I heard Sarah tell 'em next year she was a-goin' to charge admission.

And you can tell 'em I said so!

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PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

National Blood Donor Month

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



Welcome to this week's edition of Public Health Corner, where we illuminate crucial health topics, showcase community resources, and highlight issues that profoundly impact the well-being of our community. In honor of National Blood Donor Month, we focus on a life-saving endeavor that touches countless lives—blood donation.

January marks National Blood Donor Month, a time to recognize the generosity of blood donors and emphasize the critical need for ongoing blood donations. Blood donation is a selfless act that directly contributes to saving lives, and it plays a vital role in various medical procedures, emergency care, and treatments for patients with chronic conditions.

Here are some essential aspects of National Blood Donor Month:

- Addressing Shortages: Blood shortages are a recurring challenge, especially during the winter months. Increased demand, coupled with factors like holidays and inclement weather,

often leads to decreased blood supplies. National Blood Donor Month serves as a reminder for individuals to step forward and donate, ensuring a stable and sufficient blood supply.

- Diverse Blood Types: Blood comes in various types, and each type serves specific medical needs. Having a diverse pool of donors helps ensure that patients receive blood that matches their unique requirements. Whether you have type A, B, AB, or O blood, your donation makes a significant impact.

- Life-Saving Impact: Every blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives. From accident victims and surgical patients to individuals with chronic illnesses, the need for blood is constant. By donating blood, you become a lifeline for those in critical situations.

- Regular Donations: While National Blood Donor Month brings heightened awareness, the need for blood is continuous. Establishing a habit of regular blood donation ensures a consistent

and reliable supply, supporting healthcare providers in delivering timely and effective care.

- COVID-19 Considerations: The ongoing pandemic has added complexity to blood donation efforts. It's important to note that blood donation is a safe process, and blood centers have implemented stringent safety protocols to protect both donors and staff. If you are eligible, consider making an appointment to donate blood and contribute to maintaining a robust blood supply.

As we observe National Blood Donor Month, let's celebrate the altruism of donors who contribute to the well-being of our community. If you're interested in becoming a blood donor or have questions about the donation process, reach out to your local blood center or healthcare provider.

Your commitment to blood donation is a testament to the collective strength of our community. Thank you for your dedication to saving lives and promoting the health and vitality of our community.

THE ROCKWOOD FILES

The homestretch

When I was a free-range kid in the early '80s, I had a Pink Panther bicycle — also known as the coolest bike a girl could have in that day and age. I rode it everywhere.

On the way home from the day's adventures, I'd build up as much speed as I could as I rounded the corner onto my street. Then I'd see if that momentum could carry me the rest of the way home without peddling. Once I reached top speed, I'd sit back, release the handlebars, and coast. No effort. No rush. I just glided down the homestretch with the sun and wind on my face and the destination in sight.

That's where we are right now. These six days nestled between Christmas and New Year's Day are meant for coasting. We've peddled hard all year, and the holidays often force a mad dash of extra activity. We've earned some time to glide.

But saying it is the easy part. Doing it can feel downright dishonorable in a society so bound up in busyness. Like many others, I often have to remind myself that a day doesn't have to be ultra-productive to be good. And by extension, I am still good even when I'm not busy.

According to "busyness experts" — and yes, those people do exist — sometimes Americans stay busy to reassure ourselves (and to signal to other people) that we're important — that we matter. But didn't we matter the moment we took our first breath?

When we're kids, we instinctively know that the best part of pedaling hard up a hill is the reward of relaxing while we zoom down the other side. That's the whole point. But somewhere between the Pink Panther bicycle days and the "minivan with a mortgage" phase of life, we forget what we were born knowing



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— that resting is just as moral and good as work. We need both.

The good news is that resting comes in many forms. It's not just for naps anymore (although I wholly recommend a nap if you're so inclined). But resting can also be watching a favorite show on TV. It can look like lunch with friends, or playing on the floor with the dogs, or a great book in a quiet room. It's peaceful puttering in any way you like.

The only rules for peaceful puttering are as follows: 1) No feeling guilty about it. 2) No self-recriminations about "not getting anything done all day." 3) No use of the word "lazy." It's fundamentally wrong to beat ourselves up for taking good care of the body and soul God gave us.

As a kid on her Pink Panther bike, I never once thought of myself as lazy as I coasted down the street. I simply enjoyed the end of the ride. I was allowing the effort of previous pedaling to carry me home.

During these six precious days at the end of the year, I hope you and I can take our feet off the pedals — with no shame, no self-judgment. We are worthy of rest and joy and play. We've struggled up some big hills this year, and next year will come with its share of obstacles. So, for now, let's take pride in this end-of-year glide. Make the most of the coast. And above all, let's enjoy it.

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POETRY CORNER

What Tomorrow Can Be

Do you ever focus... on things in your past... and have it consume everything you desire?
I used to have this... I used to have that...
oh, what I could acquire.
By focusing only... on what "usetu" be... your dreams won't go past what you "usetu" see.
Only appreciate... what "usetu" be... focus now on what tomorrow can be.

— Daniel D. Donovan



TURNING THE PAGE

This Week in Local History

By Larry Evans

85 Years Ago, December 22, 1938

According to the Missouri State Board of Health, five cases of typhoid fever had been reported in Adair County. Typhoid fever is a life-threatening infection caused by the bacterium *Salmonella Typhi*. It is typically spread through contaminated food or water primarily when people do not wash their hands after using the bathroom. Once the bacteria are ingested, they multiply and spread to the bloodstream. The cases all originated in the previous three weeks, but a single source of the origin could not be determined since the victims had been in several locations.

70 Years Ago, December 24, 1953

A roller-skating recital was presented at Leo's Roller Rink in Kirksville. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Virgil Luman who started a roller-skating class five weeks earlier. Her students consisted of: Margaret Hunsaker, Douglas Spencer, David Herron, Janet Fortney, Iona Rollins, Larry Fortney, Arnold Blodgett, Lowell Gosser, Elizabeth Swisher, Dianna Spencer, and Billy Holladay. The recital consisted of the two-step, waltz, and the spread eagle.

70 Years Ago, December 24, 1953

Kirksville's grade schools were presenting their Christmas programs with religious themes. The Willard School program was entitled, "Christmas Around the World" and participants included: Carol Ann Crnic, Richard Stitzer, David Sullivan, Mervin Mills, Allen Skillman, Richard King, Sammy Joe McFarland, Patty Sue Shelton, Sherman Cline, Joan Forquer, Sandra Hogue, and Charlotte Crnic. At Washington School the program was titled, "God is Love." Some of the participants were: Rufus Winslow, Leon Rogers, Richard Shearer, Billy Hopewell, Larry Allen, Jack Treasure, and Jerry Cupp.

70 Years Ago, December 27, 1953

A rabid skunk bit a dog, two cats, and two cows at the Vernon Evans farm south of Troy Mills before the frenzied animal could be killed. The incident was investigated by Adair County Conservation Agent Bob Craig and a local veterinarian. By the time they arrived the animal had been shot by neighbor, Jasper Scott. It was thought that more cattle may have been bitten. The cattle and the dog were to be vaccinated and the cats were destroyed. Agent Craig warned residents that the number of rabies cases in the county was increasing as a case of rabies was also reported in the Connelville area.

60 Years Ago, December 31, 1963

Fire destroyed the Dee Riley Funeral Home, 415 N. Franklin Street, and adjoining apartments. The two-story structure, its contents, which included four vehicles housed in the garage were a total loss. Nine residents of the building escaped without injury. The upstairs residents were wearing only bedclothes, and some were without shoes in the near zero weather. Kenneth Jackson, owner of the funeral home, estimated the loss at more than \$125,000. Clarence Powell, a local casket dealer, estimated that the loss of the building and 60 caskets inside would run to about \$300,000. The four vehicles that were destroyed in the blaze included an ambulance, a panel truck, station wagon, and a personal car owned by Larry Jackson, vice-president of the funeral home who was living downstairs. A quick-acting fireman managed to save a funeral hearse. John Harmon drove the burning hearse out of the garage. Additional vehicles parked on the street had to be manually towed away as the keys were lost in the fire. The nine persons who escaped unharmed from the fire were: Larry Jackson, his wife, Judy, and their two small children, all living in a house joined to the south end of the funeral home; Charles



and Virginia Chase, their sons, David and Dale Fortney, and a nephew, Mike Hanlen, all who lived upstairs. David Fortney discovered the fire about 2 a.m. while he was reading a book. He had gotten off work at midnight and stayed up to read. He smelled smoke and immediately notified all the residents and the fire department of the fire. Firemen speculated that the fire started in an unoccupied downstairs apartment in the northwest corner of the building and spread through a false ceiling. When the doors were opened the flames quickly engulfed the building. Of the three bodies in the funeral home at the time of the fire, two were saved, but a third was extensively burned in the blaze. All three bodies were taken to the Funeral Home of Davis & Davis. The Dee Riley Funeral Home continued to operate out of the Davis establishment until a temporary location was found. The Jacksons immediately built a new funeral home at 600 S. Baltimore Street, the present location of Northeast Missouri State Bank.

50 Years Ago, December 24, 1973

Air Force Captain Edward R. "Randy" Jayne II, a native of Kirksville and the son of Edward R. and Marietta (Jonas) Jayne, became one of eighteen White House Fellows—an elite group of bright young people chosen to spend a year working with top U.S. policymakers. Captain Jayne, a 29-year-old Air Force officer outdid over 2,000 applicants to win a White House Fellowship in the Nixon Administration. A former pilot instructor with Moody's 3550th Pilot Training Wing, Jayne held a job in the Executive Office Building only a few steps from the White House. Jayne's job as a White Fellow was to serve as an executive assistant to Peter M. Flanagan, Assistant to the President and executive director of the Council on International Economic Policy. Jayne, who graduated from Kirksville High School, held a degree in international affairs from the Air Force Academy where he was named outstanding graduate in 1966. He also held a Ph.D. in political science from MIT in Boston.

35 Years Ago, December 28, 1988

The offspring of Rupert and Gertrude (Upright) Rinehart, Rupe and Gertie as they were better known, were gathering at the Rinehart News Agency, 112 S. Franklin Street to mark the beginning of the business's second century in Kirksville. Before the couple died six days apart in 1980, they had shared 72 wedding anniversaries and raised seven children who made names for themselves and in a variety of professions. In December 1888 Rupe Rinehart sold his first newspaper on the streets of Kirksville. He sold it to a blacksmith for three cents, pocketing a penny for profit. It was in the Kirksville train depot that Rupe started his business. As a teenager he rose to meet the 3:30 a.m. train from St. Louis that delivered newspapers from that city, Chicago, and Kansas City. By the time he died in 1970 at the age of 91, Rupe had become one of Kirksville's most highly respected and widely recognized businessmen. The Kirksville High School history and geography club once proclaimed him the city's "most honored citizen." To illustrate his devotion to selling newspapers, Rupe set a 50-year record for selling newspapers without missing a single Sunday. 'He considered this a point on honor—a trademark of his reliability.' The purpose of the gathering at the news agency was to honor the Rinehart family, thank the community for 100 years of support, and mark the beginning of the second century for the family business.

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EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

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Ben Ownbey and his Lake

By Blytha Ellis, President
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Benjamin Franklin "Ben" Ownbey (1846-1927) was the 7th of 11 children born to Canada and Lucinda (Walker) Ownbey. Ben was born after his parents moved from Macon County, Mo., to just south of Kirksville. Ben spent his entire life here except for the time he served in the Civil War.

On Sept. 15, 1864, at the age of 17, Ben enlisted in the Civil War, Co. D, 50th Regiment, Missouri Infantry. He served until the end of the war, mustering out as a corporal.

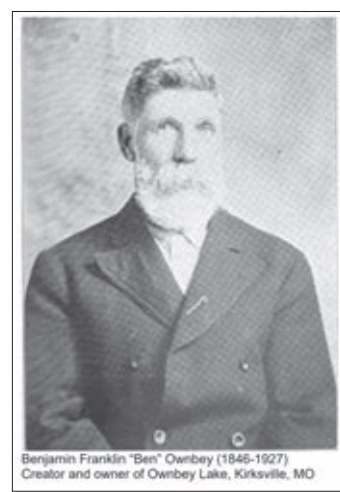
In 1867, Ben married an 18-year-old neighbor, Mary Carson Simpson (1849-1925), who was born in Ohio but had come to this area with her parents in early childhood. Ben and Mary had six children, five of whom lived to adulthood. They continued to live on the family farm and inherited it after both of Ben's parents had passed on.

For a long time, Ben had an idea in his head about how he could turn the farm into a more profitable enterprise. It was a novel idea for his time. If he ever told anyone of these aspirations, they probably scoffed at him for having a pipe dream. But, Ben became one of those few people who was actually able to make his improbable dream come true.

Ben saw something in his farm that was beyond raising crops and cattle. He envisioned his farm becoming a kind of playground for city folks and organizations who wanted a place of escape for recreation, picnics beneath his trees, swimming and boating in his pond, and paying him to do so.

In the mid-1890s, when Ben was in his 50s, he began to set his plan in motion. Feeling a little like Noah building a seemingly impossible ark, Ben no doubt suffered the jeers and ridicule of his neighbors, family and friends who did not catch his vision. Using the best equipment he could find in his day, he started with his simple farm pond. He dug the bottom of the pond to make it deeper, then day after exhausting day managed to extend the banks of the pond further and further out in the valley on his property which had a natural watershed from the timber north of it. He went round and round a certain section, adding spare soil where he could, thus creating a small island in the middle of his ever-enlarging waterway. The creek which naturally ran through Ben's property was Bear Creek. It started on Ben's property and ran southeast through Adair County, finally running out in the lower part of Wilson township below Gibbs. Ben built a dam across this creek on his property for his lake's water supply. When he had flooded approximately eight acres of land, Ben stopped and called it a lake — Ownbey's Lake to be exact! (The name later changed to simply Ownbey Lake, without the possessive "s.")

The east end of his new lake was relatively close to the country road which



Benjamin Franklin "Ben" Ownbey (1846-1927)
Creator and owner of Ownbey Lake, Kirksville, MO



came near his land. This was perfect, he thought, making easy access for the public to his new recreational area. This country road would soon become an extension of Kirksville's First Street, and Ownbey Lake would be "on the map" as located on South First St.

But, Ben continued to labor away at what he thought was needed to make his plan complete. He made an entrance to his lake land from the road and cleared a place for a parking lot with hitching posts to accommodate both horses and those new-fangled automobiles. (He never imagined that later his parking lot would be way too small for all his guests!) He designated a swimming area close by the entrance, complete with a small bath house and diving area. At the top of the hill to the south of the lake, there was a meadow where Ben created a ball field.

Next, he built a boat house and stocked it with 24 rowboats. A large sign announced that these could be rented for 25 cents per hour! Later, Ben would add one special boat with an engine, a novelty in that day, which he, of course, could rent for more.

Around the lake, Ben cleared paths through the timber for the many fishermen he could imagine being on the banks. Although the lake was already stocked with bullheads and perch, he decided that he would need to set limits on fishing so as not to deplete the natural fish population.

Ben cleared special level places for picnics and games among the many trees on the 40 acres surrounding the lake. He even envisioned people staying until dusk or night at his resort, maybe even camping overnight, so he installed many gas lamps on poles around the area. Then, he built a decorative little log cabin on the island he had created. When asked why, Ben simply stated, "Just for the heck of it!"

In 1898, the big question came — would it really work, this recreation area of his? Kirksville had parks, but really nothing like this! (This was long before Thousand Hills State Park and Forest Lake were created.) Would people understand it, and would they actually come? You can bet, Ben had a lot of skeptics. Many counted it a waste of time

and money before it ever opened. But, they were wrong! Ownbey Lake was a resounding success when Ben opened to the public in 1898! It may have started out slow at first with curiosity seekers, but it soon shot to the top of the desirability list for those seeking an outlet for leisure and fun.

The place stayed busy during all of the warm months, from spring until the weather no longer allowed the usual activities. Even though Ben Ownbey charged for swimming, charged for his row boats, and for parking, he couldn't have made much revenue from his endeavor because most of the use of his land was provided for free.

However, great wealth from his venture was not really Ben's goal. It was just the realization of his dream, the fact that he really could do it, that gave him great joy and satisfaction!

As an extra way of making money, Ben later added a refreshment stand and a dance hall to Ownbey Lake. His oldest daughter, Hallie, took charge of the concession stand, and the dance hall became quite popular.

The lake was his summer enterprise. Now, Ben needed a winter enterprise, and he found it! He went into the ice business. This was the era before refrigeration, the age of ice boxes in every house, and businesses which depended upon the iceman. Homes and businesses required frequent refills of ice blocks to be purchased from those who saved frozen pond water. In summer there was a big demand for ice blocks, and only a few vendors around Adair County provided this service.

Ben had an ice house built on his land near the lake, and in winter he stored up a large supply of ice for the coming summer. His ice house had four large rooms built of double wooden walls and insulated with lots of sawdust obtained from sawmills.

When the ice on his lake reached a certain thickness, 10 to 12 inches at least, but 18 was the best, he and his crew sawed the ice into 18 or 24 inch blocks and hauled it into the ice house. Each block was completely surrounded by loose sawdust and stacked to the top of each room. Each block of ice kept the others around it cold which reduced melting, and the sawdust kept the blocks from sticking together and also insulated them, as did the thick ice house walls. This was a big business for Ben. Of course, the thing feared most in this business was a warm winter season without a prolonged spell of bitter cold, and this sometimes happened. But, usually Northeast Missouri did not disappoint.

When summer came and ice was in demand, Ben had seven wagons and drivers who delivered the ice from the storehouses to customers all over the county.

For the rest of his years, Ben escaped the drudgery of regular farming and celebrated the successes of his lake and ice businesses. In the next episode, we will explore some of the activities at Ownbey Lake.

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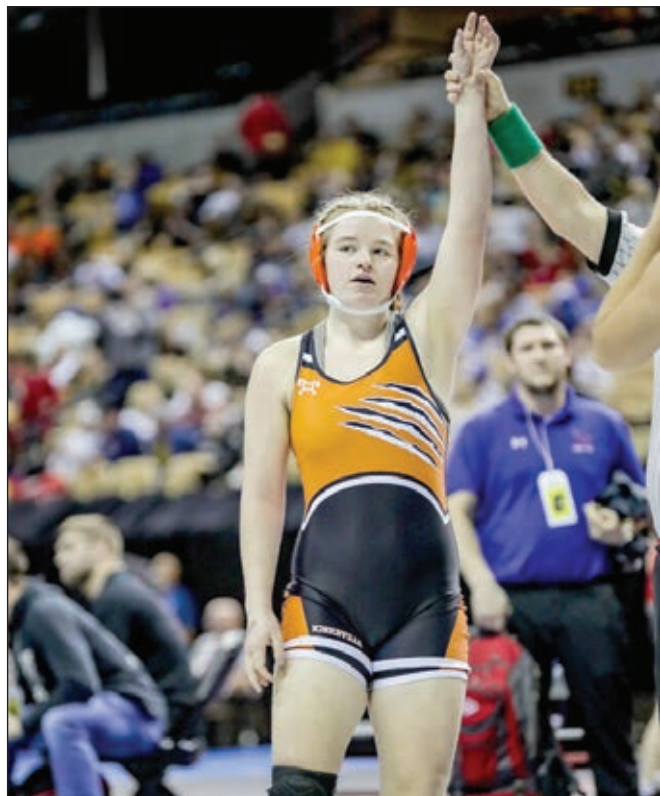
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Total raised this year: \$5,124
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Kirksville high school sports photos of the year



Kirksville's Madisynn Crawford is named the winner of a match in the Class 1 Girls State Wrestling Tournament in Columbia, which were held on Feb. 21 and 22. CAHALAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Kirksville's Lane Patterson lifts an opponent during the Class 2 State Tournament in Columbia, held on Feb. 21 and 22. CAHALAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Kirksville's Channing Totta splits the defense on a drive in the game against Chillicothe on Feb. 20. ADAM TUMINO



Isaac Danielson drives to the basket in the district tournament game against Mexico on March 1. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville running back Jace Kent runs toward the sideline in the game against Capital City on Oct. 20. ADAM TUMINO



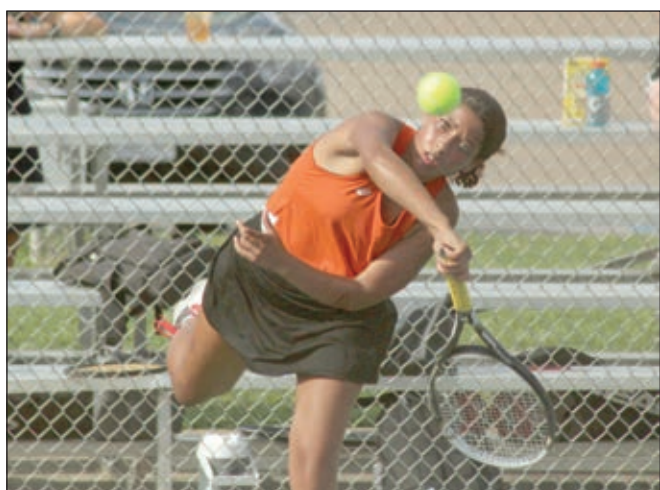
Cambria Hart lunges to receive a serve in the match against Centralia on Oct. 10. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville quarterback Ryder Lyons looks to throw on the run against Moberly on Sept. 15. ADAM TUMINO



The Kirksville student section cheers during the boys basketball team's district championship game against Hallsville on March 3. ADAM TUMINO



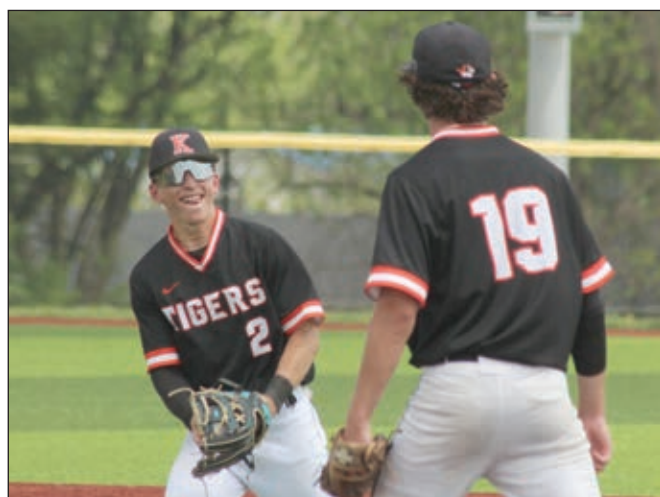
Katlynn DeLeon follows through on a serve in a singles match against Chillicothe on Aug. 28. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville's Helen Walston watches as her putt approaches the hole during competition on Aug. 29. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville pitcher Paislee Clark throws to a batter in the game against Highland on Sept. 14. ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville shortstop Jalen Kent smiles at pitcher Keaton Anderson after making a catch against Centralia on May 13. ADAM TUMINO



Jersey Herbst competes in the prelims of the 100-meter hurdles at the Class 4 State Tournament on May 26. ADAM TUMINO



Andrew Novencido runs his leg of the 4x200 relay at the Class 4 State Championships on May 26. ADAM TUMINO



The Kirksville girls basketball team celebrates an overtime win against Battle on May 10. ADAM TUMINO

Kirksville wrestlers reflect on experiences at state tournament

By Adam Tumino

Note: This story originally ran in the Daily Express on March 1, 2023.

There was plenty of hardware heading home with Kirksville High School wrestlers following last week's state tournament. Eight qualifiers headed to Columbia to represent the Tigers, and five wrestlers earned medals. Each of those five wrestlers reflected on their experiences at state, and all brought different perspectives to the tournament.

Junior Madisynn Crawford placed fifth at 170, becoming the first female wrestler in school history to earn a state medal. Crawford said that heading to state for the first time was an exciting experience, especially since girls wrestling is still a growing sport. This year was the fifth year for the Girls Wrestling State Championships.

"It was great. It was the first time I've ever gone, so it was something new," Crawford said. "I hope more girls join the sport. It's just great to be a part of it."

Now with the experience of state under her belt, Crawford said that she is

ready to start preparing to return to state next season.

"Just keeping it up over the summer," Crawford said. "Do what I can to stay conditioned and ready for next year."

On the boys side, Kirksville had a mix of upperclassmen and freshmen bringing home medals. Senior Dominic Cahalan returned to state once again, but this time was able to achieve something that had evaded him in the past.

"I was just trying to really focus because the last time I was there I didn't wrestle, so I just really wanted to go down there and get a medal," Cahalan said. "I finally got a medal which was exciting, because in previous years I went down there expecting to get a medal and I came a little bit short of that goal. This year I was finally able to accomplish it."

Cahalan placed sixth at 157. Junior Lane Patterson was also able to pick up his first medal, something that he said came as a massive relief. He placed fourth at 138.

"I was very nervous, considering that I have made it to state many times but have not accomplished that



Kirksville senior Dominic Cahalan takes down an opponent during the Class 2 State Tournament in Columbia.

goal of getting past the bubble match," Patterson said. "When I got down there and eventually accomplished that goal it was like a curse was lifted off my shoulders and it felt really good to get that medal."

With Cahalan and Patterson representing the upperclassmen, Kirksville also had a pair of freshmen have successful trips to state. Austyn Hunter had the highest finish of any Kirksville wrestler, placing third at 120. Justin Schutter placed fourth at 113.

Hunter said that heading to state in his first year was a great experience, which was a result of a lot of work and preparation leading up to the season.

"It was cool, I worked hard all year and it was just a big accomplishment," Hunter said. "I was proud of it. Just a lot of hard work and dedication. I wrestled all summer long. Just a lot of training and a lot of tough practices."

He also said that continuing working hard going forward is important with the aim of competing at a high level once again next season.

"Just got to keep trying to do better than I did the year before," Hunter said. "Hopefully next year I either get runner up or hopefully win it."

Schutter said he was also excited heading into state, although there were some nerves about competing in the sizable Mizzou Arena.

"It was exciting," he said. "It was my first time in that arena, so I was a little nervous. Being in that arena more will help me probably perform better, wrestle better, in the future."

He said that a lot of hard



Kirksville freshman Austyn Hunter tries to bring down an opponent in the Class 2 State Tournament in Columbia.



Kirksville freshman Justin Schutter brings an opponent to the mat during the Class 2 State Tournament in Columbia. PHOTOS BY CAHALAN PHOTOGRAPHY

work helped fuel his success, and that the team as a whole created an environment that helped make success possible.

"The team is very positive and everyone bonds as a team," Schutter said. "We all try to work together to push people further, help people work harder and know what they're capable of."

The high level of competition shown by Kirksville's younger wrestlers certainly bodes well for the future, according to Cahalan. Even though he will now no longer be part of the program going forward, he sees good things ahead.

"I see those younger guys work in the room," Cahalan said. "They work

hard and if they continue to work like they have been, I think the program's in pretty good hands."

Patterson, who will be one of the team's senior leaders next season, said he thinks the mix of younger and more experienced wrestlers can be a very good combination.

"We have a good room of younger kids that just came up, and they put the work in too over the summer and they definitely grind as much as the seniors last year did," he said. "They definitely have the right mentality to have a great four years. That younger group is getting after it and kind of pushing the whole team, even the older guys, to do better."

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Truman offensive coordinator Jason Killday (left) and head coach Gregg Nesbitt watch from the sideline during the game against Tiffin on Sept. 24, 2022. ADAM TUMINO

Quincy hires Truman offensive coordinator Killday as new head coach

By Adam Tumino

The Quincy University football program announced the hiring of Truman State offensive coordinator Jason Killday as its new head coach on Dec. 10. Killday was an assistant coach at Quincy from 2010

through 2015 before taking over as offensive coordinator for Truman.

Killday's offenses at Truman averaged 29.9 points per game over the last eight seasons, including 27.5 this past season. The Bulldogs averaged 185.9 rushing yards per

game during his tenure as well. Truman went 59-24 in those eight seasons under Killday and head coach Gregg Nesbitt, and have gone 40-10 in the last five seasons.

Killday will take over a Quincy team that had plenty of offensive firepower in 2023. The Hawks led the GLVC with an average of 38.5 points per game. They finished 6-5 overall, posting a winning record for the first time since 2014. They have not posted a winning record in conference play since they went 3-2 in 2008 as a member of the MSFA, four years before the GLVC added football as a member sport.

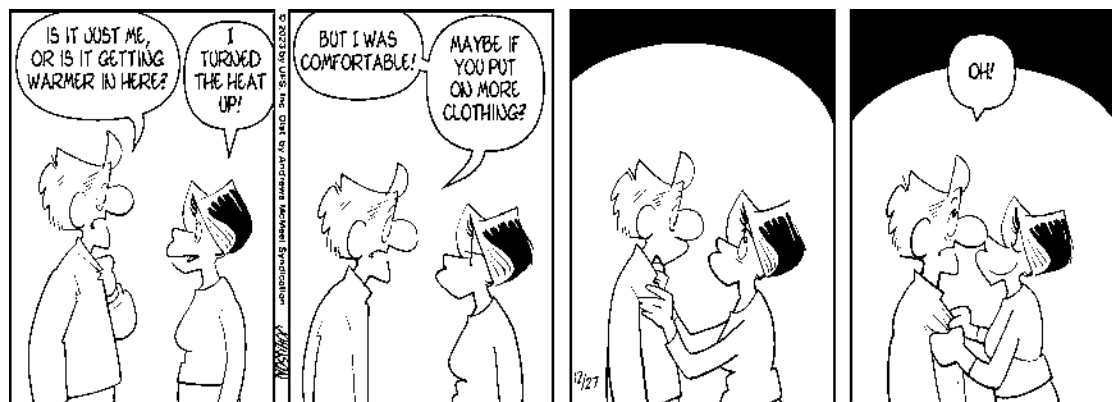
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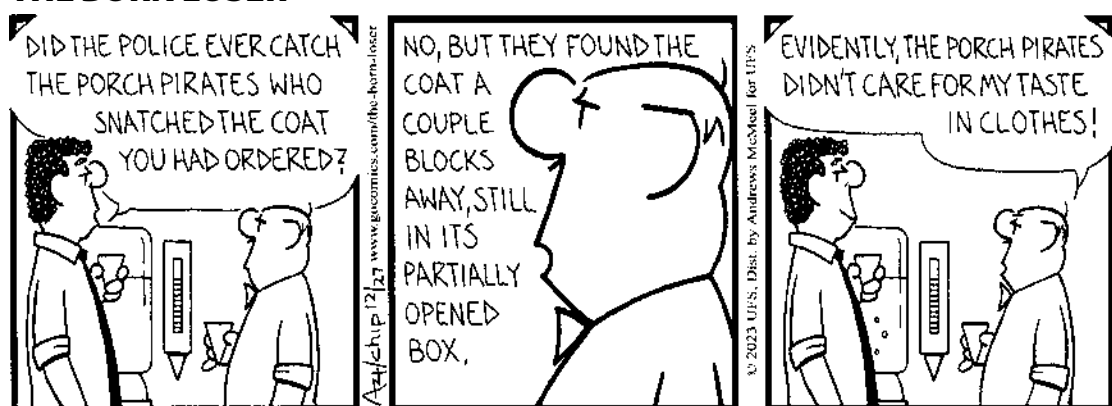
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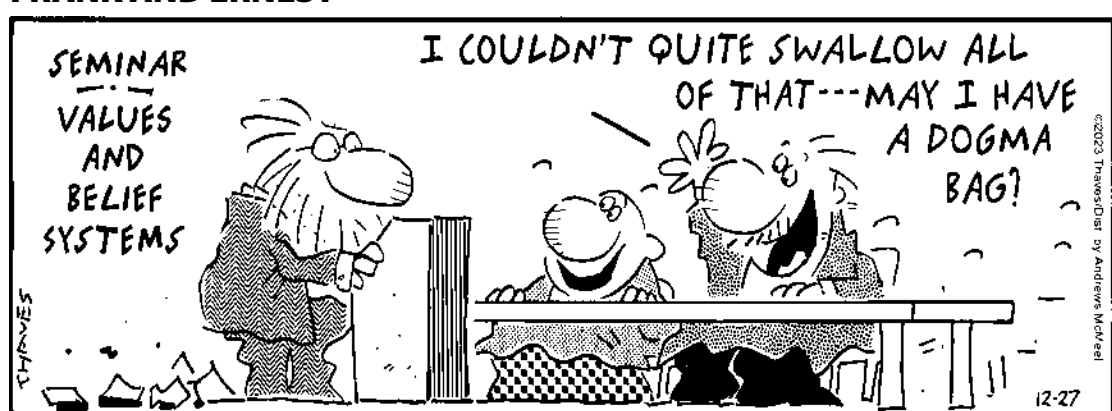
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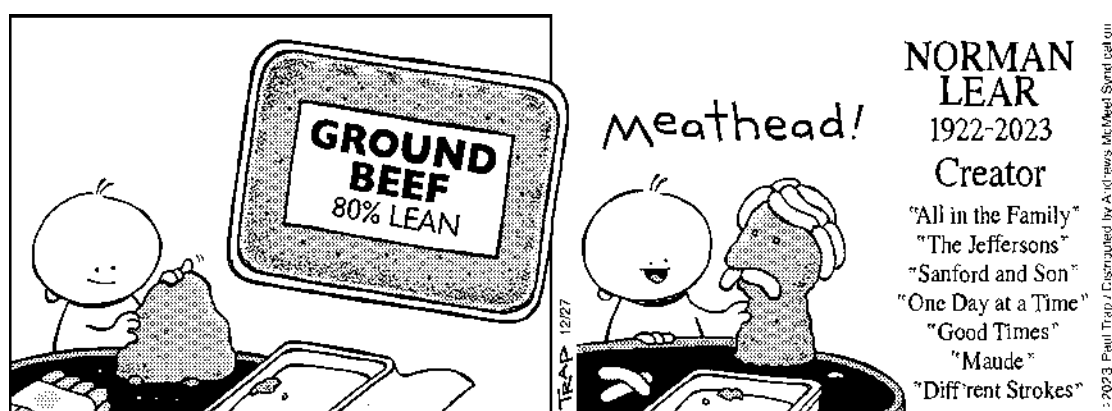
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Here's How It Works:

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mammoth book
 - 5 Kid
 - 8 Vim
 - 11 As strong as —
 - 12 Rainbow goddess
 - 14 Tokyo, formerly
 - 15 Monthly expense
 - 16 Numbers for crunching
 - 17 The "I"
 - 18 Laud
 - 20 Stiff — lip
 - 22 Place of bliss
 - 25 Pamphlet
 - 28 Mixture
 - 32 Wholly engrossed
 - 33 John — Lennor
 - 34 Actress — Gabor
 - 35 "— Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
 - 36 Make public
 - 37 Futile
 - 38 Woman of rank
- DOWN**
- 1 Scandinavian
 - 42 Actor — Hopkins
 - 44 Fashion
 - 47 Fanatic
 - 51 Stop a fast
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 - 60 Color
 - 61 Broad valley

Answer to Previous Puzzle

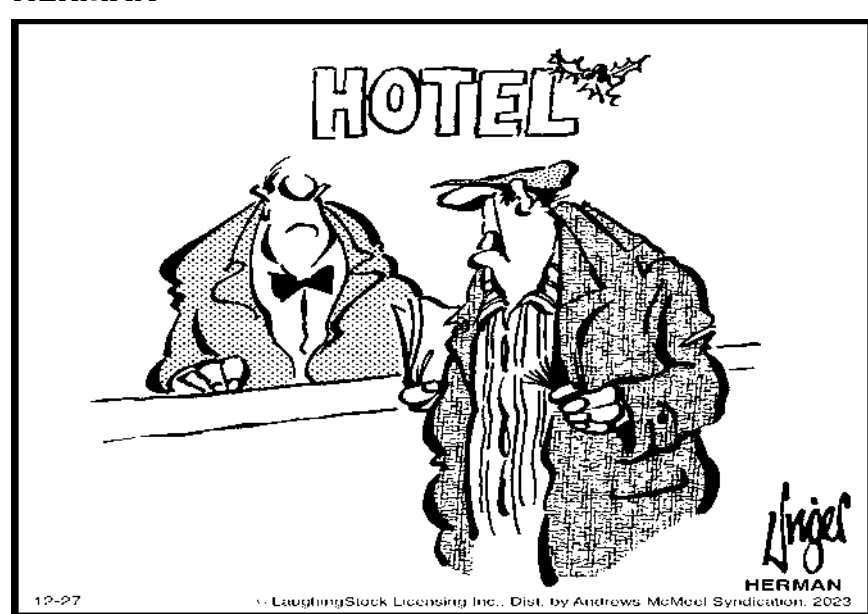
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- 10 "Alas, — Yorick ..."
- 13 Steam bath
- 19 Command for a pooch
- 21 Chum
- 23 Disappear
- 24 Love personified
- 25 — the light fantastic
- 26 Judge
- 27 Domed area in churches
- 29 Equipment
- 30 Rara —
- 31 Horse's hair
- 33 Tobacco kiln
- 37 Traveled
- 39 Tried for office
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- 43 Atmospheric layer
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- 48 Bugs Bunny's girlfriend
- 49 Surgeon type
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- 53 Blushing
- 54 Not sweet, said of wine

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"Give me a wake-up call around the middle of next week."

ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Look at what you've got to work with, then make adjustments to fit your schedule, circumstances and resources. A practical, honest approach to running your personal life and an innovative approach to financial management will help you gain respect and encouragement from the people who matter most to you. Don't let negative influences get to you. Distance yourself from liars, cheaters and bullies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Play like a champion. Hold your head high and strut your stuff. Spread some joy, and you'll make connections that will support your efforts and make your life easier.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Reminisce with loved ones. Rehashing past events will help you decide which changes you wish to make next year. Let your actions set the stage for what's to come.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep an open mind, but don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. Travel can be costly and pose health risks if you don't take precautions. Leave nothing to chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Taking care of unfinished business will ease stress and clear a path that leads to fun and games. Reaching out to someone who challenges you intellectually will spark your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Self-improvement will pay off. Focus on getting things done, preparing for the new year and setting financial, physical and mental guidelines that help you be and do your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put your energy into carrying out positive change. Anyone can complain or make a fuss, but those who make the

world better feel good about their achievements. Trust your inner voice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A change of plans will benefit you. Let situations unfold naturally; you'll find it easier to connect with people who share your sentiments. A joint venture looks promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Challenge yourself mentally, and you'll discover something fascinating to help you navigate conversations with people who don't share your beliefs. Reach out and be kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Seek out like-minded people and get things done. Changing your surroundings or the activities you participate in will help you see situations differently. Avoid arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Emotions will trigger reactions. Look at every aspect of a situation and choose your words wisely. There is no point in upsetting someone to make yourself look good. Put your ego aside.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Move about, visit, entertain and converse. Your mindset will make a difference, so put a smile on your face and keep temptation at a distance. Protect yourself and your possessions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Get-togethers will be intense. Lighten up and keep the conversation humorous and playful. Let kindness and consideration lead the way. Do your best to promote peace.

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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.

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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. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (515) 286-3394. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Adair County budget hearings have begun and will continue through January 29, 2024. The final budget hearing will be January 29, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Adair County Commissioners' Office located at 106 W Washington St., Kirksville, Missouri. The proposed budget will be available for public review starting January 12, 2024 at the Adair County Clerk's Office. If you have input for consideration please bring it forward to the County Commission.

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IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI Case Number: 23AR-PRO0126 (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

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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 venue 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 identify, 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.

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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

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Church of God of Prophecy 807 Benton Way Pastor: Rob Linhart 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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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 Dillon Thurman, minister Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30 a.m. Song Service 11:00 a.m. Preaching

Meadow Brook Christian Church 602 E. Washington 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Novinger, Mo. 7:30 a.m. Sunday

Life Church of 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

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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

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

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

Greentop Community Church Highway K, Greentop, Mo. Pastor: Lynae McFarland 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Trinity United Fellowship Church Pastor: Josh Botello 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Lancaster United Methodist Church Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Shekinah Mennonite Church 15981 Blueberry Way, 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 http://laplatabc.org/ Email: laplatabc@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. Morning Worship 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

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Kirkville Salvation Army is \$45,000 short of its annual Red Kettle Campaign goal

By Kirkville Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is seeking the public's help as they continue to work to meet the 2023 Red Kettle Campaign goal. As of Dec. 23, they have raised just shy of \$40,000 or 47 percent of their \$85,000 goal.

"While the bell ringing season has come to its conclusion, we still have \$45,000 left to raise," said Salvation Army officials. "We know how generous and caring the Kirkville community is we and we believe there is still hope in meeting the Campaign goal."

The Red Kettle campaign, which makes up nearly a third of the organization's annual budget, includes donations made at the Red Kettle outside of area stores, online and mail in donations as well as



walk in donations. While the donations being placed in the kettles at stores have gone well, mail-in donations, online donations and donations from retirement accounts are down significantly this year.

"With New Year's Eve just ahead, now is the perfect time to make a year-end gift to The Salvation Army," said army officials.

If you'd like to help, the Kirkville Salvation Army provides two easy ways to do so: Give online at <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/midland/kirkville> or mail a check to The Salvation Army,

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For more information on the Red Kettle Campaign or any other Salvation Army programs, call (660) 665-7885, or visit the Salvation Army at 1004 W Gardner St, Kirkville, MO 63501.

"The generosity of our amazing community is always a blessing to witness said Salvation Army officials. "The Salvation Army is so grateful and every dollar helps. The money raised in our Red Kettle Campaign stays right here in Adair County. This means we can provide food to the thousands that come to our Food Pantry, keep the lights on for a family struggling to pay a utility bill and provide a pathway to self-sufficiency for struggling families in our community for months to come."

Local United Way still seeking donations for 2024 campaign

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) announced that it is still seeking donations for their 2024 Campaign.

"We want to remind everyone in Northeast Missouri that our 2024 Campaign is still accepting donations," UWNEMO Executive Director Bill Castles stated. "All of our UW agencies report increases in requests for assistance, especially as we approach Christmas and the new year. Now is the time that we need everyone in our Northern Missouri area to step up and make a charitable gift to our United Way."

United Way agencies who rely on funding from the campaign include Adair County 4-H Council, Adair County Family

YMCA, Boy Scouts of America/ Great Rivers Council, Community Opportunities/Sheltered Workshop, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Macon Diversified Industries, NEMO Senior Citizens Services, Inc., RSVP/ Senior Adult Services, Inc., Salvation Army, and Community Child Development Center.

People wishing to make a contribution to the United Way can visit their website at www.Liveunitednemo.org, call the United way office at (660) 341-0053 or send a contribution to the United Way of Northeast Missouri, P.O. Box 112, Kirkville, MO 63501. Donations can also be made at the United Way office on the second floor of Bank Midwest in downtown Kirkville.



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New Year's Checklist

As a business owner, it can often be difficult to find time to strategize, prioritize, or reflect on how your small business is doing. Now, as we head into the new year, can be a great time for you as a business owner to look back at your year, assess your progress, and then focus on what is on the horizon for your small business in 2024. Here's a list to make sure that your first steps into the new year are impactful.

- 1.) Locate, consolidate, and organize all receipts and financial documents for the year. This will help you prepare for tax season and will paint a clearer picture of how your businesses performed throughout the year. Make sure to review any outstanding accounts payable or accounts receivable so you know what you owe and what you are owed.
- 2.) Analyze your performance, find room for improvement, and set goals for the coming year. Once your revenue and receipts are all accounted for, take some time to consider how your businesses performed financially in 2023. Are there products or services that sold really well this year? Are there some that don't have as much margin as you would like? Use this information to assess the direction of your business and set goals for 2024
- 3.) Back up your data The last thing you want as a business is to lose your contacts, files, emails, or other valuable information. You can prevent this by making sure your data is backed up and save to the cloud. This is also a great time to delete files and emails that you no longer need and organizing the ones that you do.
- 4.) Say thanks to those that helped make it great year. Make sure that your employees, customers, and other stakeholders know how much you appreciate their hard work or support. As a thank you, you can run promotions, host appreciation events, or even give gifts. No matter how you do it, say thanks to those that have helped make your business a success.

If you are searching for other resources to start or grow your business, the SBDC is a great place to start! Whether you are trying to grow your business, or you're just getting started, we want to help! Give us a call to schedule an appointment at 660-665-3348

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